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THE RISE, FALL, AND RISE
OF NORMAL HEIGHTS

"I'd lie awake at night and think, 'I am in hell.'
I'd get up in the morning and think, 'I am in hell.'
At one point we had heavy trucks making
200 to 300 trips down our street *every day*."

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Terrible Box

I certainly agree with the Reader on the addition to the Santa Fe Depot (“A Slap in the Face of the Past,” November 21). That box they’re trying to put on there is terrible. I certainly don’t like the looks at all.

Hugh McArthur
Mission Hills

Despair Everywhere

Re “The First Time,” November 21. The article portrayed “sex for sex” as it really is!!!!!!!
The universal lack of a supernatural aspect to the kids’ activities, the adverse effect of empty nests, lack of parental oversight, and an almost eerie sense of confusion and despair seem ubiquitous with the proponents of premarital sex.

It’s a great article. It would be great if reprints could be distributed to the schools.

John Anthony Whalen Jr.
President
VivoCom, Inc.

Uh-Oh

I was reading your Reader and I noticed on page 8 in the “City Lights” (“Examined Life,” November 21) you do not have number 16. It jumps from 15 to 17. I want you to know there was an “uh-oh” in it. I love your paper, hon’.

Jeannette Catrell
Hillcrest

The missing Question 16: The cost of building Our Lady of Angels Cathedral in Los Angeles was approximately...

- A. \$100 million
- B. \$90 million
- C. \$120 million
- D. \$180 million

(The answer is D.)

Starbucks Error

Thank you, Duncan Shepherd, for highlighting the work of the Rumpus Society (Movie Review, November 21). The billboard of the Park (formerly Capri) the-

ater read “Resist Much Obey Little.” This quote by Walt Whitman emphasizes our commitment to make your lives more surreal.

On another note — last week’s “Blurt” showed Jennifer Ball’s usual shoddy fact-checking — Starbucks, although a reprehensible symbol of everything wrong with everything, is not a member of the WTO. That dishonor is reserved for sovereign nations such as the good ol’ USA. Keep up the great work, Jennifer.

Cecil Rasputin Hayduke

Snapped Berryhill, Too

Great article on Henry Diltz by Josh Board (“Flash Master,” Pop Music, November 21). I just wanted to mention that Mr. Diltz has photographed the cover of at least one other San Diego-related album: Cindy Lee Berryhill’s 1996 Cargo release *Straight Outta Marysville*.

Bart Mendoza

Greenslate Critique

Good for Christopher Greenslate of the Cause for helping with the Stand Up for Kids benefit and for his band’s on-going commitment to social justice (“Blurt,” November 21). It’s good to know there are alternatives these days to mainstream “alternative” bands with their trite lyrics and MTV cribs.

On the other hand, the author of the article, Ken Leighton, could have done a better job. First, he asks readers rhetorically whether member changes in the Cause have been due to ideological requirements, implying that they have been. Maybe so, but they might have been for other reasons too. Leighton interviewed Greenslate and could have asked why band members have left, if he really wanted to know.

Second, he points out that Greenslate did not provide evidence for his claim that Epic Records is owned by a corporation that manufactures weapons, implying that the claim is hyperbolic. Since Leighton cared enough to dispute the claim, he could have pursued it. If he had, he would have found that Greenslate has a point: Epic is owned by Sony, who regularly supplies technology for U.S. defense, according to Phil Whitebloom, vice president of sales for Sony Electronics, speaking this year at a conference on “Home-

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Suicidal fundraiser It's payback time for San Diego County district attorney-elect **Bonnie Dumanis**, and almost everyone, it seems, likes a winner. Next Thursday, December 5, the county's new chief prosecutor is set to stage a "Retire the Debt" fundraiser at downtown's Wyndham Emerald Plaza hotel, with lawyers and business interests of all stripes ponying up to get on the new D.A.'s good side. Listed as "special guest" is KFMB talk-show host **Rick Roberts**, a Dumanis partisan who duled with rival radio-talker **Roger Hedgecock** during the race between Dumanis and vanquished incumbent D.A. **Paul Pfingst**, with Pfingst-backer Hedgecock calling Dumanis "a suicidal lesbian." Suggested donation is between \$100 and \$500. Public officials scheduled to attend, according to a fundraising flyer, include San Diego mayor **Dick Murphy**, Governor **Gray Davis** aide **Lynn Schenk**, and GOP assemblywoman-elect **Shirley Horton**. Other big names listed include real estate mogul **Sol Price**; Qualcomm founder **Irwin Jacobs**; Chargers honcho **Dean Spanos**; ex-port commissioner **Peter Janopaul**; bail bondsman **George "King" Stahlman**; and attorney **Gina Dronet**, once an associate of Schenk and ex-con **Richard Silberman**, formerly married to ex-mayor **Susan Golding** ...



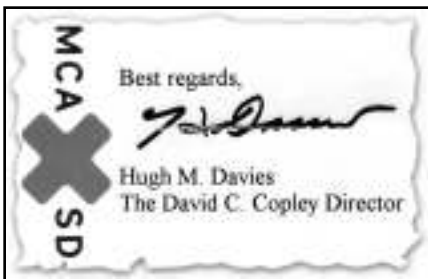
Rick Roberts

He's not running for office again yet, but outgoing San Diego city councilman **Byron Wear** is still collecting money. Last Friday Wear staged a "Wear the Heart Is" fundraiser at the Children's Museum, with proceeds destined for the new "Wear District Two Charity Fund" of the San Diego Community Foundation. The price of admission ranged from \$35 for an "individual ticket" all the way to \$25,000 for an "honorary presidential sponsorship." The "honorary councilmember" tab was only \$2500 ... December 2 is going to be a big day for Assemblywoman **Christine Kehoe**. According to a recent fax from her office, "California is the first state to create a full-time lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender legislative caucus," and Kehoe and the group, otherwise known as the LGBT Caucus, are having a reception to welcome new members.



Byron Wear

Identity theft The Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego is out with a brand-new logo and "graphic identity," which, according to a recent letter to museum supporters, was "designed by the firm 2x4, based in New York. The identity includes redesigned stationery materials, an all-new website, and new ancillary print materials. I am pleased to attach newly designed membership cards for you, which will replace your old cards." The news is contained in correspondence from executive director **Hugh**



Davies, who signs the letter as "The David C. Copley Director." ... What's up with that expensive Colorado consultant's study — paid for by San Diego taxpayers — that was supposed to come up with a plan to raise private funds for a new downtown library? For months, the city library commission has been awaiting its delivery, but the study has yet to be made public, raising suspicions that the researchers found little interest among big donors for giving to a posh central library. Repeated calls to head librarian **Anna Tatar** and **Mary Walshok**, the UCSD dean and Del Mar resident who is chairwoman of the city's library commission, have gone unreturned ... Running a public television station isn't much different from selling cars, according to KPBS general manager **Doug Myrland**. "We're like a Ford dealer," he told the *Washington Post* last week. "We're a franchise. We're dependent on PBS for the core product, and like a Ford dealer, we want them to come out with great, new models. Something that will bring people back. But talk to any Ford dealer, and they have criticisms of the new model. 'My customers want leather, and you're not offering leather.' But ultimately, you can't have 350 Ford dealers designing the new Explorer."

Copyright complaint The firm of Rancho Santa Fe attorney **Bill Lerach**, who has made millions of dollars from suing the likes of Enron and other corporate miscreants, has trained its sights on lazy lawyers who are allegedly plagiarizing Lerach's legal briefs. According to *American Lawyer* magazine, Milberg, Weiss, Bershad Haynes & Lerach has sent cease-and-desist letters to ten law firms, claiming that the competition is violating copyright law. "It's been a longstanding practice of certain law firms simply to take our work product, actually our clients' work product, and then copy it and use it for their own benefits," Lerach told the magazine. A friend, he added, advised him, "You're being taken advantage of. You shouldn't tolerate it. You should copyright your complaints."



Bill Lerach

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Fizbo Fans Knock Realtor Fees

By Bob Owens

A recent report named San Diego County as one of the two hottest real estate markets in the country. Countywide, median

home prices have risen almost 26 percent in the past year. North County was hot, of course, but less prestigious areas were hotter: North Park

had a one-year spike of 48 percent and El Cajon 42 percent. Even the South Bay saw plenty of action; National City, for instance, saw a 36 percent price



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Rob Tindall



Linda DaLuz

appreciation in single-family homes.

The soaring market has been an impetus to some to sell their homes on their own. Rob Tindall teaches math at Muirlands Middle School in La Jolla. In the past five years he's purchased or sold eight condominiums, the most recent without an agent.

A studio condo in Pacific Beach, asking price \$169,900, he sold without an agent on either end: none for him, the seller, and none for the buyer. And no 6 percent commission to pay to anyone.

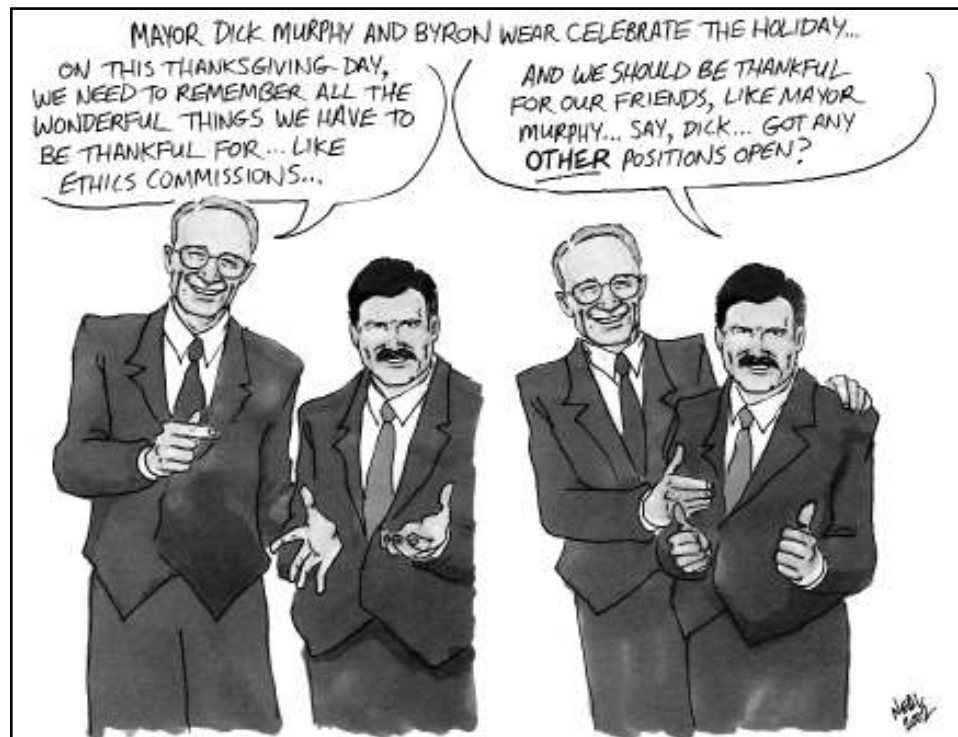
When he began, he says, he "went out and bought the cheapest place I could, because it was all I could afford. I look strictly for rentability — is someone going to rent this place to give me a positive cash flow? That, and is it a place I can live in? I may want to occupy it sometime down the road and live there for two years, to avoid the capital gains tax."

He looks at the properties as long-range investments and is not especially worried if the "real estate bubble" should burst. In fact, only the overheated selling market in the past few years impelled him to put some of his units up for sale. "I accumulated equity more rapidly than I thought I would, so I've been able to sell and buy slightly larger units each time."

He sees the market as cooling down. "It's flattening to a

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Neal Obermeyer



Don't Let That Apple Rot

By Ernie Grimm

Despite the early hour, the group of seniors standing on the sidewalk in front of Ann Evans's home in Del Cerro joke, tease, and laugh with each other. It's 7:20 in the morning, and Natalie Ingmanson, Denny Rathmann, and Ann Evans, all in their 70s, await the arrival of Lonnie Ruskin. The four are members of Senior Gleaners, a group of volunteers, aged 55 and older, who collect food that grocery stores and supermarkets have just taken off the shelves and distribute it to service organizations. When Ruskin arrives, they'll climb into the beaten-up, blue-and-gray Dodge van that looks out of place parked in front of Evans's house in this upper-middle-class neighborhood.

A minute or two after 7:30, a late-model Honda swings around the corner onto Evans's street. "There she is," says Evans, whose light blue eyes, contrasted with her short silver hair, appear both playful and serious. Ruskin, the junior member of the group at 57, receives a portion of teasing for being a couple of minutes late as she walks up to the group. Then the three women squeeze into the lone bench seat in the would-be 15-passenger van. Their feet rest on black plastic garbage bags full of bagels. Rathmann pulls

himself up into the driver's seat. The big van fires right up but creaks and squeaks as Rathmann steers it out of Del Cerro down College Avenue and onto westbound Interstate 8. "When we first started gleaning in 1992, my husband and I used our own Vanagon for a long time, but it was not that sturdy. It wasn't intended for hauling. We were carrying way too much weight in it and having lots of repairs done. So that is when Bill and I considered looking into some used-car lots."

(Bill is Evans's late husband. A retired *San Diego Union* editor, he was found dead of dehydration and exposure on August 10 in Adobe Falls Park a mile from his home. He had Alzheimer's disease and had been missing since July 20.)

"The *Auto Trader* wasn't being published then," Evans continues, "so we just kind of had to look around in the used-vehicle ads in the paper. We finally got this vehicle over on Miramar Road at one of those corner car lots. So we got someone who knew something about vehicles to go over and look at the vans, and that is when we purchased this van."

We paid around \$4000."

The Gleaners have since purchased a second van, which today is undergoing repairs.

Denny Rathmann, a mirthful man of about 70 dressed in denim shorts, a golf shirt, and a cap, trades witticisms with the women in back as he steers the big vehicle from I-8 onto Interstate 15 north. The first stop of the day will be a shopping center in Scripps Ranch with a supermarket, coffeehouse, and bagel shop; they all donate items to the Gleaners. Asked why he's here, Rathmann answers, "Well, when I retired a few years back, my wife and I sat around at home for a few days and then

we said to each other, 'We've got to get up and do something.' We saw something in the paper about the Gleaners, so we gave them a call and started coming out. When she died a couple of years ago, I kept on coming."

"She was a great helper," Evans recalls, "and she was a very energetic person. But all of a sudden she got lung cancer, and it just progressed quickly. She worked as long as she could, just like my husband Bill worked as long as he could. We have lost other Gleaners over the years, and they were all active until they just got too sick. I think it says something when they want to try to keep going."

At about 8:00, the group reaches the Scripps Ranch shopping center. Rathmann drives around behind the delivery trucks. With just a little grunting as they lower themselves out of the tall van, the Gleaners snap into action. While Rathmann and Evans head into the store to meet the manager on duty, Ruskin and Ingmanson pull the 20 or so banana boxes out of the back of the van, laying them out on the blacktop behind the van. Most of the chatter and joking ceases while they work. Before five minutes have passed, Rathmann and Evans return with three shopping carts in tow. Bakery goods make up

the majority of the haul: heavily frosted cakes, fruit pies, danishes, and cookies. The rest is sliced bread, baguettes, and rolls. Immediately, the women start packing the items into the boxes they've laid out while Rathmann, grabbing a handle that someone has bolted to the rear doorjamb of the van, carefully hoists himself up. Once he's in, the women start to hand him the boxes they've packed very tightly. He in turn stacks them neatly behind the seat, four high. The precision of packing and stacking speaks experience. As Rathmann stacks, Ruskin takes a cart to the back doors of a bagel shop and coffeehouse, returning with half a cart of unwrapped bagels and pastries. These she places in grocery bags, which in turn go into boxes that Rathmann places on the stack.

Normally, the Gleaners would move on at this point, but today the supermarket manager has a few carts full of nonfood items for the Gleaners. Rathmann is sent to fetch them.

"Ann, he wants you to come in and sign off," Rathmann says, returning with a couple of carts full of meat thermometers, egg timers, cheap kitchen utensils, and the like. The document Evans signs releases the market from any responsibility for the items they've donated. With the van

packed and headed south on I-15 again, she explains that the signing is redundant. "California has a Good Samaritan law that protects us and the people who donate to us from lawsuits should someone get sick from eating the food we

Gleaners' warehouse in Lakeside



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Ann Evans



Natalie Ingmanson

distribute."

Evans, a retired Lutheran minister, is the engine that drives the Senior Gleaners. Where most of the members go out once a week, Evans goes six and sometimes seven days a week. "Usually, there's a Gleaner who will sub for me on Sunday," she says, "so I can go to church."

She and her husband decided to start gleaning shortly after they both retired in 1992. "We were at a conference at Ascension Lutheran Church in Allied Gardens, where I had been an associate minister. Laurel Gray, who is the chair-

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more rational level.” Earlier this year he put two units up for sale and received an offer in one day on one, a week on

another. The just-sold PB condo, in a 502-unit complex called the Plaza, lasted for three weeks before a solid bid came in, near the asking price, says Tindall. He’s owned five units in the Plaza, says he knows it like the back of his hand, and,

therefore, knows how to price to sell.

To market the condo he ran ads in the *Union-Tribune* and also paid \$350 to a local agency that specializes in FSBO (for sale by owner or “fizbo”) properties into the

multiple listing service (MLS), which invites all agents to bring their house shoppers around to check the place out. If a sale materializes from an agent’s clients, the seller will owe half the usual 6 percent commission, or 3 percent. But

since Tindall sold the unit from his newspaper ad, not from a buyer with an agent, he saved the 3 percent — over \$5000. And when he buys a property without an agent, he attempts (not always success-

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When advertising in the paper he uses a voice mail as the contact number, offering essential details about the property but informing agents that if he decides to list, he al-

ready has a realtor in mind. Serious callers get a reply: he will inquire on the phone if they have the financial wherewithal to purchase. He doesn't give out his direct number "because I'd get inundated with agents. Some check the papers

themselves for fizbos; others use a service that collects names and numbers of fizbos to sell to agents."

One site on the Web claims that pure fizbos account for 30 percent of residential listings, but Lorrie

Mowat, spokeswoman for the San Diego Board of Realtors, cites a figure of 18 percent, both nationally and locally, a number she got from the National Association of Realtors. And although an article in that organization's magazine, *The*

Realtor, says that only 20 percent of fizbos give up and defect to an agency, Mowat thinks the figure is much higher; some sources cite it at 75 percent.

Linda DaLuz believes that having run her own janitorial business for years was adequate preparation for selling her own home. She's also checked out the prices for homes that recently listed or were sold in her area. What most impressed her was a home a few doors away that had just sold for over \$800,000. Her house, she says, is smaller but on a bigger lot. She's asking \$568,900.

It's on Udall Street in Point Loma, and a flyer on her front yard describes it as "Classic '50s & Gardener's Delight," a two-bedroom (with "extra room") and one bath and a great view of the ocean sunsets. She bought the home for \$229,000 in 1997, after renting it with her late husband for ten years prior to that. She wants to sell and move to a condo.

DaLuz put the place on the market in early September, advertises it regularly in the *Union-Tribune*, and conducts an open house each Sunday. The first two Sundays drew well, she says, but lately it's been slow, which she attributes to Chargers games. By late September she still had not received an offer. "I'm a little surprised that no one has yet said to me, 'Are you willing to negotiate?'"

Saving the commission is primary in motivating fizbos, though some, to sell fast, drop all or part of the saved 6 percent to attract buyers. Money more than time is the concern of DaLuz. "If it was 10, 12, or 15 thousand, then I'd let someone else do the work. But at my asking price it would be over \$30,000. Nobody — I don't care who they are — is that good to get that much for the work. It's ridiculous. I really feel that realtors — what with the price of property so outrageous — should lower their commissions."

She gets, she says, four or five calls a day from agents, sometimes the same ones she's instructed not to call back. (The article in *The Realtor* counsels agents to be persistent in contacting fizbos as the best tactic to convert them to a listing.) "They'll call and ask, 'How much do you owe on it?'"

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I tell them, 'It's none of your business. I'm not listing with your agency.'

A friend had told her that buyers expect a fizbo to have already dropped the 6 percent commission off the selling price. DaLuz believes she had priced it right, but now she has doubts. "I have a decision to make. I have time, so I don't have to do anything right now. But I may [eventually] either have to drop my price or start cooperating with agents and pay the 2.5 percent. [Some agents will work for 5 percent.] But I don't want to do both, because if I drop it and then pay the 2.5 percent, I've cut myself out of around \$30,000. I don't know yet what I want to do." (As of this week, DaLuz is still selling without an agent, though she has dropped her price \$15,000.)

Keith Halford, a self-employed entrepreneur, is fizboing his property in a gated community in Poway. The house looks like a small Spanish castle, on three acres at the end of a cul-de-sac, with naked hills and a verdant golf course rolling up to a pool with a disappearing waterfall edge. Not far away, says Halford, is the San Diego "Field of Dreams" street, where ten local developers pulled out the stops to build a dream house, each now worth around \$4 million.

Halford had no problem obtaining comparables. He just went to open houses in the community and asked questions. He decided that \$1,500,000 was a reasonable price for his property. While we sit in the great room — the floor is imported hand-cut stone, the ceiling 24 feet high — Halford explains that his children will soon be off to college, and he and his wife can do with a smaller place. They've bought and sold nine houses in 29 years of marriage, including two as fizbos, once successfully (in Pennsylvania) and no luck with the other, which he attributes to a lack of time to do it properly. He bought the Poway property a few years ago, both as an investment and a place to live. Like most sellers, he wonders whether the market is cooling but is convinced he's on the right track.

"Newspaper advertising is the primary way that realtors

spend money to justify what they get for listing your house, other than putting it into MLS. But do you need to put an eight-page color insert into the Sunday *Union-Tribune* with a big picture of your house? It's very expensive to do that. And

whether it sells a house, I'm not so sure. I think that price and location sell a house more than a color brochure. I think you have to determine whose interests are being served."

When I spoke to him in September, he had only had

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man of Senior Gleaners now but was the pastor at Ascension then, was talking about a few people up in Escondido that were trying to start a distribution [of food]. He had

met with them and announced that if anybody was interested, to contact him. Bill and I looked at each other...."

The couple knew they wanted to spend their retirement doing some volunteer work, and they decided that

gleaning was a good fit. "We started out by going up once a week and helping the people in Escondido get started. We got up at 5:00 each Tuesday morning and drove to Escondido. We also started to do some picking up in Valley Cen-

ter and the Escondido area each week."

The Gleaners still do pick produce, mostly from backyard orchards and vegetable gardens, every Tuesday. Today is a Tuesday, but, Evans explains, "The navel oranges are

finished and the Valencia aren't ripe yet. So we have a few weeks off from picking."

After driving to Escondido for a couple of years, Evans explains, "The people in Escondido said, 'We have got way too much stuff. The agencies up

here are kind of small, so would you consider starting in San Diego?' And I said, 'Well, I guess I can do that.' And so that is how we got started. We worked out of our house and our front lawn and our patio and every other spot we could find to put stuff."

After a few years of using her lawn, patio, and garage to sort the fruits of her gleaning, Evans decided they needed more space and set her sights on an abandoned service station at Navajo Road and Cowles Mountain Boulevard in San Carlos. "I kept driving by it and it was just a mess, and I thought, 'Gee, there must be a lot of space in there.'" After some research she found out that 7-Eleven was the leaseholder on the property, but having been denied a liquor license because of the proximity to schools and churches, they had no plans to open a store on the site. She contacted the corporation and, "They agreed to lease it to us for one dollar a year." After another \$7000 in cleanup and improvements — "and a lot of blood, sweat, and tears," Rathmann adds — the old garage became the Gleaners' warehouse.

The money, Evans says, came "out of our pockets and also by then we'd received a private grant for quite a bit of money. I believe it was around \$250,000. We invested that money and use it as an endowment. The interest we use for repairs to the vans and for gasoline and rent. We have no paid staff."

The rent the Gleaners pay is for their new warehouse. After being in the Navajo Road location for only two years, the Senior Gleaners lost their lease. They tried for a few months to find more donated — or at least cheap — space but were unsuccessful. Just before giving up on ever finding some affordable space, Evans says, "I took one more look at all the commercial listings in the paper. At the bottom there was this listing in Lakeside for 25 cents a square foot or maybe 35 cents a square foot. I called and found out that we weren't the only ones interested. There were also a couple of guys who restored cars looking at the property. I don't know what exactly happened, but the owners, Juan Flores and his wife, Lily, really made a commitment to us. They liked what they heard and wanted

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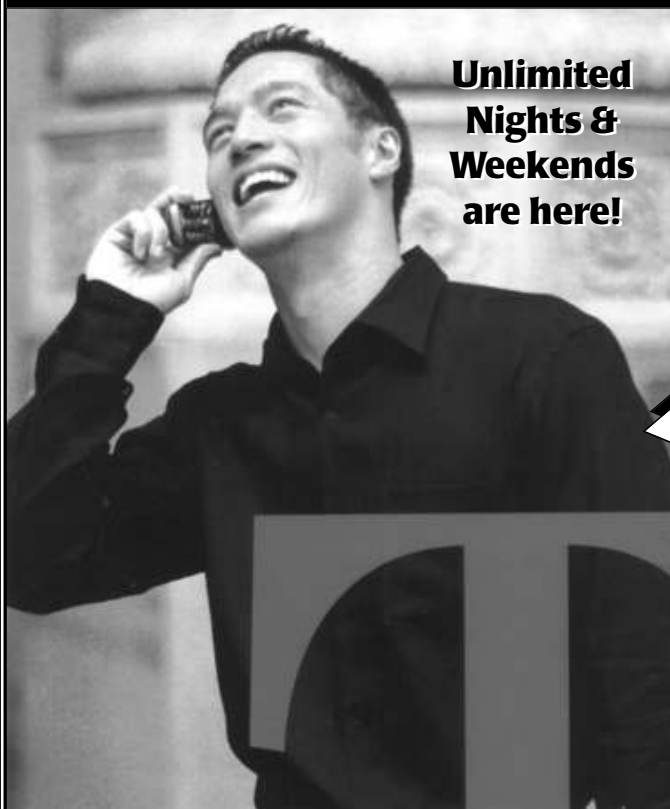


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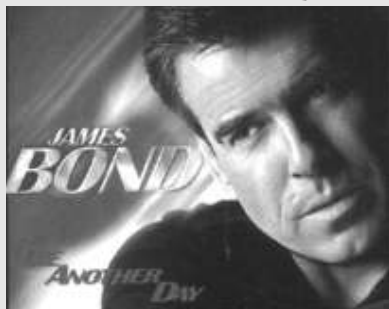
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The Gleaners work mostly in silence until they gather around the produce-sorting counter for the last job, bagging the loose bagels and pastries by the half dozen. Then the jokes and kidding resume.

The bagel bagging done, the four load about 20 boxes of food into the van and set out for North Park Christian Service Agency, just off University. "This is the service center for a few different churches in this area," Evans says as we arrive at the run-down center, dropping off ten boxes in the center's kitchen. At noon, the Gleaners pull up to their final stop, the battered women's shelter at the downtown YWCA. After dropping off the final boxes, the Gleaners pile into the van and head back to Evans's house. Ingmanson, Ruskin, and Rathmann will be back next Tuesday. Evans will be back at it tomorrow. "It just is part of my life," she shrugs, "and not something that I have to think about doing." ■

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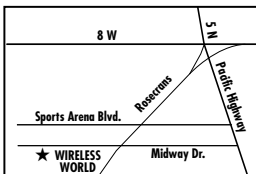
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Señor Mattolio:

When a bullfighter has a particularly good fight, and the crowd awards him (or her) the ears and the tail of the bull, what does he do with them? I can't imagine!

— Dina McReynolds, Pasadena

We agree. What would someone do with a house full of old bull parts? But we'll start the answer with a correction. The crowd doesn't award the ears and tail, the judge does. Every bullfight has a presiding judge who acts as ringmaster and police officer and generally oversees the conduct and fitness of the bull, the fighter, the crowd, and any other miscellaneous persons in the arena. The judge has the power to disqualify a bull, fine a fighter, and bounce a rowdy fan.

At the end of a fight, if the judge feels the matador has dispatched the bull skillfully, he can award one ear, two ears, or both ears and the tail. If the matador agrees that he has fought a worthy animal well, he takes the award to a taxidermist, who preserves and mounts the parts on a plaque. Sometimes the matador will fling the ears to the crowd in the stands in a gesture of mock humility or if he feels the bull was just a routine animal and the award was undeserved. Occasionally, if the matador decides he didn't receive a big enough award, he'll fling the bull parts at the judge (a crowd-pleasing move), who will fine the matador five or ten dollars for the disrespect, and everyone goes home with his machismo intact.

Matt and Alice:

How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

— Wondering, San Diego

Lots. And so, Wondering, how much ground would a groundhog hog if a groundhog could hog ground? (Before you answer, remember the groundhog and the woodchuck are the same animal.) And how much sap would a sapsucker suck if a sapsucker could suck sap? (Oh, wait a minute. A sapsucker can suck sap — on a good day, maybe two or three ounces.) And how many nuts would a nuthatch hatch if a....

Hey, Matt-Man:

So, I'm at a business dinner recently with a new boss and five new co-workers. We all check out the menu — you know the routine — and the majority orders a beef entrée. The steaks are delivered by our waitron in a relatively prompt fashion. Several of my teammates slice into their steaks and find them to be overcooked. Mine seems okay, but they (three of the six) send their beef back to the kitchen. My question is this. Do I holster my fork and steak knife while the chef is redoing half the table's food, or do I eat it while it's hot? I'm eager to know both your opinion and the official party line.

— The Etiquette Agnostic, dining out

Grandma Alice is crazy in love. Anyone who knows enough etiquette to even ask a question like this is her kinda guy. She's been following me around the house pokin' me in the butt with her chef's knife to answer you right away so you keep your record of mannerliness intact. But first we have to bring the rest of Aliceland up to speed: It is carved in etiquette stone that no one at the table should start shoveling food into her/his mouth until everyone is served. Yo mamma should have taught you that, but she was probably too busy at yoga class or something. So now you know.

We've taken the official party line from Naomi Poulson, director of the Etiquette School in nearby Dana Point (etiquette-school.com). It's Naomi's thankless job to present training seminars for business execs and others in the art of international protocol and not making fools of themselves in group situations.

Naomi's first observation: If your get-together was a business dinner, the point of the evening was business, not food. Therefore, it was ill advised of the picky eaters to make an issue of the steaks in the first place. But once they did, it was their responsibility to say to the others, "Please, don't wait for us. Enjoy your dinner." Lacking that, you would have been perfectly within your rights to ask the grumpy group, "Do you mind if we continue with our meals?" We can only hope they would rescue themselves from the pit of bad manners they'd dug and say, "Go right ahead."

But Naomi's a professional. She tempers her comments with tact. Matthew Alice has no such restraints. I'm sure the whole drama had nothing to do with steaks; it was a departmental power play. Unless you were at a table full of idiots, my guess is the first one to assert dominance by complaining was the new boss. Instantly, the two professional kiss-ups found flaws in their meals as well. They got extra points if they found the same flaw. ("Great call, boss! This steak is half-medium-medium-rare, and we asked for rare-medium-half-rare!") The three polite non-kiss-ups should watch their own careers carefully.

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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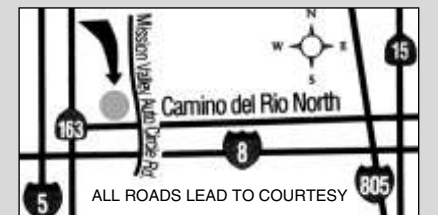
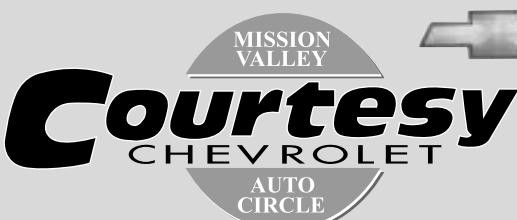
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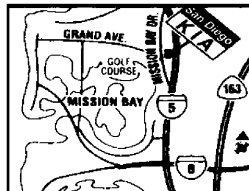
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Dog TV

Bring holiday-enhancing news just in time for Thanksgiving! Since 1934 the NFL has made innocent Americans listen and then watch the Detroit Lions play football on Thanksgiving Day. Few people still living know why. Fewer yet can remember the last time Detroit fielded a team worth following.

Now, *finally*, comes an alternative. I give you, tormented sports enthusiasts, the National Dog Show! Get out your calendar; NBC will telecast the National Dog Show opposite the Thanksgiving Day Detroit/New England embarrassment.

There is more to this than desperation on the part of NBC. And there is more to this than the colossal amount of money NBC will pocket by producing a dog show instead of an NFL game. The fact is, Dog TV is becoming a serious competitor to major league football, baseball, basketball, and hockey. This year, the Westminster Kennel Club's dog show had better ratings than the NBA and NHL games that were televised at the same time. And, this year, a dog show beat out an MLB playoff game. Dog sports are televised on five networks, led by the TBS epic, *Incredible Dog Challenge*.

And now, Spot is coming to network TV, opposite the NFL, no less. Naturally, I want to get in on this and get in on it early, which is why I called Bill Buck in Ramona.

Buck and his wife Susan own Nuforest Dachshunds. They've been breeding and showing dogs since 1974, have owned 30 champions, and place Nuforest dogs in over 100 shows a year. I relay to Buck the exciting news about the NFL/Dog TV face-off and ask what first-time viewers should do to better enjoy the program.

Mr. Buck says, "Try to outguess the judge, which is hard. You might say, 'I like the little beagle, he was cute.' Well, the hound judge might not like the beagle just because he's a beagle. Number two, he might think this particular beagle came to him from a judge who did not pick the best beagle in his group."

I sense intrigue. "So, the hound-group judge may not think the person who judged beagles is very good, or, at least, that person did not pick the best beagle?"

"Right. If I am a hound-group judge and you are a hound-group judge, I might like something completely different in the beagle breed than you. You might like a big, blocky square head and I might like more of a little bitch head."

Intrigue and conspiracy. "I took a brief look at the rules. Apparently, there are defined characteristics of every breed..."

"It's called a breed standard."

"So, wouldn't that diminish subjective judging, because the winning dog should be the one who most closely resembles the written standard for that breed?"

Buck laughs. "It's all in the interpretation of the standard. Let's talk about a beagle. The beagle is represented on the written page by the Beagle Club of America. The parent club builds a standard, and that standard says, 'This is what a beagle is supposed to be, da-da-da-da, green, pink with four legs.' The one you pick as winner is closer to the breed standard than any other the dog in the competition."

"But, a second judge might think..."

"His opinion of the dog you judged is not as high. These judges see the same dogs for a couple of years. A winning show dog, well, there might be 50 or 60 judges who have had their picture taken with this dog. And there might be 50 or 60 judges who don't like this particular dog."

Intrigue, conspiracy, and scandal. "Sounds like Olympic ice skating."

"It is political. Usually, judges who are very political get to work a lot, because a dog-show judge belongs to a club. That club puts on a show — might be in Australia, might be in Hawaii, might be in Hoboken, New Jersey. That club asks judges from other clubs to come in, judges who have previously asked them to, say, come to Hawaii and judge. I mean, you're getting an all-expense weekend in Hawaii, and you're spending four hours judging dogs. They reciprocate."

"Sounds like lots of money, too."

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SAN FRANCISCO	9 1/2	41	Seattle
NEW ORLEANS	NL	NL	Tampa Bay
Monday			
OAKLAND	6 1/2	49	N.Y. Jets

Buck laughs again. "There is a handler showing a Min Pin. The dog looks like a Doberman pinscher, but only weighs four pounds. This Min Pin is the number-two or number-three dog in the country right now. The handler will show the dog on Friday and then get in a limo and go to the airport and he and the dog will fly to another dog show somewhere else in the country and they'll show on Saturday. Then, they'll get in the limo, go back to the airport, fly to another dog show on Sunday, because they are following a set of judges who like this particular dog, who have already put this dog up for Best of Show or Best of Group. The dog and the handler fly around in the owner's 18-seat Learjet."

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Congregations, like denominations, have personalities. Last Wednesday evening, Del Cerro Baptist Church hosted its annual Pie & Praise Service. For the past 15 years, the church has observed an old Southern Baptist custom, the Wednesday Night Dinner.

Every year on the week before Thanksgiving, Del Cerro adds to its Wednesday dinner an hour of hymns, testimonies of thanks, readings from the Psalms, a Communion service, and, at the end, a remarkable number of Marie Calender's pies.

A little scuffle broke out last Wednesday when Del Cerro members learned that I was a newcomer. I lined up with everyone else and paid my four dollars for the taco and tamale buffet. But newcomers, it seems, are *not* supposed to pay. I said I didn't mind paying. I insisted that I didn't mind paying. Several older women waved dollar bills at me and chased me around the taco table.

"You're our guest!" they said. "Take your money!"

I sat down beside Richard and June Wolfe, who introduced me to their daughters, their grandson, their friends. They called Pastor Patrick Moody over to the table and made sure he shook hands with me, too. We were joined by the church's Involvement Director, Jilleen Butler, and her husband. They, too, treated me as though I were the most adorable and interesting person in the world. There were about 100 people eating dinner in the social hall, and the Wolfes and Butlers introduced me to at least half of them.

"I would just like to thank God for bringing me to this church," said an 88-year-old woman who rose to speak during the praise portion of the evening. "My 16 years here have been the happiest of my life. You are a wonderful family."

Another woman rose to thank the congregation. She wept when she talked about all the "cards, letters, visits, and love" she'd received from church members during her yearlong bout with shingles. A gentleman

who'd fallen off a ladder and broken his leg also thanked the church for its concern. (Reverend Moody later told me, "When someone's in the hospital, our folks sometimes get so concerned and loving that I have to make special announcements at our Wednesday Night Dinners. I have to say things like, 'I got a call from Mrs. So-and-So's doctor and he said she really needs rest and quiet.' Could you please keep your visits to a minimum?")

Another woman stood to give thanks. "I've had a difficult year. I lost my husband after a long struggle with cancer. This church has truly been a wonderful home for me. I'd also like to thank God for bringing a wonderful friend into my life." She touched the shoulder of a gentleman sitting beside her.

Jilleen Butler leaned over to me and whispered, "She met him at our grief-support group. He'd just lost his wife."

Reverend Moody's sermon lasted perhaps five minutes, and was one of the best I've heard all year. (Few sermons need to last longer than 15 minutes.) Reverend Moody again read from the Psalms, noting that many Psalms are about giving thanks to God. He said that God is so generous that it's only fitting that the church devote one night a year to thanking God. The congregation then took Communion and rose to join hands and sing "To God Be the Glory."

Everyone descended on two tables filled with pies.

Reverend Moody and I retreated to the choir room. I asked him where his church fell on the Southern Baptist conservative-liberal spectrum.

"I think we'd be hard to place. So far we've managed to remain blissfully and

beautifully ignorant of the big controversies in the Southern Baptist Convention. We're just a close-knit church, a family of people who praise the Lord."

I told Reverend Moody that I was surprised that his 350-member congregation was able to pull off a weekly dinner. I told him that few churches twice that size could manage such a regular display of togetherness. I asked him how important the Wednesday Night Dinners were to the life of his church.

"It's an old custom, but I think it's only become *more* important over time. Not only for our church, but for others that do it. The dinners of course make everyone feel closer to the church. The dinners have also grown to play another role. Our society is so dysfunctional, our families are often so dysfunctional, that these dinners are frequently the only times when people feel loved and cared for."

— Abe Opincar



REVEREND PATRICK MOODY

Del Cerro Baptist Church La Mesa

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Sermon

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Dear Aunt Trudy,

I am 31 years old and live here in S.D. I am an only child. Both my parents live in my hometown (which is about 450 miles away), in CA. They got divorced when I was eight, and their separation wasn't pretty. The holidays are coming up, and ever since I moved out, it has been extremely difficult to come home and spend enough time with both parents. When I decide to have Thanksgiving dinner with my dad, my mother makes me feel guilty about it. When I choose to have that holiday meal with my mom, my father makes things difficult. My suggestion for this season was to spend Thanksgiving day with Dad, and have another Thanksgiving dinner on Friday with my mom.

Another factor with this situation is that my dad's side of the family is a lot bigger. I have an aunt, four cousins (and their families), and my grandmother. On my mother's side it is just my mom and my grandmother, so asking my father to change the date would be near impossible, since his entire side couldn't change days very easily. I already mentioned my suggestion to Mom once, and it did not go over well. The way the holidays usually play out, I spend half of the day with my mom and then leave sometime in the afternoon and go over to my dad's. Even with this situation, I get the guilt trips, so my new suggestion would allow me to spend an entire day with each of them and hopefully make everyone happy.

My question is, how can I ask my mom again if she will consent to this plan, without my request causing more trouble, and is it even appropriate to ask her to do something like this?

HOLIDAY PICKLED

Dear Pickled,

Your plan sounds extremely reasonable, and I applaud your ingenuity. It may be the best and most delicate solution to a dilemma as sticky as cranberry glaze. There's nothing wrong with asking Mom to reconsider your suggestion. Tell her you love and respect her and Granny and look forward to seeing them. You hope she can appreciate the difficult position you find yourself in on turkey day and other holidays. You should not have to choose between your parents, and this plan is the only way that you can think of to honor both your folks and spend a nice, full day with each. An alternative would be to spend the holiday with Mom one year and Dad the next, but then you'd miss seeing her on alternate years. I know some family members can get their noses out of joint when you propose, due to these kinds of complications, to see them near, but not on, the actual holiday. Some people set a certain store by celebrating on the designated day, but after all, isn't the point to be together and enjoy each other's company and be good to

each other? Do we have to be such slaves of the calendar that a nice person like you finds themselves pickled in the brine of family acrimony?

Dear Aunt Trudy,

Our sister-in-law Marla (why did our brother marry her?) is an unkind and irritating woman. She practically stopped speaking to our youngest sister Gina because Gina gave her a bunch of Tupperware for a wedding gift. We three sisters all love Tupperware and thought it was a useful present. But Marla, our brother's then-new wife, said it was a "cheesy and disrespectful gift" and held it against us.

Years have passed since that ugly incident. Our middle sister Anne is now getting married. At Anne's bridal shower, someone gave her a set of Tupperware. Marla stormed out of the shower in a huff (why did we invite her?), saying that the person who gave Anne Tupperware was "put up to it" by Gina and I to insult her and remind her of the mean gift we had given her way back when. Gina is now saying she thinks that Marla should be asked not to come to Anne's wedding (the invitations have already gone out) because she is so ill behaved that she'll find some reason to make a scene and ruin the wedding. What do you think?

THREE PISSED
LINDA VISTA SISTERS

Dear Sisters,

I, too, am a fan of Tupperware, and my dogs think the lids make nifty Frisbees. Can you prevail on your brother to ask his wicked wife to please behave herself at Anne's wedding? I'm leery of disinviting her, as you suggest, because I just don't like "taking back" an invitation, and because I remember how much trouble the bad fairy in Sleeping Beauty caused when she wasn't invited to the christening. But I think it's up to Anne, because it's her wedding.

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—EVE KELLY

Every Advent, Dad hauled out the Christmas box and did the outdoor decorating. Out came the wooden display box with sliding glass doors that he had made one Christmas long before I was around. It held the Italian crèche set with a plastic white star rising above the box. With the crèche came the big colored lights. Every year, Dad wrapped the lamppost with them. “I like a little color,” he would smile. The strand never seemed to have more than eight lights. One year he went big and put the big lights on a 20-foot blue spruce pine that stood in our front yard. To my childish eyes, that was big-time decorating.

Times have changed since I was a kid. Christmas-light displays get bigger and more elaborate each year while the lights themselves have gotten smaller. My friend Bernice is no exception. Every year, her yard is transformed into a winter wonderland, complete with mechanical reindeer, a big plastic standing nativity scene, and Santa climbing up the chimney. This season, however, her plate is full, and I am looking for ways to lighten her load, perhaps by hiring someone to decorate for her.

That idea led me to Dave Smith, owner of Lovely Windows by the Lads (619-584-3858). “We have a window-cleaning business, and, about five years ago, the customers started asking us, ‘Dave, will you hang the Christmas lights for us?’ It has been five years now and no complaints.”

Smith continued, “I sit down with them, and they give me an idea of what they want, and I help them fill in the blanks.”

Do you provide the lights?

“I usually advise the customers that it is best for them to buy their own. They can buy them off me, but they are going to pay more off me because I have to spend my time going to get them. The price for decorating includes putting the lights up, taking them down, and, if a bulb goes out during that time, we guarantee to be there by the end of the next day to replace the bulb.”

Smith puts the lights on timers that the customers can program. “I would say an average house, like the size of the tract homes in North County, cost around \$175–\$250 to trim the roof and the middle section,” said Smith, who also offered a decorating tip for do-it-yourselfers: avoid what he calls “clotheslines.” “That’s when you see the lights hanging down in the middle. When the lights are not hung level, it looks tacky. Ours are dead straight around the perimeters, we hide all the cords, and it looks really neat during the day.”

Maelisa Reed, owner of The Reed Com-

pany/Christmas Productions (619-235-5626), designs individualized light creations. “I provide the first walk-through, I go back to my studio and design something that is creative and individual, something that goes with their personality and hopefully something that you won’t see somewhere else. Right now, I am doing mostly commercial outdoor lighting and residential interiors.”

For residential projects, Reed takes on large-scale jobs, but does not go on roofs. “I do huge lawn displays. I have one client in Point Loma that spent \$5500 doing her front yard — all the plants and displays and reindeers. I decorated another client’s indoor Christmas tree last year. The client’s downtown penthouse is all Asian form, so I went to all these different Asian stores and bought lanterns and lights and did the whole tree with big bamboo sticks coming out of it. I use really beautiful decorations. The price range for indoor trees is huge, starting at \$500 and going up. I have had clients spend \$15,000 on a tree.”

The project that brings the most Christmas cheer to Reed is the City Front Terrace on Market Street. “I do it every year; that is my favorite.”

Are there any popular lights this year?

“People are really into the light spheres this year.”

Patrick Wiedenfeld, owner of Sierra Holiday Lighting & Design (619-287-5008), offered some

other hot looks for the season. “A lot of people like the clear lights and the icicle lights. Wrapping the tree trunk is also popular,” he explained. His company offers only outdoor house trimming. “We can do anything, our own designs or what the customers want. I can go up to 35 feet with our lift truck.”

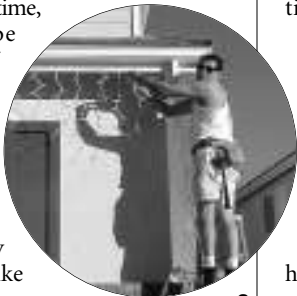
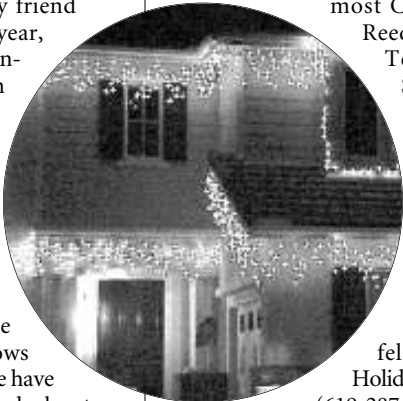
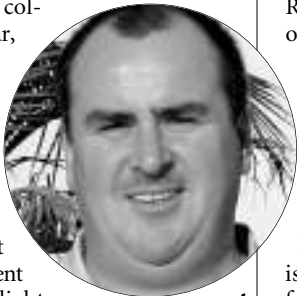
One large-scale job sticks out in Wiedenfeld’s memory. “We did a home in Poway for \$5200. The front yard, the back yard, about 11 trees — it was a yard of lights.”

Wiedenfeld has a \$500 minimum, which will cover a wrap around the roof line of the house. He has also hung lights for parties during the other months of the year.

Dave Blum, owner of Stage Door Lighting (858-586-1334), installs holiday light displays mostly in corporate settings. “We do mainly the roof tops, full-line decor and custom lighting. We decorate the shopping center, Flower Hill, and the one in Rancho Sante Fe. Whatever the customer wants, we do — icicle lights, straight lines, trees, bushes. But I don’t have the animated Christmas scenes, and we are not the ones to hang a Santa Claus in somebody’s yard.”

Blum has a \$500 minimum. One of his favorite projects right now is the Congregational Tower in Chula Vista, “with an 18-foot tree on top of a 16-foot building. It is pretty awesome.”

1. Dave Smith
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THE RISE, FALL, AND RISE OF NORMAL HEIGHTS

COVER PHOTOGRAPH OF ADAMS AVENUE AT NIGHT BY SANDY HUFFAKER, JR.

"The entire house shook. My teeth rattled. The vibration was damaging the foundations of our homes. Dust was everywhere. You couldn't open your windows. Very quickly I felt a kind of panic. Terror. I'd sunk my life savings into buying this tiny house. I kept thinking, 'Oh, my God! What have I gotten myself into?' Then, as if heavy trucks weren't enough trouble, there was the prostitution problem."

Many long, thin braids cascade from Savanna Forbes's head. They quiver when she remembers her move to Normal Heights in April 2000.

"I'd been renting an apartment over on Georgia Street, the sort of border area between North Park and Hillcrest. From one month to the next, they raised my rent by \$200. I realized there wasn't going to be an end to the increases. I had to buy a house. I'm a teacher at City College. I teach business information technology. I could qualify for only a \$145,000 loan. *What could I buy for \$145,000?* Nothing in North Park. Nothing in Hillcrest. So I looked around. Drove around Normal Heights. I didn't even look north of Adams. I knew I could never afford anything there. I looked around south of Adams Avenue. My dad's a contractor so I knew to look for certain things. It seemed that three out of every five homes south of Adams Avenue in Normal Heights were in the process of being remodeled or had already been remodeled. I thought, 'This neighborhood's on its way up.'

"So I bought my 650-square-foot house — a dollhouse, really — for \$137,500. It was smaller than the apartment I'd been renting. Every square inch of my tiny home had to be redone. Everything. From top to bottom. It had the original roof. The house was built in 1924. Over the years the previous owners had covered the roof with three layers of shingles, the last two of which were illegal.

"I remember one afternoon I was standing in front of my house, overwhelmed by all the work that needed to be done. I must have looked so forlorn, so

desperate, so depressed, that Patrick, my wonderful neighbor across the street, could tell what sort of state I was in. He came running across the street with a huge vodka and tonic. He handed it to me. He gave me a big hug. He said, 'Don't worry. We've all been through this. You're frightened. We all were.'

"I ended up spending \$20,000 to fix up my 650-square-foot home.

"And then there were the trucks. All the work being done on that last part of I-15. Just one block away. You have to understand, before I moved to Normal Heights, *I didn't even know who my city council person was*. I paid no attention to local politics. I had no idea how city government worked. But the summer of 2000, with all the trucks, all the noise, all the dirt, changed me. That summer, I thought I was in hell.

"I was born and raised in Detroit. They say a person from Detroit can start a fight all alone in a room by him- or herself. I got angry. I decided to educate myself. I decided to organize my neighbors.

"Christine Kehoe, the council person at that time for District 3, wasn't very responsive to us. You have to understand that right near our street, Monroe Avenue, there was a four-block area in City Heights that had the highest concentration of vice crime in the entire city. We were finding used condoms and hypodermic needles on the sidewalks in front of our homes. Prostitutes working along El Cajon Boulevard were bringing their clients onto our street. The johns would park their cars in front of our homes and do their business. And of course,

"We were finding used condoms and hypodermic needles on the sidewalks in front of our homes."





PHOTOGRAPH BY SANDY HUFFAKER, JR.

Lestar's Coffee House, Adams Avenue

during the day, we had all the trucks.

"It finally got so bad at night that one of my neighbors started patrolling the street, shining a powerful flashlight into the johns' cars. Bill Taitano, the community relations officer over at the police substation on Adams, heard what my neighbor was doing. Taitano went nuts. 'Don't do that!' he said. 'Don't go running up and down your street shining a flashlight into johns' cars! You could get hurt!'

"But we were desperate. We'd call Kehoe's office and complain about the problems, but no one in Kehoe's office seemed very interested. They'd ignore us. Finally I decided, 'Let's have a Call Christine Day!' My neighbors and I printed up flyers and went door to door, from 40th Street to Cherokee Avenue, from Adams Avenue to Meade. The flyers outlined some of the problems in the neighborhood and said that if these things bothered you, you should call Kehoe's office on a specific date. When Call Christine Day rolled around, I guess her office got blasted from morning till night. From what I understand, Christine's reaction was, 'My God!' Nothing like that had ever happened to her before.

"So by organizing, by doing something as simple

as encouraging our neighbors to make a phone call, we started to get things done. We got results. We got the trucks rerouted. We got more police patrols. Gradually, the prostitutes and their johns disappeared. For me, it was amazing to learn I could *influence* city government, have an impact on my neighborhood's problems. Just me. A voter. A homeowner in a not very wealthy part of the city. I'm still amazed that the cliché is true. Just one person can make a difference.

"That sort of realization makes you want to get *more* involved. Now I'm on the board of the Normal Heights Community Planning Committee. Not only am I the first black person to sit on the board, I'm also one of few people from south of Adams to sit on the board. The Normal Heights Community Planning Committee meeting is next week. You should come. And you should also talk to my realtor, Linda Artiaga. She's been selling homes in Normal Heights for years. She's the Queen of Normal Heights."

Linda Artiaga was, when we spoke, nonplussed by her title.

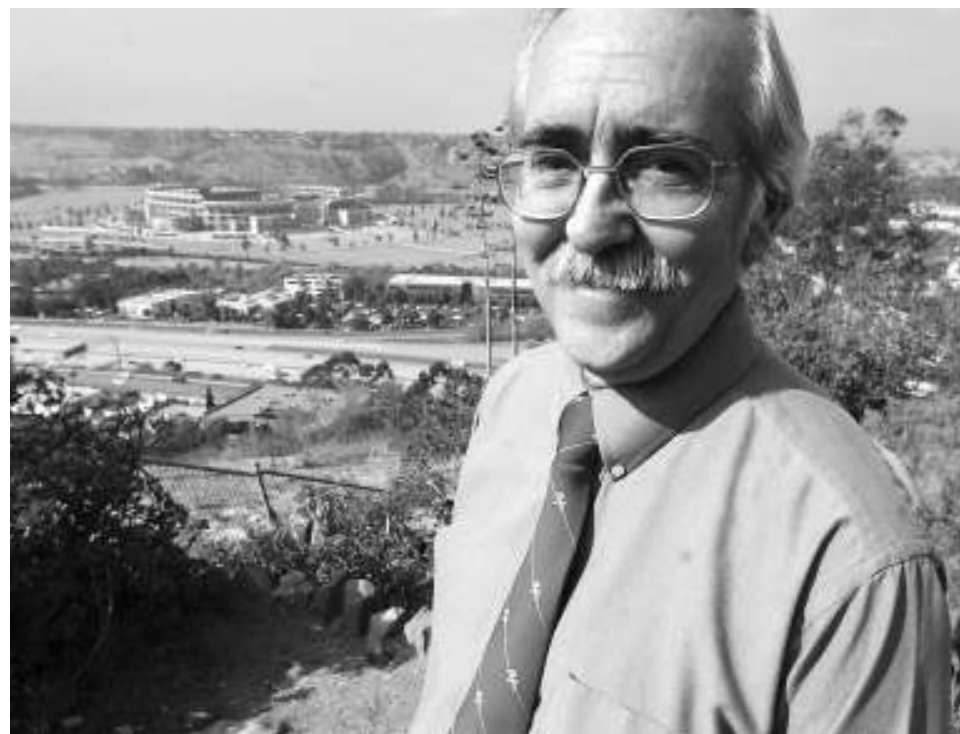
"The Queen of Normal Heights? Is that what they say? I mean, it's nice to be queen of *something*.

I've never really thought of myself as a queen. I'm lucky, I guess. How many people ever get to be any kind of queen?

"I've been selling homes in Normal Heights for more than 20 years. It'd be difficult to come up with a precise figure of how many I've sold. I know that in some cases I've sold the same home four or five times. Not that there was anything wrong with the house. San Diego just has a high turnover rate. The figure is something like, the average San Diego family lives in a home for five years. All that considered, I guess it would be safe to say that I've probably sold more than 200 homes in Normal Heights.

"I don't live there. Back in 1980 I bought the last home in Mission Hills that cost less than \$100,000. But as I was getting into real estate, I knew I wanted to work with a *real* neighborhood. A place I could get to know. A place with character. I looked all over San Diego County and finally decided to focus on Normal Heights. Of course, now I sell properties all over the county — everywhere, not just Normal Heights. But back then, what I loved about Normal Heights was its diversity. It still has that diversity. I mean, in terms of social classes and ethnic groups, it

To illustrate her directness and honesty about Normal Heights' diversity, she drove me around the neighborhood. We started a couple of blocks south of Adams. We passed a small, run-down apartment building. Three homeboys wearing red bandannas stood in



Gary Weber

“So you have, I guess, what you’d

define as the more 'transitional' parts of Normal Heights, south of Adams. And just a few minutes away, north of Adams, you're in a very different setting. That's the big dividing line in Normal Heights — north of Adams, south of Adams. When you're

north of Adams, you spend, on average, about \$50,000 more than you would for a comparable home south of Adams.”

Perhaps two minutes after we drove past the homeboys, Artiaga and I sat in front of a house north of Adams, not far from the

Carmelite Monastery
on Hawley Boulevard.

“You can’t really see the property from here,” Artiaga said, “but the last time I checked, it was valued at \$3.2 million. We’re talking almost two acres of land, sitting on a canyon. The landscaping’s incredible. The homeowner is truly an artist. I mean, the house itself is beautiful, but what’s spectacular is that it looks like it’s sitting in the middle of Balboa Park, or in the middle of Huntington Gardens near Pasadena.”

(When I later contacted the owner of this \$3.2 million property, he declined to be interviewed. He was polite. But, no. He really wouldn't feel comfortable having me over to see his home. He did allow, however, that he'd bought the house because of the size of the lot. "Where else in

the city could I have gotten so much land? Not in La Jolla. Not in Point Loma. Not in Mission Hills.” He said he’d grown up in the Midwest and had “always loved gardens, growing things, gardening. I always had a garden when I was a boy.” When I asked what made his Normal Heights garden unique, he said he had a “significant” collection of roses. He said his water bills were high. Several hundred dollars a month. “But that’s the price I pay,” he said, “for trying to grow an English garden in what’s basically a desert.”)

“You have properties like this,” Artiaga continued. “I mean, it’s by no means the only one. There’s a home just around the corner that’s on the market for \$995,000. And yet you’re just a couple of minutes away from



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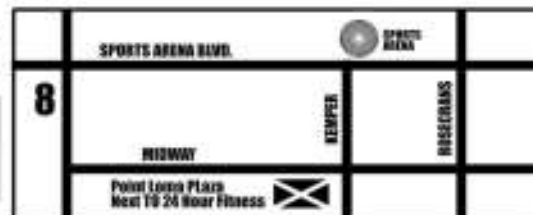
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people who lead very different lives. There's something like 18 different languages spoken by the kids at Adams Elementary. It's this mix that makes Normal Heights interesting.

"Most of the people who buy in Normal Heights, either north or south of Adams, buy here because it's the sort of neighborhood where you can walk to everything. The supermarket. A coffee shop. A restaurant. A bar. The difference that I'm seeing now is that the sort of young couple, gay or straight, who used to be able to buy north of Adams can't afford to buy there now. They're looking south of Adams.

"When I started selling here 20 years ago, north of Adams was like what south of Adams is now. People north of Adams were concerned about crime. Public services. People



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Steve Temko

north of Adams started to organize politically. They became very involved. Now you have that same sort of thing happening south of Adams. South of Adams is very quickly going to become like north of Adams. You can already see it happening. South of

Adams, the price of homes is skyrocketing. The minute something goes on the market, it's snapped up. Sellers are getting *multiple* bids, often for more than the asking price.

"When people are that eager to get into a neighborhood, they're going to pay attention

to what goes on in it. They're going to get involved. And there are already a lot of people here who are very attached to their neighborhood. There are a lot of people who really love Normal Heights."

A group of people who really love Normal Heights showed up on

May 9, 2002, at the annex of Adams Elementary School for the monthly meeting of the Normal Heights Community Planning Committee. Although the committee's role is purely advisory, developers, bureaucrats, and neighborhood residents take its decisions to heart.

The room where the committee met was stuffy. Overhead fans stirred humid air. People wiped sweat from their foreheads. They shifted uneasily in their plastic child-size chairs. The first item up for discussion was the condo-conversion of an eight-unit apartment building on Hawley Boulevard south of Adams. On hand was the developer, Jeff Maisel, a muscular 33-year-old mortgage broker, and four tenants from the eight-unit building Maisel had just bought. Two of

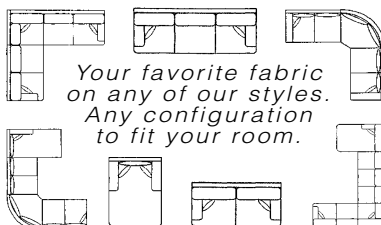
the tenants were a middle-aged black couple who'd lived in the building for nine years. The husband stood and said to the committee meeting, "Mr. Maisel is going to throw us out."

"After nine years," the wife continued. "And we've been *involved* in this community. We're good citizens. We participate in the Neighborhood Watch Program. We pick up litter. We keep an eye on things. And our daughter goes to school here."

Hunkered over a child-size table, Maisel stared at the backs of his hands. During the next 20 minutes of participatory democracy, Maisel's tenants and several members of the planning committee condemned him as "predatory," as "greedy," as an "outsider," as an "example of what's going wrong in this

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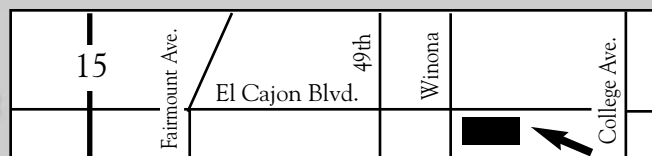
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city.”
Maisel sat motionless until committee president Risa Baron asked him to speak.

Maisel looked around the room, cleared his throat, and said, “I’m the future. Like it or not.”

Maisel explained that the high cost of construction, the high cost of land, and the high cost of building permits had caused small-time developers like himself to turn more and more to condo-conversions.

“You know, it’s actually *good* for the neighborhood. You know there’s a shortage of affordable housing in the city. You say you want affordable housing for first-time homeowners. That’s what I’m providing. Homeownership is good for neighborhoods. Ask the mayor of El Cajon. He *loves* it when I do condo-conversions out



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John Hussler

there.
“Here in Normal Heights, *someone* was going to buy the building on Hawley Boulevard. The buyer would have only two choices: jack up the rents to the market rate or convert the apartments into condos. That’s the simple economics of the situation. A buyer has

to be able to make his mortgage on the property or make a profit on its sale. If I jacked up the current rents to what they should be, no one now in the building could afford to live there. As it stands, if the city allows me to go through with the conversion, I’m going to give the tenants \$400 to

help defray their moving costs. I’m also going to give them the opportunity to buy the condos before I put them on the market.”
“How much are you going to be asking for those condos?” Savanna Forbes asked.
“Two hundred thirty thousand dollars.”

Everyone gasped.
“Hey,” Maisel said, “I don’t know how many of you have looked at any real estate ads lately, but that’s the going rate in this area for a two-bedroom, two-bath condo. And I’m offering to let the tenants buy *before* I put the condos on the market. After the condos go on the market, they could very well go for considerably more than \$230,000. I’m offering a good deal.”

Sitting not far from Maisel, planning committee board member Gary Weber grumbled that Maisel was “taking advantage of people.”
“I, too, am a landlord,” said Weber. “And I *don’t* take advantage of people.”
The board of the Normal Heights Community Planning Committee decided it would recommend that the city deny Maisel permission to go ahead

with his condo-conversion. Maisel sighed.
Gary Weber grumbled throughout the meeting. His bushy gray mustache wriggled when something annoyed him. Weber’s mustache-wriggling intensified when an innocent-faced representative from the city planning office announced that the city planning office had failed to file a grant application.
“What?” cried Weber, wide-eyed.
“*What?* We needed that grant to buy land for a park! We need more parks! We need more open space!”
The young fellow from the city planning office looked stricken. He was just the messenger, he explained. He was very sorry. He was extremely sorry. He was sure there must have been some honest mistake.
“Bullshit,” Weber

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said.
To emphasize his disgust, Weber rapped his fingers on the tabletop.
“I could have written that grant myself. What you’re saying is bullshit.”

Around Normal Heights, Weber has a reputation for grumbling at planning committee meetings, for having a low tolerance for “bullshit,” and for getting things done.

When I later asked a planning committee member if it was wise to try to speak with Weber, he said, “That beautiful annex to Adams Elementary that we all were sitting in? Well, Gary got that built. There’s a very long and complicated story about how he got



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Erlene Thom

it built, how he negotiated with the Methodist church for the land. He’s capable of following through on very complex matters.

“He *can* be intimidating, but that’s purely a front. He’s really a softy. A very sweet guy. But he’s extremely intelligent and he has

no tolerance for city government incompetence. He can’t stomach their excuses. And he’s like that because he knows how city govern-

ment works. He worked for the city. He can’t be fooled. He knows all their tricks. He knows where all the bodies are buried. He’s been around forever. He’s the whole reason there was ever a Normal Heights planning committee in the first place.”

Weber lives north of Adams, not far from the \$3.2 million home that Linda Artiaga showed me. Weber’s much smaller Spanish-style house overlooks Mission Valley. On the afternoon I met with him, the roar from I-8 washed up from the valley, sounding like the sea.

“You remember that TV show called *Dragnet*?” Weber asked after seating me at his dining room table. “I

always watched that show and imagined what it might be like to live in California. There was also a bit of that Horace Greeley thing: ‘Go west, young man, go west.’ I was from Cincinnati. I had a job as an urban planner in Lexington, Kentucky. In 1968 I read that the City of San Diego was hiring urban planners. I saw that and said, ‘That’s it. I’m going!’

“My wife and I did some research. We got a city map of San Diego. We saw this big park, Balboa Park, and we thought we might want to live near it. So we drew a big circle around Balboa Park and downtown. We decided to look for a home in all the neighborhoods inside the

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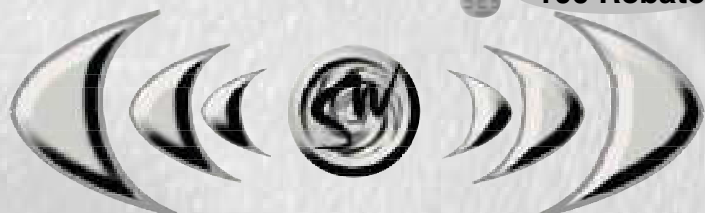
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“I spent the first ten years living in Normal Heights doing nothing for Normal Heights. I worked in the city’s planning department, working on community planning. I was assigned to work on the Ocean Beach community plan, which was fine by me. I wanted to work with



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the city’s older neighborhoods.

“The idea of community plans was something that really evolved in the postwar era. It was a fairly progressive idea, this notion that a city ought

to take the long view of how its various neighborhoods should develop, that a community’s residents should have a say in how their community evolved. My work in Ocean Beach turned out to be

a great education.

“When I started working there in the early 1970s, Ocean Beach was a hotbed of real leftist radical activity. The community planning committee, made up of four leftists,

four merchants, four realtors, and four members of the Ocean Beach Town Council, had basically taken the city’s community plan for Ocean Beach and thrown it back in the city’s face. And the community activists in Ocean Beach had all these tactics they’d developed during the protest movement in the 1960s. But they were willing to work with me. I was this technocrat who knew how things worked in city government. They knew how to stir things up. I admired them. At the same time I had to ask myself, ‘Why isn’t anyone doing that where I live? Why isn’t anyone stirring things up in Normal Heights?’ Everyplace in the city except Mid-City had a community planning committee.

“In 1979 the city decided to update its plan for Mid-City, which included Normal Heights. Back then, in the late 1970s, the Pete Wilson era, Wilson’s attitude was ‘Pile ’em high and pile ’em deep in the older neighborhoods!’ His idea of ‘smart growth’ was to pack the inner city. At the same time, we were experiencing all this immigration from Southeast Asia and Latin America. In Normal Heights, since the 1960s, developers had been tearing down single-family homes and putting up apartments. In the late 1970s, immigrants were crowding into these apartments. You had huge extended families shoehorned into these small apartments. Our density was growing, but we didn’t have any infrastructure.

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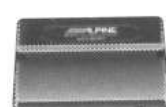
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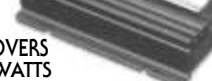
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Since I worked for the city planning department, I knew that as early as 1965 the city was well aware that there weren't enough parks or schools in the area.

"So in 1979, the city decided to update its Mid-City plan. I attended a public meeting about the plan update, and it was there that I realized that every place else in the city but Normal Heights had a community planning committee. I stood up at the meeting and said, 'We've got to get organized. We've got to have some say in how the city updates the Mid-City plan. Who wants to start a planning committee?' About 10 to 15 people raised their hands. That was, I guess, what you'd call the start of Normal



Casa Sanchez, Adams Avenue

Heights' middle-class radicalism. "Pete Wilson's city council, of course, didn't want to recognize any sort of planning committee from Normal Heights. And we certainly weren't

going to get any help from Kensington, although it's part of Mid-City. In Kensington, they didn't have to organize. They didn't see any need for it. You have a lot of wealthy, well-connected people

there who, if they want to get something done in city government, simply pick up the phone and call downtown. "We couldn't simply pick up the phone if we wanted something

done. We printed up 1000 flyers announcing a meeting. We went door to door. We posted them on light poles. The flyer had a little pen-and-ink drawing of the Normal Heights sign that was done by Matt Potter, the same guy who now does all the great investigative stuff at the *Reader*. Potter's actually quite a fine pen-and-ink artist. The flyer said that the city was gonna update the community plan, that the community had to organize to have a say-so in what happened. About 35 people showed up at that meeting. It was a Saturday in June. We met at the Methodist church over there near the elementary school. This fast-talking guy stands up and starts asking all these questions. He wanted to

know everything. He seemed very interested. Very concerned. "His name was Steve Temko. He was a young attorney who lived in Normal Heights, had a home north of Adams. I realized that this Temko guy was a tremendous asset. At the meeting we decided to set up the Normal Heights Community Association. I said to Temko, 'Why don't you be the chairman?' "That's how things got started." Weber and Temko say that "many people" were involved in politically organizing Normal Heights. Both men are careful not to overstate their respective roles in what happened. But when you look through issues of the *Union* or the *Tribune* from the early 1980s,

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forward.

Attorneys at the big-deal law firms around town will tell you that they admire Steve Temko. They'll tell you he's known as "the Bulldog."

"In my line of work, appellate work, I guess you have to be tenacious. You've got to grab ahold of something and concentrate, really think it through. Appellate work is very technical, very detailed. In that way it's like community activism. You've gotta pay attention to detail. You've gotta be persistent. You can't be distracted. So.

‘The Bulldog.’ Maybe. Fact is, once you get ahold of something, you don’t let go.”

The big firms hire Temko to consult on “mega divorces,” dissolutions of the superrich involving tens of millions of dollars in spousal support and community property.

“I’m called in to consult. I walk into the first meeting and I make it clear from the get-go that I’m a *team player*. I make it clear to the client that I’m *not* the boss. I’m there to *consult*. I’m not running the show. I guess you could say that was

also something I learned from community activism. Teamwork. No egos. Concentrating on the task at hand. Being happy to work behind the scenes. Helping pull everyone together to get the job done.

“When I first moved to Normal Heights in 1978, no one — literally no one — was doing any activism for Normal Heights. Even places like Tierrasanta had the Rotary, Kiwanis, organizations to build community involvement. Normal Heights had nothing. Normal Heights was a

nowhere zone.

"I saw a lot of potential. I saw a place that had a real 'neighborhood feel.' It just needed community involvement. I remember that the first big issue that really caught my attention was the overcrowding, the density. Adams Elementary School was packed. Developers wanted to tear down more single-family homes to build more apartment buildings. Okay, fine. So the city needed affordable housing. But we weren't getting any additional infrastructure to compensate for the density.

Something had to be done about it. And it was through that issue that a lot of people started coming together. Organizing. It was quite impressive.”

Temko has filled an enormous blue three-ring binder with news clips from his years as a Normal Heights community activist. Pull the faded newsprint and Xeroxes from their plastic pockets, organize them chronologically, and you get an idea of what Temko, Weber, and other neighborhood residents accomplished.

A 1981 clip from a

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small community newspaper, the *Mid-City Edge*, says that the Normal Heights Community Planning Committee needs citizens to get involved, to help wrestle with the city over its revision of the Mid-City plan.

An article from the May 7, 1981, edition of the *Reader* tells how Temko and other "community activists" had revitalized the moribund Adams Avenue Business Association. Temko was planning to raise money to repaint and relight the neon Normal Heights sign over Adams Avenue.

Another *Reader* article, dated January 27, 1983, describes something called the Normal Heights Development Corporation, a nonprofit organization Temko and his cohorts created in order to receive "federal revenue sharing monies" administered by the county. The article tells how \$6000 of federal money helped establish the *Adams Avenue Post*, a community paper Temko hoped would help Normal Heights residents learn what was happening in their neighborhood and "get to the community

resources that we do have." The fifth edition of the *Adams Avenue Post*, published in July 1983, announces a street fair celebrating the relighting of the Normal Heights sign. ("We had Susan Golding, who had been our council person, come to the ceremony to light the sign," Temko later told me. "And when she lit the sign, she said we were celebrating the first annual Adams Avenue Street Fair. I must have looked surprised. She said, 'You guys have done a great job. Keep it up. I want

you to do this every year.' That was how the Adams Avenue Street Fair was born.") The paper also boasts a quarter-page ad from Coldwell Banker, promoting Linda Artiaga as "our Area Specialist for Normal Heights." An editorial from the Thursday, February 16, 1984, edition of the *Tribune* grouches that "homeowners in the central city want apartments, condominiums, and other dense development to go up in someone else's neighborhood, never theirs." While allowing that

Mid-City homeowners did have a "legitimate gripe" about overcrowded schools, too few parks and parking spaces, the editorial also states that "block after block of aging bungalows on large lots, a common sight in parts of Mid-City, is not exactly an efficient use of precious central-city land." A front-page article from the April 11, 1984, edition of the *San Diego Daily Transcript* says, "Mayor Roger Hedgecock and Councilwoman Gloria McColl told some 300 mid-city residents they would

support a moratorium on multi-family housing construction in their area until a general community plan is in place." The same article quotes Steve Temko as saying, "If you have growth without services, you have a slum." The Wednesday, April 17, 1985, edition of the *Tribune* devoted two full pages to an article about Normal Heights entitled "Neighborhood Forges Change: Cozy Shops Amid the Bungalows." The article states that "like a few other inner-city neighborhoods

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Finally, a clip from the April 18, 1986, edition of the *Union* states, "Normal Heights Wins National Honor." Describing Normal Heights as a neighborhood "known locally for its feisty leaders and political persistence," staff writer Lorie Hearn explains how Normal Heights beat 72 competitors, including San Diego, for an "All-American City Award" in a contest sponsored by *USA Today*. "Normal Heights residents were praised for persuading elected officials to preserve single-family living by cutting back on condominium and apartment development, for creating an effective community association, and for publishing their own monthly newspaper...."

On the afternoon Temko invited me to his law office to peruse the three-ring binder, he thumbed through it for a few minutes before handing it to me. He grew quiet. Finally he said, "You know, the funny thing is that a couple of years ago there was a young woman working in this office. A receptionist. Somehow she heard about my community activist days in Normal Heights. In 1985, we'd created this community garden over there on 40th Street, right near

Interstate 15. A big community garden. And this young woman who was working here said, 'Wow. I worked in that garden when I was a little girl. I learned how to grow things in that garden. It was great.' "

Temko considered the binder. "It's kind of odd. When you're in the middle of doing all that community activism, and you're fighting all these battles, and you're so focused on all that needs to be done, you don't really expect that 10, 15 years down the road, someone's gonna come up to you and say, 'Hey, what you did had an impact on my life.' "

A few weeks later, Temko invited me to lunch at DiMille's restaurant on Adams Avenue. When I arrived, Temko was staring across the street at the Adams Recreation Center.

"We got that done, you know. We got that recreation center built. And see all these trees up and down Adams Avenue? We did that too. We got the first city landscaping ever in all of the Mid-City area. We got trees. We got the Normal Heights sign restored. We got the telephone and electrical wires put underground. We wanted this street to look nice. We did a lot.

"The thing is, I wonder how many people ever look around and ask themselves, 'How did that recreation center get here? How did those trees get here? Why does this neighborhood look like it does?' I'm not saying that folks are necessarily ungrateful. I'm talking more about young people. The whole idea of getting involved in your community. Being curious about how city government works. Do young people even know what community involvement means?"

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While Temko picked at his lunch, he talked about growing up in suburban New Jersey, about going to law school in Denver, about coming to San Diego in 1978 and buying his first home, a three-bedroom, two-bath place north of Adams Avenue.

“And once you buy a home, you start paying attention to what’s going on around you. Here, you know, back then, you only had to look around to see that a lot of single-family homes were being destroyed. You only had to look around to realize there were some problems.

“The way you go

about fixing those sorts of problems, the real key to success, is *not* to make it political. You must have *no* political agenda. Your only agenda has to be the *neighborhood*. Usually, people who go downtown to deal with the council, to deal with the city, they go with a political agenda. You can’t do that. The minute you start taking sides, the minute you start making it partisan, you lose. You’re dead.

“Gary Weber and I and others in Normal Heights worked with a lot of politicians, a lot of very conservative Republican politicians. The deal is that, although we maybe

didn’t agree on political issues, we had this respect for each other. Susan Golding, a conservative Republican, really respected the fact that we were trying to do something for our neighborhood. Roger

“By 1995, the neighborhood was 60 percent poor minorities.”

Hedgecock, another conservative Republican, also had a lot of respect for what we were trying to do. Same for Gloria McColl.

“Of all the things we did for Normal Heights, I think the

most important was the down-zoning. When the community plan was finalized in 1985, we made sure that no one could build any more of those big ugly apartment buildings. Before, you could put

stand, a lot of the community activism went into kind of a lull. People were tired. They’d been through a lot. But I really don’t know what happened in the neighborhood after I left.”

Nick Hintza knows what happened. A native of Asmara, Eritrea, Hintza immigrated to the States in 1979.


“I’m the third oldest of nine children. I was born two years after Ethiopia occupied Eritrea. My dad was a policeman. Asmara, when I last saw it, was a lovely city. They say it’s the cleanest city in all of Africa. It’s up very high, on a plateau. The Italians designed many of the city’s buildings and its streets. The climate’s very mild. It was lovely. It was lovely, but there was no future for me there. Especially not under the Ethiopian occupation.

“I knew I had to get to America. I knew there was opportunity here. First I went to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. From there I tried to go to Greece. I thought in Greece I might get work on an Israeli or American ship heading to the U.S. But I couldn’t get a visa to

Greece. I got one for Italy. I thought, ‘Fine. Italy’s closer to America than Ethiopia is.’ I ended up spending four and a half years in Milan. I got a job fixing gas meters. What other kind of job could I get? I had no papers. No documents.

“A school in Milan gave me a \$500 scholarship. And a professor at the school encouraged me to go to America. He said, ‘There’s really no future for you, an African guy, here in Italy.’ An accounting school in Boston accepted my application and gave me a student visa. The professor in Milan was very kind to me and gave me \$200. That was all the money I had in the world.

“I arrived in the United States like all the immigrant stories. I came with almost nothing. I had \$200 in my pocket. I started out as a busboy, working very hard. Saving my money. I studied electronics for two years at the University of Massachusetts. It was in Boston that I bought my first piece of property, a three-unit building in what was basically a slum part of town. I lived in one of the units. Later, I



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moved to Washington, D.C., and got a job with a Greek guy, a developer, who'd buy property and put a Burger King on it. I learned a lot about real estate from him.

"In 1988 I moved to San Diego. I knew an Eritrean family out here. They told me it was a nice town. So I moved out here. To get to know the city very well, I took a job selling Kirby vacuum cleaners door to door. In about three months, I knew every part of the city. I also got a job selling Daihatsus on the National City Mile of Cars. I bought a small gift shop in what used to be the Travelodge on Harbor Island.

"While I was selling Kirbys, I heard that a small store in Normal Heights, PJ's Market on the corner of Cherokee and Madison Avenues, was for sale for \$250,000. I knew the neighborhood. I felt it had potential. In 1989 I got a small business loan and bought the store. I put \$50,000 down. The store had a little apartment upstairs. I moved in. In 1993, I got married. We had a couple of kids. By that time, I'd brought my father over from Asmara and he was working with me at the store.

"When I first bought the store, the neighborhood was about 50 percent white, the rest was black and Latino. But over the next few years, the economy got very bad. You know, we had that very bad recession. We lost so many jobs. People left San Diego. The middle-class white people and middle-class ethnic people started moving out of Normal Heights. More poor ethnic people and poor whites started moving in. By 1995, the neighborhood was 60 percent poor minorities.

This was the peak time for crime. It was common for kids to run into my store, grab a 12-pack of beer, and run out. There was nothing I could do. Across the street, there was this very nice Greek restaurant called Georgia's. People used to come all the way from North County because they had Greek dancing there on Saturday

nights. But there were gang members in the neighborhood. The customers started complaining of being hassled on their way to and from their cars. Finally, in 1995, Georgia's closed.

"At that time I was enrolled at Grossmont College, taking classes in chemistry and biology. My big dream has always been to study

microbiology at UC Davis. So I would sit in the store and study. My dad was in the store too. In early October 1995, at around 6:00 p.m., I was sitting by the cash register, studying a chemistry book, when I looked up and saw this young black kid walk in the store. He was wearing a ski cap and he had a black bandanna cov-

ering his face. He walked past my father, who was sitting by the door. He approached me. He had a gun in his hand. He pointed it at me. I gestured to the cash register. I said, 'Take whatever you want. Take it all.'

"As he moved to the cash register, the bandanna fell from his face. I saw his face. This kid who couldn't have

been more than 16 immediately decided he had to kill me. Because I'd seen his face. Because I could identify him. He pointed the gun at me again. I grabbed his hand. We started to fight. He was really desperate to shoot me. The gun went off. The bullet ricocheted off the wall and hit my father, who was sitting by the door. My

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father didn't know he was hit. He got up and staggered outside to get help. He was halfway across the street when he fell down, unconscious. He was bleeding heavily.

"The kid and I were still fighting. It was only for a minute or two, but it seemed like forever. He really wanted to shoot me. I had his hand that held the gun, but he bent his wrist in such a way that he could aim the gun at me. He shot me. He shot me; then he ran out the door. I remembered that I had seen

him before. The previous Saturday. He'd come in with a guy who lived in the neighborhood.

"The bullet that hit my father went up through his leg and through his large intestine. He was in the hospital for a couple of weeks. I was very lucky. The bullet that hit me went through my chest, just missing my heart by a few centimeters. I was in the hospital for only a week. The police never found the kid who shot me and my father.

"For a while, the

neighborhood didn't change. Gradually, very gradually, people started moving in and fixing up the houses. There started to be more homeowners and fewer renters. About two years ago, things started changing very quickly. Rents started to go up. People started buying more and more houses. More white people started moving back in. More middle-class minority people started moving back in. People in the neighborhood have a little more money to spend. I can tell. This year sales have

increased by about 40 percent compared to what they were two years ago.

"I'm feeling so confident about Normal Heights that I'm looking around here to buy some rental property. An eight-unit building. I'd like to rent to Section 8 people. Not only are they the sort of people who shop at little corner stores like mine, they make a good balance in the neighborhood. It's good to have a mix of people. It makes the neighborhood interesting."

While Hintza

spoke, a lithe black woman entered the store to buy a Coke and a pack of gum.

"How's business going, Sheila?" Hintza asked her.

"Good. Real good," she said. "I just got an order from some women up at Mercy Hospital for five big afghans. I'm gonna be busy."

"Good for you," Hintza said.

"That's how it goes. Little by little," the woman said and glided out the door.

Hintza watched her go. "Sheila's the sort of

person I'd like to see stay in the neighborhood."

Sheila grew up, she later told me, in a 1000-unit housing project in south Philadelphia.

"We were eight kids in my family. We lived in Tasker Homes. That's what the project was called. Tasker Homes. It was rough. But in a way, it prepared me for life. Anything, I mean *anything*, is easier than south Philadelphia."

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name. She lives in an airy \$750-per-month two-bedroom, one-bath townhouse tucked behind a single-family home near 39th Street. Sheila has filled her home with African art, African statues, posters of Africa. She has high cheekbones and an aquiline nose and looks very much like the Somalia-born model Iman (if you're old enough to remember what Iman looked like).

Sheila could also pass for a woman in her early 30s. But Sheila is 48 years old and three years ago had a heart attack. "I have to be careful with my health. I've gotta take good care of myself," she told me the morning I visited her. Sitting cross-legged on the floor, she sorted through the skeins of yarn she uses to crochet afghans, baby booties, "Anything at all, really. I

can make anything. I've been crocheting since I was 12. "Right now I make mostly afghans, though. I get orders through the women at my church. I get orders from hospitals, from church

groups that visit hospitals. Word of mouth. A small afghan runs about \$50, and the price can go from there up to \$550 for a very large one. I sometimes make as many as two smaller ones a week.

For the larger projects, I maybe do two a month. It keeps me busy. Gives me a little cash, which always helps." I asked Sheila how she came to Normal Heights. "I arrived in San Diego at 8:00 a.m. on January 15, 1988. I packed my babies onto a bus in Philly and came out here to make a new life for us. I had two sisters living out here. I needed a change.

"I lived in two different places before I ended up at this place in 1992. I first rented an apartment near 30th Street and Meade Avenue. I paid \$300 a month for that place. I eventually moved to a bigger apartment, a two-bedroom, two-bath apartment over near 44th Street and University Avenue. But things started getting crazy. Gang problems. Crime. Someone

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climbed through my neighbor's bedroom window and robbed him. I knew I had to move out of that area.

"I looked around and found this place. Now, coming from south Philadelphia, from Tasker Homes, it was a big deal for me to move into an area that was mostly, if not all, white. It wasn't something I did casually. But I had to think of my kids. I looked around over here, and I found this place. This place was quiet. The neighbors were wonderful. The rent back then was \$650 a month. I'm on Section 8. The price was right. I saw that I could walk my kids to the Kensington Library and to the little playground there. I thought this place was just great. I told myself, 'I'm staying right here.'

"When I first moved in here, I was just about the only black person in this part of the neighborhood. I'd walk around and hardly ever see another black person. Then I watched the neighborhood start to change. It went from being mostly white to mostly Hispanic. Then some of my own people started to move in.

"Now, don't get me wrong. I don't mind my own kind. You can see by the way I've decorated my home that I'm proud of my heritage. But I draw the line when it comes to those folks living the 'ghetto fabulous' lifestyle. It's not for me, and I *certainly* don't want that around my kids. It's hard enough raising children without that sort of stuff going on across the street. I've

done a good job as a mom. It's been hard. I saw them through Benjamin Franklin Elementary, Wilson Junior High, Hoover High. My youngest is a senior at Hoover. I'm almost done being a mom.

"So for a while, we had some of that 'ghetto fabulous' element moving in. And I'll never forget when Nick and his dad were shot. I was heartsick over that. It was horrible. That's when things were at their worst in this neighborhood. But now that bad element's mostly gone. Things have gotten a lot quieter. Landlords are raising rents up and down this street. Even some of my best neighbors are moving out. The Mexican family that lives next door has been wonderful. We always make food and share it

with each other. Whenever they have a birthday party, they bring me ice cream and cake. We've been neighbors for almost ten years. Now they're having to move because the landlord raised their rent.

"I love Normal Heights. I'm going to stay as long as I can. You see all that work they're doing over near 15. That big park they're putting in. All the work they're doing on El Cajon Boulevard. When it's all fixed up, this place is going to be just beautiful. The only problem is that it's getting too expensive for a lot of folks. I hope I'll be able to stay."

Steve Sullenger, a self-described "typical white low-level computer guy," lives a few blocks away from Sheila on Meade Avenue.

"Since I started liv-

ing south of Adams, I went through a couple different phases of racism," he told me one late spring afternoon while he watered his lawn.

"I'm 37 years old and grew up near Pasadena. I went to public schools that were mostly white. But I came from a liberal family. I learned at home and at school and at church that racism and stereotyping were bad. These ideas were reinforced when I went to college.

"When I moved to Normal Heights three years ago, I had typical liberal ideas about racism. I had *never* wanted to own a home, but I was forced into it. I had an apartment in University Heights, and from one lease to the next, my rent almost doubled. From \$740 to \$1250. It was clear that I had to buy a home. I had a little savings. I looked around. South of Adams was the only place I could afford to buy. I bought an 800-square-foot, two-bedroom, one-bath home for \$163,000. Even back then, before the real estate market started to get really crazy, there weren't many homes for sale

here.


"Like a lot of homeowners south of Adams, I'm surrounded by apartments. On either side of me, and in back of me, across the alley. The street is very mixed. Asians, Mexicans, blacks, whites, Africans. So I moved into my house with all these liberal ideas of how nice it was to live in a racially integrated neighborhood. Of course, I'd never lived in a racially integrated neighborhood before. My ideas of racial harmony were abstract.

"You could say that this abstract liberal attitude was my first phase of racism. I didn't have *bad* stereotypes. I had *good* stereotypes. But they were stereotypes. All blacks were outgoing, friendly, and passionate. All Hispanics were family-oriented hard workers. All Asians were respectful and quiet and hardworking.

"The first incident happened the day I was moving into my house. It was a Sunday. I was exhausted. I went out back to the alley to put something in my garbage can. When I opened the lid, I saw it was filled to the brim

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with dirty diapers and rotten food. *Not* in garbage bags. Just all dumped in. It smelled horrible. So I went and got some big trash bags and started cleaning it out. I was sweating and angry. In the middle of all the dirty diapers and rotten food, I kept finding pieces of mail addressed to an apartment in the building across the alley. I figured out that those people, whoever they were, had been dumping their trash in my garbage can. By the time I finished cleaning up everything, I was furious. I was so tired I was shaking. I thought, 'I've got to confront these people about what they've done.'

"I walked around the block to the apartment and I knocked on the door. This huge homeboy answered. He

must have been, like, 6 foot 2, 280 pounds. All muscle. Tattoos on his neck. He was dressed completely in blue. He opened the screen door and said, 'Yeah? What do you want?' in an unfriendly way. He scowled at me.

"Normally I don't think very fast. I take a long time to make decisions. But what I realized was that I had bought this house and I had these neighbors who were dumping their trash into my trash can and that cleaning it up was horrible. I realized I had to make 100 percent certain this would never happen again. But with this guy, I had to persuade him in a way that

wouldn't cause hostility. I had to live with him across the alley. I couldn't live in constant fear.

"I don't even know where the idea came from. I guess I figured

"You don't pay \$300,000 for a house and expect to live next door to drug dealers."

that this guy was probably used to dealing with racist, confrontational white people. So I was already shaking with fatigue. I was sweating and covered in filth. I smelled bad. I hadn't shaved that day. I must

have looked kind of crazy.

"All of a sudden I just blurted out, 'I found your mail inside my trash can. I guess you've been putting your trash in my trash

can't take it. My mother's dying of cancer. My mother's dying of cancer, and I just moved into that house across the alley. I don't know what I'm going to do.'

"Then I did something really freaky. I reached out and touched the homeboy's shoulder. I said, 'Please, please. My mother's dying of cancer. I don't have much energy anymore. Please don't put your trash in my trash can!'

"And when I touched him, this big strong homeboy looked terrified. I mean, this was a completely weird experience for him. I was this strange white guy standing at his

front door, whimpering about how my mother was dying of cancer. I sounded very *needy*. And I *touched* him, which totally freaked him out. I could tell nothing like this had ever happened to him before. I could tell he was thinking that he had to do something fast, otherwise I could show up at his place when he had his homeboys over. I might just suddenly show up crying and whining about my dying mother. I could potentially be this huge embarrassment.

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"That incident was the start of my second phase of racism. I went from being this liberal guy to being kind of a racist. It seemed like all the noisy people in the neighborhood, all the people who threw trash on the ground, were either black or Mexican. In the apartment building next to me there was this Mexican woman who was always having parties. She'd have guys over, and they'd party until two or three in the morning. They'd play very

loud Mexican music and sing along. It was a nightmare. I ended up calling the landlord, and the landlord told

"The first violence I ever saw in the neighborhood happened in the summer of 1963."

me that the Mexican woman was Section 8, that her rent was government subsidized, and that it was very dif-

ficult to evict Section 8 tenants. "I thought, 'Oh, my God. This is like being black in South Africa

when there was apartheid. The government is taxing me, taking my money, and using my money to

oppress me. The government is using my tax dollars to finance my oppression!" "I started to have very different ideas about welfare and government-subsidy programs. I really started hating the woman next door. One morning, I met her on the sidewalk, and I just exploded. I started screaming at her like a madman. 'You're too fuckin' noisy! You're too fuckin' noisy!' I felt hopeless. I'd bought this house. I couldn't

just pack up and move like a renter. Moreover, I couldn't afford to go anywhere else. So I exploded. And the woman starts crying and saying, 'I'm sorry. I'm sorry. We were just having a birthday party for my daughter!' And I shout, 'How many fucking birthdays does your daughter have? You've had three parties a week for the past four months!' It was a horrible scene, but the woman quieted down after that. She stopped having loud parties.

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"What happened is that I slowly started to notice that what I thought of as a racial problem was really an issue of economics. I started to notice that the Mexican homeowners on my street yelled at kids for throwing trash on their lawns. Middle-class black women started moving into the apartment buildings, and they would scream at the homeboys for playing their music too loud. These middle-class black women were fearless. They'd march up to the homeboys and yell, 'Will you *please* turn that goddamn stereo *down*!' And the homeboys would immediately back down and obey. These black women would yell things like, 'I don't want no *ghetto trash* around my kids!' It was amazing.

"What's happening now is that more and more middle-class people — white, black, Mexican — have started moving into places south of Adams. They're living right next door to poor whites, blacks, and Mexicans who have all the problems that poor people have. Just last month, a house one block north of Meade Avenue sold for \$300,000. It's a nice little two-bedroom house with a fireplace, but it seems insane to pay \$300,000 to live in this neighborhood. What's even more crazy is that



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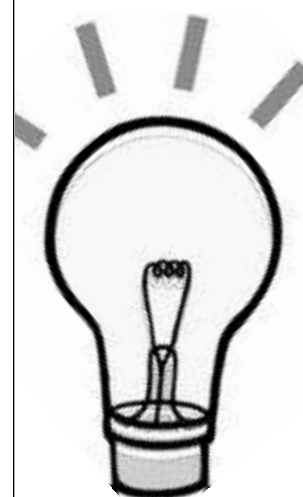
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"There's going to be more and more pressure on the police, on the city government, to clean up this area south of Adams, to get rid of the drug dealers, the gang bangers, the mischief makers. A lot of this pressure is going to come from homeowners, and a lot is going to come from the neighborhood's small-

business owners. I'm starting to see people investing a little more money along Adams. At the corner of East Mountain View Drive and Adams there's this very nice, very fancy African art gift shop, and next door to it is a very pretty plant shop. Up near the Normal Heights sign, there's that café called Lestat's. I've noticed that the owner has leased the space next door to the café. These business-people must believe that things are looking up."

Thirty-nine-year-old John Hussler owns Lestat's. "This place used to be called Paradigm," he told me one morning while I eyed the café's neo-Gothic decor. "It was basically a lesbian coffeehouse, a very politically oriented lesbian coffeehouse. I remember the afternoon I walked in to

check out the place. This was back in 1996. I walked in the front door, and a woman kicked a chair in front of me. Just to let me know, I guess, that men were basically not welcome. That's what it was like in the afternoons and evenings. In the morning, it served a completely different crowd. People from the neighborhood, on their way to work, who wanted a good cup of coffee. The morning regulars were tremendously loyal. Those people made me think the place could be a real

success. "I'd been working for Nordstrom, managing their espresso bars. The experience gave me some expertise in the business. I knew I wanted to have a café of my own, so I started visiting cafés around town. I saw an ad in the paper announcing that Paradigm was for sale. I looked around Normal Heights and liked what I saw. It reminded me of the small-neighborhood feel you get in Chicago, where I grew up. Paradigm's owner wanted \$30,000 for the business. My friend

Dan, who owns Twigg's café up on Park Boulevard, thought \$30,000 was a rip-off. I didn't agree. I thought it was a little high, but with some effort the place would turn a nice profit. "I spent about \$20,000 fixing it up, painting it, decorating. We opened for business on the first week of May 1997. We had just one employee, me. I ended up working 18-hour days, which was a real challenge. There was also a considerable crime problem. The house behind

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the café was basically a crack house. Gang members would come and sit on our front patio. I'd go out and tell them to leave, and they'd just laugh and say they were going to kill me. I'd say, 'Go ahead and laugh. I've already called the police.'

"I don't consider myself the kind of guy who gets into fistfights, but I had to get physical on a couple of occasions. Drunks, you know, would wander in and start causing trouble. They'd refuse to leave. They'd fight. I had to learn to fight back. I didn't count on having to fight when I started thinking that I wanted to own a business.

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On a mid-July morning I met with Erlene Thom, who's lived in Normal Heights all her life.

"Well, I guess things are looking up," she told me. "You get to be my age and you get kind of skeptical. Things start looking up, then things get worse. Then they get better again. Then they get worse. Nothing lasts forever. There are no

guarantees."

A direct and stalwart woman in her 50s, Thom lives on Cherokee Avenue in her late grandmother's house.

"I grew up in the house next door. I rent it out. To give you an idea of how things get better and worse, in 1975, the house I'm living in now was valued at \$75,000. In 1989, at the very top of the market, it was valued at \$170,000. In 1992, it was worth \$130,000."

Thom says she lost "more money than I'd ever care to remember" in the early-1990s real estate collapse. "I invested in an apartment building in Golden Hill. If I'd just held on to it for a little while longer, I wouldn't be living in Normal Heights today. Heck, 20 years ago if you'd told me I'd still be living in Normal Heights, I'd

have told you that you were crazy."

Thom told me that her maternal grandparents came to San Diego in 1900.

"They farmed 40 acres in San Marcos. In 1918, my grandfather died. I guess my grandmother tried to keep things going as best she could. In 1935 she decided that she didn't want to live on the farm anymore, so she moved here to Normal Heights. In 1937, my parents built the house next door.

"When I was growing up, Normal Heights was a little more middle-class than it is now. The consul of Ecuador lived here for a while. There were always a few minorities, especially here, south of Adams. And there was always this sense, even when I was a child, that north of Adams was better,

richer. Fifty, 60 years ago, we were aware of that distinction. The kids who were the leaders at school were from north of Adams or from Kensington. The Normal Heights kids from south of Adams weren't as involved in school activities. They were less academically inclined. I imagine it's still that way today. Although, I don't know how many families from north of Adams or Kensington actually send their kids to the neighborhood schools.

"South of Adams, the neighborhood really started to change in the late 1950s and early 1960s, when they started tearing down the single-family homes and putting up apartments. There was less stability. People always moving in and moving out. The first violence I ever saw in the neigh-

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borhood happened in the summer of 1963. I saw it from where I'm standing right now. A Hispanic guy was walking down the street, and a car pulled up beside him. Some guys jumped out and they started beating him with chains. They beat him to a bloody pulp. I later realized that what I saw was gang activity.

"The atmosphere changed again in 1990. That's when my house was broken into for the first time. They broke in again in 1995. It was also in 1995 that an old woman was run over at the corner of Adams Avenue and East Mountain View Drive. The police were never able to determine

whether it was a homicide or not. It was terrifying. And, of course, I remember when Nick Hintza was shot. That was truly awful.

"Only a few years ago, middle-class white people started moving back south of Adams. Young couples. Buying and fixing up homes. They move in and have these big plans for gardening, and they discover what I've had to contend with all these years. It's what geological engineers in this town call 'Normal Heights mudstone.' It's exactly what it sounds like. Mud that's as hard as stone. I don't know if they have Normal Heights mudstone in Kensington, but here, at least south of Adams, all our homes are built on it. And if you want to make anything grow in it, you've got to work hard.

"My neighbors tell me, 'Erlene, get out of here. You've got two homes. Sell 'em. Take the money and run!' I know the market's high

right now. But where would I go? Little homes here south of Adams are outrageously expensive. I can't believe what folks are paying for them. I can't imagine what homes are going for in the city's better neighborhoods.

"But the notion of leaving is tempting. Some days I dream of moving to La Mesa."

Thom's neighbors, Liza and Gabe Dansky, gave in to the temptation.

"I can date it precisely for you. The day it all changed. The day I decided that we had to get out. It was December 22, 2001. I was at the Vons on Adams. The store was packed. I watched people fight each other to buy hams."

Liza's a pretty, thin, muscular woman, an athlete, who waves her

hands in the air when she talks.

"I was standing there watching these people fight over hams. And these weren't *special* hams or exceptionally good hams. These were plain old hams. And people were bickering over them. I'd been on the freeway a lot that day. On I-15. The traffic was horrible. Then the store was crowded. People fighting over hams. And I decided, 'That's it! I'm over! I'm through! I'm not going to stand anymore in a store and watch people fight over hams! We're getting out of here!' I went home and told my husband Gabe that we had to leave San Diego. He agreed that the city had changed, and not for the better. It's too busy now. Too crowded. It's become a big city.

"The neighbor-

hood has changed a lot. It's gotten better. But it's been a long, hard battle all the way. When we moved here in 2000, it was bad. Gang fights in front of our house. People screaming. It was like gang central. The police helicopter was over our street almost every night. And there were the constant fights with our neighbors. With the Hispanic church across the street. The constant noise. The litter. On Sunday mornings people leaving the church would throw their babies' dirty diapers right on the sidewalk in front of our house. We had to go into arbitration with the church to get them to quiet down, to pick up their trash. Arbitration worked. But it was exhausting.

"And so my thinking was, 'Why wait for the neighborhood to

get any better? Why spend so much energy fighting to make it better? Why not have a better quality of life right *now*?' Gabe and I drove up to Oregon and looked around. We liked Bend. We bought four acres for \$85,000. The land's filled with trees. We're going to build our own home on it, just the way we want. It's quiet there. No screaming. No gang fights. No dirty diapers on the sidewalks. There's no traffic. Nobody fighting over hams. The air is clean. There's peace."

In late April 2002, Liza and Gabe Dansky put their 650-square-foot home up for sale. Two years earlier, they'd purchased it for \$133,000. On the Sunday morning they held open house, they were asking \$257,000. In ten hours they received ten

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Around noon on July 7, 2002, the sky was low and gray. A cool breeze was blowing from the southeast. Liza and Gabe had been up since 4:30 a.m. loading a van, truck, and trailer with furniture, surfboards, appliances, and clothes. Charlie, the peculiar spiderlike mutt they'd rescued from the pound, worried Liza's heels. Gabe stared at the sky and wondered aloud if it might rain.

Liza made a last-minute sweep through the sweet peas she'd planted the previous fall. She plucked together a bouquet to sit beside her in the truck.

"My little house, my little house," she muttered as she picked sweet peas. "I worked so goddamn hard on my little house."

Gabe hitched the trailer to the van. Liza took one last long look at the house, the roses, the strawberries, the window boxes she'd painted blue and filled with blue lobelia. Gabe honked the horn in the van. Liza disappeared through the front yard's big gray gate.

Inside the house, Jolene and Garth, the home's new owners, were already hard at work. They trotted out the front door to wave good-bye to Liza and Gabe. But Jolene and Garth didn't have time to dawdle. The young couple was already busy painting the bedrooms, hanging curtains, lining the kitchen cabinets with shelf paper, and installing a \$1400 state-of-the-art security system. ■

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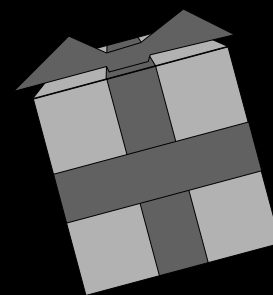
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My problems with adults? Let’s start with hypocrisy. Adults bombard us with the message that we are irresponsible. Yet, they point to the Mexicans, the government, and their mother as the cause of their problems. This is the generation that produced therapists who tell them it’s not their fault and shove pills down their throats so they don’t have to deal with reality.

Baby boomers expect every need to be met. The American demand for instant gratification and mindless consumerism grew as they did. We teenagers live with the knowledge that ours is the first generation of Americans that will be less well-off than the preceding one. The luxurious lifestyle to which adults have made us accustomed is brought forth on the backbone of Third World countries. We enter the insecure, confusing stage of adolescence with society telling us to be prettier and smarter and that we always have to have more to be satisfied. We struggle to deal with not only our increasing awareness of intimidating global realities, but ourselves as well.

We are what we have been molded into by school, the media, the government, and the countless other institutions bent on making us into consumer puppets. You adults hold the power. So, for

once, instead of putting the blame elsewhere, take responsibility for something, because, as I see it, teenagers have become yet another scapegoat for the Me Generation. You yell at us for your own faults. You are the coddled children who refuse to grow up with your midlife-crisis sports cars and plastic surgery. Now you have the audacity to tell us how to be and what to do. It is depressing to see my generation perpetrate the same mistakes that your generation has yet to fess up to. That’s my biggest problem with adults; that they are raising us to be just like them.

— Tiara Falk,
West Hills High School

It’s difficult for teenagers to speak out against adults, especially in a culture where children always have to listen to their parents. When teenagers rebel against Filipino parents, it usually ends in a huge argument. A friend of mine usually comes to me when her and her parents get into arguments for stupid reasons. The main problem I see is that her parents were raised in the Philippines, where parents always get their way, and they try to use the same technique of raising their kids in America. I suppose a favorable aspect of raising children according to Filipino principles is that parents believe their children will be in good shape because they will listen.

It may be rude of me to try to tell my friend’s parents how to raise their kids, but

they’re not alone. Many Filipino parents are the same way, and it causes their children to rebel. If they were willing to listen to me, I would tell my friend’s parents that the Filipino child-raising technique won’t work well in a culture where free speech is promoted. They shouldn’t use the same principles here in the U.S., because the culture is a lot more diverse and the people are more open-minded.

My friend’s parents do not see the good in her; they only focus on her mistakes. She gets good grades, helps others when she can, and is a friend to me. If only parents could see the good things that their children have done, rather than talking to them only when they get into trouble.

— Alecsis Ducusin,
Morse High School

My “Uncle Shithead” is the kind of person that you wouldn’t piss on if he were on fire — and that’s being generous. He’s obnoxious, cheap, a liar, a womanizer, and his character is so weak that it wouldn’t hold up a 99-cent pair of pantyhose.

If this man is so odious, then why do I, or my family, associate with him? To my misfortune, he and my father were childhood friends, sharing many boyhood misadventures and adolescent escapades (think Tom and Huck with New York accents and yarmulkes on their heads). I’ve been told he’s always been eccentric, but

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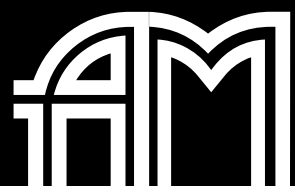


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for the past 15 years he's become psychotic. Yet my father insists on holding on to this last shred of his past.

It's painful to be around this adult. His public repartee consists of discussions about which prostitute he slept with in the past few days, giving highest marks to the ones who do the foulest deeds. He finds such family places like Hometown Buffet and Chuck E. Cheese suitable venues for his triple-X-rated trash talk.

His clothing selection makes even thrift-shop rejects look like haute couture. He's a short man, but his jackets reach to his knees, and his pants rarely cover his protruding belly. He dyes his hair Hitler black and gives it a buzz cut.

Don't for a minute think he's poor, uneducated, or ill-bred: he has five college degrees includ-

ing two doctorates, comes from a solid middle-class family with good moral values, and is worth over a million dollars. Yet, for all outward appearances, he looks like someone ready for the psycho ward.

Perhaps if he were good to my family, his ill-kempt appearance and foul mouth could be overlooked. But he's just as mean-spirited and stingy with his closest friends as he is with strangers. When we were younger, Uncle Shithead promised my parents that he would take care of our college educations, knowing that it would relieve my family of this financial burden. Just recently, he backed out of this agreement.

The only good thing about him is that he's accident prone, having had three or four life-threatening accidents in recent years. Someone, somewhere may also be trying to rid the earth of this rat;

I only wish it would happen sooner.
— Stephanie Feldstein,
Bonita Vista High School

My parents are uncomfortable with the idea of people my age gaining independence. They, along with many other adults, argue that we are not ready for autonomy; that we should take advantage of our youth while we still have the chance. However, it is not as if I or any of my friends wish to move out and into our own downtown apartment. We just want to go to college and live in dorms, like any teenager would want, because it seems like the natural order of things.

When money became an issue in deciding whether or not I could go away for college, I offered to sell my car and get a part-time job to help pay for the added dorm fees. I am willing to do pretty much anything to get to that particular university because it has been a dream of mine ever since I could remember. It's the only school I can imagine myself going to and is even more appealing because of its location. It is far enough from home so that I could experience freedom but close enough so that I could go home anytime I wanted.

However, this suggestion of mine seems unreasonable to every adult I encounter. Instead of commending me for my ambition, I get lectures. I am told that I'm being foolish and I should just be glad that my parents are willing to pay for my college...with the condition that it be local so that I can stay and live at home. However, if I am willing to work harder in order to obtain something my parents are not willing to just "give" me, then shouldn't I be able to benefit from the fruits of my labor? Adults are always complaining about how teenagers are born with silver spoons in their mouths, never having to work a day in their lives, yet I get ridiculed when I try.

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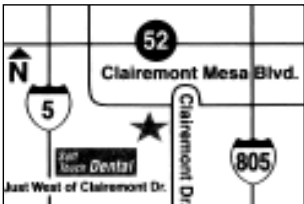
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Adults are the older and snobbier half of humans living on this earth. They act as though they are supreme beings just because they are "adults." While at my job at a clothing store, I've run into some ignorant and rude individuals.

For example, some customers have approached the dressing room to try on clothes and expect to try on shoes as well. When I tell them that shoes and accessories are not allowed inside the dressing rooms, they start behaving rude and angry.

I tell them they can try them on after they come out of the dressing room. Some customers say, "I can't fit the shoes into my bag," or they question me about the policy and ask, "Do people walk away with shoes on?" I just think to myself, how hard is it to come out of the dressing room and try on the shoes afterward? Then they drop the shoes, give a dirty look as though I accused them of theft, and slam the dressing room door after going in to try on clothes.

Once, an older lady entered a dressing room with shoes, expecting to

try them on. This was after I told her that shoes are not allowed inside. "This is stupid," she said about the policy.

Also, when told they can take a certain number of garments into the dressing room, some customers hide the clothes and take more garments in purposefully. When I point out the rule, they act as though it was an accident. Or when I say that six items are allowed, they'll reply, "Only six?" and then stare at me with a "face." They act as though I made the policy.

— Lana Vadiyants,
Helix Charter School

I don't like it when adults forget that kids have the ability to reason. Last night I went to the theater, and a little girl in front of me was waving skinny arms above her head. Her mother grabbed the child's wrists and slammed them into her tiny lap, threatening to withhold a promised ice cream sundae if she did it again. The girl stopped but sulked. This mother did not think her six-year-old would understand the real reason she should keep her hands down: so the people in my row could see.

I have always been

more affected by explanation than by threat of punishment or promise of reward. From teachers, "Come to class so you understand how to find the volume of a solid" compels me to attend more than "come to class or I will give you detention." From relatives, "Write your thank-you notes because it hurts my feelings when you don't" is more effective than "Write your thank-you notes because Mom told you to."

The other night a girlfriend of mine rushed out before the end of our rented movie to meet her

curfew. "Why do your parents need you home?" I asked. She told me, "I have to be home so I don't get grounded." This young woman is brilliant. It infuriates me that her parents can't bring themselves to explain their requests, as if her simple mind wouldn't understand their complex logic.

Maybe there are children who are resistant to reason, who don't see the point in doing what's best for themselves. But as far as I'm concerned, taking orders doesn't really work out. If you want me to do something for you, just explain yourself. I'll do

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the same.

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Aside from disliking older individuals for the more superficial matter of having to witness their attempts to relive glory days, I spurn the pretensions and deceit these individuals carry. While seeing older women with exorbitant amounts of makeup donning Span-dex or corpulent men with comb-overs driving sports cars is not pleasant, it is better than viewing the corruption they create.

As soon as some individuals reach maturity, they conclude that they possess authority because of their age. Along with this self-imposed prestige comes a sense of superiority over the young. Generations of adults have managed to saturate the world with ulterior motives, hypocrisy, and meaningless façades. These evils have been cast upon younger individuals through the authoritative manners of their condescending elders. People are not born pretentious, arrogant, selfish, vain, or deceitful; these are learned behaviors. Why must adults pervert innocence? Is it a subconscious expression of longing for their fleeting youth, or is it a momentary lapse in their judgment that inadvertently occurs when impressionable minds are present?

As an individual ages, there must be something lost that compels them to sabotage the untainted spirits of the young. It is something like a flame within that begins to fade with knowledge and worldly experiences. Regardless of what it is, few adults manage to retain the character they possessed as a young person, before the ills of the world reached them. If adults made the effort not to destroy what they have lost, there might not be such a population of disillusioned youth. ■

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It's wartime San Diego, and Tom Hickey has his hands full and as many hats as he can handle: Tom Hickey, private eye; Tom Hickey, supper-club owner; Tom Hickey, husband to Madeline, father to Elizabeth. This morning, after sleeping on the porch of his bayside cottage — as much for the air as the break from his wife's nagging — all he wants to do is find Cynthia Moon. She hasn't shown up to work in days, and it's not just her pretty pipes his supper club's missing. She brings in cash, sure, but she also makes Hickey's life a little more interesting. Maybe too interesting: After tracking her to a rooming house near Old Town, he found a diary, some bullets, and the accessories to several identities: Cynthia Moon, singer; Cynthia Moon, beloved daughter; Cynthia Moon, reviled stepdaughter. Which hat was she wearing now?

CHAPTER 4

Eva the potter lived about a mile southeast around the bay. Her husband, Captain Dick, USN retired, had taught Hickey sailing before he fled to Guadalajara, where liquor was cheaper. Eva dressed like a fisherman. Every morning she and six or eight of her cocker spaniels circled the bay, under the piers, across the mud flats and channels. When Hickey slept on the porch in summer, the yap-

ping woke him at dawn. He usually ran out and threatened to hang her mutts by the ears, for which Eva loosed her cockers to snarl around his feet. Hickey and Eva would glare at each other until one of them laughed, and they'd sit on the pier and gossip awhile. Eva knew everybody around the bay. She was like the daily news.

This morning she stood a minute gazing at his window, the signal that she'd brought a scoop for him. But Hickey had plenty more on his mind than neighborhood gossip. After she moved along, she got up, pulled on the slacks he'd left hanging across the chair beside the hammock. He slipped into his shoes, shirt, hat and coat, picked up Cynthia's book, then tiptoed through the parlor and



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she'd taken up griping, like a hobby. Not that she wanted him to give up the nightclub. Rudy's was going to make them rich. Madeline wanted him to shove the detective work onto his partner Leo. No matter if investigating was the business that had paid for their bay-side cottage, the new Chevy every few years, the private Episcopal school in La Jolla for Elizabeth, which Madeline insisted on, where Elizabeth could meet classy friends. Madeline wouldn't consider that next month the fickle public might empty its wallets in some other dive besides Rudy's. Before Christmas, the guys who shoveled out their bucks at Rudy's might be on the bridges of minesweepers, flying missions against Bora Bora, digging foxholes somewhere in Europe. By the New Year, Japs might bomb Rudy's into bite-size chunks, along with the harbor, shipyards, Consolidated Air, and the rest of San Diego. If none of the above, then the strings Castillo was pulling might snap. Without the 800 pounds a week of Grade A prime T-bone and New York cut they sneaked between the cracks in the rationing laws, and without Cynthia Moon, Rudy's was just another overpriced hash house. But Madeline didn't worry about any of that. She was hardly one of your security-minded dames. Her favorite bets were long ones.

Besides, if Hickey hadn't bolted out of the house this morning, she'd likely have tried to convince him to let Cynthia disappear, tell Clyde McGraw to go fiddle elsewhere. To grab this Charley Wayne's Orchestra from the Mission Beach Ballroom. Madeline could've put Castillo up to going over there and scouting last night. She might've invited Castillo over and worn that nightgown as persuasion, to get rid of Cynthia Moon. Though you wouldn't catch her admitting it, Madeline was crazy jealous of the girl.

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supposed to confuse and snag Japanese aircraft. People called them flying silver fish. A line of them floated over the tuna clippers, fat and sturdy as whaling boats. Dozens more shadowed the half mile of piers lined with warehouses. Cranes, fork-lifts that weaved and dodged like mosquitoes, and gangs of stevedores filled holds and piled decks with sides of beef, bins of lettuce, crates of mortars and rockets.

Hickey turned up Market Street, swerved around

double-parked trucks, had to jam his brakes and skid to a stop a foot from smashing a wino who stumbled, leading with his head, off the curb beside the Salvation Army Mission. Hickey turned down Fifth. Outside the Hollywood Burlesque Theater, a line of flashy hustlers leaned against the wall. Posing. Smoking. Gaping at their images in compact mirrors. For an instant he thought the redhead could be Cynthia Moon, but she was somebody else he knew.

Melinda. She waved. He tossed her a salute.

A cab pulled out, giving Hickey a parking spot. He locked the car, walked a block up to Fourth and Broadway, entered a four-story brick building. He climbed three flights of stairs, passed the credit dentist and chiropractor's offices to a door lettered:

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From the wardrobe Hickey got a clean shirt, underwear, socks, and a green-and-blue tie with a sailboat painted on it. He

dug a razor and toothbrush out of the desk and walked down the hall to a rest room. In ten minutes he was back, looking sharp, smelling like spice, dialing his partner's number. Leo grumbled hello and kept chewing the last crumbs of breakfast.

"Leopold, you got a couple hours for me today?"

"Hold it while I count. Last I heard, there were about 24 every day. Between us, not including our tours at Rudy's, we got about 27 committed, of which you been covering maybe 6 a day. That leaves 21 for me. Three left over. What you

the office. He walked back to Market Street and down to the Pier Five Diner, a couple blocks from the tracks, an old railroad car backed by a small Quonset. At the end of a counter lined with uniforms, sailors, and two cops, Hickey ate Bobo's delectable thin, grainy hotcakes, drowned in syrup to make up for the lack of butter. No place in town save Rudy's could get butter these days.

He stayed long enough for an extra cup of coffee and a smoke, then hustled to his car and drove north on Fifth, up the hill wind-

La Mesa was a single main street winding between foothills and outlying neighborhoods that ran up several hillsides.

need?"

"I'm trying to locate Cynthia Moon. There's a diary, kind of, in a ledger book. I'm gonna leave it here for you to browse. You're apt to think she's a little peculiar."

"A doll like her's allowed to be."

"Read it over. Maybe you'll zero on something I missed. Call Bobby Wisdom, the pianist. Number's with the musician's union. Then try Joshua Bair, the painter. Somebody at the Frenchman's Gallery could tell you how to reach him."

Leo grumbled. Hickey said thanks, hung up, locked

ing between the eucalyptus groves and canyons of Balboa Park where a thousand or so mangled boys arrived every day. The museums, the recital halls — the whole showplace erected for the Expositions of 1915 and 1935 had gotten commandeered by the Navy and makeshifted into hospital wards. A gang of bandaged fellows in pajamas and several pretty nurses sat smoking on a roadside lawn. A great shriek jolted Hickey before he recognized it as the bellow of an elephant from the zoo. Birds screeched angrily as if cussing the elephant for waking them.

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There were padded wing chairs in the hospital lobby. The Catholics didn't

buy junk, Hickey mused. The faint scent of lavender mixed with acrid and putrefying smells. While nuns in white pushed gurneys and escorted visitors, whispering their news and consolations, Hickey told the records clerk his occupa-

tion, the day job, briefed her on his mission, and asked if there'd been a TB patient named Moon within the past year.

The clerk was a portly, ageless Mexican woman with eyes so white and animated that Hickey would've

loaned her money, listened to her troubles; if he weren't a true husband, she could've easily led him astray. She scanned a book. Nobody named Moon. So he asked for a list of the past year's TB cases. Cheerfully, she offered to type a list for which he

could wait or come back in an hour. She held out a box of Christmas candies and he took one, a chocolate crème bell with a bow on it. He ate it on the way from the lobby to the pay phone, from which he called the county bar association. They

claimed no member attorney named Moon.

A half mile east, at County General Hospital, Hickey argued with a straw-haired female who spoke like a mynah bird in the throes of asphyxiation. She couldn't help him. Such

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information was confidential. She waved him away, and when he wouldn't budge, she whisked herself into a back office. After ten minutes she returned with a large-headed fellow in doctor's garb, who heard Hickey out and commanded the straw-haired person to accommodate him. It took her 35 minutes to inform him they'd not had a patient named Moon and to add that she could possibly type the list he'd requested, of the year's TB cases, by next week.

"Swell," Hickey said. "In return, I'll write Santa Claus, tell him to bring you a wig."

Angel Eyes at Mercy

Hospital gave him a list and another chocolate. In trade he wrote an IOU on the back of his business card, dinner and drinks for two at Rudy's Hacienda.

He sat in the Chevy, propped the list on the steering wheel, and studied it. Of 60 TB cases, 34 had been discharged to home—none to a daughter named Cynthia. The rest had gotten sent to various nursing homes. Fourteen of those had gone to the Saint Ambrose Home, out east in La Mesa.

He took University all the way, racing the streetcar to the end of the line. The shops turned to houses,

the houses got smaller and farther apart, the Victory gardens more frequent and lush, with flower beds surrounding the winter tomatoes, lettuce, pole beans, cab-

"Donia commonly asks men if they are Satan. She was a Russian countess who personally knew the wicked Rasputin."

bage. He passed a chicken ranch, citrus and avocado orchards, a desert stretch with prickly pear cactus, sagebrush, granite outcrops at the base of a hill beneath

a stand of oak trees. La Mesa was a single main street winding between foothills, and outlying neighborhoods that ran up several hillsides. On the east end of the main

street, the Saint Ambrose Home looked like a monastery. Three stories, stucco with Spanish tile, topped with three arches housing eight large bronze bells in graduated sizes. Across the front of the place were dozens of small windows, not much bigger than portholes. The walkway, bordered with beds of pansies, led past a carved redwood sign:

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A nun materialized, standing an arm's length straight in front of Hickey, who didn't care for nuns. At a distance they looked harmless, but up close they aroused in him a mix of awe and fury. Too often, their suspicious, unpampered faces made him think about his mother.

The nun called herself Sister Johanna. Her mouth

looked hard as a beak. She had dark freckles set off by pale skin, pale blue eyes, and eyebrows like white fuzz. The way her nose twitched, and her watery eyes, made Hickey imagine a rabbit with allergies. Her voice was loud but mild until Hickey showed her a photo of Cynthia Moon.

A publicity shot. Hair cascaded over her right shoulder. A noose of pearls glittered around her neck. Gypsy earrings dangled and flashed. Her parted lips were brightly rouged, her eyelids darkened. Her knee and a half yard of thigh angled out from the slit of a floor-length sequined evening gown, teal blue, the bodice slashed low, like an arrow pointed at the danger zone.

With a first glance at the drawing, Sister Johanna gave a muted shriek. "Oh dear," she muttered.

"Know her?"

"Why, I believe it could

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be Henry Tucker's girl. Sir, I speak to her every day, until...?"

Hickey allowed her a moment, then urged, "Until what?"

"Oh, the last two weeks, she hasn't come."

"Name's Cynthia?"

"Yes, it is. She's a modest girl. I've never seen her with a speck of powder or paint." The nun looked behind her for one of the wing chairs, picked the nearest, and guided herself into it. She motioned Hickey down close where she could whisper. "Is she a harlot?"

"Naw. Jazz singer."

"Oh dear. Perhaps her father learned? And that could be why...?" She looked up plaintively. "He's dying, sir."

Hickey returned the photo to its manila envelope, tubed the envelope, and stuck it into his coat pocket. He scooted a chair close to the sister's, perched on the edge of it while he explained why Cynthia was his business, and the nun related how the girl would arrive every morning on the 9:15 bus, dressed simply, to sit with her father all day, walk him on the grounds, or take him to sun in the patio. Between July, when Henry Tucker was admitted, and two weeks ago, she'd only missed a few days. She'd nursed him so well that he'd been recovering miraculously, his lungs almost clear, his spirits high.

"Toward the end," Sister Johanna said, "commonly he became effusive. I overheard him telling Cynthia stories about his past and their mother and..."

"Whoa," Hickey said. "Toward the end of what?"

The nun bowed her head. "Of his life, I fear? Two weeks ago, nearly. Monday, after she'd missed two or three days, Mr. Tucker had a relapse. I found him gasping for air? As soon as the doctor arrived and they'd secured him with oxygen, I tried to phone Cynthia and discovered we don't have an address or number for her. Do you think, sir, that there could be a connection between his relapse and her disappearance? Couldn't it be she saw him failing and ran away, to escape the pain."

Hickey nodded. "How about her mother? She alive?"

"I believe so. Perhaps

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Father Berry can tell you her whereabouts. He'll surely want to speak to you. He's quite fond of Mr. Tucker, and Cynthia?"

The way this nun asked statements and stated questions, Hickey thought she must've learned punctuation on April Fool's Day. "Anybody else visit Mr. Tucker?"

"Last summer there was a lady...Emma...Vidal? Quite attractive. Splendid black hair. One day, at my request, she let it down. Sir, it reached below her knees? In my opinion, she loved Mr. Tucker deeply. But, in September, it was, her visits stopped. I asked Cynthia if Miss Vidal would return. She wouldn't talk about Miss Vidal. In fact, she grew angry and hissed at me, sir?"

Two nuns passed, driving a herd of old people across the lobby to the French doors that led to the patio. A woman in a head wrap and blue dress that looked new and expensive used two canes and still had to concentrate fiercely to hobble in front of the nun who stead-

ied her shoulders. The woman's false teeth had gotten loose from her gums and slipped sideways, molars out front.

"Cynthia have any brothers or sisters?" Hickey asked.

"Yes. A sister, Laurel. I've tried to call her since the relapse, but the phone was disconnected. I sent her a letter. Shall I give you the address?"

"Before I leave. How about you show me to Mr. Tucker now?"

Sister Johanna frowned, rose, and started toward the glass doors. "He may not speak. He rarely does anymore, except to the angels when he asks them to carry him away."

The patio was sunny and bright with marigolds, a tall jacaranda, a rose garden in the middle, and more roses climbing a stucco wall. Hickey thought the place smelled too sweet, like gumdrops. He was gazing around when the old woman in blue lunged off the bench and landed on her knees in front of him. The head wrap had

unraveled. Her wiry hair was gathered into three bows. Her long, sharp chin trembled, and loose teeth clacked as she shrilled, "Are you the devil?"

A chill shot up his neck and spread across his skull. It felt like his hair was catching fire. Before he could answer, a nun was lifting the old woman and Sister Johanna was leading Hickey

The man was dead already, Hickey saw. There might still be a heart inside him, and part of a brain, but the spirit was gone.

around her. "Don't be startled, sir? Donia commonly asks men if they are Satan. She was a Russian countess who personally knew the wicked Rasputin. He made quite an impression."

The sister led him up the path beside tall birds of paradise and into the rear wing. The heavy doors opened to another hall like those off the lobby, only the smells

of decay were fouler here, mixed with incense and dramatized by ghostly sounds. As soon as one groan or cry faded, another would rise. In the first room, the skeleton of a woman no bigger than a doll lay curled, knees up, on top of her sheets. A cadaverous man with purplish skin sat in the next room. Bare legs dangling off his bed, he was naked

tawny, his flesh chalk white under and around the brown stubble. Hickey recognized him from the portrait above the bed in Cynthia's room. The way he looked now, all the worries that Mr. Bair had captured in his expression must've come true. His eyes were closed, the lashes long and thick. At his side was a mask hooked by a tube to a large tank beside the bed. Sister Johanna closed the valve on the tank.

"He pulls it off the minute we leave him alone."

Taller than the bed was long, Tucker's bony feet stuck through the rails. His arms and hands were long and gangly, the shoulders wide but skeletal. Like a powerful man in his final defeat. His broad chest had caved in. He breathed in shallow gasps and puffed out like spitting. When the nun touched his arm, he quivered and jerked. His eyes opened halfway, enough to show their color. Like sky blue, only with its light snuffed out.

"Go away," he rasped. Sister Johanna picked

up his hand, cradled it. "Please talk to the man, Henry? He's trying to find Cynthia."

"Why?"
"I'm a friend. Your daughter works for me." Hickey avoided mentioning the nightclub, suspecting her daddy wouldn't approve. "She took a week off, said there were family problems, didn't show up when she was due."

All that changed in Tucker's expression was that it kept tightening, as if some force or gadget slowly stretched his skin. He gasped and spit air like a worn and rusted machine. There was a rare gentleness about his eyes.

Aching for the man, Hickey said softly, "Any idea where she went?"

"No."
"You figure her mother knows?"

Tucker wrenched his hand free from Sister Johanna and pushed on the middle of his chest as though trying to hold his heart in. Sister Johanna gripped Hickey's arm tightly, tugged

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and led him out to the hallway, where she released her hold on him and stood wagging her head. "We've troubled him enough, sir."

"Let me talk to him alone for one minute. I've got something might change his attitude, shock him into action."

"Or kill him," she whispered.

Hickey led her farther down the hall. "You said he was dying anyway." The nun's face puckered and flushed as if she'd never heard a line so cruel. "I'm guessing the girl's in trouble, see. Don't you think Tucker'd want to risk his life for her?"

"It's not for us to say."

Tucker pulled from his coat pocket the tubed manila envelope, slipped out the drawing of two naked people with the plea for help beneath and handed it to her. She squinted at it until her eyes wetted and closed. She plucked a handkerchief out of a crease in her robe.

"I found it in her room," Hickey said. "Next to a tin of bullets. A couple dozen of them were missing. You get the idea."

Head down as though in a procession, the nun led him back to the room where Tucker lay facing away from them. The nun pulled a cord and flicked on the overhead light. Using only one hand, she propped two pillows against the head rails, then lifted and coaxed the man to a sitting posture as easily as if he'd been sewn of canvas and filled with straw. His only reaction was to lift his hand to shade his eyes. Under the light, Hickey saw how handsome his face must've been with the graceful high cheekbones, delicate lips, and deep blue eyes. He looked like the ruin of a prince. When Sister Johanna held the picture in front of his face, he stared diffidently, his eyes scanning from top to bottom, side to side.

"Can you read it?" Hickey asked.

"I read."

"What's it mean?"

"Nothing."

"Tell me who sent it, or who they sent it to? Tell me anything."

Tucker rolled onto his side and suffered through a rattling cough. When it finished he lay still, breathing mechanically as before. The man was dead already,

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Hickey saw. There might still be a heart inside him, and part of a brain, but the spirit was gone. The coughing subsided and Tucker lay still with his back to Hickey. Hickey took the drawing from Sister Johanna, stuck it into the envelope, rolled the envelope into his pocket. "Say, who's the Bitch?"

Henry Tucker shuddered for a couple seconds, no more. Sister Johanna pulled up the blankets, smoothed them, and led Hickey out, looking grim as though she'd begged forgiveness and was waiting for the answer, terrified that it would be no. She led him across the patio. Beneath the jacaranda was a path leading to an arched door. She opened the door and showed him into a parlor furnished in cherry wood: cushioned straight-backed chairs, a coffee table, a bureau, and a china cabinet. There was a bell on a platform beside an interior door. The sister rang it.

The footsteps were hypnotically slow and measured. The door opened on a bar-

rel-shaped man in black with a priest's collar. "McCulough," he declared, grabbed Hickey's hand, and pumped it like a well handle. His face was ruddy, eyes blue and zesty, his hair strawberry blond, shaggy down the back of his compacted neck that barely allowed room for his collar.

Sister Johanna introduced Hickey, said he was here about the Tuckers, and rushed off as if the priest spooked her. He motioned Hickey into his office. The cherry wood desk was so big and slick they could've tipped it to 45 degrees and skied down. The two small windows looked out upon lemon trees. The cherry wood shelves held photographs, diplomas, a dozen or so football trophies. Hickey motioned that way. "You play ball?"

The priest beamed. "Notre Dame. Guard. I'd take you for a...fullback."

"Hollywood High, and one year at SC."

"An injury?"
"Yeah. I ran out of dough."

Hickey sat on a love seat, the priest behind his desk. He laid his elbows on the desk, folded his hands, rested his chin on them. "I hope you've brought news about Cynthia Tucker."

"Questions. She's missing."

The priest sighed dourly. He reached into a drawer and produced a fifth of Irish whiskey, reached twice more for tumblers. "I welcome company." His eyes enlarged, his face flushed and he grinned. "You see, I won't drink alone, barring my nightcap and the sip to whet my appetite for supper, and it's certain you won't catch me drinking with a nun. Imagine living with nuns, Tom. Twenty-two celibate wives." He gave a wink and loaded the tumblers, delivered one to Hickey and returned to his seat. "The glass has been washed."

Hickey downed a healthy swallow, glad for the jolt. Consorting with a nun, a priest, and the living dead hadn't rose-tinted his day. He asked the priest if he could

smoke, then, before he filled his pipe and torched it, he got up and laid the manila envelope on the desk. "Look at what's in there. Tell me what you make of it."

The priest looked first at the photo of Cynthia. He smiled, caught his breath, and gulped what was left in his tumbler. Laying the photo face down, he picked up the drawing, held it first at arm's length but kept inching it closer until it masked his face. When he dropped it onto the desk, he rubbed his eyes and turned his chair to face the window and lemon tree.

"What's it mean?" Hickey asked.

The priest wagged his head silently. After a minute he turned, gazing distractedly around the room, reached to fill his tumbler halfway, and neatly placed the photo and drawing into the manila envelope.

"What's the matter?" Hickey asked. "You recognize somebody?"

"The symbol. The tattoo on the girl's behind."
"Yeah?"

"It's a kabbalistic version of the Tree of Life. You may remember the Tree of Life from Genesis? The circles are called Sefirot. Each represents a spiritual or occult power. The lines are paths a seeker, or magician, will use to climb the tree."

"Yeah. Go on."
"You noticed the one circle in green?"
"You bet."

"It's the color of Venus — not Venus Tucker, Cynthia's mother. Venus, the goddess of all things feminine — and that Sefirah is the abode of Venus. It's called Nezah, which I remember because it happens to be the name of the faith Venus Tucker preaches. A brand of Theosophy. You know of the Theosophists?"

"A little."
"That Venus and Henry were longtime Theosophists?"
"Okay." Hickey rolled his hand.

"It's a society of maverick Hindus, who also glean what serves them from other doctrines."

"Swell," Hickey said. "Now tell me why that tree

thing spooked you."
"Last month a parcel arrived for Henry Tucker. I delivered it myself and opened it for him. It was a ring that looked handmade by an amateur, a band with a small golden circle attached, that may have been a coin before the markings were rubbed away and the symbol etched on it. A tiny green gem had been set into the Venus Sefirah. Henry begged me to save it until he died, then place it on his hand, on the wedding finger."

Hickey relit his pipe, held out his glass for another jolt. "The parcel have a note or anything, a return address?"

"It was postmarked Redding, California. Venus lives up there, near Mount Shasta."

"Cynthia get along with her mother?"

"Not well. Laurel is her mother's child, Cynthia the father's. Now, with Henry dying, what's she to do?"

"Maybe shoot somebody," Hickey muttered.

The priest wheeled his chair to face Hickey straight

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on, grabbed the rim of his desk. "What?"

"I found bullets in her room."

Father McCullough wiped his brow with a sleeve and kneaded his forehead. "If I were a beauty of 17 who's allowed to sing in a nightclub, leered at by servicemen, rakes, and mobsters, I too might carry a gun in my purse."

Hickey raised his tumbler, downed the last of his whiskey. "Here's hoping."

The priest drank up. Hickey sat, smoked, waited for the father to quit feeding him the Tuckers' story by the teaspoon and come clean. But the priest wasn't offering.

"Okay. Two more things. How about you give me the sister's, Laurel's, address and tell me how you know about the nightclub?"

"Cynthia takes me into her confidence."

"Ah. Then you'd know about her friends. Uncles,

cousins. What church she goes to. Who she hates."

The priest shifted his eyes away, fished into a drawer for an address book, a notepad, and pen. He scribbled an address and held it out. "You might find Laurel here. It was their home before Henry got stricken with tuberculosis."

Hickey stood, accepted the address. "Yeah, about Henry getting stricken, Cynthia tell you about somebody she calls the Bitch, who

clobbered her daddy with a typewriter?"

The priest's jaw clenched and shoulders thickened as though he were preparing to rampage across the scrimmage line. "Sorry," he murmured.

"It could mean I find her."

"I don't tell tales, Mr. Hickey. That's why people trust me."

Hickey crammed the sister's address into the manila envelope, told the

priest thanks and good-bye. Father McCullough walked him across the patio where old folks crowded every bench and chair, wearing sun hats or holding newspapers over their heads as if the midday sun would rain on them. Those who could hear listened to the bells start clanging "Silent Night." On the roof of the front building, behind the façade and beneath the bells, a Mexican fellow stood pulling ropes. Each note chimed

clear and rich, and hung a long while in the air. Hickey listened eagerly, trying to figure how the man got two full octaves, including sharps and flats, with only eight bells. ■

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land Security, Technology, and the Role of Government” (IDG News Service, January 2002).

Then again, that Leighton is sarcastic about Greenslate's politics should come as no surprise. Anyone who heard Leighton's radio show back in the early '90s, for example, will remember his enthusiasm for bombing Iraq.

At least Leighton had the decency to devote some space to Greenslate's promotion of the benefit for homeless kids. I just wish he were a better reporter and less condescending to the musicians whose trust he regularly exploits.

David Klowden
Ocean Beach

Both the comment on the Cause's membership changes and on Epic Records' parent company were added by the editor.

As North County's only talk show, Ken Leighton's "Night Talk," on AM 1000 KCEO, addressed only local North County issues. International issues were not discussed. — Editor

in 2000, the organization gave me a \$6000 novel-in-progress grant, and I also won the SDBAA's 2001 Best Published Novel for *Wild Turkey* from Forge, which is associated with St. Martin's Press (and the book, by the way, is set in San Diego).

The article on Kuhlken shows that the struggle for the writer is an uphill battle with the top nowhere to be seen.

Too many ignorant and new writers today feel that all you have to do is make that one sale, and the doors to nirvana will open for you everywhere. I've seen this happen time and again. I once coproduced “The Fritz Blitz of New Plays” and witnessed many a foolish neophyte gloat that the week-long production of their little play at our little Gaslamp theater would soon lead to a big Hollywood script deal. Oh, gosh. In Kuhlken's case, we learn that he's published in *Esquire*, received an NEA grant, was a finalist for the PEN/Hemingway Award, won the Private Eye Writers of America award — many achievements that any new and old writers alike would like to have — but the hard reality of the publishing biz is, the man hasn't sold another book in years.

To wit, young hopeful writers: there are *too many* writers. Go do something else.

I'll be publishing my 20th book this coming February, my 10th novel in all. My books have been published by both small presses and large commercial houses, and I still struggle, fight, and worry for my next sale... and grateful for every one of them, because they're nearly impossible to get.

Despite the obstacles, “real” writers will continue to write anyway; and so when Kuhlken says he has to get behind the machine and create something before he goes out and does something crazy, I say to him, “Godspeed, my man.”

Michael Hemmingson
Downtown

Bladder Control

As a teacher at one of the high schools mentioned in Mary Montgomery's investigative article “Bladder Participation” (November 14), I can tell you that penalizing students for using the rest room during class is the

most common form of discouraging wandering and vandalism around the campus. This sometimes involves lowering a student's grade in class participation or their citizenship grade. I am new to this profession, but the lengths that some of my colleagues take to control their students never cease to amaze me. I have tried to discourage my fellow teachers from punishing all students for the misconduct of a few individuals, but many believe that the only way to root out the bad students is to make all students suffer. Honestly, a teacher should be able to determine if a student's request to use the rest room is genuine or an excuse to carry out a hidden agenda. Thanks for the article.

Name Withheld

Slight Sound

I appreciate the *Reader's* willingness to take on some of the issues ignored by the more mainstream media in San Diego. Since I find that your paper often contains nuggets of truth that cause people to question the status quo, I feel that I must correct some information reported in the November 14 “City Lights” section. In the “Ink by the barrel” article, it was reported that Dwayne Crenshaw, the *San Diego Union-Tribune's* endorsed Fourth City Council District candidate, was “soundly rejected by voters.” I don't consider losing a San Diego City Council election by a mere 1050 votes, as reflected on the county's website, a sound rejection.

Sheila Minick
Emerald Hills

Not As Bad As Hitler

Many thanks for your “Ballot Box Blues” article (“City Lights,” November 14). It's gratifying to know that so many of the people you polled despise Bush. Although he didn't legitimately earn the presidency, he certainly has earned our loathing and contempt for his proposals to dismantle public education, Social Security, Medicare, labor unions, environmental protection, corporate accountability, and anything and anybody else who gets in the way of his massive tax breaks for wealthy fat-cat, silver-spoon, gated-community, country-club Republi-

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The programs and policies they enact will lead to the gradual impoverishment, suffering, and premature death of tens of millions of Americans. Not as bad as Hitler, but 10 or 15 percent, which is bad enough. I think I hear one of Ashcroft's goons at the door; guess they can't find any terrorists so they're going after people who don't like their economic and social policies (at least the government still makes house calls), and I've got to run to the bathroom and "take a nixon," or, to keep up with the changing times, make that a bush, or cheney, or delay. All fit.

Name Withheld

Blows 80 Candles

My best gift on my 80th birthday — an AWAKENING!!! I have always supported the *Reader's* concept of freedom, been enraged by your many detractors, but actually *read* your November 14 issue — and came up with some acid comments of my own, especially aggravated by the silly letter regarding “Slinky Error,” signed by “Name Withheld” (who else!!!). Almost a full column about the Slinky toy!

Then, dived on by “Straight from the Hip,” a full half-page dealing with hopping birds and intestinal gas! What thinking persons could get pissed at the *Reader*? The same people who denounce professional wrestling and *The Jerry Springer Show*, these are your detractors! These would-be intellectuals miss the point entirely! Light entertainment bordering on the vulgar has its place in our society, as the Texas Turkey and Israel nudge us ever closer to World War Three! Hell, let’s laugh a little!

Bill Boggess

Death Wave

I thought the cover article you published in the *Reader* on Halloween, "Grateful to the Dead," was one of the most intriguing and well-written articles I've seen in your publication in a long time; I couldn't put it down. Even though the cover was a bit tough to look at, it reminds us all of our inevitable fate. Being run so close to Dia de los Muertos, the article directly aligns with the

thinking in Mexican culture that the cycle of life and death is part of everyone's existence and is to be celebrated. These unfortunate and mostly forgotten souls are celebrated by the respect and thanks they are given by the writer, Abe Opincar, who also weaves in a recent death in his family to prevent the reader from being lulled into the idea that these are just unknown corpses destined for practice surgeries. In the article they are given a human face, even though they are now rendered inanimate by their deaths. I was also impressed with the reverence of the teaching doctors who use these bodies to allow young doctors and dentists to perfect a craft that requires a realistic practice environment. They have not allowed themselves to forget that the cadavers they routinely use once housed a life.

So, too, the article reminds us of the difficult lifestyle and times in Tijuana today, with countless people involved in the drug trade. Americans buy their drugs but don't think twice about these multitudes of young people who will meet violent ends in the continuous struggle for a share of U.S. wealth. Tijuana is a considerable influence in San Diego, and the *Reader* is one of the only major local publications that is willing to devote space and effort into stories and events that take place there. I just wanted you to know I appreciated this thought-provoking article and your coverage of Tijuana in general.

Laurie Burgett
South Park

Anger For Anne

Once again, Anne Albright has shown her complete lack of understanding and/or compassion for animals ("Kid Stuff," October 31). This woman has no business bringing another kitten into her household as amusement for her five children. Come on, a few weeks ago, she was whining about being so overwhelmed and depressed with her life that she has to dose herself with Prozac in order to function. With five young children already depending on her, now she brings yet another helpless kitten into the mix. An animal that will also demand her attention and depend on her for everything,

not just for the first few years of his life, but for his entire life. Smart move, Anne!

A cat's life span can be 20 years under the best of circumstances. It is a long-term commitment to adopt, care for, and love an animal for life. You don't adopt an animal as stress relief for your overburdensome life or to satisfy the whims of a ten-year-old child.

But then again, Anne can always dump the kitten outside to fend for itself when the going gets tough and the Prozac's benefit wanes. Isn't that exactly what she did with the last kitten she brought home? How did that one end up? Was it torn apart by the coyotes or crushed to death by a car? Let's hope that her so-called Christian values actually give her a conscience this time around. If he's lucky, Toby might be treated like a true member of her family instead of a throwaway object, even if he does soil her precious carpet.

Crystal A. Dunn
Oceanside

The Albrights' last cat became, as Anne wrote in her column of February 10, 2000, an outdoor cat. "He stuck around for a few weeks. Then one night, Gabriel went over our back fence and didn't come back." — Editor

Excellent Slashes

I'd like to make a comment on the movie reviews by Duncan Shepherd. I'd like to thank him for his reviews because they are a very good indication of what movies are excellent. When he slashes them, when he smashes them, when he criticizes them so badly, I know that they must be excellent pictures. I know many times I have been proven right. Especially, this time, with *Frida*. It is one of the most excellent, extraordinary pictures that I have ever seen, and yet his critique was, of course, very negative. So I'd really like to thank him for that critique, because it sent me immediately to watch this wonderful, fabulous, exciting picture. So keep on with your negative critiques because I know when to go to a good movie, when you just don't like it.

Cecile De Montvert
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Speed at the Beach

La Playa Motocross Grand Prix

Armando Carrasco is talking about sand. “It’s amazing,” he says. “It’s hilarious.” And: “It’s really weird.”

Those words don’t spring to everyone’s lips when sand is their subject.

“It’s amazing that the dune sand is way different from the regular beach sand,” says Carrasco, speaking of Rosarito Beach, where periodically Carrasco’s company, Too Much Fun Productions, sponsors a motocross. In fact, he says of the beach and the dunes, “It’s not the same sand.”

Motocross is a motorcycle race that by definition takes place on natural terrain. Usually, dirt is the

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medium. Even if you haven’t been to such a race, you have probably seen one on TV

while flipping channels. Often, it’s raining and the bikes are mired in mud. Carrasco’s motocross is in the sand dunes 50 yards from shore.

“No other motocross is next to a beach that we’re aware of,” he says, “except one, and it’s in Holland. They make a huge race there, with thousands of riders.”

At least one thing can be said for the venue: it makes for soft landings. “On sand, a guy going 40 miles an hour can tumble off, stand up, shake off, and continue riding.”

Ideally, a motocross course is irregular. It includes hills, jumps, and turns, both right and left. The day before each of his motocrosses, Carrasco goes out to the dunes and studies the kind of course that the wind has made. “The wind is the builder of the course,” he says.

Using stakes and ribbons, Carrasco marks the jumps, following the dunes’ contours. “Maybe something that used to be a jump gets all rounded. And something else that used to be rounded has a nice sharp edge. It could now be the perfect jump.”

And then he prays that the wind doesn’t change direction overnight?

“It doesn’t change much from day to day, although, from week to week, yes, it does.”

Still, the course does change — during the race. “Every time the bikes run over what used to be a flat area, they create a bunch of whoop-dee-dooos.” Whoop-dee-dooos? “They’re dips. You know: up and down, up and down. And the whoops get deeper and deeper as long as the race goes on.”

On dirt courses, the bikers use



Quad racer

what are called knobbies for tires; on sand, many of them use paddle tires. “They dig a lot better in the sand.”

The race is divided into classes from “Pro” to “Peewee.” The “Peewee” class is for kids and doesn’t take place in the dunes. “For the kids I built a little dirt track inside the dunes — it’s only about half a mile around.” The kids’ bikes are too small to negotiate the sand. “They could not move hardly at all. It would be really rough for them to turn around. They’d just tumble over.”

When are kids old enough for the sand?

“It’s not by age; it’s by size of motorcycle. Peewees ride bikes that are under 80ccs. Once they’re able to ride a 125cc or a 250cc bike, they move up. We have a kid who’s 14 years old racing on the sand track.”

What age is the youngest in the Pee Wee class?

“We’ve got a kid who’s five years old, and he’s leading in points right now.”

The racers wear protective clothing — bright, beautifully colored. “Full-face helmet, gloves, chest protector, kidney belts, boots with knee protectors.”

But the kids — they’re growing. It must be expensive to keep buying them new outfits. “Well, yeah. It’s not a cheap sport. A motorcycle for a kid ranges from \$1000 to \$2000. And you don’t want to know, probably, but the big bikes range from \$4000 to \$7000 or \$8000. The other day, one local rider told me that just the frame of his bike cost ten grand. No motor, no tires, nothing else but the frame.”

The locals are also the source of Carrasco’s knowledge about the sand. The contrast between the dune sand and the beach sand is “a phenomenon that, I have heard, occurs only here in Baja and somewhere in Japan. What happens is, the wind brings the sand over to the dunes from I-don’t-know-where. At least, that’s what the local guys say.” This I-don’t-know-where — is it nearby? “No. And the wind can

blow as hard as you can imagine, and the two kinds of sand don’t mix. It’s hilarious. And the dune sand is not that salty, either. It’s really weird. But you gotta see it to understand.”

— Jeanne Schinto

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BAJA

“**Sor Juana’s Dream,**” poems may be heard when the Mujeres en Ritual Company performs on Thursday, November 28, at 7 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Admission is

free. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. Call 011-52-664-687-9600 for more details. (TIJUANA)

“**From the New World to the Old,**” it’s the program when the Orchestra of Baja California presents a concert on Thursday, November 28. Ticket to the concert are \$15 U.S., which begins at 8 p.m. at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Questions? Call 011-52-664-687-9600 for answers. (TIJUANA)

Part of the Novisima Trova Movement, Frank Delgado presents his “songs about deep love” and the Cuban way of life in concerts on November 29 and 30 at El Lugar del Nopal. Juan de Dios Garcia opens on Friday, with Armando “Gume” Vidal starting the concert on Saturday. Concerts begin at 9 p.m. Find the club at Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328. Tickets are \$12 U.S. For more information, call 011-52-664-684-8455. (TIJUANA)

Mexican Country Music is on tap when El Coyote y Su Banda Tierra Santa perform on Friday, November 29, at 11 p.m., at Rodeo Santa Fe, in the Zona Río. For more details, dial 011-52-664-682-4967. (TIJUANA)

“**The Nutcracker**” will be performed by the Baja California Dance Company on Friday and Saturday, November 29 and 30. Performances begin at 8 p.m. at the Tijuana Cultural Center, located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street (in the Zona Río). Call 011-52-664-687-9600 for further information. (TIJUANA)

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

OUTDOORS

Toyon, or “Christmas-berry,” one of the more distinctive shrubs of Southern California’s native chaparral plant community, has begun to flaunt clusters of red berries. Hollywood (California) derives its name from the hollylike appearance of this plant. Here in coastal San Diego, toyon can be usually be found wherever large patches of native vegeta-

tion survive, but especially in the thick chaparral covering some north-facing slopes. Toyon branches may look inviting to cut as a Christmas wreath — but they’re protected by California state law.

Saturn is that cream-colored, steadily gleaming orb rising into the eastern sky as darkness falls through December. By January, Saturn will already stand tall in the east after dark. Turn a small telescope toward Saturn to reveal its magnificent flat ring system, which is currently tipped about as far away from our line of sight as is possible. A magnification of only about 20 suffices to barely show Saturn’s rings. A high-quality telescope used at 100 power or more will allow you to see the Cassini Division in the ring, which splits the ring system into two main concentric parts.

Sing Along with Ranger Kyle when Dos Picos County Park hosts an evening program on Saturday, November 30, beginning at 5 p.m. Dress warmly. Find the park at 17953 Dos Picos Park Road. For more information, call 760-789-2220 or 619-895-0524. Free. (RAMONA)

Railway Hike, see the 600-foot trestle bridge in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park when Hike Bike San Diego

leads an adventure on Saturday, November 30. After visiting the bridge, take a side trip out to the rock paintings at Indian Hill, described as a favorite spring campground of the Kumeyaay.

The total trip distance is 13 miles; travel time is approximately two hours each way. The \$75 fee includes snacks, water, and lunch. To make the required reservations, call 858-551-9510. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Enjoy an Autumn Campfire when the staff at Kumeyaay Campground presents a campfire program at the amphitheater at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 30. Find the campground at Two Father Junípero Serra Trail; noncampers should use the day-use parking lot. For information, call 619-668-2748. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Easy Does It, hike to historical Bernardo when Ron leads a hike in San Dieguito River Park on Saturday, November 30, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Participants will learn about the Sike Adobe restorations on this easy 2.5-mile hike. For reservations and directions to the trailhead, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Nature Hike, local naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around

Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including December 1, at 1 p.m. With over 30 years of study in the area, he’ll explain the lake’s history and the mountain ecosystem, including birds, plants, and animals. The three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars if you have them.

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

A Small Reservoir attracting birds and other animals is the destination when the Canyoners take a morning stroll through Shepherd Canyon on Sunday, December 1, 8 to 9:30 a.m. Participants will learn about American Indian history and how to identify native plants and their uses by the Kumeyaay, who lived here long before the Spanish arrived.

To find the trailhead, take I-15 to the Clairemont Mesa Boulevard exit and head east; turn left (north) on Santo Road, drive 0.25 miles to the greenbelt and park on the street. Free. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for information. (TIERRASANTA)

Venus and the Waning Crescent Moon stand close at dawn on Sunday, December 1, both beaming

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down from the southeastern sky. Over the past six weeks, Venus has catapulted itself out of the evening sky and into the morning sky, where it now blazes with about as bright a magnitude as it can have. A small telescope will reveal that Venus currently has a crescent phase.

Take a Walk Through Geological Time during an outing at Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, and see “a rare fossil” and the preserve’s waterfall, on Sunday, December 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. The route follows a steep trail; bring water. Meet the group at Caminito Propico and Calle Cristobal. Free. 858-484-3219. (MIRA MESA)

Highest and Lowest Tides for December occur on the same day: Wednesday, December 4. From a high of +7.2 feet at 8:28 a.m., the tide level drops to -1.6 feet at 3:36 p.m. During the lunch hour the tide will be ebbing at the rate of about two vertical feet per hour. Visit a gently shelving beach, such as Coronado’s, to watch the water recede with almost every breaker. Extreme low tides also occur on Tuesday, December 3 (-1.5 feet at 2:50 p.m.), and Thursday, December 5 (-1.5 feet at 4:23 p.m.).

Architectural Heritage Tours are offered by the Committee of 100 on the first Wednesday of each month, including December 4. Tours begin at 9:30 a.m. in front of the visitors’ information center, located in Balboa Park’s Plaza de Panama. Free. Call 619-239-0512 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Escape to the Natural Beauty of the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve with its secluded native plant communities such as oak riparian, oak woodland, coastal sage scrub, and chaparral. The 750-acre open-space park offers approximately ten miles of trails, primitive picnic areas, and mountain viewing points. The reserve is found on Harmony Grove Road near Elfin Forest, open daily from 8 a.m. until around one half-hour before sunset. For information, call 760-632-4212. (ELFIN FOREST)

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 *Taming of the Shrew*, directed by Delicia Turner Sonnenberg with choreography by Gina Angeliue, “Men play men in the women’s roles and women play women in the men’s roles.”

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, November 29 and 30, and at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 1, 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)

Drifting for Dance, the Continental Drifters make the music and JoAnn Koppany calls for the contradance planned on Saturday, November 30, 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.

This dance follows a couples’ dance workshop running 4 to 6 p.m. Get ready for the upcoming Dickens dance! The fee is \$5. For information on either event, dial 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

How About a Spiritual Belly-Dance Workshop? It’s scheduled for Sunday, December 1, 1 to 3:30 p.m., at the Yoga Studio of Carlsbad (3138-J Roosevelt Street). “The workshop uses belly-dance movements, creative

crafts, storytelling, and meditation to explore, balance, and heal the body’s chakra centers.” The fee for “Belly Dance and the Elements” is \$45; dancers of all ages are welcome. To register, call 760-522-2554. (CARLSBAD)

What Is the “Lindy Whip”? Find out during the swing dance workshop with instruction in “eight-count movement” and Lindy whip variations planned on Tuesday, December 3. The workshop runs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal, just off Rosecrans), followed by open dancing from 9 to 11 p.m. The fee for the workshop is \$12 in advance (call to reserve), \$15 at the door; admission to the dance only is \$5. For further information, dial 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA)

Scintillating Artmaking Not to Be Missed! Sushi and the Lower Left Performance Collective present their annual “Available Space” performances December 5-7. “Lower Lefters” are joined by visual artist Deanne Saback and theater innovator Jeffrey Morrison. The program includes “Construction.”

Performances begin at 8 p.m. each night at Sushi Performance and Visual Art, found in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue.

Tickets are \$15 general. For information and reservations, call 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

Nuts to You, the Super Kids of the Scripps Performing Arts Centre offer their 13th annual production of *The Nutcracker* December 5-8 at the Scripps Ranch High School Theater (10410 Treena Street). This production is billed as “the only all-children production of this classic Tchaikovsky ballet in all of San Diego,” danced by kids ranging in age from two and a half to sixteen years old.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$16. Call 858-586-7834 for reservations. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

FILM

The Horror, the Horror! Gather your newspapers, toast, rice, and squirt guns for *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, screening every Friday at midnight at La Paloma Theatre (417 South Coast Highway 101). Tickets are \$7. For information, call 760-436-5774. (ENCINITAS)

Up for a “Sly Fable of Love, Loss, Desire, and desperation”? See Lucho

Bender’s *Felicitades/Happy Holidays* when this film set in Buenos Aires on Christmas Eve screens for the Film Forum on Monday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

“Iraq: Voices from the Streets” is the latest documentary in a long line of films on social, political, and historical issues and worldwide human rights by Saul Landau. Landau, who recently traveled in Iraq, will be on hand to discuss the film on Monday, December 2, at 11:30 a.m., in Academic Hall 102 at CSU San Marcos. Admission is free. The campus is found at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

“Holiday Cinema” is the theme for the Carlsbad Library’s film series this month. See *The Bishop’s Wife* on Wednesday, December 4, at 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

The Next Storm Hits, it’s time for *Warren Miller’s Storm*, hitting screens for skiing and other vicarious winter adventures. The engagement begins with screenings on December 4 and 5 at the La Paloma

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LOCAL EVENTS

Theatre (417 South Coast Highway 101). Screenings start at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, and at 6 and 9 p.m. on Thursday. (ENCINITAS)

Catch the film on December 6 and 7 in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. See the flick at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday and at 6 and 9 p.m. on Saturday. (LA JOLLA)

Finally, the film coasts into the Carlsbad Village Theatre for screenings at 5 and 8 p.m. on Sunday, December 8. Find the theater at 2822 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

All tickets are \$16, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, visit Tanzania's Gombe Stream National Park in *Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees*. Within the 20-square-mile 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

What Is the "Divine Destiny of America"? Find out when the Spiritual Assembly of Bahá'i hosts this panel discussion on Saturday, November 30, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., at the Sheraton Harbor Island (1380 Harbor Island Drive). The panelists are three Bahá'i speakers — Yale University history professor emeritus Firuz Kazemzadeh, Wilma Ellis, and Ken Bowers. Admission is free, but call 858-537-0999 to make the requested reservations. (HARBOR ISLAND)

Who Are the Indigo Children? Are they here for a special reason? Find out when transpersonal psychologist Katherine Torres talks about these children for the Edgar Cayce Association for Research and Enlightenment on Sunday, December 1, 1 to 3 p.m., in the community room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). The requested donation is \$5. For information, call 619-295-7080. (LA JOLLA)

Got Housing? Community Housing Works presents a home-buying education seminar on Tuesday, December 3, at 6 p.m., at 4089 Fairmount Avenue. For information, dial 619-282-6647. Free. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

Special Speakers, this San Diego Zoo series concludes when Dr. Meg Sutherland-Smith presents "Caring for the Rare: Tales of a Zoo Vet" on Wednesday, December 4. Sutherland-Smith has spent 12 years as a

San Diego Zoo veterinarian. 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)

"Services for Small Business with SCORE — Counselors to Small Business" is the subject for a workshop planned by Pat McDonnell on Wednesday, December 4, at 6 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). To register, call 619-238-6630. (DOWNTOWN)

Former Hollywood Publicist David Mirisch serves as guest lecturer for Craig Ulbrich's marketing classes on Wednesday, December 4; Mirisch stages celebrity-charity sporting events. The celebrity-sports mogul will speak at 10:30 a.m. in room 407 at the MiraCosta College campus located at 3333 Manchester Avenue. Mirisch will also speak in room 3205 on the MiraCosta campus found at One Barnard Drive. Free. Call 760-942-2551 for information. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

Tour the Night Sky when Fleet Center resident astronomer Dennis Mammana presents "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4. After the show, view the real sky through telescopes set up by Fleet Center staff and the San Diego Astronomy Association (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. Admission is \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

"Interactive Stories, Artificial Intelligence, and Computational Ethical Systems" is the subject when animator, researcher, and media artist Bill Tomlinson from the MIT Media Lab speaks on Thursday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m., at UCSD's Center for Research in Computing and the Arts. Tomlinson will show a selection of past work including a virtual wolf pack, some real-time autonomous cinematography, and more.

The event will be held in the main event hall in building #408 on the campus of UCSD and is free and open to the public; call 858-534-4383 for further information and directions. (LA JOLLA)

The "Axis Mexico" Exhibition will be discussed by Allesandra Moctezuma and curator Betti-Sue Hertz on Thursday, December 5, at 6 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Moctezuma is assistant professor of art and gallery studies at San Diego

Mesa College and a specialist in Latin American culture. Admission is \$10 for nonmembers. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Baroque at the Museum, the San Diego Baroque Ensemble and curator Steven Kern join forces for a slide-illustrated lecture and concert focusing on "Development: The Bach Boys, Bellotto, and Beyond!" on Thursday, December 5, 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$12 for nonmembers. For information and reservations, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Vibrant Watercolor Techniques will be demonstrated by local artist Laura Buckingham when the Foothills Art Association meets on Thursday, December 5, 7:30 p.m. in the Lamplighters Community Theater (8053 University Avenue). 619-464-7167. Free. (LA MESA)

Explore Essential Bookbinding Techniques through demonstrations and practice when the Arts College International hosts a beginning bookbinding class on Thursday, December 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will complete books during class time using materials provided (\$14) and acquire skills to create unique originals. The class fee is \$51. Call 619-231-3900 to register. Find the Arts College at 840 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Consumer, Protect Thyself! Beth Givens from the Privacy Rights Clearing House divulges "Identity Theft: How to Protect Yourself" when she speaks on Thursday, December 5, at 7 p.m., at the Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. For information, call 858-573-5008. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Holiday Gifts and Riches: Creating Personal Storybooks" is the theme for a two-part intergenerational workshop hosted by the Y at the Firehouse on Thursdays, December 5 and 12. Working in pairs or small groups, each participant will develop a personal or family storybook in the first session; participants develop different ways of transforming their stories into printed storybooks with illustrations for keepsakes or gifts.

The classes are led by Joy Bannerman, a professor at the University of North Carolina, Asheville, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day. The fee for the two-part workshop is \$90. To register, call 858-459-1640. Find the Y at 7877 Hershel Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

The Crown Jewel of Jazz Festivals, the 23rd annual San Diego Thanksgiving Jazz Festival continues through December 1 at the Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center. Participants include the Al-lotria Jazz Band (from Munich, Germany), the Professor Plum Reunion, the Uptown Lowdown Jazz Band, the Night Blooming Jazzmen, the Yerba Buena Stompers, the Devil Mountain Jazz Band, and the Golden Gate Rhythm Machine, among the 25 bands on the roster.

The festival runs 7 p.m. to midnight on Thursday, noon to midnight on Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets range from \$15 to \$30, depending upon the date, and ticket packages are available. For information, call 619-297-5277. Find the hotel at 500 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

A Tribute to Quincy Troupe is promised when the Native Tongues convene for a poetry reading hosted by Adrian Arancibia of the Taco Shop Poets on Friday, November 29. The roster includes Pat Payne, the "reigning world heavyweight champion of poetry"; Arancibia; Jose Alvergue; and others. The fun begins at 8 p.m. at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). The requested donation is \$5. Call 619-230-1869 for details. (DOWNTOWN)

The Featured Poet is Jon Wesick when Poetry Unlimited Art and Music convenes on Friday, November 29, at 6:30 p.m., at the La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). The featured artist is Jihmye Collins, and there will be music by pianist/composer/singer Ken Kopelson. Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1658. (LA JOLLA)

Celebrate the Spirit of Christmas during the annual lighting of the Balboa Park Christmas tree. Festivities on Saturday, November 30, begin at 4:30 p.m. with musical entertainment by civic organist Carol Williams, the Marine Corp Band of San Diego Brass Quintet, Sun Harbor Chorus and Elves, a traditional sing-along, the San Diego Children's Choir, and UCSD's Gospel Choir. Santa will arrive to light the tree at 6:30 p.m. Free. For information, call

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“Is Santa Claus Coming to Town?” Find out when the San Diego Sun Harbor Chorus presents its 27th annual Christmas shows on November 30 and December 1. Guests will enjoy the chorus, quartets, dancing reindeer, a chorus of elves, and Santa. Shows begin at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Casa del Prado Theatre. Tickets are \$8 general. For reservations, call 858-571-3850. (BALBOA PARK)

Can the Whippersnappers Keep Up? The Late Bloomers Senior Citizens Comedy Improv Troupe members show off their chops on Saturday, November 30, at 8 p.m., at the Creativity Center (4716 32nd Street). Admission is \$10. For reservations and information, call 619-647-4958. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Local Author Janell Cannon — whose credits include *Stellaluna* and *Crickwing* — will discuss and sign her latest, *Little Yau*, on Sunday, December 1, at 2 p.m., at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). For information, call 760-434-2881. (CARLSBAD)

Scottish Delights await those who attend St. Michael’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church on Sunday, December 1, at 4 p.m. The Sterling Bridge Bagpipe Band and the choirs of St. Michael’s will present a celebration evensong in honor of St. Andrew, patron saint of Scotland, with music by

Thomas Morley and Sir Hubert Parry; the following reception promises Scottish treats. Find the church at 2775 Carlsbad Boulevard; 760-729-8901. An offering will be received. (CARLSBAD)

Harmony for Christmas, the Palomar Pacific Music Men barbershop harmony chorus presents a program on Sunday, December 1, at 3 p.m., at the Carlsbad Community Church (3175 Harding Street). The Mira-Costa Chamber Chorale, Motif, the Bakers Dozen, and quartets from the Music Men will also perform. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children under 13. For further details, dial 760-726-2678. The program will be repeated on December 8 in Fallbrook. (CARLSBAD)

Miniature Paintings with local and European scenes by San Diego artist Patrick Korch go on view on Sunday, December 1, from noon to 5 p.m., at Lisa and Company (in Flower Hill mall, at 2710 Via de la Valle). 858-509-2969. (DEL MAR)

The 350 Choristers of the San Diego Children’s Choir present their holiday concert — featuring the preparatory choir, intermediate, concert, and youth ensembles (8 to 18) — on Sunday, December 1, at 3 p.m., at the Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets are \$12 and \$14 for adults, \$6 and \$7 for children, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). For more information, call 858-587-1087. (DOWNTOWN)

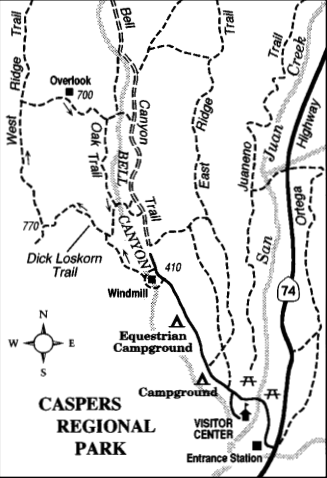
Roam-O-Rama

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Caspers Wilderness Park is the crown jewel of Orange County’s regional park system. It is the county’s largest park (7600 acres), the least altered by human activities, and the most remote from population centers. “Remote” is a relative term in Orange County, since that county is now more than two-thirds urbanized.

Caspers Park is easy to find. From Interstate 5 at San Juan Capistrano, drive east on Ortega Highway (Highway 74) 7.6 miles to the park entrance on the left. If you are planning to hike the trails, ask for a wilderness permit at the entrance booth.

The following 3.3-mile hike touches upon most of the park’s best features. Begin hiking at the old windmill (a mile north by paved road from the visitors’ center) on a path signed “Nature Trail.” Follow it across the wide bed of Bell Canyon and into the dense oak woodland on the far side. After 0.3 mile, you’ll spot a park bench beneath a gorgeous, spreading oak tree. A little farther on, veer left on the Dick Loskorn Trail. This path meanders up a shallow draw and soon climbs to a sandstone ridgeline that at one point narrows to near-knife-edge width. At one point you step within a foot of a modest but unnerving abyss. The sandstone is part of a marine sedimentary formation, called the Santiago Formation (roughly 45 million years old), which



crops out along the coastal strip from here down to mid-San Diego County.

After ascending some 350 feet in elevation, you reach a dirt road — the West Ridge Trail. Turn right (north), skirting the fence line of Rancho Mission Viejo, a vast landholding that encompasses much of southern Orange County. Before World War II, it included all of Camp Pendleton as well. To the left you look down on Canada Gobernadora (“Canyon of the Governor’s Wife” — though a less literal meaning refers to the invasive chamise, or greasewood, that used to fill the canyon). The exclusive Coto de Caza housing development is gradually displacing agriculture in the canyon.

After 0.7 mile on the West Ridge Trail, turn right on Star Rise — a dirt road descending toward Bell Canyon. On the left is a flat terrace with a commanding view of almost the entire park. From a park bench perched on the edge of the terrace you can look down on the line of oaks and sycamores in the canyon below.

Nearing the bottom, veer right on the Oak Trail toward your starting point. On it you meander past California sycamores as well as aged coast live oaks. This time of year, your feet crunch through the crispy leaf litter beneath the sycamores, and golden sunbeams dance amid the fluttering leaves overhead.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Big-Band Jazz may be heard during programs beginning at 6 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 2, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Tickets are \$10 general. Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further information. (SDSU)

Found, head to the Whistle Stop bar when the *Found Magazine* “Nation of Millions Tour 2002” rolls in for a party on Tuesday, December 3, at 8 p.m. *Found*-ers will read favorite notes and letters from the past year and perform *Art and Architecture*, described as a romantic four-page play missing page three. Bring your own favorite found material to share.

Free. Find the bar at 2236 Fern Street. For further information, call 619-284-6784. (GOLDEN HILL)

Instrumental and Vocal Favorites in the bluegrass tradition may be enjoyed when Lighthouse performs for the San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club gathering on Tuesday, December 3. Events begin at 7 p.m. at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street, at Ash). Free. Call 760-726-8380 for more information. (ESCONDIDO)

Hoaxes Are Everywhere — in print, on TV, on the radio, and especially online. Take a historical tour of hundreds of documented hoaxes in *The Museum of Hoaxes*, which author Alex Boese will sign and discuss on Wednesday, December 4, at noon, at the UCSD Bookstore. Boese, a graduate student at UCSD, is completing a doctoral dissertation about the relationship between science and popular culture in antebellum America. The bookstore is found in the Price Center on the UCSD campus. Free. 858-534-3149. (LA JOLLA)

Local Singer Darlenska entertains when the Carlsbad Newcomers gather on Wednesday, December 4. A selection of holiday readings will also be offered. Socializing begins at 9:45 a.m., and the meeting starts at 10:15 a.m., in Heritage Hall at Magee Park (at Carlsbad Boulevard and Beech Street). 760-754-2806. (CARLSBAD)

Historical Mystery Author Carola Dunn signs and discusses *Mistletoe and Murder* on Wednesday, Decem-

TOMMY

I went into a public ’ouse to get a pint o’beer,
The publican ’e up an’ sez, “We serve no red-coats here.”
The girls be’ind the bar they laughed an’ giggled fit to die,
I outs into the street again an’ to myself sez I:

O it’s Tommy this, an’ Tommy that, an’ “Tommy, go away”;
But it’s “Thank you, Mister Atkins,” when the band begins to play,
The band begins to play, my boys, the band begins to play,
O it’s “Thank you, Mr. Atkins,” when the band begins to play.

I went into a theatre as sober as could be,
They gave a drunk civilian room, but ’adn’t none for me;
They sent me to the gallery or round the music ’alls,
But when it comes to fightin’, Lord! they’ll shove me in the stalls!

For it’s Tommy this, an’ Tommy that, an’ “Tommy, wait outside”;
But it’s “Special train for Atkins” when the trooper’s on the tide,
The troopship’s on the tide, my boys, the troopship’s on the tide,
O it’s “Special train for Atkins” when the trooper’s on the tide.

Yes, makin’ mock o’ uniforms that guard you while you sleep
Is cheaper than them uniforms, an’ they’re starvation cheap;
An’ hustlin’ drunken soldiers when they’re goin’ large a bit
Is five times better business than paradin’ in full kit.

Then it’s Tommy this, an’ Tommy that, an’ “Tommy how’s yer soul?”
But it’s “Thin red line of ’eroes” when the drums begin to roll,
The drums begin to roll, my boys, the drums begin to roll,
O it’s “Thin red line of ’eroes” when the drums begin to roll.

We aren’t no thin red ’eroes, nor we aren’t no blackguards too,
But single men in barracks, most remarkable like you;
An’ if sometimes our conduct isn’t all your fancy paints:
Why, single men in barracks don’t grow into plaster saints;

While it’s Tommy this, an’ Tommy that, an “Tommy, fall be’ind,”
But it’s “Please to walk in front, sir,” when there’s trouble in the
wind,
There’s trouble in the wind, my boys, there’s trouble in the wind,
O it’s “Please to walk in front, sir,” when there’s trouble in the wind.

You talk o’ better food for us, an’ schools, an’ fires an’ all:
We’ll wait for extry rations if you treat us rational.
Don’t mess about the cook-room slops, but prove it to our face
The Widow’s Uniform is not the soldier-man’s disgrace.



For it’s Tommy this, an’ Tommy that,
an’ “Chuck him out, the brute!”
But it’s “Saviour of ’is country,”
when the guns begin to shoot;
Yes it’s Tommy this, an’ Tommy that,
an’ anything you please;
But Tommy ain’t a bloomin’ fool —
you bet that Tommy sees!

— Rudyard Kipling

ber 4, at 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. Call 858-268-4747 for information. (CLAIREMONT)

First Wednesdays, this series continues with “Vocalworks,” a re-creation of a 1940s radio broadcast, on Wednesday, December 4, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. The show starts at 4 p.m. Tickets are free, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway); 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

“Jazz in the Park,” the series continues with a performance by Jaime Valle and Equinox on Wednesday, December 4, at 5:30 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$12 general. For reservations, dial 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Renaissance and Traditional Music for Christmas and Hanukkah may be heard when the La Jolla Renaissance Singers present a concert on Wednesday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church (334 14th Street). Guests will hear Hebrew music from the baroque era and carols and motets in English, French, German, and Latin by Palestrina, Gabrieli, and others. Admission is by donation. 858-755-1616. (DEL MAR)

The Carlsbad Playreaders present their annual holiday program featuring a short play reading of *A Christmas Memory* on Wednesday, December 4, at 7 p.m., at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. Call 760-434-2881 for details. (LA COSTA)

Learn the Secrets of the world’s greatest communicators when author Thomas Leech signs and discusses his book *Say It Like Shakespeare* on Wednesday, December 4, at noon, at the San Diego State University Bookstore. Free. 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

The Lingo, Bennie Herron of the Taco Shop Poets hosts this open-mike poetry event on Wednesday, December 4, at 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Sign-ups begin at 7:30. Admission is free. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Jazz for Lunch, the Latin Jazz Combo at San Diego State University presents a free concert at noon on Wednesday, December 4, in Smith Recital Hall, located on the

San Diego State University campus. 619-594-6060. (SDSU)

Jazz Ensemble, this class concert directed by Jimmy Cheatham is slated for Wednesday, December 4, at 7 p.m., in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 general. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

“Variations on Jazz,” the Palomar College Jazz Ensemble and Repertory Jazz Ensemble present their winter concert on Wednesday, December 4, at 8 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College. Listen for jazz favorites and new works. The campus is located at 1140 West Mission Road. Tickets are \$10 general. For reservations, call 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Una Noche de Mariachi is promised when the student mariachi ensembles at Southwestern College perform on Thursday, December 5, at 7 p.m., in Mayan Hall. This year the program features the introduction of three Jalisco harps, one of the most important mariachi instruments up until the 20th Century, when it was replaced by the *vihuela* and the *guitarrón*. Tickets are \$10 general. Find the campus at 900 Otay Lakes Road; 619-482-6367. (CHULA VISTA)

Award-Winning Author Tim Palmer shares photographs of his adventures traveling the entire length of our coastal mountains when he speaks and signs San Diego Natural History Museum at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 5. Admission is \$8 for nonmembers. For reservations, call 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Thursday Night Thing (TNT), this “ongoing program of intriguing events” at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, continues with the opening of “Roger Ballen: Photographs” on Thursday, December 5, at 7 p.m. Attendees will view the exhibit and then create artwork with local artist Perry Vasquez’s “Fotoaktion,” described as “an approach to art that promises a kind of utopian outcome if the wall between artist and audience is overcome.” Ballen presents an artist’s talk and answers questions at 8 p.m.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard. Admission is free, although a \$3 donation is encouraged. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Getting Icy? The San Diego Gulls host the Bakersfield Condors for ice hockey on Friday, November 29, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$5 to \$18, available by calling 619-224-4625. The games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

Work Off Your Turkey Day Calories in one swoop when the Sierra Club bicyclists head out for a socially paced 60-mile ride east on Del Dios Highway to Escondido on Friday, November 29. Riders come back through Elfin Forest. Bring money for a snack stop at Pannikin. Riders gather at 9 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). 858-565-7262. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

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Beachin', ride to Poway, roll up to Rancho Bernardo, and consume lunch in Carmel Mountain Ranch with the Knickerbikers on Saturday, November 30. This 32-mile ride for intermediates starts at 9 a.m. near the restrooms at the Miramar reservoir. Bring money or lunch. For information, call 858-549-4092. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

The Sunshine Foundation 8K Run/Walk is slated for Saturday, November 30, beginning at 8 a.m. in Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Day-of-event registration starts at 6:30 a.m. For more information, call 619-476-2249. (BONITA)

Ramona Up Del Rios, take a hilly bicycle ride with the San Diego Bicycle Touring Society on Sunday, December 1. The 75-mile ride starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). For information, call 619-291-3594. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Bolt vs. Broncos, the San Diego Chargers host the Denver Broncos in Qualcomm Stadium on Sunday, December 1, at 1:05 p.m. For ticket information, call 877-CHARGERS. (MISSION VALLEY)

How About Some Soccer? The San Diego Sockers host the Cleveland Crunch on Thursday, December 5, at 10:05 a.m., at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$10 to \$25. Call 619-224-4171 for information and tickets (also available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). Listen to the game on KSDO (1130 AM). (POINT LOMA)

SPECIAL

Pooches and Their People are invited to take part in the Doggie Cafés planned by the San Diego Humane Society on the last Friday of each month, including November 29, at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Dog-friendly trainers will be on hand to offer training tips on how to keep dogs calm and civilized while around distractions such as food, people, and other canines. The requested donation is \$5. To reserve a spot, call 619-299-7012 x230. (MISSION VALLEY)

International Holiday Traditions and Dances herald the season when Bazaar del Mundo hosts its seventh annual Festival of Lights celebration at 5 p.m. on Friday, November 29. Entertainment will include Hispanic Christmas music, Hanukkah songs, a mask dance by the Bomani Drum and Dance Ensemble, Hispanic Mexican Ballet Folklorico, and more. Free. Find the Bazaar at 2754 Calhoun Street. 619-296-3161. (OLD TOWN)

Winter Wonderland Festival, head to Qualcomm Stadium for this festival on November 29 and 30. Organizers promise snow play, animal and carnival rides, arts and crafts, storytelling, and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$5 for those 16 and older, \$2 for children. For more information, dial 858-272-6510. (MISSION VALLEY)

Art from the Heart, this art festival featuring ceramics, blown glass, jewelry, paintings, drawing, and 3-D art by over 20 artists takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, November 30 and December 1, at Hospice-by-the-Sea (312 South Cedros Avenue, suite 250). For more details, dial 858-794-0195. Admission is free; proceeds benefit the hospice. (SOLANA BEACH)

Arts, Music, and Enjoyment are promised during the Chicano Park Arts Festival, running 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 30. There will be painting by Writers Block, Chocولاتinas, 911Art, Fuerza,

and others. Find the park at the corner of Logan Avenue and Cesar Chávez Parkway. For information, call 619-899-7521. (BARRIO LOGAN)

Step Back in Time when the Rancho Guajome Adobe hosts Rancho Christmas on Saturday and Sunday, November 30 and December 1, from 11 a.m. to sundown. The 30-room adobe will be adorned for Christmas — 100 years ago — with historical decorations and arrangements. Expect period musical entertainment, candle dipping, haywagon rides, and activities for children. Stay or return at dusk for the lighting of the luminarias and carol singing.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for those 5 to 12 years old, free for those under 5. Find the Rancho at 2201 North Santa Fe; call 760-724-4082 for information. (VISTA)

Check and Check Again, the Balboa Park Chess Club hosts Gambito Open chess tournaments every Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at the Balboa Club (2225 Sixth Avenue). Expect four rounds with a time control of 45 minutes for each competitor per game; cash prizes for winners. Current U.S. Chess Federation membership is required for participation; the entry fee is \$15. For more details, call 619-239-7166. (BALBOA PARK)

Bring a New, Unwrapped Toy or stuffed animal to take part in the Winter Wonderland Hope for the Holidays Toy Run. The event begins on Saturday, November 30, at 11 a.m. at Harley's House of Harleys (1555 South Coast Highway). The ride departs at noon. For more information, call 858-616-8511 x1. (OCEANSIDE)

"Taipei, Tokyo, and More," this exhibition of color photographs of urban Taiwan and Japan by Wendy Cheng are on exhibit through December at the Taiwanese American Community Center (7170 Convo Court). Meet the artist during a reception planned on Sunday, December 1, at 4 p.m. Regular viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Call 858-560-8884 for details. (LINDA VISTA)

Let the Holiday Parades Begin! Expect to hear marching bands and see floats, car clubs, clowns, and Santa when the holiday street parade takes place on Sunday, December 1. The parade begins at 1 p.m. at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road) and travels down Mission Road, right into San Marcos Boulevard. The parade ends at the San Marcos Civic Center. Free. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Commemorate World AIDS Day when the "Panels of Love" are exhibited in the Great Hall at Saint Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, December 1, at 12:15 p.m. Celebrations include a review of the scriptural inspiration for the panels, and late artist Tim Grummons's reflections. Everyone is welcome. Find the cathedral at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Skip the Malls, the museum stores at Balboa Park present a holiday shopping event on Tuesday, December 3, from noon to 7 p.m., in the Sculpture Garden and Copley Auditorium at the San Diego Museum of Art. Shoppers will find books (some signed by on-site authors), toys, artwork, designer jewelry, textiles, and more. Admission is free. For information, call 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

The Light Time of the Year, organizers of the Holiday of Lights at the Del Mar Fairgrounds boast of "the largest drive-through holiday light show on the West Coast," with holiday-themed displays continuing through Wednesday, January 1,

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READING

Uniforms:

Why We Are What We Wear



Paul Fussell

Houghton Mifflin, 2002; 204 pages; \$22

FROM THE DUST JACKET: From Boy Scouts to soldiers, nurses to UPS workers, chefs to nuns, Paul Fussell describes, in sharp and telling anecdotes, the history and meanings of various uniforms. He reveals their secret language and unfolds their cultural significance. Focusing on the American scene, he holds up a mirror to the folks who head off to work each morning in regulated clothing and charts the fault lines of the desire for

conformity and individuality. In examining the way uniforms unite and divide us, he ranges over the globe, describing, among other things, the Russian love of shoulder boards, the German obsession with black, and the Italian enthusiasm for feathered military hats. According to Fussell, we are what we wear, and

sometimes our get-ups say surprising things.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: Right from the start of this examination of the personal and cultural meanings of the wearing of uniforms, Paul Fussell creates a light, humorous tone by disclosing his almost fetishistic interest in his subject: "All my life, I have had a thing about uniforms." Peppering his historical data with campy asides, the author goes on to fondly — and obsessively — analyze the roles that uniforms play in all walks of life: the military, the church, hospitals, restaurants, sports, and even everyday civilian life. In each of these contexts, Fussell explores the symbolism of every aspect of uniforms — fabrics, buttons, badges, bows. Readers will learn, for instance, that Italian troops in WWII were considered "dandies and losers" by the Allies, mostly because they wore headgear accessorized with such vain flourishes as feathers and horsehair tails. Although his view of people's sartorial proclivities can be a bit jaundiced — Nazi Hermann Göring's love of furs makes him a "heterosexual Liberace," Ernest Hemingway is a "semi-weirdo because of his lifelong soldier fantasies" — Fussell's funny, touching insights spring from an unmistakable compassion for people's need to feel "the comfort and vanity" of belonging. Whether its wearer is striving for power, virtue, courage, or cleanliness, the purpose of a uniform, the author concludes, is to intimately and symbolically connect him or her to a specific community with a common purpose — thus repeating the experience of home.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Paul Fussell (rhymes with "tussle") was born in 1924 in Pasadena, California. His father, also born in Pasadena, was a lawyer. The elder Mr. Fussell practiced in Los Angeles, beginning in 1921, and from 1925 to 1964 was a partner at O'Melveny & Myers and the firm's predecessors. He repre-

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Hours are 5:30 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 5:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$10 per vehicle (up to five people), \$15 per vehicle with six or more people. For information, call 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

"Rose Canyon: A Walk Through History" — this San Diego Archaeological Center exhibit explores the geologic, natural, and cultural history of one of San Diego's loveliest places. See the show through January 2003, in terminal two at San Diego Lindbergh Field. Artifacts included in the show were excavated from Rose Canyon. For information, call 760-291-0370. Viewing is free. (SAN DIEGO)

Ice Is Always Impermanent Here, and so is the "only outside ice rink"!

The ice rink at Horton Square is open for skating daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Sunday, January 26, 2003. Find the square at 225 Broadway (adjacent to Horton Plaza). Admission is \$6, and skate rentals are \$2. Questions? Call 619-234-1031 for answers. (DOWNTOWN)

Looking for Unique Art Objects? The 35th annual student art and pottery sale at Palomar College runs December 5-7, in the timber frame structure near parking lot 15, just south of the Howard Brubeck Theatre (1140 West Mission Road). Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 760-744-1150 x2302. (SAN MARCOS)

An Artful Garage Sale, many of the items that once costumed the Children's Museum of San Diego will be available during the sale planned at the museum on Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Two- and three-dimensional art, an airplane, one-half of a Mercedes-Benz, small exhibits, furniture, and "lots of artsy

junk" will be on offer. Items will be sold by the piece. What you won't find for sale: the painted truck, the double-decker bus, and Cora's House.

Admission is \$3 for adults, free for children 18 and younger. Find the museum at 200 West Island Avenue. Dial 619-233-8792 for additional details. (DOWNTOWN)

Dressed for the Holidays, the sixth annual holiday home tour slated for December 7 and 8 includes tours inside homes on Seventh Avenue at the northwest corner of Balboa Park designed by architects including Frank Mead, Richard Requa, and Irving Gill. The homes are decorated by the homeowners and teams of interior and floral designers.

Tour hours are 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets for the four-home tour are \$20, benefiting the A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Children's Center. Pay an additional \$5 for refreshments and tours of the George White and Anna Gunn Marston

House. For information, call 858-571-1818 x100. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

"Mother Holly" will be performed by the Weaver's Tales through Sunday, December 1, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. 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)

She Was Not Afraid of Mice, and she loved winter, snow, and ice. Who? Why, Madeline, that's who, and she'll visit the story time slated for Friday, November 29, at 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Free. 858-618-1814. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

God Bless Us, Every One, the American Family Theatre visits the Poway Center for Performing Arts to present *A Christmas Carol* on Friday, November 29, at 7 p.m. This version of Charles Dickens' classic holiday tale is a musical, suited for elementary school-aged children and their families. The play is preceded by children's activities, games, refreshments, and entertainment, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for children, \$10 for adults. Find the center at 15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way). For reservations, call 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Meet Corduroy the Bear during the story time planned on Saturday, November 30, at 11 a.m., at Borders Books and Music (159 Fletcher Parkway; 619-593-5119). Free. (EL CAJON)

Children's Discovery Museum of North County, it's still warm, but winter is coming. Make a Frosty puppet ornament at the museum on Saturday, November 30, at 1 p.m. Parental assistance may be required for young children. The craft is included in regular museum admission.

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

sent, among other institutions, Thrifty drug stores and the L.A. Brush Manufacturing Corporation.

A decade ago Mr. Fussell confessed to a *Washington Post* interviewer, "I am distinctly a refugee. Ever since I was 21 years old, I've lived in the East as a rebuke to California.... My problem with it was a class problem, rather than a place problem — because I came from the upper middle class and never met anybody out of it. They were all fatuous people who had inherited money. Real asses. All the boys went into business. All the girls got married to morons.... I knew one guy who went east to school, and that was all. Everybody was very self-satisfied and wanted to work for their father's insurance business. It was deadly. I had to get out. Just awful."

Mr. Fussell served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army — the 103rd Infantry Division in France and Germany — from 1943 to '46. He received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. About this service he told an interviewer from *Publishers Weekly*: "For months I was shooting adolescent boys and watching them die, because you knew if you didn't kill them, they'd kill you." He said, to his *Washington Post* interviewer, "The war is deep behind everything I do. It taught me that the public world is largely a delusion created by directors and actors and lighting men. I would read accounts of so-called battles I had been in, and they had no relation whatever to what had happened. So I began to perceive that anything written was fiction to various degrees. The whole subject — the difference between actuality and representation — was an interesting one. And that's what brought me to literature in the first place."

From Pomona College Mr. Fussell received his B.A. in 1947. He earned his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1952. He has taught at Connecticut College, Rutgers University, and the University of Pennsylvania, where from 1983 to 1984 he was the Don-

Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 103; 760-720-0737. (CARLSBAD)

Make Some Clay Pottery when ranger Jane Engleton presents a program for kids 4 to 12 years old on Saturday, November 30, at 2 p.m., at Felicita Park (742 Clarence Lane). There's a \$2-per-car day-use fee. Call 760-745-4379 for the requested reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

The Tenth Annual Turkey Bowl flag football game for kids 7 to 14 years old is slated for Saturday, November 30, at 11:30 a.m., at the Tecolote Recreation Center (4675 Tecolote Road). For registration and more information, call 858-581-9930. (MORENA)

Teddy Bear Teas, bring your family and teddy bear to the Westgate Hotel's teddy bear teas, taking place November 30, December 1, 7, 8, and 14-25, beginning at 2:30 p.m. each day. There will be storytelling, food and beverages, and a visit from Santa Claus. The fee is \$18.50 for adults, \$12.50 for children. Find the hotel at 1055 Second Avenue. For reservations, call 619-557-3650. (DOWNTOWN)

The Art of Wrapping, using the artwork by Christo and Jeanne-Claude as an inspiration, participants will practice the technique of wrapping to create sculptures and then document the projects through drawing and Polaroid photography during the Free-for-All activities planned at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, on Sunday, December 1. Events run 2 to 5 p.m. at 700 Prospect Street; 858-454-3541. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Follow the Trail to Quail, head to Quail Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, December 3, at 10:30 a.m., for a general tour of the gardens oriented for kids (aged three to six). Meet at the visitors' center located directly north of the parking lot, at 230 Quail Gardens Drive; 760-436-3036. Free. (ENCINITAS)

On a Quest to Make Kids' Music Cool, Dan Zanes has traded leadership of the rocking Del Fuegos to creating "rollicking 21st-Century folk and pop music" for the whole family 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)

A Poor but Kind Hatmaker Walks Home, after failing to sell a single hat on a cold and snowy night in *The Stone Statues*. Enjoy the tale when it's told for the Japanese Friendship Garden's Momotaro preschool story time on Saturday, December 14. Children three to seven years old will make a Japanese-style farmer's hat. Children under six are free with a paying adult (\$3). For reservations, call 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.)

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum's activities include locating, collecting, documenting, and preserving historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related not only to agriculture, but to the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. In addition, the museum has a blacksmith and wheelwright shop, a country kitchen and parlor, a steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. For further details, call 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. Dial 619-267-5141 for additional information. (BONITA)

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)

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ald T. Regan professor of English literature. Currently, he is a professor emeritus of that institution.

Since the mid-1970s, Mr. Fussell has combined writing with teaching. Ronald B. Shwartz of *American Spectator* describes Fussell's character as "a kind of thinking man's John Wayne, wielding prose with a certain fetching swagger and acid humor, and blaming it all on nothing less than his stint as a combat platoon leader in WWII." Mr. Fussell's best-known title is *The Great War and Modern Memory*, which was awarded the National Book Critics Circle award in 1975 and the National Book Award in 1976. He is author also of *Abroad: British Literary Traveling between the Wars* (1980); *The Boy Scout Handbook & Other Observations* (1982); *Class: A Guide through the American Status System* (1983); *Thank God for the Atom Bomb & Other Essays* (1988); *Wartime: Understanding and Behavior in the Second World War* (1989); *BAD: or The Dumbing of America* (1991); *The Anti-Egoist: Kingsley Amis, Man of Letters* (1994); and *Doing Battle: The Making of a Skeptic* (1996).

Twice married, Mr. Fussell's first wife is writer Betty Fussell, from whom he was divorced in 1987 after almost 40 years of marriage. The couple had two children. In her recent memoir, *My Kitchen Wars*, Ms. Fussell describes her deep unhappiness in the marriage. Mr. Fussell married the second time in 1987. He lives in Philadelphia.

FROM THE DUST JACKET: A selection of chapter titles from *Uniforms'* table of contents gives an idea of the book's pleasures:

Sturdy Shoulders and Trim Fit
Russian Uniform Culture
Are Italian Men More Vain than Others?
Admiral Zumwalt's Big Mistake

The Rise and Fall of the Brown Jobs
Uniforms of the Faithful
Doorpersons, etc.
Stigmatic Uniforms
Chefs in Their Whites

On the morning that we talked, I said to Mr. Fussell that a topic like that of uniforms easily could have turned dreary and charmless. "Had it been subjected," I added, "to academic discourse."

Mr. Fussell agreed, about academic discourse. "It is so boring. And so uninteresting for the writer, who, unless he can relieve himself a little bit by adding to the subject, he will die. And that's why I like working on books like this."

How did Mr. Fussell become interested in the subject of uniforms?

"When I was in the Army, of all things. And that was many years ago. Everybody who is in one of the armed services has to know a good bit about uniforms. The concept of being 'in uniform' was so important to me that I easily transferred it to civilian life and perceived that the uniform must not be ignored or tampered with."

Mr. Fussell writes, in a paragraph titled "Insignia and Shame":

If you were an enlisted serviceman in the 1940s, you'd have wanted to proclaim your manhood by being assigned to the right kind of work. It was easier to conceal what sort of work that was in the Army than in the Navy. In the Army, you'd wear on your sleeve a chevron of your rank (corporal or sergeant) with a letter T underneath it, signaling that you were a technician and not a fighting person. If you were, say, a chaplain's assistant, a job widely scorned because it was, lots of people thought, held by effeminates and jerks, you wore the same T/5 chevron as a highly regarded ordnance specialist working with high explosives or adjusting the pull on rifle triggers and thus contributing something

manly to the war effort. As a T/5, you could pass for something not entirely contemptible.

But in the Navy, your sissy work would be blazoned on your sleeve for all to see and condescend to. You were marked indelibly as a bugle master, a storekeeper, a radio technician, a carpenter's mate, or an officers' cook. Everyone was privy to the terrible truth about you; you were not a real salt, only a prudent civilian dressed up, the next thing to a draft dodger.

"The whole thing about

keeping one's uniform,

putting it away and

preserving it, is like

preserving the bridal

gown...a desire not to

let go of a period when

you were younger."

"A uniform," I said, "is in its own way a text."

"Yes, indeed. Right. And a uniform is also part of a secret society, a society with its own scale of values; that's the important perception."

In *Uniforms*, in a chapter titled "Keepsakes," Mr. Fussell writes that his father was a second lieutenant of ordnance in World War I. When his father returned from the Great War, he stored his military uniforms, together with his helmet and gas mask, in a footlocker in the attic. Mr. Fussell notes, too, that Kay Summersby, Eisenhower's uniformed driver during the Second World War who developed a passion for her boss, was given, by Eisenhower, a set of tailor-made uniforms that were like Ike's. Mr. Fussell quotes Ms. Summersby, writing in her memoir, *Past Forgetting*, that she still had one of the uniforms,

(continued on page 92)

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 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 ex-

hibit 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" provides a look at the "sea of lemon trees" that once dominated the town's landscape. The display features stacks of lemon crates adorned with fruit labels. "The Parson's Study" is a decorated late-Victorian room with original furnishings, including a piped "Chorister" organ, evoking the museum's origins as the town's first church.

Find the museum at 7715 Church Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from the Exploratorium in San Francisco are on display through June 2003. The exhibit revolves around themes of wind, weather and turbulence, mathemat-

ics, 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

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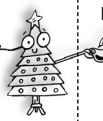
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that she had quite deliberately, for three decades, stored the uniform in camphor in a packing case. I asked Mr. Fussell about this saving of a uniform.

“The whole thing about keeping one’s uniform, putting it away and preserving it, is like preserving the bridal gown. It does imply a desire not to let go of a period when you were much younger, and as I wrote, these bridal gowns and military uniforms are evidence of moments when men and women were younger, more slender and

energetic, more hopeful, better looking, and probably of more consequence than now. These keepsakes point to one’s past when things made a simple sort of Manichaean sense, well before the arthritis and regrets began to set in.”

“And,” I suggested, “to a time when you had a narrower waistline.”

“Yes. That’s right. Very important. But it’s very hard to do, as any person will tell you. The buttons don’t meet anymore.”

In *Uniforms*, Mr. Fussell several times quotes Erving Goffman (1922–1982), a sociologist best known for *The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life* (1959), a book that Mr. Fussell writes is his “implicit guide” in *Uniforms*. I asked about Goffman’s influence on Mr. Fussell’s thinking about uniforms.

“Well, I think it’s been very powerful in this book, and on many, many other people. Goffman’s thinking really was at the heart of something like postmodernism, which emphasizes that things

are very seldom what they appear to be and that living is a form of acting before an audience, and faking a great many things, and it is in postmodern philosophy and criticism that that becomes an accepted piece of doctrine.

“I’ll tell you something which I think is ironic. I used to teach at Rutgers University. Erving Goffman taught at the University of Pennsylvania. When I retired at Rutgers, I wanted to find another job. I knew Goffman was at Penn. So I accepted an offer from Penn largely to be near Goffman and to cooperate with him in a course that we could both give ourselves. The minute I came into town he died. It was a great loss. But that’s how I came to be a teacher at the University of Pennsylvania. The attraction of Goffman and his outlook.”

Mr. Fussell distinguishes between uniforms and costumes. He explained. “Many people find it a distinction hard to make, but to make it is an easy one, as I indicated in the book. If one person dresses in a certain style, it’s a costume. But if hundreds of thousands of people do the same thing once, it’s a uniform. And dressing in a costume does not imply you need to join a group. And that’s the part that fascinates me, as I indicated in the book, that all of us find it a difficulty when we try to live as if we were not connected to other people, and the uniform indicates one’s belonging. I used the word ‘belonging’ quite a bit in the book.”

As I read *Uniforms*, I said, I puzzled over how doormen and airline pilots came to wear military uniforms.

“I think with doormen there’s an implicit function,” Mr. Fussell answered. “They’re guards; they’re hired to keep riffraff out of the hotel or apartment building, whatever. And, therefore, looking a little bit like military people is appropriate. I think airplane pilots are made to look like military people because that look suggests authority and skill.”

“Not a few Manhattan doormen,” I said, “wear uniforms of the type once associated with South American dictators.”

“Exactly. They are dressed as people of power of some kind. They tend to look like admirals. And the epaulets, that widening of the shoulders by the wearing of epaulets, seems to be a fairly obvious exaggeration of the male sexual characteristic of broad and conspicuous shoulders.”

About what Mr. Fussell describes as “stigmatic uniforms,” he writes:

Uniforms divide into two rough categories: honorific and stigmatic. Honorific: the attire of police, McDonald’s fast-food servers, United States Marines, the clergy. Stigmatic: the orange coveralls worn by prisoners, widely familiarized by the dress of Timothy McVeigh as depicted in a TV clip repeatedly shown after his arrest. Some county sheriffs have put their prisoners back into the old-fashioned broad stripes and added the distinction of colors to distinguish types of malefactors: minimum-security convicts wear green on white stripes; medium security, black on white (as in old films about prison life); and red on white for maximum security. It is beginning to be understood that striped prison wear is superior to solid orange because of the risk that escapees may resemble highway workers or sanitation employees.

“Stripes,” Mr. Fussell told me, “are definitely coming back. The object, I think, is both to humiliate the prisoner and to make his or her identity apparent if he should escape. You see somebody running down the street wearing stripes like that, you know you’re looking at somebody who’s escaped from a prison.”

And what does Mr. Fussell wear?

“I have worn many a trousered uniform and buckled many a cartridge belt, but I have never worn a dress or fastened a garter belt.”

— Judith Moore

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transportation to many people; they may be self-expression, fantasy, or family projects.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum’s permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, the museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. Call 619-234-2544 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, the business of fashion in the movie industry provides the focus for “Popcorn Venus,” on exhibit through Monday, April 21, 2003. Hollywood served up glamour to the style-hungry masses, who, with the onset of the Depression, were looking for an escape from their everyday lives. Through designer drawings, photographs, costumes, and artifacts, the exhibition demonstrates how Hollywood could turn the average woman into a “popcorn Venus.”

A history of the motion picture

industry in San Diego and the evolution of the city’s image during a century of movie making is charted in “Filming San Diego: Hollywood’s Backlot.” From the earliest silent films through the recent movies *Traffic* and *Almost Famous*, directors and producers have long been attracted to the county’s diverse topography and conducive climate. The exhibit includes a video history of the silent film industry, trivia, and costumes worn by James Cagney, Clark Gable, Errol Flynn, and others. This show closes on Monday, June 9, 2003.

How the Pacific Coast Highway (a.k.a. Highway 101) opened scenic and recreational opportunities and created a spine of development and urbanization is revealed in “Coast Road: 1900-1950,” on display through Sunday, March 16, 2003. The exhibit features hundreds of photographic images, as well as artwork, artifacts, and ephemera paying tribute to Highway 101 and providing insight into the route’s impact on development.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, almost every year for 250 years, a ship loaded with silver from Spain’s New World colonies crossed from Acapulco to Manila, then made the hazardous return trip laden with trea-

sures from Asia. “Treasures of the Manila Galleons” focuses on the Manila galleon trade, the original commercial link across the Pacific. The exhibit includes recently discovered pieces from the cargo of a ship that wrecked on the shores of Baja California about 1575, the earliest-known Manila galleon shipwreck; Spanish silver and pieces of eight; and artifacts, documents, and hands-on activities. View the exhibit through November.

Paintings created for the “Portrait of the Big Bay: The Second Maurice Braun Memorial Plein Air Painting Festival” are on exhibit through 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, wood-carvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North

Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, Ecuadorian cultures were among the 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 splitter, 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)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. A narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. A self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. Call 760-737-2201 for additional details. (ESCONDIDO)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber “salt box” family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Guided walking tours focusing on the history and architecture of the Gaslamp Quarter depart the museum each Saturday at 11 a.m. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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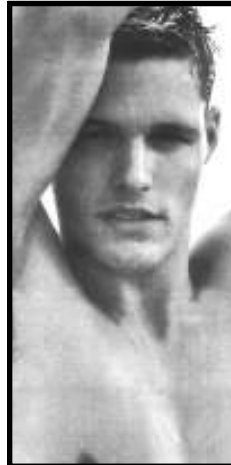
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For 16 years, San Diego Opera has offered a valuable series of solo singing recitals, in addition to their staged productions. To begin this season, general director Ian Campbell brought young St. Petersburg tenor Daniil Shtoda to Sherwood Auditorium in a program of Russian romances.

My first real understanding of this distinctive art form came just about the time Daniil Shtoda was born. I attended a recital with a very similar program in Yalta, the (then) Soviet resort on the Black Sea. The principal artist was an aging tenor, with a thin, tremulous voice, like a lesser Sergei Lemeshev gone slightly to seed. He was accompanied by a majestic woman pianist, who played with extraordinary suppleness and musicianship. There was also a violinist, a very ancient man retaining a good command of his instrument, who played a few solos and also provided obbligatos for a number of the songs by Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov, and other 19th-century Russian composers. The audience consisted of residents of Yalta and Soviet citizens taking their vacations there. This was the Brezhnev era, but nothing in the atmosphere suggested that the concert was not taking place before the Revolution. Chekhov could have been there, seated among the other listeners.

The tenor was obviously an old hand at this repertoire. His vocal production was riddled with the flaws endemic to Russian tenors in that era, a result of the way Russian conservatories thought a tenor ought to sound. It was evident, too, that his voice had seen better days. But he was nevertheless an extraordinary singer. His virtue, which quite overwhelmed his technical weaknesses, was the passionate identification he exhibited with the emotional experiences embodied in the songs.

The texts of these songs are chiefly about romantic love: joy at reciprocated passion, anguish at loss or rejection, nostalgic reverie about past love, the sorrows of parting, the voluptuous suffering of a hopeless desire, the self-deceiving refusal to love, the pain of unhappy memories, the ardent excitement of an anticipated encounter with the beloved, tears, groans, ecstasy, grief, love, love, love.... They generally exist in a peculiarly

Russian area of feeling where the sentimentality is so sincere and expressed with such intense and delicate color that the artificial acquires the conviction of truth, the self-inflation is transformed into a courageous nobility, and melodrama comes to seem the norm of the human condition. I know of no other culture whose art captures this particular tone so vividly.

The tenor in Yalta scarcely seemed to be performing these songs. Instead, he seemed to be engaged in a personal confession of his own ravaged past. Every expressive device suggested by the words and the tender, impassioned music — the sudden throb, the choked pause, the unrestrained outburst, the prolonged sigh, the *portamento*, the gulp, the whisper, the swell, the crack, the dying fall — was exploited to the full, and to a little more than the full. Did it all really come from the heart? In a theatrical performance of this sort (and the Russian romance is not abstract music but musical theater), what matters is not what the performer actually feels but what the audience is convinced he feels — and with this man, the impression was overwhelming that he was indeed being shaken by those emotions, that the memories were his own, that he was, in fact, the sort of man who experiences the world in that way. The violinist conveyed the same impression, with much the same style.

I was carried away by this preposterous, over-the-top, superlative, irresistible performance; and everything was intensified by the reactions of the audience in the little theater (actually a hotel dining room). Western audience members at classical music concerts are listeners; these were participants. They hung on every word the singer was uttering. Their emotional reactions to the texts and the music were palpable. Their faces reflected the passions of the exuberant or wretched lovers the tenor was singing about. At moments of special intensity, they would turn to each other with a smile or a grimace, and sometimes poke their neighbors with their elbows. They did this even to perfect strangers sitting next to them, as I can testify. I felt myself drawn into a community undergoing a shared experience.

At one point in this concert of nearly three hours, the tenor performed a Tchaikovsky song

in which the refrain “*zabyt’ tak skoro*” (“to forget so soon”) was constantly repeated: “To forget so soon, my God, all the happiness of life gone by! All our meetings and our conversations, to forget so soon!... To forget the agitation of the first days, the hour of meeting in the shade of the branches!... To forget how the full moon gazed on us through the window, how the curtain fluttered, to forget so soon, to forget so soon, so soon....” Nothing could be more quintessentially Russian, Romantic, and Tchaikovskian.

After the final line, during the applause, I heard a woman behind me repeating the words with a quiver in her voice: “*Zabyt’ tak skoro!*” I turned to look at her. She had tears in her eyes. Her husband was comforting her. Other members of the audience were making use of their handkerchiefs. The tenor, as he took his slightly shaky bows, seemed to be the heroic spokesman for a communal tragedy.

In many ways, La Jolla is very like Yalta: resort town, sea, beaches, villas, steep green hillsides, pines, palms.... And at the Shtoda recital there was once again a tenor, a magnificent woman pianist (Larissa Gergieva), and the same kind of repertoire. But the audience in Sherwood Auditorium was, naturally, not at all the same. Aside from the temperamental differences between Russians and Americans, and the different attitudes toward proper comportment in a concert hall, this audience necessarily came to the music from the outside. To appreciate the Russian romantic song, you need to understand the words. Translations were provided in the program booklet, but following a printed translation is not the same as reacting to the sounds of a language that can penetrate immediately to one’s heart. In any case, the hall lighting was lowered to the point where you could see the texts only with great effort. Scarcely anyone seemed to be reading them.

Essentially deprived of the content of the various songs, and of the subtle expressive relationships between words and music, the audience could not be blamed for feeling that the program was monotonous. Were these many songs, or just one song repeated over and over, with slight variations? Applause after each item became progressively feebler. The only exceptions were when the vocal line climaxed on a relatively high note. Here, young Shtoda would make a charmingly naïve gesture of triumph, as though to say, “Wow! I got it!” — and the audi-



Daniil Shtoda

Daniil Shtoda, tenor; Larissa Gergieva, piano
Sherwood Auditorium (San Diego Opera)
Russian romances by Glinka, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov, and others

ence, relieved at last to recognize something they could empathize with, would be galvanized into wild clapping.

It was not only the unavoidable circumstances of this concert that made it seem rather drab. Shtoda had clearly been an attentive student, and he was well coached in the traditional expressive devices of the genre. He used them with taste and sensitivity (quite unlike the flamboyant exaggeration of the Yalta tenor), and in the right places. But they had the quality of painting by the numbers. Manifestly absent was the sense — whether illusory or not doesn’t matter — that the singer was actually experiencing the emotions indicated

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by these devices. He seemed fully engaged only at the moments of those triumphant high notes — *that* he really felt!

What about those high notes, and the voice in general? I'm a bit puzzled as to what to think. Russian tenors are an acquired taste. The one I heard so many years ago had been trained in the Russian school, and the distinctive types of sounds he had learned to produce were precisely what Russian audiences valued. Opera audiences in the West favor a different kind of vocal

production, one that we associate above all with Italy. Occasionally, Italianate Russian tenors have surfaced and have been able to make a reputation in Europe and America. In the '60s and subsequent decades, there was Vladimir Atlantov; today, there is Sergei Larin (who will be singing Otello with San Diego Opera later this season).

Before his Sherwood recital, I had heard Shtoda in a couple of recorded numbers, notably in Lenski's aria from *Eugene Onegin*, and it seemed to me that he, too, must have had Italian training. The voice was wonderfully free, and the high notes had that brilliant ring that is the Italian tenor's most thrilling accomplishment (even

if the Italian tenor is in fact Swedish or Spanish or from Brooklyn). At the concert, however, these features were slightly impeded. There was a tension in the throat that produced a hint (just a hint, but an unnerving one) of the typical Russian-tenor strangulation. The high notes that so impressed the Sherwood audience did not in fact ring; instead, they revealed distinct traces of effortfulness, hardness, and shouting.

I don't mean to exaggerate such criticisms. It is still a fine young voice, with a chance for future development. But how disappointing to detect that the Italian technique this promising tenor had shown mastery of only a little while ago was already decaying, and that Shtoda was — minutely but perceptibly — reverting to his Russian roots. To forget so soon! ■

Events that are underlined occur after December 5.

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A Chamber Music Concert with the Karl Stamitz "Wind Quartet in E-Flat Major" is slated for Sunday, December 1. Pianist Mykola Suk and the Sierra Winds Ensemble will also perform Mozart's "Quintet for Piano and Winds in E-Flat Major," "Vignettes for Oboe, Bassoon, and Piano" by William Grant Still, and Beethoven's "Quintet for Piano and Winds in E-Flat Major."

This Lake San Marcos Chamber Music Society concert commences at 2:30 p.m. at the San Dieguito United

Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Tickets are \$20 general. For reservations, call 760-945-3446 or 760-630-4360. (ENCINITAS)

Innovative Music for Flute and Guitar will be performed by the Gaspé Duo on Sunday, December 1, at 3 p.m., in Granger Music Hall. Guitarist Inouk Demers and flutist Joanna Demers will perform baroque, romantic, and contemporary works by Burns, Demers, De Visée, Dillon, Dusapin, and Fauré. Tickets are \$10. Call 858-793-9035 for information. Find Granger Music Hall at 1615 East 4th Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

"Opera for Two: A Festival of Duets" begins at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 1, at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). This San Diego Opera Ensemble program boasts selections by composers such as Mozart, Rossini, Donizetti, Puccini, and Strauss. Free. Call 619-236-5800 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

Organ Concert, civic organist Carol Williams presents a concert in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, December 1, at 2 p.m. For more information, call 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Works by Händel, Paganini, J.S. Bach, Lalo, Schumann, Bruch, Beethoven, and Mozart may all be enjoyed when violin and viola students of János Négyesi and Päivikki Nykter perform on Monday, December 2. The concert starts at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. 858-534-4830. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Renaissance and Traditional Music for Christmas and Hanukkah may be heard when the La Jolla Renaissance Singers present a concert on Wednesday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (334 14th Street). Guests will hear Hebrew music from the baroque era and carols and motets in English, French, German, and Latin by Palestrina, Gabrieli, and others. Admission is by donation. 858-755-1616. (DEL MAR)

Baroque at the Museum, the San Diego Baroque Ensemble and curator Steven Kern join forces for a slide-illustrated lecture and concert focusing on "Development: The Bach Boys, Bellotto, and Beyond!" on Thursday, December 5, 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$12 for nonmembers. For information and reservations, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

The CSU Fullerton Guitar Orchestra performs for the Palomar College Concert Hour on Thursday, December 5, 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)

The USD Choral Scholars present a concert on Thursday, December 5, at 12:15 p.m., in the French Parlor (located in Founders Hall at the University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park). Tickets are \$8 general. For information, call 619-260-2280. The concert will be repeated on December 7. (LINDA VISTA)

Courtly Noyse will perform Renaissance, medieval, and baroque music from Germany, England, Spain, Flanders, and Italy for the Escondido Library's First Thursday series on December 5. The ensemble performs on traditional instruments including krummhorns, cittern, racket, a bowed psaltery, and others. The performance begins at 7 p.m. in the Turrentine Room of the library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. Call 760-839-4329 for information. (ESCONDIDO)

Dance Music from around the world may be heard when the UCSD Wind Ensemble performs a class concert, directed by Robert Zelickman, on Thursday, December 5, at 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Center. The program includes "Dance of the Jesters" by Tchaikovsky, the "Second Hungarian Rhapsody" by Liszt, Amilcare Ponchielli's "Dance of the Hours," the "Prelude and Dance" by Paul Creston, "Danzon" from Fancy Free by Leonard Bernstein, the "Danse Macabre" by Saint-Saëns, and more. Tickets are \$5 general. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

Singing in Medieval Dialects, playing reproductions of period instruments, and wearing costumes based on the musicians' clothing of the period, the Goliards will perform on Sunday, December 8, at 4 p.m., at the Oceanside Museum of Art. The Goliards will play "13th- and 14th-Century music ranging from bouncy dances and drinking songs to hauntingly beautiful devotional melodies."

The concert is preceded by a docent tour of the current exhibition (at 3 p.m.). Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way. Tickets are \$13. For details, dial 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

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GALLERIES

It's C-Note Time! The annual *C-Note Celebration* and sale at the San Diego Art Institute begins with festivities on Saturday, November 30, at 5 p.m. The show includes original artwork done by institute member artists, with all pieces on offer for either \$100 or \$200. See the work through Sunday, December 8. The pieces of art are replaced on the walls as they are sold.

Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 619-236-0011. Regular admission is \$3. (BALBOA PARK)

Original Work by Innovative Local Artists is featured at the new Joseph David Gallery, with a grand opening artists' reception slated for Saturday, November 30, at 6 p.m. The gallery features sculpture, painting, glass, photography, and jewelry. Find the gallery at 760 Eighth Avenue; 619-702-6290. (DOWNTOWN)

"The French Collection" and other selected photographs by Leslie Ellen Ray are on exhibit by appointment through Monday, December 30. Meet the photographer during a reception slated for Sunday, December 1, 1 to 4 p.m. Find the Leslie Ellen Ray Studio at 6113 Paseo Delicias; 858-756-2847. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

"Christmas Fantasy at the Library," this exhibit of "handmade, life-sized, soft-sculptured Santa Claus, elves, and other Christmas creatures" created by artist Terre Colby is on view through Saturday, December 7, at the Athenaeum Mu-

sic and Arts Library. Meet the artist during the reception planned on Tuesday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Concurrently, see "Box Constructions, 1996-2002" by artist and sculptor Christine Outman. 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. (LA JOLLA)

Artists Bessma Khalaf, Amy Mayfield, and Claire Putney exhibit their work through Thursday, December 5, in the Everett Gee Jackson Gallery at San Diego State University. Meet the trio during a reception scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, at 6 p.m.

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)

"It's Hot," ten artists whose work is "burning up the art scene in San Diego" are showing two- and three-dimensional work at the Très Studio Gallery beginning with a reception on Wednesday, December 4, at 6 p.m.

Find the gallery at 3803 Ray Street; 619-297-8737 x4. View the work through Saturday, February 22, 2003, from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and by appointment. (NORTH PARK)

Born in China During the Cultural Revolution, Cao Yong attended art school and later "became the youngest art professor at the University of Tibet" after graduating. An exhibition of Yong's paintings opens at the Gallery on Broadway with a reception on Thursday, December 5, at 5:30 p.m.

Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, and by appointment. Find the gallery at 625 Broadway; 619-239-5222. (DOWNTOWN)

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 contempo-

rary art practice that features optimism and experimentation. The artists included in the exhibition are said to use personal relationships as a means of addressing art, society, and how we organize our lives within both. The show — a traveling exhibition organized by Independent Curators International — demonstrates art being used to create something new out of the plasticity and malleability of social situations and settings. This exhibit closes on Sunday, December 8.

"Public Projects" is a series of sculptural installations of temporary and semi-permanent sculptural installations on the center's 12-acre campus. Through Monday, June 30, 2003, see the work of San Diego public artist db smith. The show was curated by Sally Yard, professor of art history at the University of San Diego.

In "the playground," the artist explores themes of childhood and childhood memories from the perspective of an adult. "the instruments," on display in the museum's Tower Gallery, is a swing and a seesaw designed specifically for adults. The remaining six works are rendered as two-dimensional shadows that could be cast by some of the objects and activities associated with youth: jacks, marbles, hopscotch, and jump rope, also on adult scale.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, "Fantasy and Play: Dolls, Toys, and Objects of Amusement" is a new show continuing through the end of the year. Featured are examples of the fine carousel animals carved by the Dentzel family of Pennsylvania, considered classics of their kind. Also on view are an oversized American toy train, Japanese toys, international dolls, and a five-foot-tall Italian Pinocchio.

"Jack Lenor Larsen — The Company and the Cloth" is on exhibit through Sunday, January 12, 2003. The included items are from the renowned textile designer's company archives, made up of more than 100 textiles, including some samples meant to be touched. Larsen is described as a gardener, designer, colorist, author, and the "consummate collector of decorative, primitive, design, and folk arts."

Few Westerners have explored Guizhou, the last province opened to tourism by the People's Republic of China. Guest curator Phila McDaniel was the first American to escort a group from America to this "mysterious and terraced land"; she's made 49 visits to China. "Silver and Silk — Textiles and Jewelry of Guizhou, China" is an exhibition of intricately embroidered, handwoven

textiles, and silver 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, native New Yorker Roger Ballen has lived in South Africa since the 1970s, creating "startling, confrontational, and intensely personal photographs." Ballen's art is said to blur "the boundaries between documentary photography and constructed installations." "Roger Ballen: Photographs," opening on Thursday, December 5, explores "themes as diverse as the doomed apartheid system, the nature of contemporary photographic practice, and the artist's intensely introspective nature." The exhibition closes on Sunday, February 16, 2003.

"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 pho-

tographs of completed projects. This show closes on Sunday, January 5, 2003.

Los Angeles-based sculptor Peter Shelton has unveiled his newest work, *ghandiG*, cast in bronze and standing nearly 30 feet high. The work's elongated appendages and truncated torso exemplify the playful anthropomorphic qualities of Shelton's organic creations. The piece, inspired in part by the physique and clothing of Indian statesman Mahatma Gandhi, will remain in the museum's plaza for at least two years.

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." 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.

Jean-Honoré Fragonard's masterpiece *A Young Girl Reading* (circa 1776) serves as the focal point of "Painting Women: From Fragonard to Bouguereau," a gallery installation of 12 paintings of women from the museum's collection. On loan from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Fragonard's painting presents an image of bravura brushwork and rich color that embodies the painting aesthetics of his time, particularly in how they were applied to the depiction of women. Enjoy these women through Sunday, April 27, 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.

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Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. *Beehive* celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only

thing "a-changin' " back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round thingies all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Catskills Conspiracy

Mystery Cafe's interactive dinner theater show takes place at Camp Skills in 1962, where some of New York's finest gather, and die. MYSTERY CAFE, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

A Christmas Carol

The San Diego Repertory's annual holiday production returns to Victorian England, featuring traditional music. Todd Salovey directed. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, THROUGH DECEMBER 29; TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Closer

By the end of Patrick Marber's award-winning serious comedy, we know more about its four characters than they do. The two men and two women have double identities, one on the surface, the other concealed. The play creates a pattern of sexual combinations, then kaleidoscopes it into other variations (Ken loves Alice, or does he? No, Ken loves Anna, and she loves? Larry?

Maybe). They live their passions — the men, in fact, derive much of their self-worth from sexual performance (and their women are either lovers or "slags"). In theory the quartet's looking for intimacy. In practice, when it comes near, like fish in an aquarium, they swim the other way. The play recalls Harold Pinter's tip-of-the-iceberg characters. The Backyard Productions' staging, by Ruff Yeager, would benefit from a Pinteresque approach. The play intrigues, and the show's worth seeing, but the script is funnier and deeper than Yeager's direction, which stresses the erotic but at the expense of subtexts. Often the pace of dialogue lags, and British accents, which cause the lag, beam on and off. Lauren Zimmerman fares well as Anna, a photographer who reveals her inner self only through pictures. And Jessica John scores as the mysterious Alice, a profoundly hurt woman and a metaphor for the play. Alice is a stripper. But, like the others, won't strip down to her soul.

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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, 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.
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Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Tom Mula's new play about Jacob Marley's side of the Scrooge story. James Saba directed.
 NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 29; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, AT 2:00 P.M.

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Latinologues

Due to popular demand, the San Diego Rep extended the run of Rick Najera's "comedy without borders." Like Victoria Petrovich's set — on moving panels, a sunset beams through a chain-link fence — *Latinologues* layers its portrayals of people. In one, Najera 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 Najera'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. *Latinologues* feels uneven, however, in part because the best are so good. Some don't work, like a call to Fidel Castro that do go on, or the protestors 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 blond 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.

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More Fun Than Bowling

OnStage Playhouse stages this off-beat comedy about a champion bowler much more adept at converting spares than dealing with three ex-wives and prospective Wife #4. Jayscott Crosley directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Mourning Becomes Electra

UCSD Theatre stages Eugene O'Neill's rarely performed saga of love, revenge, and murder in a New England family after the Civil War — a family that parallels Aeschylus's *Orestia*. Suzanne Agins directed. MANDELL WEISS FORUM, UCSD, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 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 gender, usually a different emotional state (the actors' backstage schizophrenia must verge on hall-of-mirrors proportions). Aided by three dressers, they make the changes so crisply the show never wanes. Credit for the pace, and much else, including Ludlam's rich ear for allusions (which range from

Francois Villon to B movies) must go to director James Saba, whose deft touch shows that, along with being one of San Diego's better actors, he's found a second, much-needed calling. All the designers contribute: David Weiner's wood-paneled 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 DECEMBER 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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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, THROUGH DECEMBER 8; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Only Game in Town

New Village Arts presents Frank D. Gilroy's gritty romance. It's set in 1960s Las Vegas, where "if you're not risking what you can't afford, you're not really gambling." NEW VILLAGE ARTS, THROUGH DECEMBER 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Romeo and Juliet

SDSU's department of theater stages William Shakespeare's tragedy about the Montagues and Capulets. Randy Reinholz directed. DON POWELL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, THROUGH DECEMBER 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

San Diego Theatresports

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petitive scene-making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego TheatreSports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players

competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough;

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The Santaland Diaries

The Globe Theatre offers David Sedaris's "irreverent antidote" to Christmas shows, an "elfin stand-up routine" about his work at Macy's as an elf. Brendon Fox directed.

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women, and vice versa. The concept requires an adjustment, because the flip-flop reverses power relations. Although they talk tough — Kate has a beard and does karate chops — men are subservient, second-class "chattel." Now women rule, and no more humanely than did the men. Evoke Dance Theatre's staging doesn't break down barriers so much as expose them. Looked at inside-out, *Shrew* brims with unwritten status codes and a feudal mentality. In this anything-but-democratic world, those who don't fit, like Kate, get edited until they do. Much of the show's vigor comes from its host of Kates. Because it's now their world, every actress gets to play her: in charge, uncorseted. They strut. And the males act boxed in, smaller than life. Liv Kellgren's take-charge Petruchio knows no censorship. Kate (a game Tim Wild) throws karate chops that never reach a target. The production makes up in energy what it often lacks in verbal skill, however. Some of the cast weren't ready for Shakespeare. The group tends toward the shrill, and the strange acoustics of the space swallow words whole. An ongoing plus: the show's alive with movement. Gina Angelique's choreography includes slapstick effects and

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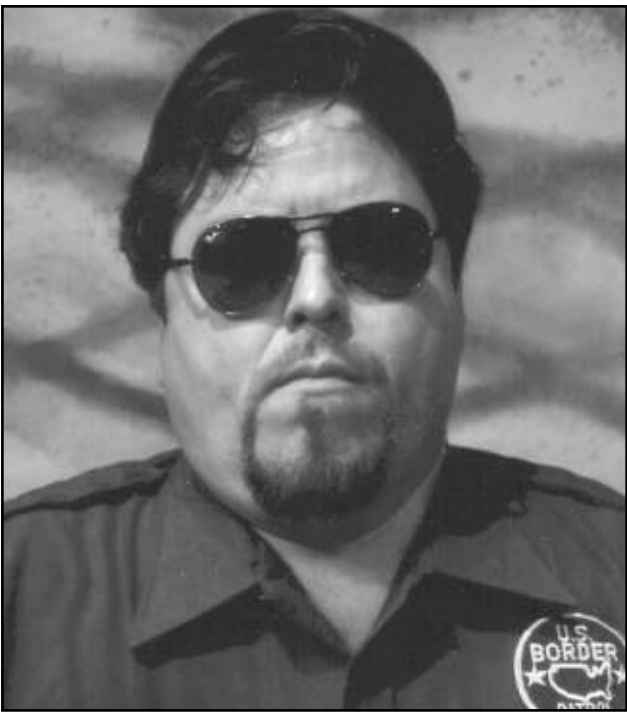
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"It is an interesting experiment," said Clear Channel programming vice president Jim Richards about the new FM 94/9's unusual

to FM 94/9 while you can. We could be next." And there are more.

"That attack is straight out of the Clear Channel playbook," said Jim Kerr, an editor at trade magazine *Radio & Records*. (The FBI contacted Clear Channel in September over a series of fake e-mails that Jefferson

offensive they [bash] specific call letters. I have never heard anybody go after the corporate owner before.

"If 91X is seen as a corporate sellout by the listeners in San Diego, then [the campaign] could be extremely effective. If listeners in San Diego don't care about who owns what, then they are just wasting their breath. It's too soon to tell yet."

FM 94/9 program director Garrett Michaels (pictured at left with Mike Halloran and DJ Jeff Stewart) said he has seen the audience research surveys conducted by his parent company, Jefferson Pilot.

"I've never seen a situation where the listeners were as bitter about a broadcast company as they are in San Diego against Clear Channel."

— Ken Leighton

"I was 13 when a guy approached me at the Oasis Water Park in Palm Springs to be a model. I was 5'7"," says Krista Oliver, 28, of the band Winky.

She says she worked in Germany, Italy, and Japan, but she's happy to be out of

the modeling rut.

"You sometimes don't have no control of your diet or your sleeping patterns or



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WINKY AND THE SMOKING MODEL

your happiness. You can get very lonely. You are at the mercy of what restaurant they take you to. The food in Germany is so heavy. You order soup and it's like pure butter. I had a hard time with my weight. Plus I discovered drinking. One German beer is like eating a whole loaf of bread."

Oliver writes most of Winky's poppy tunes. The band plays half covers and half originals.

"I like to dress up and wear makeup and feel pretty and put on costumes and laugh. I'm not about black boots and armpit hair. I was tired of depressing girls with guitars."

Oliver likes California's healthy style. "It's nice to be back home and play in bars that aren't smoky. I was a smoking model."

— Ken Leighton

"I haven't heard a new novelty Christmas song since 'Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer,'" says local producer/performer Steve Vaus. Vaus has just released *Carols by Campfire*, an 11-song collection on his own Prairie Dog label performed by his singing cowboy alter ego Buck Howdy.

"Cowpies for Christmas" gives an account of what Santa can give to naughty kids.

Santa doesn't like it when kids disobey/ And he's got something to tell 'em in a very

stinky way.... And it only gets worse.

Vaus created the theme song for the Blue Angels and the fight song for Dennis Connor's America's Cup team. Vaus was signed to RCA Records in 1992, which released the reactionary album *We Must Take America Back*.

"It was a little too political for some people. We advocated prayers in schools."

In 1989 he produced the first of a six-album series called *The Stars Come Out for Christmas*, which benefited Children's Hospital.

Vaus says the children's



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music market is "a hard market to break through. Radio Disney [heard locally

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promo announcements. Richards said, "We'll have to see if it works."

The announcements have included: "How many ways does Clear Channel touch you today? Not through this station. Hands off."

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on 1240 AM] refuses to air stuff that is geared for kids. They would rather focus on [Top 40] hits geared for teens. Radio Disney and [cable TV's] Nickelodeon is shoving inappropriate material down kids' throats. Britney Spears, 'N Sync, and Destiny's Child was never intended to be little kids' music. Now you have six- and seven-year-old girls dressed as Britney with belly button-baring sequined outfits."

And a song about yuletide dung is better?

"Any kid who has lived in the country had to sidestep a cow pie. Cow pies are a part of life if you grew up in the country.... Buck's music is sophisticated enough for parents and not condescending to kids."

Come Christmas morning if you have been bad/ You'll get the ickiest, smelliest, runniest, yuckiest surprise you've ever had.

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Buck Howdy appears in the Carols by Candlelight concert December 5 and 6 at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Also appearing are America, Jamie O'Neal, Suzy Bogguss, Kim Carnes, Stephen Bishop, Radney Foster, and Eve Selis. Admission is \$19.50 and \$36.50. *Carols by Campfire* is available through Amazon.com.

— Ken Leighton

Rosie and the Originals are best known for the 1960 hit "Angel Baby," which hit number five and was later recorded by John Lennon.

Rosie Hamlin — who grew up in National City — says the band that recorded "Angel Baby" was only together a few months. The current Rosie and the Originals have played together longer than any incarnation of the Originals.

Rosie reformed the band ten years ago after a 15-year hiatus.

Hamlin was 16 when the song hit and says the group broke up while "Angel Baby" was flying up the charts because of discontent with their record company, Highland Records. The label insisted on crediting the tune to guitarist Danny Ponci instead of Hamlin, who was under the legal age for signing contracts at the time.

"It took me years to straighten everything out and



ROSIE DOES "BEBÉ ANGEL"

to prove I wrote the song on an old upright piano that my mom bought for me."

Hamlin didn't even go into a studio for 25 years. It

wasn't until she won back the original "Angel Baby" master back in the early 1990s that music became her full-time job. (She finally won the decision in court by producing a sealed envelope postmarked before "Angel Baby" was first recorded.)

"For some reason, the majority of our fans are Hispanics, so we've started doing a Spanish-language version of 'Angel Baby.'"

And just in time for that mass-spending season, *Angel Baby Revisited* has just hit the stores.

— David Moye



SOME OF THEIR BEST FRIENDS ARE HOMELESS

"This was our third time on CNN," Karl Denson told me about his band's November 10 appearance. "There are some fans of ours that work on the show. But we had just finished a six-week tour.... I

got a cold. The morning of that appearance, my voice was a wreck. Luckily, I had my flute, and we were able to do a different arrangement of the song 'Freedom.'"

The last time Karl Denson's Tiny Universe was in town was a few months ago at 4th & B. I asked where they'll play next, and manager Erik Newson said, "They're going to be playing two sold-out nights at Madison Square Garden supporting the Dave Mathews Band."

As to how they got on CNN originally?

"The band was on before when CNN was doing a piece on Jazzfest in New Orleans.

And they interviewed them at a festival in Atlanta in late September."

Denson will be participating in a Greyboy Allstars reunion show at the Belly Up Tavern near the end of December.

— Josh Board

"We are all in our late teens except our new drummer, Cameron, who is 34. He is married, has a great job, and is the top salesman at his work. His mom just upped and left him when he was a teenager and left him to fend for himself. Cameron was telling me he was lucky he had friends who helped him out. But not every homeless kid is able to put themselves through tech school or school. Let's say you didn't have any close friends, then what happens? This [the Stand Up for Kids benefit] is to help people out in a bad situation."

Jordan Johnson, lead singer of P.B.R., knows about homelessness firsthand. He said his former drummer was kicked out of his house in 2000 at the age of 16 over credit card use.

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Jordan said P.B.R. landed an original song, "Forgotten Soldiers," on the soundtrack for an upcoming HBO movie called *Stealing Candi* starring Daniel Baldwin and Coolio.

To connect with P.B.R., go to www.pbrpunks.com.

— Ken Leighton

"I lost my hard disc digital eight-track recorder, my Yamaha PA, my PA speaker, three guitars, and a Marshall half stack. I play with an enormous amount of effects, and I lost a custom wood board I'd built to hold all the pedals and gadgets I use.... All the effects pieces together cost over \$1100. When I was calculating just my own losses, I stopped counting at \$5000 'cause it was just too depressing."

Lowcloudcover guitarist Greg Russell tells about the band's recent setback.

"The police came, they took pictures and everything, and we gave them all the information we had. They

didn't say much except that if they come across anything, they'll give us a call," Dario Izarraras, bassist for lowcloudcover, tells me. "The building is near the stadium, on Riverdale Drive.... There are about nine rooms there, and the guys from Buckfast Superbee rent out the rooms to bands to keep their equipment in and to use for practice."

Izarraras says the theft took place sometime between midnight on Sunday night November 10 and sunup Monday morning.

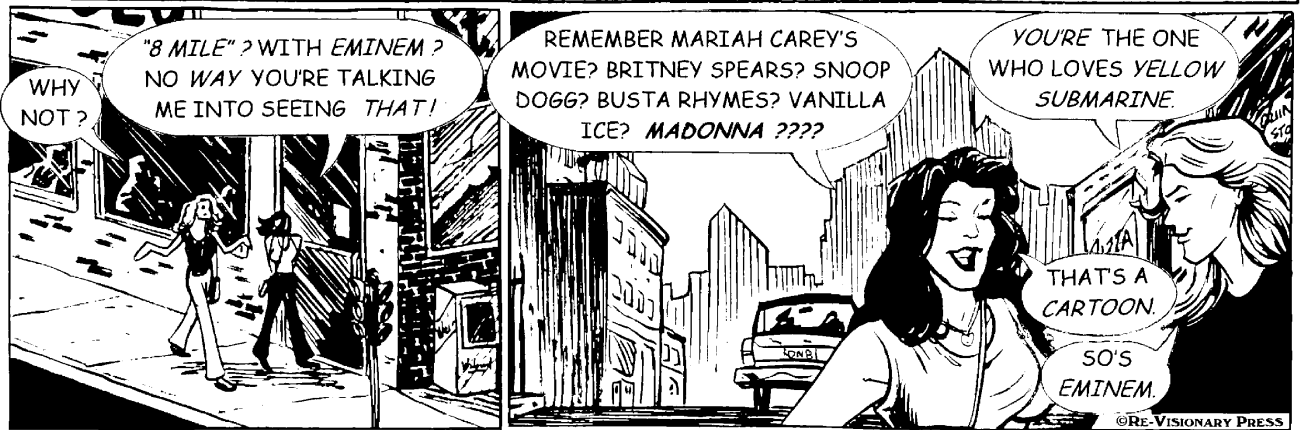
"We lost a five-piece Yamaha drum set, three guitars — a black and silver Les Paul, a red Dillion hollow-body electric guitar, and a light yellow Fender Stratocaster, plus three bass guitars...all in all, about \$10,000 worth of equipment."

Asked if lowcloudcover will keep renting space in the building, he says, "We're debating that. Buckfast Superbee is letting us use their space for now. We all like the place and the people who run it, but we'll need to feel a little more secure."

As for whether the losses are covered by insurance, Russell says the band carried none and that the owner of the rehearsal space is only covered for liability — if someone is injured on premises — but not for theft of property.

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Anyone with information about the theft, or who sees equipment fitting the band's description being sold, is asked to contact Officer Poole of the San Diego Police Department at 858-495-7900 or to notify the band directly at www.lowcloudcover.com.

— Jay Allen Sanford

The following online auctions of San Diego music memorabilia took place at eBay between October 22 and November 14.

The September 1986 issue of the magazine *Gent: Home of the D-Cups*, featuring local songstress Candye Kane — "Enjoy Candye's Fashion Show and Win Her Undies" — earned its seller in San Francisco \$5.50.

Blink-182's limited-edition 2000 CD release

Mark, Tom, Travis Show was auctioned by a seller in Chicago. Bidding opened at one penny. Seven eBayers placed 13 bids before the CD closed at \$12.50.

A Focus electric guitar manufactured by Kramer/Gibson and hand-signed by the members of blink-182 was offered with an accompanying "certificate of authenticity" according to its seller, Memorable Moments. "This item was signed by Mark Hoppus, Travis Barker and Tom DeLonge on 10/29/02 in Atlanta, GA," according to the auction description. A photo shows the signatures on the bottom of the guitar's body — each done in a different color of

ink. Nine bidders fought to get the axe, entering 17 bids, with the winner taking it home for \$224.72 (and \$25 additional for shipping).

A "brand new Fender



EVEN JEWEL'S SCRAWL CAN'T SELL A GUITAR

Strat-style full-size electric guitar" autographed by Jewel (who apparently never played the instrument) was auctioned by a New York firm called Autograph Pros ("registered dealer #237 of

the Universal Autograph Collectors Club"). Auction photos show Jewel looking at the same guitar pictured in a close-up shot of the instrument bearing her signature — which looks like a child's scrawled "J" and a heart. The seller originally set an opening bid requirement of \$199, and no bids were placed. It's offered again with a \$179 bid requirement — at press time, nobody had bid at this price either. Considering that the guitar retails for \$199, Jewel's signature apparently depreciates the value of the instrument.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Jimi's Local Jam

"All of a sudden it was up to me to buy my own guitar strings."

Jimi Hendrix's mystique still lingers. The Lincoln Center puts Hendrix's birthday as today and is celebrating with a 60th birthday and a showing of *Blue Wild Angel: Jimi Hendrix Live at the Isle of Wight*. The *Seattle Union Tribune* puts his birthday as Saturday and says he would have been 58. Jimi Hendrix was born in Seattle, but according to *The Encyclopedia of Pop, Rock, and Soul* the paper isn't keeping correct records. The book says the big day is today and he would have been 60.

May 24, 1969: guitarist Jimi Hendrix and his band the Experience — bassist Noel Redding and drummer Mitch Mitchell — checked into their "deluxe" two-room suite at the Hilton Inn.

Hendrix and his band were nearing the end of a two-month tour and were due to play the International Sports Arena (now known as the Sports Arena) that evening. The Experience's spring tour of America had begun in Raleigh, North Carolina, and they had just played a hometown gig the previous day at the Seattle Center Coliseum. Scheduled to open the San Diego show at 8:30 p.m. was Fat Mattress, a group Noel Redding had formed — ostensibly as a side project, but really, he'd later admit, as a way to hedge his bets in case rumors about Hendrix's plan to disband the Experience proved to be true (which they did).

"Fat Mattress was me getting back to me roots," Redding told me during one of several conversations we had about this period. I came to interview Redding after he called my office to compliment me on the Jimi Hendrix issue of *Rock 'n' Roll Comics* that I published at Revolutionary Comics.

He told me, "I never played bass before I auditioned [for the Experience], and I missed playing guitar and singing. Fat Mattress was done with two members from an old band I'd been in called the Loving Kind. We put together the new group to open for Experience shows, sure, but also to record and tour on our own.... Jimi seemed to think the idea was great. We all

planned on having our separate side projects, to keep everybody happy, but to keep the Experience going as well."

He says part of the motivation behind forming Fat Mattress was statements Hendrix had given in press interviews about "taking a year off" and behind-the-scenes vibes he'd picked up from the guitarist.

"Around the time we went down to San Diego...there was talk of the group being 'expanded.' I hadn't been asked about it. At that point, I was asking a lot of questions about the finances, about where all the money was. I think they brought in Billy Cox [who replaced Redding in the Experience several months after the San Diego concert] 'cause I was asking so many questions."

Redding recalls an argument with the Experience's road manager when the group arrived in San Diego. "I think that was the first time Mitch and I were put on a 'daily dole' — an allowance, I guess you'd call it, that we had to use to pay for anything besides the hotel and room service. Everything used to be taken care of and paid for, but all of a sudden it was up to me to buy me own guitar strings if I needed another set! He [the Experience road manager] fobbed off paying the bill for [Fat Mattress] too.... I believe they had to stay in a different hotel from the rest of us, and a none-too-nice one at that."

Tickets for the Sports Arena show cost patrons from \$2.75 to \$5.50. The concert was sold out, and a few hundred fans were milling about in the parking lot as Fat Mattress hit the stage, just before nine. Several people had been caught trying to gain entrance with counterfeit tickets, apparently purchased from a parking lot scalper. The bogus tickets were confiscated.

A few dozen ticketless youth rushed past security guards. A scuffle and several short chases ensued, and most of the gate crashers were turned away or arrested, prompting local headlines the next day in the *San Diego Union* and the *Evening Tribune* (respectively) to read "Police Arrest Gate Crashers At Arena Show" and "Music Lovers' Mar Hendrix Concert in

Arena."

After Fat Mattress's set, Hendrix sat in a small backstage dressing room, strumming an unplugged electric guitar while several others milled about.

In the concert hall, technical engineers were setting up a stereo tape deck intended to record the concert direct from the soundboard. The man in charge of recording the show was Wally Heider, owner of a Northern California recording facility frequented by Jefferson Airplane and many others (Heider would also serve as sound engineer on the recording *Hendrix Live at Fillmore East*). Running the mix from the soundboard was Abe Jacob. Jacob had started as a sound engineer in San Francisco, mixing for the Mamas and the Papas and Peter, Paul, and Mary, and designing the sound system for the Monterey Pop Festival, where the Jimi Hendrix Experience first wowed America in 1967. Until Jacob gave the go-ahead that the equipment was ready, Hendrix would remain in the dressing room.

Backstage Hendrix agreed to be interviewed by Jim Brodey, a writer for the *San Diego Free Press*. First, though, he instructed a roadie to clear the room of everyone but himself and Brodey, to whom he gave permission to tape the interview. Even so, people kept walking in and out of the room during the chat, which Hendrix didn't like.



Jimi Hendrix

As published in the *San Diego Free Press's* June 13, 1969, edition, Hendrix discussed his May 3 arrest (for "illegal possession of narcotics") at the Toronto International Airport. Royal Canadian Mounted Police had searched his luggage, claiming to find several ounces of heroin wrapped in small packages and tucked into a bottle in one of his travel bags. "I can't tell you too much about that because my lawyer told me not to," the guitarist told Brodey. "Anyway, I'm innocent, completely innocent." Asked if he thought the bust was a frame, Hendrix

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The David Patrone Quartet

Asked whether he was looking to form a new band, Hendrix was noncommittal. "Oh well, see, this is what the negative folks are trying to tell you. That's what the establishment is telling you. They're trying to blow us all up and give us awards and all that so that they can just dust us away, but we're not here to collect awards, you know, we're here to turn people on to the right way because there is some really strange scenes coming up though."

This wasn't the only break in the proceedings. According to Brodey, "The interview was interrupted by promoters and someone with a 'love' medallion. Top 40 radio station KCBQ had sponsored a contest in which entrants who had made the 'grooviest' love medallion would win a free ticket to the concert and pre-

Redding notes that Jimi's

“I can’t tell you too much about that because my lawyer told me not to.”

A few minutes before 10:00 p.m., the Jimi Hendrix Experience hit the stage. The 5/24/69 tapes would become the source of one of the most widely bootlegged recordings

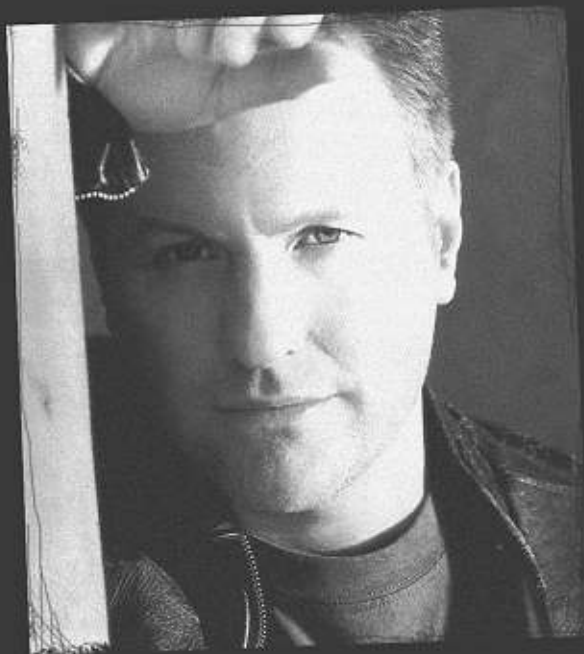
Jimi talked to the audience between songs, including one extended rap where he told them, “This is, like, the epicenter of where it’s happening, right here in California. I just wanted you to know that, even though I think you know it already. Does it ever rain here? Would

"I'd go down to [Hendrix's] hotel room," Redding says, "and he wouldn't be in there. There would be all these sorts of people getting room service and smoking all these

The 12-minute version of “Red House” performed in San Diego on May 24 later turned up on the official release *Hendrix in the West* (Polydor/WB Reprise, released January 1972), and it’s considered the guitarist’s best rendition of the song. Hendrix’s solo runs nearly five minutes until Mitchell and Redding go back to work and pick up the tempo behind him — even then, Hendrix seems reluctant to stop riffing and sing the next refrain.

Other official and semi-official releases offer songs from the San Diego date, including the 1982 LP *Concerts* and the four-CD set *Stages* (Polydor/WB Reprise 1991), which has nearly the whole 5/24/69 show except for “Foxy Lady” on disc three. Most notably, a recent box set collection, *The Jimi Hendrix Experience* (2000, Universal/MCA), features the San Diego version of “Red House,” along with “Purple Haze” from the same show, further qualifying the night Jimi Hendrix came to town as the stuff of rock and roll legend. ■

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Jazz Wretch

*I'm sure he had some golden moments.
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I should imagine most people — who think about such things at all — when they think of the alliance between poetry and jazz in live performance think of the Beats on the one hand and Charles Mingus, Miles, and Coltrane on the other. This is not entirely off. The Beats identified themselves with jazz and, in at least one instance, referred to their own procedures as a kind of “spontaneous bop prosody.” Kerouac, in particular, is a very jazzy writer, and live jazz performances figure prominently in his work. Dizzy Gillespie even titled one of his compositions “Kerouac,” a sort of tribute to his literary fan.

Mingus, for his part, produced an album for Bethlehem in October of 1957 called *A Modern Jazz Symposium on Music and Poetry*, which includes a lineup of Mingus, Dannie Richmond on drums, Jimmy Knepper on trombone, Shafi Hadi on sax, Clarence Shaw on trumpet, and Horace Parlan sharing the piano duties with Bob Hammer. This was a good vintage for Mingus, a vintage that would include the *East Coasting* and *New Tijuana Moods* sessions. The “poetry” end of things is actually a jazzily spoken narration by Lonnie Alders that drifts in and out of the music — and sometimes the other way round, with the music drifting through the narrative. It’s an experiment that sounds very dated now, almost like a send-up of the coffeehouse/beret era, but it’s not bad, really. The music is heavily influenced by Ellington (“Harlem Air-Shift” and similar pieces).

The composer, arranger, and pianist George Russell produced a similar recording in March of 1959, with a lineup that includes Coltrane, Bill Evans, Art Farmer, Hal McKusick, Phil Woods, Al Cohn, Charlie Persip, Benny Golson, Barry Galbraith, George Duvivier, and Max Roach. Jon Hendricks does the narration. Musically and poetically, insofar as the narrative inclines toward poetry, it’s more successful than the Mingus ef-

fort. The narration and music are better integrated, more complementary. Both sessions seem to be trying to paint an aural portrait of New York City and the jazz-inflected Zeitgeist of the moment. Both only partially succeed in their brave, imaginative efforts.

But both albums were creations of jazzmen, musicians, so it was inevitable that the music would take precedence in the overall scheme. When it was the poet’s turn to lead the session, guess which gets more prominence, the words or music? Kerouac, as I mentioned, liked to perform with live jazz. Depending on how much wine he had in him during any given performance, I’m sure he had some golden moments. He also had some wretched disasters that included,

more than once, retching into, onto, over the piano. Kenneth Rexroth always liked to remind anyone who would listen of Kerouac’s more unfortunate lapses in this genre.

Jealousy was not the least of Kenneth Rexroth’s character failings. He appears to have been an unpleasant man, if we are to judge by what’s been written about him by others. Even his own *Autobiography* is an unpleasant, self-serving affair. I didn’t know him but saw him read his own poetry, sans jazz band, in 1967. He was a dreadful reader. He had a peculiar way of chanting his poetry, which even to an adoring 17-year-old was excruciating. His manner was clownishly pompous, arrogant, clearly that of a “great man” who was off in the provinces bringing the word to insensate philistines. But Rexroth was at least half right: we were, by and large, philistines, and he was, if not a great man, a brilliant, talented, and distinguished one.

Of all the poets identified with poetry and jazz

in the 1950s, Rexroth was the most important. A decade before I heard him read at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Rexroth was enjoying a large success on the West Coast (and, finally, nationally) reciting his poetry in front of small jazz combos. For an old, hard-times, Chicago-bred hustler like Rexroth to be vaulted from the tiny, inbred, avant-garde/left-wing/hip highbrow café society of North Beach to national attention — *Newsweek*, *Esquire*, the *New York Times*, and the rest — must have been heady stuff. Even Frank Sinatra, who was considering a poetry-jazz project (ugh) and his buddy Shirley MacLaine caught Rexroth’s act at the Jazz Concert Hall in L.A. MacLaine said of the performance that it was like “listening to John Donne in the Fourth Dimension.” However insufferable Rexroth might have been before this success (and evidence suggests he was well along in the area of self-regard), he must have really been unbearable during and afterwards.

Regardless, Rexroth was on to something with poetry and jazz collaboration, and he knew something about its provenance; in fact, he may have played a significant part in its provenance. Bearing in mind that Rexroth is not always reliable in his rememberings and *always* self-serving, he seems to have been part of a scene of poetry cum jazz per-

formance as far back as the 1920s at a place called the Green Mask, a Bohemian tea room in Chicago, on Grand Avenue and State Street, where there were weekly poetry readings and lectures. According to Rexroth, the clientele included Ben Hecht, Sherwood Anderson, Edgar Lee Masters, Alberta Hunter, Jimmy Yancay, Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen, and Claude McKay. Sandburg would sometimes turn up with his guitar. Every so

often Vachel Lindsay and Maxwell Bodenheim would turn up as well. Naturally, Rexroth was the center of everyone’s attention, reading from Whitman and the French symbolist poets. But usually, according to Rexroth, the fare was simpler: Robert Service or, on a highbrow evening, Algernon Swinburne. It seems that the poets were reading the works of writers other than themselves, a rare enough phenomenon among poets.

On hand musically, according to Remy, were

the pianist Frankie Melrose, a veteran of the Wingy Manone and Bud Freeman units, along with the great jazz drummer Dave Tough. As for the music itself, Rexroth described it as “pretty gut-bucket, usually, sort of palso-funky.” Let me have Rexroth describe the scene:



Kenneth Rexroth

When I was young, a kid in my teens, I ran a place in Chicago, with a couple of girls, called the Green Mask. We used to have poetry readings there all the time. The girls were a couple of carny and show-business people. One of those old-time places where everybody goes after the show, where people get up and sing. Maxwell Bodenheim (who couldn’t write for sour owl-shit) and Langston Hughes and myself used to do poetry and jazz with a Chicago

group, the Austin High Gang.

Dave Tough was the youngest member of the group and was himself a poet. Dave Tough was just about the first hipster. He was a head, and most of the time he lived with gay women, and he wrote poetry — real far-out poetry. There was another drummer, whose name I forgot, who lives in Florida now, who has Dave’s poetry. I have tried to get at it. I turned Barney Rosset on to it, but I don’t know what happened. It wasn’t amateur, illiterate stuff. Dave Tough was, of course, the greatest organic drummer...the only musician, except Mary Lou Williams, who went from the old-time jazz to the new-time jazz. Nobody else did it.... I mean, the thing about Dave Tough was that he moved from Chicago jazz into modern jazz. He was in the first Herd with Woody Herman, for instance, and through it all became a thoroughly modern drummer. He was certainly as interesting as Roach or even Elvin Jones.

Later, in the John Reed Club, we used to do a certain amount of revolutionary verse. I did a thing with Louis Aragon’s “Red Front”...and then it all sorta died. Jazz died. There was very little action in jazz for years.

That is, until the heroic Remy revived it in San Francisco. More next week. ■

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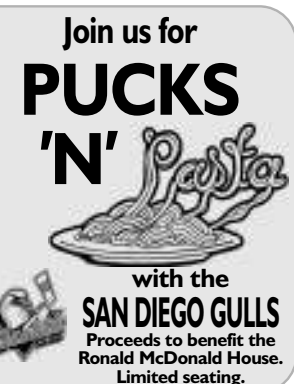


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Altan [998]: California Center for the
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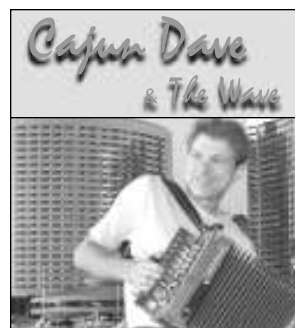
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Private Domain /489/: Zip & Zack's Filling Station, Dick's Last Resort

Rain of Kings: Second Wind (Santee)

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The New Dan Regas Band: Dream Street

The Rockaholics: Second Wind (Escondido)

Doug Sanchez: The Casbah

Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)

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EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

James Bianchi: Bahia Hotel

Cafe Savoy: Hot Monkey Love Cafe

The Disco Pimps: Buffalo Joe's

Diva Soul: Jimmy Love's

John Foltz: La Costa Coffee Roasting Co.

Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel

Liquid Blue /606/: Fogerty's Pub

Danny Lopez: The Butcher Shop

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Makai: Humphrey's, Viejas Casino

The New Breed Band: The Alley

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman /622/: The Westgate Hotel

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Soft Cell /600/: 4th & B

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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Afinity: Il Forno

Agua Dulce /711/: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Frank Alves: Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina

The B-Side Players /649/: Belly Up Tavern, Winstons

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Bossa Nossa: Humphrey's

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

Susie Burns: Danato's Ristorante

John Cain /703/: Hotel del Coronado, The Westgate Hotel

Cal-Son: The Calypso Cafe

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The Calypso Maniacs: The Calypso Cafe

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Bob Campbell: Dizzy's

Gilbert Castellanos /667/: Dizzy's

The Gilbert Castellanos Quartet: Juke Joint Cafe

Stanley Clarke: Victor's Restaurant & Bar

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Fattburger: Humphrey's

Aubrey Fay: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Juke Joint Cafe

The Aubrey Fay Band: The New Bristol Hotel

Glen Fisher con Alma /638/: Croce's Jazz Bar

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The Cynthia Hammond Trio: Juke Joint Cafe

Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra: Belly Up Tavern

The Nathan Hubbard Skeleton Key Orchestra: Dizzy's

Inner Voyage: Ole Madrid

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The Jazz Allstars: Jimmy Love's

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Kevin Kanner: Dizzy's

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Arun Luthra: Dizzy's

Tim Maglione /718/: Danato's Ristorante

Mitch Manker: Dizzy's

Masterpiece: Viejas Casino, Jimmy Love's

The Shep Meyers Quartet /660/: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Gary Nieves: Dizzy's

Sue Palmer /641/: Juke Joint Cafe

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The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp), Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

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REGGAE / SKA

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Forward Funk: Galoka

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Jah Judah: Dream Street

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Quino: Humphrey's

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Stranger: Buffalo Joe's, The Scene

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EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Chess Set: Don's Cocktail Lounge

Lee Tyler Post: Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain)

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Andrew Beacock: Lestat's Coffeehouse

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Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

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Acapulco: Saturdays, DJ OneSlippa spins hip-hop, R&B, and reggae. 8998 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-578-6390.

Bar Dynamite: Thursdays, *Ladies' Night*, DJ Iron Mike spins hip-hop, soul, breaks, and dancehall. No cover; 21 and up. 1808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-8743.

BK Lounge: Fridays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath Buffalo Joe's, corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp, 619-236-1616. Information, 619-998-4336.

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Cathedral: Saturdays, cyberpunk, future pop, tribal, neo-folk, dark techno, Goth, industrial, and more. Open midnight; 18 and up with ID. Club Xanth, 4225 30th Street (at El Cajon Boulevard), North Park, 619-584-2720.

Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan Pollard, Muckley, and Adam Z spin '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and

new romantic; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego, 619-574-0744. Information, 619-465-5827.

Club '80s II: Fridays (except the first of the month), DJs Bryan Pollard, Adam Z, and Kurt Heilige spin '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic. 11 p.m. to 4 a.m.; 18 and up. Club Xanth, 4225 30th Street (at El Cajon Boulevard), North Park, 619-584-2720. Information, 619-465-5827.

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Darkwave Garden: Every second and fourth Saturday, gothic, ethereal, electro, fetish, and dance; 21 and up. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, uptown, 619-296-6789. Information, 619-465-5827.

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 beats with DJ Sum and special guests. Seven-17, 717 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-232-4440. Information, 858-635-1255.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and Latin house; DJ Battle spins trance, progressive house, and jungle on the patio. Thursday, November 28, *Thanksgiving Jam*. High school and college students admitted. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido, 760-741-9393.

Hi Ball: Fridays, old skool and funk with DJ Mo. 626 E Street, Chula Vista, 619-425-3800.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Imagine a bass player's hall of fame: there'd be Mingus and Ron Carter, Oscar Pettiford, Eddie Gomez, and the late Jaco Pastorius. Include funkmeister Bootsy Collins, who got his start with James Brown and later fired up the P. Funk Allstars with both his playing and his costumes. Lost in Collins' prop wash is Larry Graham (Sly and the Family Stone), important nonetheless and said to have invented the funk bass sounds of slapping and popping. Throw in the late John Entwistle, a far better bassist than the Who ever required, and Billy Sheehan, who put little-known Talas on the map by speedracing up and down the fretboard of his bass guitar and more or less re-inventing the instrument.

Then there's **Stanley Clarke**. As good as anybody else ever was, Stanley Clarke is

better. His chops approach virtuoso status. Born in Philadelphia, Clarke switched from violin to double bass to electric bass. At 19, he interned with the late pianist Horace Silver, then moved on to perform stints with Joe Henderson and Pharaoh Sanders. I believe it was with Chick Corea, though, that Clarke's fusion genius came home to roost, even though critics nailed him for going commercial. No matter. Fusion became Clarke's medium, and outings with George Duke, Jean-Luc Ponty, Al DiMeola, Lenny White, Ritchie Kotzen, Jeff Beck, and even Keith Richards followed. In short, Stanley Clarke took bass guitar off the back line and shaped it into a solo instrument.

Everybody into fusion's got a favorite Stanley Clarke moment — mine is a collaboration between Clarke and Gregory Hines. Clarke is clicking and slapping and popping the strings of his bass, producing a gilded music of funky sounds and textures and transitions. Meanwhile, Hines is working with the



STANLEY CLARKE BAND

percussive noises by doing what he does best, dancing in tap shoes. The result is a winning rave-up in which the taps don't sound like taps and the bass doesn't sound like bass, and perhaps that is the greatest of Clarke's gifts, the one big card he holds over all the rest — transcendence.

STANLEY CLARKE BAND, Victor's by the Bay, Friday, November 29, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. 858-490-3389. \$20.

Neon Beat: Mondays, DJ Eternalux and Abe spin '80s new wave, hits, misses, and obscure. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-284-2848.

The Pompeii Room: Fridays and Saturdays, 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. Saturdays, your favorite grooves. Sundays, *Industry Lounge*. Il Forno Bistro, 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-459-5010.

Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Eric Hart, Marc Brueland, and Adam Atom. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego,

619-574-0744. Information, 619-743-1623.

Soul Cellar: Saturdays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath Buffalo Joe's, corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp, 619-236-1616. Information, 619-998-4336.

Studio West: Three Saturdays per month, hip-hop, old skool, R&B, and NYC house with DJ Bob One and DJ Van; 21 and up. Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4131.

Therapy: Industrial, EBM, electro, 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 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.

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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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday and Friday, *Love Rangers*. Saturday and Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop, jazz.

The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Performances are from 7 pm to 10 pm. 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. Wednesday, November 27, 9 pm, *the B-Side Players* with *Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra*, jazz. Friday, 9:15 pm, *Los Lobos* with *John Doe*, rock. Saturday, 9:15 pm, *Carrie Weiland*, *the Big Provider*, and *Futyle*. Tuesday, 8 pm, *Rhett Miller* with *Stickfigure*.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Wednesday, November 27, *the Calypso Maniacs*, Latin jazz. Friday, *Cal-Son*, salsa. Saturday, *Triple Shot*, blues. Sunday and Monday, call club for information. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, blues.

Danato's Ristorante, 1280 East Vista Way, Vista. 760-724-7242. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Susie Burns* and *Tim Maglione*, jazz.

Fogerty's Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Liquid Blue*, pop rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Nude BBQ*, rock. Saturday, *the Small Town Heroes*, blues.

Jim Kelley's, 937 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-943-9800. Wednesday, November 27, *Rhea*. Friday, 9 pm, *Nathan James*, blues. Saturday, 9 pm, *Blue Funk*.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore* and *the Witchdoctors*. Friday, *the Flat Out Liars*, classic rock. Saturday, *Blue Heat*, blues.

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.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Wednesday, November 27, *Pepper*, reggae. Thursday, 6:15 pm to 9:15 pm, *the Cradit Union*, swing. Friday and Sunday, *salsa rock en español*. Saturday, 9:30 pm, hip-hop, live band.

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Music hours are from 6 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *S.O.B.*, contemporary. Saturday, *Trio du Jour*, jazz.

Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina, 5256 South Mission Road, Bonsall. 760-945-1250. Friday, 7 pm to 9 pm, *Frank Alves*, contemporary jazz.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 pm, open mike. Friday, *Big Blue Cat*. Saturday, *Idle Train*, rock.

Zip & Zack's Filling Station & Pickup Joint, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-591-9393. Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, *Private Domain*, rock and roll.

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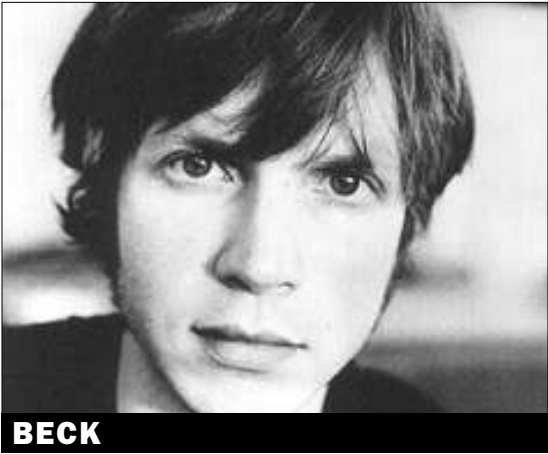
BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In the mid-'90s, with Kurt Cobain's body barely cold, **Beck Hansen** came along, singing, "I'm a loser baby, so why don't you kill me," thereby exposing grunge's slacker chic as just another affected pose. Until then, we had thought of it more as a symptom of sociopolitical angst. Yeah, I know. Anyway, Beck won our hearts. It wasn't just that he mixed hip-hop, rock and folk, surrealism and pop culture jokes — a lot of horrible music tries to pass itself off as eclectic — it was the way he did it and the exact time when he did it. And the fact that he made it seem like so much fun.

But unlike the similarly minded Beastie

Boys, Beck sounded even better when he inched toward a more serious approach — the mildly creepy undercurrent to "New Pollution" comes to mind — hinting that he would achieve greatness when he cast aside childish things and made some fully realized music. Indeed, his *Mutations* album was as beautiful, melodic, and melancholy as the Beatles' *Rubber Soul* — the only problem was that the lyrics were all of the "I Am the Walrus" school.

As if in answer to his critics, Beck's recent *Sea Change* is as serious as a heart attack. Featuring titles like "Guess I'm Doin' Fine," "Lonesome Tears," and "Already Dead," it's a breakup album in the classic sense. The song structures are traditional and the lyrics are linear. And it's a good record. Thing is, we already have Elliott Smith to make albums like



BECK

this. Maybe Beck's current tour mates, the Flaming Lips, can help him find a middle ground.

BECK, Copley Symphony Hall, Wednesday, December 4, 8 p.m. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497. \$35.

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. Wednesday, November 27, *Organix* and *Universe*, hip-hop. Friday, *Superunloader*, rock. Saturday, *Voice of Reason*, *Icons*, and *the Cosmic Funk Warts*, alternative. Sunday, *Scot Taber* and *Magnuson*. Wednesday, *Individualz*, *Deploi*, and *L.O.2*.

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock. Wednesday, November 27, call club for information. Friday, call club for

information. Saturday, *Animal 32*, *Riboflavin'*, and *Disappointing Joseph*. Tuesday, *Our Lady Peace*, *Fingertight*, and *Human Lab*.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Wednesday, November 27, *the Steely Damned*, rock. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Beatlemania*, classic rock. Saturday, call club for information.

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. Wednesday, November 27, *Atomic Cloud*, *Sledd*,

Alien Stew, and *Eddie Mac*. Friday, *the New Dan Regas Band*, *Eider Down*, *Hogg Farm*, and *Desolation Angels*. Saturday, *Soulz in Syzygy*, *Jah Judah*, and *BD Katz*. Wednesday, December 4, *Fixt*, *State of Beyond*, *Kyros* and *Dumbfound*.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Dejablu* with *Kymberlee Maxine*. Friday, *Aubrey Fay*. Saturday, *Dora Hall & Mixed Company*. Tuesday, *the Mikole Kaar Duo*. Wednesday, *Torre & Novelli*.

Galoka, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday, *Reggae Fever*. Friday, *Forward Funk*. Saturday, call club for information.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Wednesday, November 27, *Blue Spring*, rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Kitchen Fire*, Irish folk.

Il Forno, 909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard Rock Cafe), La Jolla. 858-459-5010. The Room: Friday, *Afinity*, rumba and Spanish guitar. Saturday and Wednesday, *the Wagnertorre & Christiano Novelli Duo*, Brazilian rhythm.

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*.

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RT's Longboard Grill, 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-4030. Sunday, 10 pm to 1 am, *the Devastators*, reggae, 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. Friday, *the Bartones*, rock, blues. Saturday, *the Rockin' Blues Hounds*. Sunday, open acoustic.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Friday, 7:30 pm and 9 pm, *Stanley Clarke*, jazz. Saturday, 8 pm, *the Kofi Baker Trio* and *the Thomas Conner Band*.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Wednesday, November 27, *the Devastators*, reggae. Friday, *Cubensis*, rock. Saturday, *Blue 88* and *the B-Side Players*. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors* and *Estradasphere*. Monday, *the Blaze Project*. Tuesday, *Souls & Sisergy*. Wednesday, *Dama*, *Spoken Gun*, and *Delta Nove*.

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Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *the Jaime Valle Bossa/Jazz Duo*, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 pm, *Andrew Hull*, classical guitar.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Wednesday, November 27, *Vader*, *Immolation*, *the Berserker*, and *Origin*. Friday, *Aggression*, *Lisafer*, 666 *Pack*, and *Shed*. Saturday, *VIII Fraud*, *the Thought Experiment*, *Eroticide*, and *Murmer*. Sunday, *Noise God* and *Have You Seen Her*. Tuesday, *Desolation Angels*, *Siren*, *Young Heart Attack*, and *the Dropsies*. Wednesday, December 4, *Cephalic*

Carnage, *Mortuus Terror*, and *Chaotic Culture*.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Friday, 8:30 pm, *Diane Waters*, acoustic. Saturday, 8 pm, *Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors*.

Club Xanth, 4225 30th Street, San Diego. 619-584-2720. Music is hardcore/punk. Wednesday, November 27, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Fortress*, *Vampire*, and *Skeletoir*. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Toxic Narcotic*, *Midnight Creeps*, *Headrot*, *Conformacide*, and *Career Soldiers*. Saturday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Waiting for Autumn*, *Die Radio Die*, *Letter Kills*, *Purim*, and *Roulette*.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. All music is alternative/rock. Friday, *Side Project*, *PBR*, *Underminded*, *the Cause*, *the Classified*, *Spare Change*, and *To What End*.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *the Small Town Heroes*, blues. Saturday, *the Michael Bliss Band*, rock, blues. Sunday, noon to 3 pm, *the Vince Clementson Group*, jazz.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 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*: Wednesday, November 27, 9:30 pm, *the Backstage Blues All-Stars*. Friday, 6 pm, *Jerome Dawson*, 9:30 pm, *Makai*, pop. Saturday, 6 pm, *Bossa Nova*, 9:30 pm, *Quino*, reggae. Sunday, *Jason Weber*. Tuesday, *Soul Persuaders*. Wednesday, *Fattburger*.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, *Rick Lyon*, contemporary keyboard.

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, *the Glossines*, *Minnie*, and *the Bad Apples*. Saturday, *the Neon Beat*.



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BY MARY MONTGOMERY

Album name: *2002 Demo*

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Songs: 1) Jump 2) Twice as Cool 3) All the Girls in Heaven

4) Into the Darkness 5) Another Night 6) I Want You So

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Names of band members: Michael Archuleta (guitars, vocals), Daniel Archuleta (upright bass, vocals), Brando "Strutta" O'Connell (drums), Conor Meads (piano), Andy Day (backup vocals)

Extra Info: The Bandits' next gig is November 30 at the Casbah with the Paladins.

Website: *www.mp3.com/thebanditsrock*

Poway trio the Bandits offer what they have termed "aggressive rock-abilly" on their first EP, *2002 Demo* (and what's with that title?).

Aggressive rockabilly? Not exactly. The Bandits produce a rather mellow version of rock-abilly that comes across as more bluesy than anything else. Lead vocalist Michael Archuleta,

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *the Donnas*, *Your Enemies Friends*, and *the Campfire Girls*. Saturday, *Jah Blood & Fire Angels*, *Tribe of Judah*, *Stranger*, *Universal Saints*, and *Tribe of Kings*. Wednesday, December 4, *Avail*, *Hey Mercedes*, *Solea*, *Eastern Youth*, and *the Curse*.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Wednesday, November 27, also, Friday and Saturday, *Stretheart*, classic rock.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Friday, *Under the Stone*, *Daemos*, *Nihilist*, and *Corvis*, alternative.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday, *Buddy Blue*, blues. Saturday, *the Barnyard Ballers*, *the Apple*, and *Whole Hog*, alternative.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet*.

whose voice is responsible for carrying the syrupy sweet lyrics, lacks force behind his vocals. In "I Want You So," Archuleta sings, "All night long I dreamt of you/ I woke up alone now baby I'm blue/ I want you so bad/ so oh oh bad/ I'll hold you so tight/ and I'll treat you so right/ oh baby/ I want you so bad." The song deteriorates further.

Track four is a departure from the rest of the album. Guitars create a dismal feeling through the lower notes, and traces of punk pierce the first two choruses. This soon tapers off into something completely different, leaving the listener wondering if perhaps another track has begun. Despite the tone of the song, Archuleta's voice remains shrill. It is only shrill half of the time, when he is making the effort to sing; the



The Bandits

rest of the time it is lackluster.

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DRESS > casual; western outfits, flannel shirts, T-shirts (Bat Out of Hell, Peterbilt trucks, Mickey Mouse, Texas Lonestar State, Indian motorcycles); cowboy boots, sandals, and a guy with crutches

DANCE FLOOR > 30' x 15'

BATHROOMS > men's had a toilet and urinal, sink with paper towels, condom machine; clean with only graffiti saying "Raiders #1" and a sticker on the mirror that read, "micemusic.com – punk rock"; women's was clean with two toilets,

tampon machine, and two giant mirrors

CAPACITY > 96

SPECIAL AREAS > none

FURNISHINGS > Ten small tables, keno machine, video poker game, seven TVs (one big screen), four pool tables, cigarette machine (\$5), jukebox, two dart boards, pay phone out front, ATM (they also accept all credit cards), change machine

DECIBEL LEVEL > 92 during karaoke version of "Born to Be Wild" (113 at Dirk's last week; my Chrysler Sebring car horn is 104 from ten feet away)

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH > Mercy Road (Mercy Road freeway exit is where CHP officer Craig Peyer murdered Cara Knott in 1986)

QUOTABLE > "It's funny, when you get drunk, you walk the same way you roller skate." (There's a roller rink next door.)

Club Iguana isn't to be confused with any other club that has had

"iguana" in its name. The bartender tells me, "We've only been called that for the last ten months. We used to be the Driftwood Lounge. I'm still trying to talk them into going back to that name."

When I saw the cars in the parking lot – El Caminos, a Trans Am, lots of big old Fords with toolboxes in the back – I was expecting trouble, but this was a friendly, unpretentious bar with lots of smiling faces.

During karaoke, one guy at the bar was heckling the person singing a Def Leppard song. But it turns out they were friends. Another guy sang the Sir Mix-A-Lot rap "Baby Got Back," and everyone was laughing. Of course, you don't have karaoke without some couple getting up and singing the *Grease* tune "Summer Nights." It's November, but in Santee it feels like the summer.

–Josh Board

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The Cheap Steaks Sweepstakes, Part I

Whatever the food police say about red meat, San Diego clings to its deluxe steakhouses — Donovan's, Flemings, Greystone, and Prime Ten, to name just a few — plus imports Morton's and Ruth's Chris. But the most beloved "steakhouse" of all may just be the Turf Supper Club, a down-home bar and grill at the heart of Golden Hill. There, a very few bucks will buy you not only a damn good hunk of meat, but also the privilege of cooking it yourself. The motto of the Turf Club's many loyal fans is, "If your steak isn't done right, it's your own fault."

The Turf Club's scene may be one of a kind, but its basic concepts have proved contagious. The "grill-your-own" exercise has just popped up at the witty new Gaslamp Strip Club (which we'll cover next week) and has even become a new option up at the Butcher Shop in Mira Mesa and the Hindquarter on Miramar Road. And in the big pink palace at the edge of Little Italy, the "good cheap steaks" half of the equation shows up at Fat City. (We'll cover that in part III of our Cheap Steaks Sweepstakes.) Given that all three eateries are about ten minutes' easy drive from each other, they fairly beg to be looked at in close sequence.

San Diego guidebooks mysteriously characterize Golden Hill as "eccentric" or "avant-garde." The Turf probably contributes a great deal to that reputation. When it first opened in the early '50s, the little saloon must have been a hangout for racing fans; the decor is slightly "horsey" to go with the name. If you look closely at the dark-painted upper walls under the red-lit recessed ceiling, you can spot a few kitschy equine-themed decorations, and at booth level, you can make out a faint horse motif in the pattern of the faded beige wallpaper. When Joe Austin, Sam Chammas, and Tim Mays bought and reopened the place five years ago, they cleaned it thoroughly but didn't touch the décor. Their current customers include a few old timers who've been coming in for half a century. There's one room with a bar and a couple of small black Naugahyde booths and an adjoining room with two more small black booths, three or four large red ones, a couple of tables, and the grill.

Cook-it-yourself steak joints are hardly unique; there are similar establishments all over Southern California (the Turf's grill was installed during its previous incarnation). The affection its patrons have for the Turf largely has to do with the locale.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

As far as I know, Turf Supper Club is the only site in all of greater Golden Hill where you can sit down to eat a non-Mexican, non-pizza restaurant dinner. And it's emphatically the only place in the neighborhood where you can buy a decent steak, cooked or raw.

The crowd is diverse, to say the least: All ages, races, genders, and styles gather amicably over the grill, although there's usually a plurality of thirtysomethings with variously interesting hairstyles and bodily adornments. Not all are neighborhood folks, however — pilgrims arrive from all over the county to visit this mellow shrine of beefy hippitude, and on weekend evenings, the typical attire switches from "come as you are" to Gaslampish "meet market" duds. What really sets the tone (and creates a community) is the awesome CD jukebox near the front door. This selective repository features six decades of great sounds, playing loudly and almost constantly. A typical evening's run is likely to include Motown, acoustic singer-songwriter, R&B, Western swing, and country blues — the hits just keep on coming!

REVIEW NAOMI WISE

And the same can be said of the food. Soon after you sit down, a waitperson will come to take your order. Since there's often a short wait for grill space, I always start with the sole side dish, a house salad of fresh lettuce, red onions, and a few hunks of passable tomato. The delicious Italian and ranch dressings are made from scratch, and the blue cheese dressing, while a commercial product, is shockingly good and seriously cheesy.

For your entrée you get a long oval dinner platter and a small paper plate sporting your chosen raw ingredient swathed mummy-like in yards of plastic wrap. Next to that is a thick half-loaf of Italian bread, with margarine and minced garlic spread on the cut side. That's dinner.

When you unwrap your steak, you'll find it's been marinating in olive oil and minced garlic. My favorite cut here is the Delmonico bone-in rib eye, a full pound of rich, juicy flavor and unctuous marbling for \$12.75. Cut about 5/8 of an inch thick, its flavor is so intensely beefy it could almost pass for a buffalo rib. The meat of the six-ounce sirloin steak (\$6.75) is slightly less juicy but gains a certain raci-

Turf Supper Club (no rating possible)

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NEED TO KNOW: Gas grill. Over 21 only, ages checked; no minors even with parents. No reservations. Evening parking in auto repair shop lot next door. Very casual on weeknights, but scene gets "meety" on weekends. Jukebox plays loudly (but is ever so tasty). Two vegetarian entrées. Bar area is wheelchair accessible, but rest rooms are not. Note: no relation to the Turf Club in Dehesa; the Turf with steaks is officially named Turf Supper Club.

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ness from a dusting of cracked black peppercorns, like a French *bifteek au poivre*. Other beef choices include filet mignon, teriyaki steak, and a ground sirloin burger. Equally popular are the huge, steak-size portobello mushrooms with slices of mozzarella cheese (served with lettuce, red onion, ranch dressing, and a large round roll for a sandwich in place of garlic bread) and the hefty boneless chicken breast with a slightly sweet marinade (also served with sandwich fixings). There are teriyaki kabobs as well — beef, chicken, fish of the day, or veggies only. (You don't see a lot



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of the fish kabobs vying for grill space; I think that, like me, most customers try them just once.)

On a nearby side table are condiments — salt, pepper, Worcestershire, Tabasco, and A-1 steak sauce — plus packaged towelettes. If you're not used to cooking, the regulars at the grill will probably coach you. (And despite consistent full houses, I've never seen anybody get piggy over grill space here.) Keep in mind that the more items there are on the grill, the lower the heat will be, so if it's nearly empty, keep a close eye on your garlic bread lest it "flambé," and if it's crowded, just groove on the music till your meat's cooked to your taste. The menu gives hints for determining doneness: Touch your face and then your steak, and when the meat feels like your cheek, it's rare; when it feels like your chin, it's medium, and when it feels like the tip of your nose, you should've just gone to a shoe store.

Given the scrumptiousness of the steaks, recently I asked a sweet-faced, long-haired, beautifully tattooed staffer where the beef came from, what grade it was, and how it was aged. They buy it, he said, at Iowa Meat Farms, a retail butcher shop on Mission Gorge Road. Evidently no meat expert, he guessed the rib was "prime," and when I asked if it was wet-aged or dry-aged, he sounded shocked and said it was "fresh every day."

Knowing that such intensely flavorful beef probably had had some kind of aging (see "About Beef," below), I phoned Iowa Meats, pretending that I was a Turf regular who loved their steaks and was totally fed up with wretched supermarket beef. (This was not exactly a fib. I've promised myself that the next meat I buy will be at Iowa.) "What does Turf Supper Club use, and can I get the same thing?" I asked. A friendly guy told me that Turf's steaks are Midwestern corn-fed USDA Choice, wet-aged on the premises for about 30 days, and yes, I could buy the Delmonico rib eye for \$9 a pound at the retail counter.

With its near-cultish reputation and vibes as tasty as its dinners, the Turf Supper Club is clearly inimitable. Nonetheless, it's become the model for a very different sort of grill-it-yourself steak joint in a radically dissimilar neighborhood. How do the two compare? Tune in next week, for the second episode of the Cheap Steaks Sweepstakes.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD STEAK?

The difference between tender, tasty steaks and their tough, bland supermarket cousins is — like it or not — mainly fat. Not the thick streaks of fat that run along the rims of the muscles, but the thin webbing of fat in the muscles themselves, called "marbling." Along with the age and physique of the animal, the amount of marbling is the main criterion for the grades awarded to beef by inspectors from the U.S.

Department of Agriculture (USDA). There are eight grades, but only the top three are typically sold to consumers. Meat packers can also opt to tell the inspectors not to bother grading their beef, and that's what they generally do when the steer is obviously below the top two or three grades.

The highest grade is USDA Prime, with the greatest amount of marbling. Prime grade is awarded to only the top 2 percent of today's steers; most of it is sold to Japan, and nearly all the rest goes to restaurants — which is one reason why deluxe steakhouses can stay in business. The next grade lower, with a moderate amount of marbling, is USDA Choice, awarded to about 45 percent of the animals that get graded at all. Since this is such a large category, not all meats graded "Choice" are of equal quality. Some packers or butchers subdivide the grade, with "Top Choice" reserved for higher-priced beef that falls just short of being "Prime."

Down another long notch, some 21 percent of the steers, with noticeably leaner, tougher flesh, are graded "Select." This grade used to be called "Good," but about 25 years ago the USDA recalibrated all beef grades to encourage Americans to choose leaner meat — hence, "Select," which sounds just so much more elite than merely "Good." Most supermarket beef, such as the "Safeway Select" at Vons, is "Select" quality, whether or not the packer has opted for an official USDA grade. (Ungraded meat costs the supermarket less to buy.) The grades below "Select" are mainly the realm of dried-up dairy cows and exhausted old bulls, whose flesh is transubstantiated into cheap ground beef, deli meat and hot dogs, canned soups, and pet food.

Aging the beef also improves its tenderness and flavor. There are several ways to do it: dry-aging, wet-aging, and Cryovac-aging. Dry-aged meat is hung under temperature-controlled conditions for as long as six weeks. As it hangs, it grows tender and develops intense flavor because its own natural enzymes soften the muscle fibers, while extra moisture evaporates from the meat. Dry-aged beef is expensive because not only does it require a lot of space, but the meat shrinks as much as 20 percent, and its outermost layer turns black and ugly and must be trimmed off. Dry-aging is done

only with Prime and Choice beef, and only with the most tender cuts destined for steaks and roasts — those from the "hollow of the back," namely the rib and the short loin (plus, rarely, the sirloin).

Wholesale meatpackers often send beef to retail outlets in vacuum packs. In wet-aging, the butcher stores the beef at 36° F in the original package.

This, too, tenderizes the meat and intensifies the flavor somewhat, but there's much less shrinkage (hence, less concentration of flavor) than in dry-aging. Finally, as every deer hunter knows, freezing meat for five to eight weeks will tenderize it and dispel some of the "gamy" flavor. From this technique sprang modern Cryovac-aging, exemplified by

Omaha Meats — yes, the same mail-order beef company that's probably spamming your mailbox right now. With Cryovac, individual pieces of meat are vacuum-sealed in thick plastic wrap and flash-frozen to age for a couple of months at very cold temperatures. This makes the meat tender and the flavor mild and smooth. To anyone who knows and loves dry-aged

beef, Cryovac-aged beef cuts like butter — and tastes like margarine.

As for supermarket beef: it's fresh off the steer, typically not aged at all. To learn more about these topics (and get a load of good recipes too), I recommend *The Complete Meat Cookbook* by Bruce Aidells and Denis Kelly (Houghton Mifflin, New York, 1998). ■

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Raw Volcano

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'Khai Truong Hong Phat." It's a gold-and-red sign on the wall. "That doesn't look Japanese," I say.

"What's your problem, man?" says Hank. "Does everybody who cooks Japanese have to be Japanese?"

"Whoa," I say. "Just wondering, 'cause that looks Vietnamese to me."

Okay. I shouldn't have brought up the Vietnamese thing. This is Hank's favorite sushi bar. It's near Qualcomm Stadium in a woody little strip mall called Rancho Mission Plaza.

Lunchtime's at high tide. Place hums with people inside and out eating rolls, hauling out thick noodles from dark soups, talking away. A full-size swordfish takes up most of the back wall. We swing onto stools at the blue Formica sushi bar on the left, underneath a red paper lantern. Kim, the real pretty hostess, brings a couple of menus. But I can't stop watching the guy behind the bar with the flying hands. He stands molding, rolling, chopping, and presenting beautiful little plates of sushi, one after the other.

I order a large Sapporo beer (mad expense at \$4.25), just to smooth Hank's feathers. But then the sushi chef catches me looking up at the *Khai Truong Hong Phat* sign again.

"It means 'Congratulations on your grand opening,'" he says. His name's Joey. "Vietnamese."

"You?"

"Vietnamese. We've been open three years."

Huh. I start casting around for eating ideas. They have specials on a wall blackboard. Like chicken teriyaki with fried fish (\$5.35), a ginger chicken combo platter with a six-piece California roll (also

\$5.35), or something called a "Volcano" (\$4.00). I notice the two ladies to our right, talking away over long green plates of rolled rice and stuff. 'Course I have to ask. Marilyn and Michele. "Mine's an eel roll," says Marilyn. Her boss turned her on to this place three years ago. "I've been coming every week ever since. It's

the best. I mean, look at this. I paid \$3.50."

Michele has an avocado roll. Also \$3.50. "I don't eat meat," she says. "Here I get a decent vegetarian lunch for practically nothing."

But Hank's thinking bigger thoughts. "I want the ginger chicken combo special," he tells Kim, "and a spicy tuna roll." That's \$5.35 for the chicken and \$3.75 for the tuna roll.

"Uh, what's the Chiba Chicken?" I ask. "Fact, what's Chiba?"

"Chiba is a town in Japan," says Joey. "But *chiba* also means '1000 leaves.'" His hands are already molding the rice for Hank's tuna roll, laying it against the seaweed, sticking the tuna in, shaping it, rolling it in a silver mat, then slicing it into eight pieces, with the end piece lying on its side.

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He says Chiba Chicken is cooked in sweet soy, ginger, and oyster sauce. Sounds good. I order that (\$5.95). Actually, I see there are six \$5.95 combo platters, where you choose a kind of chicken or beef or pork and match it with any of six side orders, from California roll to a fried seafood mix. Meantime, Joey hands over Hank's tuna roll. Hank sees me looking at it. "Go ahead," he says. I do. Snap my chopsticks, mix some of that green mustard into a spot of soy, then dip my chunk in there. Good. A glug of Sapporo makes it better.

Our platters come next. Segments hold salad, rice and chicken, pickled cabbage, bean sprouts soaked in sesame oil and chili, and six California rolls: seaweed wrapped around rice, imitation crab, and a touch of avocado. My Chiba Chicken has large mushrooms, cauliflower, zucchini, and broccoli soaking in its sauces. It's a lot.

But a lady named Janice at the bar is far more serious. "Fresh, raw fish," she says. "That's what's great about Japanese food." She's ordered numbers 2, 23, and 56. Number 2 is *nigiri*, a ball of rice with *sake* (salmon) curled over it (\$2.50). Number 23 is sashimi, five slabs of raw, rosy red tuna (\$5.50), and 56 is Hank's eight-piece spicy tuna roll

(\$3.75). With the beer, she's paid \$16.00, but she's happy. "I've been eating sushi 20 years," she says. "What counts is the fish. See his tuna? Rich red. No lines. It's tender. It doesn't smell fishy. Joey's just more consistent than anybody I know. That's why I come here."

"You should have raw fish every day, if you want to be healthy," says Joey. "I have bodybuilders come in. They always eat sashimi and sushi rice, rice with rice vinegar in it."

He says you can come in even if you're broke. "Just get a large bowl of rice," he says. "Dollar ninety-five. Shake some soy on it. At least it will fill you up."

Hank has already bolted everything down. "There's one more thing we've gotta have," he says. "Joey, can we split a Volcano?"

"Sure," says Joey. He starts folding in octopus, imitation crab, and rice, wraps it all in salmon. On top he scatters tuna shavings, some orange smelt roe, and "eel sauce: eel, sugar, soy, and ginger." Then he pops the two in a toaster oven, and when they come out, Volcano! The shavings and eel sauce pop and bubble like a little Mount Fuji. Great! Tastes great too. Sweet and savory.

"I made it up," says Joey. "Call it Vietnamese ingenuity." ■

The Place: Chiba Japanese Food & Sushi Restaurant, 10435 San Diego Mission Road, Mission Valley (619-584-1836)

Type of Food: Japanese

Prices: Tempura shrimp appetizer, \$1.50; daily specials, like Chiba Chicken combo (cooked in soy, ginger, and oyster sauce) with choice of sides, e.g., fried seafood mix, egg roll, shrimp/scallop, California roll, \$5.35; similar combos, \$5.95; lunch bento (California rolls, with fried seafood, inari, rice), \$4.50; katsu curry noodle soup (chicken, pork, or shrimp), \$5.95; teriyaki seafood combo with snapper, salmon, shrimp, crab, rice, salad, \$5.95; vegetable teriyaki combo with rice, salad, \$4.50; two pieces squid nigiri, \$2.50; five pieces tuna sashimi, \$5.50

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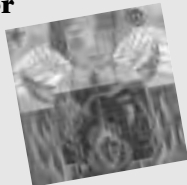
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You Need to Buy In

"People will recognize their neighbors up there on the wall."

In January of this year, Orrin and Cheryl Day purchased the Ramona Theater, a faded two-screen cinema near the edge of Ramona's Old Town. Six months later, much to the town's delight, the building-minded couple — he owns a contracting company, she's an interior design specialist — announced plans to renovate and refurbish the theater in high style. Suddenly there would be something new and glamorous on Main Street to offset the town's collection of rough-hewn historical sites and old-timey antique shops. A Ramona renaissance was gathering steam.

Now, construction is underway on another Day project: a two-story, 25,000-square-foot office building and retail complex two blocks from the theater. As things stand, one of the two shops flanking the building's entrance will be selling olive oil. The other will serve as a coffee/juice bar, a sandwich shop, and the tasting room of the Ramona Vintner's Winery.

According to the soon-to-be-released brochure for the newly formed Back Country Wine Trail, "The Ramona Vintner's Cooperative Winery was founded to provide Ramona Vineyard Association members the opportunity to showcase their premium wine grapes. Ramona vintners will produce an array of wine varieties at the co-op's winery located at Pamo Valley Vineyards on the estate of Bill Jenkin."

When the Board of Supervisors proposed to amend the county's zoning ordinances to allow small wholesale wineries on agricultural properties, opponents noted that very few home vineyards were large enough to produce the 7500 gallons of wine the ordinance allowed. They argued that the wineries would have to

import grapes from elsewhere and that the resultant businesses would have little of the "cottage industry" character that supporters promised.

Though the opponents were overruled, they had a point. But in this case, at least, the spirit of the ordinance will be preserved. The Pamo Valley Winery will import grapes, but they will be grapes from other Ramona Vineyard Association members — true local product. "The concept is to cater to local growers," explains co-founder Frank Karlson, who farms six acres of his own. "We want to have separate bins for

each grower in the tasting room, a little bit of history about each, perhaps even a picture of the vineyard."

Of course, a winery is a business, and Karlson and fellow co-founder Bill Jenkin aren't simply local boosters looking to provide a free showcase. "You can sell your grapes to the co-op without buying in," says Jenkin. "But if you want to make your own wine [and sell it to the co-op], you need to buy in. Frank and I started an LLC; it's a \$2000 minimum buy-in. The company holds 1000 units; we vested ourselves 255 units each." Now that the early-bird discounts have expired, units for new members cost \$400 apiece. The remarkable thing — the thing that makes one think that something may come of all this — is that people are willing to pay. So far, the co-op has 15 investors, folks who need an outlet for their grapes and who believe Ramona Vintner's Winery to be a viable idea.

All the wines will feature the Ramona Vintner's Winery label. Members who make their own wine will be able to add a sub-label to their

bottles, featuring their name and the name of the vineyard that produced the grapes. Karlson and Jenkin are hoping that, besides the increased tourist traffic brought by a spiffier downtown, local pride will help boost sales. "People will recognize their neighbors up there on the wall," hopes Karlson.

In some cases, the "little bit of history" on the wall alongside those neighbors' photos will be little indeed. Many of the growers' vineyards are still too young to produce vinifiable fruit, and many others are just over the necessary three-year hump. Some have yet to be planted at all. For now, the tasting room plans to carry wines from more established local wineries such as Schwaesdall to fill out its shelf space, though the hope is to someday exclusively sell wines made from Ramona grapes.

One of those unplanted vineyards belongs to Jenkin, who just bought a five-acre parcel near his six-acre lot (where he currently farms two acres of Syrah). He's thinking of putting in Malbec, which would add one more square to the area's crazy quilt of varieties, a quilt that already includes Sauvignon Blanc, Carignan, Sangiovese, Syrah, Zinfandel, Mourvedre, Nebbiolo, Cabernet, Petite Sirah, Chenin Blanc, and Muscat Canelli.

Besides the new vineyard, there is also the matter of the winery itself, which was little more than a barren slope and four surveyor's stakes when I visited the site. This year, Jenkin vinified his Syrah at Karlson's garage winery, but, he assures me, the plans for the new winery are drawn, most of the permits are in place, and the groundbreaking is not far off. "We're going to build two wineries," one at Jenkin's site and another at Karlson's. "Mine will be for all the small growers — people with less than five acres — and the winery at his house will be for



the big growers." Both will be wholesale operations, selling their product to the retail outlet accompanying the tasting room.

Once everything gets going — the tasting room is scheduled to open on May 1 of next year — Ramona Vintner's Winery will take its place as one stop on the aforementioned Back Country Wine Trail, a fledgling association of local wineries making wine from local fruit. The trail starts in Ramona. "It's going to start at Schwaesdall Winery, then to us, then up to Jim Jenkin and Mike Menghini in Julian." Then it leads up to Alex McGearry at Shadow Mountain Vineyards in Warner Springs, with a possible detour to a planned winery in Mesa Grande. The projected finish will be out near the junction of the 79 and the 371 at Aguanga, well on the way to Palm Springs. ■

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NORTH COASTAL

BUBBY'S GELATO 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

KEALANI'S 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of imu-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food."

While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

LA BONNE BOUFFE 471 Encinitas Boulevard, Town and Country Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3081. Boeuf Bourguignon, rack of lamb, frog's legs (when available), duck in peppercorn sauce, and Dover sole in lemon-butter sauce are the staples of this French provincial restaurant. Diners are à la carte. Charming room and sensitive wine list. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Reservations for weekend dinners advised. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

ROXY NATURAL FOODS RESTAURANT 517 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

ST. GERMAIN'S CAFE 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the cafe's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a

What the Chef Eats

THREE EGGS IN CREAM AND TOAST

BY CHEF/OWNER TIM KLEPEIS

Adams Avenue Grill, University Heights

When I walked into my 12- by 15-square-foot prep kitchen at seven this morning, I saw the 12-inch-long chef's knife sticking in the wall. Right off, I knew who did it: an unhappy and combative chef-in-training. I was glad it wasn't sticking out of my antique wine hutch in the dining room. This knife called our employment agreement to an end. Now, 18 hours later, at one in the morning, I set the alarm and lock the building's glass doors. Only 60 minutes earlier, 50 guests sat here at the 20 tables. They ate hickory-

smoked salmon and walnut and bleu cheese-crusted filet, and enjoyed a ruddy Stag's Leap cabernet. A ten-minute drive and I am unlocking the front door to my home. I walk into my kitchen and switch on the light. I slip off my sweat-soaked white cotton socks. Earlier I spilled boiling water on my right foot; the skin is blistered and pruned. I detect my personal odor — a combination of sweat, charred steak, and grease fat. I crack open a window. A shallow gash in my hand from an accident earlier in

the day sends a sharp pain from my hand up into my wrist. I got the gash when foraging through the wood-slat and wire vegetable crate for red beets; a sharp wire end snagged my flesh. This pain is my only distraction from my need to eat. Hunger and thirst have finally reached the top shelf of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs.

Now to cook for myself. My 14-inch Calphalon sauteuse, which resides on the back left burner of my range, is made hot; a teaspoon of rendered salt pork begins



to turn clear while melting into a snappy sizzle. Three eggs and a small carton of heavy cream are pulled from the icebox while a slice of flax and sunflower seed multigrain bread from Bread & Cie is toasted medium brown.

The cool brown eggs in my hands take me back in memory to my

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large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

ST. TROPEZ 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love continental breakfast, this bright café with indoor-outdoor seating offers scores of house-baked pastries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or a chicken-filled vol-au-vent puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

WHEN IN ROME 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — E.W.

NORTH INLAND

A LITTLE BIT OF GERMANY 1717 East Vista Way, Vista, 760-941-4626. Authentic German menu offers most of your favorites: chicken in champagne sauce, *sauerbraten* (beef in wine-vinegar sauce), Wiener schnitzel. Hot potato salad, made-on-the-premises *spaetzle*, and strudel major pluses. Call for directions. Closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

ABBAY'S REAL TEXAS BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar,

858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-y slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. No wheelchair access to bathroom at the Miramar branch. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

EL GALEON 503 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable

booths, big windows, a lunch counter, and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well-treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *al-bóndigas* soup (lime it up, too.) Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (5/01)

EL TAQUITO MARISCOS 500 North Escondido Boulevard (Felix Plaza, next to Pool King), Escondido, 760-739-8204. Also 503 North Grande Avenue (Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-735-5819. At this sparkling, airy *taqueria*, a semi-open kitchen wafts out the alluring aroma of fresh corn tortillas. You can get breakfast right through lunch hour, fill up on huge combo plates, or create your own assortment of Baja-style mini-tacos (of *asado*, *cabeza*, *pastor*, *carnitas*, etc.) for pennies. The refried beans are as good as they get. But seafood is the focus, occupying a whole menu page offering

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GOLDEN EGG OMELET HOUSE 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This morning treasure-house is large but Swiss-style cute, its brick walls festooned with knickknacks (for sale), and silent wind chimes hanging from every wooden rafter. This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, huge burgers and sandwiches, and a dozen-odd potato casseroles. Whatever you choose will carry you deliciously through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. Open daily, breakfast-lunch (until 2 p.m.). Moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

GOLD COAST

BESTA WAN PIZZA HOUSE 148 Aberdeen Drive, Cardiff-By-The-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/01)*

J. TAYLOR'S 1540 Camino del Mar, L'Auberge Del Mar Hotel, Del Mar, 858-259-1515. Excellent value, good service, relaxing atmosphere. "Small plates" dinner offers well-prepared bargain-priced five-course meal at moderate cost. Otherwise expensive. — *E.W. (6/00)*

PAMPLEMOUSSE GRILLE 514 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cap-pucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Diners expensive. — *E.W.*

SCALINI 3790 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-259-9944. A handsome dining room offers Northern Italian specialties with at least ten pasta dishes. All items on menu, which includes fresh fish and seafood, are tempting and well prepared. Imposing surroundings and excellent service. One of the best Italian restaurants in North County. Open for dinner nightly. Reserve for weekends. High moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — *E.W.*

WILD NOTE CAFE 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-259-7310. Located in the Cedros Design District next to the Belly Up Tavern, this uniquely decorated room offers excellent salads, pasta, fresh fish, grilled meats, and burgers in a casual atmosphere. Friendly, attentive service. Live music at dinner, Sunday jazz brunches, Wednesday wine tastings. Lunch and dinner six days, lunch only on Mondays. Moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

COME ON IN! 1030 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Delightful 30-seat restaurant in mini-mall serves excellent Euro-bistro food. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The dinners are best bets with first-rate soups, pasta dishes, fresh fish. Try the daily fresh fish or gnocchi in Bolognese sauce. Or select nightly soup plus salad. Open all day Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W. (1/00)*

CUVEE 5656 La Jolla Boulevard (at Bird Rock Avenue), La Jolla,

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grandmother's farm in Upstate New York. A tool shed was fashioned into a chicken coop and Grandmother's command to me was for "fast egg collection, Timmy, fast!" Who was more frightened when I tiptoed into the hen house, the hen or me? A squatting hen is dumbfounded when you reach beneath her breast and search for her egg. Her fear is so terrible that her entire warm, feathered body elevates. As her body elevates, your hand must be busy, must retrieve the prize egg. I got the eggs, but I paid for them with scratched hands and

occasional nightmares filled with squawking hens. Eggs are broken into the pan in a centered trio, the clear whites become milk, the yolks are made to swell, and slowly a stream of heavy cream is drizzled to coddle the perimeter of the egg, which causes lots of snap. A sprinkle of gray sea salt and three turns of a pepper grinder freckle the egg mixture's calm surface. I prefer to impale the egg yolk with a rubber spatula and swirl, but this night, my hand hurt and my head filled with Grandmother memories, I wait for the edges of the egg to crisp, and I flip to

finish. All is poured onto a white, large plate and garnished with toasted multigrain bread. Using a fork to cut free the chunks of eggs and sopping the bread in the fat and non-hardened yolks, I begin to feel the comfort this simple egg dish brings. I have sun in my mouth, the layer of work off my hands, a physical need of nutrition is met, and I begin a to-do list for tomorrow, writing a reminder to take in spackle to fill the knife wound in my restaurant's wall.

HOW TO DO IT
Place a heavy-bottom sauté pan on a burner and

heat it over a medium-high flame. Add the salt pork and let it sizzle until it melts. Lower the heat to medium. Crack three eggs in center of pan and surround the eggs with a stream of cream. Allow eggs to cook until solidified to your taste and transfer to a plate. Serve with toast.

INGREDIENTS:
1 teaspoon rendered salt pork
3 jumbo farm fresh eggs
2 tablespoons heavy cream
Sea salt and fresh-ground black pepper, to taste
2 slices of Bread & Cie's multigrain bread, toasted


858-551-4090. Also at 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-259-5878. Seasonal but rather underseasoned California-Mediterranean cuisine designed to accompany an interesting wine list priced at low retail plus \$8 "corkage" per bottle; same corkage for BYO. Menu suggests apt wine pairings for each dish. Dining rooms are pleasant but quite noisy. Reservations are urged; a few tables on

heated garden patio are available to drop-ins. Small parking lot in alley behind restaurant. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

DONOVAN'S STEAK AND CHOP HOUSE 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp

with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many

steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-panel-



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HARRY'S COFFEE SHOP 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. This landmark coffee shop is noted for its breakfasts, served from opening to closing. The buttermilk pancakes, varieties of waffles made from scratch, and egg combinations are all generous and well prepared. One of the few places where you can still get hot oatmeal or cream of wheat, Harry's also serves freshly squeezed orange juice and entire carafes of freshly ground Kona coffee, as well as specialty coffee drinks. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, from 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

OCEAN KITCHEN 5525 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-3993. The dishes at this Mandarin and Cantonese restaurant contain no MSG, nor are there starches in the sauces. Very lively cooking with many unique recipes. The dinner menu is available from opening to closing. This remains one of our best natural Chinese food restaurants. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

PIATTI RISTORANTE 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. This country-style Italian restaurant serves admirable Italian dishes with light sauces and moderate prices. Not-to-be-missed items are the daily soups, rotisserie chicken and garlic mashed potatoes, vegetarian lasagne with zucchini, and ravioli with lemon sauce. Saturday and Sunday à la carte brunch offers 11 items, including pizza. Patio dining for all meals. Superb service. Arrive early for more leisurely dining. Very crowded weekends. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

ROPPONGI 875 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the *niçoise* salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — E.W. (12/99)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

IKEA RESTAURANT & CAFE 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big; the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

PAMPAS ARGENTINE GRILL 8690 Aero Drive at Montgomery Field, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. Argentine favorites, steaks, parrillada or mixed grill, empanadas, Italian-style Argentine items, fish, and chicken provide a wide range of choices. Lively atmosphere and good service. Since the grill is very hot, order all items cooked medium or rare, else the beef, listed as organic without hormones or pesticides, arrives overcooked. Open lunch and dinner, Monday through Saturday;

closed Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (8/00)

TROPICAL STAR 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W. (8/99)

THE BEACHES

THE AUSTRALIAN PUB 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays, lunch and dinner until midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

COSTA BRAVA 1653 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

FRENCH GOURMET 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. This pleasant, airy dining room serves French food with California influences. It's light, good-tasting, and easy on your purse. Breakfast items and lunch are served simultaneously. Ravishing desserts and bakery at one end of the restaurant. Open daily. Moderate. — E.W.

GRINGO'S 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *camarones borrachos* are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

JARED'S 880 East Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-1028. The house specialty is steak, offered in a room directly on the harbor. Presentation, in the manner, of Morton's, is to show you the entrées raw. Price of entrée includes nothing else; vegetables, potatoes à la carte. Excellent appetizers, especially five-onion tart. First-rate bread and bread pudding. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. Expensive. — E.W.

SASKA'S 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a

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CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ANTIQUE ROW CAFE 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

CHICKEN PIE SHOP OF SAN DIEGO 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

OLD MILL CAFE 3949 Ohio Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-294-3804. The best-kept secret in North Park looks like a Swiss chalet inside, but serves 1950s American eats in big platefuls. Breakfast buffs should check out the pork chops with two eggs, potatoes, and toast, or biscuits and gravy, or the famous pigs in a blanket (three sausage links rolled in hot cakes with powdered sugar). The lunch and dinner menu is also good and cheap — for instance, golden fried chicken with vegetables and rice or baked potato. They feature nightly prix fixe specials ("Meatloaf Mondays," etc.) just like Mom did in the 1950s. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

RED SEA RESTAURANT 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (12/00)

RESTAURANT AFRIQUE Oak Plaza Mall, 4990 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-283-3838. The previous tenants' Chinese decor remains, but the atmosphere here is full-on Somali. Evenings, it's an unofficial club for the often-robed Somali men of the neighborhood. Dominoes and card games make it nicely rowdy. The food is

mainly Somali, with some Ethiopian and Sudanese dishes. Try *muufo* (Somali bread) with marinated goat meat or chopped steak, or spiced rice with goat. Sudanese *fuul* (fava beans in tomato sauce) with regular or pita bread makes for lighter eating. Bananas come with each meal. There are right and wrong ways to eat — ask the owner, Abdiiaziz, to show you. Many dishes come with pasta, a leftover from the Italian colonial period in Somalia. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

RIB MASTERS EXPRESS 4297 Market Street (at 43rd Street), 619-262-7993. They split Hermie's Market to create this Chicago-style BBQ, New Orleans-style southern food joint. It started off short on facilities (like no tables), but long on great food. This is the baby of Tony Seales, the pro heavyweight San Diego boxer. Tony's originally from Chicago. He knows ribs, and he invented his own BBQ sauce recipe. Even his employees don't know the formula. But try it on cheap deals like the BBQ chicken sandwich. Add other great deals like collard greens, red beans and rice, jamabahaya, spicy spaghetti, sweet potato pie, macaroni and cheese, and that oh-so delicious peach cobbler. Then, of course, there's the ribs themselves. Everything available "to go." Lunch to early dinner, seven days. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.B. (10/02)

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SHAM ROCKS SHACK BAR & GRILL 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food — yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalapeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to "please don't steal the forks." But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

VILLAGE GARDEN RESTAURANT AND BAKERY 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flower-shaped lamps sprouting out of overhead fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "signature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three-

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FAR EAST

KOUNTRY KITCHEN 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. They still make their own sausages, and grind their own burger meat, too. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

PAIPA'S OASIS Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano" style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel 'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — E.B. (10/01)

PEARLS OF THE SEA Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. In a quiet refuge from the bustle of the casino, you'll find refined Hong Kong versions of Chinese classics, skillfully prepared in the light Cantonese style. The menu ranges from low-priced noodle bowls (including a dynamite Cantonese take on Filipino *pansit*) up to live Maine lobster and excellent Peking duck served with beautiful little Mandarin buns. The rear of the restaurant boasts live tanks, and if you love good seafood, do step back to choose your fish, which can be sensitively steamed, pan-fried, or deep-fried — your option. (By the way, a whole fish to feed a tableful runs less than a skimpy fillet at any fancy restaurant.) Since most gamblers want to gobble and run, tell the server immediately if you want your meal served in leisurely courses (as the food deserves). No alcohol. Reserve for weekends or large groups. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays; dinner until midnight all other weekdays; lunch and dinner from noon Saturday and Sunday; open until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive, with a few large dishes and specialties at moderate prices. — N.W. (6/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

THE ABBEY CAFE 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pews, metal chalices, black iron sconces, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap — or the Ahi Tuna New Orleans style (half a pound of fish) if you're more loaded. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/01)

BERTRAND AT MISTER A'S 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel Street), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with

a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Fabrice Poigin's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive, but not bank-breaking. — N.W. (12/01)

CALIFORNIA CUISINE 1027 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. This Hillcrest restaurant has been around forever and has a durable reputation and an established clientele. Perhaps the flawless waitstaff working their sleek, calm dining room is the reason why. The menu is sensible, but the preparations uneven. The appetizers are interesting, but don't live up to their promise. It is California Cuisine's classic entrées that endure despite their menu's excessive range. I recommend the New York steak or lamb loin, accompanied by one of their clever salads. If you appreciate life's finer things, California Cuisine is a place for a good meal. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (5/99)

CHEZ ODETTE 3614 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-1000. The nearest thing to a drop-in French bistro in town, even if Odette (yes, she's real) comes from Belgium. Her place is small, slick, and smells of fresh French bread. She and her husband are usually slaving away in the kitchen preparing for the constant banquets they seem to cater. She has cooked for Julie Andrews, Governor Jerry Brown, and Linda Ronstadt. For you, she'll cook great breakfast omelets (the *Provençal*, with peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, and onions, or the smoked salmon are two good ones). They come with sautéed potatoes with the perfect tang of garlic. Lunchtime, the *salade niçoise* (with tuna, anchovies, olives, and potatoes on lettuce) is the real thing, and so is the quiche Lorraine. But be like the French: have your main meal in the middle of the day. Weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

EXTRAORDINARY DESSERTS 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-7001. The desserts here do live up to the name, whether you gobble them on the spot on the patio of this charming café or buy them to take home. Owner Karen Krasne's pastries are created with

strict French techniques with flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the rice fields of Bali to the *souks* of Morocco. The white cakes are true food for angels — ethereal and not excessively sweet, vibrant with flavors of fresh ripe fruits — and some of the chocolate cakes (e.g., the "Caribe") follow suit, while others are rich and dense. Not your piece of cake? There are also tarts, cookies, chocolates, ice cream dishes, puddings, breakfast pastries, and fine teas and coffees, along with Krasne's own lines of honeys, jams, chutneys, syrups, and popcorn — plus a truly lovely assortment of international craft objects. Open for week-day breakfast, weekend brunch until late, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. — N.W. (5/02)

HOB NOB HILL 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter, but it's been under new management since the turn of the century. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.B. (10/01)

LAUREL RESTAURANT & BAR 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth Avenue), uptown, 619-239-2222. Chef Jason Shaffer is maintaining the flavors of Southern France that made Laurel's reputation as a sophisticated eatery, but he isn't simply carrying on — look for spritely innovations and frequent specials that take advantage of seasonal foods. Also look for a duck confit that changes its environs — surrounded now by white beans, now by flageolets, or chard, or escarole. The restaurant is doing many things right: locally-grown vegetables are thoughtfully employed, the wine list is especially deep and broad in the Rhône department, and the chef is capable of intelligent inventiveness. Five-course prix fixe (appetizer, risotto, fish, meat, dessert, plus three glasses of house-selected wine) is



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PARALLEL 33 741 West Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — the 33rd parallel. This new ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for their shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It’s not just “fusion food.” Try the mango and ahi appetizer, one of the best I’ve ever eaten. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or steak strips over mashed potato and caramelized onion show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she’s doing. — *M.N. (10/99)*

SAVOR 3687 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Street), Hillcrest, 619-299-3663. This cute, converted cottage offers seasonal comfort food with a Mediterranean accent, including an excellent revisionist bouillabaisse (saucy rather than soupy). Seafoods are delivered fresh daily (except Sundays) and are well-treated by this kitchen. Meat dishes, if sometimes over-simple in preparation, arrive in huge portions. Weekend brunches on the front patio overlooking the street are wildly popular with the local crowd. Dining room has tight-packed tables and an open kitchen, and can be very noisy. Wheelchair lift to left of staircase. Open for brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (2/02)*

TRATTORIA POSITANO 142 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-by-the Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty but refined Italian food, but also for the warm atmosphere. Try sea bass, salmon, or any of the pasta dishes. A treat. Lunch and dinner daily. Upper moderate. — *E.W. (5/99)*

DOWNTOWN

BAYOU BAR AND GRILL

329 Market Street (at Third Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-696-8747. Bayou has the most expansive (and expensive) Louisiana-style menu in the Gaslamp. Their best dishes are terrific — for instance, their red beans and rice (the washday treat) is the area’s sole authentic version, meaty and with a rich, deep heat. Eggplant dishes shine, too, as do seafood pastas and a huge pork chop with dressing. Alas, though, too many dishes are faux-Paul Prudhomme, with incoherent spicing and, at times, too much cayenne added too late in the cooking to cozy up to other flavors. Desserts are frankly, fabulously revisionist, including pecan pie and bread pudding half as heavy and twice as good as their Creole models. Reservations advisable. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

BROADWAY PIZZA

1008 Broadway (at 10th Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers good, no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they’re not skimping: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches, portions are generous and filling. The sausage link sub (Louisiana-style hot sausage link, marinara sauce, and melted cheese) is great grub, but if you like a full dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread and salad. But the main thing is while the rest of downtown

snores, they’re still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

CANDELAS 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don’t look for tacos here — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in “*la nueva cocina Mexicana*,” a luxurious, inventive update of traditional Mexican fare, combining French techniques and Latin ingredients into a sophisticated new cuisine that you’ve never tasted before but will want to taste again. In a romantic Spanish-style dining room with extremely gracious service, you’ll find a menu that emphasizes seafood, including jumbo prawns flamed with three tequilas, sea bass with *huilacoche* (“corn fungus,” but think of it as a mushroom), and a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Meat-lovers will also enjoy several dishes, including a thick veal chop with a rosemary-spiked update of traditional *mole* sauce. Reservations advised, slightly dressy. Expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

DIM SUM KINGDOM 730 Broadway (at Seventh Avenue), downtown, 619-239-1782. This “99-cent joint” is a great place to start the day if you’re low on cash and crave some Chinese-American food. Breakfasts range from shrimp egg soufflé with rice to pork chops with three eggs, rice, and toast. One of the best deals has to be the breakfast steak, two eggs, home fries, and toast. And the steak is bi-ig. Lunch and early dinners feature the usual buck-an-entrée Chinese fast-food choices. Three meals to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

DOBSON’S 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue muskels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson’s is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

FEEDING THE HOMELESS Parking lot at 13th and Broadway, downtown. (Founders, St. Stephens Church of God in Christ, 5825 Imperial Avenue, 619-262-2671.) You may have to swallow your pride, but the food that St. Stephens and other churches hand out — which members cook in their own homes and pay for from their own pockets — is easy to swallow. Companionship’s good too. Usually 200 or more people arrive weeknights, especially towards the end of the month, so lines are long, but street-side sermons keep you thinking, spontaneous outbursts of song may even get you clapping your hands, and the food is usually great. Chicken, stuffing, veggies, bagels, macaroni, fruit salad, cookies, bread, no questions asked. Weekdays, 7 p.m.; weekends, 3 p.m. Location may be shifting. Check with St. Stephens. Free. — *E.B. (10/02)*

HARBOR HOUSE 831 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-1141. The two-level building and the view of the harbor are major attractions. Fish and seafood predominate, but chicken, pasta, and steak are also available. The dining room seats 250, so don’t expect intimacy. Preparations are wholesome, but not original. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

LA CASITA 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don’t be fooled by the li’l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College’s hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — *E.B. (11/00)*

LILO’S NEW AMERICAN CUISINE 1125 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-231-1969. Swank little Art Deco retro-café with a menu that’s homey in a sexy way. Something about the dark varnished wood, cream walls, sconces, mirrors, giant French posters and a mezzanine gallery makes you feel ritzy. The menu tries hard to be interesting. How about gingerbread pancakes (with molasses and candied ginger) or pear and walnut salad with bleu cheese and sherry walnut dressing? Or chomp into the Belport chicken with sautéed onions, peppers, cheese, and mustard on a bun, or salmon fillet with caper-anchovy butter, rice pilaf and a French baguette. Lunchtimes are speedy — secretaries and their bosses; evenings, it’s theater-goers. Breakfast and lunch weekdays; dinner Thursday through Saturday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (6/02)*

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food is very, very good. I suggest the calamari plate, and the rotisserie-roasted chicken or pork are both moist and delicious. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant hominess to Napa Valley Grille, a comfort-ing, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

OSTERIA PANEVINO 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls en-

hance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

SIXTH AVENUE BISTRO 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an out-standing oyster po’ boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery’s big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kiel-basa proves a lame substitute for *chau-riche* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

VIDA CART Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bul-

garia, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chi-nese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new down-towners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, poli-tics, and life in a town that’s not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, so-das, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there’s always a scene. Open Wednes-day to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

BAY BEACH CAFE Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619- 435-4900. The dinner menu here has California’s typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus sal-ads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautéé items and children’s plates. The restaur-ant is very family-friendly (full o’ kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — from the table butter that’s intriguingly fla-vored with a honey-basil mixture to the “teriyaki” ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server will tell you about the day’s fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done sim-ply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend break-fast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

ISLAND PASTA 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unas-suming, spill-out-on-the-street restaur-ant has somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado’s world go by. The spaghetti pesto sauce is rich, too, with basil, pine nuts, and cheese, but all the standard Italian pasta and pizza dishes are reliable. One good — and vegetar-ian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions and olives over spaghetti. Inexpen-sive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

RHINOCEROS 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb’s Players The-atre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service does-n’t abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that’s why there are few appetizer choices (as though to dis-courage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a “split plate” fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are sim-ply prepared with ingredients of ordi-nary quality and generic veggie ac-companiments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that’s where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly qui-eter despite heavy traffic. Reservations advised for weekends, pre-show din-ners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (7/01)*

SOUTH BAY REGIONAL CENTER CAFETERIA 500 Third Avenue (at C Street), Chula Vista, 619-691-4599. Hey, this is a courthouse. You expect the cafeteria in its basement to be brown and anonymous. You know you’ll be munching with worried groups of litigants and moms with cus-tody-dispute kids. But here, it’s all worth it. This cafeteria is one of best-kept county secrets. For years, conces-sion-holder Ben Riddell has kept his prices stable and his portions big. Lunches like roast pork or meat loaf or roast turkey or chicken pot pie or lemon chicken are the comfort food that folks coming here need. Breakfast

and lunch only, Monday to Friday. In-expensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

SPIRO’S GYROS Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water’s edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traf-fic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their Cali-fornia), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro’s popu-lar with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlakia chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

TANGO GRILLE ARGENTINE STEAK HOUSE 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succu-lent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-em-panadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for nu-merous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than gen-erous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

YE OLDE PLANK INN 24 Palm Ave-nue, Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last true beach pub on the coast? It’s a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food’s pretty much always available, but the must-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substi-tute six sausages or ham or a pork loin), plus a one- to *ten*-egg scramble (or any style), home fries, *and* a pick-me-up drink (like a Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Salty Dog, Bud, or Coke) from the bar, all at a standard coffee shop breakfast price. No wonder the place has stayed open since 1886. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

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(The prefix for all Tijuana numbers is 011-52-664. From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling

Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant’s seven-digit num-ber.)

CAFE FRANCAIS LA BELLE CLAUDE Calle Galeana, #8186-A (at 7th Street, two steps off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-3415. Maybe it’s no sur-prise: the most French-like *patisserie* of all is in Tijuana. La Belle Claude, named after the owner’s daughter, looks far too expensive, but it’s not. Inside it’s a light and airy place, full of beautifully varnished wood, almost like a ship’s saloon, with little Eiffel towers painted here and there, Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, and a counter of display cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as *Le Croque Monsieur* (open-faced sandwich on honey bread with ham, grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce), the *Croque-Madame* (same as the “Monsieur” but with an egg), and *salade niçoise* (tuna, anchovies, toma-toes, cucumber, potatoes, egg, onions, and black olives). You can even order a *Provençal* omelet (zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes, and onions). Unusual bonus: the round cheeses, Cornish hen eggs, fresh vegetables, and honey on display all come from the owner’s own farm, Rancho El Eden, beyond the Rodríguez dam. Open every day. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

EL FARO DE MAZATLAN 9542 Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, Plaza Fi-nanciera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-2236, or 684-8883. This fish and seafood restaurant offers a gorgeous dining room, an extensive menu with English translations, and fresh fish and seafood items which include abalone, squid, crab, clams, shrimp, and lobster. The atmosphere and service are lovely, but the fish may be too dry. The style of cuisine will appeal to those who prefer simple preparations. The price of the main course includes an appetizer (fried fish plus ceviche), seafood soup, and Mexican rolls. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., same menu for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Moderate. — *E.W.*

LA LENA 11191 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-2920. Don’t miss the charming room, the open grill, and the tortilla maker who prepares fresh tor-tillas as the diners are seated. Dinners come with an appetizer and soup, and some of the entrées are extraordinary. Try the *puños* (“fist”). Roasted quail and chicken do well here. Open daily, lunch to late dinner. Take Revolución to the left-hand bend where it becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers of the Grand Hotel. A large sign marks the restaurant (on the right side of the road). Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

RICA TORTA Niños Heroes Avenue, No. 890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian’s department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style

hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rash-ers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avo-cado...it’s a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mex-ican bread buns. There’s other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inex-pensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

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HEIDI AND BERNIE’S GERMAN BRATWURST TENT North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla’s Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: “Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger,” and “Single Burger.” But you know from Bernie’s authentic Bavarian back-ground that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

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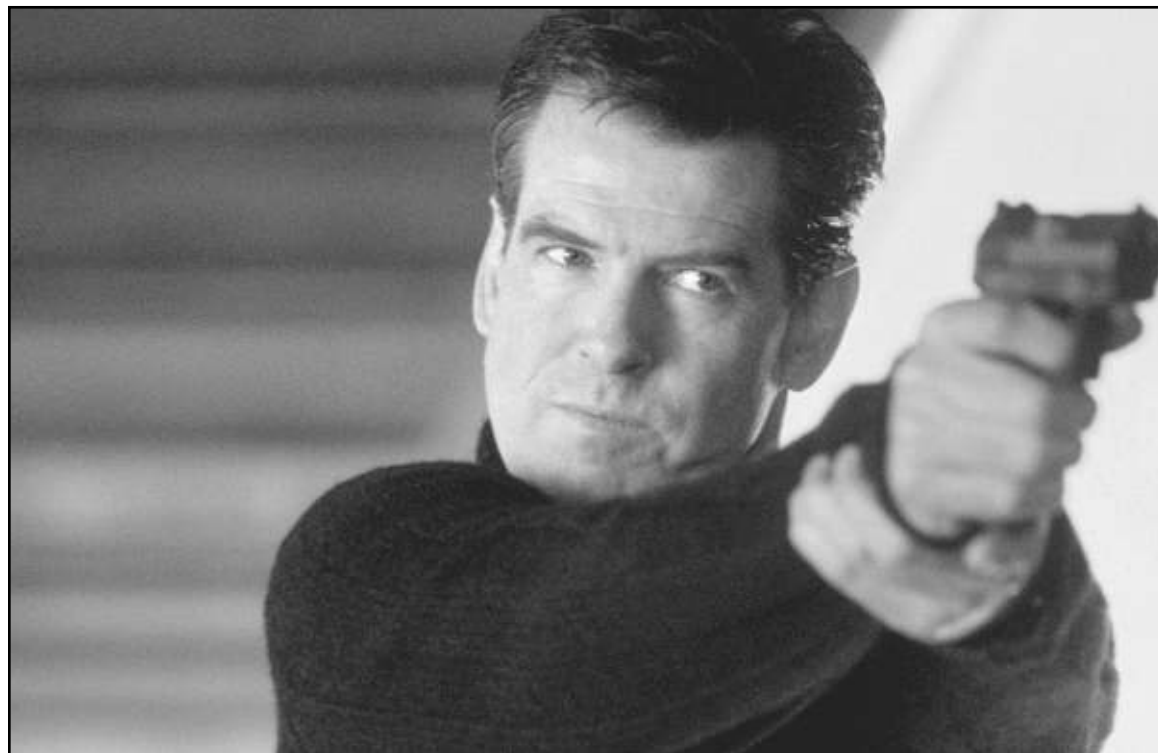
In the second screen adaptation of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter books, our now pubescent hero fumbles his way to a giant, squirming, slithering basilisk (syn., cockatrice) via a concealed orifice in the girls' lavatory, the haunt of a ghost called Moaning Myrtle: "Harry, if you die down there, you're welcome to share my toilet." Symbol-hunters, go to it! (The potty, the hole, the lizard, the moans, *la mort*....) But do not neglect, while you are at it, the Master Race motif of the Aryan-blond "pure-bloods" seeking to purge their school of the mongrelized "muggle-borns." Chris Columbus's *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, or for short, *Harry Chamber Pot*, is unforgivably overlong and overstuffed, at a little past two and a half hours. Yet one is bound to agree with some of the obliging blurbists that this one is "better than the first," regardless of the relative heat or chill of one's enthusiasm. "There is a plot," as pointed out by the computer-generated Dobby, a sort of Jar Jar Binks Jr., "a plot to make most terrible things happen." Right.

REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

So much for plot. (More of it, at any rate, than in the first one, and less preamble.) Viewed, however, as a seam-bursting compilation of state-of-the-art special effects — the flying car, the crash-

landing of same in the Whomping Willow, the errant owl, the Blue Pixies, the Eight-Legged Freaks, etc., etc. — the film can be faulted only for its lack of let-up and its absence of judgment: faults so common these days as to have become norms. And as far as faults go, none goes farther than the upchucking of half-foot slugs by the poor little Weasley boy, a more "realistic" effect than you could possibly want. (Pass the chamber pot, please.) Still, that giant basilisk, its eyes pecked out by a reconstituted phoenix, is good enough to overcome the jaw-slackening monotony of it all, even to overcome the carbon-copy *Alien* moment of the hero nose to nose with the mucus-dripping monster. Kenneth Branagh, somewhat unexpectedly, turns out to be a welcome newcomer as a preening, peacockish, all-talk-and-no-show "celebrity" wizard. Or in any event the character is welcome, if not the slum-



Die Another Day

ming actor. And there is ample opportunity to bid farewell to the late Richard Harris in the role of Headmaster Dumbledore. In sequels hereafter, the beard and pointed hat should be roughly as hard to fill as the costume of a department-store Santa.

To relegate James Bond to the Peanut Gallery might seem a bit harsh.

Surely that sportscar-driving, martini-swigging, baccarat-playing, lady-killing, smart-mouthing fantasy figure belongs properly among the adolescents. I say no. Not any more. The early dedication of the series to topping itself on each and every outing sent it swiftly over the top. And irretrievably into Toonville. Those of us who thought

the character ought to have been put out to pasture somewhere during the Roger Moore regime have little recourse short of laryngitis. Is it asking too much of today's filmmakers — even if they must turn, as before, to books — that they come up with a spy tailored to our own times? On second thoughts, maybe Agent 007 is exactly



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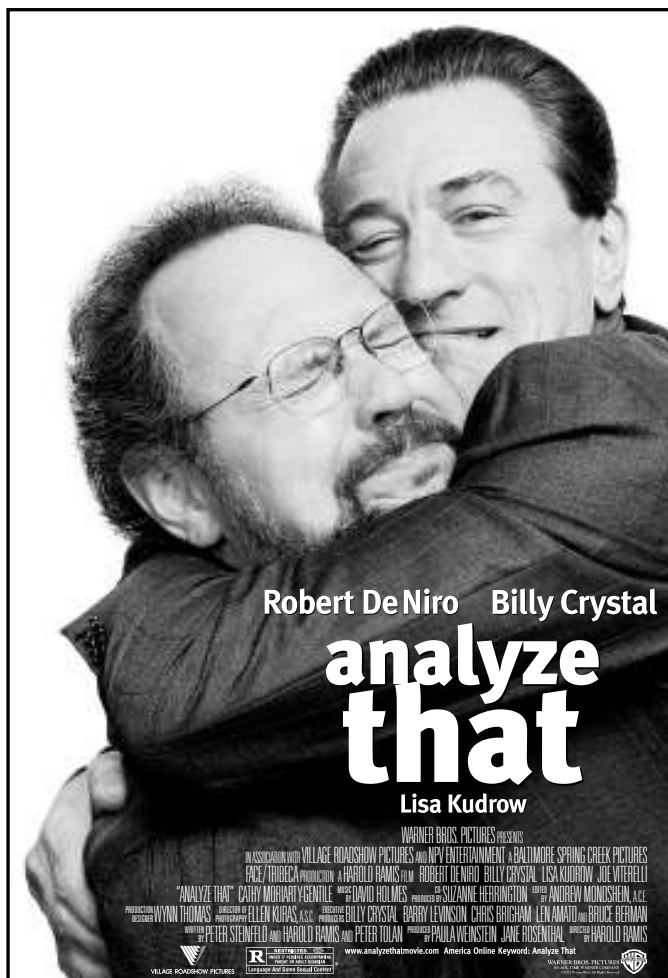
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that, insofar as these are times of impoverished imagination, endless recycling, rigid formularizing, and fear of the unknown. Even so, one feels obliged to point out that it is (ahem) four decades since the man made his

debut on screen, never mind another decade since his debut on the page: he must, as a film entity alone, be into his seventies by now. However you calculate it, he can ill afford to spend fourteen months in a North Korean prison, coming out afterwards looking like Robinson Crusoe, as he does at the beginning of *Die Another Day*, the twentieth entry in the series, give or take a *Casino Royale* or a *Never Say Never Again*. If the opening bout of

incarceration, torture, and disgrace ("Double-0 status rescinded") is meant to provide a jolt, it would have been advisable not to precede it with one of those preposterously overblown pre-credits sequences, or to accompany it with techno-Madonna all through the actual credits. The film is wrecked before it can get off the ground. I confess to having felt there was cause for hope in the enlistment of a new director, Lee Tamahori (*Once Were Warriors*,

Mulholland Falls, *The Edge*, *Along Came a Spider*), a cut above most of the recent helmsmen. Then again, I felt the same, if not more so, about Michael Apted before the last one, *The World Is Not Enough*. Bond proves again to be director-proof. In fairness, the second-banana villain's getaway by helicopter from an islet off Cuba is excitingly staged, and there's a vigorous swordfight in the Flynn-Rathbone tradition between Bond (who never needs practice to stay in trim) and the top banana. But then there's the laser-ray satellite, the invisible automobile, the wind-surfing on a tidal wave, the car chase through the melting Ice Palace, the cosmetic conversion of Asian to Caucasian, and so on. When will I reach the point where I no longer feel the need even to bother with the latest Bond film? Or better: when will I realize I am long past that point? Make no mistake. I don't want Bond to adjust and adapt; I don't want him brought up to date; I don't want him put on equal footing with a Kick-Ass Chick (cur-

rently, Halle Berry); I don't want him schooled by John Woo; I don't want him toughened or softened, darkened or deepened; I don't want him recast with Russell Crowe or Colin Farrell. I want him retired.

Treasure Planet, a Disney cartoon from the team of John Musker and Ron Clements, is an incohesive and indigestible blend of Robert Louis Stevenson and Robert Heinlein, besides an incohesive and indigestible blend of hand-drawn animation and CG stuff. The spaceships have masts and sails, like the flying pirate ship at the end of *Peter Pan*, except that these keep on going beyond the ionosphere, with the crew held to the deck by "artificial gravity." (Okay, but how about some artificial oxygen?) Most of RLS's memorable characters are present in one form or another: Jim Hawkins (a fatherless teenage daredevil with two-tiered, two-toned hair and a jet-powered surfboard), Long John Silver (a soft-hearted surrogate father), Dr. Livesey (prissified in the voice of David Hyde

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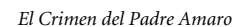
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At the grown-ups' table, meantime, Mike Leigh's *All or Nothing* and Werner Herzog's *Invincible* opened side by side at Madstone's Hazard Center last Friday. You have had your chance. ■

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

All or Nothing — Mike Leigh comes back from his change of pace and change of scene in *Topsy-Turvy*, back to his normal pace and his old stomping ground, a working-class milieu in modern-day London, more exactly a utilitarian housing complex and three downtrodden families therein. He gives us (among other things) over a dozen vividly drawn characters, of varying degrees of



grotesquerie and gruesomeness without ever losing their touch with reality, each one fully fleshed out from top to toe. And he gives the pivotal female role to Lesley Manville, a Leigh regular who tends to get lost in the shuffle, but who asserts herself here as one of the great actresses of the English-speaking world. (Meryl Streep great, Judy Davis great, Tracey Ullman great.) A tiny sparrow of a woman next to the overfed pigeons of her mate and offspring, a twenty-four-hour-a-day worrywart, a doormat who ought to wear a sign around her neck, "Tread on me," she has all of the armor-piercing,

heart-skewering pathos of a D.W. Griffith heroine and none of the drummed-up melodrama. A Lillian Gish, a Carol Dempster, as photographed by a Lewis Hine, a Dorothea Lange. Her picture could be put in *Webster's* beside the word *woe*. And yet she is almost matched by Ruth Sheen as the single mum, and free-lance laundress, who alone among the principal characters maintains a glimmer of warmth, a twinkle of humor, without a jot of encouragement or reciprocation, the neighborhood's leading candidate for canonization. To fully appreciate how great

these two performances are, how completely the performers inhabit their roles, you'd need to have seen these same actresses in the same filmmaker's *High Hopes* — provided, that is, you could recognize them in it. Timothy Spall, Alison Garland, James Corden, Marion Bailey, Sally Hawkins, Helen Coker. 2002.

★★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

Beauty and the Beast — A traditional fairytale kingdom of enchanted forest, decaying castle, and magic, poetic occurrence is laid out by Jean Cocteau,

perfect in every detail: the crowd-pleasing cinematic sleights-of-hand, the resplendent, soft-toned imagery of France's "quality cinema," the fragile, fine-china beauty of Josette Day, and the humiliatingly hairy makeup of Jean Marais. 1946.

★★★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 11/28)

Bloody Sunday — Paul Greengrass's masochistic re-enactment of the costly collision — thirteen dead, fourteen wounded — between outlawed Catholic protest marchers and itchy-fingered English peacekeepers in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, 1972. The English are not demonized, but you can tell whose side the filmmaker is on, long before the obligatory airing of the U2 anthem, "Sunday Bloody Sunday." (The 1971 John Schlesinger film of that name can be spied on a theater marquee, on an improbable double bill with *The Magnificent Seven*.) The logistical achievement of restaging the event is no doubt impressive, but the jittery *vérité* camera and desaturated color are stylistically pretentious. And only about one word in ten is intelligible. The purposefully nonstellar cast includes James Nesbitt, Allan Gildea, Gerard Crossan, Mary Moulds, Carmel McCallion, Tim Pigott-Smith, and Nicholas Farrell. 2002.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE. FROM 11/29)

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 schump, 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

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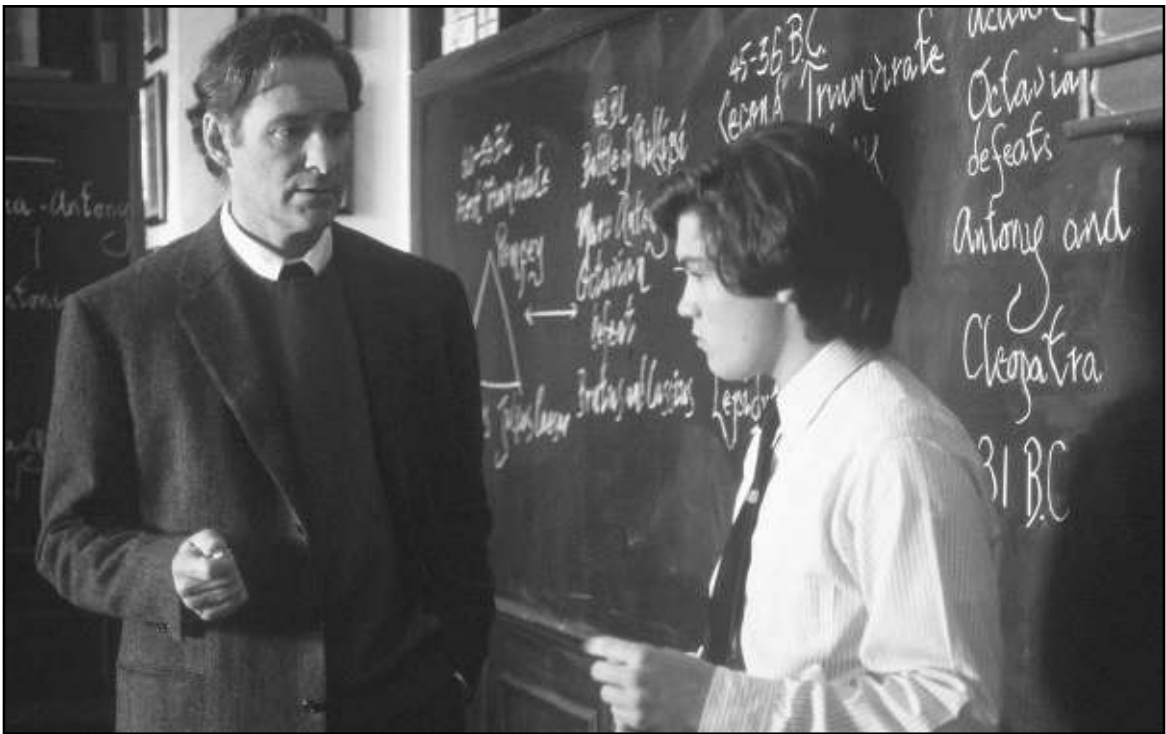
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just for the low murder rate among a well-armed populace, but for the bedrock of social beneficence.) And here he is, escorting two crippled survivors of the Columbine school shooting to Kmart headquarters, to “return” the bullets to their place of purchase. Surprisingly — you can see it plainly on his face — Kmart capitulates to the cease-and-desist demand, a tiny victory on Moore’s quixotic quest to change the world. His search far and wide for connections and causalities, for an explanatory nexus, can at times resemble mental meandering. And he is not averse to the cheap shot and the heavy hand: a montage of U.S. foreign-affairs follies will be accompanied by Louis Armstrong’s “What a Wonderful World.” (Joey Ramone’s sneeringly ironic cover version of the song will be heard in the closing credits.) Yet his sincerity, for all his showmanship and all his sarcasm, never seems in doubt. His lack of slickness may or may not say something about his level of expertise as a filmmaker. The film is not so much *unslick* as strategically and pragmatically *anti-slick*. The film mirrors the filmmaker. With Marilyn Manson, Dick Clark, Charlton Heston. 2002.
★★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)



The Emperor’s Club

Comedian — Christian Charles’s intimate documentary on the private hells of stand-up 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.
★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

El Crimen del Padre Amaro — Carlos Carrera’s modernization, and Mexicanization, of a 19th-century Portuguese novel by Eça de Queiroz, a disciple of Flaubert. The film was a box-office bonanza in its native land, perhaps surprising in view of the sedateness and sobriety with which it looks at its subject. The subject on the other hand — priestly indiscretions — is *muy picante*. And there are moments worthy of Buñuel: the palming of a dollar from the collection plate, the spitting-out of a communion wafer to take home to the cat, the attempted force-feeding of a wafer to a palsied invalid. With Gael García Bernal, Sancho Gracia, and Ana Claudia Talancón. 2002.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 11/29)

Die Another Day — Reviewed this issue. With Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Toby Stephens, Rosamund Pike, and Judi Dench; directed by Lee Tamahori.
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Eight Crazy Nights — Animated Christmas comedy with multiple voices by Adam Sandler, directed by Seth Kearsley. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

8 Mile — Screen debut of rapper Eminem, 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.”) On the score 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. What happens in between 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-in-the-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, and although the personal vituperation in these “battles” leads naturally to challenges of an opponent’s manhood — which lead 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. With Mekhi Phifer, Brittany Murphy, Kim Basinger; directed by Curtis Hanson. 2002.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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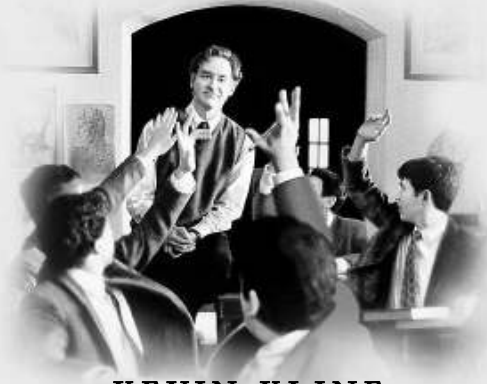
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Extreme Ops — Alpine action adventure starring Rufus Sewell, Bridgette Wilson, and Devon Sawa, directed by Christian Duguay. (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Far from Heaven — At the outset, 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. 2002.

Femme Fatale — Brian De Palma, as ever, 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. Here he constructs, from a script of his own, a self-conscious *film noir* 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* for wanton nonsense. To wit: if *Vertigo* is hunky-dory, and *Vertigo* is nonsense, then nonsense must be hunky-dory. Antonio Banderas, Peter Coyote, Gregg Henry. 2002.


● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Frida — Belated contribution to Frida-mania. 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 new chiselled Frida Kahlo (Salma Hayek), 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


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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



Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

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 Siqueiros, and Nelson Rockefeller, in order. 2002.

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Friday after Next — Comedy sequel with Ice Cube and Mike Epps, directed by Marcus Raboy.

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Ghost Ship — Supernaturalism at sea, from the director of *Thirteen Ghosts*, Steve Beck. The opening scene depicts a snapped guy wire slicing across a crowded dance floor on an Italian ocean liner, slicing through bodies like a Weed Wacker through blades of grass, graphically illustrated with “realistic” computer effects of a torso dragging itself across the floor *sans* legs, the top half of a head sliding off the bottom half, and so forth. This constitutes a kindness to the viewer insofar as it informs him, right off the bat, of the level of taste and subtlety in store. (Irony that the title should be lifted from the canon of horrormeister Val Lewton, taste and subtlety personified.) Nothing thereafter can shock, least of all the would-be shocks, as when a can of baked beans transmogrifies into mouthfuls of maggots. (Ick.) “Somebody’s gotta say it,” somebody says, “and it might as well be me. This ship is fucked up.” He *would* put it so crudely. With Julianna Margulies, Gabriel Byrne, Desmond Harrington, Ron Eldard, Isaiah Washington. 2002.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Godfather — Although it finds room, in its three hours, for nearly every known gangster-movie gambit, there is no sense of having gotten at last to the bottom of the criminal underworld. The refined pictorial compositions and lighting effects are styled, misguidedly, after Rembrandt rather than the daily tabloids. And Marlon Brando’s scene-stealing tactics are sufficiently selfish to unbalance any movie, even one with such a sizable population of stalwart performers — Robert Duvall, Richard Castellano, James Caan, Richard Conte, Sterling Hayden. Also starring Al Pacino, Diane Keaton, Talia Shire, and John Cazale; based on the novel by Mario Puzo; directed by Francis Ford Coppola. 1972.

★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 11/28)

Half Past Dead — Criminal commandos break into New Alcatraz to disrupt an execution. They hadn’t counted on the undercover agent in convict togs: Steven Seagal. A lot of tough talking and tough posturing (quite fetchingly on the part of Nia Peeples), though the Hong Kong-style action is strictly twinkle-toes. With Morris Chestnut, Ja Rule, Tony Plana, and Claudia Christian (nice as a two-gun FBI gal); directed by Don Michael Paul. 2002.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets — Reviewed this issue. With Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Richard Harris, and Kenneth Branagh; directed by Chris Columbus.

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Invincible — Werner Herzog digs up another nugget of Odd History: the story of a simple village blacksmith, 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. Anyone who knows the ways of Herzog will not be

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surprised to learn that the strongman is played by a two-time titlist 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. 2002.

★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 11/28)

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.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

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.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Naqoyqatsi — High-gloss, well-funded experimentalism from Godfrey Reggio, a compendium of camera and computer tricks, and a companion to his *Koyaanisqatsi* and *Powaqqatsi* — right down to the musical wallpaper by Philip Glass. We find out at the end, in the only verbal text of the movie, that the title is Hopi for (1) a life of killing each other, (2) war as a way of life, (3) civilized violence. Sufficient excuse, that, for a vast range of visual material: urban blight, video games, nuclear tests, athletes and fans, celebrities, wax figures of world leaders, almost anything under the sun. It makes a handsome coffee-table movie in spite of the tone of a soapbox jeremiad; and it has about as much chance as the latter to effect change. 2002.

★ (KEN, 11/29 THROUGH 21/5)

Punch-Drunk Love — A comedy of knee-jerk quirkiness, from Paul Thomas Anderson, about a major-league misfit impersonated by Adam Sandler. (E.g., he stockpiles Healthy Choice puddings for the promotional offer of frequent-flyer miles, although he never flies, nor does he eat pudding.) One hardly knows which is more of a shock: that the star of *Billy Madison* and *Happy Gilmore* turns out to want to play Hamlet, or that the maker of the two-and-a-half-hour *Boogie Nights* and the three-hour *Magnolia* can be content to make a mere ninety-minute movie. It’s a cinch, in any case, that Sandler’s character is not far

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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 Rajs kub. 2002.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 11/28)

Real Women Have Curves — Elementary ethnic feminism, to do with the tough choice facing a chubby Chicana: whether to work in an L.A. sweatshop or to attend Columbia University on a full scholarship. (An hour and a half to decide.) Corroboration of the title comes when four overweight seamstresses strip off to compare cellulite. The cellulite, at any rate, is real, if not the women. America Ferrera, Lupe Ontiveros, Ingrid Oliu; directed by Patricia Cardoso. 2002.

● (HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Ring — Heavily hyped remake of a



Invincible

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

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appropriate journalistic questions: "Who made it? Where'd it come from?" She has exactly one week to find the answers. Directed by the chameleonic Gore Verbinski (*Mouse Hunt*, *The Mexican*), the film is rather poorly photographed in a nauseous bluey-green or a bilious greeny-blue, but is watchable all the same. Its emphasis falls more on detective work than on cheap thrills, and it offers some quietly creepy details (the housefly in the video which can be plucked off the screen in freeze-frame mode) as well as one hair-raising scene of a panicked horse running free on a ferry. It even has a satisfactory if incomprehensible ending, before it presses on mandatorily to a less satisfactory and no more comprehensible second ending. With Martin Henderson, Brian Cox, Jane Alexander. 2002.

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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 jade 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

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foreground, something like potato chips stuck in a mound of guacamole dip. With Isabella Rossellini, Jennifer Beals, Elizabeth Berkley. 2002.

● (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 11/29)

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 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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Secretary — Naughty romantic comedy (punish it if you please) about a self-mutilator since seventh grade, fresh out of the mental institution, who finds employment and a perfect match with a lone-wolf lawyer and closet spanker. It gives



Skins

away its destination, or at least part of its itinerary, right at the outset, in a graceful ballet of secretarial services performed while cuffed to a crucifixion-like yoke (stapler operated by chin, etc.), and then it jumps back to six months earlier, taking its sweet time to return to the starting point (and beyond). The gradualness of development is

one of the keys to the strategy, making sure that this feels like the unrehearsed mating dance of two autonomous oddballs, instead of the free-rein wish fulfillment of an S&M fantasist. (Although far from a pivotal peg, the concept of Sexual Harassment In The Workplace crops up parenthetically in a casual conversation among minor players,

just to show that filmmaker Steven Shainberg has a certain familiarity with contemporary society and has not been secluded in some unapproachable chateau out of *The 120 Days of Sodom*.) The potential offensiveness is deflected by two main devices. First, the utter and total individuality of Maggie (sister of Jake)

Gyllenhaal, discouraging generalization. Not so much the individuality of her case-file character (prettier sister, alcoholic father, overprotective mother, and so forth, though Shainberg is no more interested in “psychology” than was Luis Buñuel, a filmmaker who is brought to mind at numerous points), but simply the individuality of her look and manner: faintly moon-faced, buck-toothed, pig-snouted, with a twinkly Lillian Gish-y girlishness and a galumphing tomboy gait. (James Spader, more conventionally “attractive,” feels obliged to signal his oddity more openly and incessantly.) Second, the absurdist, 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.

★★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 11/29)

Skins — A brother and his keeper: a drunken Indian (“sad cliché”) and a tribal lawman who literally “goes off the res” as an avenging vigilante. The educational prologue on the Lakotas of Pine Ridge (seventy-five-percent unemployment, etc.) shows us that director Chris Eyre has his heart in the right place — if his *Smoke Signals* hadn’t shown us already — but the awkwardness and amateurism levy a heavy tax on our goodwill. Eric Schweig, Graham Greene, Gary Farmer. 2002.

● (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 11/29)

Solaris — Steven Soderbergh’s remake of the Andrei Tarkovsky outer-space epic, with

Mon.-Thu. (3:00) 7:00, 10:15; **Solaris** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:55) 7:25, 9:45; **Treasure Planet** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:25) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 4:50, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:40) 7:05, 9:25

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Bowling for Columbine (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:50) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:40, 5:35) 8:15; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:05, 1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:40, 2:30, 5:25) 8:25; **Frida** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:50, 2:35, 5:30) 8:20; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:35) 5:10, 8:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:55, 5:20) 8:35; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:10, 12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 1:50, 4:00) 6:20, 8:35; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 1:55, 4:05) 6:15, 8:25; **Treasure Planet** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:20, 12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **They** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:15, 2:15) 4:20, 6:20, 8:20, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:00, 3:55, 5:55) 7:55

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Santee Drive In
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Treasure Planet; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets**; **The Santa Clause 2**

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Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
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Palm Promenade 24
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East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
8 Mile (R) Fri.-Thu. 8:00, 10:40; **Eight Crazy**

Nights (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:10, 12:25, 2:45, 4:50) 7:00, 9:30; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 10:15, 10:30, 1:00, 1:30, 1:45, 3:55, 4:30, 4:50) 6:55, 7:25, 9:55, 10:25; **The Emperor’s Club** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:20, 12:55, 3:30) 7:15, 10:00; **Extreme Ops** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:40, 1:05, 3:35) 6:50, 9:35; **Frida** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:10, 12:55, 3:40) 7:00, 9:45; **Friday after Next** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 12:15, 2:40, 4:55) 7:10, 9:35; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 11:55, 12:15, 1:25, 3:20, 3:40, 4:50) 6:45, 7:05, 8:15, 10:10, 10:30; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 10:35, 12:35, 5:10) 7:30, 9:50; **Solaris** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:45, 2:05, 5:00) 7:45, 10:35; **Treasure Planet** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 10:35, 12:35, 12:50, 2:55, 3:15, 5:10, 5:35) 7:35, 8:00, 10:00, 10:20; **They** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:25, 12:40, 2:50, 5:05) 7:25, 9:40

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CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)
Eight Crazy Nights (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 3:35) 5:40, 7:30, 9:25; Sun. (1:25, 3:35) 5:40, 7:25, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:35, 5:40) 7:25, 9:15; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:10, 7:45, 10:10, 10:40; Sun.-Thu. (1:00, 3:55) 7:05, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20; **The Emperor’s Club** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:15, 9:50; Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:30) 7:10, 9:40; **Frida** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:40, 7:40, 10:30; Sun. (1:45) 4:40, 7:30, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:40) 7:30, 10:15; **Friday after Next** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:15, 10:15; Sun. (1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:00, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:45, 5:55) 8:00, 9:55; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 12:45, 3:30) 4:15, 7:00, 10:20; Sun. (12:00, 12:45, 3:30) 4:15, 7:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 1:10, 3:45, 4:25) 7:00, 10:10; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 9:55; Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:35, 7:45, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:20, 5:35) 7:45, 9:45; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:25) 5:00, 7:35, 10:05; Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 5:00, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 2:55, 5:15) 7:35, 10:00; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 7:25, 9:45; Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 7:20, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:00, 5:10) 7:20, 9:35; **Solaris** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:30, 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:10, 5:30) 7:50, 10:05; **Treasure Planet** (PG)

Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:35) 4:55, 7:20, 9:40; Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 4:55, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 2:50, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30

POWAY

Poway 10
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Far from Heaven; **The Emperor’s Club**; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets**; **Bowling for Columbine**

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Sun. (1:15, 4:00) 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 5:45) 8:20; **Eight Crazy Nights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 9:50; Sun. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:10, 5:20) 7:40; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 4:10) 7:20, 10:30; Sun. (1:00, 4:10) 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:00) 8:00; **Friday after Next** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:10, 5:30) 7:55, 10:10; Sun. (12:50, 3:10, 5:30) 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:25, 5:40) 8:30; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 3:15) 7:00, 10:25; Sun. (11:30, 3:15) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 4:00) 7:30; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05; Sun. (1:30, 4:45) 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 5:10) 7:55; **Solaris** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00, 5:25) 7:50, 10:15; Sun. (12:30, 3:00, 5:25) 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 3:00, 5:25) 7:50; **Treasure Planet** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:45; Sun. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:05, 5:30) 7:45

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Spirited Away — Cancellation of the retirement of Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki, whose *Princess Mononoke* was a worthy valedictory to the traditional hand-drawn method. For this addendum to his career, he has made liberal, corner-cutting use of computer-generated backgrounds; 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, THROUGH 11/28)

Standing in the Shadows of Motown — Well-deserved and long-overdue tribute to the anonymous studio musicians, known collectively as the Funk Brothers, who shaped the Motown Sound in the 1960s. The visual material is a little thin: minimal archive footage (these men by definition were out of the limelight), bogus “re-enactments,” and a sentimental but largely meaningless reunion concert of the surviving Brothers and “cover” vocalists



Treasure Planet

such as Joan Osborne, Meshell Mdegeocello, Bootsie Collins, Ben Harper, Chaka Khan. So many of the key players were already dead when the film was shot — and another of them, keyboardist Johnny Griffith, would die within a week of its release — but it's a pleasure and a privilege to listen in on the reminiscences of the rest. Directed by Paul Justman. 2002.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

They — Fright film with Laura Regan, Marc Blucas, and Ethan Embry, directed by Robert Harmon.

(FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Treasure Planet — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Brian Murray, David Hyde Pierce, Emma Thompson, and Martin Short; directed by

John Musker and Ron Clements.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HARBOR DRIVE IN; 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)

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.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

2001: A Space Odyssey — Much of its reputation comes from exposing the masses to special effects that had been done much more excitingly, not to mention economically, in experimental shorts. Only where money really counts — the finicky construction of model spaceships — does it move into new territory. Kubrick's paranoid spoofs on modern technocracy have never been very sharp — not then, not before (*Dr. Strangelove*), and not after (*Clockwork Orange*). Nonetheless a definite feeling of awe creeps in now and then during this incomprehensible chronicle of mankind from birth to rebirth. 1968.

★★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 11/29 THROUGH 12/5)

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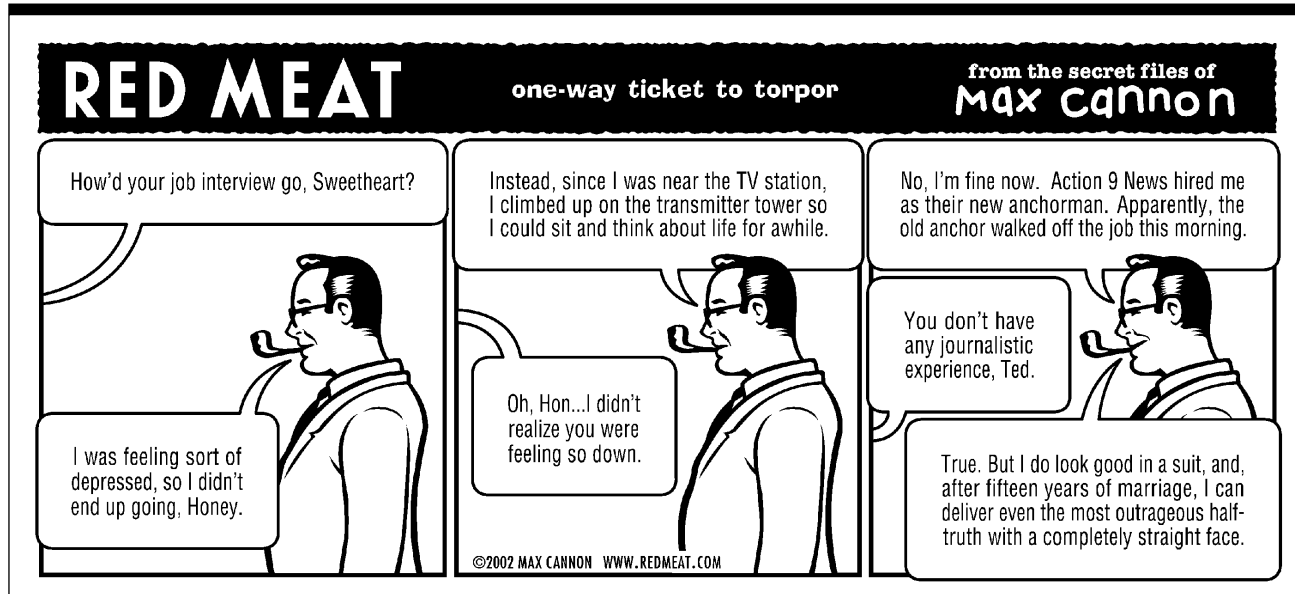
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A good thing is the pecans off my mother's tree, and this year, maybe the best thing about Thanksgiving is that I'm going to be in Mexico City. The not-so-wonderful thing is having to see my mother's husband.



Mark Alexander
Project Manager
North Park

Family and family. I like being with them, but it kind of stresses me out.



Bianca Morales
Retail
Bonita

What I like about Thanksgiving is the food and family, of course. What I don't like is all the stress before it — the turkey, getting everything ready, who's making this, who's making that, who's coming, who's not. But after all that, it's great.



Mutti Christian
Student
Little Italy

I'm from Switzerland; I'm here to improve my English skills. I met an American girl here, and I will spend Thanksgiving with her and her family in Huntington Beach. I don't know what to expect. She said, "Come meet my family; we will have a big party!" I don't know much about Thanksgiving, but I know there is a turkey! For me, it is a new experience.

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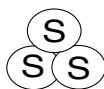


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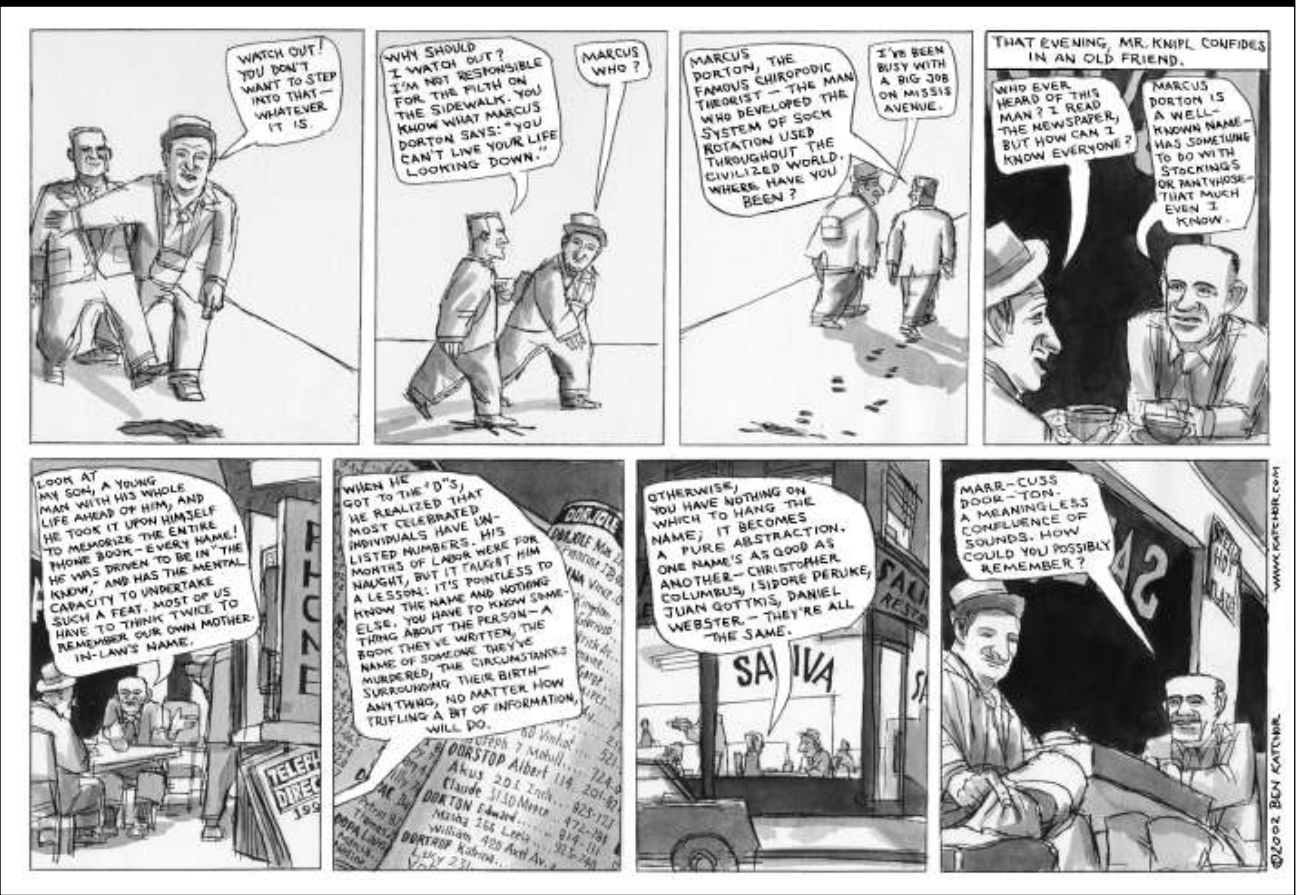
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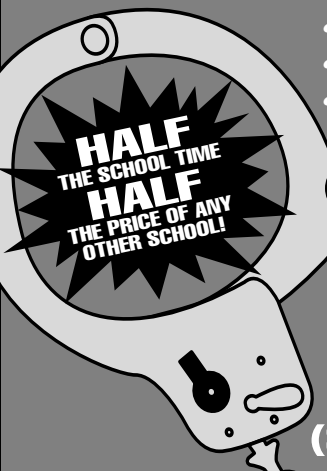
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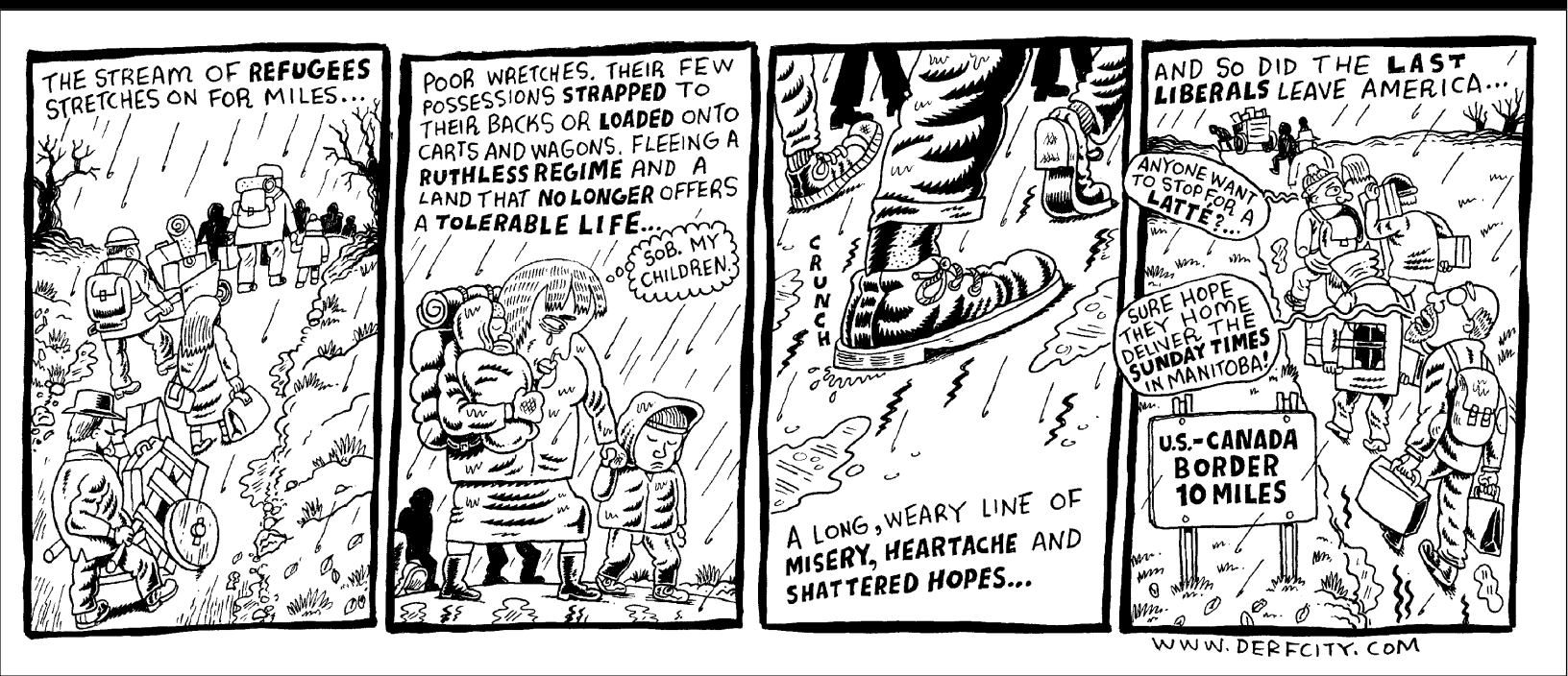


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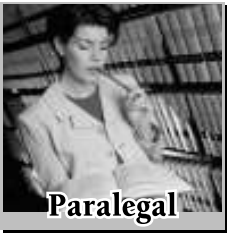
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- Across**
- 1. Massage
 - 4. The Beatles' "Revolver," "Abbey Road," etc.
 - 7. Former U.S. defense acronym
 - 10. Venice-to-Naples dir.
 - 13. Disneyland's locale
 - 15. Shoreline problem
 - 17. ____ non grata
 - 18. Spotted beetle
 - 19. Someone on an ice cream container (and one of 59-Across)
 - 21. Legal conclusion?
 - 22. Regarding
 - 23. Signs of healing
 - 27. Fashion's Oscar ____ Renta
 - 29. G-man's org.
 - 32. Org. that fought the Brady bill
 - 33. Someone on the Cartoon Network (and one of 59-Across)
 - 39. Kind of penguin
 - 42. Ebert's output
 - 43. Someone on American Movie Classics (and one of 59-Across)
 - 45. ____ diet
 - 46. Bare peak
 - 47. Nintendo competitor
 - 51. Dealing with delivery
 - 54. Home of Iowa State
 - 58. Legal thing
 - 59. There are three different ones alluded to in this puzzle
63. Gives a home
66. End
67. Make more tempting, like a business offer
68. Gas ratings
69. Thickness
70. ____-Jet (winter vehicle)
71. D and C, in D.C.
72. Salk and Pepper: Abbr.
- Down**
- 1. Emulated Busta Rhymes
 - 2. Discomfort
 - 3. Niagara transport
 - 4. Hotelier Helmsley
 - 5. Fragrant trees
 - 6. Like some bombs
 - 7. Prefix with defense or destruct
 - 8. Al-Jazeera viewer
 - 9. Crackers may be used on them
 - 10. Bro or sis
 - 11. Trifling amount
 - 12. Coll. major
14. V-J Day pres.
16. Together, after "in"
20. Punch responses
24. Put one's two cents in?
25. Furrowed part of the head
26. Donaldson and others
28. Without ____ (riskily)
30. Swallow, e.g.
31. Shrink's reply
34. Archeozoic, e.g.
35. Humorist Sahl
36. Suffix with stink
37. Some germ cells
38. Fish steerers
39. Nobel Prize subj.
40. "____ Lisa"
41. Math constitutes half of it: Abbr.
44. German lady
48. "To do" list listing
49. It blows off steam
50. Gauge
52. Without ____ (pro bono)
53. Keeps
55. Early IBM PC go-with
56. Walkman button
57. Shakers and others
60. Demeanor
61. ____ account (never)
62. Actor Stephen
63. About 5 ml.
64. Leatherworker's tool
65. Shift, tab or caps lock

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* (addressed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date.
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 11/21/02.

Of the 58 entrants, 52 were correct. The winners are:

- 1. Ryan Leighty, *Del Mar*
- 2. D. Delmege, *Escondido*
- 3. Ron Knedler, *El Cajon*
- 4. Reder, *El Cajon*
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WHICH MADE HIM WONDER WHY SHE HAD NEVER SUCCEEDED TO HIS INDIFFERENCE.

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TALL, SINCERE, DEGREED, black beauty, seeks degreed, attractive, 6'1" or taller, sincere male, for friendship, dating, race not important, age: 33-40, tall men please. (12/4) ☎50000

AUSTRALIAN DESIRED BY citizen of the world. Have not given up on my dream of meeting my match from down under! Still looking for him! (12/11) ☎50045

LOVE! NOT WAR! Peacenik ready to march with fellow Leftist. 48, 5'9", son, 14! Seeking under 50ish, balanced, comely

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EUROPEAN, COSMOPOLITAN, attractive, sexy, athletic, health conscious. Interested in a masculine gentleman, 45-60, who desires to share the wonderful things that life has to offer. (12/4) ☎34985

SINCERE, SUCCESSFUL, Scandinavian, blonde, blue, 53, 5'5", 126lbs., sophisticated, professional lady, Tony Robbins fan. Enjoy my home, movies, cooking, dancing, good sense of humor. Seeking attractive, well groomed, sincere, financially secure, professional/Military Officer, gentleman. Please, no smoking/drugs. Looking for long-term relationship only with the right person. (12/4) ☎34996

ACTIVE, FUN LOVING, super nice gal. Seeking tall, fit, upbeat, 55+, gentleman to share love, laughter and adventure. (12/11) ☎50025

ENGAGING, LIFE EXPLORER, petite, 5', white, 48, Poway, seeks affectionate, educated, financially secure, professional, 40s-50s, nonsmoker, fit, liberal, nonreligious, romantic travel, concerts, dancing, intimate sunsets. (12/11) ☎50023

ATTRACTIVE, SEXY, professional, Hispanic lady, healthy, romantic, fit, searching for caring, handsome, financially secure, African American gentleman, for meaningful relationship, nonsmoker, no drugs. (12/11) ☎50056

NO MORE DRAMA, just be who you say you are. Black queen seeks Black king. Fit, 30-45, who can give love, receive love, be real. (12/11) ☎50064

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PRETTY, BLACK FEMALE, 5'1-1/2", full figured, seeks male, 40-55 years, for friendship, dating, possibly more. (12/11) ☎50066

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SEARCHING FOR MY BEST friend, lover, partner, husband. Black lady, 6', 44, smart, sexy, don't drink/smoke. Don't mind if you do. No games, please. (12/11) ☎50037

AMPLE, VOLUPTUOUS beauty, 35, seeks love, romance, mystery! Challenge my intellect. Make me blush, passion, hard kisses, moonlight, wine, travel. You: 32-42, adventurous and ready! (12/11) ☎50062

ARE YOU AT THE TOP of your game? Mentally, physically, spiritually, emotionally? 3 out of 4 isn't bad. This intelligent, adorable, childless, black beauty awaits. (12/11) ☎50053

ASIAN, SWEET, SULTRY, sensational, healthcare professional, 5'3", 115lbs., childless, homeowner, seeks tall, fit, successful, nonsmoker, generous, white professional, 35-55. Let us enjoy food, music, explore. (12/4) ☎50011

PETITE BRUNETTE, HONEST, sincere, romantic, passionate. Nice girl, very easy on the eyes. In shape, nonsmoker, light drinker, 41. You the same, 38-48. (12/11) ☎50068

LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus size, brunette, nonsmoker, very romantic, very loving and sincere. Seeking long-term relationship. Let's go for it baby. (12/11) ☎50049

ATTRACTIVE, MOON CHILD, seeking my soul mate. You: 47+, attractive, honest, monogamous, financially secure, energetic, into metaphysics, enjoys movies, dining, weekend escapes, spoiling his woman! (12/11) ☎50054

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SASSY, SOPHISTICATED professional, loves nature, jeans to formal in flash, seeks well educated, cultured, works/plays hard, financially/emotionally secure, adventurous, honest, communicator, life partner. (12/4) ☎50003

SENSUAL, ATTRACTIVE, loving, white lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoys outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 55-65, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (12/11) ☎50027

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 40s, outgoing, adventurous, movies, dining, weekend getaways, comedy clubs, seeks outgoing professional, secure, romantic, fun loving, for friendship, exploring the city, new adventures. (12/4) ☎50014

FUN, LAUGHTER, LOVE. Established, outgoing, enjoys movies, plays, dinners, outings, dancing, travel, baseball. Me: Attractive, affectionate, green/auburn, full, curvaceous figure, tall, romantic, 45-65, (12/11) ☎50055

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EUROPEAN, EDUCATED, sexy, smart, gorgeous, petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, compassionate,

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OCEAN LOVER SEEKS MATE. Attractive, brunette, wants outdoorsy, fit, nonsmoking, degreed, fun, employed, Caucasian male, chemistry is a cultural myth! (12/11) ☎50043

COLLEGE PROFESSOR seeks Caucasian gentleman. Us: trustworthy, considerate, healthy, humorous, romantic, financially secure, 50+. Me: 5'3", 125lbs, brunette. You: 5'10"+, proportionate, professional, passionate, great smile. (12/4) ☎34986

BON VOYAGE, ALOHA, hasta la vista. Are you a senior looking for travel companion? I'm beautiful, fun, ready to see the world, call! (12/11) ☎50070

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CHRISTIAN, LOVING, nurturing, brunette, cook, 41, seeks smart, godly man for walks, dinner, movies, church, camping, conversation, bible study, appreciates life's simple pleasures. Prefer nonsmoker. (12/11) ☎50061

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NORTH COUNTY, strawberry blonde, greenish eyes, 48, 5'6", medium build, loves animals, nature, travel, books, arts. You: 35-50, affectionate, easygoing, intellectual, humorous, nice looking. (12/4) ☎34991

PASSIONATE ABOUT NATURE, music, sense of humor, necessary confidence. 44, petite, cute, well proportioned. You: Intelligent, 42-52, youthful, good looks, honest, fit, North County preferred. (12/11) ☎50051

PRETTY, ARGENTINE redhead, 45, 5'4", 125lbs., professional, divorced, childless; loves sailing, hiking, camping, biking, classical music. Seeking white professional, 50-65, average weight/height, outdoors, romantic, loving. (12/11) ☎50050

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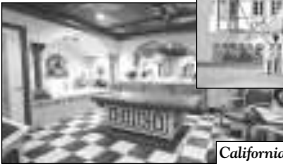
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Tony Gwynn and Padres president Ballard Smith, June 16, 1981, the day Gwynn signed. Shocking quotes attributed to the two of them (from www.baseballamerica.com):

“Baseball’s probably where my future is, but my heart’s always been with basketball. It’s always been my first priority. But I’ve always wondered what kind of baseball player I’d be if I gave it my full attention.”— Tony Gwynn, June 1981

“During this time, the ballplayers are totally unproductive in terms of producing revenue for

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their clubs. I spent three years obtaining a law degree and paid for the privilege. No one offered me any bonus to go to law school and I was not paid while I was attending.”— Ballard Smith, addressing the issue of signing bonuses for college and high school players, 1983

The last Padres contract Gwynn signed, in 2000, he earned a \$2 million signing bonus. Last year, Gwynn began coaching the SDSU baseball team. In June of 2001, Smith got a job as CEO for the Carbite golf club company.

— by Robert Mizrachi

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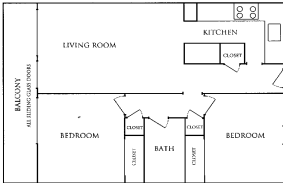
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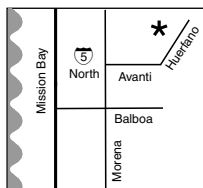
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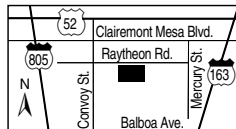
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LEAD STORIES

— Alberta (Canada) judge Shelagh Creagh ruled in October that prison inmate Shane Arthur Wilson could not be punished for carrying around a homemade plastic knife since Wilson said the knife was only for defending himself against prison gangs. This, and a similar decision currently being appealed by another Alberta judge have predictably outraged prison guards across Canada. And a November *Washington Post* dispatch from Mexico reports that escaping from prison is not a crime in that country (nor is running away from police or lying about guilt) because, as one Supreme Court justice put it, Mexico respects the individual’s “basic desire for freedom.”

— Absolutely the Least Substantial Reason for a Knife Fight: Police in Mansfield Township and Hackettstown, N.J., charged Emmanuel Nieves, 23, with aggravated assault on Nov. 13 after he allegedly slashed the face of his friend Erik Saporito, 21, as the two men fought after arguing over which one had more hair on his buttocks.

Latest Mature Government Officials

— Sumpter Township, Mich., Supervisor Elmer Parraghi, 74, and Finance Director Dwayne Seals, 35, habitually, viciously feuding about business issues, recently obtained judicial restraining orders against each other, even though both work in a four-office building. And in September during the annual, vituperative Miami-Dade County (Fla.) budget hearing, Commissioner Natacha Seijas snapped at Chairwoman Gwen Margolis for interrupting her: “You’re going to leave here in a body bag if you keep this up.” And in June (according to telephone records obtained by the *Tulsa World* newspaper), Oklahoma State Rep. Chad Stites angrily told a Tulsa official whose department was badgering him about code violations on Stites’ property that he would “neuter you sons of a [sic] bitches.”

Not My Fault

— In September, Robert Rozenhart, now 56, won his 7-year-old lawsuit against Skier’s Sportshop (Edmonton, Alberta) for injuries suffered on his

maiden attempt to in-line skate, which came after a Skier’s employee tried unsuccessfully to tell Rozenhart not to venture out until the store’s instructor arrived to help him. Rozenhart skated away anyway, and was on a downward incline when he first realized he did not know how to stop.

— In October, Kevin William Presland, 44, commenced his lawsuit against the James Fletcher Hospital in Newcastle, Australia, in which he is asking to be financially compensated because, he said, hospital personnel released him prematurely after a brief psychiatric admission in 1995 and thus made it easy for him to kill his prospective sister-in-law a few hours later. Presland’s lawyer acknowledges that nothing can be done to help the woman’s family but says Presland, at least, deserves a payoff. The hospital says Presland was calm and rational and that it had no legal basis for detaining him.

— James Anibella filed a federal lawsuit in October challenging the constitutionality of the Colorado law that sets a voter registration deadline of 29 days before an election, a deadline that Anibella admitted he knew about but was too busy to bother with; Anibella characterizes the 29-day deadline as merely “some snafu in the law.” And after Bryan Furrow, 17, was charged in Manchester, Conn., in August with masturbating in front of 10 children (and sexually touching five of them), his mother, Lenora Furrow, told reporters that Bryan had simply “made a wrong judgment call.”

Weird Workplaces

— Conscientious workers at the ARO Campulung auto plant in Romania offered in October to help pay off the company’s debts by selling their sperm to a fertility clinic in the city of Timisoara, at the equivalent of (U.S.) \$50 a session. Said the plant’s union leader, “We have found (a solution) that even the best economists have never thought of.” (However, to pay the equivalent (U.S.) \$20 million debt in full would require 400,000 sessions, or 400 sessions for each of the 1,000 males at the plant.)

— In October, all 21 volunteer firefighters of

Elgin, Iowa, submitted letters of resignation after they were told they could no longer keep beer at the firehouse. (Later in the month, they backed off in exchange for the City Council’s agreeing to open an investigation of Councilwoman Jean Roach, who is the person who allegedly first ratted them out to the city’s insurance carrier.)

Least Competent Criminals

— Adventures With Gasoline: Octavio Soto, 44, and Jose Cezares, 23, were hospitalized with third-degree burns in Fitchburg, Mass., in September when they attempted to saw into the vehicle gas tank in which they had hidden \$100,000 worth of cocaine; an errant spark from their sawing created a flash fire. And two men escaped after an unsuccessful attempt to rob a guy filling up at the Swifty Service Station in Indianapolis in October; the victim merely flicked the gasoline hose at the men, dousing them and sending them scampering.

Latest Politically Correct Thinking

— In October, the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child told Great Britain it should repeal its parental-right-to-spank law because spanking violates an international corporal-punishment treaty (which the U.S. has declined to honor, as well). In September, the North Tyneside (England) Council advised a local business group not to hold the annual children’s Christmas caroling contest this year because it would be a bad experience for the kids who did not win. In October, Mayor Shelton Richardson of North Randall, Ohio, charging racism, proposed to make it illegal for any gas station to make customers pay before pumping (despite a marked recent increase in customer “drive-offs”).

Updates to Recent News of the Weird Stories

— Mayor Jay Lee of Virgin, Utah (a town that once required a gun in every house for self-defense and that also once banned United Nations activities within its borders), announced there would be a \$25 charge for anyone who wished to speak

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MAZDA GLC SEDAN, 1985, 5 passenger, hatchback, top condition, very low miles, 6K miles per year, second owner, excellent mechanically, looks great, no dents/damage, \$1350. 619-269-3812.

MAZDA MILLENIA, 1995, loaded, leather interior, worth \$9000, sacrifice for \$7900/best. 760-431-7423.

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Jack and I broke out of our box. Whenever my husband and I get the opportunity to take our five children on an adventure, my initial reaction tends toward horror and dread. The logistics alone of preparing and transporting Rebecca, Angela, Lucy, Johnny, and Ben anywhere further than, say, the local Vons make me want to stay home. Plus, on and off over the past three or four years, I have suffered from crushing bouts of depression. The latest bout found me heading to my doctor about six weeks ago in search of chemical assistance.

When Jack asked me last Friday if I wanted to take the kids on a day trip to Palm Springs, I had to stop for a moment and think.

“Ricki’s in Palm Springs for

her firm’s annual partners’ meeting,” Jack explained to me over the phone Friday morning. Ricki is Jack’s sister. She lives in New York and is a partner in a major national law firm. The last time we saw Ricki was a year and a half ago at a family reunion Jack’s parents organized in Ohio. “She’s busy today and Saturday morning. But if we drove over, she could see us tomorrow afternoon and evening. She’s staying at some swanky resort. She said in her e-mail that there’s a lot to do there.”

I thought about packing the kids into the van and driving over the mountains and down the long grade into Palm Springs. I thought about chasing them around the resort and having dinner at a nice restaurant. I thought about catching up with Ricki. Maybe it was the Prozac, but the whole idea sounded good. “Sure,” I told Jack. “That sounds great. I think the kids will get a kick out of seeing Ricki and playing in a fancy place. It sounds like an adventure.”

Saturday morning, Jack washed the van. He stopped by Kragen and bought new hub-caps to replace the two the van has been missing for the past month and a half. The kids put on nice, casual clothes. After an early lunch, we piled into the van and headed north and east from our home in San Marcos. We drove up the 15 toward Temecula, then wound through the high chaparral country east on the 79. The girls sang along with the country-music CD Jack had popped into the CD player. Benjamin

dozed in his car seat. Johnny asked, “When are we going to be in the desert?” once every three minutes.

When we pulled into the long, palm-tree-lined driveway of the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort, the girls gaped out the windows. “Is this where Aunt Ricki’s staying?” Rebecca asked.

“Yes,” Jack answered. “She said to meet her in the main lobby.”

“This looks like a nice place,” Angela said.

“Yes, it does, sweetie,” I answered and steered the van into a parking spot in a vast covered lot. “Now everyone brush your hair while I change Ben’s diaper.”

Five minutes later, we all hugged Ricki in the resort’s seven-story atrium lobby. Waterfalls splashed over shining marble steps down to a man-made lagoon. Tropical bird calls caromed off the ivy-laden balconies. Beyond an enormous glass wall, a lake gave way to rolling green hills and the sharp, high mountains we’d just come over. Ricki smiled and made over each of the children. “You’ve all gotten so big,” she said and shook her head.

Ben, who is two years old and redheaded and sturdy as a Tonka dump truck, waved his fat white hand and said, “Hi, Rookie.”

“Hello, sweetie,” Ricki leaned down and hugged her nephew.

“Hi, Rookie,” Ben repeated.

While the clear November sun made its way down toward the mountains, we wan-

dered the hotel grounds. We took a boat ride on the lake. I sipped a Starbucks almond mocha and watched Ben lean over and dip his hand into the water. “Duck,” he told Ricki and pointed at a mallard paddling beside the boat. “Hi, Rookie,” he said. Johnny told Ricki about his Power Rangers Halloween costume. The girls talked with her about school.

After an orange and crimson sunset, we rode the glass elevator down from Ricki’s room to a Japanese restaurant on the hotel grounds. We sat around a shining steel grill while a man in a wildly patterned chef’s toque tapped out a beat on the grill with an impossibly sharp knife and an almost equally sharp spatula. With great fanfare, the chef cooked our food in front of us. He poured alcohol on the grill and sent a towering flame up toward the ceiling. “Fire,” Ben said and clung to me like a frightened monkey. Ben laughed a moment later when the chef tossed almost a dozen shrimp into Jack’s mouth from across the grill. I laughed too. And smiled. And took great joy in watching my children try something new and create a wonderful memory with their aunt.

After dinner, Ricki walked us out to the van. Jack and I helped the kids put on their pajamas for the ride home. They all hugged Ricki good-bye, then snuggled down into their pillows. As we drove away, Ricki stood and waved until we were out of sight.

“Bye, Rookie,” Ben said again and again for a long stretch down the road.

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