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Kehoe's plea Less than a month after her re-election to the state assembly, Democrat **Christine Kehoe** has taken aim at the



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next rung of the political ladder, getting the jump on probable rival and ex-assembly Democratic colleague **Howard Wayne**. In a fundraising letter dated November 26, Kehoe writes, "I am delighted to share some exciting news.

I have decided to run for the California State Senate in 2004 for the 39th District. (This is Senator **Dede Alpert**'s seat — she is leaving office due to term limits in 2004.)" Wayne is already out of a job, having been termed out this year after six years in the assembly and replaced by Republican Shirley Horton. He's said to covet a place in the senate but may face tough sledding against Kehoe, who, as one of the first lesbians to be elected to the legislature, can count on solid financial support from national gays. She also benefits from her assembly incumbency, allowing her to raise big money from special-interest fat cats with pending legislation. "I cannot rely on the Democratic Party to fund my communication during the primary campaign," Kehoe says in her fundraising missive, "and we must raise all of the funds needed for this race on our own — and I am counting on your help. It may seem early to start campaigning for 2004, but the primary election is just over one year away and I need to raise \$100,000 by December 31 to show that I am prepared for the race ahead. Please consider writing a check today — early money in this race will help build the momentum I am going to need to raise over \$1.5 million dollars [sic]." Who will claim Kehoe's assembly seat? Kehoe notes that her decision to seek higher office "clears the way for other excellent candidates to run and win - as was done by Toni Atkins in her election to the city council District I represented before being elected to the State Assembly." ... Paul Robinson, the dapper dean of the city's developer lobbyist corps, drives an emerald green Porsche Carrera with the plates "LANUSE."

Takes La Bella to know one Ex-acting U.S. Attorney and San Diego ethics com-



Charles La Bella

missioner **Charles La Bella**, who helped
Padres owner John
Moores avoid indictment in the **Valerie Stallings**influence-buying
scandal and now is
handling the defense
of Peregrine Systems, the bankrupt
software outfit that

enriched Moores while impoverishing other shareholders who bought stock while he

hastily sold, has donned yet another hat. Last week his law firm, La Bella & McNamara LLP, issued a press release announcing they'd filed suit against Mercury Air Group, a private aviation service outfit whose directors, it is charged, used the company to finance sweetheart stock deals and buy an office building they owned at inflated prices. "As alleged in the complaint," the release quotes La Bella as saying, "the defendants in this case used Mercury Air Group as their personal ATM machine, engaging in breaches of their fiduciary duties and in self-dealing that raises corporate director and officer misconduct to a new level." Mercury president Joseph Czyzyk responded in turn: "La Bella & McNamara is weaving a web of deception to distract and discredit our company's management and negatively impact our company's operation. An interesting part of this week's activities is the stock purchasing being undertaken by a foreign-led group. Clearly all this is a curious coincidence." La Bella's law partner is Tom McNamara, who, while deputy U.S. Attorney, just happened to head up the investigation of Moores and his series of gifts to then-city councilwoman Valerie Stallings. Their client is Rancho Santa Fe's Andrew Chitiea, one-time chief financial officer of the old Signal Companies, Inc., itself once a target of shareholder lawsuits alleging insider deals and golden parachutes for high-ranking

For sale Alecta Pension Insurance, the Swedish owner of downtown's 34-story Symphony Towers office complex, is shopping it around for \$135 million, reports Real Estate Alert, which also says that the First National Bank Building on West A Street is being offered at \$120 million ... Village Voice columnist Richard Goldstein has taken notice of our recent race for D.A.: "When a lesbian Republican got elected district attorney of San Diego, it was a national story: Dyke Bites Dog." ... A



Scott Peters

group of irate La Jollans, upset by a spate of rezonings and other perceived city hall slights, is working on an attempt to recall wealthy First District city councilman **Scott Peters**, whose wife is heiress

to a multimillion-dollar manufacturing fortune ... Hawaii environmentalists are suing to stop the visit to environmentally sensitive Molokai of the cruise ship *Statendam*, sailing out of San Diego December 20.

Contributor: Matt Potter

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You Can't Build Away Congestion

By Joe Deegan

here has to be a better system," says Tommie McMullen, who has chosen to drive eight more miles to work in order

to cut 15 minutes off the time it takes him to get there. When he started working at Geico Direct in Poway three years ago, McMullen took the 54 freeway from his home in Spring Valley to the 805 to the 15 and got off at the Scripps

mona and turns left into Poway at Scripps Poway.

The problem with the 805, which offers the more direct route, says McMullen, is that "right when you get on, near Plaza Boulevard, it's a parking lot. You can't go anywhere.

on the other side of the 8, the traffic backs up again. Because of that, I was always late to work. It's horrible."

The 805 coming north out of the South Bay is known as one of the most congested areas on San Diego County's freeways in the morning, but it is hardly the worst. Garry Bonelli, communications director for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), names the southbound I-15 in North County and southbound I-5 before its junction with the 805 as the two worst. Both areas see more than 260,000 vehicles per day.



Traffic on Interstate 15

Poway Parkway exit. Today, he takes a back route, first using surface streets until he reaches the 125 at Spring Street. The 125 brings him north to the 8, which he takes east to its junction with 67 in El Cajon. He drives north on the 67 through Lakeside toward Ra-

You have that for, probably, the next three miles down the road. All of a sudden, traffic speeds up, and you're wondering why the traffic slowed down in the first place. Now people are cutting you off, and they act like they want to run you over. Then, once you get

Bonelli helped write the 39-page "Mobility 2030," a preliminary draft summarizing SANDAG's latest regional transportation plan. The \$41 billion plan has been in the works for more than six months and should receive fi-

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We Used to Arrest Such Nice People

By Donald McCullough

ighty thousand cars a day pass through the immigration checkpoint at the south end of Temecula. And that means about

80,000 times a day a question gets asked: Why is this here, 70 miles north of the border?

I put this question to Sherry Feltner-Redondo, patrol agent in charge of the Temecula station since 1993. She has heard it many times

before. As traffic has increased, so have critics who advocate closing the station — including Congressman Darrell Issa of the 48th District.

"I know it's a pain to drive through the checkpoint," she said. "When people consider

Whether outfielders or defensive backs, they've been part of the team for a long time.



Border Patrol agents arrest suspected illegal aliens

buying homes up here, they maybe go through it a couple of times and don't give it much thought. But then, every day... Well, it's like people buying homes by the airport. But we play an important role. If you're having a winning season, you don't remove your outfielders."

Athletic metaphors are apparently popular at the Temecula station. A while later, Rene Gonzalez, assistant agent in charge, said, "The Chargers wouldn't get rid of their defensive backs, would they?"

The Temecula and San Clemente stations, the busiest internal checkpoints in the nation, were established in 1924 to stop Al Capone's smuggling of liquor and Chinese workers. In those days, Highways 101 and 395 were the only routes running north and

Today there are more, of course, and that complicates matters.

"When I drove up here," I confessed to Agent Feltner-Redondo, "I exited at Rainbow Valley Road, easily driving around your checkpoint. And I followed a large paneled truck that, for all I know, was filled with 50 illegal aliens. Wouldn't any half-competent smuggler simply take an alternate route?"

"We keep them guessing. We randomly post agents on the alternate routes."

"I would think that if I were trying to sneak into this country, and I somehow made it across the desert of Imperial County, I could survive the wilds of Fallbrook."

"Yeah, the ones we catch must be pretty dumb, huh? Oops, did I say that? [She pointed to my tape recorder].



Border Patrol agents set up checkpoint in Temecula on Interstate 15



Border Patrol agents at a secondary checkpoint on Highway 395

Forget I said that. If I had more agents and resources, I could do a better job. I've actually got ten checkpoints at this station - six are what we call 'essential' and four are 'tactical.' But I just don't have the manpower to do it all."

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we paint it, then we dry it, and

Tijuana Flowers Face Extinction

By Ernie Grimm

ust north of Third Street, on the east side of Avenida Revolución, florista Esperanza Cervantes and her husband José Arias sit in

metal folding chairs. Their backs are to the street. Across the street, American rap music thumps from the secondstory Club Animale. The two take no notice of it. Nor do they respond to the exploding M-80s somewhere nearby that make others around them jump. After 30 years of selling paper flowers in this spot, they're used to the sights and sounds of this tourist strip.

Arias and Cervantes are two of the last few paper flower makers in Tijuana. "There were about 90 of us in the beginning," says Cervantes, a happy-faced woman in her 60s, with short black hair, a twinkle in her eyes, and a quick, generous laugh. "Now

there are only 10 of us left." The beginning she speaks of was in 1972. "There was a florista union," Cervantes recalls, "with about eight members. And from that union a cooperative was formed with about 90 members. But some of the people who got into the cooperative didn't know how to make them, so they were trained."

Cervantes and Arias say the cooperative was formed to give the *floristas*, who had been operating independently, a collective voice when dealing with the municipal government. "As a union, we can approach the city, and they'll let us work. As a union, we can go to the city and someone will listen to our

requests. As one, you can't really go and say, 'I'm Esperanza Cervantes, can I work here?' So we formed the cooperative and got the concession to work on Revolución from First Street to the Jai-Alai. And when the permit renewals come up, we handle all of that as a union."

As a younger member of the newly formed cooperative in the early '70s, Cervantes said the older *floristas*, though they were supposed to train younger members, were hesitant to give away all the secrets of their craft. "I had to learn by myself," she recalls, "because they gave us such limited help. They didn't want to give me the whole technique all at once. It was good in the end because we learned to invent our own style of flowers. When I first started, this was the only kind of flower we used to make." From a bundle next to her, she pulls out what looks like a hot pink hibiscus blossom about eight inches in diameter. "We call these flores Mexicanas. Then my husband invented this other style, which looks more like real petals." She

points to a roselike flower, also about eight inches in diameter. "And then we started doing these rositas [little roses] and los alcatraces [Easter

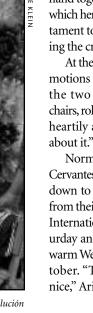
At first glance the flowers all three types in red, yellow, orange, electric blue, royal blue, and hot pink — appear to be made of thin plastic material. They aren't. "It's crepe paper," Cervantes explains. "We paint it with a special kind of lacquer, which we spread on the paper with paintbrushes. First, we cut the paper into strips. Then we lacquer it, then

then make the flowers." Asked how they get the tips of the rose petals to fold over so realistically, Arias answers, "With a knife." Holding an imaginary piece of lacquered crepe paper in his left hand, he scrapes it with the edge of an imaginary knife in his right.

> Cervantes explains the scalloped edges on the hibiscuslike flowers by rubbing the thumb and forefinger on each hand together. The speed with which her fingers move is a testament to years spent perfecting the craft.

At the suggestion that these motions must tire the hands, the two lean back in their chairs, roll their eyes, and laugh heartily as if to say, "Tell me

Normally, the semiretired Cervantes and Arias only come & down to Avenida Revolución 🕏 from their house near Tijuana International Airport on Saturday and Sunday. Today is a urday and Sunday. Today is a warm Wednesday in early October. "The weather was so 5 nice," Arias explains, "we de-





Near Third Street and Avenida Revolución

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nal approval in February or March of next year. A major fact it addresses is that San Diego County will grow in

congestion

population from the current 2.8 million people to nearly 4 million by the target date. "From SANDAG's perspective," says Bonelli, "we think [the roads] can accommodate the next million people. But if something is going to be

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done about our future growth and traffic congestion, now, more than ever, is the time to

"Currently we're in a crisis mode. But we hope to have a robust transit system in place by the year 2030. That

means you'll have some real choices to get on a transit system when you want, it will go where you want to go, and you're going to have transfer stations as frequently as every five minutes. So we're trying to make transit competitive

with the car."

Today is another story. According to Bonelli, a woman living in Escondido would require two hours to get to her job in Kearny Mesa on the public transportation avail-

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an evening class at National University. On school days, she fights the morning traffic on I-15 with thousands of other single-occupancy vehi-

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Bernardo," she says. "I start in San Marcos on the 78, but I usually take the shortcuts, and I don't get on the 15 until I get to Felicita. That way I bypass a lot of the Escondido traffic, which takes out about 15

The traffic in Escondido is especially bad, says Durnford-Branecke. "Bumper to bumper, five miles an hour. All the Temecula people hit Escondido, and traffic comes to a screeching halt until you get to Rancho Bernardo.

"Felicita is right when it starts to move, and when you get to the North County Fair, it opens up a bit. Then comes a bottleneck because of Lake Hodges. Everybody has to get on the highway at Lake Hodges, including bicycles, because there's no other way around it. It bottlenecks again when you get down to Carmel Mountain"

Bonelli says that SANDAG views I-15 congestion less as a traffic problem than a housing problem. In the 2030 plan, land use is identified as one of "four components of mobility." "You cannot build your way out of congestion," he says, referring to freeway construction. Another brand-new lane in each direction on I-15 would reduce congestion only temporarily. Word would get out, according to Bonelli, that a faster commute is in place for people who live in the I-15 corridor, and more people would move there. Home buyers are already tempted by the lower housing costs offered by such communities in southwest Riverside County as Temecula and Winchester. An important strategy in the SANDAG program for reducing traffic congestion is to plan land use that would bring the places people live and where they work closer together.

But development of the transportation network cannot wait for land use to be improved. "Systems development" and "systems management" are also components of Mobility 2030. CalTransimplements most of SANDAG's decisions to develop and upgrade our region's freeway system. The California agency is planning major upgrades of I-5 and I-15 in North County and is already engaged in a number of smaller projects throughout the San Diego re-

Tom Nipper, spokesman for CalTransin San Diego County, describes the I-15 project as building managed lanes in the freeway's median, which will give priority to carpools, vanpools, buses, and a new "trolley on wheels." The four-lane system "would have a movable barrier in the middle, like on the Coronado Bridge. That way we can alter the number of lanes going north and south to match the demand. The first section will be between 56 and Via Ran-

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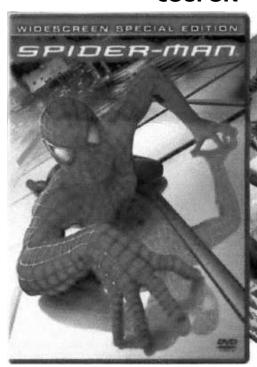
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The fourth component of Mobility 2030 is called "demand management." Nipper of CalTrans says that people must take up carpooling, which fell off in the 1990s. "And we need to start doing

better at using alternate work hours, where we're not all trying to get on the freeway at the same time."

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pay for this?" And they found people with whom they could carpool. Now carpooling is starting to grow.

But, says Bonelli, "We still have that love affair with the car." On the website (www. keepsandiegomoving.com)

SANDAG uses to keep people informed about Mobility 2030, two questionnaires solicit citizens' views. The first asks what transportation improvements people think will work: trolley expansion, more traffic lanes, greater bus stop frequency, and so on. The second, and the more important, says Bonelli, asks what they are willing to do. "People will say, 'Oh, public transportation, I'm willing to spend the money.' 'Will you ride it?' 'Well, no.' "■

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"How many apprehensions do you make on an average day?"

"It varies." She seemed noncommittal, almost evasive. "One day it might be 12, another 2."

The Public Information Office of the Border Patrol says that in fiscal year 1995, the Temecula station apprehended 16,782; in fiscal year 2002 the number was 3256 — an average of about 9 a day. This de-

cline parallels the statistics for the region. The San Diego sector apprehended 556,231 in fiscal year 1995 but only 100,667 in fiscal year 2002.

Agent Feltner-Redondo attributed the drop to the increased presence of the Border

Patrol following Operation Gatekeeper in 1994, which substantially increased personnel and resources. "In 1995 they kept coming," she said, "and they got caught. So by 1996 the decline started. It's a matter of deterrence. It's now tougher to get through, so fewer try it."

"Or, I suppose, the smugglers are more efficient."

"There's no way to know

To catch those nine illegal immigrants each day, the Temecula station employs 150 agents. They work eight-hour shifts, which usually expand a couple of hours each day because of overtime. Before they can stand between freeway lanes checking cars, they go through 20 weeks of training, taking courses in immigration and criminal law, firearm use, ethics and conduct, and Spanish (all agents are bilingual).

But experience is the best teacher. They watch carefully the reactions of thousands of motorists each day, and they learn to spot irregularities. Is he gripping the wheel too hard? Is she too cheerful? Is he too eager to give an answer? And they watch the eyes, especially the eyes, sometimes asking motorists to take off their sunglasses.

"My son-in-law is Latino," I told Feltner-Redondo. "Would he be more likely than I to be pulled over for further questioning?"

"No, not really. Racial profiling is an issue in most of the complaints I receive. People come to me and say, 'Why did you pull me over? I'm not even Hispanic!''

"It must be difficult standing in the middle of traffic all day long."

"Well, they rotate that assignment. They're usually out there in half-hour shifts. The rest of the time they do administrative work and other things."

"I couldn't help noticing the plaque on the wall by the front door, the memorial to Agents Newton and Azrak, killed in the line of duty in 1967. It must be a constant reminder of the danger you face."

"We're aware of it. We have to stay alert, keep an eye on each other."

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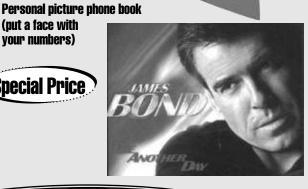


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Son of God. An agent shot him."

"Was he killed?"

"Just wounded. Whenever there's a shooting, I talk with the agent, get him into counseling. It's tough. There's always an investigation, to make sure everything was done properly."

"What was your own most harrowing experience?"

She paused, thinking. Then her eyes brightened. "I once took down 55 males by myselfl'

"By yourself?"

"Yeah, and I wasn't even scared. I was too young to know any better."

Perhaps this would be the appropriate place to mention that Feltner-Redondo had been a professional rollerderby skater before joining the Patrol. I had the impression that she wouldn't have been easily intimidated on the track, or for that matter, anywhere

CITY LIGHTS

"How did you get that many?'

"I made them think I was scared."

"You wanted them to worry that you were so nervous you might pull the trig-

"Exactly. I got on the radio and called for help. 'You better get down here fast, I said. They told me to march them out single file. 'Forget it!' I said. 'I'm

not letting these guys up. Get over here.' Everything turned out fine."

Then, with a wistful tone to her voice, she said, "We used to arrest such nice people back then."

"Nice people? As opposed to today?'

"Yeah. Things have changed. I used to see a lot of calluses on the hands of the aliens, some were even carrying farm tools. They were coming for work. But today, there seems to be more of a criminal element."

"Drug smuggling?"

"Yeah, that. About one in ten of our apprehensions is for drugs."

To help uncover drugs, the Temecula station has ten sniffing dogs. They are assigned to agents who care for them as family pets in their homes. Most of those homes are in Temecula or the surrounding area. This is one reason it's a desirable assignment. Agent Gonzalez said that their agents tend to have high seniority in the Border Patrol.

"Is that because this is a good place to work?"

"It may not be as interesting as at the border, but it's a good place to live. A nice community for families."

I asked about one of his memorable experiences. He said he used to work in Chula Vista when many illegal migrants were running along the freeway. "It was really dangerous," he said, "and people were

getting killed. Late one night I heard tires squeal and a thump, and I knew somebody had been hit. I ran toward the sound and found a body crumpled in the middle of the freeway. So I straddled it, and with a flashlight in each hand I waved down motorists. I didn't want cars, you know, to keep hitting him. I was almost hit a couple of times. It was really scary. And then I felt this movement between my legs. I looked down and saw he was crawling away. I said, 'What are you doing?' He said, 'I'm getting out of here!' And I said, 'That's a good idea.' '

As Agent Gonzalez told me this story, we were in one of their new GMC Yukons, heading from the Border Patrol office in Temecula toward the I-15 checkpoint. He was going to show me inside the trailers parked alongside the freeway, which house, among other things, a bank of video monitors enabling agents to watch stopped cars (when the wait goes over ten minutes, they shut down operations to allow traffic to "flush out"). Before we got to the checkpoint, though, we had to turn around to get in the northbound lanes. As we exited at Rainbow Valley Road, I thought again of alternate routes.

"Two or three times a year," he said, "we put agents on every alternate route, and then our apprehension rates jump about 500 percent."

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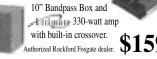
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Dr. Wayne Cornelius, director for the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, UCSD, confirms my theory that smugglers have just gotten smarter. "Smugglers know how to get around the checkpoints," he said. "They take alternate routes, or they simply order their human cargo to start walking. They give them general directions about how they should navigate through the surrounding territory, and then they pick them up on the other side. With no cargo, there is no risk to them. This has been the standard MO for some time. The people they're likely to catch are the firsttimers who simply don't have adequate information. In this day and age, it's inconceivable that anybody that's either experienced themselves or comes from a family in which one or more members have already migrated illegally would not know about those checkpoints."

I asked him why he thought the apprehension rates were down. "The Border Patrol claims it's the deterrence after Operation Gatekeeper. That's the crux of their argument. But they have absolutely no evidence for this. In fact, what's been happening is that traffic has been pushed farther and farther east. People are now crossing in Arizona, where apprehension rates are up. They're doing an end run around the San Diego sector and then making their way west. Also, apprehensions are down because the American economy is soft. The demand for migrant labor is down, and that's the main reason for the decline.'

I mentioned Feltner-Redondo's observation that she had seen a change in the type of persons attempting to get across the border illegally.

"Listen," he said, "when I first began studying illegal Mexican migration to the United States, which was back in 1974, I was hearing the same arguments from the Border Patrol. The restrictionist groups are always claiming that in the good old days we had a better quality of immigrants. They always claim that the preceding cohort of migrants were easier to work with. They were always no problem, quiescent. And this

talk about being infiltrated by a criminal element — it's simply recycled.

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"What has been the actual change? Yes, there have been fewer farmers coming, because there aren't as many farmers in Mexico. The bulk of the population of the migrant stream is now coming from urban areas. Nonagricultural backgrounds, seeking jobs in U.S. cities. So there are fewer people coming through with calluses on their hands and hoes over their shoulders. And the other big change is that there are children and whole families that are part of the flow, because so much of the migration is now for purposes of family unification, as well as women seeking their own employment opportunities on the U.S. side. What you've got is a more diverse flow. But there's no evidence that there's a higher percentage of people with criminal propensities today than there was a generation ago."

Agent Feltner-Redondo and Dr. Cornelius agree that the migrants are not the poorest of the poor, not people with starving families back home. They migrate not for survival, but to get ahead with better jobs. "As far back as the middle of the '70s," Cornelius continued, "when I started doing surveys of this population, there were as few as 5 percent who were unemployed at the time they migrated. They had some sort of work, but it wasn't enough to maintain a family or to maintain a decent standard of living; it wasn't enough to buy or build a house. And today there is between an eight-to-one and a ten-to-one wage differential between similar jobs in the U.S. and Mexico. For people to stay in Mexico and never try to enter the U.S. labor market, they're condemning themselves and their family to a substandard living."

According to Cornelius, controlling illegal migration through fortifications and increased manpower doesn't work; it won't change human behavior and alter the basic market forces driving migration. Broader social and economic issues must be addressed.

"Would you abolish the internal checkpoints?" I asked.

"Sure, they're relics. Whether they ever served a deterrent purpose is arguable,

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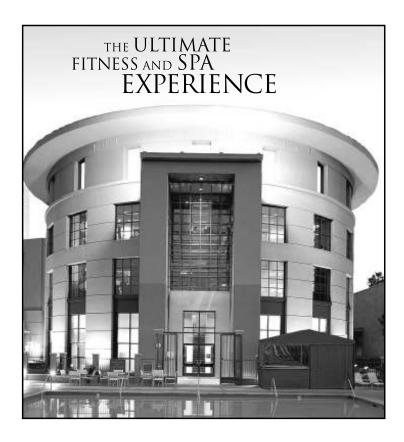
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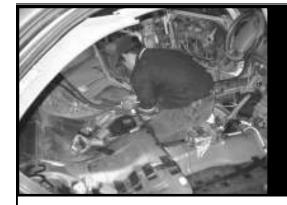
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but they certainly don't now. They're only catching the most hapless people, and there are just too few of them to justify that deployment of manpower and resources, and the tip-off is that the politicians have abandoned them, and none of them are going to be soft on immigration."

Congressman Issa has sponsored legislation — an amendment to a broader immigration bill — to require the Attorney General to do a feasibility study of the internal checkpoints, and the bill now awaits action by the Senate.

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From their 30-year post at Third and Revolución, they say they've witnessed a steady decline in tourism from 1985 until September 11, 2001, when it dropped to near zero and started creeping back. Asked how they explain the long, slow decline, Cervantes answers, "Maybe because of the violence in Tijuana..."

"...the violent image of Tijuana," Arias interjects.

On an average weekend, Cervantes and Arias say they sell about 80 flowers, which go for a buck apiece for the large varieties, three for a dollar for the rositas. Asked how long they'll continue doing this, the couple roars with laughter once again. "Until we die," Arias answers while his wife keeps laughing.

And when they and the few remaining floristas, all of whom are over 60, are gone, they expect that paper flower making, a craft they claim is unique to Tijuana, will die with them. "Our children grew up doing it," Arias says, "so they know the craft. They help us make them, but they don't want to come down here and sell them."■

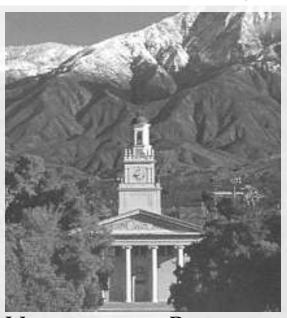




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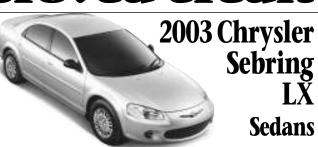
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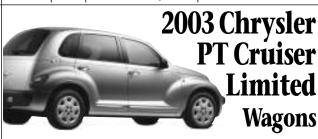
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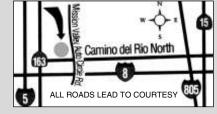
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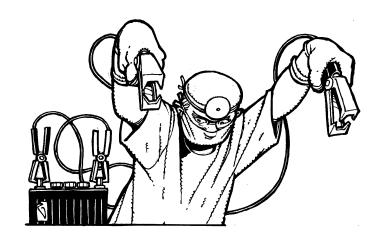
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Hey, Matt Most Knowledgeable:

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I most awesomely respect your opinion, and even though an oracle such as yourself has probably never experienced a cold sore, if you did, how would you rid yourself of it? Being the oracle that you are and all, that is. A friend of mine got a device off the Web (zapherpes) that uses ??electric signals?? to kill the virus. What's this about? She said it worked overnight. Is this true?

– Wondering About in San Diego

As much as I admire your general attitude, I'm not sure about your choice of friends. The true part of the story is, she ordered an electrical device on the net. The untrue part is that it killed the virus. And very little these days, except the population explosion, happens overnight. The exciting field of electroquackery was invented the day after Tom Edison plugged in his first desk lamp. We can never be too careful.

The bug zapper your pal invested in was invented by a "Ph.D. neuroscientist" to head off outbreaks of the symptoms of herpes simplex viruses 1 and 2 (cold sores, genital herpes), not wipe out the virus itself. The virus is yours for life once you've got it. In the outbreaks, blisters and redness appear, while in between, the simplex is lying doggo in your body. The theory behind the electrical herpes machine is that skin cells in the area of a potential outbreak are weakened electrically by the viral attack and can't fight back. The low-voltage device, when applied to the site of the impending eruption, "oscillates the cells back into [their] healthy state" so the virus can't "attach to the skin." The website will blind you with science, including the results of a clinical trial that indicate something happens. Whether it happens the way the theory says is up for grabs.

Our own Dr. Doctor surveyed some fellow professionals, who said they'd stick with conventional oral medications, thanks. The zapper, which seems to have no real name except "herpes control device," is hardly standard therapy. But aside from a slight tingling in your wallet, the biggest downside might be any false sense of security gained by the user. Zap your skin cells all you like; you still have the virus, and all standard precautions still apply.

Dear Matthew Alice:

There are lots of animals who could beat the best human runner in a foot race. And most sea creatures could beat the fastest human swimmer. But if we took the bicycle part out of the Iron Man Triathlon is there any one animal that could beat the best Iron Man athlete in both the running and swimming parts?

— Hansi Hinterseer, out there

No. Of course not. (*Ahhhh...* Feel much better. Always wanted to do that....)

I spend a lot of time staring at the clock in class, watching the minutes slowly tick by. It occurred to me that there's no particular reason that the hands of the clock should move in the direction they do. So who invented that, and what was the reasoning behind it?

– B.J., San Diego

Cosmic questions are often born of profound ennui, B.J. Of course, that same ennui will probably leave you a little short of answers at exam time. But, hey, we'll worry about that later. Clockwise is clockwise because of where mechanical clocks were invented and what devices preceded them: sundials. Like most things except kiwis and koalas, clocks originated in the Northern Hemisphere. The sun passing through the sky causes the shadow of the sundial to move in the direction we now call "clockwise," and the numbers on the dial are arranged in that direction. If clocks had been invented in the Southern Hemisphere, clockwise would be counterclockwise. And FYI, this phenomenon has nothing to do with that annoying load of common knowledge about Australian toilet water flushing counterclockwise, because Australian toilet water flushes any way it wants to, just like our own. I knew you clever devils would be making the connection in your hyperactive brains, and I didn't want to deal with the fallout next week.

Hev. Matt:

I don't get it either, the January 4, 2003 (1/4/3/ = 143 ="I Love You") thing. For some reason my brain just doesn't want to let it go. Can you track down that Fred guy and get an explanation?

— Baffled in Riverside

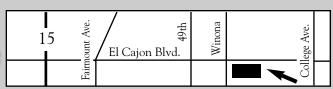
I figured we'd have heard from somebody about this by now, but I guess not. The 143 isn't ham radio code or old numeric telegraph shorthand. It doesn't translate into alphabet letter positions. No text messenger could give me a clue. Grandma's numerologist is diving off the Seychelles this month... So we're fresh out of sources. But we still have a need to know. Consider the question

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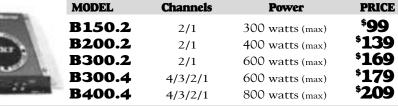
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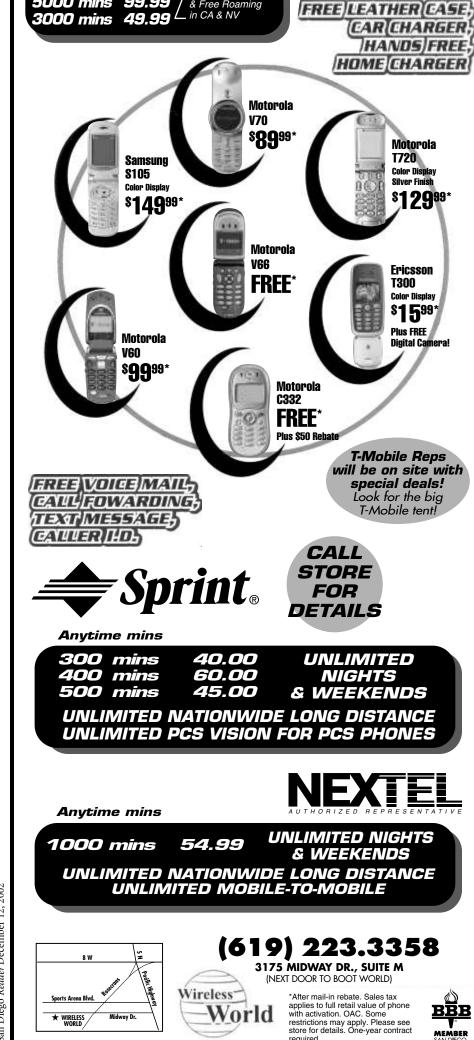






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Raiders 27, Chargers 7. There is no Santa Claus after all. An ugly, ugly game. Still, with this year's Chargers you don't know what next week will bring, but here's a hint. Let's look at the AFC West, specifically, each team's last three games. This is a yardstick bettors use to determine how a team is playing right now. If you're planning to lay money on Sunday, this is the stat you look at first.

Over the last three games:

San Diego has won 1 and lost 2. San Diego scored 40 points and their opponents scored 84 points.

Oakland has won 3 and lost 0. Oakland scored 94 points and their opponents scored 47 points.

Kansas City, last in the AFC West by way of a tiebreaker, won 2 and lost 1. The Chiefs scored 130 points and their opponents scored 49. Hint. Hint.

Denver is DNF.

Actually, that's not true about Denver, because, get this, 13 of 16 AFC teams can still qualify for the playoffs. Only Houston, Jacksonville, Cincinnati, and Toronto Blue Jays have been mathematically eliminated. And, after all, isn't that what we all want?

Moving on. I was going to let this pass, but the New York Times intervened. News junkies will recall the noise about the Augusta National Golf Club and the question of allowing women to join said club. This is such a big deal that the New York Times pulled, not one, but two columns, because the columnists (Dave Anderson and Harvey Araton) transgressed the bounds of corporate decency. According to Times general manager Gerald Boyd, "Part of our strict separation between the news and editorial pages entails not attacking each other.'

Earlier, the Times ran an editorial saying Tiger Woods should not play in the 2003 Masters Tournament, Anderson and Araton disagreed. Araton pointed out that there were more important issues in women's sports. In any case, the columnists' disagreement, it seems, was considered an attack upon the mother ship.

Boyd was troubled about the lofty issue of logic, saying Araton's column, "did not meet our standards: that would have been true regardless of which 'side' the writer had taken on Augusta. The writer was invited to try again, but we did not think the logic improved materially."

Thereupon, the corporate media cried, "Censorship!" The Times quickly caved and subsequently ran both columns, claiming that the columns had been "revised," which struck many as a pathetic and humiliating attempt to appear to be in control. Anderson commented on his revision by saying, "All I had to do is remove one little phrase, and it's a phrase I would have removed three weeks ago.'

Other than revealing Boyd to be an unmitigated pompous asshole and seeing the New York Times act, in a pinch, like every other corporate slumlord, there is little to be said about the controversy except two things. One, everybody involved missed the main point. Two, this is what happens when half the people in the room are lawyers.

Here's why the Augusta National Golf Club

will admit women, and shortly, too. Augusta is a private club only to lawyers. For the rest of us, it's where the Masters Tournament is played. Whether it's legally private or not, the Masters Tournament is a national event. one of a handful in American life. When you run a national event in this country, you have to conform to national policy.

If Augusta wants to hand over the Masters Tournament to another golf club, no one would care if they banned women as members. Or, if they excluded media from the Masters Tournament, had a club member call in the round scores to the local AP office, my guess is they could continue to keep women out.

But this golf course in East Georgia does not have a membership list with the likes of Warren Buffett, CEO of Berkshire Hathaway; Peter Coors, chairman of Coors Brewing; Kenneth Chenault, chairman and CEO of

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ATLANTA	9 1/2	45	Seattle
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Jacksonville	3	43	CINCINNATI
Indianapolis	2	37	CLEVELAND
Tampa Bay	8 1/2	38	DETROIT
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The Augusta National Golf Club can't have it both ways, raking in the money that comes from hosting a national event while claiming the right of a private organization to discriminate. Of course, that doesn't mean they

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Singles program: various programs for young

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Diversity: Vietnamese, white **Dress:** casual to dressy

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You remember the photo. On the afternoon of June 11, 1963, Thich Quang-Duc, a 73-year-old Buddhist monk, assumed the lotus position at the intersection of Phan-Dinh-Phung and Le-Van-Duyet Streets in Saigon. A fellow monk drenched Thich Quang-Duc with five gallons of gasoline. Thich Quang-Duc struck a match and set himself on

fire. He was protesting the Diem regime's mistreatment of Buddhists.

More than 100 Buddhist monks and nuns set themselves ablaze during the Vietnam War. We remember Thich Quang-Duc. We don't remember Ho Tan Anh, the 61-yearold farmer and leader of the Buddhist Youth Movement, who, on Sunday, September 2, 2001, set himself on fire in Danang. He was protesting the Communist Party of Vietnam's mistreatment of Buddhists.

Since we seem to be heading toward another war. I wondered what Vietnamese Buddhists had to say on the subject. Thich means teacher, and Thich Nhat Hanh (pronounced "ticknot-han"), a monk whose militant pacifism in the 1960s enraged both the North and South Vietnamese governments, has spoken against any military action against Iraq. After founding a Vermont monastery in

1997, Thich Nhat Hanh has become well known and much respected among American Buddhists. Two years ago, on 400 acres of land purchased in part by a family sympathetic to his teachings, he established a monastery in Escondido.

Deer Park Monastery sits amid scrub-covered hills several miles east of Highway 15. Abbot Phap Dung told me that his community houses 15 monks and 15 nuns, the majority of whom are Vietnamese. He looked offended when I asked him what his annual budget was. "I'm not good with numbers," is what he said. But he also told me that on average five people came each week for weekend retreats, and that 25 people attended Deer Park's quarterly weeklong retreats. Using the fees for these events (\$70 for the weekend, \$245 for the week), I figured that Deer Park pulled in at least \$43,000 a year. At any rate, the monks and nuns aren't living high on the hog. A nun told me that the monastery's squat beige buildings once served as a school camp. The interiors are plain and tidy, but the exteriors could use a good coat of paint.

Monastics and visitors at Deer Park practice "mindfulness," a studied attention to living in the moment, bolstered by exercises in "mindful breathing" and "walking meditation." When I visited the monastery last Thursday morning, I, a handful of other visitors, and eight monks and nuns started the day by mindfully walking up a hill. We were guided by a handsome Australian monk, a Caucasian, who for some reason spoke English with a Vietnamese accent.

Three steps with each inhalation, four or five as we exhaled. When we at long last reached the summit, one of the visitors, a middle-aged man, embraced a clump of pampas grass. Others joined the monks in stretching exercises. The Vietnamese nuns crouched beneath trees and gave each other back rubs.

At 10:30 a.m. we gathered in the dining hall to watch a 90-minute video of a "dharma talk" delivered by Thich Nhat Han at his monastery in Vermont. He told us that we must not seek to flee from suffering.

"Those of you who are on the political left might not like those people on the right. You

might wish they would just disappear. But you must realize that without a right, there would be no left. The same is true with happiness. Without suffering we would never know what happiness was. Understanding and compassion are born of suffering. Think of the lotus flower. It's so beautiful. But this beautiful flower is grounded in mud. Without mud, there would be no lotus. We have to confront and embrace, look deeply into the heart of suffering to see the path of transformation. The only place where you can find nirvana is in the world of suffering."

After this bracing lecture, we had a "mindful lunch," which consisted of *slowly* eating in absolute silence things like boiled cabbage and brown rice. I could not but reflect upon how very much this "mindful lunch" differed from my own faith. Eating Spartan food *slowly*, while not

talking, seemed to me the polar opposite of the Jewish ethos. I mean, had we at least been allowed to complain about the food...

But not everyone at the lunch would have agreed with me. A young woman in her early twenties, who had just completed a three-month stay at Deer Park, thanked the monks and nuns for their "tremendous generosity." She smiled and wept and said her stay was the most important thing she'd ever done in her life.

Later in the day, I spoke with Abbot Phap Dung, who is sweet and soft-spoken and by far the friendliest person I encountered at Deer Park. I asked him if he ever felt violence was justified.

"No," he said. "Violence just causes more violence. Violence is no solution."

I described a scenario in which the Vietnamese government sought to exterminate every Buddhist in Vietnam. I asked Abbot Phap Dung if he in such a circumstance wouldn't defend himself.

"No. I wouldn't. I wouldn't raise a hand." — Abe Opincar

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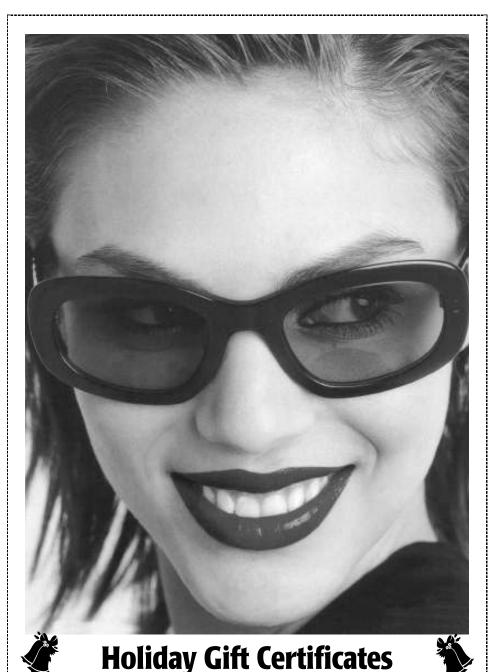
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Dear Aunt Trudy.

My 14-year-old brother, my only sibling, is a fan of Jennifer Lopez, also known as J-Lo. He has posters of her tacked up all over his bedroom, even on the ceiling. He buys all these stupid magazines and reads everything about her. He goes on the Internet and reads about her there, too, and prints out those articles and pictures. He plays her music again and again. He keeps a diary of what she does, day by day, on his computer. At the dinner table he talks about her and what she's been doing just like it was a day in his own life. This has been going on for two years. I think this is sick, but my mother just shrugs her shoulders and says, "What am I supposed to do?" Our father has been dead since we were children. I can't do much because I am at UCSD in my second year. Am I overreacting? My mother says it is just a phase. Is it?

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Dear Concerned,

Was it Bette Davis who said "Old age isn't for sissies"? Your letter reminds me that the same can be said of adolescence. Jennifer Lopez has become a symbol of something important to your brother. It makes him feel better to cling to her image while he's making the tricky transition from grubby little kid to budding young man. In other words, your brother's obsession meets some current need in him. I don't know enough about him to speculate on what that need might be. If you're interested, you could engage him in tactful, affectionate conversation about what he loves about J-Lo, what he gets out of following her life so closely. The objects of this kind of adolescent idol worship usually change with the weather. I recently asked one of my teenaged nieces if she still liked Britney Spears. "Oh Aunt Trudy, she's so last year!" was the reply.

While it is perhaps a bit unusual that your brother has remained devoted to J-Lo for two long years, the idolizing itself is pretty common in his age group. I'm sure you and your mother are very weary of hearing about Ms. Lopez's every move, but try to be patient. If little brother is doing well in school, seems relatively happy, and has friends: if he isn't neglecting the rest of his life to pursue his "J-Lo" watch; and if you don't see any signs that he's unduly troubled, then perhaps you can relax a little. Try to stay in close communication with your brother during these turbulent, intense years. One way to do this is to take an interest in his interests whenever possible, even if you have to hold your nose or stifle bored yawns to do so. And judging by the magazines arriving daily at the library where I work, your brother is far from alone. Ms. Lopez is everywhere. Occasionally, a youthful obsession can even lead to something

constructive. A boy in my high school class who had pictures of Kate Hepburn and Clark Gable plastered all over the inside of his locker later became a successful movie set designer.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

There was a person who wrote in to you regarding her husband's sister, Joan, who is 85 and thinking about selling her house since she lives alone. She's having trouble driving and taking care of the house and wants to move to a retirement community, where she can get help with daily living. The woman's daughter and sonin-law were trying to frighten her from selling the house. There is a program, that has been operating for many years here in San Diego, which helps elderly to remain in their homes (assuming that they want to do so). It is called "Elderhelp," and young people are matched with elderly ones who need help around the house. Medical care is NOT given, but companionship, housekeeping, errands, and cooking are possible. This might be something that they could consider. No money is exchanged; the young person/helper receives free rent for their labor. I am enrolled with the program as one of the "young" people (35 years old) who is looking for an elderly person who needs such assistance. A tremendous amount of screening and background checks are performed, so it is a safe approach to a sometimes-difficult situation.

Elderhelp has offices in North Park, Poway, Point Loma, and possibly in El Cajon. The North Park office is the local headquarters: 619-284-9281. They've been operating for many years and have helped a lot of people.

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"You cannot compare anything to live music, and the harp is beautiful background music for a party."

Mom and Dad's 50th wedding anniversary falls a week before Christmas and, as usual, the clan will be gathering here at Eve's Inn for a celebration. Music is a must at our parties so I am look-

ing into hiring a harpist to bring back some memories of mom's Irish heritage, and play some holiday music for the

party.
"I have a 23carat gold gilded metal harp," explained harpist Ramona Unwin, owner of Harp Haven and Music Studios (619-294-7704).

"I have been playing for 15 years. As a kid I was intrigued with plucking the strings on my grand piano, I didn't even know what a harp was at that time. As an adult, I met somebody who played the harp and became so intrigued by it that it was just some thing that I had to do.

There are all sizes and shapes of harps, and the price range varies, from \$550 to \$40,000. The more expensive the harp, the better it sounds." Unwin plays on a Lyons and Healy concert grand harp, which has 47 strings.

"I play classical music, a little bit of ethnic music: Italian, Spanish, German. The classic pop pieces I can do, the Broadway hits, and pretty much any of the Christmas carols.

Unwin comes dressed for the party. "I have a red satin Santa Claus dress with a huge flowing skirt with a boa around the cape and around the skirt. It looks like a Santa Claus outfit. I also have all kinds of Victorian costumes.

Unwin charges \$350 for two hours of harp playing. She also offers harp lessons at her studio for \$20 a half hour, and she rents out harps for \$45 to \$65 a month.

Unwin's Harp Haven carries full accessories for the harp. "I sell strings, music, jewelry pieces, some clothing items, CDs, Christmas ornaments, antique piano stools, even cookie cutters in the shape of harps."

Harpist Sylvia Lorraine (619-445-8942) has a 90-yearold Wurlitzer harp that belonged to her grandmother. "My grandmother always wanted one of her grandchildren to take up the harp, so that is how I started," Lorraine explained.

"I am a harpist, vocalist, and pianist, and I have a classical background, but I do a little of everything. I do carol singalongs, like the "Twelve Days of Christmas," and I assign parts."

Lorraine charges \$275 for a two-hour minimum, \$100 for each hour after that, and she can come in a Victorian costume.

Lorraine has the option of amplifying her music. "Normally I don't bring amplifying equipment unless it is a really big room. The thing about the harp is that it is subtle. It is not intrusive but you can still hear it from pretty far.'

Harpist Naomi Alter is a graduate from Oberlin Conservatory of Music (760-436-3687). "I have a degree in harp so I can play anything: classical, modern, jazz,

Christmas, Hanukkah, you name it. I also do a lot of choral accompanying because there is a lot of harp in ensemble music. I play on a concert grand Lyons and Healy, which has 48 strings and seven pedals. The strings are like the white keys on the piano and the pedals are like the black notes."

Alter charges \$250 for two hours and \$100 per hour after that, and she can bring a sound system. "I can sing as well as play if the customer wants me to sing," she explained. "You cannot compare anything to live music, and the harp is beautiful background music for a party.

Alter offers harp lessons at her home in Carlsbad for \$15 a half-hour. "I want to encourage young

people to get started, because the harp is a discouraging instrument, so the student needs as much motivation as they can get. To play the harp, you need to cut your fingernails off, practice every day, and stand the pain of developing calluses on your fin-

gers. You are also balancing your 100-pound harp on one shoulder and your knees. It is a very difficult instrument. When I play I am sweating bullets."

Alter let me in on some of the harp techniques. "The key is to make it look effortless and we do that by using our gestures. Throw the wrist back for staccato, and big long languid gestures for legato. The harpist presents the musicality to the audience by their gestures. Part of it is through the ear and part of it is through the eye. That's why you maintain a perfect position the whole

"Most harpists would agree it is a beautiful instrument," she adds, "it rewards you right away for your effort...but it is a huge effort."

I called up Celtic Harp and Flute (858-509-9596) and spoke with flutist Janet Parish-Whittaker. "We charge \$300 for an hour of flute and harp music and \$75 for each hour after. The harp is a Scottish Wire Harp, not a fullsized orchestral harp, and the strings are made out of brass instead of nylon, so you get a more bell-like sound.

'We do a lot of medieval music because we play in a medieval band called the Goliards, which has flute, voice, drums, and harp. There are a lot of really old carols that we play, older English style carols."

- 1. Ramona Unwin
- 2. Unwin playing the harp
- 3. Harp Haven



What You Do When You're Done Being a Playboy

Bob McElroy, head of the Alpha Project, and Martin Luther King III were walking slowly along the sidewalk as McElroy was telling King about homelessness in San Diego and the problems of alcohol and narcotics addiction. In front of them, moving backward, were five members of a film crew with a young female director signaling people nearby to be quiet. Suddenly a man looked over the balcony above and shouted, "Howya doin', Bob."

Bob paused, smiled, and waved back. "Howya doin', bro." This had been the third interruption, and the director rolled her eyes. "Okay, take it back to where you're talking about the heroin addict living in the avocado orchard." Again McElroy and King moved forward, seemingly engaged in an intimate conversation, as the camera crew retreated in front of them. A man came out of a doorway and called, "Hey, Bob, how you been?" McElroy removed his arm from King's shoulder and called back, "Fine, Eddie, how 'bout yourself?" The camera stopped; the director lowered her head.

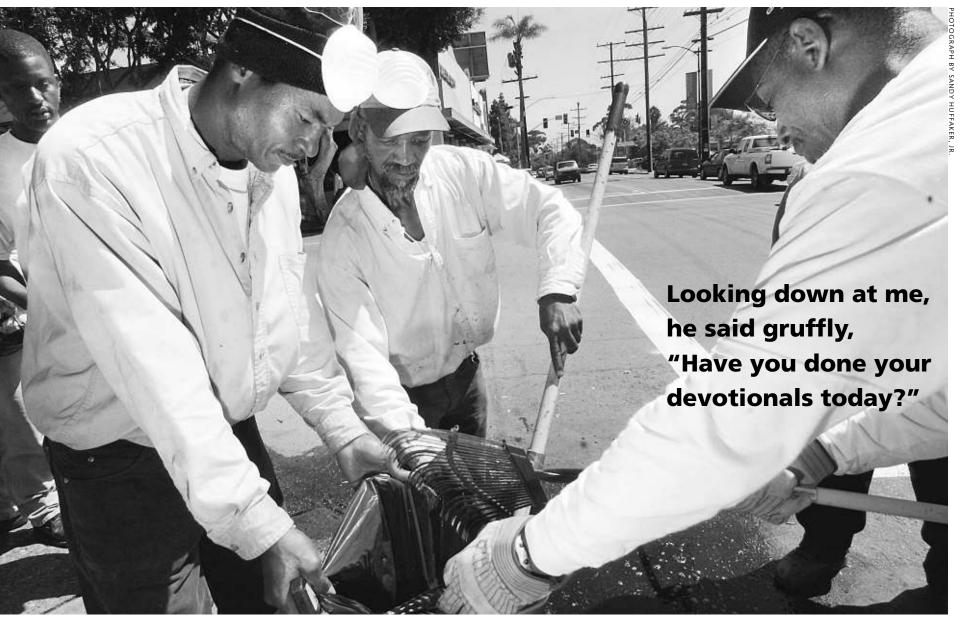
Bob McElroy is 47 and big, about six feet, with a body put together from years of playing football and lifting weights. Brown hair, a mustache, square-jawed, he looks like a movie actor who specializes in Westerns. He speaks in a deep baritone with a slight burr, a mixture of the slangy and articulate,

and he talks in sound bites as if they were a second language. He and King were at Casa Raphael, a transitional housing and work program in Vista for 120 recovering addicts and alcoholics, which is run by the Alpha Project. King was making a film on McElroy and the Alpha Project, part of a 13-part series called *Wisdom of Dreams*, to be played on a cable network. However, they were having difficulty filming this sequence because of the interruptions. It seemed that everyone wanted a few words with McElroy, and he was perfectly willing to say a few words back.

I, too, wanted a few words with McElroy, because after spending a few days at Casa Raphael and visiting the Alpha Project offices downtown, I had been struck by his energy and dedication, caught up by his golden tongue. Talking to you, he displays a casual intimacy, like a good buddy prepared to swap stories. It didn't seem strange to me that he could convince an addict to put down the needle, a drunk to swear off the bottle.

The Alpha Project began in 1986 out of the trunk of McElroy's BMW when he started handing out sandwiches to homeless people in San Diego parks. Now, besides having Casa Raphael, the Alpha Project provides nearly 700 units of affordable housing at the Metro Hotel in San Diego and in apartment complexes in Chula Vista, Riverside, Escondido, and Harbor City. It also runs the Neil Good Day Center on 17th Street, which serves between 250 and 300 homeless people daily, providing, among other things, showers, a laundry, rest rooms, a lounge, mail/message service, medical/dental referrals, a library, mental health counseling, and jobs through the Alpha Works Step-Up Program. Step-Up offers jobs and training to homeless addicts and alcoholics, bringing them in through a program called Take Back the Streets.

I asked the Take Back the Streets case manager, Russell Demery, to explain what they did.



Alpha Project crew cleans streets in Hillcrest

"We've got a crew of about 20 people, working three months to a year, engaged in revitalization — that means going into a community wherever there's maybe camping out and it's gotten real trashy, and we'll pick up the debris and clean up the area. The crewmembers get between \$6.50 and \$7.00 an hour. Or we might go into the Logan Heights-Sherman area — they'll give us a call and we'll police the area and clean it up and make sure that it's presentable. Or we might get a call concerning a crack house, and we'll tear it down. We also do parades. We've been doing the gay parade for many, many years now. We clean up, break down, make sure the trash is all picked up. We get these jobs from the main office, who might get them from the city council, and they call us. Then the supervisor tells his workers what is the next task for that day. And what we do is we try to be an asset — you know, the homeless give back — and also be accountable. But all this is funded by the City of San Diego; also different council districts give us different amounts of money out of community district block grant funds. Usually the crews

work four days, six hours a day, then they'll have meetings, psychotherapy sessions, which consist of how they're doing in their programs — like getting a driver's license, furthering employment, staying clean and sober. We do urine-analysis tests to make sure they're clean because if they're not clean, they can't work with us. We have them go to NA and AA meetings. They do journaling and group discussions. We try to get them housing, identification, SS cards whatever we can to make sure they become self-sufficient and that they get a full-time job, that they're okay, that they don't have to say, 'Well, I don't have this.' We try to plug in those little holes that people who haven't been in the workforce need help with."

There is also a 24-member maintenance team made up of people who have moved up from Take Back the Streets that does maintenance in downtown San Diego, takes care of the day-care center and the Metro Hotel, and is involved with various outreach programs. Also there are two full-time staff in Hillcrest and the Uptown region who have come up through Take Back the Streets and are under contract to the Hillcrest

Association. The two Metro Ambassadors, as they are called, do outreach, work to decrease loitering, aggressive panhandling, and street encampments by patrolling the streets. They also are trained in CPR, conflict resolution, and anger management.

So all of this began out of the trunk of a BMW owned by an ex-playboy. Talking to McElroy and being impressed by his energy and his devotion to his work, I decided I wanted to learn more about him. So I made an appointment to see him one morning in May in the Alpha Project offices above the California Bank and Trust, 3737 Fifth Avenue.

I waited in his office for him to show up. There were stacks of paper on his desk, a computer, and Alpha Project material on the walls. The office was small, cluttered, and windowless. It seemed more like the office of a junior clerk than a CEO. At last McElroy hurried in, tossing remarks over his shoulder at the members of his staff who appeared to have long lists of questions. He wore a blue Alpha Project cap, a green T-shirt, denim shorts, and basketball shoes. He was carrying a worn Bible. Look-





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ing down at me, he said gruffly, "Have you done your devotionals today?" Then he laughed as he began checking his e-mails and phone messages. When he had finished, he leaned back in his chair and got ready to talk. He has what I think of as a Western accent, a drawl that at times becomes almost a growl, very casual with lots of contractions doin', goin' - and sprinkled with "I mean"s and "you know"s. And he was trying not to swear, trying to force himself to say "frigging" instead of all the other words that came first to mind.

McElroy is a thirdgeneration San Diegan. He attended Crawford High School, got his



Bob McElroy

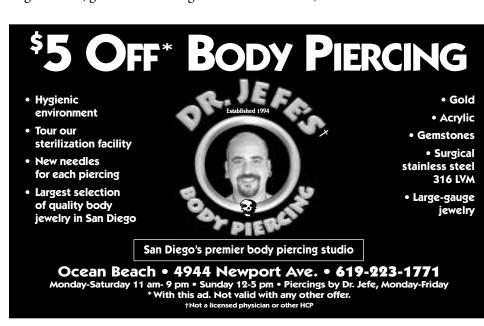
certification in teacher's training, and taught manufacturing technology at City College from 1980 to 1982,

until he was fired for refusing to raise a student's grade from an F. He described himself at that time as "an allaround ne'er-do-well" interested only in pleasure and plunder.

Next he started a sportswear business

and did TV commercials. "It was the first of the diet-plan things, called 'Grapefruit 45.' I was the fat-burner guy. Check it out. I did national commercials. I was on during the 1984 Olympics at eight o'clock at night. A billion people saw this commercial. And I was in some movies, you know, chasing all of this pipe dream baloney stuff. I thought I was something. I had fan clubs and thought I was cool. There were lots of drugs, and it was like Sodom and Gomorrah. I was on Entertainment Tonight. I went to some Hollywood parties. But it was a pretty nasty environment. Even for me, as grotesque as I thought I was. So one

day I was sitting down at the bay, thinking there has got to be more to life than this. I had the Mercedes and Rolex and all that stuff. But there has got to be more to life than this. And I saw the wreckage of my past, all of the things that happened to me — my dad left when I was two years old. I never knew him. He was a San Diego cop. He was a philanderer. I was a latchkey kid. I never thought anything of it before. But in the world at that time — that was 15 years ago — it was fashionable to have all kinds of psychological hang-ups because you were abused as a child or you were neglected as a child. My mom worked her butt off. We









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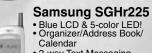
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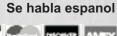
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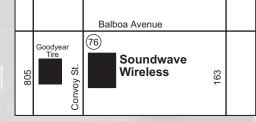


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all had clean clothes and we made it through life. But I was sitting down at the bay going, man, how come I'm not the next John Wayne? How come I'm not making it? How come I'm not playing pro ball? How come I'm not doing all of these things? Why is it that it always gets real close and it's taken away from me? Well, later I knew why.

"First of all, this is what I was meant to do. And second of all, I was meant to feel that pain, that loneliness, go through the self-medication. You know, drinking, snorting, whatever you had, just the self-medication, change the way you feel because you don't have enough courage to



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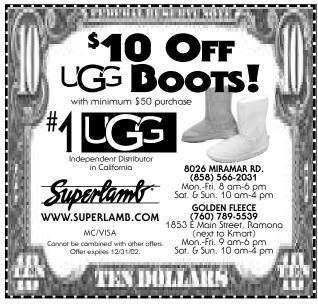
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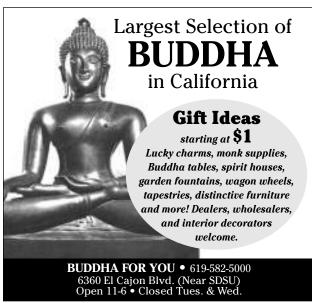
"And I always knew God, that you prayed before football games that you'd win and wouldn't get hurt. I'd bounced around to different churches as a kid, you know, your parents drag you to church, and you don't really understand what's going on. I had faith, but I didn't know what that faith was about. And I've always been an athlete, played football. I still play football with some old farts I used to play with. Some of the bigtime football players are in town here, and we used to rampage through Mission Valley and all of the bars. I mean, it was bad, lifein-the-fast-lane type of stuff, and burning a lot of brain cells. So from 21 to 30 life was pretty much of a blur, chasing all of this material crap. But I always had this big hole in there, and I found out later that's where God goes.

"One time I went out to the Horizon Christian Fellowship. It's humongous, one of the ten largest churches

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in the United States. They had volleyball tournaments and barbecues before the services. And there were all of these chicks, man. So it was like, I had already pillaged all the girls in bars all through town, so here was a new crop, a new herd of sheep, and I was the wolf. So I went up there basically to score on the girls and dated a few. Then there was one Wednesday night, and that was when I had my big revelation. I mean, they were singing 'Change My Heart, Oh Lord.' It was a Wednesday-night Bible study, and I was sitting in the back of the auditorium all by myself. It was really...my hair still stands up just talking









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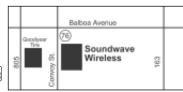
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about it. God spoke to my heart. God cussed at me and talked to me. He told me to shit or get off the pot. You're either going to do this thing or get out of My house. And so I went home and I decided to give it a try and see what the Bible had to say.

"So I got into church and I was really involved. I started going three, four days a week. I was taking some of the leadership training. I really got into the Bible. Read it through and tried to apply it in my life. Well, naturally, I lost all of my boozing buddies. All of a sudden I didn't want to go out partying every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night. I started feeding



 $Bob\ McElroy\ at\ Alpha\ Project\ head quarters$

people in parks out of the back of my car, sandwiches. Then I actually tried to get some of my football

buddies to go down with me. I was going to show off. Watch how I go to the park, and all of these homeless people will run to me like I'm the savior or something. But I didn't have any sandwiches that day. I went down with

some buddies, and all of the people that I thought were really relying on me were smoking dope and having a keg party. They were all strung out. Some were standing on the corners panhandling. So I'm thinking, man, I'm not doing these guys any good. I'm just helping them kill themselves. They don't give a shit about me. And I didn't give a shit about them. Cuss words. I can't cuss. They didn't give a damn about me. And I was doing it for me. You know, I was the big hero. I'd go back to church and I could not wait for the pastor to pick me out of the crowd and say, 'Hey, there is Bob down there. Bob goes down

and he feeds the homeless. He's doing good work.' And all of that kind of stuff. I got convicted out of this book, the best book the world has ever known right here. And the Lord spoke to my heart again. I've never heard Jesus say 'Bob' — like that. But He just speaks to your heart, and I was a major hypocrite. The only time you ever see Jesus mad — I'm not going to give you a sermon or anything, but the only time you see Him pissed off is at hypocrites and the religious community. And I was being a hypocrite.

"So I figure, well, I'm going to take my bedroll down to the park for one day and find out what it's like to be homeless. I stayed









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down there for ten weeks. And you know what? There were 17 other churches coming down there, as well as an airline, Pacific Southwest Airlines. They had a group that came three days a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, big buffet lines. There would be, like, 50 volunteers. They had pastas and stews. And the 17 churches were giving out food. Man, I mean, I was putting on weight living in the park. Now this is San Diego in the summertime and we're camping out. People are coming to give us jackets, but you can only carry around one jacket, so we're selling jackets. We were having swap meets in the park. I'm making \$150 panhandling, selling junk, and eating like a king. These guys are rolling hooters and using their general relief checks for

keg parties and heroin and crack. The little chicks were there. It was almost like a hippie commune.

"Then I went down to 17th, or 16th, and J. The Catholic Worker was feeding people on the streets. I went to St. Vincent de Paul, the Salvation Army, the Rescue Mission, and everybody was Bible thumping me. And I don't want to knock the Rescue Mission either, because they're good people. But you sit there for a couple of hours, and you hear a sermon, and then they give you some beans and rice and whatever. If you're really hungry, that'd be a good deal. But you can eat just standing out on the sidewalk. People are coming down and dropping bags of doughnuts and hamburgers and stuff on you. So food was not an issue. Shelter was

not an issue. But somebody got it out of a book somewhere, this is how you treat homeless people, how you treat addicts. But nobody ever asked me why I was homeless and what I needed to get my butt off the street.

"So I opened up a little office on Fifth

really new place down there. So at five o'clock everybody would go home, all the business people and all the normal folks would go home, quote unquote, and the street people would come out: transvestites, prostitutes, dope slingers, and everybody else. It was weird. It just tran-

"I need a job so I can make some money so I can smoke some crack."

Avenue, 739 Fifth Avenue. It had a big parking lot next to it. And back in 1987 the Gaslamp was a really crappy place. There was a bookstore and massage parlors, just little stores. It isn't like it is today. And the businesses down there were really struggling. Ingrid Croce had just opened Croce's; it was the only

sitioned over; at five o'clock: *boom*.

"So I went and talked to them one by one, had people come in. I had a little five-by-eight office, and we just talked for hours. Some people were strung out. I mean, I had people come in and rip all of their clothes off, completely out of it. Prostitutes coming in need-

ing \$10. They'd strip right down. It was a real eye-opener for me, this little milquetoast kid from East San Diego, but I loved it. I mean, this was a whole different group of people I'd never even had the privilege to even be with. I asked everybody what they needed, and not one person said, 'I need a sandwich' or shelter. They wanted a job. Now obviously they weren't job ready, but they felt job ready. I mean, I need a job so I can make some money so I can smoke some crack. But I got real good at getting people jobs at Jack in the Box and other places downtown. But two weeks later they'd be standing back at my front door, because either they'd be straight for two weeks while they worked, get that first check, and go out and violate their sobriety, or they got that first

check and did something bad and got fired. I wasn't dealing with the core issues on why they were homeless. That was the key. I wasn't asking them, 'Why are you homeless?' So I got businesses like Croce's to give us an opportunity to clean the sidewalk and do work. And the same people that had been shooed away from the businesses or had the cops called on them were now cleaning up the sidewalk, washing the windows, cleaning the streets.

"Then we started to get bigger jobs. I had people sleeping in the little offices. There was nobody renting this little rat hole place that I was in. I was sleeping on the floor. I had people sleeping like cordwood in the other offices so I could watch them 24 hours a day that they weren't using. Then Martin Blair, who



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owned the Kansas City Barbeque, hired us to do a lot of work for him. Ingrid hired a couple of her first cooks from us. And this is on a zero budget. This is me, I'm selling all of my stuff. Everything I had was in storage. I got rid of my condo and sold everything except the BMW. If I needed money, I'd have a yard sale. Like, they were going to shut off the lights. We needed \$150. So I'd have a yard sale. I had my stuff in my sister's garage and some storage things, and I'd take my stuff and roll it out at 7:30 in the morning. By 7:45 I had sold \$151 worth of stuff. Didn't sell anything else the rest of the day. So we had \$150 to pay the light bill and \$1 left over. That's the way it went every single time. It was just me for the first three and a half, four years we did this.

But businesses were generating money, and I was paying everybody at \$6 an hour.

"Then Martin Blair bought the abandoned Rescue Mission on Fifth in the East Village. So there was this abandoned building there. There were tramps in there, and they were burning holes in the floor and stuff. He bought it to build a restaurant, Kansas City Steakhouse. Well, we had already been working on his one restaurant, so he hired our guys, cheap labor. But I had contractors out there, I had guys that were carpenters. They were union carpenters, but they all lost their jobs because of addiction and drug issues and family issues and so on and so forth. I matched up people that had skilled labor with somebody addicted. So we would pair people

up. I didn't know squat about contracting. We ended up demolishing the whole inside of the building and prepping it for the construction to begin, and then I convinced Martin to let us do the rehab on it. Now it's Moose McGillycuddy's, and look at it, it's a beautiful place. We did the staircases. We did all of

wasn't showing up every day — they were. You know what I mean? But for 100 years, homeless people have been portrayed as a bunch of losers that aren't worth diddly-squat. All they're worth is a sandwich and a food line. And that's just a bunch of squat. Well, 128 people worked on that big job,

"You can sneak out and do a hooter any time you want to."

the brickwork and built bars. It took us about a year, but that really put us on the map. We got a lot of media attention on that. 'Wow, homeless people can do this?' Addicts can do this?' Because I didn't build it, they did. I wasn't coming off drugs, they were. I wasn't learning the trades, they were. I

and 86 of those went on to full-time jobs in the private sector.

"And the addicts got off their addictions. They stopped doing it. Because they couldn't work for us if they were using. I spent every little dime I had to get these drug tests, even though I had them there with me and I

lived amongst them for two and a half years. You can sneak out and do a hooter anytime you want to. So they had drug tests every week. They had to fight the battle. A lot of these people came off heroin, which is one of the hardest things to kick. But no lock-down facility, no structured program. Just the will and the mentoring of other people in the program. All of us together sitting around talking through these things. We'd sit up all night and just talk. We had guys that had been in NA and AA for years but were still on the bricks, still in and out. We did our own meetings right there. All NA and AA is is sharing. They give you some tools, some steps, some policies, some guidelines, benchmarks, but we were doing the same thing but applying it to us, this little group. I

mean, it was the best time in my life as far as business goes. Because I didn't have all of this other stuff. Stacks of contracts, administrative stuff. I could just sit down for hours and hours and talk to people. That's the only gift I have, I think, just being able to communicate."

During these first years, McElroy met his wife. The story seemed to me a perfect example of the odd serendipity that surrounds McElroy's enterprises.

"Let me tell you how I met my wife. When I was back downtown and I had no money, she worked at a bank — then it was San Diego Trust — at the outside drive-up. And there were all kinds of stories in the newspaper about us and, you know, excons. And I'd drive up in my BMW and I'd



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have, like, three, four big black guys, with the sunroof open and all kinds of rakes and shovels sticking out the top, and she'd heard about us, and there was one guy who'd been a bank robber. She was behind this drive-up window glass, her and another girl, and she'd always call me, 'You're on overdraft; you've got to get out of here before we charge you 15 bucks.' So I'd have to drive from downtown out to Mission Gorge, put in a little bit of money, or we'd have to scrape up money from somewhere to cover the debt. This went on, like, almost every day for six months. We never had any dough. And then she'd make cookies for the guys and shoot them through the tube, you know. She'd joke around with them, 'Oh, you've got these bank robbers out there

again. You're not going to rob us today, are you?' And when we didn't have any money, she'd cover some of our overdrafts out of her own pocket. For six months I never even saw her, never laid eyes on her, but we had a relationship through the speaker, and finally one day she came out around the thing and said, 'We've got to get together.' At that time I still had some of the old ways in me. I felt that women wanted what you had Rolexes and BMWs, the Mercedes, and that kind of stuff — and all I had left was my little condo and a beach chair and a TV set. So we went over to my house, and when I opened up the door, I'm thinking, 'Okay, this is going to blow her away right here.' But we walked right in, sat on the floor; we had popcorn, cottage

cheese, and potato chips. She knew I didn't have any money and, ah, didn't care. She just liked this wannabe-movie-star guy who was this clown, this minister, street missionary, and that's all we had. So we got married. She gave me three beautiful kids, and we've built a pretty good life for ourselves. But every time I've wanted to quit, she made me keep coming. And I didn't meet her in a bar, I didn't meet her in church — she already knew where I was. I didn't have to put any kind of false façade up there. She knew I was dead broke and my life was going to be dedicated to homeless people and convicts and gang members. And you're not going to marry no millionaire, you're not going to live in some 15-bedroom somewhere down the road.

If we win the lottery, it's going to go to Alpha Proiect."

McElroy ran the Alpha Project by himself without a salary for four years, and it kept getting larger with more jobs and more projects — construction, renovations, cleanup, cutting fire lines, brush, weed abatement. He even started a recycling center. The money that came in went to pay the workers and for insurance and equipment. They had no social service funding. Then Cecilia Russell, a VISTA Volunteer who is now vice president of the Alpha Project, joined him. And Robb Lally, a recovering priest with a degree in social work, came as well, though without salary. In order to work for the Alpha Project, Lally sold his house in San Diego and lived for two years on the proceeds. Then they applied for a New and **Innovative Projects** Award and won a \$2 million grant over three years. They moved out to Vista and a year later began negotiations with the City of Vista and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to buy a motel, the Grand Vista Inn, which was the beginning of Casa Raphael.

Then, in the late '80s, when millions of people were about to be made homeless by the expiration of the Preservation Housing Act, which had made rents affordable for poor people, the Department of Housing and Urban Development instituted a plan to give nonprofit social service agencies the money to purchase the properties and keep them affordable another 40 years. The difficulty was that the

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nonprofits would take all the liability and all the risk but get zero income off the property. Other nonprofits in the area bowed out, but the Alpha Project took the chance.

"We should all have been stepping up to the plate," said McElroy, "because we're about homeless people, right? But we were the only ones. St. Vincent de Paul wanted money. If there ain't no money, they don't go. The reason we get these opportunities is because there's no money in what we do. And listen, I'm not a self-righteous person, but I'm telling you that if we're in this business for poor people, then we've got to frigging take the risk. We've got to go where there's no money. So we stood up and here we have a bank account with about \$2000 in it. And HUD is going to give us

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program for our seniors' facility in Vista."

Then came the day center in 1991. Episcopal Community Services was the first group that was supposed to operate it, but two weeks before they took control, McElroy said that they wanted more money. When the mayor said there wasn't any more money, Episcopal Community Services backed out and the Alpha Project came forward.

"We were the only ones, us and some other small agency, that could run it for the amount of money they had budgeted for it. I just said, yeah, we can

do this thing. So we did it. We got the contract, and that put us back in San Diego. It gave us the opportunity to hire a few more people, all homeless people. We gave them positions of responsibility to run this day center. Then it took off from there. We started our Take Back the Streets program out of the day center in 1996. We started the employment program. If you don't want access to services, that's fine. But if you walk through the door, you can get a job, you can get sober, you can get housing, you can get programs. We brought in mental health counseling, medical triage,

all of this. It's a onestop shopping facility. Anybody needs anything, you can access it at the day center, anybody, and there are no strings attached. It's the only day center that's open to the general population of all homeless people, or addicted people, or anybody. If you just don't feel good today, you can go and hang out. Do your laundry. We have 8500 people signed up to be able to receive their mail and messages there. You don't even have to be working with us. Or you can try to get a job on your own. We post the Sunday want ads all over the walls, and they can try and do their own thing if they want to, and we have people do that. But if they want to get into a comprehensive program, all

they have to do is ask." But through the 1990s McElroy said he had difficulty identifying his priorities. He was spreading himself too thin, and it was partly the fault of an award. In 1991 President George Bush had named McElroy a Point of Light in the Points of Light program for the work he was doing.

"So he made me this Point of Light. We were one of the six, and I got to go around with him and talk about how homeless people can change their lives. That got us in USA *Today*, and then people called from all around the country, and blah, blah, blah."

The City of Ventura contacted McElroy for help with its homeless problem. "I went up there for two days; I felt like I was the president of the United States and had the chief of police drive me around." He went to Los Angeles, where then-Mayor Riordan

asked him to set up a plan to deal with the problems of skid row. He went to Long Beach, where the Alpha Project ended up opening an employment center, building a multiservice center on land acquired from the Navy. There were dozens of places.

"That was the trouble," said McElroy. "I was going everywhere. I wasn't doing what we needed to do here. I was basically setting up these little programs here and letting everybody run it, and I was leaving. Anybody that asked me, I would go there. I was trying to save everybody else's lives, and my own hometown here I was neglecting."

So beginning in 1999, the Alpha Project began to change as McElroy turned his focus to San Diego County. Casa Raphael was entirely restruc-

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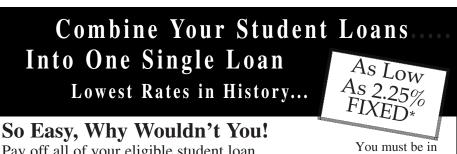
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tured to put more emphasis on recovery from addictions. McElroy started to become more of a CEO. More staff was hired for the downtown office, professional staff.

There was Kyla Winters, an attractive 30-year-old poly sci major from San Diego State with a graduate thesis on tracking homeless deaths in San Diego. Previously she had worked in the district attorney's office in child support enforcement, searching out deadbeat dads. At the Alpha Project she does community-development grant writing, media and public relations, the website (www.alphaproject.org), and private grant writing and keeps the office on track.

It was Winters who brought in Tony Phillips, 36, who started at the Alpha Project in June 2000 as director of grant administration. Before that he had spent one year as director of development at St. Vincent de Paul, and earlier he had worked three and a half years as senior manager of mental health services at Episcopal Community Services. Originally from Louisiana, he has a B.A. in philosophy from San Diego State and an M.A. in philosophy from Cali-

fornia State University

at Long Beach.

Then Phillips brought in Randy Solomon as special needs housing coordinator. Solomon had taken over Phillips's job at Episcopal Community Services and had run the Safe Haven program, which provided transitional housing for people with a history of chronic mental illness, substance abuse, and homelessness. Solomon is 49, was born in

there as well. So we try to engage clients like that and let them know about the services we have to offer, then gradually build up a trust level and get them into housing, get them off the streets, and get three square meals a day and perhaps some sort of income coming in. And we found over time that, basically, if the client stays away from street drugs and alcohol and has a roof over his head with

"You suffer what you suffer and try to not look too close at blinding executive glut in your agency, because you want to protect the program."

Brooklyn, and had his training in counseling and clinical psychology. He got his doctorate in San Diego in 1984 at the Professional School of Psychological Studies.

I asked him to describe to me what he did at Alpha Project.

"We're targeting the most difficult of all clients. They tend to be paranoid and have a very low trust level. They tend to have been picked on by predators that have been out

some routine and takes prescribed medication, then those three things alone will take care of 90 percent of the problems. It's kind of new in the sense that heretofore there hasn't been this comprehensive service package, and so it's a lot more than just putting a roof over somebody's head. One of the things we're hoping to do is stop that cycle of people getting into treatment, getting to the hospital — mental or

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physical — then being discharged, going to jail for drugs or alcohol or committing street crimes. The whole idea is to keep the client engaged in different kinds of services and have him function in as high a level as we possibly can so he doesn't repeat the same cycle over time. Some of the preliminary data has shown the probation violations and having to go to jail or being arrested again, or going to the psych hospital or emergency rooms those clients who used to use those kinds of services, the numbers are dropping dramatically ever since some of these programs have been instituted."

The refocusing and expansion of the Alpha Project would require a lot more money, and that was where Tony Phillips was to come in.

"Bob and I met over the course of two months before I decided to come here, and by coming here I recognized I was taking a career step that some might not have advised. This represents leaving the thick of the mainstream of social services and the power in that industry and coming to run with a maverick well outside the herd. And I told him part of my discernment was whether or not that sounded wise. But ultimately I came here because he convinced me — and I'm grateful to him for sticking to it — that I would get to do at the Alpha Project what I've always done elsewhere, get to do it with a greater degree of freedom and get to know that I'm doing it for a bottom line that I don't ever have to question. You've seen how lean we run. My job really was to come to the Alpha Project and bring with me all the insider knowledge I

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have about all of the major players in social services and social service funding in San Diego and the County of San Diego, to expand our level of access to public funding sources - including HUD and Health and Human Services, county and city funding — to write grants, to help develop programmatic things, also to work with budgets and know the intricacies of what is permissible billing and what is not, to work with our

accounting department to oversee the grants that we already have and administer those contracts. All of these things go into what I do."

I asked Phillips what he meant by the "bottom line." We were sitting in a coffee shop across the street from Alpha Project.

"Well, that gets me into indicting others, which I don't want to do, but I would say, with the Alpha Project, uniquely, I have never felt in anything that we

have done as though the real reason we work really hard is not to affect the lives of the more vulnerable memopportunity and greater empowerment for homeless people or people at risk. And, sadly, that's unique in

"Even my kids are praying for me. They say, 'Dad, you've got to stop cussing.'"

bers of our community, that at the end of every day the only reason we did whatever we did was to create greater

my experience in nonprofits, which is not to say that other nonprofit groups don't ultimately deliver a share of that, but more times than I care to recall I had to look myself in the mirror and realize that I'd compromised myself badly for the sake of my agency's well-being, which is not necessarily the well-being of the clients. And I don't have to do that at the Alpha Project. One of the major difficulties is that other nonprofits are top-heavy with bureaucracy. I worked for an agency that charges 25 cents on the dollar to every one of

its programs, to pay for executive administration — that's in addition to fund-raising charges and other costs of doing business. I do not shrink from telling you that I have worked for two different agencies that have an executive infrastructure that rivals that of many private-sector businesses to the point of obscenity. I've managed residential programs where we have had to go sometimes weeks without such basic materials as toilet paper and



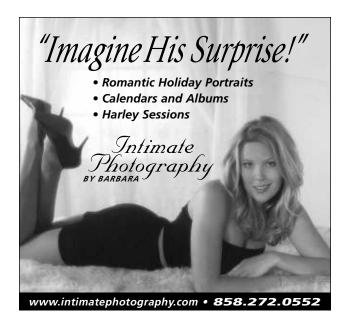


















towels and even food at the same time that the organization was hiring new executives at the 70-80 thousand range plus. So. Yeah, this is a big business, and that really offended me. I took it in stride, really. I mean, I didn't really get outraged about it until I saw there was an alternative. But that doesn't stand me apart from the crowd. There are tons and tons of well-motivated, very talented, good people working in this business. I'm just in their awe. They're great folks. But we all talk it. You suffer what you suffer and try to not look too close at blinding executive glut in your agency, because you want to protect the program. You do it all for the little you can get, because the people who suffer if you fail are your clients and your staff. But I'm just one of dozens of people who are worn out by being the cartilage of between administration and programs.

"Alpha Project doesn't have layers of administration. There are four of us in the agency who are directly under Bob, but everyone else of roughly 100 employees has direct access to Bob as well. There are three tiers this office with Bob at its head, and then individual program managers, and then their support staff beneath them. And most of our support staff are former consumers. These are people we have brought up from one or another of our programs. If you look at our budget of about two million a year, our largest line-item expense for years has been employee salaries, and of those employee salaries 85 percent are paid to either homeless or formerly homeless persons. That's where the spending goes. On

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the other hand, you do face the dilemma that vou and I have to walk across the street to a coffeehouse to have this meeting because we don't have a conference facility, and that does place a functional limitation on what you'll be able to do as an agency. We won't ever be able to be the United Way or the Salvation Army or make our hugest impact without growing. We realize that we've maxed ourselves out. We're doing 50- to 60-hour weeks as it is, and if we want to add any critical growth, that means adding new administrative staff. You have to do it, that's a real cost of doing business. And you do it because you ask yourself, how will we ultimately best serve those that we are entrusted to

serve. We're guardians of the public trust. You pay my salary as a taxpayer. Indirectly, so does everyone else in this county. Philosophically, Alpha Project is the first to say that places a responsibility on us. That's a pretty solemn duty, that the community has said that 'We recognize we have a problem that affects the entire community, and all of us as individuals are busy working at our lives and don't have the opportunity to go out and directly work with the homeless. So we're going to entrust you to do it, and you better damn sure do it well.' We take that seriously."

I asked Phillips how salaries at the Alpha Project compared with other nonprofits. He laughed.

"They don't com-

pare. At the largest charitable organizations in this county there would 5 or 6, at least, executive staff who earn 20 to 25 thousand dollars more than Bob does. I obviously can't tell you how much money Bob

people. And in an identical position in we'll use, and I'm not setting them up as a straw man — the Episcopal Community Services, in my position at ECS, I would make 75 percent more money than I do at

"I had a lot of rage, lot of anger, still have a lot of rage and anger, because things are so broke."

makes; Bob is comfortably middle-class. Well, even that's a struggle. He's got three children, so he's not that comfortable. In two other agencies for which I've worked he would be outpaid by \$25,000, probably, by 10 or 15

Alpha Project. Now, with due humility, I have seven or eight years of experience in this industry and I am not a licensed clinical provider and I am not, you know, many, many things, so I have been given an opportunity

by the Alpha Project that I might not have gotten in the bigger provider agencies. And I'm grateful for that."

I asked about McElroy's influence on Alpha Project.

"Bob's role in beginning the Alpha Project can't be overstated. Bob was the Alpha Project. It's dumbfounding to me that anybody would even take on something that on its face was as insane as thinking [he laughed]...I mean, you look back on it and it makes pretty good sense, but at one point, here was Bob with nothing but character, charisma, and a passion to go out and try and convince private and public sources alike that he could motivate and influence homeless castoffs to come in and do quality

work for you — do your drywall, lay your carpet, reroof your building — and do it under the cost that you would normally pay a private agency, and all of that benefit would end up empowering those people participating in that work and that they would go on to be self-sufficient, given the right support and motivation. Yeah, that's just too naïve. It's so idealist on its face that why would you even get yourself involved in that, and in fact he got himself involved in that at great personal peril — he ended up selling his belongings to make it work. As the agency has evolved, he's picked up a believer along the way — one by one by one — to the point that I would pit our credentials and experience









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"And we have an incredible degree of flexibility in our work. Yeah, we're all principled folks and love the bottom line of what we do and get to have the smug self-satisfaction that we're doing good work, and that matters to a certain extent, but we work here because it's fun. We don't have any turnover at the Alpha Project. This is the best place in America to work, and I've worked a lot of places. Bob gets hotheaded. And Bob will holler at you and tell you, 'By God, you get that done!' And you either do or you don't. I told Bob when I came over here, 'I believe that I can make you proud of the investment you made in me, and if I don't, please fire me.' Now I don't believe he ever will. I don't know



what you have to do to make Bob fire you. It's not in his heart. I think where Bob deserves all the credit is that he has an uncanny, almost an immediate perception of people. He knows from the time you talk to him just a few sentences whether you're stringing him a line or not and, if you are, whether he can accept it or not. Everybody's

got lines, everybody's got a mask they're going to wear, and Bob knows how to work with that, and he can know pretty quickly whether you know what you're talking about, how much you really believe in what you're willing to do, and if you're willing to work hard for it.

"I was asked once by a local reporter,

'What makes Bob so unique among executive directors of agencies?' The first thing is that Bob still goes out and does the work. Yeah, he's the president of our organization, but on any given day you might find him out in a ravine cutting the brush line with men freshly off the street. That's his preference to do that, he likes it. The

second thing is that Bob is a character. And I don't mean that in a disparaging way. Bob is not a caricature; he's a character. He's almost on a heroic scale. He's this colossal thing that is greater than life, you know, with good humor, whereas in truth, Bob's also a guy we go to lunch with and we tease each other and he's just one of us,

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perity and an explosive growth right here in one of America's finest cities, the sixth-largest metropolis in the country, and a persistent presence of 15,000 forgotten, lost, and broken people. That's a really weird thing. It's tough to make it jive. And Bob is made to attack that. Great men are made by their times. I don't know what Bob would have been in a different context, but in this context, he is the right person to attack that. He hits that message better than anybody I know."

One day I asked McElroy what he saw as his faults as head of the Alpha Project. Phillips had already said that it was almost impossible for McElroy to fire someone, and McElroy agreed with that.

"I'm real lousy at

firing people. I always make somebody else fire somebody. I've actually kept people around too long that shouldn't have been here in the beginning. I let Robb be the hit man.

"And I have a foul mouth, which is not good. Even my kids are praying for me. They say, 'Dad, you've got to stop cussing.' And I used to be a hitter. I would hit people. I'd fight. I'd always have a chip on my shoulder, because back in the '50s and the '60s, if your parents were divorced, you had a big scarlet letter on you. It wasn't fashionable to come from a singlefamily home, so I always had to be tougher, better, bigger, louder than anybody else, and that carried over. I had a lot of rage, lot of anger, still have a lot of rage and anger, because things are so broke. If it wasn't for my faith I'd probably be in the grave by now. I still have a temper, and the temper's directed at hypocrisy, blatant hypocrisy. And I cuss.

"And patience. I've got a tremendous lack of patience. Because I just feel like there's people dying out on the street that could be saved if we had the resources to be able to do something about it. If we could get the people and the powers that be to listen. We're just some little program. Like I say, I'm just another little grain of sand on the beach. We need to get people to listen and look at the results of this program, this minuscule, little, tiny little program.

There are many people who have started programs long after us that have only been around four or five years that have three or four times the budget we have because they are master fund-raisers. They're not doing anything with the money. They're paying themselves big fat paychecks, and they're not solving the problem. But I'm not doing my job, I'd much rather be out weed-whacking or hawking papers with the guys. That's probably my greatest weakness: I'm a lousy support system for my staff. I'm depressed."

McElroy leaned back in his chair and laughed, then he continued.

"If anything, I mess this up because I don't do the things I should. I've pulled things off the table before just because somebody at a meeting has pissed me off. Back when I was downtown the first couple of years, we had no money, and the city called me in because I was getting all these people jobs, but I wasn't getting any money for it, and they said, 'You should probably get some money for what you're doing, you can probably get \$40 for every person you refer into a job.' Then one person, who has since become a big supporter of ours, started saying, 'What's his background?' I was the new guy on the street and I was a lot more crass back then, but here's 40 bucks a head and I'm getting hundreds of people jobs and so that adds up to some money. And my wife's calling

me from the bank, 'We're overdrawn, we're overdrawn.' We needed that money. But he started questioning my credentials. 'Well, what kind of social service degree do you have?' and all this kind of stuff. And I'm just a street guy. I came off the bricks and I'm just meeting people where they are and doing that kind of stuff. And he said, 'Well, we don't really know if you qualify.' And I said, 'You know, I ain't got effin' \$40 and I don't need your effin' \$40 tomorrow, man. You guys keep your effin' \$40.' I threw it back on the table and walked out. Now that cost us some generating money down the road there, and we'd probably be a little bit farther along now - no, we wouldn't have. It was



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dirty money. I didn't get into this job to be paid for it. But I threw it back in their face, and I've done that a couple of different times over the years. 'Keep your damn money!' Good Lord wants me to keep doing this, and He'll keep finding us the money somehow, but I used some expletives there. In mixed company.

"And even the people I get angry at, people I've already been a pain in the side of, the Father Joes, who's

really the one I take to task most often, I'd help him out in a minute if he needed help. I don't hold any grudges. If I say something, if I get mad, I'm done with it. Sometimes guys come in and we go at it, nose to nose in here and stuff, then I'm done with it. So far as I'm concerned the slate is clean and we start anew. And if I'm pissed at you, I'm going to tell you straight up and I want you to tell me the same thing. Anybody. If Father

Joe — and I always hold him up because I've been on the other side of the fence of him was the biggest asshole he'd ever met in his life, I'd respect that, instead of weaving around and

"People in those communities have given up. They're not worth any more than a welfare check."

all these years because I don't believe in warehousing people and stuff — but if he said I

being a busybody. Just lay it on the table. Everybody knows where I'm coming

from. If I don't like you, I'll tell you and I'll tell you the reason why. And I want people to tell me the same thing. Doesn't happen though. I think I need therapy. Randy's going to give me a Rorschach test in the next week or so. He's licensed to do all that kind of stuff. So I said, 'I want to take a Rorschach test.' I'll probably find out that I'm a raving flipping lunatic and I need medication."

McElrov's chuckle sounded like an idling Harley. Then he told me one of his most serious weaknesses as a

"I'm the world's worst fund-raiser. And I'm kind of all over the map, I guess. I'm not as organized as I should be. But the worst thing is fund-raising. We should be a lot more financially sound than what we are. My responsibility is to raise money for this organization, and I'd much rather be out weedwhacking with the people. Thank God Tony's

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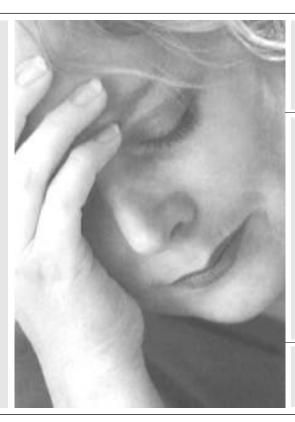
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I was impressed that somebody who was head of an organization constantly in need of money should find it so difficult to ask for money. I told Tony Phillips what McElroy had said and Phillips laughed.

"He's the worst I've ever seen. Nobody in this town has more direct access to powerful media than Bob does — perhaps Father Joe. Bob's a walking sound bite. He's on television at least every couple of weeks. In fact, almost every month we do a live morning news broadcast with one of the large channels here in town. He'll have 10 or

15 minutes of unobstructed airtime with a network that absolutely loves him. And I've

can send us your checks.' Yeah, and really, that's what you can do. We get calls and

Going through the gate with McElroy was like going into a small country village with the popular local squire.

never once heard him say when asked, 'How can people get involved?' 'Well, you people ask, 'How can I help?' You can send us a check. That helps. Bob won't say that. Not even anything approaching that. He's the worst I've seen at asking for money for what he does. I'm not kidding, he just will not do it. It insults him somehow. And I think he thinks that it makes us look as though we're not independent, that we need something from others, which I admire, but by God, we're not independent. We're absolutely dependent upon the community of which we're a part, and I'll tell Bob, 'Just ask them for

money!' And he won't do it. [Phillips laughed again.] And it's okay, that's why he has other people to do that. We can ask for money for him. But he's got a direct line to the public's ear, and it's very hard for him to ask for anything. We have a half hour infomercial that runs once a week on a local channel and we have one-minute advertising spots that we do on several channels locally, but not once in there does anything say to send a

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McElroy sees his inability to ask for money as a problem he is incapable of solving. He can no more change it than he can change his height or fingerprints.

"I've been told by

every marketing firm,

every PR firm, and

even the Bible says, 'If you don't ask, then you don't receive,' but I just don't have that gift. I still can't do it. You know, I've had to take people when I've given speeches, and before we close they get up and say, 'We need financial support.' But I'd rather people give to us because they've seen our work, they've seen the results. And I tell people, 'Don't take what I've got to say to you as gospel. Go see, visit our facilities.' Well, most people aren't going to do that. So the marketing firms come in and talk to me and I go, 'How do you get people to believe in your cause when it's good news?' When I did the winter shelter, it was perfect: it was raining, we had kids in there. People were throwing money at us. But we weren't getting the people jobs actually we did, because we had job fairs and stuff — but people didn't give us money for job fairs, they gave us money and donated stuff for the shelter — food and diapers and blankets, which were Band-Aids. The work programs are long-term, they're life changing. You're going to get up, you're going to get sober, you're going to get a job, you're going to get trained, you're going to learn how to work these things are longterm. This is what's

going to get you out of

homelessness forever. People aren't giving us money for that. People gave us money for the quick fix: the soup line, the pizza party, the blankets. How do you get people to give you money for cleaning up neighborhoods? How do you get people to give you money for good news? 'I want to write you a check because, you know what? Because you go through the ghetto and you paint houses for seniors and you give homeless people jobs, you teach them how to work and keep them sober.' People don't

write checks for that. "I want to solve homelessness. It's all I want to do. And we have one easy formula here. The state spends \$40,000 a year to keep somebody incarcerated. I could probably take 60 to 80 percent of those people who are incarcerated today and give them a \$20,000-ayear job, doing nothing but a mentoring program for kids, gang intervention, Neighborhood Watch programs, neighborhoodenhancement programs, low-incomehousing building programs — pay them \$20,000 a year. The taxpayer gets the other \$20,000 back and they get about another half a million dollars per person back from reduced crime, improved property values, and so on — these people aren't tearing down, they're building up. We could take more than half the men and women out of prison today and enhance communities. But that's too frigging easy. You go into any ghetto, anywhere — I've been to East L.A., South Los Angeles, Logan Heights, the rest of them — and they're all the same. There's no anchor markets, no job opportunities. People



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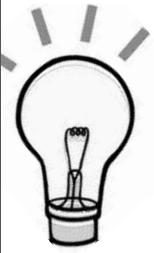
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in front, about 30 rather ragged men and women were lying on the concrete, sleeping or reading or staring at the sky. Many had large black garbage bags with

"Those guys were out robbing liquor stores and stuff for their heroin addiction, and now look at them."

it on a large scale? But it won't happen."

One afternoon I went with McElroy to the day center, a long, one-story cinder-block building surrounded by a tall fence. In the yard

their possessions by their heads. Going through the gate with McElroy was like going into a small country village with the popular local squire. People waved, came over with

questions or just to talk. McElroy was hearty and solicitous, but he was still tough. Someone had tossed some trash on the ground, and McElroy spent a few minutes trying to find the culprit and threatening to throw him out. Again and again McElroy would take my arm, point at someone, and say, "There's another miracle." Then he would launch into a story about the man or woman's time in prison, years of alcohol and narcotic addiction, and how they had managed to turn their lives around, were employed, and had become useful citizens.

McElroy began

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talking to a thin man in his 40s by the name of Ioe who worked on the maintenance crew. The problem was that McElroy had lent Joe the Alpha Project white pickup truck and Joe had brought it back with a small dent in the side. "I got all these dents marked," said McElroy. "I gave you the brand-new truck." Joe said something about backing into a pole. He was clearly unhappy. "I'll get 'em fixed." Then McElrov asked, "How long have you been with me, Joe?" Joe: "Eight years." McElroy was incredulous, "Eight years?" Then he turned to me, "I think he's lying, he's going on 6. Seems like it's been 20." They began talking about getting another key for an equipment shed. The dents seemed to be

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forgotten. McElroy then asked Joe for my benefit, "How many years were you in prison?" Joe: "Four and a half. Five." McElroy turned to me, "See that. A miracle. I don't know how that happens. That's just God telling me I needed that one Hawaiian on the payroll." Joe laughed and McElroy turned back to him. "Something must have happened though, because you never got dents in cars, man. You just start working or something?" Joe began to make excuses about where he had parked. McElroy interrupted him with mock tolerance, "All right, forget about it." But Joe was getting worked up. He pointed to another dent, how he had pulled into a parking lot and someone nicked him. McElroy interrupted him more gently, "Joe, relax, just don't get any more dents. Have a good day." McElroy sent him off as Joe kept explaining. "All right," said McElroy, "I'm watching you. You know I'm watching now." Then he turned to me, "Anyways, he's another one." He laughed and called after Joe, "Be responsible for the truck. Yeah, have a good day." Joe looked back, beginning to smile, "Okay, have a good day, Bob."

The interchange was typical of many I witnessed — McElroy being paternal and kind. There was also the sense that this was his home and he wanted it treated right. At one point he stopped in the middle of a story and shouted to a young black woman across the street. Then he whistled loudly to get her attention. "Don't be smoking that crack over there!" The woman called back in protest and McElroy said, "That's just a

cigarette, okay. Okay, all right. I was just making sure."

McElroy wanted to introduce me to Russell Demery, a black exalcoholic addict who was case manager for the Take Back the Streets crew. Although 44, Demery had spent 25 years behind bars on various drug-related charges. Now he had been clean for 7 years and had gotten a degree from San Diego City College in behavioral science, specializing in drug studies.

"He's another miracle," said McElroy, and went on to praise
Demery's ability to talk to people.

"I'm a lousy

schmoozer, but Russell can really work a room. We went to Pete Wilson's birthday party we get invited to it every year because I was one of his recognizees, or whatever word that is. That Russell, man, he's right up there with these head guys of major corporations. He's got that gift. He was a great dope slinger for 20-some years. He can just manipulate people. He's got the gift of gab. He wasn't a violent criminal. He was a con man. Man, is he good. So my plan for him is to have him be a marketing guy one of these days. Get him out of the case management stuff and he can go out there and market. He has that smile and he has that charm, you know. He knows the frigging ropes, and he's doing things the right way now. Miracles. Absolute, total miracles. Those guys were out robbing liquor stores and stuff for their heroin addiction, and now look at them. They're helping people out. Thousands. It's crazy."

Shortly I was in a small office with Russell and Bruce, who is



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the case manager for the maintenance crew. Bruce had come into the Alpha Project "through the yard," meaning that in 1994 he had been one of the homeless people lying outside on the concrete. The year before, he had gone through the program at Casa Raphael, then fell back into addiction. Coming into the day center he got clean again, and in 1995 he began to do some work, starting at the bottom and eventually reaching his present position. In fact, both men spoke of coming in here with nothing and just stubbornly hanging around until something was found for them to do.

"We used to work outreach," said Bruce, "and Russ used to come down and bug us. He bugged us every day till we finally gave

him a job."

"I used to come down every day because I seen something," said Russell. "I've never been hungry for work like that before, but there was just something about what they were doing, I felt comfortable seeing. I'm a people person and they interacted with the public a lot. And I felt that I could be an asset, their goals and their accomplishments, they were about helping not just the homeless but also helping the businesses, so it was not just a onesided situation. Everybody was winning."

Russell has a round face with a mustache and wore a gray sweatshirt and a gray cap. Bruce was 46, grayhaired with a mustache, and big. In fact, he looked like an actor who might be playing

Falstaff.

Russell started being sent to jail when he was 13. "As for prison, I was looking for the easy way out. Success fast. Torn up in the cycle — hip, slick, and cool. And you know, I was immature, irresponsible, and foolish. Not a fool, because if I was a fool I would probably be in a worse position than I was. So from being like that, I woke up. I woke up in a cell and I said, 'Hey, I can't do this no more. What have I done? I'm 38 years old.' I remember my last high and I remember my last incarceration. I said I can't do this no more. I did eight months and got out and haven't looked back."

I asked them what working with McElroy was like.

"Having a friend," said Russell. "You

know, a friend that knows how to handle his business." "He's a dynamo, if you will," said Bruce. "He used to be a lot different." Russell agreed, "This is the new Bob, you're seeing the new Bob."

They were talking about the changes and restructuring that had begun in 1999, which had taken McElroy away from the work crews and put him in an office downtown.

"He's busy chasing the money nowadays," said Bruce. "Before, long time ago, he sat right here in this chair, and he was a brother, a father, a mother. He fit all those descriptions for a long time. For everybody around here. He always has time for us when we need to talk. He peps me up, keeps me going. He had a vision a long time ago. He didn't tell

me about all his visions, but he would say, 'Well, this is what I see happening, and even though it takes a long time for those things to come into fruition, they're starting to happen now.' And that's why it's getting really exciting nowadays."

I suggested that what McElroy loved best was being at the day center and working with the crews, which meant turning his attention away from the larger goals, those that went along with being a CEO. Both men agreed.

"This, from my knowledge, I think was a scary situation, about the main goal of the public relations," said Russell. "It meant that Bob couldn't be in the mix of his employees all the time."

"He likes being out

there with a shovel," said Bruce.

"He wants to be part of everything that we do," said Russell. "If we're having a problem we'll call and say, 'Well, Bob, why don't you come down and help us out?' He'll say, 'Okay, I'll be there. We'll all have a meeting.' I don't think he wanted to leave. You know, it's hard to let go of something you're so attached to. I mean, this was his office. Every day 40, 50, even 100 people came into this office and said, 'Hi, Bob, can I get a job?' 'Can I get a bus ticket?' Can I get this, can I get that? And that becomes a part of your life. I mean, for many, many years."

"He had to go," said Bruce. "Otherwise it wasn't going to grow."

"We had to get him

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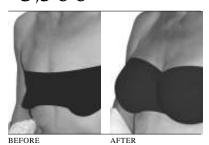
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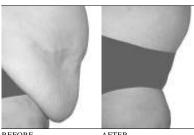
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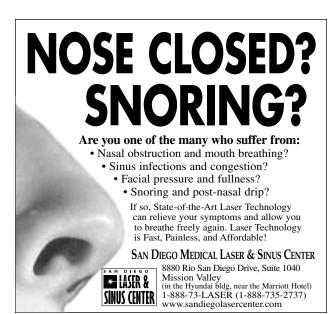
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out of here or he couldn't be Bob," said Russell. "He was just like being one of us. And I miss it."

"He misses it," said Bruce. "He misses having a chainsaw."

"But I know it's the best thing for us to get us bigger and broader and into the community," said Russell, "and for people to know that we're around. Because not that many people know about us. They know of us, 'cause a lot of people say, 'I hear you guys on TV.' Or, 'I didn't know you guys did that.' Now we're trying to spread out. We got more people to help Bob do the things we need to do. Because he'd come down here two, three times a week, just to come down. It's just like being home, you know what I mean? If you lived in a house for 50 years, you'd still go traveling down that street. But Bob's a great guy, he's one of a kind. And he's been here for me. We're literally a family. We have radios. We can call any given time, any one of us. If I call somebody from corporate, from Bob, Cici, Kyla, Tony, nobody in there has never denied me help. Always, help. That's what you call a good situation, a permanent situation. 'Help. I have a problem.' 'Okay, Russ, I'll call you in just a second.' Then they'll get back to me and I'll say, 'I don't know how to figure this guy's time' or 'I need help.' Our radios are on between eight in the morning and eight at night for each other. And there's another on 24 hours a day. You can't beat that. How many jobs you know where the employees can call the boss and say, 'Hey, Bob, I need help on this.' 'Okay, Russ, I'm in a meeting. Call me when I get

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done.' Or he'll get someone else to help me out. It don't even have to be me. It could be a person in TBS. He might say, 'Can I use the radio, I want to talk to Bob.' He'll say, 'Hey, Bob, I got a problem.' 'Okay, come up to my office tomorrow.' And he will take his time and see one of the guys who's in our program. You can't ask for more than that from an employer. I respect him a helluva lot because he does not separate himself, saying, 'This is me, this is you, and you can't come here and talk with me. You got too many hurdles to get to me, and when you get to me it's not going to be nice.' That's usually how a corporation is. But here you can be a participant, a client, a homeless person, and he'll see anyone. You can't beat an employer

who's open and will tell you, 'Hey, I'm here for you.' That's what I love about him."

"He let me be me," said Bruce. "He didn't make me be somebody else. He gave me a chance to be me, because I'd lost me for a long time. That's what I admire about him. He didn't want me to be somebody I wasn't. He wanted me to be me."

The next morning I went out with McElroy, Tony Phillips, and Kyla Winters up I-5 to Pacific Beach. McElroy was driving. They wanted to look at some property on La Jolla Boulevard that somebody wanted ripped down. The three chatted with one another, joked, discussed future meetings, future plans. But all three also had radios that kept going off, so they would also

be talking to other people about problems, future plans, etc. It made it seem as if there were a dozen people in the truck. Phillips loaded his conversation with words like "dilemma," "situation," "issues," "eclectic," "consolidate." McElroy used words like "stupid," "cool," "waste of time," "let's do it," "he's got to have bucks."

McElroy got a call on his cell phone about a meeting that had to be rescheduled for the afternoon. Hanging up, he said, "Another bureaucrat — can't get out of bed before five in the morning."

Winters had her calendar and notebook on her lap. She took notes as she talked on the radio, then told McElroy about another meeting.

"One of the hardest

things about my job," she told me, "is managing the office, scheduling all these guys, seeing they're where they're supposed to be, especially since Bob has not really mastered keeping on a schedule or public relations, which is not necessarily a bad thing."

McElroy had lived for 11 years in Pacific Beach, during his badboy days, and he reminisced as he drove through the downtown. "There's nothing better than pizza. I could eat junk food every day of the week. See that little place? That was Sluggo's — a Chicago guy — with huge hot dogs covered with sauerkraut and glop. And that used to be Diego's — best Mexican food in Pacific Beach."

"Chips, you have got to have chips," said

Phillips wistfully.

Driving up La Jolla Boulevard, McElroy said matter of factly, "I saved a girl's life right up here."

Winters laughed. "Oh my God, what are you talking about?"

"It's the gospel truth. I was coming this way. See this turnin? A lady cut this girl off. Her car hit, went over the top of the girl's car, and fell right there by that drain. I came sliding up in my truck, went up and grabbed her, in her car. I was just like holding her and talking to her and telling her everything was okay. Her head was all gashed and her finger was almost cut off. I talked to her for about 35 minutes till the paramedics got there, and they said I kept her from going into shock. She called me from the

hospital like three days later and, you know, well." He laughed.

"Bet she was grateful," said Phillips.

"I don't know why I tease you," said Winters, "because ever since I ran into Casey, I can believe your stories."

"That's gospel truth," said Bob. "And if Steve wasn't here writing everything down I would tell you about five other conquests that I once had in some of the motels we drove by here."

The building to be torn down was a two-story, partially demolished office building. They studied it for a few minutes, took some notes, then decided to stop by a Mexican restaurant, Su Casa, for lunch. As we sat down in a booth, McElroy said, "Don't let me have any chips. I used to live

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on chips."

They were all trying to lose weight. Phillips, who struck me as quite thin, said, "I know tamales probably aren't on a diet, right? See, I can have a bowl of black bean soup and some rice. There's nothing wrong with that. Particularly in the middle of the day. All those carbohydrates. I'm going to burn it off before I go to sleep, right?"

"I'm going to have ceviche and the chicken salad," said McElroy. "That building, it's a big job over there. That's all concrete block. Is it reinforced?" Phillips said it was. "If it's cinder block it'll come right down, but if it's reinforced we're screwed. There must be a rub somewhere because that's a million-dollar piece of property."

"There must be something wrong with it," said Phillips.

"It could have asbestos in the concrete," said Bob. "Why'd they stop tearing it down halfway down?"

"He's always right about a piece of property," Winters told me.

"You guys want some chips?" asked McElroy. "If you're not going to have chips I can get them off this other table. I'm an addict right now." He turned to me. "You want some chips, don't you?" I said no. "Are you a vegetarian or something?" he asked.

"I trying to cut down my calories," I

McElroy laughed. "Hah, we made him confess."

The talk went back and forth between the building that needed to be torn down and various other projects. Punctuating this talk were a variety of jokes; weaving through it was a stream of good humor. With all three



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McElroy asked me about the *Reader*, then said, "You know, the homeless people they interview, most of them are chronic homeless folks and they reinforce the dumbest perceptions, and they're talking to you like, 'Yeah, I panhandle money because I got to support my habit' or 'I gotta drink' or whatever. These are people who have no desire yet to get off the streets. 'I gotta have my five beers a day.' These interviews set us back, you know, another two years. Again, it goes

back to no money. Laws and legislation have to be changed in order to let us go out and try to help these people. The cops make regular sweeps through the parks and the riverbed looking for encampments, but hopefully, instead of just going in there and enforcing the law, they'll call us first and give us an opportunity to talk to the people. That's a big step in the right direction. As for the county's homeless outreach team, they're afraid of their own clientele."

Phillips described how the county's social service agencies would sometimes give the homeless tickets to

leave the city.

"It's called 'Seeing the U.S.A. the Homeless Way," said McElroy. "It's called 'the circuit.' They start in Florida. Florida gives them tickets to

he'd been working the circuit. They'd have free tickets."

After lunch they were in a rush. Phillips had to get back to the office for a meeting, and McElroy and Win-

"It's disgusting to use the word 'industry' to refer to homeless services, but we do."

Phoenix. Phoenix to San Diego. San Diego to L.A. L.A. to San Francisco. Then back across the Midwest to New York. I'd see a guy who'd be gone for a year, and he'd come back and tell me how

ters had to inspect a house on Julian Avenue in Logan Heights, where the Take Back the Streets crew might do some work. There were more phone calls and meetings planned. Winters kept referring

to her notebook, keeping the schedules on track. There was hardly any small talk.

The property on Julian was a one-and-ahalf-story stucco building with three small bungalows in back. There were bars on the windows and a yappy dog. The owner was a Hispanic woman who had applied for money to get the work done plastering, painting, some structural work. She was nervous, thinking that two of the bungalows wouldn't meet code and she would somehow get in trouble. There were two representatives there from Councilman Inzunza's office to discuss the

project with McElroy. Winters kept reassuring the woman that there would be no problem. They would paint and even rebuild the bungalows that didn't meet code. Slowly the woman was reassured. The dog yapped the whole time.

Back in the truck there were more phone calls. Bob pointed to a lot on 31st and Ocean View where they had torn down a crack house. Half a block up the street was a 100-year-old duplex with lemon and orange trees in the back. It was vacant, and the guys in the crack house next door had tried to firebomb it. Now the Alpha Project was tak-

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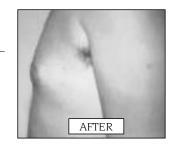
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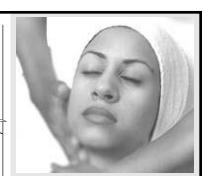
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This was a phrase that McElroy used often: they're doing it, not me. And he would say that he wasn't the one who ran the Alpha Project, he wasn't the one responsible, that the other people ran it and did the work.

"I had nothing to do with this," he told me. "I just had this stupid idea...no, it wasn't a stupid idea, it was a divine idea, that homeless people were better than what the propagandists were telling us. That's all it is. But these people do all the work. They deserve the credit, not me. I'm really boring, when you think about it. I just did what I was called to do, and that's all I do. I just kind of let everybody else do their thing. The real story is the people."

One of the last things I did was to ask Tony Phillips about

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McElroy's claim that "they're doing this, not me."

"You know, he's right," said Phillips. "If a man or woman off the street uses the opportunities that we provide to empower themselves and bring more tools to their arsenal to go out and to be effective and to overcome all the hurdles in their way, it is absolutely to their credit. But all of us involved in Alpha Project know there is one person who is absolutely indispensable to creating the opportunity for that to happen in the first place, and that's Bob. And so if Bob says, 'Well, I'm not the one who does it,' he's right. He's not the one that chooses to stay sober, chooses to kick his demons, and chooses to every day face the hardship of going out there and working and recovering and bringing oneself up from absolutely nothing — the clients do that. But none of them could do it without the opportunity he creates, because he can find another me. He can find another Kyla and another Randy. In fact, he could do it without us; he's demonstrated that over the past 15 years. But we're just toiling in obscurity without Bob. He's indispensable to it, which places it at great risk. Bob could get hit by a truck. Right now, Bob is the Alpha Project. I know that Bob is aware of the fact that if we are to have a lasting impact, there will come

a time when we do it without him. There will invariably be a time when the Alpha Project does not include Bob McElroy on a day-in and dayout basis, and we need to struggle to get there. We're doing our very best, all of us who are working on grants or contracts or whatever, and when we can't do anything else, we can rely upon Bob and say, 'Bob, can you call the mayor's office and make this better?' And he can do that, because he's built that up over the years, and nobody else is ready to step in and fill that void. We totally depend on Bob to make those things

happen. I don't think that other people even in our industry understand — and it's disgusting to use the word 'industry' to refer to homeless services, but we do — I mean, major, powerful executives of large organizations in this business do not have state assembly people call them on their cell phone, don't have the fax number to the governor. Bob kicks doors open when every single bureaucratic step along the way has made sure it stays sealed. He can make things happen, provided we do all the legwork, and there is a lot involved. Sometimes I don't even

know if Bob knows everything that's involved, but you have to do the steps — fill out the applications, write quality proposals, and oversee and administer good programs — but often you still need him to go in there and force it to happen, and he does that."

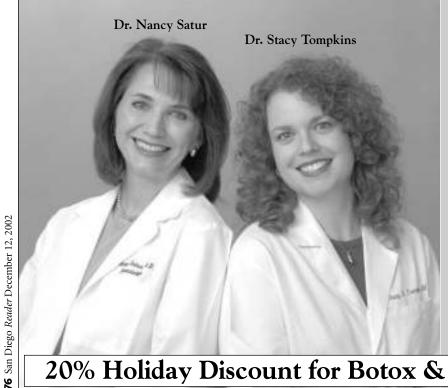
At times, McElroy would discuss doing what he did, ranging from the religious reasons to the fact that it was fun, but there was also his love and admiration for those whom many regard as life's rejects.

"Those people are real; they're trying so hard. And it makes me want to keep trying hard. And I'll tell you, this is tough. I could do other things — I mean, I don't want to do anything else — but having to get up every day and say, 'I've got to go fight today for poor people. I've got to go change the public's perception.' I just found I've got to raise 80,000 bucks in the next three or four weeks for our day center. And having to work so hard every single day without taking a day off — it's tough. But when I see them









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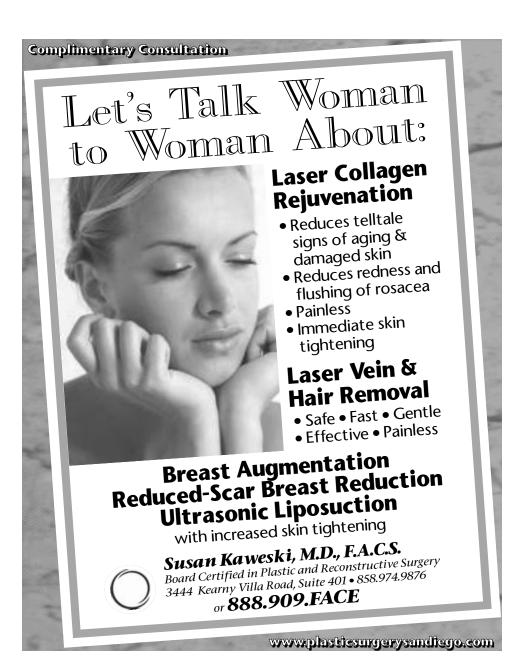
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doing it, then I do it.
And I'm so blessed that

I don't have to overcome the obstacles they

have to overcome right now — number one: getting away from the

drugs and alcohol, stop

self-medicating. And then fighting all their

battles from the bot-

tom of the heap and

knowing that they're

probably never going

to own a house in San

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retirement would begin.

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and totally illogically, the
once-proud, hardworking
mother of four (who used
to be a great cook) is
reduced to something less
than human. She lies on
her bed staring at the ceiling, a blank stare consistent
with the blankness of her
mind. She's kicked off the

covers, naked except for a super-large adult diaper.

It's another Sunday morning, but it isn't bacon and biscuits I'm smelling. The foulness of the "filled" diaper hits me full in the nostrils. My wife of 50 years is strong in every physical category, fully capable of walking to the john. Paradoxically, she possesses Henry VIII's appetite for food (which compounds the insult and makes the rankness doubly odorous).

Diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2000 (with progressive symptoms since 1998), her brain deterioration has been relentless. Complete incoherence, complete insensibility; without manners, without humor, without consideration, without thought processes, and lastly (to crown these unimaginable insults to human dignity), without control over bodily functions.

An almost unendurable enigma? Her voracious appetite. Good Lord above, if this addled brain can signal hunger and then actuate the eating function, why can't it greenlight a simple trip to the bathroom?

If you've got nerve enough to continue this trip into everyday hell, join the fun. I say "fun" because I endured it all with humor, my only path to survival. Hey, I'm no spring chicken. Figure it out. We're parents of four, grandparents of ten, and great-grandparents of seven.

Yes, I know about adult day-care centers, senior center outpatient facilities, clin-

ics, mental health centers... They're great for passive dementia cases but want nothing to do with violent tendencies. Several attempts to enlist a day-care center, with experienced dementia personnel, resulted in disasters.

The first center chosen was well-staffed and spacious. On the appointed morning, Liza was introduced to the other patients and everything seemed okay. In just two hours there was bedlam in dementia city. Lashing out and screaming (no doubt her snakes-in-her-pants scream), she punched an attendant and a harmless old man who wanted to shake hands. Liza's second experience with day care lasted four hours. So much for my experiment with precious freedom

The befuddling question? How can a 70-year-old "weakened" woman, in the deep-seated throes of Alzheimer's, be so damned strong, so damned obstinate, and so damned mean and nasty? Her doctor's trou-

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bling answer: about 10 percent of Alzheimer's patients revert to a diabolical mode defying explanation, as if Lucifer himself was directing the tragedy. The good news, she went on, is that this "period" (in the latter stages of Alzheimer's) should last no longer than several months.

Tranquilizing prescriptions, at any strength, have little effect on this lady, except to create a messy diarrhea problem. Only five feet tall, she weighs 165 pounds. The Alzheimer's experts say it won't be long before she loses appetite, grows weak, and sleeps most of the time. I pray for that day!

I know what you're thinking. Where the hell is my family? "Baby-sitting" Liza is not for the fainthearted, especially if the sitters accept the task of bathing an unwilling adult. Daughter Tammy, thankfully, lives relatively close and has a "way" with her mother. Despite shepherding a very active family (and sporting bruises from previous weeks), she shows up faithfully, each week, for four hours. My other daughters live far away.

Last week Tammy appeared at the door wearing her son's catcher's mask and chest protector. We had a great laugh. Solemn Liza, looking on with that vacant-attic stare, couldn't recognize her daughter with or without a catcher's mask.

Tammy realizes her mother's attention span is only a few seconds, so she uses a continual vocal reintroduction to reality: "Mom, I love you. I'm your loving daughter. You look beautiful today. After we have our bath I'm going to fix your hair so you look even more beautiful." These "reality" checks must be repeated over and over, without stopping, or antagonism and flailing arms take over.

Right now, as you read this, I want you to glance over at your sweetheart (spouse or other) and imagine yourself resorting



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to the following monologue: "Darling, it's time to go to the bathroom. Darling, you're farting and you must go to the bathroom" (behavioral indications are the caregiver's best clues). You walk over to him and repeat, "Darling, it's time to go to the bathroom. I'm your wife, you're at home; come with me to the bathroom."

Finally, you're in the john. Do you think your task is over? You must now pull down his pants and shorts (or diaper), then wait around for the blessed event. Now, do you think your task is accomplished? No. You must now wipe your beloved's ass!

It's the same ritual for all the other taken-forgranted tasks, like dressing, or bathing.

Fun, huh?

When frustration weighs heavily, I resort to fantasy. I envision dear Liza steamrolled into a thin slice of aluminum. Sometimes, flattened Liza becomes a most voluptuous Liza — of our courting days. Fifty years hasn't dulled my memory of that delicious body. Of all the pants I've wanted to invade, Liza's topped the list. After months of steamy frustration, I remember planning a never-could-fail seduction.

The seduction worked, sort of. Liza got wind of it — and demanded double condoms! Double! In the '40s one was like an oven mitt. Marriage, she reminded me, was the only invasion route.

I envision dear Liza marooned on an ice floe. She's waving like it's a cruise to Alaska. The Navy band plays "Happy Days Are Here Again" as she drifts away to a distant dot. I hear the penguins quacking and Liza babbling, as if kindred souls. Liza is reconstituted as a penguin, sans diaper, leaving a trail of diarrhea-enhanced ice.

If you think the fantasy thoughts might lead to my whacking Liza, you're

All right, I have a confession. The other day wonderful Tammy left an apple pie she specially baked. Liza and I had just shared a pizza (two-thirds for Liza) and then ice cream, so I put the pie in the fridge. I have to lock it (yes, with a padlock and

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chain) or "Mrs. Overnourished" will pig out, no matter how sated, on anything. Well, I forgot to lock it and went to the john. Five minutes later Liza had that pie between her knees, on the floor, slobbering it down with merry fingers. The next thing I knew, the heavy pie plate and half a pie whizzed by my head, shattering and splattering against the wall. I confess, I took great pleasure in grabbing a fistful of pie and rubbing it forcefully into her face. She bit me! So there, I'm human. Almost immediately, she had forgotten the incident.

Don't you love it? Isn't this fun! Yo ho-ho-ho and a bottle of rum. Liza is fortunate I don't drink.

Let's get back to Sunday morning's "bacon and biscuits." During Liza's diaper change (you don't want to know the details), she utters some choice expletives, in decibels that would hearken the most wicked of Satan's angels:

"DA da no no NOOOOOOOOO BASTID."

"DA da NOOOOOOO SON-OF-A-BITCH."

"Shit shit shit SHIT SHIT SHITI SHIIIIIIIIIIIII IIIIIT."

In the entire English language, these are the only words she can string together. Before Alzheimer's, she rarely used profanity. I think the devil realizes when an individual is powerless to resist, then attacks.

After she's cleaned up and powdered, I have to

dress her. Great fun!

Each morning I must administer her insulin. I explain, over and over, in a calm, assured voice, "Liza, you'll die if you don't get your insulin." Still the resistance and profanity. The only time she doesn't curse? When food is on the table.

When the dishes are put away and all the chores done (yes, I have to do everything), I try to relax in front of the TV. She watches me instead of the TV, wondering who the hell I am.

Liza's doctor appointments are eventful. I keep a close watch, or something will happen. On one visit to her fifth-floor office, we became separated in the crowded elevator. You know how quiet an eleva-

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the kidney, spitting and screaming profanity. Luckily, the gent (a hospitalequipment salesman) understood, and profuse

apologies were sufficient.

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From what I've read

(and I've read everything

about Alzheimer's disease), the major pharmaceuticals

are no closer to a cure than they were 20 years ago. The most astute neu-

roscientists, molecular

biologists, chemists, neurologists, pathologists,

microscopists, etc., were

given carte blanche (and they spent multibillions)

on an all-out assault on the

cause of Alzheimer's. What they discovered was a broad array — literally billions of electrical and chemical neural connec-

tions — that left them

We're on our own,

simple as that. For the fore-

seeable future, there will be

no magic elixir. This does

not bode well for the mil-

lions of yuppies and Gen-

Xers who are approaching

their lives. And how about

the diminished sole care-

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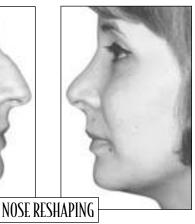
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CHAPTER 6

The sky above Pacific Coast Highway was blue-black with patches of gray where the fog thinned enough to let traces of moonlight through. On the bluff north of La Jolla, Hickey pulled into a clearing beside a stand of wind-bent pines, got out, and used a pocketknife to scrape the brown paint off the top of his headlamps.

Relieved of having to peel his eyes at every inch of road, he flipped on the radio, tuned in "Dreamland," the L.A. show that was Cynthia's favorite. There were few vehicles on the two-lane highway. Now and then some bigshot in a V-12 sedan would blast by, highballing down from L.A. Hickey whooshed along about 70 mph, wondering if he could stay awake the whole 15-or-so-hour drive. Every few miles he'd catch up with a military convoy, a quarter mile of trucks, and have to lie behind until they got to a mile-long straightaway. On empty stretches, he yanked the hand throttle and whizzed along the sea cliffs, his elbow out the window, listening to a run of Basie and Duke Ellington tunes, and to Justine Brell, a new singer



Torrey Pines grade, c. 1960

with Charley Wayne's Orchestra, who sounded eerily like Madeline used

Les Butterfield had discovered Madeline, not long after Hickey had joined Butterfield's band on alto sax. They played the L.A. ballrooms, weekend and summer resorts on the coast, and in the mountains around Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear. When Butterfield gave up music to concentrate on liquor and Hickey took over as bandleader, he booked them jobs from San Francisco to Agua Caliente across the border. With Madeline singing, they got all the work they could use. Her phrasing, gestures, and the passion in her eyes, as though she were on a quest, muddled Hickey's brain, moistened his eyes, made him

want to comfort her, protect her, give her the universe. She married him in Reno, June of 1926.

For a couple years Tom Hickey felt like king of the mountain. He'd risen from shoe-shine kid and street punk to bandleader and won the girl. Everybody's darling. Like Cynthia Moon was now.

That was the thorn pricking Madeline's jeal-

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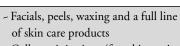


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ousy. She didn't worry about Hickey's faithfulness. Sixteen years she'd been his only lover. But she hated Cynthia for getting what they both wanted mostto sing and be adored.

When she'd given up singing, she'd only meant to be gone long enough to get her shape back and nurse Elizabeth. A year or so. But the stock market crashed, and there came to be plenty more work for cops than for musicians. All but a few of the nightclubs closed, the resorts that didn't fold only booked cheap local bands. The Dorseys, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman — guys like that kept their orchestras working. Hickey wasn't one of them.

Highway 101 carried him past miles of orange groves and strawberry fields, through Whittier, across the dry San Gabriel River, past the municipal golf course and into East L.A., where even after 9:00 p.m. trucks rumbled out of warehouses, and machines whacked and clanged, barely muffled by the factory walls. Whittier Boulevard took him past City Hall and dozens of bars and movie houses where servicemen and working girls huddled outside the doorways in lines or bunches. Then Highway 101 cut left on Sunset Boulevard, ran alongside the parks — Elysian, Silver Lake, Griffith, and swung left again onto Hollywood Boulevard.

The farmer's market. the theaters, the aroma of eucalyptus, tainted by soot, drifting on the sea breeze every sight and scent aroused Hickey's memory. Thirty years he'd spent around L.A. First on a cattle ranch near Long Beach, before his dad ran off and his mother got religion — Hickey couldn't remember which happened before, and might've caused, the other. The ranch got sold, the money vanished. With his mother and younger sister, Florence, he moved to a cottage at the foot of the Hollywood Hills, a mile from the intersection where he sat this moment. When the light changed, he gunned the motor, accidentally screeched rubber trying to leave behind the smell of Hollywood: the sea air blending with dust from the hills and canyons, burning gasoline and the scents of imported trees like

cedar and redwood, dry and brittle. He stared at people in cars, ones who paced sidewalks and remembered how they were. A few bigshots, the rest scavengers, prowling to be the first to spot and grab a dollar when it fell. Hickey's family were scavengers. His mother, named Harriet, became a seamstress. All she could do — besides torment her son, curse his father, praise God and the prophet Mary Baker Eddy — was sew, cook, and clean. Hickey shined shoes and stole things until he got his saxophone. A year later he was blowing with combos at parties and school functions. The saxophone and football would have gotten him through USC, except that his sister caught rheumatic fever. In 1925, aged 19, he signed on with the LAPD, the first time.

The memories that made him damned glad when he'd dropped into the valley, passed the Hollywood Bowl, and was speeding toward the mountains

scattering clouds, the clusters of stars, and the big slice of moon. He crossed the Grapevine an hour before midnight, coasting fast down the zigzag highway toward the San Joaquin Valley. He loved driving, ranked it directly behind his family, his work — the day job and music. He didn't long for a swanky house or wardrobe, a yacht or trips to Rio, like Madeline. The bayside cottage, a half closet of tailored coats, slacks, shirts, and a dozen handpainted ties, a good hat and a rowboat, plus the dream of one day buying a sloop or ketch, suited him fine. But every few years he got a new car. Not a monster or showboat. Something responsive, tight without rattles, so you trust it'll turn like you mean it to, and if you goose the throttle, it goes zoom. So every twitch it gave was under his control. And a good radio.

He'd lost "Dreamland" when he'd crossed the divide. There wouldn't be much radio in the middle of the

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beyond San Fernando as if he'd escaped from jail were the same ones that plagued most everybody who spent longer than a weekend in Hollywood. Failures. Dreams that proved greater than you were. Superficial memories that kept him distracted from real nightmares. He was almost to the Grapevine before he dwelt for more than a second on his mother. The saint. This moment she'd be sitting on a hard chair with her nose in the Bible or Science and Health, looking for something she hadn't gleaned in the first thousand readings, anything that would make her feel more hallowed. She lived in the mansion Florence's husband built, a mile up the hill from their old cottage. Hickey wondered who she was fondling these days. The reason Florence gave for remaining childless was that a baby would irritate Mom. Florence was subtle, diplomatic. Hickey knew what she really meant.

On the grade, Hickey ate tuna sandwiches, smoked his pipe, and watched the

night through this valley. He settled in for the long run, 400 flat, weary miles. He tried to contemplate and solve some problems, like how to please Madeline; the whereabouts of Cynthia Tucker; whether Phil the maître d', whom Hickey'd put in charge of Rudy's, could pacify LeDuc the chef without a fistfight; whether LeDuc would keep his fingers off the cigarette girls' behinds. But as the night got heavier, those subjects taxed his mind, so his mind refused them and chose a trancelike stupor. He sailed through patches of fog, past vineyards, almond groves, musky ranches, stockyards, endless farms. Even at 2:00 a.m. there were tractors plowing and bin trucks at the silos loading. Grub for the war. In Fresno, beside a bin truck loaded with fertilizer and a couple stakebeds hauling wetbacks and Okies, Hickey gassed up and bought a thermos of coffee.

A hundred miles vanished. Sacramento flashed by. Everything lightened. A band of dawn appeared above the Sierra Nevada

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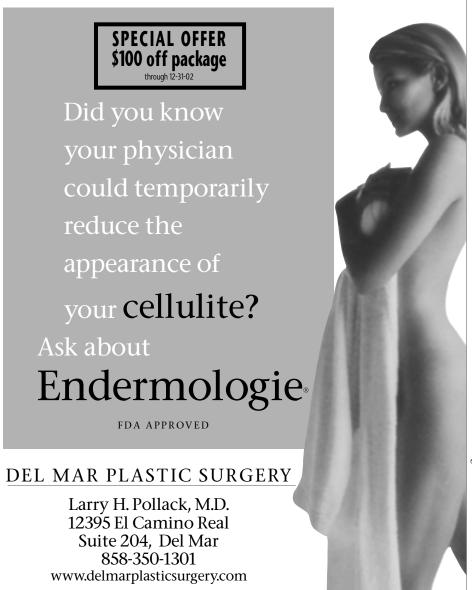
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and spilled over like a flood of syrup. Rivers of mauve and fern green ran down the snowy mountainsides. The best part of driving all night was dawn, Hickey mused. The clouds made angel patterns. Piles of fallen leaves sparkled in the orchards like heaps of gold and jewels. Out of a checkerboard of rice fields, white cranes and snow geese flew up and away.

Hickey made Redding before 8:00 a.m. At a truck stop alongside the Sacramento River, he filled his tank and thermos, bought a half pound of coffee cake, and bribed the cashier who either had a 16-yearold figure and the face of a crone, or Hickey was demented with fatigue to let him use the phone. He reached Leo, who hadn't found the girl or got into the Tucker house yet.

A few miles up the road, the valley dead-ended into a mountain range. The road narrowed, got icy, weaved beside the arroyos of churning streams, beneath cutaway red dirt hillsides, across

bridges and around the bays of Shasta Lake, into dense pine forests. A sign proclaimed **CHAINS** REQUIRED. Hickey didn't have any. He tightened his grip on the wheel and skidded for a long spell without much chance to admire the landscape until, at the crest of the Trinity Alps, Mount Shasta appeared.

Like unsuspectingly opening a door and colliding with a giant — suddenly the mountain was the whole panorama, a great white pyramid that stood alone without foothills leading to it, as if it had dropped in one piece out of the sky. Hickey marveled at the sight while he skidded down the grade and into Dunsmuir.

A strangely dark town, crouching in the shadow of the Trinity Alps as though it had reasons to hide from the sun. The one main street led off the highway. A mix of gravel and slush. Along it, in the mile before it disappeared into forest, there were ten or so buildings, half of them built of stone, chunks of dark granite

wedged together and mortared. The rest were made of stacked logs. There was a Texaco station and a garage, a hardware-grocery, a café that doubled as bus depot and post office. The Outpost. One of the log buildings. A few old pickups sat out front. Hickey pulled in beside them. He slid out of his Chevy, town's old watchdogs, none under 70, had the farthest table. They'd probably finished breakfast an hour ago, would digest for another hour, then wander outside, take a seat in the sun, and rest until nap time. They'd know Venus and everybody else in town.

Hickey took the middle table, sat watching the

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stretched, whiffed the pines. When he started shivering, he walked inside.

Left of the counter was a wall of postal boxes. Hickey stepped over there for a look. They were tagged by name. No Tucker. Right of the counter, in a cramped, dimly lit area, were three tables with checked tablecloths and flowered napkins. At the first one sat two young farmers. Three of the

cook and waitress. The cook had a lion and an eagle tattooed on one arm and the tattooed face of a woman peeking out from his collar. The waitress was a little plump, a lot buxom. She had a schoolgirl face, blanched complexion, dimples, frizzy blond hair. SUE LYNN stitched onto her blouse. After a couple minutes she turned from gabbing with the cook and smiled at Hickey.

Her voice was a quavery drawl. She took Hickey's order, a country omelet, corned-beef hash, milk. Her hips swished free and easy, going to the counter and back with his milk and water. Hickey asked about a motel.

"Well, you're gonna have to stay at the Castle Crag, 'cause it's all there is. I hear it's elegant. Where you from? Don't tell me. Las Angeleez."

"San Dago."

"Watcha doin' way up here? Running from a gal?"

"Hunting for one."

"I'll be." She nibbled her bottom lip. "Got a particular type in mind?"

"Yep. Name's Cynthia Tucker."

"Uh-huh." Sue Lynn gazed coolly around, nodded to one of the watchdogs who flagged her. "Pardon." She swished off and made a turn around the room with the coffee pot, then fetched Hickey's order and brought it over. "Bone apeteet."

"Yeah," Hickey said. "Listen. You know somebody named Venus that lives around here?"

The farmers, the watchdogs, the cook, and Sue Lynn dropped their other occupations and stared at him. Not with glee. Finally Sue Lynn nodded. "Sure, everybody knows Venus. She's one of them Netsocks that're buying up the town."

Hickey set down his fork, his eyes widening. The waitress eased into the ricketv chair across from them. "Netsocks call theirselves a society, but they ain't no society, a church is what they are. Everybody knows that. Well, they ain't exactly a church either, in a Christian sense. What they are, according to Pastor, is a gang of loonies. Know what he says? They believe there's a tribe of goblins-like that're living inside the mountain, right smack in the middle of Mount Shasta." She broke off for a hearty giggle. "They're all the time up there, searching for some tunnel where they can sneak inside. You going up there?"

"Where's that?" "Their place. You go to

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the end of the road and then keep going until you see this big sign, says Black Forest Lodge. You go up there, promise you come back and tell me about 'em?"

Hickey nodded. "What'd you mean, buying up the town?"

"Just like it sounds. This past year or so, most every parcel that's offered, she's plucked it up. But they ain't selling to her no more. Least if anybody does, they're gonna get whooped. How'd you like your town getting took over by a gang of loonies?"

Hickey smiled. "My town already has."

"That so?"

He picked up his fork and started nibbling, let Sue Lynn get back to work. The omelet was too cheesy, the hash like military surplus. It cost almost a dollar. He gave Sue Lynn a four-dollar tip, enough to make her chirp when she saw it.

Outside, two of the watchdogs leaned against the bed of a pickup, admiring Hickey's Chevy. A stonebald fellow, who looked too frail to stand as straight as he did, pointed at the car. "She a fast one?"

"Yep," Hickey said. "Six cylinders is plenty, car this small. Want to give her a spin?"

The old guy cackled. "Hell, no. Maybe I'd wreck her and you'd skin my ass."

Hickey shrugged."I bet you know Venus."

"I seen her around. One of them Nuthawks. Maybe not just one of them either. I hear she's the top dog."

"Hell she is," the other fellow growled. He was short, box-shaped, hidden in a bundle of clothes, a jacket and overcoat, hat pulled down to his eyes. "Top bitch, maybe. Top dog's that nigra."

"Who's that?"

"The swami. Sissy boy. You ain't looking to join up with 'em."

'Naw. I'm looking for Venus's daughter, Cynthia."

"Big pretty gal, brunette?"

"Redhead, last I saw."

"Sure, I seen a redhead get off the bus," the bald man said. "Week or so back. Lady with hair enough to keep her butt warm, she'd drove down in a Ford, '31 or '32, picked up the redhead. The two of "em stood there, squeezing the other and bawling like President Roosevelt died."

Emma Vidal, Hickey thought. He said thanks, fired up his Chevy, and drove the half mile to the end of the road and the Castle Crag Motor Hotel, a 50-yardlong stone building with arched windows and a shingle roof.

The woman who checked him in wore a wedding ring big as a cupcake. About 40, tall and lithe, with shoulder-length dark hair, opal earrings, keen hazel eyes, impeccable makeup and hairdo, like a city girl who'd just returned from the beauty salon.

Hickey paid, filled out a card, and was set to ask about Venus when the phone rang and the woman — Fay Giles, according to the nameplate on the desk — began talking heatedly with somebody about water rights on a certain ranch. Hickey found his own way to the room. It was spacious enough and furnished with the best of the Sears catalog. Even an alarm clock.

smuir or the Shasta Highlands tract, I call my attorney, he calls the sheriff, and the sheriff calls you a fraud. Ever seen Alcatraz?"

"I hear you," Hickey said. "Tell me, if I were fronting for the Tuckers, why would I ask you about the Nezahs?"

"Maybe you're a sharp one."

"You said Tucker women. Meaning Venus and who?"

"What's it to you?"

"I'm looking for Cynthia Tucker, Venus's younger daughter. You know her?"

"Venus and I don't go to the same tea parties, mister. All I've got to say about their society is, the closer you get, the more it stinks. What I see is a land-grab operation and a breeding farm."

"Breeding farm? What're they breeding?"

"Go look for yourself." "Yeah. Thanks." He walked out, thinking that every little town must have its Fay Giles, who'd moved

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He set it for 2:00 p.m., which would give him a couple hours of sleep and leave a couple more of daylight, and collapsed.

After whacking the alarm clock, he shaved, slapped on cologne, changed his underwear and shirt, and walked to the office. Fay Giles was sitting on the desk, manicuring her toenails. When he and a blast of cold wind teamed to sling open the door, she spun to sit correctly and primped her legs together, blushing as though he'd caught her trying on naughty underwear.

"I should've rung the bell?"

"Please. Do you need something?" She had a husky, smoker's voice.

"Sure. Whatever advice you can give me about the Nezah Society."

She paled and crinkled her roundish, delicate face. "Are you in real estate?"

Why, you selling?"

"Look, mister, if you're fronting for the Tucker women, if you're planning to buy up more of Dun-

there to escape some person or city she'd watched go wrong. Usually she'd be the town's staunchest defender, while the natives sat on the fences and observed, not so sure the place was worth defending.

At the end of the gravel road, a dirt trail ran to the left, beginning a spiral climb up the mountainside. It looked cleared and plowed since the last snow, but it got slicker and darker as it tunneled through overhanging trees before opening into a glen. A meadow of snow, patches of dead grass, pools of iced, swampy water, surrounded by fir and aspen trees. The light was gray and shimmery. Hickey imagined giant bats and witches. The trail ended at a stone wall with an iron gate and a carved wood sign. BLACK FOREST LODGE.

Hickey parked in the middle of the trail. On either side he would've gotten stuck in snow or slush. He stood a moment at the gate, surveying the place. It looked like a motor court designed by a pre-Renaissance Ger-

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California.

The unchained. Hickey pushed it open, got into his car, and drove through. An elderly man in khakis and a black woolen coat, and two children barely old enough to walk, stood beside the first building eyeing him. As he approached, the man took both kids by their hands and towed them across the compound toward a glass building, apparently a hothouse. Through the steamy glass he made out the shadows of seven people besides the ones who'd just entered. Hickey parked next to the only car, a grimy ten-yearold Ford. He glanced in the window in case the registration was visible. It might belong to Emma Vidal.

A woman stepped out of the second building across the compound. Tall and erect. Wearing a man's work shirt over a gingham dress almost to the ground. She took large, graceful strides that made her appear lightfooted even in the hiking boots. She had a mane of glossy black hair, peach-col-

ored skin, and a smile that kept growing as she neared Hickey. From ten feet away she looked warm and serene. It wasn't until she got close enough to shake his hand that he read a kind of mournful skittishness in her eyes and noticed her protruding belly.

"Hi," she said cheerfully. "I'm Katherine."

"No, she and the master left yesterday also."

"A regular exodus," Hickey said. "Emma Vidal leave, too?"

The smile withered. She stared at her boots as if they'd suddenly pinched her. "Would you like a cup of cider?"

Hickey nodded and followed her across the com-

"The master and Emma had shown her to the temple at the center of the world, where she would seek audience with

"Tom Hickey. A friend of Cynthia Tucker."

the Ancient Masters."

The smile froze in place. For an instant her jaw quivered, before she recovered and said, "Pleased to meet

"My pleasure. Cynthia around?"

"I'm afraid she left yesterday."

"Hmmm. Venus here?"

pound to the second building. Inside was steamy hot and dim. Fire crackled in a wood stove in one corner. There were three pallet beds, a long plank table and benches, handmade of pine, a bookcase of stacked bricks and boards, dozens of books. Hickey noticed the Tao Te Ching of Lao-Tzu. A col-

lection of Coleridge's essays.

Madam Blavatsky's Secret Doctrine and Isis Unveiled. From an icebox, Katherine pulled a gallon jug. She poured cider into a pan that had hung alongside others from the wall above the icebox, set it on the stove.

She sat on the bench across the table from Hickey. "As I said, Cynthia left yesterday, with her sister. Did you drive up from San Diego?"

"Yep."

"They might've passed you on the road. Too bad."

"Venus, the master, Miss Vidal — you expect any of them back soon?"

Katherine's head jerked as if an invisible hand had slapped her. "The master and Venus will be gone several weeks on a speaking tour." She folded her hands and whispered, "Emma has gone to the Almighty."

For all Hickey knew, to these folks the Almighty could be a guy with a turban who told fortunes in Reno, "Dead?"

She nodded. "In an avalanche, on the Holy Mountain. Last Saturday, the day of Cynthia's communion. The master and Emma had shown her to the temple at the center of the world, where she would seek audience with the Ancient Masters. Our master and our Emma got swept into a culvert when a snowpack broke free. Our master barely escaped."

Hickey conjured an image that fitted what he'd learned of Emma Vidal. Long-haired, attractive, generous. He leaned back, watched flecks of soot rise toward the ceiling, and grieved for a minute, while a scheme of answers came to him. Suppose the relapse of Henry Tucker had stirred in Cynthia the need to make peace with her mother, for whom she decided to join the Nezahs. She would've returned to San Diego in a week like she'd promised Clyde, except for the avalanche. In grief, she could've failed to call McGraw or Rudy's. The picture and note — suppose she'd drawn and written them herself. Maybe they were scenes from a night-

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mare of hers. She might've brought the gun, a small one that could be concealed, because she worried they'd leave her alone on the mountain, and she wanted the gun to scare off wolves. All that could be, Hickey thought but didn't believe.

"Cynthia and Emma Vidal, they were close?"

"Like mother and daughter."

Hickey nodded. "Venus mind that?"

"Oh, I think not. Venus is much more than just a mother. Do you know her?"

"Nope."

"You'd love her. She's everything female. Patience, endurance, charity, serenity."

"Cynthia take it hard? The avalanche?"

Katherine's lips parted, then shut several times, and her eyes flicked around while, Hickey figured, she sorted through the truth, deciding which parts to tell. "We held the burial on Monday. Cynthia became hysterical. She had to be restrained and finally...sedated. After a few days, though, by yesterday morning, she seemed to have accepted the loss."

"Drugged, you say?" "Sedated."

"There's a doctor here, or did you call one in?"

Katherine's eyes furled as if he'd made her a rude proposal.

"I'd like to have a word with the doctor," Hickey said. "About Cynthia."

"The master is our doctor. He practiced medicine in India. If you wish to try and reach him by phone, I can give you their itinerary."

"Yeah," Hickey said. "Please."

She went to the bookshelves, thumbed through a stack of papers, then noticed the cider boiling. She poured them each a cup, delivered them to the table, got paper, pencil, and notepad from the bookcase, and sat next to Hickey.

He stirred, sipped, and watched while she copied the itinerary and handed it to him. "The master, would he be the guy a fellow in town called the nigra?"

The cheery but haggard smile she'd worn at first reappeared. "Yes. They wouldn't know the difference. The master is half Indian, half British."

"He's got a name?"

"Pravinshandra Chapman. What else did the townies have to say about

"That you're a bunch of loons?

"Did you believe them?"

"I took their opinion under advisement."

"Would you like to know about our beliefs?"

"Make it quick," Hickey said. "A long time ago I got weaned off religion. A kind of Theosophist, is that what you are?"

"Do you know the teachings of Madame Blavatsky?'

"As much as I care to. No offense. I like you, so far, and you can believe the universe is a grapefruit, it's all the same to me. I've got a phobia, is all, like some people can't abide spiders. One thing, though. The townies say you folks believe there are goblins in the mountain. That right?"

She grinned, finished her cider, put the mug down, and clapped her hands. "Goblins, they said? Oh my. No, you see, we believe there are spirits everywhere. The ether is composed of spirit beings. We can go no place, imagine no place, where we wouldn't be surrounded, and inhabited, by spirit beings. I'm sure there are spirits inside the mountain. That there are creatures of the flesh, immortals, inside the mountain, is Indian

As she concluded, another young woman entered, a stringy-haired blonde in men's overalls and a logger's jacket, looking flushed and sweaty as if she'd just escaped from a Turkish bath, wearing gardener's gloves. Hickey didn't notice her belly until she leaned her arm on Katherine's shoulder and he saw her in profile. Katherine introduced her as Rosemary.

"Come summer," Hickey said, "you ladies are gonna need a big pile of diapers."

Rosemary chuckled. "Yes sir. Four of us are due this winter or spring."

"Coincidence?"

"Well, each of us came here soon after they sent our husbands overseas, if that's what you mean. It's a safe place to raise our babies for the duration, isn't it?" She wiped her brow, pardoned herself, and trudged to a mattress, flopped onto her back and lay cradling her belly. Katherine gave Hickey a weary smile of dismissal.

As she walked him to his car, he looked around, spotted the outlines of two people in the hothouse. Out of eight residents, at least, only two had been curious enough to approach him. Reclusive or afraid? he wondered. He scanned the place one time, looking for insights. All he noticed were three smoking chimneys and a little boy who dashed across the compound and fell smack on his face in the

Hickey skidded his Chevy down the mountain, asking himself whether to leave for home that evening or do what his nature advised: stick around, snoop a little more into the death of Emma Vidal, maybe uncover some dirt about these Nezahs. If this master or Venus were, say, usurping the bank accounts of their followers and using the money to buy up Dunsmuir, or taking in unwed pregnant gals and peddling the babies — in Hickey's eyes, a religious charlatan might pull any wicked ruse — he could pass the evidence to Fay Giles, who'd use it to hang them.

But Cynthia'd returned to San Diego. Where Hickey had a daughter with the blues, a restless wife, a business to run. If he left the Cuban on his own too long, Rudy's kitchen might be sporting craps tables and roulette wheels, like the Havana casino where Castillo'd learned his trade.

A phone call would tell him if the girl had returned safely. Once that got settled, it was best to presume what he'd supposed earlier — Cynthia had come up here to make peace with her mama, get religion, shoot wolves.

Otherwise, he might ask himself, if somebody who doesn't normally pack a gun buys one, loads it, then goes on a sudden trip — if at her destination, somebody dies, might one and one equal a murder? ■

– Ken Kuhlken

Next week: The long drive home

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University City, and I got halfway home and all of a sudden I felt very queasy. I was in a center lane, and there was nowhere I could go to the side of the road and throw up, so I had to put my handkerchief over my mouth, and even so I puked all over the inside of my car. To make a long story short, I was sick as a dog in bed for a couple of days.

Later on, there is a place around San Luis Obispo that sells different native plants and seeds and I was writing to those people on some other matter and I happened to mention, "Look out for the Mexican elderberries. Never eat them raw, they'll make you vomit," and the guy wrote back and said, "Oh yeah, that's common knowledge."

It's one thing to eat native elderberries cooked in pies or something, but don't eat them raw.

Name Withheld

Mean Head

We at the Shi-ho Gallery in Del Mar were greatly disturbed at the headline "Sick of Christianity This Week?" that one of your editors added to our event listing for the Festival of Hindu Arts and Culture (December 5). I can only imagine that the editor in question added this headline to our announcement to gain attention and not for malicious reasons. However, the insensitivity of the message caused much damage to our event and greatly undermined our purpose and mission as a gallery. Additionally, Shi-ho was described as a "center for creative and healing arts." This, too, was the editor's interpretation of the material originally submitted. Shi-ho is a gallery dedicated to the presentation of museum-quality art, artifacts, and programs from the world's traditions in an effort to enhance peace and cultural understanding. We are located at 2002 Jimmy Durante Boulevard in Del Mar. We are deeply sorry for any hurt that your editor's

message may have caused members of the Christian faith and welcome all persons of any ethnic or religious background to visit our premises. It is my hope that the *Reader* will exercise more sensitivity and accuracy when editing materials.

Diane Mandle

We regret any misunderstanding caused by the headline. — Editor

Shi-ho Gallery

Screwed Up

I had high hopes for the new "Hometown CDs" column until a couple of weeks ago, when you reviewed a CD that was available nowhere. What's the point of that, I wondered. Save the column space for something that is out. Though I guess you countered this week (December 5) with the review of Grammy-winning international star Brian Setzer and his new CD, which will sell several thousand copies to his fans all over the world. That's like L.A. radio station KLOS featuring someone like Van Halen on the local list.

Neil Taylor Nestor

I agree that it makes no sense to review CDs that you can't purchase. That is an editorial error we will try not to repeat. — Jennifer Ball, music editor

Quit Rome, Anne!

Does it ever occur to Anne Albright that at least some of her current depression may stem from her Catholicism? Anne seems intelligent yet displays little awareness of how her religion sets her up to "feel like a failure." She's pumped out the requisite bounty of kids and feels miserable when their care overwhelms her. Who wouldn't be overwhelmed?

To me, she and her well-intentioned but doltish husband seem a complete anachronism in today's overpopulated world. I guess entrenched Catholics do enjoy their sheep role, that is clear. Pump out more Catholics!

Has Anne ever had the thought that in a patriarchal religion she is appreciated only for her womb? For all her education, she seems so backward and easily led. What would she do if her husband died? Could she be a single mother/attorney? Could she take charge of her life again?

I hear all the mothers crying about how devalued their "roles" are and I agree, but child care for all its rewards is lonely and tedious. How could a stay-at-home mother of five children not be depressed? Dad is with adults all day and Mom is home with her brain glazed over. Anne is a good little Catholic girl in a complicated, techno world. I guess Prozac is her only defense and her pathetic religion her only comfort. Sad.

> Jan Genovese Del Cerro

Get It Right

Pretty good article about Jimi Hendrix ("Jimi's Local Jam," Pop Music, November 27). However, Mr. Sanford should check his facts. There is no such paper as the Seattle Union Tribune. It does not exist. Just because that is the name of San Diego's paper doesn't mean every city has a *Union-Tribune*. Perhaps he meant the Seattle Times or Seattle PI? Funny thing is that when he mentions it, he says that "the paper isn't keeping correct records," when actually he himself

Pete Benson

The paper was the Seattle Union Record; the error was made by the editorial department. — Editor

007 Lives

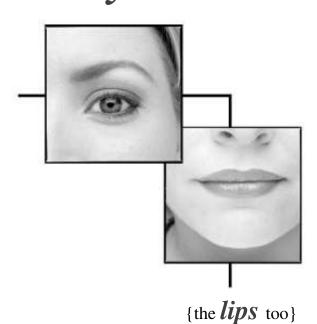
Re Duncan Shepherd's review of the latest 007 movie saga: *Die Another Day* ("Harry, James, and Jim," November 27).

Balls to you, Duncan, and balls again!" if I may redirect Fleming's character's words - leveled originally at "Tiger" Tanaka, the fictional head of the Japanese SIS, in You Only Live Twice, one of the better Fleming offerings — at your obstreperous and stubbornly myopic film critic. The truth is that regardless of Duncan's many tirades to the contrary, James Bond remains — in the eyes of a great many fans throughout the world — the most popular fictional secret agent of all time. Again, I italicize the word "fictional" to underscore what should be obvious to everyone but the most stolid and pigheaded reviewer (is that you, Mr. Shepherd?), to wit: James Bond 007's fanciful exploits were never meant to portray those of any real-life operative for Her Majesty's Secret Service. Fleming himself scoffed at the idea of anyone taking his hero's adventures too seriously.

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> R. Martinez San Ysidro

Bastard Skyline

As a born and raised San Diegan of 50 years, I am constantly amazed at the ludicrous ideas architects come up with for our town and the *balls* the people with money have. I'm referring to the

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November 21 article ("A Slap in the Face of the Past") regarding the proposal for the historical Santa Fe Depot by the la jolla museum (small letters because that's all they deserve). I am not opposed to the idea of a museum annex downtown, but let's get real! Our skyline has been bastardized long enough; when will the powers of the city council and the voice of citizens be heard? Our skyline is a joke of the tool box trade, and we don't need to add any more to it. What's next, something that looks like a socket box to hold the emerald towers? In other words, stop screwing with our skyline and get some taste. We are a town with a Spanish history, not a history in cell blocks.

> Georgieflo San Diego

Unique Helicopter

I was pleased to see the band Inch given its due in your article about San Diego punk and alternative bands

'90s ("Real Hardcore True Punk," October 17). Their CDs Dot Class C and Stresser have been in rotation on my stereo for quite a while now. A key element to their sound was the innovative drumming of David Hepler, who honed his formidable chops in another San Diego band from that period, which needs to be mentioned here. That band was called Helicopter.

In an all-too-brief career, Helicopter established itself as a popular band in San Diego clubs and college campuses from 1988 through 1991. During this entire time, bass player John Vernetti battled lymphoma, enduring two bone marrow transplants before succumbing to the disease in January of '92. In spite of this, Helicopter forged a unique style and sound that is well sampled on their self-titled CD, released on Cargo Records in 1992.

I'm sure numerous bands

were left out of this article, but to me, Helicopter deserved mention, and I encourage those who collect music from that period to seek out their fine CD.

> Iim Kunkler North Park

Talent Show

It is great to see the Reader extending opportunities to talented writers from local high schools, such as Stephanie Feldstein and Tiara Falk. It is uncommonly refreshing to read such sparkling, lucid prose. These students are a credit to their families, their teachers, and now the Reader! I vote for establishing a year-long Reader columnist internship to nurture such talent.

> Mark McCarthy Oceanside

Duncan Frustrates

Duncan Shepherd is probably the worst writer, whose reviews of the movies are out of line and only an attempt on his part to prove that he has a great vocabulary as well as knowledge about the movies. We both have master's degrees, but his reviews are clearly an insult to our intelligence. His long sentences are filled with one parenthesis after the other, jumping from one subject to another, making it almost impossible for one to follow or comprehend. For instance, as he is reviewing a specific movie, he starts talking about many other movies with the same director, the date when they were made, their plot, even comparing those movies with each other. Amidst all the irrelevant information, one should try hard to find where

he actually does talk about

this certain movie in mind. Mr. Shepherd has a big ego, and in the process of showing his intellectualism, he forgets about the main subject. It is very frustrating, and all of us movie lovers have given up wasting time on him. Perhaps he should read other critics, or listen to the Ebert and Roeper TV program to learn how a good review should be.

> Pari Mestah Del Mar

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A Traditional Holiday Play

s Paula Kalustian drove to an appointment in Mission Hills one day last week, she chatted on her cell phone about her upcoming production of *La Pastorela*. After her meeting, she was going to pick up lanterns to use as props for the show. "They're battery-lit but look real," she said. "We're trying to keep it authentic. So we're also doing it acoustically" — without mikes — "by speaking loudly and bringing the chairs close.

La Pastorela is an old Spanish church play that the Franciscans brought to Mexico in the 16th Century. It's a Christmas story about the shepherds who want to bring gifts to the Baby Jesus in Bethlehem. Along the way,

LOCAL **EVENTS** Luzbel (Lucifer) tries to divert them. St. Michael

the Archangel fights Luzbel, and good triumphs over evil.

"Some pastorelas are big and fancy," said Kalustian. "Ours is not. It's more like the sort of La Pastorela that the people of Old Town themselves would have come together and presented.'

Evidence shows that some well-known Old Town residents played in 19th-century pastorelas. Kalustian named "one of the Whaley daughters, Pio Pico, and, of course, the Bandinis" as having taken part. The script being used for this production, adapted by Rose-Yvonne Urias, was based on one written by a Bandini family member.

Grad students from Kalustian's masters of fine arts program in musical theater at SDSU will play the roles this year. The script calls for uncomplicated "stock characters," Kalustian said. "There's a foolish shepherd, a lazy shepherd, a devout shepherdess, a saucy shepherdess. They're one-dimensional, and that's exactly what you need in a short piece like this." At 20 or 25 minutes, there's no time for development. "The audience needs to understand the characters from the first time they open their mouths."

Or even before they do so. St. Michael, traditionally played by a woman (and a woman plays the role in

this production), is immediately obvious in armor and helmet. So is Luzbel in his big black cape.

There is also an old hermit, a wise sage, who is the voice of reason, said Kalustian. Former SDSU grad student Chris Moad played the hermit a couple of years ago; now he is the production's director and designer. On a break from work at the Old Globe Theater, Moad said, "La Pastorela is a peasant play, so

although 'designer' may be my title, basically all we've done is to come up with clothing that looks appropriate for the vintage of Old Town. It's not a Biblical approach. We asked ourselves, 'What would a lower-class person from the parish think a peasant shepherd from the Bible might have looked like?'

So what will these characters wear? "Rags! Lots of homespun. We've done a lot of pulling and piecing together. We

wanted it to look as if these people had made their own costumes.

The colors are all earth tones. The shoes are essentially sandals. "It's a 'from-the-mission' situation. So it's theatrical in one sense, but it's very simple and unpretentious at the same time. This is not a gimmicky pastorela."

All the characters are comic, said Moad, even the hermit, who tries to keep the group from being distracted from its goal. "Pastorelas were written by peasants to be performed for peasants." They wanted these productions to be fun. "They would get plenty of preaching and moralizing at church. So they didn't need any here. But the payoff is that, at the end, their faith, their piety, and their devotion are demonstrated." They arrive at the crèche.

Will characters be playing the Holy Family? "No," said Moad. In the final scene, St. Michael walks onstage with a wooden crate. She puts the crate down and indicates that it is the manger. "And then in an aside to the audience, she says, 'Oh. The Holy Family is not visible, just in case you were wondering where they were.'

The device is in keeping with the spirit of the production, said Moad. "Amateur" isn't the right word to describe the double layers of the conceit — a play about Christmas 2002 years ago being performed by people who lived a century and a half ago. "We're trying to preserve the naïveté and the innocence without making it seem amateurish."

Probably a lot of rehearsing wouldn't be in the spirit of it, either? "It's not," said Moad. "The play goes together pretty quickly, and because we're using the outdoor stage, we really won't have a chance to do it there" he laughed a pretend kind of nervous laugh — "until the first

— Jeanne Schinto

"La Pastorela: A Traditional Holiday Play" Friday and Saturday, December 13 and 14, 8:00 p.m. Outdoor stage in the Plaza, **Old Town** Info: 619-220-5422

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BAJA

"Historias de Santos Mexicanos," author Carmen Zaucedo Zarco will read from her new book on Thursday, December 12, at 7 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Admission is free. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río; 011-52-664-687-9600. (IIJUANA)

Nuts to the South, the Ballet Noroeste de México Company presents *The Nutcracker* Friday through Sunday, December 13-15, at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). The curtain rises at 2 and 6 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$16 U.S. For reservations and information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

There's a Christmas Concert planned by the Orchestra of Baja California on Friday, December 13. The recital starts at 8 p.m. at the Tijuana City Hall (located in the Zona Río). Admission is \$25 U.S. Call 011-52-664-684-8609 for further details. (TIJUANA)

Explore the "Artistic Expressions of Tecate" during a San Diego Natural History Museum outing planned on Saturday, December 14, from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Participants will visit a ceramics professor, a painter, and others to observe expert craftsmen at work. The \$79 nonmember fee lunch and a bus transportation. To reserve a spot, call 619-255-0203. (TECATE)

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. (IUJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Hike to San Diego County's High Places to take advantage of December's characteristically clear air. From spots such as Cuyamaca Peak in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Wooded Hill in the Laguna Mountain Recreation Area, and Boucher Hill at Palomar Mountain State Park, vistas stretching a hundred miles across the Pacific Ocean are not uncommon at this time of year. Look for the dark profiles of Santa Catalina and San Clemente Islands, lying northwest and west of San Diego respectively.

Liquidamber Trees, or sweet gums, the colorfully deciduous trees gracing front yards, parks, and campuses throughout the San Diego area, have been putting on a good show for the past month. The maplelike leaves of some varieties have turned from green to purple to red; the leaves of other varieties have faded to a golden yellow. Other varieties will hold on to their leaves until the New Year. Most will regain their foliage by late February.

Caroling Around the Lake, head to Chollas Lake Park for this program on Friday, December 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. Expect singing, hot chocolate and cider sipping, and a visit by Santa Claus. Find the park at 6350 College Grove Drive (west of the College Grove Shopping Center). For information, call 619-527-7683 or 619-525-8219. Free. (COLLEGE GROVE)

The Geminid Meteor Shower, one of the year's two most regularly active showers, peaks on Saturday morning, December 14. This year's display dramatically improves starting around 2 a.m., when the moon sets and the sky becomes as dark as it can get. By lying under an open sky, far from city lights, and looking straight upward you may see a maximum of about 60 meteors per hour during the hours before dawn.

Help With Trail Repair and gain some "hands-on nature training" in the Calavera Mountain Nature Preserve on Saturday, December 14, from 8 a.m. to noon. Bring gloves, shoes with tread, and water. Find the preserve south of Tamarack Avenue, east of College Avenue; park at Strata Drive and walk to the dam at Calavera Lake. To reserve a spot, call 760-720-2003. (CARLSBAD)

Follow an "Ephemeral Stream" during the guided nature walk through the "Golden" 32nd Street Canyon planned by the Sierra Club on Saturday, December 14. Participants will tour this designated open space, see the proposed school site, learn about invasive plant species, and "find out about the sewer line's impact on the canyon." Join the group at 9 a.m. at the mouth of the canyon, located on the north side of C Street, just below the dirt road at 32nd Street. Free. For more details, call 619-280-7438 or 619-239-6120. (GOLDEN HILL)

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when naturalist/humorist Anita Milner leads a 2.5-mile walk in Daley Ranch on Saturday, December 14. Meet at 9 a.m. in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive), with water and hiking boots. 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, take a nature walk hosted by the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy at 9 a.m. on December 14. Free. Call 760-436-3944 for directions and information. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Tis the Season to Be Birding, if you ask biologist and birding expert Mike Klein, who plans a hike on Saturday, December 14, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., in Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Open-Space Preserve. Participants will learn about identifying birds and hear a discussion of their habitat.

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

Support Your Local Least Terns and snowy plovers during the cleanup planned in Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, December 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will clean up the nesting sites and remove invasive vegetation. Bring work gloves and your favorite weeding tools; you may also want to bring binoculars for this scenic birding site.

Meet the group at 9 a.m. at the southern end of Seacoast Drive. Free. For further details, dial 619-224-4591 or 619-575-2704. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Shaman's Hike, explore shamanistic practices, exercises, and meditations "to connect with the wisdom and healing in nature" when Will Bowen leads a hike on Saturday, December 14, in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. The adventure begins at 3 p.m. in the west end parking/staging area on Sorrento Valley Boulevard (one-half mile east of the intersection with Vista Sorrento). The outing is free. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Walk on the Wild Side, see the San Diego Wild Animal Park from a new perspective during walking tours slated for Saturday and Sunday, December 14 and 15. Guides take participants to areas including elephant and tiger bedrooms, the off-exhibit area for okapis, and more.

The fee is \$14 for members; nonmembers are welcome but must add the park admission fee. Find the park at 15500 San Pasqual Valley Road. To make the required reservations, call 760-738-5057. Tours continue on various dates through December 28. (ESCONDIDO)

What Bird Was That? Find out when birding authority and biologist Claude Edwards leads a field trip to identify and distinguish birds inhabiting the pines, oaks, pastures, and lake shores within portions of Paso Picacho Campground and Stonewall Mine in Cuyamaca Rancho State

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Christmas in Coronado, join Coastwalk for an evening stroll through the streets of this burg to the Hotel del Coronado to view the trees on Sunday, December 15. Participants will return to the ferry landing in time to watch the parade of lights on the bay. The walk starts at 5 p.m. at the Coronado ferry landing; bring a flashlight and money for snack (optional). Rain cancels. 619-283-3026. (CORONADO)

Railway Hike, see the 600-foot trestle bridge in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park when Hike Bike San Diego leads an adventure on Sunday, December 15. 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. This hike was postponed from November due to inclement weather. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Land of the Kumeyaay, walk the same grounds as the Kumeyaay did hundreds of years ago when Ranger Casey Smith leads an interpretive walk in Mission Trails Regional Park on Sunday, December 15. The outing starts at 2 p.m. at the Old Mission Dam parking lot (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). For information, call 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Trail Maintenance is planned in Daley Ranch on Sunday, December 15, and you're invited to contribute some labor with the ranger staff. Join the group at 8 a.m. in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive), with water and hiking boots. Free. 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

The Planet Saturn is at opposition on Monday, December 16, which means that it rises in the east at sunset and sets in the west at dawn, thereby remaining above the horizon all night long. You'll recognize starlike Saturn by its cream-colored hue and its tendency not to twinkle as much as other stars do.



The Distinctive Christmas Decorations of Garrison Street and grand views of San Diego from Fleetridge provide the focus for Walkabout walkers on Thursday, December 19. This walk is generally flat, but there are some hills. Bring a flashlight. The walk starts at 4:45 p.m. at Chatsworth Boulevard and Narragansett Avenue (at the triangular parking lot). Free. 619-231-7463. (POINT LOMA)

DANCE

'Tis the Season of the Nutcrackers, the Moscow Classical Ballet's lavish production of the Nutcracker is being presented December 12-15 at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido



Directors Natalia Kasatkina and Vladimir Vasilyov have drawn heavily from the original story by E.T.A. Hoffman for their production. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, and at 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets range from \$33 to \$53. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253

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City Ballet of San Diego, with the San Diego Civic Youth Orchestra, under the direction of Steven and Elizabeth Wistrich, has performances planned December 13-15, at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). The production follows choreography by

"the great Russian" Lev Ivanov. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, and a 1 p.m. performance on Sunday. The final performance, beginning at 5 p.m. on Sunday, is the Nutty Nutcracker. Tickets range from \$19 to \$35, available by calling 858-272-8663 or Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

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A "Pre-Holiday Celebration" is planned by the youth and adult participants in classical ballet and ballet folklorico classes on December 13 and 14 at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). The program includes performances by Ballet Folklorico Jalisciense and the Motojaye Arts Institute making a musical presentation about Kwanzaa. Free. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and at 2 p.m. on Saturday. To make the suggested reservations, call 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Calling All Jitterbugs! National swing dance champions Justin Zillman and Jenn Salvadori will be dancing and spinning on Friday, December 13, at Cafe Savoy, found at the Hot Monkey Love Cafe (5960 El Cajon Boulevard, near College). Doors open at 8 p.m., with swing lessons at 8:15 p.m. and dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$6 general, \$5 for those who arrive before 9 p.m. 619-729-2900. (COLLEGE)

Wild Jumpin', Martha Wild calls and Jump Fingers play the tunes for the contradance on Friday, December 13, at the Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

"Imagination Celebration," the advanced choreography students at Palo-

mar College showcase their work during recitals directed by Patriceann Mead slated for Friday and Saturday, December 13 and 14. Performances begin at 8 p.m. each night in the Howard Brubeck Theatre; find the campus 1140 West Mission Road. Tickets are \$10 general, available by calling 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Second Saturday Square and Round Dance, the Sandpipers Dance Club hosts a dance with calling by John Reitmajer and cueing by Peter Gomez on Saturday, December 14, at St. James (625 South Nardo). Rounds begin at 7 p.m., with alternating squares and rounds from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The donation is \$5; bring an "inexpensive, unwrapped toy" to donate to the St. James Mission Project for the children of Tijuana. For information, call 760-436-0685 or 858-481-8411. (SOLANA BEACH)

Get Your Freak On, says dance instructor Prince, who teaches the latest dance moves "to the hottest music" for beginning-intermediate dancers every Thursday, 7:54 to 9 p.m., at Dancing Unlimited (4569 30th Street). Learn a new style, lose stress, and work it out. The fee is \$10. 858-635-1211. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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)

Los Angeles-Based Filmmaker and Cartoonist Lalo Alcarez will screen his Fox short film *Paco's Suitcase Bomb* and talk about his new syndicated cartoon strip, "La Cucaracha," on Saturday, December 14, at 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Alcarez is a Lemon Grove native. Admission is \$7 general. Call 619-230-1869 for further information. (DOWNTOWN)

A Rollicking Tangle of Romance and Deceit! See Cha Cha Cha When this Antonio del Real film screens for the Sunday Matinee on December 15, at 2 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

How About a "Blazing German Film"? Sly comedy, action, suspense, and romance are all on offer in Gregor Schnitzler's What to Do in Case of Fire (2002), screening on Monday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m., for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In German with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"Holiday Cinema" provides the theme for the Carlsbad Library's film series this month. See *Christmas in Connecticut* (2001) on Wednesday, December 18, at 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

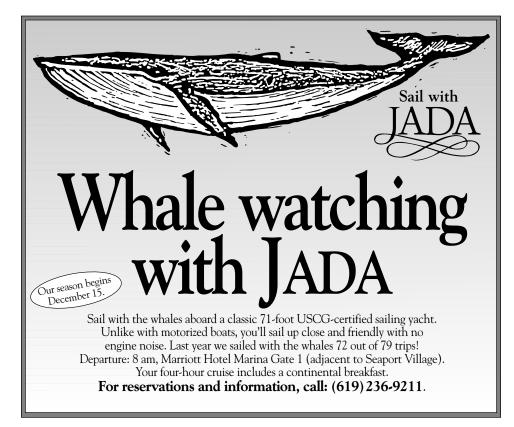
Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, visit Tanzania's Gombe Stream National Park in *Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees*. Within the 20-square-mile park, Goodall established what has become the longest continuously running study of animals in the wild. In her studies, Goodall has revolutionized our understanding 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. Ultimate X: The Movie brings 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. The film screens on Saturday afternoons through December.

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LECTURES

"Botticelli's Triptych: Primavera, The Adoration of the Magi, and The Birth of Venus" provides the subject when independent art historian Ron Steen speaks on Friday, December 13, at the San Diego Museum of Art. This docent guest lecture begins at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Folding for Fun, V'Ann Cornelius leads a class in origami at the Japanese Friendship Garden on Saturday, December 14, 1 to 3 p.m. The nonmember fee is \$15. Call 619-232-2721 to reserve a spot. (BALBOA PARK)

"Robots Among Us!" Head to the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center when a representative from the robotic system branch at SPAWAR shows how

specially designed robots were created to assist search and rescue efforts in the buildings around the World Trade Center in September 2001. The talk is slated for Saturday, December 14, 1 to 3 p.m., included in museum admission. Some of the experimental robots will be on hand for guests to operate. Call 619-238-1233 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

"Breaking the Silence: The Truth About California's Youth" is the theme for a workshop planned on Saturday, December 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the KPBS Copley Telecommunications Center (5200 Campanile Drive). The program includes guest speakers from Just Think and a screening of the PBS documentary Senior Year, based on the lives of students at Fairfax High School, to "provide a media-based context to address key youth health

concerns." Free. To register, call 619-230-1938. (SDSU)

Diabetes Is the Leading Cause of Blindness as well as the seventh leading cause of death in the United States. The American Academy of Optometry presents a Vision Care/Diabetes Awareness Fair on Saturday, December 14, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Boys and Girls Club (1430 D Avenue). The forum "Controlling Diabetes and Keeping Eyes Healthy" starts at noon. Call 619-460-3783 for further information. Free. (NATIONAL CITY)

Appetizers to Impress, learn to make appetizers "sure to impress this holiday season" when chef Bernard Guillas leads "holiday cooking and market day" on Saturday, December 14, at 1 p.m., at Macy's Mission Valley. Find the store at 1555 Camino de la Reina. To reserve a spot, call 619-299-9811. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Wrap It Up, use acrylic paint and a variety of stamping techniques to create one-of-a-kind gift wrap when Lauren Becker leads this "holiday gift wrap" workshop on Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Arts College International (840 G Street). Participants will learn about step and repeat, pattern, and design. The fee is \$28, plus \$7 for materials. Call 619-231-3900 to register. (DOWNTOWN)

A Guest Speaker from the Teddy Bear World! Teddy bear artist and Teddy Today co-editor Dennis Shaw will speak for the San Diego Teddy Bear Artists and Collectors Club annual Christmas luncheon and boutique. The luncheon takes place on Saturday, December 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Tom Ham's Lighthouse (2150 Harbor Island Drive). The fee is \$25; call 858-538-9295 for the recommended reservations. (HARBOR ISLAND)

"American Watercolors" provide the fodder when curator D. Scott Atkinson speaks for the Insight Gallery talk series at the San Diego Museum Art at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 15. The lecture is included in regular admission. 619-232-7931 (BALBOA PARK)

Tekniqs, this twice-monthly spokenword workshop series begins on Sunday, December 15, at 6 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). The workshop is coordinated by poets Raymond R Beltran, Sergio Gonzales, and MariaJulia Urias. The requested donation is \$2. Questions? Call 619-230-1869 for answers. (DOWNTOWN)

Serious About Writing Screenplays? Lisa Alden — who "has been an executive at Universal Pictures, Lvnda Obst, and New Line" - leads a screenwriting workshop on Sunday, December 15, 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). The fee is \$100. For reservations, call 323-782-8695. (HILLCREST)

"Terror — So What Else Is New?" It's the topic when David Levine reviews the history of terrorism, outlines how it's been used in the past, and draws parallels with today's terrorist activities for the North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council of San Diego on Tuesday, December 17. The program begins at 10:05 a.m. in the second-floor salon at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar

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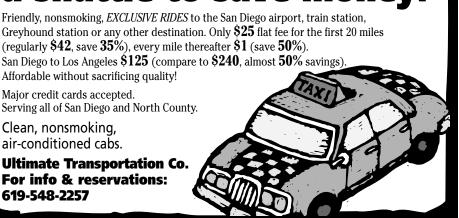
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Problems with Your Landlord? How about immigration? The Southwest Center for Asian Pacific Amer-

ican Law and the Legal Aid Society host a legal clinic on Thursday, December 19, 5 to 7 p.m., in the jury rooms at the South Bay Courthouse, 500 Third Avenue. Attorneys will be on hand to help with legal issues. Free. To sign up, call 619-336-0290. (CHULA VISTA)

Get Out! Wilderness ethics, first aid, equipment, water filtration, nutrition, map and compass — all of these subjects and more will be covered when the Sierra Club offers its annual "Wilderness Basics Courses." Classes continue for ten weeks, with lectures and outings.

The course begins on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, at San Pasqual High School (3300 Bear Valley Parkway); and on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Classes run from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The cost for the course is \$95 (cash or personal check), with registration on the first night of class. Information on the northern classes is available at 760-728-8220; call 858-272-9229 for information on the southern course. (ESCONDIDO MISSION VALLEY)

"Getting It Built Right: The Architect's Role During Construction" is explored when architect Donald Goldman presents a program for the Friends of San Diego Architecture on Saturday, January 18, 2003. The talk begins at 9:30 a.m. at the New School of Architecture, 1249 F Street. For information, call 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. A \$3 donation is requested. (DOWNTOWN)

IN PERSON

The Finale of Fresh Sound? The last concert at Spruce Street Forum is a Fresh Sound gig planned on Thursday, December 12. The performance by Lisle Ellis (electronics), Joëlle Léndre (double bass), and William Winant (percussion) begins at 8 p.m. Find the Forum at 301 Spruce Street. Tickets: \$20. To make the suggested reservations, call 619-295-0301.

"La Fiesta de la Nochebuena," enjoy new versions of well-known American holiday favorites and discover traditional Mexican carols when the Mariachi Champaña Nevín and Jeff Nevin perform on Thursday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m., at the San

Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$12 for nonmembers. Call 619-696-1966 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

A Really Big Sho-o-o-ow, a young boy's wish is granted in Big: The Musical, based on the 1988 comedy Big (starring Tom Hanks). The play is the next production at the Coronado School of the Arts. Performances begin at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, December 12-14. Find the Coronado High School Theater at 650 D Avenue. Call 619-522-8969 for reservations. (CORONADO)

The Commercial Arts Ensemble at MiraCosta College plans concerts on Friday and Saturday, December 13 and 14, at 7:30 p.m., in the Mira-Costa College Theater (One Barnard Drive). The ensemble comprises vocal and instrumental students of improvisation at the college, working in a variety of styles. General admission is \$7. Call 760-795-6815 for details. (OCEANSIDE)

"Give the Gift of Peace" when Deva Premal and Miten perform on Friday, December 13, at 8 p.m., at the Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). They're known for their "chant CDs" *The Essence* and Love Is Space. Tickets are \$22 in advance, or \$25 at the door. Tickets are available by calling 760-753-2345.

More Opportunities for Holiday Singing! The holiday concerts con tinue everywhere you listen this week. "He's Makin' a Wish" is the theme for concerts planned by the

San Diego Men's Chorus December 13-15. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 7 p.m. on Sunday, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive). Tickets are \$25. For information, call 619-296-7664. (CLAIREMONT)

"Silent Night" concerts with choirs and orchestra are offered at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 13, and at 3 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 14, at the College Avenue Baptist Church (4747 College Avenue). Free. Child care is available. For information, call 619-582-7222 x340. (COLLEGE GROVE)

"A Hope Family Christmas" is presented on December 13 and 15 at the Hope United Methodist Church (16550 Bernardo Heights Parkway). This "tapestry of Christmas praise and worship music" starts at 7 p.m. on Friday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday. An offering will be received. Child care is available by reservation. 858-485-5840. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Music for the Holidays," show casing the MiraCosta College San Elijo Chorale and a program of familiar and contemporary seasonal music, starts at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 13, at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. Tickets: \$8 general, \$6 students and seniors. 760-795-6815.

"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," according to Pacific Coast Harmony, presenting concerts on Saturday, December 14, at 2 and 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. The 50-voice men's chorus will be joined by the quartets Gold and Revival. Tickets are \$15 and \$20, available by calling 858-534-8497. (LA JOLLA)

The Kearny Mesa Concert Band presents "It's a Holiday Feeling" at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Saturday, December 14, at 2 p.m. Free. 858-455-3418. (BALBOA PARK)

Seasonal music, from swing to traditional carols, and Iewish and Christian holiday music may all be heard when the USO Council of San Diego presents its 11th annual holiday concert by the Navy Band Southwest on Saturday, December 14, at 2 p.m., at San Diego's Civic Theatre (at Third Avenue and B Street). Admission is free, but you're encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots. For further information, call 619-235-6503. (DOWNTOWN)

Ring in the holidays when the San Diego Concert Band presents its 14th annual Holiday Celebration Concert on Saturday, December 14, at 7 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). The band will present arrangements by Sammy Nestico, Leroy Anderson, Mannheim Steamroller, and others. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and children. For further information, call 866-248-7670 x1074. (POINT LOMA)

"Christmas Around the World" is the theme for a "classical program with an international flair" promised on Saturday, December 14, at 3 p.m., in Schulmann Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Performers include soprano Ayse Underhill, mezzo-soprano Gail Lindstrom, pianist John Danke, flutist James Miles, and violinist Elizabeth Monacelli. The requested donation is \$10. Questions? Call 858-755-3075. (LA COSTA)

The San Diego Choraleers and Serra-Naders adult choruses, the Inflections vocal jazz group, Women of Note, and Radar and the Blips appear in concert under the auspices of the San Diego Community College District, "Home for the Holidays" begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 14, in the auditorium of Patrick Henry High School (6702 Wandermere Drive). Admission is \$6 adults, \$3 for children 2 to 12, under 2 free. Refreshments are provided. Santa Claus has been invited. 858-271-1632. (SAN CARLOS)

Take in "The Joy of Christmas" when the Generations Choral Ensemble performs on Saturday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the La Mesa Adult Recreation Center (8450 La Mesa Boulevard). The program includes a tribute to Richard Rodgers. Donation. 619-462-2889.

"A Celebration of Christmas Carols" will be performed by the Christ Lutheran Chancel Choir, soloists, and guest instrumentalists conducted by Robert Plimpton on Sunday, December 15, at 4 p.m. The show features the San Diego pre-miere of John Leavitt's "What Child Is This" and Broadway arranger Robert Russell Bennett's "Carol Cantata I," and carol singing by all. Find

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The 60-voice San Diego Vocal Arts Chorale performs on Sunday, December 15, at 7 p.m., at the Church of Iesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (12701 Torrey Bluff Drive). Expect an "uplifting, inspiring, and upbeat offering" for this "Celebration of Christmas." Free. Call 760-436-6340 for information. (DEL MAR)

T'was 12 Days Before Christmas, and that makes it time for a Pajamaslam! Audience members and poets are encouraged to wear their "most fabulous pajamas" and bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the San Diego Food Bank to the Urban Grind on Friday, December 13. Signups start at 7 p.m., slamming starts at 7:30 p.m. The requested donation is \$2. Find the

Grind at 3797 Park Boulevard.

619-299-4763. (HILLCREST)

Poetic Fundraiser, poets Olga Angelina García Echeverría and Sara Durán will read from their work and Latin jazz will be performed by Bill Caballero (trumpet) and Danny Green (piano) on Friday, December 13, at 7 p.m., at Voz Alta. Admission is \$10, benefiting Yolanda Perez (formerly Yolanda Fajardo). Find Voz at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues); 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

"Heart Love Messages of the Soul," this original poetry performance by Sherehe Roze — "infused with dance, song, music, and visual art" — begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 14, at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). Free. 619-527-3405. (ENCANTO)

See How Hollywood Began and the facelift it has recently received when San Diego photographer and publisher George Ross Jezek presents his

book Hollywood: Now and Then on Saturday, December 14, at 2 p.m., in the Thornton Theatre at the San Diego Historical Society Museum. Jezek will sign books following his presentation. Free. For information and reservations, call 619-232-6203 x112. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrate Winter Solstice when the Four Winds present a Native American concert with traditional flutes and other instruments on Saturday, December 14, 7 p.m., at the Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Bring a folding chair or blanket for seating. 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

"The Art of Dr. Seuss" is being celebrated during events this month at the Fingerhut Gallery. Professional actors present readings on Saturdays, December 14 and 21, at 11:30 a.m. each day. Free. Find the gallery at 1205 Prospect Street. Call 858-456-9912 to reserve a spot. (LA JOLLA)

The Forces of Good and Evil battle in When Dragons Rage when fantasy author Michael Stackpole signs books and discusses his work on Saturday, December 14, at 2:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Call 858-268-4747 for information. (CLAIREMONT)

"Light for a Winter's Night: Poetry.

Song, and Story" are promised when Angela Lloyd presents a concert for the Storytellers of San Diego on Saturday, December 14. Lloyd is described as a "virtuosa on washboard," and her performances are "a whimsical braid of poetry, story, and song played on autoharp, tenor guitar, spoon, and bell." The fun begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Manchester Conference Center on the campus of the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). The program is suitable for adults and children over 12. Tickets

are \$7. Dial 619-298-6363 for reservations. (LINDA VISTA)

Irish Fiddle Virtuoso Kevin Burke plans a concert on Sunday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the Holy Trinity Church (2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). He'll be joined by Gerry O'Beirne. Tickets are \$17. Call 858-689-2288 for reservations. (OCEAN BEACH)

Traditional and Spiritual Christmas and holiday songs are on tap when the 30 kids aged 12-15 who make up the San Diego Children's Choir perform for the Enrichment series at the Poway Center for the Performing Arts. The cabaret-style concert takes place at noon on Sunday. December 15, in the lobby of the theater, and includes a holiday lunch. Tickets are \$25. Call 858-748-0505 for reservations. Find the center at 15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way). (POWAY)

Bring Four Untyped, Published Poems to be considered for inclusion in the 2003 Drift Wood Highway anthology when the Poetsperformance open reading takes place on Sunday, December 15, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Free. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

A Tour of World Music — featuring selections from Africa, Asia, and Europe — is promised when the MiraCosta College Guitar Orchestra presents a concert on Sunday, December 15, at 2 p.m., in the Mira-Costa College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). General admission is \$8. Call 760-795-6815 for reservations. (OCEANSIDE)

With a Poetic "Voice Both Playful and Seductive" Seretta Martin will read from and sign her book Foreign Dust, Familiar Rain on Tuesday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m., at the Escondido Municipal Gallery (142 West Grand Avenue). Admission is free. 760-480-4101. (ESCONDIDO)

Get Spanked in Encinitas when the Full Moon Poets present the Asylum Street Spankers on Wednesday, December 18, at 8 p.m., at the 101 Artists' Colony (25 East E Street). The Spankers are "known for their acoustic, no-microphone, no-amp performances, and their music. Tickets are \$10. For tickets and information, call 760-944-6027.

Let It Snow Zydeco! You are invited to the Julian Community Christmas

Party, slated for Wednesday, December 18, from 7 to 10 p.m., in the Julian Town Hall (on Main Street). The Bayou Brothers will perform for your dancing pleasure, along with guests Michele Lundeen, Thomas Podgoretsky, Robb Bowers, and others. There will be refreshments. Free. Questions? Call 760-765-1588 or 760-765-1857 for answers. (JULIAN)

The Lingo, Bennie Herron of the Taco Shop Poets hosts this openmike poetry event on Wednesday, December 18, at 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Sign-ups begin at 7:30. Donation. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

The Magee Park Poets are celebrating the release of their Magee Park Poets 2003 Anthology with a publica-



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tion party on Wednesday, December 18, at 7 p.m., in the community room at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-434-2881.

The Hills Are Alive... and the Pershing Middle School is presenting *The Sound of Music* December 18-20. Shows begin at 11:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday, December 18 and 20; and at 11:15 a.m., 12:45, and 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 19. Find the school at 8204 San Carlos Drive. Free. Call 619-465-3234 x4804 for information. (SAN CARLOS)

The Official Holiday Installment of

the Short Attention Span Chamber Music Series coincides with the annual holiday concert by the Toy Piano Collection. Listen attentively for a short version of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite* performed entirely on toy instruments. Lots of "other little toy piano surprises" are promised.

The short show starts at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, among the music stacks on the lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. The concert is free, parking is not (bring change for the meters). 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

"Notes on Winter" are being offered by the Palomar College Concert Band on Thursday, December 19, at 8 p.m., in the Howard Brubeck Theatre. The band is directed by Carl Hammond. Tickets are \$10 general. Find Palomar College at 1140 West Mission Road. For more information, call 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

SPORTS

How 'bout Some Ice Hockey? The San Diego Gulls host the Anchorage Aces on Friday, December 13, and the Fresno Falcons on Saturday, December 14, at 7 p.m. each night, at the San Diego Sports Arena. The Bakersfield Condors hit the rink for a game at 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 15. Tickets range from \$5 to \$18, available by calling 619-224-4625. The games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

To the Lighthouse, bike to the Point Loma Lighthouse and the Coronado Ferry with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders on Saturday, December 14. The 45-mile begins at the J Street boat launch parking lot at 8:45 p.m. 619-255-4194. (CHULA VISTA)

"Jingle Bell Fun Run/Walk," the 5K walk/run benefiting the Arthritis Foundation is scheduled for Saturday, December 14. Registration opens at 6:30 a.m., with the 5k starting at 8 a.m. and the one-mile Rudolph run/walk stepping off at 9:15 a.m. For information, call 800-422-8885. (BALBOA PARK)

Roam-O-Rama

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

Long ago, extensive saltwater and freshwater marshes lined Orange County's coast between Seal Beach and Newport Beach. The sandy beaches along that coast remain,

but most of the wetlands succumbed to the 20th-century tide of housing, industry, and oil exploration. Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, 530 acres of partially restored wet-

lands managed by the California Department of Fish and Game, escaped that fate, but not completely. Don't let the noisy coast highway and creaking oil rocker pumps in the reserve put you off; opportunities for bird watching are excellent. Remember to bring along binoculars, a spotting scope, a camera — or all of the above.

You can get access to the reserve by way of a 1.5-mile-long public hiking path that starts at a small parking lot opposite the main entrance to Bolsa Chica State Beach. This is on the Pacific Coast Highway 1.5 miles south of Warner Avenue, or 2.5 miles north of Golden West Street.

From the parking lot, a long wooden bridge leads over some shallow stretches of tidewater invaded by typical saltwater marsh

plants: cordgrass, alkali heath, sea lavender, and pickleweed. Interpretive panels tell of two endangered species of birds that frequent this area: the least tern, which nests on two small, sandy islands nearby; and the Belding's savannah sparrow, a bird that can drink seawater, processing it with hyperefficient kidneys.

On the far side of the bridge a path goes left atop a levee, eventually encircling a segment of the slough. On the surface and the shoreline you may spot gulls, terns, egrets, cormorants, pelicans, stilts, plovers, avocets, grebes, marsh hawks, herons, and kites. The number and diversity of birds vary with the season.

At the west end of the path, you swing around a tidegate admitting saltwater to the marsh from Anaheim Bay to the north. From this juncture you can walk up to a scenic viewpoint on the lip of a nearby mesa-like terrace. Gabrieleño Indians contemplated a far different scene here prior to about 200 years ago: they beheld a broad, shallow bay extending well inland, rimmed by salt- and freshwater marshes as far as the eye could see.

East County Ramble, join the Knickerbikers for a bicycling adventure on Saturday, December 14. This 40-mile ride for intermediates starts at

9 a.m. in the parking lot at Helix High School (on Lowell, off University, just beyond the tennis courts). For more details, dial 619-286-7511 (IA MESA) **Jingle Bell Ride,** this annual event, sponsored by Sierra Club bicyclists, begins with a toy drop-off at St. Vincent de Paul, then proceeds around

San Diego Bay, with a stop at the Hotel Del to admire the tree. It's scheduled for Saturday, December 14, beginning at 9 a.m. at the County













Administration Building on Pacific Highway. Bring an unwrapped toy to donate, money for lunch along the way, and money for the ferry ride back from Coronado. 619-316-2220. (DOWNTOWN)

It's Cold Out There! The San Diego Chargers are in Buffalo to meet up with the Bills for a football game on Sunday, December 15, at 10 a.m. For ticket information, call 877-CHARGERS.

SPECIAL

Garden of Lights, the seventh annual event at Quail Botanical Gardens features the gardens decorated with thousands of sparkling lights on the plants and trees. The Holiday Garden of Lights can be enjoyed nightly from 5 to 9 p.m. through December 23 (and December 26-30). There will be horse-drawn wagon rides, holiday music, children's activities, and food for sale.

The gardens are located at 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Admission is \$5 for nonmembers, free for those 5 and under; additional fees apply to

some activities. Call 760-436-3036 for more information. (ENCINITAS)

Holiday in the Park celebrations are planned from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 13 and 14, in Old Town State Historic Park. The event focuses on how San Diegans celebrated thee holidays during the late Mexican to early American periods, the 1840s and 1850s. The park will be adorned with luminarias and other historical holiday decorations.

There will be holiday singing and musical entertainment, as well as night walking tours by lantern light of Old Town (\$5). Tours begin each half-hour starting at 5:30 p.m. The historic nativity play *La Pastorela*, written by Juan Bandini's son Arturu will be presented each night at 8 p.m. in Plaza. For more information, call 619-220-5422. (OLD TOWN)

Horse-Drawn Carriages, Carolers, live entertainment, and traditional holiday décor and arts and crafts are featured when La Mesa Boulevard between Fourth Street and Date Avenue is transformed into an old-fashioned Christmas village and pedestrian promenade on two weekends, beginning Friday and Saturday, December 13 and 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. 619-462-3000. (LA MESA)

"Iphigeneia at Aulis" by Euripides is up for discussion when the Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group gathers at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 13, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

Sound Vibrations are known to induce stress reduction, chakra balancing, energy synchronization, and spontaneous healing. There's a "vibrational gong bath" planned on Friday, December 13, at 7 p.m., at the Shi-ho Gallery (2002 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). Bring something to lie on. The fee is \$20. For information, dial 858-259-0787. (DEL MAR)

Go Back in Time when the Rancho Buena Vista Adobe hosts holiday activities on Saturday, December 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The walkways will be illuminated by luminarias, costumed guides will conduct tours, and actors will portray past residents of the Adobe. There will be musical entertainment, refreshments, and a holiday craft activity. Tickets are \$5. Find the rancho at 651 East Vista

Way. Call 760-639-6164 for information. (VISTA)

We Love a Parade (Wet Feet Version), the Oceanside Yacht Club hosts its 26th annual Christmas Boat Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 14. More than 30 light-adorned boats will circle the harbor for your viewing pleasure beginning at 6:30 p.m. Watch the parade from anywhere within the harbor. (OCEANSIDE)

The 31st Mission Bay Christmas Boat Parade of Lights is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, from 7 p.m. until the last boat has made the circuit (about 9 p.m.). There should be 130 lighted, decorated craft. The five-mile route begins at Quivira Basin and covers the whole Mission Bay shoreline to the south Ingraham Street Bridge. There's a Sea World fireworks show too. Best viewing points are Ski Beach, Riviera Drive, Crown Point Drive, and the west side of Fiesta Island. For information, call 858-488-0501 or 858-280-0840. (MISSION BAY)

"Christmas Around the World" is the theme for the 31st annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights, slated for Sunday, December 15. The parade

begins at 5:30 p.m. at Shelter Island, passing Harbor Island, cruising parallel to the Embarcadero, Seaport Village, Marina Park, across the bay to Coronado, ending near the Coronado Ferry Landing. Viewing is free. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

Marching Papers, the Calexico Christmas parade is slated for Saturday, December 14, beginning at 10 a.m. on 2nd Street in the downtown area and ending at Rockwood Plaza. Organizers expect over 100 entries and floats from the U.S. and Mexico. Free. For information, call 760-357-1166. (CALEXICO)

"A Cruisin' Christmas" is the theme for the 52nd annual Escondido Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, slated for Saturday, December 14. The parade steps off at 9:30 a.m. at Escondido High School and proceeds south along Broadway to Grape Day Park. 760-743-0717. (ESCONDIDO)

Pacific Beach's 21st annual holiday parade is set for Saturday, December 14, beginning at noon; find the marching fun on Garnet Avenue, from Haines to Bayard Streets. 619-641-5823. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Tea for You? Would you like to taste unique teas and learn the art and science of tea at the same time? The Tea Pavilion offers informative presentations about tea and complimentary tastings of tea from around the world on the second Saturday of each month. Tea specialist Michael Figgins will offer two different teas — such as formosa silvertip oolong and China Yunnan — and tea pastries.

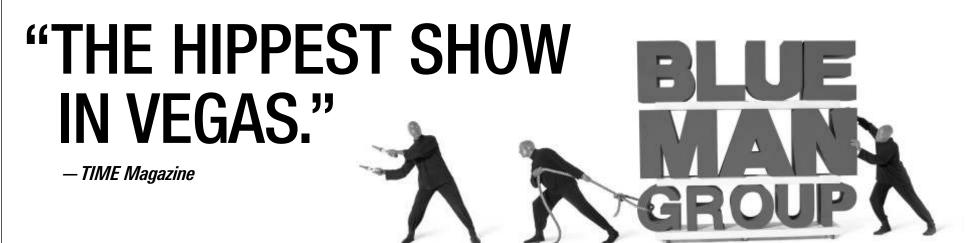
The pavilion is located at the entrance to the Japanese Friendship Garden (next door to the Spreckels Organ Pavilion). Presentations begin at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on December 14. Reservations are not required. Free. 619-607-3298. (BALBOA PARK)

Sit on Santa's Lap — Underwater! The San Diego Dive Club hosts its annual Underwater Santa Photo Shoot and toy drive on Saturday, December 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the pool at the Sport Chalet (3695 Midway Drive). Anyone eight and older can participate; no dive equipment or certification is needed.

Bring a swimsuit, towel, and one toy to donate (suggested value \$10 to \$20). Participants will receive two photographs (for each toy donated); you may want to wear something on







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Alice McDermott

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FROM THE DUST JACKET: Alice McDermott's haunting new work of fiction is narrated by a woman who was born beautiful. Her parents decided that her best chance in life was to marry a wealthy man, so she was raised on the east end of Long Island, among the country houses of the rich. On the cusp of 15, she is the town's most soughtafter babysitter—cheerful, beloved, a wonder with children and animals, but also a solitary soul with

an already complex understanding of human nature — when her favorite cousin, Daisy, comes to spend the summer.

The narrator's witty, piquant, deeply etched evocation of all that was really transpiring under the surface during that seemingly idyllic season gives her wry tale — infused with suppressed passion, disappointment, and enduring hope — its remarkable vividness and impact. Once again, Alice McDermott explores the mysterious depths of what seems like everyday life with unforgettable insight and resonant emotional power.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Booklist*: One of McDermott's many gifts is her ability to portray adults, the poor clowns, as seen through a child's or

teenager's clear-sky eyes, an illuminating and unsettling feat she performs with tender wit and quiet soulfulness in her exquisite fifth novel, the first since her National Book Award–1winning Charming Billy (1998). McDermott has established early 1960s Long Island as a redolent fictional universe, "the kingdom by the sea" where ambitious working-class Irish Catholic escapees from Brooklyn keep an assessing watch over the island's elite. Fifteenyear-old Theresa's parents moved there to increase the odds that their exceptional daughter will attract a well-off husband. Meanwhile, this princess-in-waiting, who is every bit as shrewd as she is lovely, keeps herself busy during this eventful summer, her season of passage from girl to woman, by caring for her self-centered neighbors' woefully neglected pets and children. Her sweet little city cousin, Daisy, a poetically minded stoic with unruly red hair and one of fiction's most captivating girl spirits, is visiting, and the two share a magical world in which lollipops grow on trees and pretty plastic shoes have cosmic powers. But Theresa soon realizes that Daisy is ill, and the cousins' intuitive complicity in concealing her condition infuses this magical novel with a profound poignancy. Resilient toddler Flora is Theresa's primary babysitting responsibility, and of all the men who circle Theresa, aroused by and wary of her dawning sexuality and self-possession, Flora's father, a famous abstract painter and still a hard-drinking womanizer at age 70, is the one this resourceful and pragmatic young woman is drawn to. Just as the calm and sparkling sea can conceal a tricky undertow, McDermott's gorgeous novel is laced with sly literary allusions and provocative insights into the enigma of sexual desire, the mutability of art, death's haunting presence, our need for fantasies, and the endless struggle to keep love pure.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Alice McDermott was born in 1953 in New York, New York. She grew up in suburban Long Island. After graduation from the State University of New York at Oswego, McDermott took a clerk-typist job with a Manhattan-based vanity publisher (an experience that shows up in Ms. McDermott's critically acclaimed first novel, *A Bigamist's Daughter*). But she'd always wanted to write. So after a year at the vanity publisher's shop, McDermott enrolled in the

University of New Hampshire's writing program. She decided, when she entered UNH, "I'm going to give myself these two years, and if I haven't published anything by the time I leave, then I'll know I'm not a writer." While still at UNH, McDermott sold short stories to Ms., Redbook, Seventeen, and Mademoiselle. She graduated from UNH in 1979; her first novel was published in 1982.

Ms. McDermott's husband, David Armstrong, is a neuroscientist. In 1984, Armstrong's work brought the couple to San Diego. Ms. McDermott explained on the day we talked, "My husband was with a fairly big group that came to UCSD from Albert Einstein Medical College. So we lived in La Jolla for five years, from 1984 to 1989. And soon after we arrived, I showed up in the English department and said, 'Anything I can do?' And they said, 'As a matter of fact...' So, pretty much the whole time we were in La Jolla, I taught one course a quarter. And I had my first two children at U.C. San Diego Hospital. We loved California, and we miss it."

Ms. McDermott's second novel, *That Night*, written while she lived in La Jolla, was published in 1987. The book was nominated for a National Book Award and made into a film. Her third novel, *At Weddings and Wakes*, was published in 1992. *Charming Billy*, her fourth novel, was awarded the 1998 National Book Award for Fiction.

The recipient of a Giles Whiting Foundation award, Ms. McDermott teaches writing at Johns Hopkins University. Ms. McDermott and her husband now live in Bethesda, Maryland. They have three children.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Ms. McDermott's title comes from this, in Isaiah:

You will rejoice in Me.
You will know it was I who made you strong, who blessed you with might.
Never doubt it, child of My heart:

You are indeed strong in Me. Those who hope in the Lord

your arms and legs for better pictures. Call 858-484-6354 for information. (SPORTS ARENA)

Sandra Cisnero's New Novel Caramelo (or the first section, anyway) will be discussed when the Ella Book Club convenes on Sunday, December 15, at 3:30 p.m., at Voz Alta. The requested donation is \$7. Voz Alta is located at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Home for the Holidays? Many cats and dogs will be offered for adoption

when FOCAS (Friends of County Animal Shelters) sets up at the South County Animal Shelter (5821 Sweetwater Road) on Sunday, December 15, noon to 4 p.m. Call 619-685-3536 for further information.

Toys for Tots Auto Swap, bring a new, unwrapped toy to the San Diego Stadium Auto Swap planned on Sunday, December 15, and receive free refreshments. The show and sale run from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Qualcomm Stadium. View vehicles

on display and for sale, along with "acres of parts and accessories." Admission is \$5 general, kids under 13 free. 858-484-9342. (MISSION VALLEY)

A Multicultural Drum Circle led by EveryOneDrums is planned for Sunday, December 15, 3 to 5 p.m., at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). The donation is \$5 for adults, free for kids. Drums will be provided, or bring your own. 619-913-1089. (HILLCREST)

The Glory Days of Steam, the Toy Train Gallery at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum hosts special operating sessions featuring O Gauge models "of the greatest steam engines ever built" from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 14 and 15. The event is included in regular museum admission (\$4 for adults, free for those under 15). The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

Stamp Collectors Beckoned, the monthly San Diego Stamp Fair takes place on Sunday, December 15, with many stamp and cover dealers offer-

ing their wares from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Admission is free, 619-469-0337, (KEARNY MESA)

All Aboard for Fun, the San Diego Model Railroad Museum is decked out for the holidays and offering a "toy train workshop family day" on Sunday, December 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include making railroad ornaments, holiday cards, face painting, refreshments, and a reading of *The Polar Express*. Admission is free for those under 15, \$4 for

everyone else. The museum is located downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

Digitalism, described as "an art movement made possible by digital tools and enabling software," is showcased in the Corel Procreate Digitalism Tour. The 65-foot-long trailer called DaVE, the Digitalism Vehicle, makes a stop on Monday, December 16, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Art Institute of California — San Diego (7650 Mission Valley Road). Local artists and designers may experience the latest tools and create "their own digital masterpieces." Free. Call 858-598-1200 for information. (MISSION VALLEY)

"A Joyous Celebration" is planned at the San Diego Natural History Museum on Monday, December 16, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be singing by the Christ the King Adult Choir and lunch prepared by museum volunteers. Admission is \$7. Call 619-255-0203 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

Portfolio Showcase, graduates from the Art Institute of California, San Diego, present a graduation portfolio showcase on Tuesday, December 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Marriott Hotel Mission Valley (8757 Rio San Diego Drive). 858-598-1200. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Aspects of Jewish Life in other cultures are examined in books selected for discussion in the World of Literature Book Club convening at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. Travel to Tunisia via Albert Memmi's novel *The Pillar of Salt* with the group on Tuesday, December 17, at 7 p.m. Find the center at 4126 Executive Drive. Free; to make the required reservations, call 858-362-1330. (LA JOLLA)

The Three-Part Installation *Bird Hub* by artist Daniel Wheeler is on view through March 5, 2003, at the San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center. With the *Bird Hub*, Wheeler aimed to create an artistic scene similar to what could be described as an airport with birds perceived as the "airplanes." The project consists of three

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will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

"This wonderful title, from Isaiah, how did you come by it?"

"Well, interestingly enough, this is the first title that I did not choose myself. My agent, Harriet Wasserman, who was urging me to publish this book because I've been working on a much longer novel that I'm still involved in, she suggested this title. This book kind of snuck up on me; it was something that I began late in September of last year. So it's very quick. I wasn't sure when I began it if it was a long short story or what. I didn't know what it was. It was just unclear to me. I think it was a way of getting back to work after September 11 and that long pause we all took in our nor-

"My agent and I met in January, and she was urging me to get this book out first. I said to her, 'Harriet, I don't really have a plot. I don't know what it is and I don't even have a title for it.' She flipped through the manuscript and saw the line 'child of my heart,' and she said, 'There it is.'

"I notice you dedicated the book to her."

"I did. She's been a wonderful friend and supporter from the very beginning. Especially in the case of this book. As I said, I was just following the voice and not thinking about what I was going to do with it. Once the story was finished, Harriet did all that

thinking part for me and left me free just to write." *Child of My Heart* opens with this: "I had in my care that summer four dogs, three cats, the Moran kids, Daisy, my eight-yearold cousin, and Flora, the toddler child of a local artist. There was also, for a while, a litter of wild rabbits, three of them, that had been left under our back steps.

I said how much I liked the summer setting — all that deep green, the leaves, the characters' scanty dress and bare skin. "Summer," I said, "is fun to write."

Yes, And I think it was, for me, kind of a relief to dwell not only in childhood but in a beautiful place in that kind of magical moment of early summer. But, as you know, I'm always hesitant not to do too much self-analysis about where the story comes from. But now that I have a short distance from the book, not really as much distance as I usually have when something finally gets published, I see that I needed it, as I say, after the terrible things that went on on the 11th and afterwards. Clearly, I think I was looking to share something away from all that.'

'One thing that right away came to me," I said, "is that this book, in addition to being an intricate and quiet and strange and wonderful story, is also a story about the imagination and the imagination's power. Is that true?"

I hope so. I certainly hope so. If I had any goals for the book, that would be primary. Yes. I really saw the story was celebratory, although it's a sad story. But for me, it was a way of paying homage to what Art gives us.

"Is beautiful, young Theresa a bit of a muse to the old painter? Or am I still under the spell of Francine Prose's wonderful The Lives of the Muses: Nine Women & the Artists They Inspired?"

"I think she's much more primary. I think that she is more the artist than the muse. I see her much more as not the inspiration to the artist, but the artist herself."

I asked about Theresa's statement, "My advantage was that I knew what he was trying to do, here in his kingdom by the sea, where art was what he said it was and the limits of time and age were banished and everything was possible because everything that mattered was inside his head. My advantage was that I knew what he was trying to do — and I was better at it.

Ms. McDermott responded, saying, "I think that passage is probably as pointed as anything I've ever written. In some ways Theresa is the typical coming-of-age heroine. But I suppose I wanted to bump her up a bit. She was more aware of what she was doing and she was more intelligent and more in control than what we're accustomed to in such heroines. I think she is the artist. And I think she is the artist of the novel. And maybe it's more of a performance art than anything else, but she orders the world, and she orders it for the children in her care, and she orders it for herself. She makes of what she finds something else again.

"I don't see her as so much a muse as he [the elderly artist]

maybe is her muse — a kind of reversal, I suppose. I think she is the artist in that she also understands what is needed, and I think this is what her impatience with the rest of the world is, that she's surrounded by adults who are busy getting what they need arranged in their lives to suit themselves. And they're a bunch of pretty self-absorbed adults and she isn't. She's willing to give others what is needed through her art.

"I suppose, though, that we're more familiar with the artist as self-absorbed. But I don't think that's true as much of women who are artists — at least the ones who have not had to follow in the male model. I think that she is both a caretaker and an artist, and that interests me about her. She is an artist, and she's also order-

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ing things and not simply just taking care of what she finds, but making changes in it. And maybe, the business that I'm getting at — and again, bumping up, raising the stake for this particular heroine — is that she can be the Mary Poppins or the Jane Eyre, the caretaker, and also she is making use of the world as she finds it to turn it into something else again. And she does this not only for

her own sake, not out of self-absorption or selfishness. It's a side of the artist we don't have enough appreciation for, that there is a kind of gift-giving in the artistic endeavor."

"That gift-giving sense of the artistic endeavor," I said, "is what I sometimes call 'making ashtrays for your mom in nursery school.'

"Exactly. The art is always for someone else. Or else, if not, then there's no reason to do it. You might as well keep the image inside your own head. The artist is so often portrayed as selfish and beholden only to the work itself, and yet in the wake there is something more generous. That make sense?

I said that it did make sense. I said that I was always a bit reluc-(continued on page 102)

stations: the "Terminal," the "Tower," and the "Perch" (found on the MiraCosta College campus). For information and directions, call 858-756-2140. (ENCINITAS)

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

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

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,

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)

"Origamic Architecture and Inno vations," this adaptation of Seventh-Century paper architecture by Ron Sawyer is on exhibit through Sunday, December 29, at the Japanese Friendship Garden. Sawyer's interest in the craft began after the purchase of a book of preprinted cutouts by two masters of the craft, Masahiro Chatani and Keiko Nakazawa of

Garden hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Admission is \$3 general, \$2 for students, children 6 and under free. 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Who Was Duke Kahanamoku? What was the first surfing magazine? Get answers to these and other questions when viewing the history of surfing exhibit on display through Monday, February 3, 2003, in the donor corridor of SDSU's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). The exhibition includes books, magazines, photographs, posters, and album covers. Free. 619-594-4991.

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. 619-234-1031.

The 1915 Wood Lath Botanical **Building** is the site for the 16th annual poinsettia display, continuing through January 8, 2003. Over 300 poinsettia plants will decorate the historic building, open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Wednesday. Free. For more information, call 619-239-0512 or 619-235-1100. (BALBOA PARK)

Back in the USSR, the American Institute of Graphic Arts exhibits "Poster Art of the Soviet Union" through Sunday, December 22. The exhibit showcases approximately 50 graphic posters designed in the 1970s and 1980s offering a glimpse into the cultural, social, and political realities of what once was the modern-day USSR. For information, call 619-2335470. Find the San Diego Center for Design at 344 Seventh Avenue. (GASLAMP OUARTER)

Choo-Choo! The All-Gauge Toy Train Association's annual show runs through Monday, December 30, at the Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). For viewing hours and other information, call 858-573-5007. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

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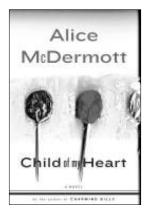
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tant to question fiction writers and poets too closely about their work. To do so, I added, feels like snooping and prying.

"Exactly, Exactly," Ms. McDermott said.

At a point in the novel the elderly painter takes St. Joseph's aspirin for the pain in his teeth. Theresa gives aspirin from the same bottle to her ill cousin, Daisy. I said to Ms. McDermott that I enjoyed the details of the aspirin. "I could just see," I said, "those little orange tablets and the little bottle in which

they come.

"And isn't it nice," Ms. McDermott said, "that there *are* St. Joseph's aspirins, and I was able to again talk about found art and St. Joseph, the older husband of the Virgin. It worked out very nicely. I'm glad, I'm glad they decided to give the aspirin that name all those years ago."

"Did your tongue find its way a bit into your cheek when you came to the aspirin detail?"

"Probably. Yes."

"And isn't it interesting how you're working away, writing, and things like that orange aspirin come to you out of nowhere, and you don't know from where they came or how?"

"Yes. And you know, for the hundreds of things that come to you that you have to discard, there is the one that fits. And that seems inevitably part of the story that we're trying to tell. And, too, that's when you're having a good writing day."

The relationship between Theresa and her young cousin, I said, seemed perfectly portrayed.

"The story, I think, was always about the two of them. I don't think I had one without the other at any moment. I'm not sure exactly why. I certainly had the sense of that kind of infatuation that takes place between young girls and slightly older girls and

how many people have told me stories that involve that infatuation, and yet it seems to me it's not often as celebrated as it should be."

Ms. McDermott writes in *Child of My Heart* a horrible, grisly, bloody scene with a cat. The scene was so well-wrought in all its bloodiness and horror that I found myself looking away from the page. I asked Ms. McDermott if she'd ever seen something like that.

"Yes, I suppose. Again, I can't think of a specific instance, but I think I have had enough glimpses of such things that, again, somehow seem part of that world as well. There's always that bond of the marvelous time apart, the kingdom by the sea, the high summer. There's all that, and yet there's so much else that needs to be acknowledged at that moment, and somehow the blood and the death and the tragedy of that moment [with the cat] fit, as a way of looking at the whole piece, the whole life.

"And, again, the acknowledgment that at this moment, this high summer, in this enchanted place, that there is also death is important. And that's something Theresa understands intuitively, even before the novel begins. This is in a line that she uses, when she says, "That I was up against.' I think it ties in as well with what she feels for the artist. She sees him as an old man, fading. And that's unacceptable to her. That should not be in this world that she's the queen of."

"The way in which Theresa helps the elderly artist," I said, "is almost like a virgin sacrifice."

"Yes, yes. Once again, it's the sacrifice without self-annihilation to be the caretaker, to put the care of others first and yet not to eliminate yourself in the process."

"The Irish family that everyone expects to be in your novels was only at the very edge of the page in this book."

"Right. They crept in here and there through the cracks. Theresa is above and beyond all of that. That's the French blood that crept into the family."

"And that poor homely, angry, overweight Bernadette, Daisy's sister, about whom you've written that heartbreaking line — "There is no misanthrope like a chubby misanthrope." What a child. Everyone has known a child like that."

Ms. McDermott agreed, saying, "Actually, it's very funny. My 14-year-old, this summer, when I was going over the proofs for this while we were on summer vacation, picked up the first few manuscript pages as we were sitting out by the ocean. She read it through. She kind of chuckled a little bit and then didn't read any more. And it must have been a month later, I think, school had started. She was talking to me about something, and all of a sudden she stopped and she said, 'You know, it is true, there is no misanthrope like a chubby misanthrope.' That's the nicest thing she's ever said to me about my writing. She remembered that line."

"Does it surprise you when people talk with you about your characters as if those characters were their family members or close friends? When people recall details of your novels that perhaps even you have forgotten?"

"It does. But it's delightful. It's the best reward. It's the thing that gets me back out on the road again when the time comes. My most primitive criteria for judging a piece of fiction is, 'How does it return to me? What bits of it come back to me, what phrase or image or detail returns when I'm doing something else and not even thinking about the story?' And when that happens, I think it's so satisfying. So to hear that I'm able to do that, or to produce that effect in anyone, is thrilling to me because that's what I go to fiction for. I love that — just an echo. And sometimes you have to think and say, 'Where did I see that?' But you know, somehow, you know you've been changed by it. Something has been introduced that would not have been there if you hadn't done the reading, and to me that, all intellectual criteria aside, is a great reward for reading. And isn't that the wonderful thing about reading that nothing else can replicate? It is just your mind communicating with a writer's mind. And nothing else."

As I frequently do, when interviewing an author, I asked Ms. McDermott if there were any other questions I should ask her.

"No. I usually have more time and space between finishing a novel and having it out. So I feel like this book is still in my head somewhere, and I'm still just sort of delighted and amazed that I can talk to people about it."

— Judith Moore

arachnid friend to the stage in the J*Company's production of *Charlotte's Web*. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday, December 12 and 14, and at 1 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 15, in the David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. Tickets range from \$11 to \$15.50 for nonmembers. Call 858-362-1348 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

"Toy Store" is being presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble through Sunday, December 15, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: a *Holiday Puppet Review* performed by the Balboa Park Puppet Guild Players, running December 18-22.

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)

Make a Mitten and listen to Jan Brett's *Mitten* during the story time planned on Saturday, December 14, at 11:30 a.m. (for those four to ten

years old) at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (9938 Mission Gorge Road). Free. 619-562-6791. (SANTEE)

Choo Choo! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides from noon to 3 p.m. on December 14 and 15, in Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). The requested donation is 25 cents. For more information, call 619-421-5227. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. (BONITA)

"The 12 Days of Christmas" may be enjoyed when the San Diego Actors Theatre present their "Children's Classics" on Saturday, December 14, at 11 a.m., at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). The program includes Visit from St. Nicholas, The Grinch Meets Scrooge, Little Red Riding Hood, and holiday poetry and songs. 619-268-4494. Admission is \$4 per person. (DEL MAR)

"The Little Match Girl" by Hans Christian Andersen has been adapted for the stage by Joe Powers and will be presented the North Coast Repertory Theatre at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 14 and 15 (and December 21). Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for children. Find the theater at 987-D Lomas Santa Fe. For tickets, dial 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

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 hat. Children under six are free with a paying adult (\$3). For reservations, call 619-232-2780, (BALBOA PARK)

Explore the Polar Regions while learning about polar bears, penguins, and a variety of whales and seals during a class hosted by the Birch Aquarium-Museum on Saturday, December 14, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The class promises hands-on activities and a craft. The fee for "Polar Pals" is \$25 per child (with an adult chaperon admitted free). The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

From Snake Fangs to powerful frog legs, learn about "Reptiles, In and Out" when the San Diego Natural History Museum offers this class for

kids in grades five through eight on Saturday, December 14, 1 to 4 p.m. Participants will explore the features that make reptiles and amphibians such fascinating creatures. The fee is \$22 for nonmembers. Call 619-255-0203 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

"Pinnipeds of the Pacific: Seals, Sea Lions, and More!" Learn about these furry, flippered aquatic creatures in a class slated for Sunday, December 15, 10 a.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Kids four through six (with an adult) will learn to recognize pinnipeds and which ones live here. The fee is \$15 for nonmembers. Call 619-255-0203 to reserve a spot. (BALBOA PARK)

Hey, Kids, Ronald McDonald will perform magic tricks, sing songs, read stories, and teach children lessons about sharing and safety at the show planned on Saturday, December 14, at McDonald's (Las Americas Plaza, 4449 Camino de la Plaza). Events begin at 1 p.m., with onstage entertainment at 2 p.m. For information, call 619-296-0605 x247. (SAN YSIDRO)

How Did the Grinch Steal Christmas? Find out when the Cat in the Hat (played by local actor Quentin Proulx) recites *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* at 4 and 5 p.m. daily from Thursday, December 19, through Sunday, December 24, in the lobby at Loews Coronado Bay Resort (4000 Coronado Bay Road). Free. For information, call 619-424-4000. (CORONADO)

Teddy Bear Teas, bring your family and teddy bear to the Westgate Hotel's teddy bear teas, taking place December 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)

Children's Discovery Museum of North County, make a holiday wreath using items ranging from pinecones to sugarplums during the workshop planned on Saturday, December 14. The program 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 mar-

ketplace. Find the museum at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 103; 760-720-0737. (CARLSBAD)

Learn About the Critters living at La Jolla Shores when the Birch Aquarium hosts Tidepooling for Tots on Thursday, December 19, at 2:30 p.m. The fee is \$12 per adult, \$8 per child (four and five years old). To make the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (CARDIFF)

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







TURKEYS OBSERVED

One observes them, one expects them; Blue-breasted in their indifferent mortuary, Beached bare on the cold marble slabs In immodest underwear frills of feather.

The red sides of beef retain Some of the smelly majesty of living: A half-cow slung from a hook maintains That blood and flesh are not ignored.

But a turkey cowers in death. Pull his neck, pluck him, and look — He is just another poor forked thing, A skin bag plumped with inky putty.

He once complained extravagantly In an overture of gobbles; He lorded it on the claw-flecked mud With a grey flick of his Confucian eve.

Now, as I pass the bleak Christmas dazzle, I find him ranged with his cold squadrons: The fuselage is bare, the proud wings snapped, The tail-fin stripped down to a shameful rudder.

– Seamus Heanev

From On Wings of Song: Poems About Birds, Everyman's

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 I Street); 619-338-9888.

(DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original Star newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231.

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.

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)

I.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 18861915, 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" ex hibit features photographs, World War II-era uniforms, traditional Navajo items, and a Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to Johnny R. Manuelito, one of the original 29 code talkers. See this exhibit through the month of 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, the contributions of local residents whose front-line combat, nursing corps bravery, assembly-line labor, and hometown victory gardens are honored in "Lemon Grove in World War II." Parachutes, flags, uniforms, medals, draft cards, censored letters, ration books, war bride wedding gowns, and much more are included in the exhibit.

Also on display is "Gorgeous Bounty: Fruit Labels of the Golden State." These beautifully designed labels once adorned crates of produce in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. Among the more than five dozen on display are three of Lemon Grove's own labels, designed for the original Lemon Grove Fruit Growers Association between 1893 and 1900.

The museum's continuing, core exhibits are "The Story of Lemon Grove" and "The Parson's Study." 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 re volves around themes of wind, weather and turbulence, mathematics, and motion and illusion.

Ongoing exhibitions include "The Human Body," "Technovation," "About Faces," and "Skyscapes II." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. For further information, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Automotive Museum, over a dozen one-of-a-kind automobiles including hot rods, lowriders, and art cars are included in "Customize! Making It Your Own," on display through Sunday, January 26, 2003. The exhibition evolved out of the idea that cars are more than just transportation to many people; they may be self-expression, fantasy, or family projects.

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

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

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

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

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

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

San Diego Maritime Museum. paintings created for the "Portrait of the Big Bay: The Second Maurice Braun Memorial Plein Air Painting Festival" are on exhibit through Monday, January 6, 2003, on the museum's 1898 ferryboat Berkeley.

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, including exhibits concerning the old

San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark Star of India, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat Berkeley, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht Medea There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 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 touch able 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 Mu**seum,** said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a preframed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Guided walking tours focusing on the history and architecture of the Gaslamp Quarter depart the museum each Saturday at 11 a.m. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)



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Revelations in a Church

REVIEW

JONATHAN SAVILLE

If Townsend can make the Choral Fantasia reveal itself as a masterpiece, he can do anything.

copal Church offered a stunning Beethoven program on a late Sunday afternoon. Series of this sort usually feature religious music, providing one of the few opportunities we have to hear

live performances of the immense and splendid literature of masses, motets, cantatas, and oratorios. This time, however, the program was resolutely secular, and could

have been encountered at a symphony concert. It consisted of two compositions from Beethoven's middle period: the often-performed Third Piano Concerto, and the considerably less often performed Choral Fantasia.

Out of place? Not at all. The text for the Choral Fantasia, which Beethoven commissioned from a mediocre Schiller-imitator named Christoph Kuffner, may not be distinguished as poetry, but its content, praising the exalted power of art, could not be more apt for a performance like this one. The final lines — "Joyfully accept the gifts of beautiful art, you beautiful souls; when love and power are wed, humanity is rewarded by the favor of the gods" — certainly represent Beethoven's concept of what his art was for; and as a general theory of the purpose and effect of music, it is not at all as antiquated as its language may make it seem. (The translation in the St. James printed program, according to which the gift of art is "God's grace," narrows the meaning excessively, although it does make the Choral Fantasia sound even more suitable for a Christian church.)

The concert brought Gustavo Romero back to both Beethoven and the San Diego audience, after his brilliant traversal for the Athenaeum of all the piano sonatas. The pianist's profound identification with Beethoven's imagination continues to illuminate the composer's works. He recorded the five concertos seven years ago with the English Chamber Orchestra, in a treasurable CD set (Koch International Classics) that holds its own with the very best in this crowded field, and there was little noticeable difference in the dramatic, expressive, and beautifully proportioned performance he gave with the orchestra assembled at St. James. His magnificent reading of the composer's first-movement cadenza was very much the same as before. And

why should it be otherwise? The greatest musical performers tend to attain a deep interpretive understanding while young (who can understand how?), and to retain it for their lifetime, with only minor changes of detail.

In one respect, the St. James performance did differ from the Koch recording. The English Chamber Orchestra had been conducted by the fine James

Sedares; at St. James, Romero himself conducted from the keyboard. I think this was a mistake. It's not that his skills as a conductor are defective far from it. But a pianist playing a Beethoven concerto, and playing it with Romero's intense concentration, is precluded by the nature of his instrument from giving sufficient attention to the orchestra. While his hands are on the keyboard, the orchestra is pretty much left to its own devices. Things were different when Joshua Bell combined the roles of soloist and conductor with the Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, as I reported on last week. A violinist stands, rather than sits; he necessarily moves his whole body while playing (and Bell moves his body a lot, and with almost balletic expressiveness); he does not have to wave his hands to communicate effectively with the orchestra at all moments.

If Romero had been in front of the English Chamber Orchestra or the ASMF, the orchestra itself might have picked up the slack. They are experienced ensembles, who often play under soloist-conductors. But this was a pickup orchestra. By that, I do not mean that the musicians were picked up off the street. They were local professional artists of the highest quality, as one could hear throughout. But this particular combination of them did not constitute a permanent ensemble with a history. They carried out their assignments perfectly adequately in the concerto, kept together flawlessly, and made a very good sound in the church (the acoustics of which gave them a grand resonance), but the quality of their expressive phrasing was distinctly inferior to that of the soloist: a bit routine, a bit drab, letting opportunity after opportunity slide by untouched. They needed a conductor who was doing nothing but conducting them.

What they could sound like under such a conductor became clear in the second half of the program, when St. James's music director, Steven Townsend, took over at the podium. Townsend is a conductor of commanding presence, and he communicated his vision of the Choral Fantasia with irresistible authority. On a technical level, the orchestra did not play better for him than it had for Romero. But now the instrumentalists seemed galvanized; every detail was given subtle and brilliant realization; and the scope and sweep of their performance were breathtaking. The excellent St. James Choir, which Townsend conducts regularly, responded to his leadership in the same animated way. This musician, whose job is providing music for a La Jolla church, struck me as more dynamic and skillful, and of a higher degree of musical inspiration, than the conductors I have heard being vetted for the leadership of the San Diego Symphony. If Townsend can make the Choral Fantasia reveal itself as a masterpiece, presumably he can do anything.

That's the crux of the matter. This piece, which was composed in 1808 (that is, in the period of the Fifth and Sixth Symphonies, the Fourth and Fifth Piano Concertos, and the "Razumovsky" Quartets), ought to be top-flight Beethoven, but almost no one thinks of it that way. Instead, it's treated — by performers, audiences, and music historians — as an interesting oddball experiment (combining piano, orchestra, and chorus) that doesn't quite come off, and whose best ideas get a far more gripping treatment in the *finale* of the Ninth Symphony, 15 years later. "Lightweight" is the word critics use about it. Frankly, that's been pretty much my opinion too.

Townsend, obviously, thinks differently. He treated the Choral Fantasia as major Beethoven, as a big, brilliant, inventive, majestic work, and proceeded to convince the listener that he was right. He was in complete rapport with Gustavo Romero in this attitude. Romero played the long solo piano introduction, with its stupendous keyboard writing, as he might have played the "Emperor" Concerto or the "Waldstein" Sonata. In the following set of orchestra-and-piano variations on Beethoven's apparently simpleminded (but ultimately sublime) theme, both Romero and Townsend — and the orchestra, especially its wind soloists — brought out the music's exuberance, inventiveness, and Olympian humor with tremendous panache. When the soloists of



Steven Townsend

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Gustavo Romero, piano; Steven Townsend, conductor Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor, Opus 37; Choral Fantasia, Opus 80

the chorus entered, much later, they sounded like angels ambling out of heaven, with the effect of an unexpected, dazzling illumination of the musical space. The climactic conclusion was not merely loud, vigorous, and exciting: it expressed to the full the music's sense of overwhelming joy, and its utter confidence in the human and divine significance of musical art — indeed, of Beethoven's musical art.

Carried away by this performance (an experience I shared with the enthusiastic audience at





St. James), I went home to try to figure out why I had never before realized how terrific the Choral Fantasia is. Listening to more than half a dozen recordof it (including Haitink-Brendel, Masur-Pressler, Gardiner-Levin, Bernstein-Serkin, Gamba-Katchen, Gibson-Lill, and Toscanini-Dorfman), I discovered that in these highly respectable performances, for all their virtues, there was less commitment to the work's stature, less vividness and depth in the treatment of the music's formal characteristics. and less "love and power" than what I had heard at St. James that afternoon. The only recording I found to equal what Townsend and Romero had given us was of a performance from 35 years ago, with no less than Otto Klemperer conducting no less than the New Philharmonia Orchestra, and with the young, heroic Daniel Barenboim as piano soloist (long before he became ripened, matured, mellowed, and dulled).

Just to give one specific example of Townsend's approach to this score: just before the first statement of the main theme, a three-note fanfare is repeated five times. The first four times, which alternate statements of it by the horns and the oboes, are all on the same chord. The final horn fanfare raises the third note by a major second, with

an uplifting change of harmony — and then the theme is introduced by the piano. Having kept to a steady meter and a restrained dynamic level for the first four repetitions of the fanfare, Townsend not only swelled the volume for the fifth, but he majestically broadened the pace and suggested a breath-pause before the last, blazing chord. It was as though a great curtain had suddenly been raised, to reveal the modest little tune that would soon demonstrate the riches a supreme composer can unearth in unpretentious material.

Townsend at that thrilling moment was doing the same sort of thing: demonstrating the riches a gifted conductor can unearth in a three-note phrase. Even Klemperer didn't do that! ■

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"Mozart n' Art," classical pianist Wayne McEvilly will present a program of Mozart piano sonatas and commentary on Thursday, December 12, at 7 p.m., at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Admission is by donation. For more information, call 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Selections by Purcell, Respighi, and Brahms are on the program when soprano Jennifer Bates and pianist Caren Levine perform for the La Jolla Chamber Music Society on Friday, December 13, at 8 p.m. Enjoy the concert in Sherwood Auditorium art the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Tickets start at \$20. For reservations, call 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

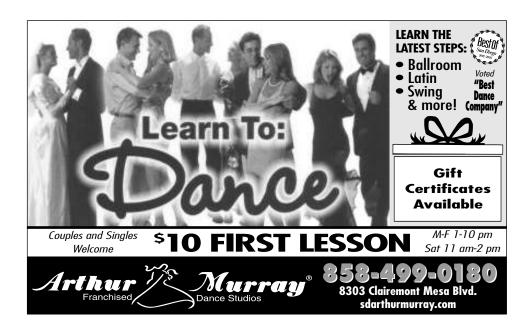
Explore "The Spirit and Meaning of Christmas" at the First United Methodist Church of Chula Vista on Friday and Saturday, December 13 and

14. The original music drama features "familiar, not-so-familiar, and need-to-be familiar music of the season."

The event begins with a dessert and coffee time at 7 p.m.; tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for children. Tickets to the show only are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. Find the church at 915 Paseo Ranchero (at East H Street). For reservations, call 619-656-2525. (CHULA VISTA)

"A Holiday Celebration" is being presented by the Grossmont Symphony Orchestra on Friday, December 13, at 7 p.m., at St. Michael's Catholic Church (15546 Pomerado Road). The program includes selections by Bass, Vivaldi, Joubert, Hely-Hutchinson, Donnelly, and others. Tickets are \$10 general. For information, call 858-487-4755. (POWAY)

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oratorio in history." The San Diego Symphony presents the piece December 13-15. Julian Wachner conducts the orchestra, along with soprano Mara Bonde, tenor Scott Wyatt, bass Stephen Salters, and the La Jolla Symphony Chorus.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. Tickets range from \$10 to \$55. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"Choral Gems Through the Ages" are on offer when the USD University Choir and Choral Scholars, directed by Veny Maldijieva, perform traditional Christmas music and other repertoire. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. Friday, December 13, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 15, in Founders Hall at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), Tickets to either show are \$8 general. For information, call 619-260-2280. (LINDA VISTA)

"Christmas Around the World" is the theme for a "classical program with an international flair" promised on Saturday, December 14, at 3 p.m., in Schulmann Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Performers include soprano Ayse Underhill, mezzo-soprano Gail Lindstrom, pianist John Danke, flutist James Miles, and violinist Elizabeth Monacelli. The requested donation is \$10. Questions? Call 858-755-3075 for answers, (LA COSTA)

More "Messiah," celebrate the holidays by joining the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus in its annual "Messiah-Sing" on Saturday, December 14, at 2 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church (6628 Santa Isabel Street). Members of the chorus are seated throughout the audience for this event; soloists include soprano Ann Chase, mezzo-soprano Ava Baker-Liss, tenor Max Chodos, and baritone Joe Pechota. Tickets are \$12 general; "Messiah" rental scores are \$3 at the door. For reservations, dial 858-534-4637. (LA COSTA)

"Gloria," the Chancel Choir will be joined by Premier Brass to present Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata" and Hassler's "Gloria in excelsis deo" for the Clairemont Lutheran Vesper Concert Series on Sunday, December 15, at 7 p.m. Find the church at 4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-273-7423. Nursery care is available. An offering will be received. (CLAIREMONT)

Christmas Feast of Lights, share the warmth of the Advent season when the Westminster Choir, soloists, and orchestra perform on December 15 and 16, at the First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street, at Fourth Avenue). The program includes Vivaldi's "Gloria," along with three new arrangements of carols and spirituals sung by the New Dawn Singers, a "living nativity," and an audience sing-along of Christmas carols.

Sunday's concert begins at 7 p.m., with Monday's music starting at 7:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken. Child care is provided. For more details, call 619-232-7513.

The San Diego Festival Chorus — $\mathbf a$ 70-voice, 25-piece orchestra — performs Franz Schubert's "Mass in G" on Sunday, December 15, at 3 p.m., at the Blessed Sacrament Church (4540 El Cerrito Drive, at El Cajon Boulevard). The program also features Rodger Strader's "Song of Love — A Christmas Musical." Admission ranges from \$5 to \$10. For

information, call 619-460-7316 or 619-582-5722. (COLLEGE GROVE)

"Christmas Across the Ages," explore the theme when the soloists, orchestra, and chorus perform for the La Jolla Presbyterian Church Concert Series on Sunday, December 15, at 7 p.m. Find the church at 7715 Draper Avenue. An offering will be received. For information, dial 858-729-5531. (LA JOLLA)

Bring on Handel's "Messiah"! The San Diego Chamber Orchestra and San Diego Master Chorale perform the 70-minute Christmas portion of this holiday favorite on Sunday, December 15, at 3 p.m., at the Church of the Nativity (6309 El Apajo). Soloists include soprano Sylvia Wen, alto Patricia McAfee, tenor Robert MacNeil, and bass Philip Larson. Tickets range from \$28 to \$75. For reservations and information, call 888-848-7326 x7. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

The Gentlemen of the Choir will sing the Stephen Sturk evensong service "entroit," Denis Mason responses, and the medieval carol Marvel Not, Joseph" during the 5 p.m. evensong on Sunday, December 15, at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg); 619-298-7261. An offering will be received. (MIDTOWN)

Seagate Sundays, this series continues with a concert of holiday music from madrigals of the Renaissance to modern favorites by Cappella Gloriana on December 15. The concert takes place at 2 p.m. at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. Tickets are \$15 general, \$10 seniors and military, \$5 for children; two adults and at least one child are admitted for the family rate of \$25. For reservations and information, call 760-436-8744. (ENCINITAS)

In the Tradition of Kings College, Cambridge, England, St. Michael's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church offers a musical program of lessons and carols "recalling the story of the history of salvation" on Sunday, December 15, at 7 p.m. Find the church at 2775 Carlsbad Boulevard. 760-729-8901. (CARLSBAD)

Organ Concert, civic organist Carol Williams presents the weekly concert in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, December 15, at 2 p.m. For more information, call 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Christmas Classics are promised when Westwind Brass performs in concert on Tuesday, December 17, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. The program includes "The Messiah" and seasonal gems from America and abroad. Tickets are \$12 for nonmembers, 619-696-1966.

The Official Holiday Installment of the Short Attention Span Chamber Music Series coincides with the annual holiday concert by the Toy Piano Collection. Listen attentively for a short version of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite performed entirely on toy instruments. Lots of "other little toy piano surprises" are promised.

The short show starts at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, among the music stacks on the lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. The concert is free, parking is not (bring change for the meters). 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Medieval and Renaissance Music for Advent and Christmas may be heard when the Early Music Ensemble of San Diego performs on Wednesday, December 18, at 8 p.m., at the La Jolla Congregational Church (1216 Cave Street). Tickets are \$10 general. Call 858-459-5045 for information. (LA JOLLA)



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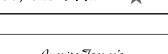
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GALLERIES

Using an "Odd, Yet Active Galaxy of looping ropes, spinning inner tubes, falling dominos, tilting glasses, and breaking eggs," Amanda Farber "creates tension in her work by combining flat negative space with dynamic images to portray inevitable conclusions and the passage of time." Visit Spruce Street Forum to view "Amanda Farber: Recent Work," opening with a reception on Friday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m.

This exhibit concludes on Saturday, January 18, 2003, at 301 Spruce Street. Gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and by appointment. For information, dial 619-295-0301, (BANKERS HILL)

Abstract Paintings "celebrating the evocative sensuality of women" by San Diego artist Alan Taback are on view through Saturday, January 4, 2003, at Gallery 504 North (3041 University Avenue). Meet Taback at the reception planned in his honor on Saturday, December 14, at 7 p.m. Regular gallery hours are noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. 619-491-0598. (NORTH PARK)

"Fruits of Life," an exhibit of oils on canvas by Arnulfo Saldana Grajales from Villa Corzo, Chiapas, Mexico, opens with a reception on Saturday, December 14, at 6 p.m., at Planet Rooth (3811 Ray Street), Viewing is by appointment; 619-297-9663.

The Annual Holiday Showcase at Sumner & Dene Creations includes a reception on Saturday, December 14, at 5 p.m., for Dawn Estrin. Estrin is showcasing vintage photographic jewelry; the continuing "Holiday Show" includes jewelry, ceramics, and gift items. The show closes on Tuesday, December 24.

Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, with hours extended through 8 p.m. on Thursdays, and 10 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The gallery is located at 2807 University Avenue. 619-688-5969. (NORTH PARK)

"Intuitive Artwork" by Tomji Serianni is on exhibit through Friday, January 10, 2003, at the San Diego Circle Gallery (3824 Ray Street). Meet Tomii - whose artwork "reflects his studies in meditation, spiritual iconography, shamanism, and the healing arts" - during the reception slated for Saturday, December 14, at 6 p.m. For gallery hours and information, call 619-299-5393. (NORTH PARK)

Algodones Dunes Photography by Andrew Harvey and "The Same Old Record" by Debby and Larry Kline are on view through Saturday, January 11, 2003, at the Sierra Club Larry Dumlao Gallery. There's a re-

ception for the artists planned during "Ray at Night" festivities on Saturday, December 14, at 6 p.m. Find the gallery inside the Sierra Club Bookstore (3820 Ray Street). Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 619-299-1743, (NORTH PARK)

"The Fourth Annual Juried Exhibition," featuring works in all media by artists who live, work, or have a studio in San Diego County, opens with a reception for the featured artists on Saturday, December 14, at 6 p.m., in the William D. Cannon Art Gallery. Jurors David Avalos and Philipp Scholz Ritterman selected 83 works by 54 artists, from art submitted by 198 artists. The works range from assemblage to oil paintings, from mixed-media collages to digitally transformed photographs, from monumental ceramic figures to surreal landscapes

See the exhibit through Saturday, January 25, 2003. Find the gallery at the Carlsbad City Library, at 1775 Dove Lane, Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with hours extended until 8 p.m. on Wednesday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. 760-602-2021. (CARLSBAD)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "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.

"startling, confrontational, and intensely personal photographs." Ballen's art is said to blur "the boundaries between documentary photography and constructed instal-"Roger Ballen: Photographs," 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 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 explore common cultural issues. Helen Altman explores the relationship between humans and nature, reality, and fiction by using familiar imagery in "Natural Inclinations." This exhibition features delicate torch drawings of animals, moving blankets painted with illustrations from schoolbooks and field guides, and pyramids of artificial fireplace logs. Altman's show closes on Sunday, February 16, 2003.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, some of the most visually breathtaking works of art in the 20th Century are on exhibit in "Christo and Jeanne-Claude in the Vogel Collection from the National Gallery of Art." The artists have used fabric to transcend the traditional bounds of painting, drawing, sculpture, and architecture. Spanning 40 years in the artists' joint career, the exhibition features 61 objects, including several early wrapped packages, models for large-scale public works, preparatory drawings and collages for projects in urban and rural sites, and photographs of completed projects. This show closes on Sunday, January 5, 2003.

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 hatma 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 ing 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 Alvs, 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 masterwork 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

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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: Destrover of Time," concluding on Sunday, January 12, 2003. The images are from the museum's Edward Binney III collection of South Asian paintings.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, originally created for court occasions, diplomatic gifts, and political purposes, sculptures by the 16th-Century sculptor Giambologna were admired for their high quality and incredible detail. An exhibition of bronze sculptures by Giambologna and the artisans and artists who worked in his studio opens on Friday, December 13. "Giambologna: Sculpture by the Master and His Followers" in cludes approximately 70 works, with a diverse range of subjects such as animals, historical, and mythological figures. The exhibition closes on Sunday, March 30, 2003.

For 15 years, artist Elizabeth Schlappi and her friend, the late Florence Hord, have created ornaments to decorate the holiday tree in the foyer of the museum. This year's tree features two dozen new handcrafted ornaments by Schlappi, including flags, fish, peacocks, hearts, and Noah's ark. View the adorned tree through December.

The museum's permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. For information, dial 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)



Isamu Noguchi, *Figure* (detail), bronze 1945 (cast 1979), The Isamu

Noguchi Foundation, Inc., Long Island City, New York.

Heart's Labyrinth

"Dante got it wrong; his sinners are operatic."

JEFF SMITH

he Marquise mourns her lost husband. She's cried for six months, and no one understands her pain. Although suitors are nearby, including a well-to-do Count, she will never remarry, never consider another man. Her grief will be her cause.

The Chevalier lost his beloved to vows she could not break. Marriage? No. A nunnery. He's so crushed, monkhood is a viable, maybe the only, alternative.

The Marquise and the Chevalier are characters in a French comedy produced in 1727. Had anyone other than Marivaux (1688-1763) written Heartbreak and Friendship: Love Surprise #2, the two would back onstage, each from a different wing, bump into each other, turn around, take one look, and vwa-lah — ya got yer comedy. But Marivaux had a different take on the genre. He wrote comedies of sentiment, of feeling, not sentimentality, and loved it when antithetical impulses vied for the same space.

Heartbreak, which played last week at UCSD, is a fine example. Into the basic formula of heartbroken lovers coming together he injects a radical concoction: he makes their sorrow real. Imagine actual pain, or even just ambiguity, in a TV sitcom. David Chase, who created The Sopranos, said his series could never go mainstream because on network shows people say "exactly what's on their minds." They have no internal conflict (Chase added that even passive-aggressiveness doesn't play). But what if sitcom characters had to overcome real obstacles? Through legitimate

efforts? And what if their inner lives were as intricate as yours and mine? And, toughest of all, what if they did it in a comedy?

Ambiguity doesn't play on network TV, nor did it in the theater of Marivaux's time. What he

did was the equivalent of putting emotional depth into sitcoms. As a result his style, a barometer of delicate shades of feeling, got labeled "Marivaudage," a pejorative for

its precious nuances. In seeing complexity where others saw only types, he was way ahead of his contemporaries. And when it comes to the heart's labyrinth, Marivaux remains one of the keenest of observers.

He brings the forlorn couple together in a garden. People call the Marquise the "proudest woman in the world." It doesn't take long to see that the Chevalier's in her league. Each is a sealed tomb, so adamant about loss they're in love with it. Something sparks. Both resist. Instead, and since only they seem to understand each other's agony, they decide to become friends. They will be a platonic support system, beyond the reach of paltry, fickle, rummy old love. Yeah, right.

As the play unfolds, friendship becomes a leaky canal, unable to hold their rising floods in check. And Marivaux explores their emotional levees, where spillage and stoppage intersect.

For centuries Marivaux had the reputation of being too subtle, too idiosyncratic, to translate (and he was, if interpreters relied on broad types as comedic models). At UCSD, Jim Carmody's lively new version of Heartbreak captures the flavor







Heartbreak and Friendship: Love Surprise #2, by Marivaux, translated by Jim Carmody

Galbraith Hall Studio 157, UCSD Directed by Jim Carmody; cast, Amanda de Treville Sitton, Phillip Dyas, Karl Krohne, Hayden Lee, Pierre Littee, Taryn Ranoa; scenic design, Ron Ranson; costumes, Jenny Wang; lighting, Karen McKeor Run concluded.

Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol, by Tom Mula

North Coast Repertory Theatre, 987 D Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach Directed by James Saba; cast: Ron Choularton; scenic design, Marty Burnett; lighting, Samuel J. Essex; ound, Robert Neuhaus; composer, Larry Schanker

Playing through December 29; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

and delicacy of the original. At stake are real feelings, and a real dilemma: committed to a path, the Chevalier and the Marquise confront a lifechanging possibility. Can they make what is, in effect, a paradigm shift?

The writing is alive, especially the dialogue, but the undergraduate production was quite uneven. Carmody proves Marivaux is translatable. What may be more difficult is the style of performance required. Marivaux wrote for two theaters, the



Comédie-Francaise and the Comédie-Italienne. Of the two, he preferred the latter. The Italians could play his subtexts better and, at the same time, could keep his comic spirit bright.

Few in the UCSD cast could negotiate the complexity of their roles: feeling and hiding feeling at the same time and playing comedy amid high stakes. Also, the dialogue had a kind of pause button, a delay between speeches that slowed the pace. The exception was Amanda de Treville Sitton's Marquise, who underwent a slow thaw. Her wavering, fast-forward/rewind trek back into the Marquise's stony heart was a delight.

Tom Stoppard went behind the scenes with Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead: Hamlet seen from a minor courtier's point of view. It follows that someone, on the lookout for yet another holiday show, would do a new take on Dickens's popular story. Tom Mula's Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol does. But unlike the Stoppard, which sheds new, albeit glancing, light on Shakespeare's tragedy, too often Mula's literate script bumps against one even more so.

Marley's dead, lo these seven years, and in hell. To get out, he and his "bogle" — a Tinkerbell-like spirit nested in Marley's right ear — must effect a "willing and reversible change of heart in Ebenezer Scrooge." Impossible? Wait. They have 24 hours.

The premise intrigues, as does Mula's pedestrian portrait of hell ("Dante got it wrong; his sinners are operatic"). But the show grafts Marley's story with all-too-familiar Dickens, and you know where you're headed — three ghosts, a change of heart, heel-clicking, "Boy, what day is it? What a splendid boy!" — long before you get there. They say ancient Greek audiences knew the plots of plays in advance. That may work with Oedipus or Antigone, but A Christmas Carol?

Ron Choularton, who plays Marley and everyone else at the North Coast Rep, has a second difficulty: Mula's script, though vividly descriptive, is also wordy. His sentences come with appetizers, entrées, and dessert menus. Plus, since the two-hour script tells multiple stories, it has about five different climaxes.

So skip Marley's Christmas Carol for other holiday fare? For theatergoers, maybe, sure, whatever. But theater lovers take this under advisement: Choularton's spectacular performance ranks among the year's best.

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

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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

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exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin' " back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round thingies all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency. Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!

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A Christmas Carol

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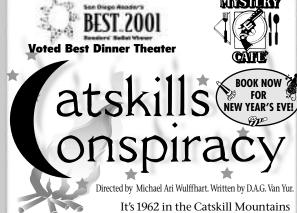


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The Welk Resort Theatre takes a nostalgic look at vuletide music. This year's theme: "New York, New York — For the Holidays." WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH JAN-UARY 4; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUES-DAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M.

Fault Line Players: Christmas Comedies

The Fault Line Theatre stages Conager Jones and the Search for Claus by T. Falagan, Therapy by Deborah Fabiano, and 'Twas the Night Before Christmas at the Starbrite Diner by Falagan. FAULT LINE THEATRE THROUGH DECEM-BER 14; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT

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How the Grinch Stole Christmas

The Globe Theatre presents its annual Christmas show - book and lyrics by Timothy Mason, music by Mel Marvin — in which the Green Meanie discovers his humanity. Jack O'Brien directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS BALBOA PARK, THROUGH DECEM-BER 31; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P M SUNDAY AT 7:00 P M MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT

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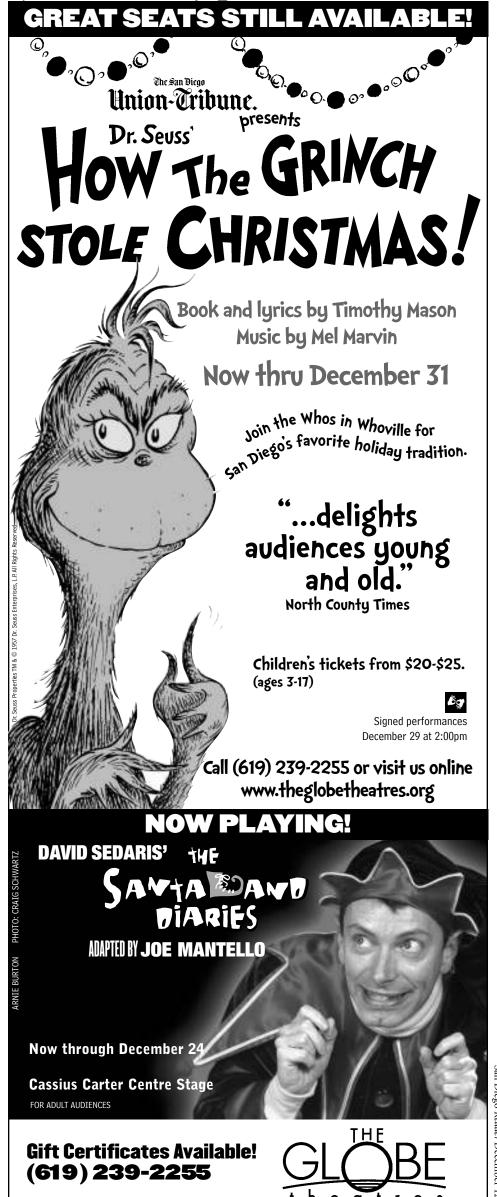
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Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol

Reviewed this issue. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 29: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M

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Lamb's Festival of Christmas

Lamb's Players Theatre offers a new script for its annual holiday show. Kerry Meads writes about four people brought together by downtown redevelopment; romance and reconciliation ensue. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 29; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

La Pastorela Nacer de Nuevo

Teatro Mascara Magica's popular Holiday show, now in its 12th year, follows the shepherd's journey to Bethlehem. On the way they face temptation and danger — and Jerry Springer? William Virchis directed.

LYCEUM SPACE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THURSDAY, DECEM-BER 12, THROUGH DECEMBER 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (AND SAT-URDAY, DECEMBER 21, AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 23) AT 2:00 P.M. FOR IN-FORMATION CALL 619-544-1000.

Laundry and Bourbon, Lone Star, and 1900 Desperate

Pixler Productions of Vista stages James McLure's Texas comedies (Laundry and Lone Star) and Christopher Durang's one-act. PIXLER PRODUCTIONS, 2822 STATE STREET, CARLSBAD, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, THROUGH DECEMBER 14; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 3:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 888-216-9949.

The Little Match Girl

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Joe Powers's adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's children's story.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 21; SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 11:00 A.M.

Measure for Measure

Poor Players stage William Shakespeare's fascinating "problem comedy." Richard Baird directed. SAN DIEGO ACTOR'S ALLIANCE, 3535 ADAMS AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH DECEMBER 15; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Mystery of Irma Vep

Charles Ludlam wrote a funny homage to things dark and stormy - werewolves, mummies, bumps in the night — for two actors. At Diversionary Theatre, David McBean and Farhang Pernoon excel in multiple roles, including Lord Edgar and Lady Enid Hillcrest. They perform in a stylistic homage to 19th-century acting (their characters are serious; they just express themselves ornately). Part of the fun, along with trying to follow Ludlam's circumlocutory plot, comes from watching McBean and Pernoon drift offstage, as one person, then roar back, in seconds, as another - often a different 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 François 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 DE-CEMBER 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY 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



National Comedy Theatre

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.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMA-TION CALL 619-295-4999.

La Posada Magica

Worth a try.

South Coast Repertory Theatre's ninth annual holiday production — by Octavio Solis, music by Marcos Loya — follows Joseph and Mary's search for lodging. Diane Rodriguez directed.
ARGYROS STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 24; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 3:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 12:30 P.M. AND 4:30 P.M.

Reckless

Rachel's having such a Christmas Eve-inspired euphoric attack, even the snow outside is probably a nice monster that "will carry us away into a dream." Not long after that observation, she's in the snow, wearing housedress and slippers, and tumbling through absurdist scene after absurdist scene. Rachel, who never worked (and whose only irksome trait was a tendency to talk a ton), finds herself "unsheltered" and learns that life can be "reckless" with some people — everyone she meets, in fact — and that the past can be a nightmare you "wake up to every day." 6th @ Penn Theatre has a lively, provocative antidote for chipper, holiday theater fare. Craig Lucas's comedy-drama recalls Bob Dylan's lyric, "I woke up on the wrong side; daydreaming 'bout the way things really are." The very funny production, directed by Kevin Burk, has a game, if uneven cast and features Lisel Gorell-Getz as Rachel, a woman turned outside-in. Whether she's exalting or ex hausted, Gorell-Getz is terrific (she runs the entire zodiac of emotions in under two intermissionless hours). So is Lucas's smart, pell-mell script, especially in showing how a single second can change everything and how attempts to turn things back can repel one farther away. Worth a t<u>ry</u>.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH JAN-UARY 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

The Rocky Horror Show

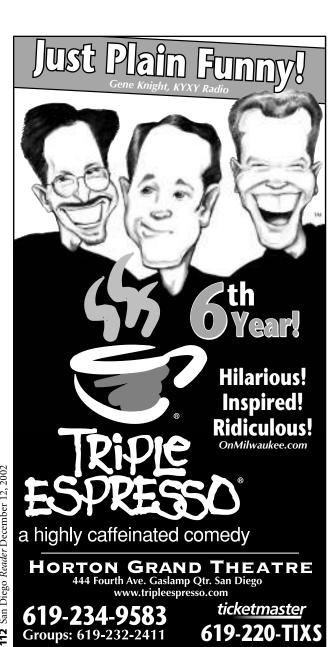
The Jack Dodge Theatre has extended its run of the "newly revised 2000 Broadway version" of the cult movie about Brad, Janet, and liberating alien abduction.

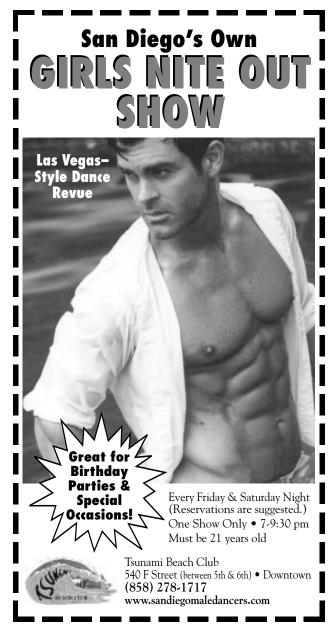
JACK DODGE THEATRE, 335 SIXTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPENENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 10:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-231-5949.

San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene-making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (Improv) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art." Worth a try.

SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-465-SHOW.









The Sopranos' Last Supper

The Santaland Diaries

The Globe Theatre offers David Sedaris's "irreverent antidote" to Christmas shows, an "elfin standup routine" about his work at Macy's as an elf. Brendon Fox directed.

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, THROUGH DECEMBER 24: TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 8:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 9:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. (NOTE: THE GLOBE OFFERS 6:00 P.M. SHOWS; FOR INFORMATION CALL THE THEATER, 619-123-1941.)

Seven MORE Weeks of Greeks!

What a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama. 6th @ Penn offers a series of staged readings, produced by Linda Castro and David Cohen. I caught the first, Euripides' Medea, and it was a huge success. The approach is refreshing. There is no attempt at polished work or

choices set in stone. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal: the threshold of exploration. They read in a semicircle. There's some movement, a suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading and admission is free - though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations.

Worth a try.

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Silent Night, Lonely Night

Actor's Asylum Productions pre-

about "two lonely people struggling to get through a personal crisis during the holidays." William Lawrence Kerr directed ACTOR'S ASYLUM, THROUGH JANUARY 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-LIRDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Sopranos' Last Supper

Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster

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Triple Espresso: A Highly **Caffeinated Comedy**

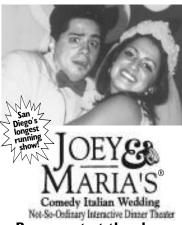
Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "or-dinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, SAN DIEGO, OPEN-ENDED RUN: WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-234-9583.

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Community Actors Theatre presents Werner Rolf Hashagen's new comedy about a "young, handsome, etc." lawyer and three women who decide who could be next in his life. David Alberts directed.

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"We had noise complaints from as far away as San Diego and the entire El Cajon Valley. It was a nightmare," says Associated

"In years past," explains Grossmont vice president of Student Services Peter White, "the concert was held in the center quad, which is surrounded by buildings and offers some kind of sound insulation. This year, we moved it to the upper soccer field, a high point on campus

the inside track

Students of Grossmont College president Richard Ferrell about the November 15 Third Annual Music Showcase. Ferrell says that the concert's producers finally pulled the plug one hour early at 11 p.m. at the insistence of San Diego police.

"We worked with the other bands to cut their sets a little shorter so that Sprung Monkey and Rocket from the Crypt could get onstage. We were successful," he says, "but Rocket only got in three

without any natural sound barriers.

There were even bigger problems than loud music the concert's attendance.

"We counted about 150 paid [admissions] at the door," says Ferrell, "and we had approximately 100 presale tickets, and about 50 more tickets were comped."

'It looks like we may have overestimated the attractiveness of the program," says Peter White, or we underadvertised."

"We only had one main

source of publicity," says Ferrell, "and that was the Reader. We...were also on 91X," he adds, "but we were

really lacking some hard publicity. Other factors could have been that "SOMA reopened the same night," or that the concert's

date was accidentally left out of some of the print ads, including those that ran in the San Diego Reader.

"I guess we had problems with the Reader not getting the date in," admits Ferrell, "but that was mainly problems with our publicity department, who failed to follow up on that to make sure that happened." He attributes blame to both sides. "I'm not pointing the finger at any one of the two. It was just a miscommunication. This was something new," he adds. "We've never done anything like this before.... After refunds, we netted negative \$20,000. We went \$20,000 dollars in the

hole" out of a total budget, he says, of \$22,000 dollars. "The crowd was pretty

angry," he says, "so we had all



NO DATE AND NEW MONKEY SHOW

the people who felt they were gypped put their e-mail address and name [on a list] and we're gonna make it right somehow.... Rocket says they're gonna do another event for us," says Ferrell. But so far, there is no makeup date scheduled.

- Dave Good

On November 19, **Clear Channel San** Diego fired 34 staffers, including afternoon DJ Benny Martinez, who was heard on oldies station KOOL 95.7. This means that there are two local Clear Channel stations

with only one live-and-local DJ. KOOL 95.7 is only live and local in the morning with Dave Mason, and afternoon DI Mike O'Brian is the only live-and-local DI on country station Bob 99.3. The rest of the day, both stations rely on voice-tracked DI feeds from air talent based in other cities.

— Ken Leighton

"The fire marshal was very nice, but he has a job to do.

Bonnie Wright is not bitter about the public official who helped her make the decision to close the Spruce Street Forum. For seven years her Banker's Hill music venue hosted contemporaryclassical, electronica, and jazz concerts. Tonight Spruce Street hosts its last live concert after seven years at its current location between Third and Fourth

"We always managed to fly under the radar [regarding occupancy issues]. I could never afford advertising, so I guess that's one of the reasons we did not attract attention."

She said up to 100 people would pay \$10 to \$20 to see

intimate concerts by London guitarist Derek Bailey, Bay Area sax quartet Rova, or Paris-based sax player Steve Lacey. "We just had Matmos, an electronica duo that toured with Biork. Electronica is one of the trends we really tried to tap into.'

Wright said the one-story brick building was purchased by her father in 1974. She turned it into an art gallery and performance space seven



. SPRUCE BENDS WITH THE WIND years ago. Wright said Spruce Street has been hosting about 24 concerts a year. Two months ago a visit



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from the fire marshal slashed the official occupancy to 49. (Wright had been working under the assumption that 100 was the legal capacity.)

"That was one of the major reasons we decided to sell."

Wright said the 90-yearold building will now house an interior design company.

"The most important thing is to keep the music going. We plan on continuing the concerts elsewhere."

Wright said she has a few leads but would not say where they were.

"We are nonprofit. Half of our funding comes from grants and donations. The other half from [door] admission. We never did door gigs [where performers are only paid by ticket revenues]. We didn't always make money, but money is not the point. Musicians need to be respected. One of the ways you can show your respect to artists in our society is to pay them a respectable fee."

Electronic artist Lisle Ellis appears at 8 p.m. tonight with

bassist Joelle Leandre, percussionist Willie Winant, and trombonist George Lewis. Admission is \$20, \$15 for students.

— Ken Leighton

"P.O.D. did not get played on local radio

until after they were signed to Atlantic, and 91X was one of the last stations in the nation to add them

to add them to their playlist," says a local insider who would know. "Whereas blink-182 was getting played when they were still considered a local band,

same goes for ORGANIX
Sprung Monkey, Buck-ONine, Rocket from the Crypt,

"It's been like that for years," says José Ocadiz when asked about the attention South Bay bands have gotten over the years in the San Diego music scene. José plays bass in original reggae band Organix, which just won the downtown San Diego Hard Rock Café's Battle of the Bands

"Even when I played in One in the Chamber [a previous band Ocadiz was in], and we got to open up for major international acts such as Molotov from Mexico and Puya from Puerto Rico, the most recognition we got is one play of a song off our CD on [91X's] *Loudspeaker*," adds José. Organix has also opened for Midnite, Yellowman, and Eek-a-Mouse.

"It's weird because there have been some great bands



ORGANIX SAYS SOUTH BAY UNAPPRECIATED

out of the South Bay covering all types of genres. From the rap music of Legions of Doom to the heavy sounds of Drip by Drown and Sock, to psychedelic rock of Acts 2:58," says Arturo Chavez, who plays drums in Organix. "Not to mention the B-Side Players and Agua Dulce, who, along with P.O.D., have tried to put the South Bay on the map."

Catch San Ysidro's
Organix when they play along
with Crucial at Blind Melon's
in Pacific Beach on Saturday,
December 28, or at 'Canes

with Emaue, Samadhi, and the Tiger's Temple Collective on January 3.

— Oscar Muñoz

A Bono sighting at a local coffee shop:

"There was a group of guys playing guitar," says John Gorman, a regular at the Earthblend coffee shop in Tierrasanta. "One of them had a pretty good voice. When I turned around and looked, it was Bono from U2. I did a double take. It was him all right, big sunglasses and all." He drove home, grabbed his wife, and returned. "He was very approachable. He told us a joke," says Miki Gorman. "He said, how many Irishmen does it take to change a light bulb?" she says. "Fifty — one to hold the bulb, and the other 49 to

other 49 to drink until the room starts spinning."

"I'm 100 percent sure it was him," says Gorman.

So were a lot of other people, says Terry Burhans of Fox News,

including possibly the coffee shop's owner, a man named M.J. who declined to be interviewed, though he confirmed that it was the singer.

But it wasn't.
"Bono's" real name is
Pavel Sfera.

"I've seen Sfera convince a lot of people that he's the real thing," says Burhans. "He plays guitar and sings every Sunday in Old Town at O'Hungry's, and he helps out at some of the local things that we do on Fox in the Marring."

Morning."
On Thanksgiving
morning Burhans, Sfera, and
others were at the Earthblend
coffee shop on Santo Road to
tape a reenactment of
group W, the group of
criminals memorialized in
Arlo Guthrie's folk epic
"Alice's Restaurant."

There were almost 100 people in attendance, says Burhans, many of whom were taken in by Sfera.



PHONY BONO

"There were grown people my age getting autographs from him," he says. "But he didn't actually sign anything Bono — he signed B, along with their name."

Sfera was unavailable for comment.

Miki Gorman says, "We asked him what he was doing here on Thanksgiving. He said, 'Oh, I've got friends, family, and lovers here.... When it was over, he threw his guitar in the trunk of a red Honda and drove off to Los Angeles. He said he hated L.A.," says Gorman. "He said his band was playing a concert in L.A. the next night."

The real U2, according to *Pollstar*'s Web-based concert and tour search engine, is currently not on the road.

— Dave Good

"That's why I don't have jazz that much. It

costs too much to rent the piano. I don't have room in the house to store one."

Schoolteacher Jimmy Duke just wrapped his fifth concert season. Since January 1998, he's been hosting live music shows at his Lakeside home. To accommodate Italian concert pianist Alessio Averone last Sunday, he rented a seven-foot Boesendorfer piano.

"It's the best piano made. It's a \$64,000 piano. It rents for \$2000 [per use], but I got it for a discount because I kept it for a month."

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"The food, advertising, and [equipment] rental all comes out of my pocket. At the present time I can afford

it, so I do it. All the money from the ticket sales goes to the musicians. You can't put a basket at the door and hope people put something in it."

Admission for the shows he stages (under the banner of Dark 30 Productions) ranges from \$15 to \$25.

He says he never makes a profit and sometimes he eats

"The largest guarantee I ever gave was \$2000. The door only made \$1200, and I had to cover the other \$800.

Plus I spent another \$1000 on

He said he has never had a problem inviting 100 paying customers to his home. "People are well behaved."

Duke says he won't move the series out of his home. "If I got a larger venue, I'd have to rent it, and I would lose that much more money.'

Duke says his concerts are not profitable, but Dark 30 is not nonprofit.

"My tax guy tells me I need to get a corporate sponsor, but he actually ended up sponsoring one of my shows.

Duke's 2003 Dark 30 Production concert lineup



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\$15; Bill Bourne, April 13, \$15; Ray Bonneville, May 18, \$15. Phone 619-443-9622.

- Ken Leighton

San Diego magazine's

December issue says, "Word on the street is that downtown San Diego may get a House of Blues nightclub after all. Dan Avkroyd, one of the onagain, off-again project's backers, was spotted scoping out the proposed site in the old Woolworth building on Fifth Avenue with buddy Bruce Willis."

Jack Gannon, HoB senior VP for marketing, said Aykroyd "was just in town visiting" and that while he remains on the board of directors, "He is not involved in day-to-day operations.

Gannon said construction

on a local HoB nightclub will resume "once financing is secured.... Once funding is in place, it will take another six to eight months before it is open.

Renovation efforts on the old Woolworth building ceased last summer. Published reports said a lack of money slowed HoB's plans to open new nightclubs in addition to the eight that are

already up and running. HoB is not saying what its specific plans are regarding a San Diego nightclub.

Last week Don Watson, vice president of operations for HoB, said San Diego will one day have its own House of Blues club, but he would not say when it would open or where it would it be located.

He did say that Aidan

Scully, former general manager of the House of Blues nightclub in Cambridge, Massachusetts, has his own office on Fifth and C. Watson said Scully will one day run the San Diego House of Blues nightclub. "He's just waiting for the venue to open," said Watson.

The House of Blues first announced its plans to open a local nightclub in 1997. In expectation of the club's opening, House of Blues rented out 4th & B for five consecutive nights Monday through Friday — during the week prior to the January 1998 Super Bowl. Los Lobos, Wyclef Jean, and George Thorogood headlined their own pre-Super Bowl concerts at the 4th & B.

For next month's Super

Bowl, Watson says HoB is planning no live music concerts anywhere in San

Bob Speth, co-owner of 4th & B, said he has other plans. "Magic Johnson rented it out Friday and Saturday [January 24 and 25]. On Super Bowl Sunday [January 26] Vibe magazine has it." Speth said he did not yet know which musical acts would be booked for those three nights, and he did not know if tickets would be made available to the public.

Ken Leighton

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Another collaboration resulted in Kamanski's and Campbell's five-year-old daughter Tennessee Snow Kamanski.

BAND MATES

JOHN BRIZZOLARA

aul Kamanski and Caren Campbell were singing together before they were an item—but not for long. Together since 1989, the couple provided, respectively, instrumental and vocal backups for Country Dick Montana in a Beat

Farmers offshoot, the Pleasure Barons. Since then, the two have produced three CDs for Kamanski's group Commanche Moon. Electric Lizardland won the San

Diego Music Award for best local recording, was followed by *Dreams in Rewind* and *Old Dogs*. A fourth, *Live from the Rock*, with Joey Harris, was recorded in Coronado, "in some guy's back yard," Kamanski says.

Another collaboration resulted in Kamanski's and Campbell's five-year-old daughter Tennessee Snow Kamanski.

"The thing that's nice about playing with your wife or just with a woman onstage is that it keeps the male ego in check," says Kamanski. "Everyone comes with a little laundry to rehearsal or the stage, but no guy wants to look like a complete fool in front of a woman. It keeps the nastiness and the swearing down to a tolerable level too. Men are on their better behavior."

If, say, a fight erupts in the car on the way to the gig?

Kamanski says, "I just drop her off a couple blocks before the show and let her cool down. Then I'll tell the monitor guy to give her a really bad mix so she has to sweat bullets all night."

"Such a lie," Campbell interrupts. "I don't know that our personal life gets onstage. We really have a separate thing...mutual respect."

The two met in the Pleasure Barons, where they were "the chorus." Kamanski had written songs for the Beat Farmers, and Campbell sang on several Beat Farmer recordings. "That was 13 years ago," the two say simultaneously as they look at each other.

"Now we're working on our secret weapon project, a little diversionary tactic," reveals Kamanski. "Commanche Moon is my love project, my soul project, but this thing dives a little deeper into an earlier sound, a 'hill' or mountain sound — acoustic mandolins, banjos, and instruments that are really hard to play. We found we could...sound like we're from the mountains... You find that

your roots go back really far."

The new work consists of original songs performed by himself, Campbell, and guitarist Richard Livoni. The trio calls itself

the Dead Sea Squirrels.

Kamanski and Campbell released the last Commanche Moon album, *Old Dogs*, in Europe. The album has picked up airplay in Australia, where the Beat Farmers also found a wide audience. Ka-



Caren Campbell and Paul Kamanski

manski shrugs, "You can't get any airplay in America anymore. Not even in your own town."

"It occurs to me," Campbell says, "that one of the things that's different [these days] is the studio. It's an entirely different world than the stage.... Onstage it's over in an hour or hour and a half, in the studio you're there until 5:30 in the morning if that's what it takes.... In the studio I'm working with people that expect something specific from me, and when I'm onstage I'm working with an audience that doesn't expect anything from me per se — they're just a bunch of people I don't know. Working with Paul, who is expecting something specific, can make me nervous."

Liz Abbott and Kent Johnson are a duo from University Heights, with roots in the folk movement of the '60s, who have evolved, along with guitarist Gene Rochambeau and drummer Randy Hoffman, into a Byrds tribute band called Fowl Play. Along the way, the couple have provided backup vocals for José Sinatra and the Troy Dante Quintet.

Liz Abbott remembers, "Our debut was at the Wikiup [a now-defunct coffeehouse] in 1993. I met Kent in 1989 when I hired him and José to do their shtick at a Christmas party at UCSD. He didn't know I was musical — even after we were married —

until Gene Clark of the Byrds died, and I brought home the obituary. He went, 'Oh God! I used to have all the records,' and then we'd start noodling with him on guitar. My brother and Kent and I did a three-part rendition of 'Full Circle' at my father's funeral, and we knew we were ready. The day after Thanksgiving of that year we were at the Wikiup."

The band's name, Hannah's Parents, is a reference to Abbott's 25-year-old daughter from a previous marriage.

"Our performances have been very intermittent, so we never got that real polish together. We would never actually fight onstage, but I've gotten pissed off at him, he's such a know-it-all sometimes. It's, like, 'What am I? Stupid?' And he's so intense. It's, like, 'Chill, man!'"

Abbott and Johnson serendipitously have a mutual love of the Everly Brothers and find their voices in similar ranges to Phil and Don. Another aspect of their show might be described as the boozy cigarette-choked jazz club at 2 a.m., when Johnson plays Tom Waits's "Drunk on the Moon" or "Heart of Saturday Night," and Abbott becomes stage persona "Tipsi Holiday" to Johnson's "San Diego Phil Harmonic."

Abbott's musical background includes classical piano. When her parents divorced, her mother started at the Old Town School of Folk Music in Chicago.

"My mother taught me guitar, and I started learning every Joan Baez song ever written. But I was really shy and didn't have much ambition. But looking back I was a real idiot. I could have





Kent Johnson and Liz Abbott - Hannah's Parents

really had some fun playing music professionally, but I just kind of...I don't know, I think I'm a new soul," she laughs, "so I didn't know."

As to whether music has taxed or buttressed her marriage, Abbott is quick to say, "Helped. The music brings us together. We have so much fun."

This applies to the couple's collaboration in the graphic art and production aspects of local newspaper the *Troubadour*, an enterprise with partners Lyle and Ellen Duplessie.

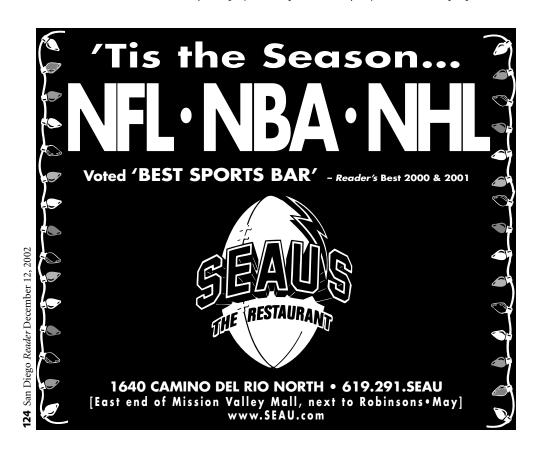
"I think it was hard on Liz in the beginning, me practicing her the way I did. I don't think she



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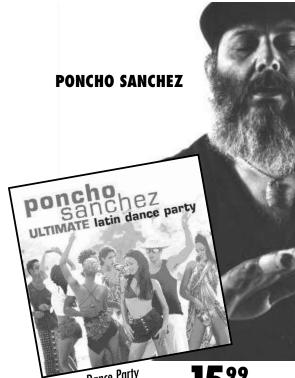
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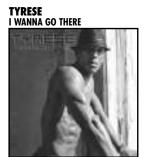
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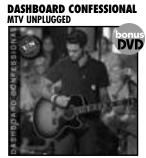




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lationship. Diagnosed with breast cancer, Abbott is undergoing chemotherapy treatment that, while debilitating, shows no sign of dampening the enthusiasm of either member of Hannah's Parents.

In the wilds of Ramona, the personal and professional partnership of Scott and Rosebud Ireland, otherwise known as Bug Guts, is germinating a sequel to their second CD, Big Bowl of Warm Fur. One fan describes their work as "Frank Zappa meets Rush meets Black

Sabbath."

The mixture of sounds includes Rosebud Ireland on the didgeridoo (a deep-toned native Australian wind instrument made from a long, hollowed-out piece of wood) overdubbed with the sound of Rosebud running a wet finger over a crystal wineglass and then layered over her husband's barking pumpkin wah-wah pedal and Gestapo-siren guitar.

Together since 1989, a recurring year among these musical marriages, Rosebud points out, "We were playing music before we were 'coupleating.'"

She may be referring to their incarnation as Raw Croon or Leather Muffin (late '80s). "You've got to keep it playful. You've got to be weird...and not one of those people that take everything so fuckin' seriously."

Married in 1991, the couple seems to keep to this philosophy with song titles like "Magic Garbage Ride," "Swirly for Yanni," or "I Know Why the Dickbird Bites."

And lyrics like these from "Go Thoreau":

as i went walkin out alone past the fingernailshops and the tanning salons / neon and glitter all seething and bitter / I had to turn around and go dive right back down that rabbit hole / well you might say that I was severely, perplexedly starkraving mad as the crowd with the pushing and shoving to get to the 99th billionth big Machiavellian boomerang / shit your nest and seal your fate / and the only questions that remain are the simple ones: what have we done? And can you change a condom faster than a diaper? Can you change the minds of rich old whitemen puppetmasters?

My asking if relationship friction carries over to stage or studio provokes a "we've been through too much for that" remark from Rosebud. "Intimacy definitely does have its own vulnerabilities, but we trust each other and know we'll both be up there for each other no matter what happens."

"Until you fuck up," Scott interjects.

Rosebud allows that while the couple never fights onstage, "We have been known to wrestle."



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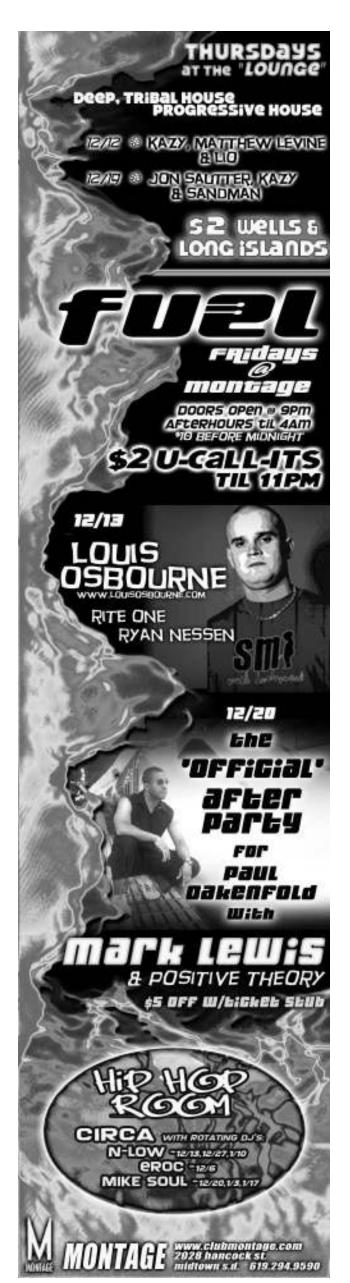
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Dog Conversion

Whatever those three-piece French bands were playing, it didn't have no blue notes and syncopation going on.

hether or not Kenneth Rexroth was the originator of poetry and jazz collaborative performances, he was always very willing to take credit for it. He was certainly the phenomenon's official spokesperson in the late

'50s. Here he is explaining it all to the masses in *Esquire*:

Poetry and jazz gain new, different dimensions in association. Poetry has always gained by association with music...ancient China, Japan, India, Greece, the troubadours and minnesingers and skalds. Not just as lyricists for songs, but also as recitation. The Homeric poems were recited in this way. There was a special profession for doing it called *rhetora*. In a sense poetry and jazz as such began about mid-19th century with a friend of Baudelaire and Verlaine. Charles Cros.

who recited his poems to the jivy music of the threepiece bands of the *bals musettes* and *cafés chantants*.

This last bit is nonsense. Whatever those three-

piece French bands were playing, it didn't have no blue notes and syncopation going on; then again, maybe there was a bit of syncopation. But the clientele in those

particular boîtes *would* have had affinities with Rexroth's old crowd in Chicago's bohemian Green Mask tea room of the 1920s, a 19th-century Parisian boho version.

Despite Rexroth's ardent patronage and historical analysis, poetry and jazz, by and large, was a failed experiment, very much an oil-and-water affair, but there were a few successes, and among the best is Londoner Christopher Logue's poetry-cum-jazz sessions from the late '50s, now available with other recordings of him reading his poetry on a seven-CD set made between 1958 and 1998 called *Audiologue*.

Allow me to quote from an enlightened and cranky contemporary of Logue, the querulous poet-publisher-photographer-essayist-sybarite Jonathan Williams:

Every time I undergo a poetry reading, some particularly baleful lines from the letters of Parson Mason Lake Weems, the redoubtable pamphleteer and bookseller of Colonial America, come to mind: "My prospects, as to comfort, Health, Life & co. are gloomy and uncompromising. Even the natives are

afraid to travel through the Sultry infected air of this fenny, loggy, dreadful country. Shou'd anything happen to me, I cherish a hope that you will do Justice to my Poor Widow & children — You owe me money!"

Having myself been to scores of poetry readings, I very well know where Mr. Williams is coming from. But there are exceptions, some marvelous ones, and I feel almost certain when I suggest that the English poet, actor, memoirist, and former staff writer for the British satirical journal *Private Eye*, Christopher Logue, is prominent among them. Jonathan Williams would heartily agree.

I first ran across Logue 15 years ago in Melbourne, Australia,

where we were both guests of the Melbourne Spoleto Festival, a descendant of the Festival of Two Worlds first organized by the Italian composer of opera

Christopher Logue

AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

Gian Carlo Menotti, in Spoleto, Italy, in 1958. The American version of the festival has long enjoyed a home in

Charleston, South Carolina. The Melbourne version (short-lived through no fault of mine or Logue's) was in its first year and had that scattershot, willy-nilly vitality and improvisational atmosphere

that it would lose over time to smooth professionalism, i.e., corporate sponsorship, bean counters, and an audience from the suburbs with no real knowledge of music or poetry or much else, just out for their culture injection.

But really, the first time I actually saw Logue was in a movie theater. He was playing Cardinal Richelieu in the Ken Russell movie The Devils. This, I must admit, took me aback, because I was already familiar with bits of his ongoing translation of Homer's Iliad, the work for which Logue is best known. I had never even heard of a poet, at least a contemporary, who was a stage and screen actor.

In these United States, where nearly all "poets" are employed by universities, Logue would be an even more extreme anomaly than he is in Britain, where he's considered odd enough. But Logue has

always been up front about his disinclination toward any sort of conventional poet's career:

I had learned that nothing was left to chance where the careers of promising young British poets were concerned. If your poems were liked by your fellow

poets, you published a book. Its reviews (usually by your fellow poets) called it to the attention of the educated public. If favourable, these comments resulted in your being interviewed by the press and included in anthologies. Then a second collection, a visiting (literary) professorship, a prize or two, a *Selected Poems* and, finally, the incorporation of your works into the educational syllabus.

A process taking 20 years or more How horrible, I thought.

There was an alternative approach, with room for improvisation and collaboration—poets, composers, painters, singers, and actors working together.

On meeting Logue for the first time, it

was immediately apparent that he could never have fit any institutional mould even if he had tried. His one serious, if unenthusiastic attempt, the British army, was a disaster, with Logue winding up serving 16 months of a two-year sentence in a military detention camp in Palestine in 1945. "Let's have ourselves some wine straightaway!"

Logue announced as he got into a waiting car after a disastrous interview on Australian national radio in which he was taken to task, by an exJesuit, for calling either the Queen or Margaret Thatcher or both (I can't remember) the "anti-Christ."

On his return to England from prison in 1951, Logue checked out the literary scene in London but was unimpressed. "There were

these university boys all over the place, and I had nothing in common with them." So he went to Paris for five years, in those days a far livelier place for an adventurous young writer. It was in Paris that he began to seriously develop as a poet and to begin publishing here and there. It was also in Paris, filled in those days with American expatriates, black *and* white, that he was first exposed to live jazz when a friend took him to hear Kenny Clarke, bebop's pioneer drummer, and his group.

A year later, in London, one evening a friend played Logue an album on the World Pacific label called *Jazz Canto*, a collection of poems read to jazz. Among the curiosities on the album was Hoagy Carmichael reading a couple of William Carlos Williams poems in a gruff voice. "The balance was wrong," Logue remembers in his memoir

Prince Charming. "The music was too loud for the words, the words unrelated to the music. One track was exhilarating. Lawrence Ferlinghetti's poem "Dog."

Years later, in 1959 to be precise, Logue ap-

proached Donald Carne-Ross at the BBC and asked if he'd back a poetry-and-jazz program. Poetry and jazz would have been a totally new concept then in Britain. Carne-Ross asked Logue to bring in a proposal. Logue brought in the "Dog" recording.

Logue hooked up with a jazz quintet led by drummer Tony Kinsey. For a text, Logue used an adaptation of some Pablo Neruda poems entitled

"Red Bird." The result, broadcast on Programme Three of the BBC, was a startling success. David Sylvester wrote in the Observer: "The words seemed to be growing out of the music.... It can be moving...for its recreation of that 2:00 a.m. feel." In the Guardian, Harold Jackson wrote, under the heading "Sympathetic Liaison of Verse and Jazz Experiment," that "Subtle use has been made of the traditional devices of jazz — the break and chase chorus, for instance — with the sharp coolness of Logue's voice in contrast to the generally mellow sound of the quintet. The voice is used instrumentally and the rhythms are those of music rather than speech; but the stilted quality of song rhythms, imposed by the restriction of melody, is quite absent.'

"Red Bird" is just one disc among seven in the *Audiologue* package that includes two discs of Logue's *Selected Poems*, four discs from his *Iliad* translation *War Music*, which I first heard him read with electrifying effect in Melbourne years ago, and two other discs of Logue-authored songs sung by Annie Ross along with "a melodrama for narrator and seven musicians" called "The Arrival of the Poet in the City," which I've also heard Logue read aloud, without musical accompaniment: a deeply moving piece.

For details on how to purchase the set, check: www.unknownpublic.com,

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THIS WEEK'S **CONCERTS**

THURSDAY

The Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Cox Arena, Thursday, December 12, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Venice [432]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, December 12, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Lisle Ellis [525], Joëlle Léandre, and William Winant: Spruce Street Forum, Thursday, December 12, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

FRIDAY

Tori Amos [485] and **Howie Day:** RIMAC Arena, Friday, December 13, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Counting Crows and Toad the Wet Sprocket: Cox Arena, Friday, December 13, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Joan Osborne [502] and Carlos Washington's Giant People: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 13, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Fu Manchu and the Barons: The Casbah, Friday, December 13, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

The Rova Saxophone Quartet: Spruce Street Forum, Friday, December 13, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

SUNDAY

Kevin Burke [857] and **Gerry O'Beirne:** Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Sunday, December 15, 7:30 p.m., 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach. 858-689-2266.

WEDNESDAY

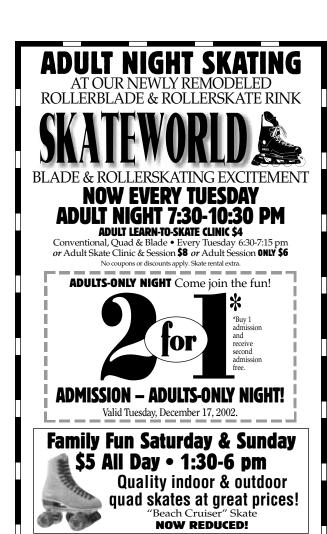
"Julian's Community Christmas Party" featuring the Bayou Brothers [948]: Julian Town Hall. Wednesday, December 18, 7 p.m., Main Street, Julian. 760-765-1588 or 760-765-1857.

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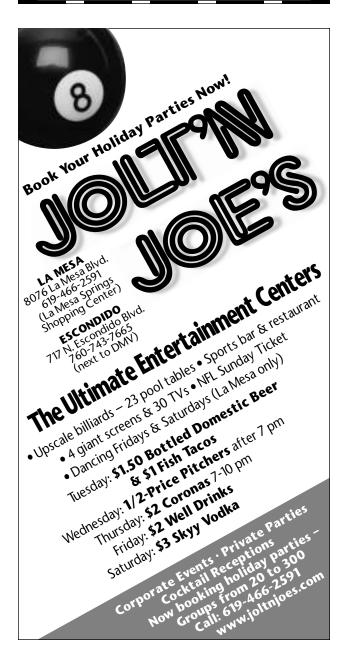
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The and/ors [227], Sin Sin '77, and **A.M. Vibe:** The Casbah, Friday, December 20, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown, 619-232-4355.

Ozomatli [228]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 20, and Saturday, December 21, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

"El Vez [834]: The Christmas Show": The Casbah, Monday, December 23, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown, 619-232-4355 or

Billy Idol /488 : 4th & B. Thursday. December 26, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Guns 'N' Roses : San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, December 27, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

The Rugburns [263]: The Casbah, Tuesday, December 31, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Rob Halford, Testament, and Violence: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, December 31, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

JANUARY

Reverend Horton Heat: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, January 2, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Tristeza [300] and Ilya [204]: The Casbah, Thursday, January 9, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Dokken and Sirens Wail [535]: 4th & B, Sunday, January 12, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Hank Williams III [775]: The Casbah, Sunday, January 12, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Erykah Badu [931]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, January 15, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Creeper Lagoon: The Casbah, Wednesday, January 15, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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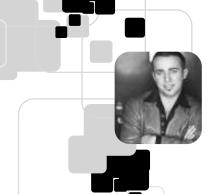
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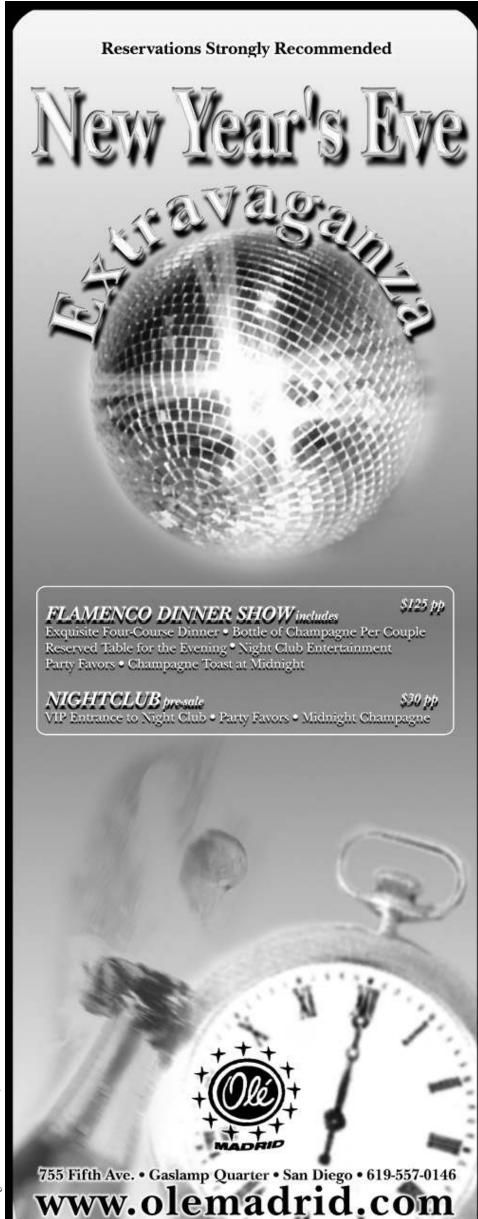
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The Wallflowers [503]: 4th & B, Wednesday, January 29, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Nina Hagen: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Wednesday, January 29, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

"International Guitar Night" featuring Brian Gore, Ralph Towner, Martin Taylor, and Marco Pereira: East County Performing Arts Center, Thursday, January 30, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Quiet Riot and Sirens Wail [535]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, January 31, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

FEBRUARY

Jason Mraz: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, February 1, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Joe Satriani [506]: 4th & B, Wednesday, February 5, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Blind Boys of Alabama [927]: Mandeville Auditorium, Wednesday, February 5, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

The Alkaline Trio [345], One Man Army, and Paris TX: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Wednesday, February 5, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Neil Finn and Rhett Miller: 4th & B, Monday, February 10, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Blue Öyster Cult [458]: 4th & B, Wednesday, February 12, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Shawn Colvin [854]: East County Performing Arts Center, Tuesday, February 18, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Big Head Todd & the Monsters: 4th & B, Friday, February 21, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

"Brazil Carnaval": 4th & B, Saturday, February 22, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Pretenders [436]: 4th & B, Sunday, February 23, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Keiko Matsui [650]: East County Performing Arts Center, Wednesday, February 26, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.





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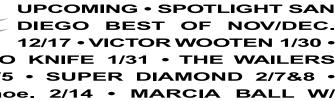
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ALTERNATIVE

The After Party: The Casbah Allotic: Soma

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Arkham: Soma

Backvard: 'Canes Bar and Grill

The Barons: The Casbah The Big Provider: Surf N'Saddle

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Blind Guardian: 4th & B

Buford: Blind Melons

Cage: 4th & B

The Cause: The Scene

Caution Children: The Casbah

Chaotic Creature: The Playhouse Cilantro: Dream Street

Compass: 'Canes Bar and Grill

The Dance Disaster Movement: The

dieradiodie: The Scene

Dismissed: The Scene

Disgorge: Brick By Brick

Earthless: The Kensington Club

18 Bonez: Brick By Brick

The Enchanted [220]: Lestat's

Evilado: The Casbah

Fabrique: The Kensington Club

Fallen 019: Soma

Fate Turns Grey: The Playhouse Ferretto: Epicentre

Fith: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Flashlight Brown: 'Canes Bar and

Flyover Country: Soma

From Autumn to Ashes: The Scene

Fu Manchu: The Casbah Fuzz-Huzzi: 'Canes Bar and Grill

GZA: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Grove: Winstons

Guttermouth: Some

Halifax: Epicentre

The Hangmen: The Casbah

Hence the Name: The Scene

Honey Spot: Dream Street

Hookworm: The Playhouse

The Hope Conspiracy: The Scene Human Drama: Dream Street

Idiot Wind [130]: Dream Street

Idle: Brick By Brick

J-Live: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Jake: Dream Street

Just a Joke: Epicentre

Kill Me Tomorrow: The Casbah

Kut U Up: The Casbah Kyros: Dream Street

Ladwig: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Lance's Hero: The Scene

The Living Daylytes: Dream Street

Lualta [124]: Soma

Luna: The Casbah

Madafacts: Blind Melons Maudlin: The Casbah

The Mice: 'Canes Bar and Grill

The Mr. T. Experience: Soma

Morracan: The Kensington Club

The Nickel Project: Victor's

Restaurant & Bar

Noise Ratchet: The Scene Old Town Avenue: Epicentre

One Side Red: Dream Street

One Track Mind: The Scene The Original Sinners: The Casbah

Gregory Page [186]: The Ould Sod

People Like Us: Blind Melons

Pivit: The Scene

Pokaface: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Alice Pooper & the Billion Dollar Babies: The Casbah

Tristan Prettyman: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

Problem Solved: Dream Street

Pure Petty & the Milkbreakers: The

Stephanie Ray: Brick By Brick

Redefined: Dream Street Reeve Oliver: The Scene

The Riddlin Kids: The Scene

SYK: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Serene: Epicentre

Seven Hills: Epicentre

The 7th Day Buskers [812]: Lestat's

Silva: Brick By Brick

Silver Sunshine: The Kensington

Jose Sinatra & the Troy Dante Inferno [861]: California Club

A Static Lullabve: The Scene

Super Bright Light: Brick By Brick

Symphony X: 4th & B Tender Buttons: The Casbah

Thicker Than Thieves [200]: Hard

The Travel Agents: Victor's

Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

Uncalledfor: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Unearth: The Scene Unsanctified: The Playhouse

The Unstable: The Scene

V-Dot: Brick By Brick

Vampire: Dream Street

Vena Cava: The Casbah

Visitor 314: Dream Street

Vuldetyrne: The Playhouse

Waiting for Autumn: The Scene Watch Me Burn: The Playhouse

Waterline Drift: The Casbah

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Ace-Hi: Tio Leo's Lounge Animal 32 [462]: Blind Melons The Atomic Punks: 'Canes Bar and

Avalanche: Pal Joey's

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ROCK

Blindheim: Brick By Brick Blind Luck: Second Wind (San

Boneyard: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Kathy Burg Band: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)

Butta Beats: Blind Melons

Civil Unrest: Brick By Brick

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DJ Mane One: Sham Rocks Shack DI Micro: 'Canes Bar and Grill

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Deeper Purple: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Delta Nove: Winstons

Deke Dickerson & His Eccofonics: Tio Leo's Lounge

Downpour: Brick By Brick

Faze: Island Sports & Spirits

The Flipsides: Soma The Fryday Band: Blind Melons

The Full Circle Band: O'Connell's

Full Xposure: Dirk's Niteclub Gene's Pool: McP's Irish Pub and

Googaloo: Blind Melons

The Grind Tones: Tiki House

Happy Hour: Soma Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort

The Hoochie Coochie Men: Fannie's

Hornswaggled: Soma

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's

Alan Iglesias & Crossfire: Cannibal

ir: Blind Melons

The Jackson 3: Surf N'Saddle

Jungle Boogie: Rock Bottom

Lighter: Borders Books & Music (Gaslamp), Surf N'Saddle, 'Canes Bar and Grill

Malice 420: Brick By Brick

The McNallys: Carvers

Billy Midnight [414]: Moondoggies

The Motet: Winstons

The Muzik Box: Zip & Zack's Filling

Nectarine [457]: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Nemesis: Second Wind (Escondido) Nihilist: Brick By Brick

Nite Hawk: Carvers

The Noise Boys: McP's Irish Pub and

Joan Osborne [502]: Belly Up Tavern

Particle: Belly Up Tavern

Peak Freeness: Coyote Bar and Grill Lee Tyler Post: Borders Books &

Music (El Cajon) Power House: The Alley

Power Load: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last

The Red West: Martini Ranch

Rock Steady: Surf N'Saddle

The Scavengers: On The Rocks

The Eve Selis Band: Humphrey's

Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee) Snake Oil Revival [540]: 'Canes Bar

Stellita's Groove: Humphrey's

The Stepping Stones: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

The Stilettos: McP's Irish Pub and

Streetheart: The Kraken

Sunday Afternoon: Winstons Suntower [473]: Blind Melons

The Tall Dudes: On The Rocks

Tea Bag [433]: 4th & B

Three Foot: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Trifecta: Tiki House

The Two of Us: The Metaphor

Venice [432]: Belly Up Tavern Viva Santana: Humphrey's

West of 5: The Kraken

The White Buffalo: Martini Ranch

White Christmas Stripes: The

Y3K: Boar Cross'n

The Yellow Miseries: Tiki House

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

James Bianchi: Bahia Hotel

The Disco Pimps: Buffalo Joe's

The 80z Allstars: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)

Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel

Danny Lopez: The Butcher Shop

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Makai: Humphrey's

The New Breed Band: The Alley, Zip & Zack's Filling Station

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: The Westgate Hotel, Dakota Grill and

Roz & the Wrecking Crew: Jimmy

Superfunk Fantasy: Jimmy Love's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Afinity: Il Forno

Frank Alves: Rio Rico Restaurant &

Tom Azarello: Hotel del Coronado

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The Gunnar Biggs: Dizzy's

The B-Side Players [649]: Buffalo

Blurring the Edges: Dizzy's

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

Susie Burns: Danato's Ristorante

John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado

Calima: La Costa Coffee Roasting Co.

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Mike Cea: Mocha Market Place The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and

Jo Dark: The German-American

The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp), Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

Fattburger: Humphrey's,

Aubrey Fay: Elario's Bistro & Sky

The Aubrey Fay Band: The New Bristol Hotel

Glen Fisher con Alma [638]: Croce's

5 O'Clock Shadow: The Beach House,

La Costa Coffee Roasting Co. Larry Fogle: Moray's Lounge

Hollis Gentry [644]: Coyote Bar and

Dora Hall: Elario's Bistro & Sky

Inner Voyage: Ole Madrid

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del

The Jazz Allstars: Jimmy Love's

The Mikole Kaar Duo: Elario's Bistro & Sky Loung

The Chris Klich Jazz Quintet [695]:

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Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Tim Maglione [718]: Danato's

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's Tim McMahon: Dizzy's

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

John Opferkuch: Dizzy's

Primo: Winstons, Croce's Jazz Bar, Belly Up Tavern

Protocall: Humphrey's

The Mike Rielly Band: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Rick Ross: Moray's Lounge

Royal Brasserie: Ole Madrid

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suite

The San Diego Concert Jazz Big Band: Dizzy

Slapbak: Buffalo Joe's

Peter Sprague [643]: Dizzy's

Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

The Will Sumner Group: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

Paul Sundfor: Dizzy's

Joe Tarrantino: The Wyndham

Torre & Novelli: Elario's Bistro & Sky

Trio du Jour: The Beach House

Uptown Groove: Jimmy Love's The Jaime Valle Bossa/Jazz Duo:

Anthony's Star of the Sea The Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet: Tutto Mare

The Wagnertorre & Christiano Novelli Duo: Il Forno

Carlos Washington's Giant People: Belly Up Tayern

Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Bredren: Brick By Brick The Devastators [731]: Rock Bottom

(Gaslamp) Diego Roots: Hard Rock Cafe Iah Iudah: Dream Street

Jah Roots: Dream Street

The Jah Soldiers of Jah Army: Dream

The Jerry McCann Band: Coyote Bar

Skanic [743]: Hard Rock Cafe

Vegetation: Winstons

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Chess Set: Don's Cocktail Lounge Nitro Express: The Pine Valley House

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / **FOLK**

Fred Benedetti: The Book

Bitches in Heat: Blarney Stone Pub

Gary Boriero: Claire de Lune Coffee Bow Willow: Claire de Lune Coffee

Steve Brewer: Blarnev Stone Pub

Joe Byrnes: Blarney Stone Pub The Kristoffer Carter Show: Blind

Randi Driscoll: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

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B.D. Katz: Dream Street

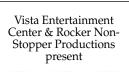
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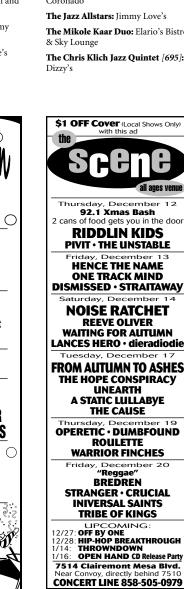
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BLUES / SOUL

The Backwater Blues Band: Patrick's II

Blue Rockit [955]: Dick's Last Resort

The Blues Brokers: Cannibal Bar Tommy Budd & Windy City [957]:

Island Sports & Spirits

Coupe de Ville: Loew's Coronado Bay Resort

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Smokeys II, Robbie's Roadhouse, Chateau Orleans

Deiablu: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Family Style: Patrick's II Fish & the Seaweeds: Covote Bar and

Johnny Voo Doo: The Gordon Biersch Brewery, Tio Leo's Lounge

Red Lane: Patrick's II

Michele Lundeen [952]: Humphrey's

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]:

Kymberlee Maxine: Elario's Bistro &

Mississippi Mudd: Tiki House, Tio

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors

Fuzzy Rankin: Humphrey's

The Ravens: Winstons

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's Rufus Rex [928]: Dick's Last Resort

Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones: The

Gordon Biersch Brewery

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II

Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors [946]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, Winstons

The Kim Wilson Blues Band:

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

John Bilezikijan: Greek Village

Kayla Black: Kelly's Steakhouse

Sammy Dale Canonidado: Cafe

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Joe Cromwell: Kelly's Steakhouse

Julio de la Huerta: The Westgate

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BY DAVE GOOD

From the beginning, Itai Faireman (he generally performs simply as Itai) has had the common sense to avoid the traps that snare most folk musicians - namely, the G, C, and D major chords. In his own words: "What I noticed...was that most guitarists played the same old songs...either covers that consisted of basic chords, or original songs that consisted of the same chords that Dylan's been playing so well for so long. I decided to work solely on discovering my own voice...and experimenting with different tunings, including the use of the capo, which I love."

Itai hooks you into his essence with soft rhythmic stuff that verges on the cheery newage mush that was all the rage in chiropractic offices and sprout bars a decade ago. A flexible tenor, he looks the part of a harmless doorknocker with his shaved head, short-

sleeved white shirt, and tie. But then, out of nowhere, he stops singing and begins muttering, or abruptly changes key and walks the dog up the fretboard of his acoustic guitar before returning to the song in progress. Things suddenly get weird and interesting. Itai bends music in the way of the ex-Primus bassist/ contortionist Les Claypool.

Itai (pronounced eety) was born in Israel and raised in New York City. His parents are South

American and play a variety of instruments semi-professionally. Itai earned his chops by playing for soup money on any street corner he could find in Queens before relocating, via Grevhound bus, to whatever couch/hotel lobby/subway platform was available. Eventually, he rolled into San Diego. He teaches autistic children and lives in a trailer in a Buddhist center in National City. Itai recently teamed up with his girlfriend Mary to form the Enchanted, a vocal duo strong on the mysti-



cism in an almost aggressive fashion. "Did you leave you out/ In a carriage cart/ Weather like a supermarket/ Outside, outside/ We'll have a great time." We'll have a great time, indeed.

(To hear a sample of the **Enchanted**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4220.)

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The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Thursday, 6 pm to 9 pm, 5 O'Clock Shadow, jazz, swing, blues. Friday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Trio du Jour*, jazz. Saturday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *the Justin* Brothers, acoustic pop rock.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 pm, Venice and Lisa Sanders, rock/acoustic. Friday, 9:15 pm, Joan Osborne with Carlos Washington's Giant People, Saturday 9:15 pm, *Particle*, alternative rock. Sunday, 7:30 pm, Primo, Latin jazz. Wednesday, 9 pm, the Black Frames and Big Provider, alternative.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue. Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Y3K*, rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall. 1-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, George Svoboda and Fred Benedetti,

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The Camelot Inn, 887 San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-1332. Friday, the Strange Woods, Celtic folk. Saturday, Gene Warren, folk. Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive. Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Nite Hawk*, classic rock. Saturday, the McNallys, rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Boneyard*, rock. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, Fish & the Seaweeds, funk blues. Saturday, 6 pm to 10 pm, the Jerry McCann Band, reggae, rock. Sunday, 2 pm to 5:30 pm, Peak Freeness, 5 pm to 9 pm, Hollis Gentry,

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Greek Village Restaurant & **Taverna,** 6030 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad. 760-603-9672. Friday and Saturday, 7 pm, Leonidas Kogias, Roumiana, and John Bilezikjian, traditional Greek and international

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad, 760-729 6951. Saturday, the Stepping Stones,

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff* Moore & the Witchdoctors, blues. Saturday, West of 5.

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

La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa. 760-438-8160. Music hours are from 7 pm to 10 pm. Friday, Calin Flamenco, jazz. Saturday, 5 O'Clock Shadow, jazz, swing, blues

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The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Friday, Franklin Jenkins, acoustic. Saturday, the Two of Us, classic rock.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 7:30 pm, to 10:30 pm, *John Lowery*, folk. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, live music. Tuesday, open mike.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In Sax Rohmer's regrettably racist novels and countless offensive movie serials, Fu Manchu was a long-fingernailed evil genius bent on taking over the world. Somehow that dreaded name got watered down until it only meant a certain style of facial hair. As such, it became the perfect name for some of Southern California's finest purveyors of mustache rock.

Over the last ten years or so, the band Fu Manchu has taken some of the tackiest elements of 1970s California leisure culture — heavy rock, customized vans, pinball, skateboards, skimpy bikinis, unkempt hair, marijuana — and developed them into a

system of aesthetic principles that makes so much sense, you could swear that Fu Manchu was actually around back then, making guest appearances on CHiPs. The Queens of the Stone Age may get all the press (briefly having Dave Grohl play drums for the band certainly helped generate buzz), but Fu Manchu is just as much a leading light in stoner metal and has been engaged in Black Sabbath worship just as long. And the results, when they work, are just as effective in

conveying the sensation that the listener's brain is pickling in bong water. When they don't work, they're still a heck of a lot more fun than any of that nu-metal crap. I'm way too old for metal of any kind. Pot - never touch the stuff. Customized vans — no thank you. Facial hair — prefer not. But I still find

FU MANCHU myself banging my head in slow motion to the crude-oil grunge guitar of Fu Manchu's In Search Of

> FU MANCHU, The Casbah, Friday, December 13, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497, \$12,

Mocha Marketplace, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2112. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Mike Cea, jazz duo.

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Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina, 5256 South Mission Road, Bonsall. 760-945-1250. Friday, 7 pm to 9 pm, Frank Alves, contemporary jazz.

Robbie's Roadhouse, 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Wednesday, Friday, *Tomcat* Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

Roxy Restaurant, 517 First Street, Encinitas. 760-436-5001. Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *the Southcoast Guitar* Duo, Latin and classic guitar.

Second Wind (Escondido), 1320 East Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-746-7408. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 pm, open mike. Friday, the Jackson 3, rock. Saturday, Lighter

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BEACHES

Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *James Bianchi*, contemporary piano/vocals.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Googaloo* and *Animal 32*, rock. Friday, Bargain Music, Suntower, and Buford, rock. Saturday, ir, the Fryday Band, and Butta Beats. Sunday, the Kristoffer Carter Show, KO-2, and Allyn Pierce. Wednesday, Madafacts and People Like Us, hip-hop.

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, SYK, Fith, Fuzz-Huzzi, Lighter, and Snake Oil Revival. Friday, the Atomic Punks, Power Load, and Deeper Purple, Monday, GZA, I-Live, and *Pokaface*. Wednesday,

Uncalledfor, Ladwig, Three Foot, Backyard, and the Mice.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, Alan Inglesias & Crossfire with the Blues Brokers. Saturday, call club for

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. Thursday, *Jah Judah*, the *Jah Soldiers* of Jah Army, and Jah Roots, reggae. Friday, Redefined, the Living Daylytes, One Side Red, and Problem Solved, alternative. Saturday, Honey Spot, Kyros, Idiot Wind, and Cila Vampire, and Visitor 314.

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 Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Thursday, *Skanic*, ska. Friday, *Thicker Than Thieves*, alternative rock. Saturday, Diego Roots.

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.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-6550, Friday, Billy Midnight, rock.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-1081. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Wednesday, Rick Ross, jazz. Sunday through Tuesday, Larry Fogle, singer,

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Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Saturday, 9 pm, the Travel Agents and the Nickel Project, alternative.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, Primo, Latin jazz. Friday, the Kim Wilson Blues Band with the Ravens, blues. Saturday, Delta Nove, funk. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors, 9 pm, Vegetation, roots, rock, reggae. Monday, Grove, alternative. Tuesday, the Motet. Wednesday, Sunday Afternoon, rock.

SAN DIEGO

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

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Joe Byrnes, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Monday, Bitches in Heat, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, call club for information

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Missio Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 pm, the Kathy Burg Band, rock.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, Silva, Stephanie Ray, Bredren, and V-Dot Friday, 3 Against 1, 18 Bonez, Super Bright Light, and Idle. Saturday, Cattle Decapitation, Disgorge, Mortuus Terror, and Warface. Tuesday, Malice 420, Civil Unrest, and Blindhein Wednesday, Nihilist, Corvis, and

California Club, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Saturday, Jose Sinatra & the Troy Dante Inferno, alternative.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Friday, 8:30 pm, *Gary Boriero*. Saturday, 6:30 pm, Bow Willow

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000.

All music is alternative/rock, Friday, Ferretto, Seven Hills, Halifax, and Just a Joke. Saturday, Old Town Avenue and Serene.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Saturday and Sunday, Rock for Christmas, call club for bands.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010Mission Center Road, San Diego 619-688-1120. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, Johnny Voo Doo, blues. Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones, blues, Sunday, noon to 3 pm, the Will Sumner Group, Latin

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 pm, *the Eve Selis Band*, rock. Friday, 6 pm, *Fuzzy Rankin*, 9:30 pm, *Makai*, pop. Saturday, 6 pm, Stellita's Groove, 9:30 pm, Viva Santana, Latin rock. Tuesday, 8 pm, Michele Lundeen, blues, Wednesday, 8 pm, Fattburger, jazz.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, *Rick Lyon*, contemporary keyboard.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley, 619-291-8635. Call club for information

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 Ĵazz Band.

Kelly's Steakhouse, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego. 619-291-7131. All music is piano. Music hours are from 7 pm to midnight. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, *Joe Cromwell*. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, *Kayla Black*.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is alternative. Friday, Earthless, can, and Silver Sunshine. Saturday, Fabrique.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk.
Thursday, 9 pm to 11 pm, the
Enchanted. Friday, 9 pm to 11 pm, the 7th Dav Buskers, alternative. Saturday, 8 pm to 10 pm, Kev, folk.

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Price/Where Available: Available at Second Spin in Pacific Beach and also Cow Records in Ocean Beach for \$10

Band Members: J. Albert Houck (quitar), Tom Lamantagne (drums), Matt Schumacher (bass), Greg Olsen (percussion), Mark Zimmerman (piano and organ)

Extra Info: After Electrovibe's drummer snapped his femur wakeboarding in Lake Tahoe during a 40-show western tour last summer, the band has stuck to local gigs, playing mainly at Winstons, Blind Melons, and the Tiki House.

Website: electrovibe.net

Characterizing their sound as a "spontaneous gumbo of jazz, funk, and fusion rock," local bar favorite Electrovibe has released a self-titled six-track EP that exudes casualness as it ranges from blues to soul, jazz to funk.

The EP, composed of

three studio tracks and three live cuts recorded at Winstons in Ocean Beach, is entirely instrumental, with the exception of the vocals "Are you crazy? This is the perfect spot to bury a cat," at the onset of the second track entitled "Chokin' the Cat."

The tracks are lengthy, each over five minutes long. From the jazzier "Porch Swing" to the '70s funk and R&B influences found in "Gobbletron," each track on the EP contributes to a diverse mix and shows the band's willingness to experiment musically. The songs are carried by the bass, which is emphasized above all other instruments, although there is strong musicianship in the guitar and percussion.

According to bassist Matt Schumacher, the live tracks are heavily improvised. The first live track was

a "full-on off-the-cuff jam" that was later organized into an actual tune. Despite there being extensive impromptu techniques in half of the album's tracks, it is not obvious. These tracks are as melodic and flowing as the studio tracks. And more inventive.

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The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-284-8802. Thursday, hip-hop. Friday, Watch Me Burn, Hookworm, Vuldetyrne, Unsanctified, Chaotic Creature, and Fate Turns Grey, alternative.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues.

San Diego Sports Club, 1271 619-299-7372. Call club for

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, the Riddlin Kids, Pivit, and the Unstable. Friday, Hence the Name, One Track Mind, Dismissed, and

Straitaway. Saturday, Noise Ratchet, Reeve Oliver, Waiting for Autumn, Lances Hero, and dieradiodie. Tuesday, From Autumn to Ashes, the Hope Conspiracy, Unearth, a Static Lullabye, and the Cause.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live alternative

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *Blind* Luck, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Thursday, *DJ Mane One* and *DJ Sake*.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, 7:30 pm, Lualta, Allotic, Happy Hour, the Apples, Fallen 019, and Flyover Country. Saturday, 7:30 pm, Guttermouth, the Mr. T. Experience,

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Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm, the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Thursday, Kevin T. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 8 pm, Randi Driscoll. Sunday, 4 pm, the Celtic Ensemble, folk. Wednesday, open mike.

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The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 90 Day Men, Tender Buttons, the Dance Disaster Movement and Maudlin. Friday, Fu Manchu and the Barons. Saturday, the Original Sinners, the Hangmen, and Vena Cava. Sunday, Luna and Waterline Drift. Tuesday, Kut U Up, the After Party, Evilado, and Caution Children. Wednesday, Alice Pooper & the Billion Dollar Babies, Pure Petty & the Milkbreakers, and White Christmas



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Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Peter Robberecht/Pianoman, pop/Top 40.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, Rufus Rex, rock. Friday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Private Domain, rock and roll. Saturday, Blue Rockit, blues, rock. Sunday, Hera's Olive, rock.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, John Opferkuch, Tim McMahon, Paul Sundfor, Gunnar Biggs, and Peter Sprague, jazz. Saturday, Blurring the Edges, jazz. Sunday, 3 pm, the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet. Wednesday, 8 pm, the San Diego Concert Jazz Big Band.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Saturday, 8 pm, *Blind Guardian, Symphony X, Cage*, and *Tea Bag*, alternative.

Hajji Baba, 1065 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-595-7887. Thursday, 7:30 pm, salsa. Friday and Saturday, live Middle Eastern music.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday, 9:45 pm, Uptown Groove, jazz. Friday, 9:45 pm, Super Funk Fantasy. Saturday, 9:45 pm, Roz & the Wrecking Crew, pop. Sunday, 6:30 pm, Masterpiece, jazz, funk, R&B. Monday, 6:30 pm to 11 pm, the Jazz Allstars. Tuesday, Mystique, jazz, funk, R&B. Wednesday, 7:30 pm, the Soul Revue.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Wednesday, the David Patrone Quartet, jazz. The New Bristol Hotel, 1055 First Avenue (between Broadway and C Street), downtown. 619-232-6141. Friday, 6 pm to 9 pm, the Aubrey Fay Band, iazz.

Ole Madrid, 755 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-557-0146. Thursday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *Royale Brasserie*, jazz. Tuesday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *Inner Voyage*, jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. All music is blues. Thursday, Michele Lundeen. Friday, the Bill Magee Blues Band. Saturday, Family Style. Monday, Red Lane. Tuesday, the Backwater Blues Band. Wednesday, the Texas Twisters.

Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2830. Call club for information.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Thursday, *the Devastators*, reggae. Friday, *Jungle Boogie*, rock. Saturday, *the 80z Allstars*, pop.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Music is Latin. Thursday, Orquesta Guayoa, Tuesday, Orquesta 8.8. Wednesday, Orquesta Timbao.

U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Lounge: Friday and Saturday, *Ches Wesley*, contemporary piano.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, Fran Loskota, piano and vocals Monday, 8 pm, Julio de la Huerta, guitar and vocals. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 pm, Karen Giorgio, piano and vocals

piano and vocals.
The Fontainebleau Restaurant:
Friday, Monday, and Wednesday,
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The Wyndham Emerald Plaza, 400 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. The Sidebar Lounge: Thursday and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7:30 pm, *Joe Tarrantino*, jazz piano, solo. Friday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Stellita* and *Joe Tarrantino*, pop.

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The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Danny Lopez*, contemporary.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, piano bar, featuring Sandy Chappel, Sammy Canonizado, and Burnett Anderson.

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MUSIC ➤ CD jukebox and "ETV" Ultra Light

FOOD > small menu with under ten items: buffalo wings, nachos, sandwiches, etc.

ACCESS ➤ large parking lot

DRESS ➤ casual (one woman in a half-shirt showing off a tattoo of a butterfly on her lower back)

DANCE FLOOR ➤ 30' x 30', with disco ball and lights, down a few stairs in a newly renovated area that used to have pool tables (it also has a DJ booth)

BATHROOMS ➤ men's was large, with three urinals, two toilets, a sink with two paper towel dispensers; marble tiled walls; women's had three toilets and two sinks and a framed "King Stahlman Bail Bonds" advertisement.

CAPACITY ➤ manager guessed

300 and said, "By the square footage of this place, it could be a lot more, but the pool tables take up a lot of space" (there are 24 tables)

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FURNISHINGS ➤ five big booths, 15 tables, 20 seats at the bar; four video games, one pinball machine, two dart boards, 24 pool tables, 20-plus TVs (including four giant screens), jukebox (which had a sign over it during the game that read, "No music during sporting events")

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 86 decibels during song by Vanessa Carlton on "ETV" ten feet from the speakers (113 at Soma Live last week) **QUOTABLE** ➤ "I'll go anywhere to play pool," said a guy from

The first thing I think of when I hear "Jolt'n Joe's" is the song "Mrs. Robinson" by Paul Simon. Joltin' Joe was baseball player Joe DiMaggio — the face of Mr. Coffee. Jolt'n Joe's in La Mesa was the perfect place to watch the fourth game of the World Series. With all the TVs and big screens, there wasn't a bad seat in the place. After the game, I strolled over to the pool tables and asked a guy how often he plays here, and he said, "Are you going to pay me to add to your story?"

The manager said, "There's a small APA league that plays on Wednesday and Thursdays. That still leaves lots of tables available for everyone else." I asked him about live music, and he said, "We just recently renovated that area down the steps, and we're going to try and get bands Wednesday through Saturday and DJs. This place is also under new management now."

The Hi-Ball Lounge, 626 E Street, Chula Vista. 619-425-3800. Friday, funk. Saturday, special guests.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz. Palm Court: Thursday through

Palm Court: Thursday throug Sunday, 5:30 pm, *Ray Briz*. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 pm, *Joey West*. Monday through Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *John Cain*.

Prince of Wales. Thursday, Monday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Friday, Saturday, and Tuesday, 6:30 pm to 10 pm, Daniel Jackson, jazz. Sunday, 9 am to 1 pm, Tom Azarello. Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, Faze, classic rock. Saturday, Tommy Budd & Windy City, blues.

Loew's Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road, Coronado. 619-424-4000. Cays Lounge: Friday and Saturday, 8 pm to midnight, Coupe de Ville, blues.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *Gene's Pool*, rock. Friday, *the Noise Boys*, rock. Saturday, *the Stilettos*, rockabilly. Wednesday, 4-Way Street, acoustic.

EAST COUNTY

Borders Books & Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593 5119. Saturday, 7 pm, *Lee Tyler Post*,

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Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Full Xposure*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Chess Set*, country.

Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *the Hoochie Coochie Men*, classic rock.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 pm, *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band*

featuring Jo Dark.

Magnolia Mulvaney's, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, line country, music

On the Rocks, 518 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-579-3537. Friday, the Tall Dudes, rock. Saturday, the Scavengers, rock.

Pine Valley House, 28841 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley. 619-473-8708. Saturday, *Nitro Express*, country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock

Smokeys II, 9816 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-469-9616. Friday, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, *Tomcat Courtney* & the Blues Dusters. blues.

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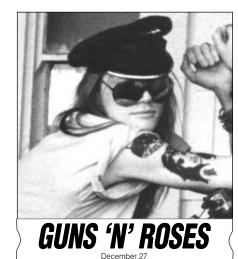
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The restaurant opened about two years ago, but it took me awhile to overcome my skepticism. "Fat" is a bad word in our times — or was until the recent revival of the Atkins diet. Worse yet, the building is neon-lit and painted a vivid Pepto-Bismol pink. Sure, it's eye-catching, but even aside from its medicinal implications, the color doesn't really inspire a lot of confidence in the proprietor's sense of taste. And when Fat City opened, they were charging only \$9.95 for the New York steak, barely a buck over wholesale cost for USDA Choice. That, and sharing part of the premises with a Denny's (not that there's anything wrong with Denny's...) really made me wonder. The whole package made me suspect that the steaks might be Sizzler or Outback or even United Airlines quality. Happily, I was proven wrong, wrong, wrong.

Every aspect of Fat City, however idiosyncratic, has a history. The name derives from owner Tom Fat (who is pretty slim), a member of Northern California's famed Fat restaurant family (best known for Tom's father's legendary Chinese restaurant, Frank Fat's, an age-old political hangout in Sacramento). Tom Fat bought the building and its whole block back in '76 and opened China Camp, a deliberately old-timey Chinese restaurant (modeled after a '49ers gold-mining camp) that still occupies half the building. The Art Deco edifice was built in '39 and was the site of a famous supper club and motel, where Hollywood stars would stop off en route to Rosarito. The exterior was rosecolored back then. When Fat bought the derelict, empty shell of the building, it was a nauseating lime green. His wife suggested the change to Miami Beach pink. Although the initial press reaction was shocked revulsion at the "bordellolike" color, later that year, in the "Orchids and Onions" architectural contest, the blushing building plucked an Orchid.

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50 Tiffany-style lamps hang from the ceiling, each one different from its neighbor. (I'll take that understated ivory one, thanks.) The ceiling is covered with dark, sculptured sound-damping tiles, with a large central inset of Tiffany-style glass. Prints of French advertising posters of the '20s dec-

orate the walls. Seating is at big, clubby leatherette booths, with a few tables in back overlooking a lovely garden, complete with gurgling fountain, where diners can sup al fresco on warm evenings.

"They're good steaks!" says Mr. Fat of his main attraction. "The reason why I'm doing this is that I'm trying to build up a local following. The problem in San Diego is, the people that work downtown — unlike New York and San Francisco — they don't stay downtown to eat, they go right home. Before the Gaslamp broke open in the '90s, there were very few restaurants in the area, not much competition, so this location was more successful. Fat City was a bar for many years, with live bands, but when entertainment in the Gaslamp started, all the kids that like music

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until late at night went that way.

"But the steakhouses downtown," he continues, "including most of the new ones that are opening in the Gaslamp — they're so expensive! So I decided to do a quality steakhouse here, with the best prices I could give to the people of San Diego."

At Fat City, unlike the grillit-yourself steak joints, potatoes are free with the entrée, so I freely indulged in some starters from the

brief pubgrubby appetizer list (Buffalo wings, nachos, potato skins, etc.). A giant portion of fried calamari offered rings and tentacles of small squid coated with an airy "popcorn" batter, flashfried until just tender. I loved them to death, and the leftovers were still tender even after I took them home. They came with a neighborhood-pizzeria version of marinara sauce — thick as paste, sour as vinegar, overloaded with oregano; the squid deserved a better dip. We also tried the "homemade" clam chowder. It was thick and creamy, with an ample supply of large clam pieces, but (for better or worse) the broth's flavor hinted

Fat City Steakhouse

2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorne), Downtown/Little Italy; 619-232-9303

HOURS: Dinner daily, 5:00–10:00 p.m. Bar open typical bar hours.

PRICES: Appetizers \$4–\$8, entrées \$10–19 (higher for lobster tails, surf 'n' turf)

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Bargain-priced mesquite-grilled steaks (USDA Choice and one USDA Prime), chicken, pork, salmon, scampi, plus two pastas. Basic list of mainstream California wines. Full bar.

NEED TO KNOW: Free parking, with above-average wheelchair access. Lush garden patio in back, mainly used in summer. Okay for vegans (two meatless pastas). Casual ambience.

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broadly of canned evaporated milk.

If the appetizer choices are ruthlessly limited, the entrée choices have considerable depth. Not only are there 11 cuts, sizes, and styles of beef (not counting daily specials), there's plenty for diners who scorn red meat: scampi, salmon, lobster tail, pork chops, a grilled half chicken with a Chinese-style marinade, and a pair of kosher-for-vegans pastas. The fettuccine entrée comes with the same leaden marinara used for the calamari dip, but the linguini is swathed in a version of puttanesca sauce, with tomatoes, garlic, mushrooms, Kalamata olives, and red pepper flakes.

Most beef here is 21-day wet-aged Midwestern corn-fed USDA Choice — reasonably tender and well-marbled, slightly bland, with no gamy or grassy undertones. Fat buys them from Central Meats, the same source as the meats served at the Strip Club, but the irresistible aroma of mesquite charcoal lifts these steaks to high cow-



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boy-cookery. Sorry, but a gas grill contributes no flavor, while mesquite is why your carne asada taco tastes so much better at a street-stand in Rosarito than in a restaurant here.

Better yet, for just a dollar more than the Choice cuts, there's a USDA Prime 12-ounce hunk of top sirloin, in a twoinch-thick cut. The difference between Choice and Prime turns out to be not just tenderness, but sheer beefiness. If you grew up east of Chicago and north of Atlanta back when the old USDA beef grades applied, you'll probably recognize this flavor: it's like those luscious celebratory sirloins your dad brought home and fired up on the patio when he got a raise, a promotion, or

But don't expect a \$13 steak to be carefully manicured on both the New York and the Prime sirloin there was a certain amount of gristle to be trimmed off or chewed around. But what flavor for the price! Our friends Dave and Marty, who make a religious pilgrimage to be pampered at Donovan's about once a year, tasted the Prime steak carefully and decided that the meat itself was about the same quality as at their favorite beef shrine, for a third of the price. Fat City just got two new regulars, they hinted.

The "house specialty" is "Drunk Steak" — another grilled hunk of New York strip, this one marinated in a slightly sweet mixture of fresh ginger, garlic, brandy, and just a touch of soy sauce. My boyfriend, who hates unadorned steak, really liked this variation. You can get the same marinade on a hefty grilled half-chicken, one of Tom Fat's own favorites. The pork chop, on the other hand, doesn't have much reason for being. It's big but unadorned and undistinguished; the kitchen cooks it decently, with a hint of pinkness at the center, but if you want it rarer than that, fuhgettaboutit.

The teriyaki salmon, on the other hand, is a great choice for those who shun red meat or just happen to feel fishy. It's what my mother would call "a nice piece o' fish," fresh and sensitively cooked with a light glaze of commercial teriyaki that's been focused and "Chinese-ified" by the addition of a little fresh ginger and garlic.

The protein doesn't go it alone here. There's a basket of warm, soft oval rolls (from a bakery in Little Italy) and salted Darigold butter to nibble on while you devise your order. With grilled entrées you have a choice of fried shoestring potatoes, baked potato, or basmati rice. The shoestrings are fresh cut, in house, and the fry cook proves as unerring with them as with the calamari: In four orders on two different evenings, the

As the old carnival barkers used to say, "Ya pays yer money and ya takes yer choice." For a remarkably small investment, you can chomp into a juicy USDA Choice steak in a variety of atmospheres and either stand over a hot grill or have somebody else cook it for you

THE CHEAP STEAKS SWEEPSTAKES: HOW THEY COMPARE

	FAT CITY STEAKHOUSE	GASLAMP STRIP CLUB	TURF SUPPER CLUB
COOKING MODE	Mesquite charcoal, grilled to order	Cook-it-yourself gas grill	Cook-it-yourself gas grill
PRICES	\$11–\$19 (extra for lobster tail)	\$5–\$16	\$6–\$14
AMBIANCE	Steakhouse-ish but not ritzy	Gaslamp glitz	Small, dark and intimate
CROWD	Assorted natives and tourists, very casual	Gaslamp passers-by; aims for young party crowd, but the prices also draw retirees (over 21 only)	Diverse, hip, all ages over 21 but mainly 30-ish; on weekends the bare navels come out to play
BEST STEAK	USDA Prime 12-ounce top sirloin (\$14)	USDA Choice NY strip, 10 oz., with you-add-it spice rub (\$13)	USDA Choice 16-ounce garlic-marinated Delmonico rib eye (\$13)
COMES WITH	Rolls and butter, choice of shoestring potatoes, baked potato, or basmati rice	Salad and garlic bread (light garlic, hamburger-bun type bread)	Garlic bread (light garlic, Italian bread) or round sandwich roll
BEST SIDE	Sautéed mushrooms (\$5)	Onion rings (\$5)	Only side: House salad (\$1.75)
DRINK SPECIALTIES	Whatever	Martini variations (great Cosmo)	Creative cocktails
EXTRAS:	Garden patio; Art Deco décor; a zillion faux-Tiffany lamps	People-watching on street patio; fun decor; nascent nightclub	Sublime jukebox, mellow neighborly vibes

shoestrings had neither a burned nor an undercooked strand among them. The baked potatoes are simply that -Idaho-type spuds accompanied

by butter, thin sour cream, and chopped scallions. If you're longing for some classic steak house creamed spinach, forsake that hope. No spinach is

served — but a side dish not to miss features plump button mushrooms sautéed in butter and finished with a slightly sweet teriyaki-like glaze.

Since Fat City is still a meaty spin-off of a Chinese restaurant, dessert is not a big deal. The one house-made original is the Fat family's signature banana cream pie, invented at the Sacramento flagship restaurant. It's a rather thick pie crust (slightly underbaked when we tried it) covered with fresh sliced bananas and custard, topped with a stiff mound of sweetened whipped cream. Other than that, there are ice creams and a commercial "Oreo cheesecake." The latter arrived frozen solid, with visible ice crystals. We were sitting at a terrace table, overlooking the garden, warmed by a tall propane heater. Taking the cheesecake plate in hand, Dave jumped to his feet and struck a Statue of Liberty pose, holding the cake up near the propane flame. The waiter rushed over, asking, "Do you want me to get you another piece?" "No, this one's almost thawed," said Dave. But the cloyingly sweet cake actually tasted better frozen.

Studying the pinkness fading from the rear-view mirror, I realized that Fat City is actually an apt complement to the other two restaurants in the building — a better dinner alternative to Denny's, at very nice prices, and a comfortable meaty alternative to China Camp. It fits the setting and the neighborhood. Offering free parking and free potatoes, they cook steak at least as well as you can do it yourself. I only wish I'd tried it a year ago. ■

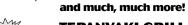


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mm," says Hank. "That's quite sweet."
"Zow-wee. You're right. I'd say
mango crossed with cinnamon?"
"More like apricot — and date maybe."

Hank squats down and picks up another

handful of the little orange berries that have dropped from the queen palms towering over us. This is up in North County. Picking up a little palm for Hank's mom. Oh, man. This palm forest feels like the Garden of Eden. "Keep your eyes skinned for snakes and naked women," mut-

tered Hank when we arrived. But what we saw was this carpet of orange berries on the ground. "Pick them up," the Palm Guy told us. "Eat 'em. They're fine."

And we did. What a discovery! Food I always thought was sticky trash. "But be careful," said Palm Guy. "These queen palm fruit are fine, but other palm berries can be hallucinogenic. Don't just eat any old berry."

Ten minutes later we're wondering if we did eat the right ones. We're walking along Highway 101 across from the Solana Beach railroad depot when I start hearing voices.

"Ed, your large pizza. Ed..."

We both stop.

"Did you hear?" I say.

Just in front of us a deck juts out onto the sidewalk. It has four pine bench tables on it with black and white and yellow umbrellas and a green canopy, and two big doors. "Tasty Grub & Grog," says a sign. "Hand-crafted beers."

Place is called Pizza Port.

"Guess we should check it out," I say. We haul open the doors and march into a barn full of bench tables all joined together in rows. Looks like a party place. Communal eating!

And drinking. Beyond the pizza counter to

the left, a cavern shines out bulging with huge stainless-steel vats.

"Hey, dude," says Hank.
"Bull's-eye! A home brewery!"

"You've gotta drive all the way back, now, buddy. But yeah. This looks good."

"Trust us, it's good," says a lady in front of us. "We've been coming in here for ten years." Nancy. Girl with her is her daughter Alex, 13, straight out of *Romeo and Juliet*. "We're taking a pizza back to have with my homework," Alex says. "Roman history." "They make their own dough," says Nancy. "We're getting the Pizza Carlsbad."

"Ed, large pizza," says the loudspeaker again. Guy rushes up. "That's me."

Ho-kay. So much for the "if you bake it he will come" theory.

"Guess we're eating anyway?" I say to Hank. Hank nods. He's still looking for Nancy's Pizza Carlsbad on the board. "There it is. 'With pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta.'

They have three sizes. Ten-inch (\$8.75), 14-inch (\$15.25), 16-inch (\$18.75). But others are cheaper. Pizza Lahaina ("Canadianstyle bacon, pineapple, bell peppers, and onions") is \$6.75, \$12.50, and \$15.75. Hank, who has East Coast tastes, kills that pineapple

idea in a New York second. Same with the Pizza Laguna. Its crime? Vegetarian (olives, mushrooms, onions, artichoke hearts, \$6.95, \$13.25, \$16.25).

Hank quickly checks the pizza the other Ed got, just as they box it up. "Pizza Solana," he says. "Smells great." Board says it has shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms (\$8.50, \$14.75, \$18.50).

So Hank ends up getting a small Solana, and I go for a small Monterey. It has pepperoni, mushrooms, onions, and artichoke hearts, \$6.95. (Larger sizes are \$13.25 and \$16.25.)

'Course, half the fun here is the beer. These guys are a serious on-the-spot brewery. The list is 20 beers long, from a Cardiff Cream through Ale Niño brown ale to Santa's Little Helper (a stout, natch) to the Mother of All Beers, "the biggest beer we make."

Todd, the guy waiting for us to make up our minds, says California Honey is their most popular beer, but Hank goes for Sharkbite Red. "Hey, dude, it won an award. Must be good," he says. He hands over \$6.00 for a pitcher.

We go pick a pew. They re still pretty empty, but a kind of surfer-meets-accountant-meets-college-raver crowd is starting to swell the front. The place is held up by columns with thick rope wound around them. Real in-use surfboards hang on racks around the walls. Kids hack away at a bank of video games and pinball machines

at the back. The Beatles sing "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da." I can see this place is going to be a scene in about a couple of hours.

"Ed, two small pizzas, Ed."

"That's us, dude," says Hank. When I go back to pick 'em up, the guys behind the counter look like they're playing helicopters — they're all spinning disks of dough over their heads. And when we both chomp into our first slices, oh, yes. You can tell it's all just made, right here. The fluffy crust is light and melty, and above all, fresh. And toppings? Hank's is just laden down with clams and shrimp. My one regret is I didn't put out an extra buck for some anchovies on my pepperoni. I know. Hank would not have thanked me. The guy's eating clams but he can't stand anchovies. I swear. We kind of split the two pizzas. And I gotta say that Sharkbite Red is bold enough to cope with the sharpest pepperoni taste.

Todd says it was the Marsaglia family that started the place, in 1987. Now the second generation has taken over. They must be doing well. They've opened a sister business up in Carlsbad.

" 'Course, you know what we did wrong," says Hank, outside.

"No.'

"We should have started off here. Then we could have gone up to the Palm Guy for..."

"Ah yes. The perfect dessert." ■

The Place: *Pizza Port, 135 North Highway 101, Solana Beach (858-481-7332*; www.pizzaport.com) **Type of Food:** *Pizza*

Prices: Pizza Lahaina, with Canadian-style bacon, pineapple, bell peppers, onions, \$6.75 (10-inch), \$12.50 (14-inch), \$15.75 (16-inch); Pizza Laguna (vegetarian, with olives, mushrooms, onions, artichoke hearts, \$6.95, \$13.25, \$16.25); Pizza Carlsbad, with pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, feta, \$8.75, \$15.25, \$18.75; Pizza Solana, with shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, mushrooms, \$8.50, \$14.75, \$18.50; interesting beers, brewed on the spot, from \$2.00 a glass

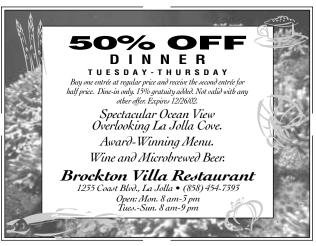
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Dust Buster

"I looked at the store and said, 'There's no way we can't turn a profit.'"

ith the death of Fred Einer Jr. on October 24 of this year, San Diego lost the latest torchbearer of one of its pioneering wine families. Einer's grandfather had settled in Escondido in 1851 and entered into the

then-flourishing local wine industry. He would take his finished product to the thirsty fishermen in Point Loma by horse; the trip took three days. In 1965, two generations and over a hundred years later, Einer, a wine-lover if not a winemaker, built Holiday Wine Cellar at the intersection of Mission and Escondido.

The wine cellar's current manager, Andy Shaffer, suspects that Einer may have built the shopa rambling monument to mid-'60s architecture, down to the exposed beams and wood paneling — in order to give his wife something to manage. (Einer, together with his three brothers, ran an engineering/contracting firm.) The shop's side walls were given over to liquor, complete with shadow box displays above the shelves, and the ground floor carried mainly grocery items. Chickens flew out of a barbecue at the front of the store. But past the brick archway at the back of the room, in racks that surrounded the spiral staircase that wound down to the eponymous cellar, was the wine - or at least, the first taste of it.

The bulk of the stash lay underground, in what may have been San Diego's first "serious" wine shop. Einer was well acquainted with the early wine giants like Martin Ray and Paul Masson, and the unique character of his shop ensured that he was on a first-name basis with California revolutionaries such as Robert Mondavi. Einer "had quite a vision with that cellar," says Shaffer. "He had a gentleman working down there, and that's all he did, was sit down there and work

with customers in the cellar."

Shaffer hears that Einer's wife ran "a very tight ship," but after her death, sales began to stagnate. "It was just a constant. The gentleman who ran the shop was very satisfied and just kept it on an

even keel." The cool, damp underground cellar, always a little moldy, started to sink into dusty mustiness. Worse, inventory piled up in the back rooms. "I think things were just put on the shelf, and people bought what they wanted to buy. There was no actual selling, no trying to move product before it went past its prime."

Shaffer, who came west from Las Vegas with his wife, took over seven years ago after stints at Pacifica Del Mar and George's, as well as a retail turn at Jonathan's in La Jolla. "I looked at the store and said, 'There's no way we can't turn a

profit; it's too easy.' "

Step one was pulling bad product. Two long tables currently stand in one of the cavernous back rooms, every inch of their tops covered with bottles full of wine long past drinkability. When Shaffer started, there were ten such tables. "We had cases and cases of Bordeaux — a lot of '67 Château Lafite. We had '79 Bollinger R.D. Champagnes that were dead. I had high hopes for an '86 late-harvest Sauvignon Blanc, but there was nothing."

Still, for all the countless oxidized casualties, there also were the forgotten gems that survived their stay in storage, and discovering those gems made the slogging more bearable. Once, for instance, Shaffer and his tasters dug up a cache of '78 Château Lascombes — an unheralded Bordeaux from a great vintage. "It was not on the shelf anywhere. It's an amazing wine; I've since gone out and repurchased it because it was still dirt cheap." Now he's down to his last bottle:

\$124.69. A visiting French winemaker picked up 15 cases of '66 Château Haut-Brion; Shaffer still has a bottle left for \$149.99.

Holiday Wine Cellar is the first San Diego wine shop to put me in mind of Greenblatt's on Sunset in Los Angeles, where ancient, astonishingly expensive wines share shelf space with their younger, cheaper relatives. In the Bordeaux department, thinned in anticipation of the 2000s, '82 Château Latour (\$682) lounges alongside the '95 (\$299), '98 (\$169), and '99 (\$189) versions. I spotted the outstanding '99 Alain Graillot Crozes-Hermitage for \$34.99 — considerably

more than its release price, but then, the initial release is long gone. If the store has a niche, it's the stocking of these older wines — vintage Port is a big seller, for example — but people don't come to stock their cellars. "We're just now starting to sell the '85s," Shaffer says. "Before that, it was '77, '70, '63, etc. My load of '97s — two years it's been there. People come to us for the old things, because they know we're picky about how we get it."

"I don't buy from any individual who just comes in the store, and I don't buy off auctions," explains Shaffer. He adds that the risk of getting a bottle that has suffered from improper storage is just not worth it. "I manage a few private cellars personally, and we also do private storage here at the shop. Anything I buy, I feel extremely confident that it's from people who take care of good wine." He will pick up some bottles on the secondary market from sources he trusts, such as local broker Sean Fisher. "Also, I have enough friends around the world who are very helpful in obtaining wines from the actual domains and châteaus."

The shop's status (what wine wouldn't want to share a room with '59 Lafite?) helps Shaffer



Holiday Wine Cellar

nab current releases of highly allocated wines, as does his pricing policy. He comes down on the side of the small wineries that don't want to be discounted but who still want representation in discount-happy Southern California. That's part of the reason why he gets wines like Pillar Rock Cabernet and Patricia Green Pinot Noir. And to keep competitive, he might do something like leave an ultra-rare '90 Vega Sicilia "Unico" at its release price of \$225.90. "When you get up into that dollar range, to price it up another \$25 just because we've had it a year is not worth it to me. I'd rather see somebody grab it while they can and enjoy it." Despite the bygone decades on the labels, few items besides the not-for-sale five-liter bottle of '59 Lafite have hung around since Shaffer's arrival.

Today, the wines (mostly domestics) have spilled out from the archway and onto the ground-floor shelves. Cigar sales are booming. The barbecue is gone, but from the cork ceiling to the wood floor inlaid with (among other things) an image of the distinctive bottle that held onetime standby Mateus, Einer's shop remains what it always was — a casual, mid-20th-century temple to wine. ■











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NORTH COASTAL

AMICI 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. Chef Monica Szepesy and her brother Michael (hosting) offer personalized, home-style renditions of diverse Latin American and Italian dishes, including house-made breads, pastas, and beverages. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. The bill of fare (about five choices for each course) changes nightly. (Groups of three or more can order sampler dinners with tastes of everything.) Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The signature dessert is a cloud-like Tres Leches cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. BYOB welcome; beer/wine license pending. Dinner Wednesday through Sunday; reservations very strongly urged. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

BIG JIM'S OLD SOUTH BARBECUE 190 North Coast Highway 101 (2 blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo Mouth!" The smokingwood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw... Oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch/dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

CAFE 101 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. *E.B.* (3/01)

CAFE SEVILLA CARLSBAD 3050 Pio Pico (off Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-730-7558. The atmosphere is cozy and pleasant. Dine up-stairs for larger tables. Tapas and Spanish specialties of average competence. Music will warm your blood. Lunch Monday through Friday. Dinner nightly, to midnight Friday and Satur day. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

CALIFORNIA BISTRO 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6800. On Wednesday night, an all-you-can-eat French buffet is available for \$25 (bev-erage not included), half price for kids. It's more California cuisine than French, but there's lots of fresh food and the beautiful luxurious room carries the evening. Open 5:30 p.m to 9 p.m.; please make reservations. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/00)

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ROSANNA'S DELI 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. The house-made sausages are juicy Sicilian-style classics of coarseground, fennel-seasoned fresh pork, and the bright-green frozen pesto is fresh and delicate. You'll also find frozen pizza dough and ravioli (with fillings such as lobster, wild mushrooms, or eggplant, as well as cheese), plus cold cuts, salads, and imported foodstuffs. Don't miss the sfogiliatelle, a light, moist, faintly lemony multi-lay-ered breakfast pastry. The eat-in/takeout menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and deli sandwiches. Open daily. -N.W. (5/02)

SAKURA BANA 1031 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-6414. One of the friendliest eateries in a friendly town, this is a sushi bar where everybody knows your name (or acts like they do). The chefs love to whip up special dishes for the many regulars at the counter, so if you're a newbie, keep an eve out for what your neighbors are eating. A blackboard lists the specials, guiding you to the day's freshest catch. Should you spot pompano on the list, get *two* orders — with two orders (but not if you just order one), after you've consumed the delicate raw fillets, the chefs will deep-fry the skeleton to a lacy crunchiness. If you don't feel like sushithere are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Fri-day, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

NORTH INLAND

FISH HOUSE VERA CRUZ 360 Via This family-style restaurant serves seafood and fresh fish that changes daily. Simple but honest preparation, good value. Open daily for lunch and dinner (dinner menu is served from opening to closing on Sunday). Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

THE FORTUNE COOKIE 16425 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-8958. Since its 1992 opening, the luster of this handso once-ambitious Chinese restaurant has

somewhat faded in the face of local preferences. Chef Yang's creative Chinese menu has devolved into the cornstarch-heavy Szechwanese and Cantonese-American crowd-pleasers favored by the RB golf-and-tennis set. Glimpses of high skill remain, in the greaseless beef egg rolls and the sublime soups. Venturesome "regulars" who know how to order can probably still get excellent meals, including delicacies that have vanished from the cur-rent menu. The long, smart wine list has minimal mark-ups, and there's a rare (for the genre) array of serious desserts. Moderate. — *N.W.* (9/00)

MILLE FLEURS 6009 Paseo Delicias. Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful peo-ple" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. — *N.W.* (5/01)

RANCHO VALENCIA 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1123. The dining room and surrounding grounds are gorgeous, the meals beautifully prepared. Great place to take a guest to lunch. Best bets, fresh fish. All California cuisine dishes have Mediterranean influence. Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

SAN DIEGO ARTISAN BAKERS 1551 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-740-5963. The grains are ground daily for this wonderful European-style bread. Every bread has dense consistency and an amazing crust. Among the best bets are the baguette, the sourdough with Greek olives, and the country sourdough. Recipes come from France, Italy, and Germany. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpen-

WINE SELLAR AND BRASSERIE 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — E.W.

GOLD COAST

CAFE ZINC 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and

What the Chef Eats

POLVORONES

BY ERIC ESTRELLA

Pastry Chef, Four Seasons Resort Aviara

Most of my time as the Pastry Chef at Four Seasons Resort Aviara is spent making versions of classic European-style desserts. For example, the desserts we make for our Vivace restaurant are Italian desserts with a more contemporary influence; and the desserts featured in the California Bistro's dessert buffet are European cakes and pastries with American

It's funny that after all my years of studying pastry, I still remember the Filipino cookies called polvorones, which my mom would bring home from China Town in Seattle. My brothers, sister, and I would fight over them! These delicate

cookies are similar to a sandy shortbread cookie with powdered sugar all over them. They taste a bit like Mexican tea cookies without the nuts.

I got this recipe for polvorones from a baker friend in Hawaii. Sometimes I put them on specialty petit-fours platters or use them as tea cookies during the hotel's Afternoon Tea in the Lobby Lounge. People eat them up. (No fighting, of course.) It would be funny if my mom knew I was making polvorones for the hotel. Which reminds me, I should send some home for the holidays!

HOW TO DO IT In an electric mixing bowl fitted with the paddle

attachment, beat the butter and sugar until it is light and fluffy. In a separate bowl, combine the flour, cinnamon, and salt together. Make sure you sift out the lumps. Add the flour mixture to the butter and sugar mix. Mix until the butter incorporates the flour. Add the vanilla extract last. Chill the dough for an hour in the refrigerator. You can either scoop the dough or take some in your hands and roll them so they are all the same size — about the size of a walnut. You can save the dough covered in the refrigerator for about one week. Roll the cookies in powdered sugar before baking. Bake



350°F. Once the cookies are golden brown (about 12 minutes), remove them from the oven and immediately roll in more powdered sugar. Allow to cool. This recipe makes three dozen cookies.

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups unsalted butter 34 cup powdered sugar Extra powdered sugar for

dusting 2 cups all purpose flour ½ teaspoon cinnamon 1/4 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indooroutdoor eatery a really pleasant kickback place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, moz-zarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days, breakfast through late lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

DEL MAR PIZZA 211 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-8088. If you've heard about, dreamed about, or were merely curious about New York pizza, the best local practitioner is now in Del Mar,

omplete with New York manners. The hot sandwiches are good, but the pizza is in a league by itself. The secret lies in the crust. Lasagne and stuffed eggplant also available, as well as cannoli for dessert. Open daily. Inexpensive. – *E.W.*

LE BAMBOU 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. Nouvelle Vietnamese cuisine is prepared here that's fresh, light, delicate. But the portions are small and two people should order three entrées for a satisfactory meal. Soups are outstanding and the imperial rolls, lemon grass chicken, soft-shelled crab, vegetarian rolls, and charbroiled pork do well here. The wine list includes 40 items. Fast service and aesthetic surroundings. Lunch Tuesday to Friday; dinner Tuesday to Sunday: closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

in an oven preheated to

PARIOLI ITALIAN BISTRO 647 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-2525. Italian dishes from every section of Italy are prepared with loving care in time-honored tradition. Specialties are risotto, ravioli, leg of lamb, duck breast, fresh fish. Charming atmosphere with fireplace. Open daily. Moderate. — E.W.

SBICCA AMERICAN BISTRO 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001.The roof garden has an unobstructed ocean view and is especially pleasant for very good American or Mexican breakfasts. Select simplest preparation for dinner: Chilean sea bass, salads, soups. Roasted half chicken best bet. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. Brunch Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Moderate. — E.W. (9/98)

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AZUL LA JOLLA 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood, Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/99)

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ON TAP! BISTRO AND BREWERY 4353 La Jolla Village Drive (next to Macy's), University Towne Centre, La

Macy's), University Towne Centre, La Jolla, 858-587-6677. Hops! serves the best food of any brewery in San Diego. The same menu is served continuously from lunch to closing. Best dishes are spit-roasted chicken and penne with salmon and shrimp. All beers are brewed on the premises. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

ROY'S 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. That is, a potentially fine restaurant is somewhat stunted by celebchef silliness, with the staff working too hard to sell us on the place. (Chill out, guys, it's San Diego.) And it takes a few visits to decode Roy's Rules of Ordering, which makes all the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters (for starters or mains) — the same dishes come off much better when or-dered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks, when the wine list is brilliant (try the "Loess is More" with seafood). The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, lumpia, "Ka hana" shutome (swordfish), or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

SADAF 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier Street), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of lavash (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or albalou polo (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

pensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (10/00) **SKY ROOM** Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W.* (10/99)

ZENBU 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local uni (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

HIDEYOSHI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 9340-B Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Hazard Village, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-9595. A delightful restaurant tucked away at the far end of a small shopping center. Fine sushi bar, and unusual appetizers. A feast named "Taiko special," for two or more, is worth ordering. Visually and gastronomically a treat. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

KOREA HOUSE 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional mandoo (beef) dumplings, gaejang backban, or raw crab, and yookhwe, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like gulbosam (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (9/98)

NIJIYA MARKET 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or bento, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N. (8/99)

PREGO Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars Road), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are near-perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisseried meats and fish, but the nightly specials are where chef Josh McGinnis gets to strut his stuff. Service is warm and well-informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

SHEILA'S CAFE & BAKERY 4577 Clairemont Drive (Wilson Plaza), Clairemont, 858-270-0251. A "Glatt Kosher," a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant and bakery with a mission. Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrying — from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheese-cakes — and that everybody else wouldn't know was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a yarmulke to feel comfortable here, but it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has received extra-careful preparation. You'll find Sheila's breads and pastries at supermarkets all around town. Lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, lunch Friday, dinner Sunday (closed Saturday, of course). Moderate to slightly expensive. — E.B. (11/01)





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4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732. Don't look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here — the menu features wonderful, authentic dishes from all over Northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly specials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired—they're what Chef Alan Martinelli really feels like cooking. The pizzas (whole pies only) are a must — thin-crusted and dressed with perfect proportions of sauce, cheese, and lovely, simple toppings. The long, helpful Italian wine list includes bottles at every price range. The downside? Service can be abrasive. and reservations, while recommended, are not always honored timely. Noisy inside; heated patio dining for the for-tunate. Park near the movie multiplex; restaurant is in "Food Court" near theaters. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate (pastas, pizzas, tasting menus) to expensive. — N.W. (6/02)

THE BEACHES

ALFIERE Sheraton Harbor Island West Tower, 1590 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-692-2778. Sophisticated, deluxe Italian/Mediterranean cuisine takes center stage in a handsome, view-endowed dining room decorated in a "Venetian Carnival" theme. In a menu that follows the seasons, San Francisco-born Chef Antonio Friscia

proves he's capable of brilliance. His thin-skinned ravioli stuffed with marinated braised short ribs shouldn't be missed, and his goose foie gras on *ciabatta crostini* is divinely playful. Traditional dishes take on new life, too: The house "antipasta" (of marinated vegetables and top-quality Italian deli meats) is everything you'd hope for, while house-made pesto gnocchi float off the plate. Some dishes are invariably less successful, but boredom will not be a problem — this is nothing like "hotel food." The Italian/Californian wine list emphasizes lesser-known Italian reds. Daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (5/02)

BALEEN Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6363. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, includ-ing gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — N.W. (12/00)

HUMPHREY'S BY THE BAY 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door ampitheatre. They're missing the best food, which emerges

once the music-mayens leave the premises. The kitchen features top-quality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie garnishes. Re-serve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. — N.W.~(11/01)

KONO'S 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hang-out. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

LOTSA PASTA 1762 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-581-6777. This family Italian-American restaurant seats 160 people. It offers a menu where you can select your own pasta and your own sauces (12 pastas, 18 sauces). Best bets: dinner specialties with dinner salad \$8.95. Only restaurant to offer *timpano*. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

MARDI GRAS CAFE 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma

Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately un-derseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun tasso (spiced ham), boudin blanc (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for take-out. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/01)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ASMARA RESTAURANT 4433 El Cajon Boulevard (at Fairmount Avenue), City Heights, 619-563-3666. The fare here is Eritrean (which proves very similar to Ethiopian), and the menu is long and uncommonly interesting. The meat combination platter is a terrific array, including top-notch tsebhi derho (known as ve-doro wat on Ethiopian menus), chicken and an egg in a rich, dark sauce, a similar dish with beef, gored-gored (lightly seared meat cubes in spicy butter), and lamb al'cha, a stirfry in a mild curry sauce. From the à la carte choices, consider zilzil t'bsi, chargrilled meat in butter, and kulwa, a sprightly stir-fry of lamb, beef, or chicken. Vegetable dishes are luscious, too. Entrées are served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, in-jera, which serves as an edible spoon and edible tablecloth — use pieces of it to scoop up morsels (in your right hand). Meats are cooked (or not cooked) to your order and seasoned to your specifications (understand that 'hot" means seriously spicy). Vegetarian-friendly. Rest rooms not

wheelchair-accessible. Can be noisy on weekends. Cash only. Open daily. In-expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

EL COMAL 2822 Imperial Avenue Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne* adobada (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

HUFFMAN'S BAR-B-QUE 5039 Im perial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the cat-fish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

KENSINGTON GRILL 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This new addition to an old neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Salads are well prepared, as is the savory smoked duck appetizer with cheese-bread pud-ding. These preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cui-sine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold - as do the entrées. From

the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N.* (8/99)

LAO & CHINESE CUISINE 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a simple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncomplicated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pep-per, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), tom yum soup, and pho and pad si-ew noodle dishes. Inexpensive. — M.N. (2/99)

PAESANO 3647 30th Street (at Landis Street), North Park, 619-291-4090. Joe Romano and his family started here in 1967, painting the interior to look like you're among the stone arches of some Italian village grotto. Pictures of Italian tourist attractions line the walls, and the music is Italian mandolin ditties. The food is traditional Italian-American, with pittance-priced "daily specials" like eggplant parmesan and spaghetti with meatballs, plus salad and garlic bread. Regular dishes are bargain-priced, too. Weekday lunch, early dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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LEMON GROVE DELI 7860 Broad way, Lemon Grove, 619-464-2928. More than one local has called this small and spare deli one of the best sandwich shops in East County. Arrive at lunch time and you will find neat stacks of rolled pastrami, beef, and chicken, and cole slaw and sliced tomatoes in giant coolers ready for midday's rush. Lots of "Build Your Own Sandwich" suggestions on the wall menu, but one of the best has to be the pita pocket grilled chicken with mushrooms and onions. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

RODEO BAR AND GRILL 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-390-7996. Agnes and Ildikor are the two blue-eyed Hungarian-born sis-ters who run this only-in-Lakeside institution. It's a low, red, grapevine-covered onetime produce barn near the rodeo grounds. A dirt parking lot hides under the trees, and an old freezer door is the main entrance to the restaurant, which has decor straight out of Dodge City. The menu has two sides: the Aside features big steaks, while the Bside offers bargain-priced sandwiches like grilled barbecued beef or the Ponyburger, a flame-broiled quarter-pounder with steak fries, barbecue beans, and fixin's. On Thursday nights, the sisters' mom cooks one of her spe cial Hungarian dishes, depending on what the customers have asked for so get on down there and vote! Open until 1 a.m. (with karaoke) on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

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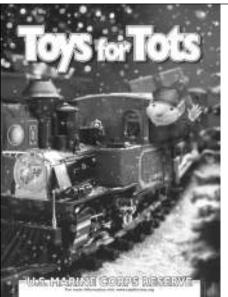
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BERTA'S LATIN AMERICAN RESTAURANT 3928 Twiggs Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of littleknown cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous vatapa (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast, Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

BRIANS' AMERICAN EATERY 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln Avenue). Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians recently took over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties road-house character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people breakfast is the thing. The Brians 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!," an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive.
— E.B. (10/02)

CAFE CASPIAN PERSIAN EATERY & TEAROOM 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food - most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabouli salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. Ghourmeh sabzi is a lamb stew. Koufteh-Berenii is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. And don't forget tea. They have everything from Darjeeling and Caspian to Lapacho Bark, Black Peach, and, if you really need a boost, Temple of Heaven Gunpowder. Breakfast through early ish dinner Tuesday to Saturday; break fast and lunch only, Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

CREST CAFE 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Ce-celia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo, Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey

glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley but-ter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprikacayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

EL ZARAPE 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Inexpensive. – M.N. (1/00)

FIFTH AND HAWTHORN 515 Hawthorn, uptown, 619-544-0940. Excellent, very fresh fish and seafood dinners are to be found here. The price of the entrée includes soup or salad. Best bet is the bargain-price per couple prix fixe dinner, which consists of four courses (with a choice of entrées) plus a bottle of wine. À la carte choices are available, too. This restaurant is often frequented by actors and writers, which can add cachet to the evening. Open daily, lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *E.W.*

ICHIBAN 1449 University Avenue (at Normal Street), Hillcrest, Normal Street), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups over-flowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "ichiban" means. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

IACK AND GIULIO'S ITALIAN **RESTAURANT** 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. The former owners of Giulio's in Pacific Beach now operate Jack and Giulio's. Best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their famous scampi. Old-style chicken cacciatore always on the menu. Outdoor patio is one of the strong fea-tures. This is a low-cost family restaurant with fresh, casual food. Open daily, lunch and dinner; continuous service weekends. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E. W.

KAZUMI SUSHI 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington Street), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (10/00)

THE MISSION NORTH PARK AND CITY BAKERY 2801-2805 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992. The two winners are breakfasts and the adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecan bread and cinnamon rolls. Lunch and dinner offer California food with Asian and Latino influences. Lots of items under \$10. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (7/98)

THE PARKHOUSE EATERY 4574 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate.

PICASSO SPANISH RESTAURANT

3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. In teresting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny pinxos of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in gar-lic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both

a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's work-manly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' fa-vorite beverage. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

WHOLE FOODS MARKET 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their *farofa* salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of





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DOWNTOWN

ACOUA AL 2 322 Fifth Avenue. Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan pu-rity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mush-rooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — *N.W.* (11/00)

ATHENS MARKET 109 West F Street, downtown, 619-234-1955. Surely the finest Greek restaurant in San Diego. and it's ideal before or after a cultural event. Lentil soup, Greek appetizers, salads, chicken, fish, and lamb dishes are first-rate and so are the desserts. It's festive for late-night dining. Open for lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Separate dining rooms for parties. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

AUBERGINE 500 Fourth Avenue (at Island Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-8100. After its early awkwardness attempting to please all tastes, this restaurant has found its footing with a new chef and a shorter, more focused menu featuring light, rather sweet interpretations of Asian dishes, a scattering of Italianate flavors, and fine, smoky hardwoodrailed steaks and chops. Execution has improved, too, so that dinner here is no longer a gamble — you'll generally eat well, and if the food never startles you, it probably won't bore you either. On Friday and Saturday nights, the restaurant and adjoining theater turn into a huge nightclub filled with twenty-somethings; Saturdays, before the metamorphosis, there's an affordable three-course prix fixe dinner that includes the nightclub cover charge. Reserve for weekend dinners. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (7/02)

THE BLARNEY STONE 502 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-255-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or

even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

CROCE'S RESTAURANT AND JAZZ BAR 802 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive.

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)

FAZ 530 Broadway (at Sixth Avenue), Courtyard Marriott, Gaslamp, 619-446-3040. Persian-born restaura-teur Faz Poursohi, owner of several successful Bay Area restaurants, presents Middle Eastern- and Mediterranean-inspired dishes interpreted in clean, streamlined Northern California style and executed with rare precision. Wood fire is the star of this show, ranging from kebabs on a rotisserie to a brined, smoked pork chop that's an object lesson in how to cook today's pork. Don't overlook the starters, such as the defini-tive eggplant puree, the marinated peppers with Laura Chenel goat cheese, or the house salad of baby greens and walnuts in a vibrant pomegranate vinaigrette. But save a little appetite for the ethereal warm cheesecake dessert. Valet parking is \$5 at hotel entrance on Sixth Avenue just north of Broadway. Full bar, affordable wine list. Breakfast daily, lunch weekdays, dinner nightly Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

THE FIELD IRISH PUB AND **RESTAURANT** 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. - N.W. (4/01)

NAPA VALLEY GRILLE 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This new restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the 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 home-yness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (3/00)

SADAF 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights,

the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your fesenjan dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or bamieh, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. - N.W. (12/00)

TAKA 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. This restaurant is a knockout. Gorgeous food and beautiful setting. Entrées, which combine Asian and Continental elements, can be ordered in half portions. Don't miss linguine and seafood, filet mignon, salmon sauté. Highly satisfying food at prices you can afford. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to expensive.

VINCENZO RISTORANTE ITALIANO 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fish-monger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.* (8/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

AZZURA POINT Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for lo-cals. The California-French cuisine emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations, with especial ingenuity in the appetizers. Along with the six-course "chef's menu," there's a reasonably priced five-course vegetarian menu showcasing fresh herbs grown in the resort's garden. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Very expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

CAFE 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Rick Chapman has created a French café atmosphere with round Parisian tables and slat chairs outside and a balcony inside Here Coronado's arty types mix with admirals, CEOs, and SEALs. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink. Breakfasts are mostly steamed eggs plus extras, such as the Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a

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GALLEY AT THE MARINA 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced Happy Hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: try a 1/2-pound steerburger with French fries, chicken caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a

filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast fa vorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

HANAOKA 1528-C Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-5173. Mr. and Mrs. Hanaoka's Japanese restaurant has the feel of those country inns you read about in a James Michener novel, with a sushi counter, lots of paper lanterns, and sunken tables where you can sit lotus-fashion or drop your legs in the space below. The luncheon specials are a great buy. Try chicken teriyaki and *gyoza*, with rice, salad, and miso soup. "*Hanaoka*" means "honest," and portions are honestly generous. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

MCP'S IRISH PUB & GRILL 1107 Or ange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's' patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good

soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty (and then some) Irish meat-fest break fast. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

MIGUEL'S COCINA 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" minimall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

VFW 557 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6917. You may have to get over the feeling you're intruding on a private club here, but boy, is it worth it! One, everybody has a story. Two, the "public is welcome" lunches are home-cooking at genuine Korean War prices. Mondays and Wednesdays it's burgers. Tuesdays and Thursdays are "Guess What?" and Inursdays are Guess What: days — typically, enchilada casserole, baked chicken or spaghetti, or a fried-rice dish that's full of good things. Two really tasty occasionals are liver with mashed potato and onions or chickenfried steak with fried rice. First and third Friday nights of the month, outsiders are invited to join the weekly fish fry from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Check out the photos and memorabilia from wars fought from Siberia to Vietnam. Lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

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so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, *salchicha* (pork

sausages), bacalao (cod fish) al la Viz-

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Not only can Robert De Niro not carry a tune, he cannot get within arm's reach of

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DUNCAN SHEPHERD

he calm before the Christmas blizzard..

Maid in Manhattan, Can Jennifer Lopez be Pretty Womanized? The question does not ask whether she can be America's Sweetheart (which, owing to her career choices to date, and despite the cuteness of

her giggle, her nosescrunch, her accent, etc., seems very much out of the question),

but rather whether she can have a mega-hit on the scale of Julia Roberts. This question will chiefly be of interest to her business manager, her accountant, her agent, her publicist, perhaps her psychiatrist. The legitimate interest, meantime, of the critic and the casual moviegoer is the simple question of whether she can make a good movie, more exactly a movie concerned with something other than flattering its star. (Of course she made one of those, Blood and Wine, but that was before she became a star.) This particular Cinderella story casts her as a singlemom housekeeper at the four-star Beresford Hotel, with aspirations to a management position, but suddenly in jeopardy of losing everything after she tries on the Dolce & Gabbana pantsuit in the closet of the Park Suite, and the dishy and highly eligible State As-

semblyman — Ralph Fiennes — from the York Suite down the hall walks in on her and takes her for a

lady. (Nothing in her daily hairdo and makeup could give her away.) Complications, as you can all too well imagine, ensue. For flattery, she has her own cheering section among her coworkers, and she has the compliment, "It's perfect," aimed in the direction of her renowned back bumper. Suspense is not heightened a millimeter by the identification of the politico as a Republican. "What's the difference these days?" pipes up the heroine's precocious ten-year-old. The real question of the movie is what on earth the director of The Joy Luck Club, not



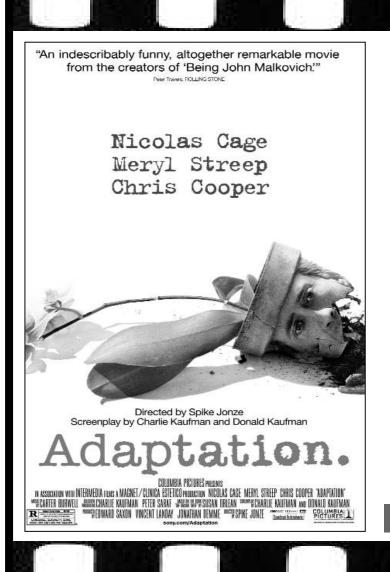
Analyze That

to mention stuff like *The Center of the* World and Smoke and Slamdance, Wayne Wang, thinks he is up to. Or to ask it another way: how many pop songs on the soundtrack can selfdeceit accommodate?

Analyze That. The obligatory token of respect and appreciation for 1999's Analyze This. In a word, the sequel,

likewise directed by Harold Ramis. The revised concept: the vulnerable mobster gets himself released from prison, and into the custody of his former therapist, by singing the entire score of West Side Story nonstop. (Not only can Robert De Niro not carry a tune, he cannot get within arm's reach of one.) That — a mafioso who knows

Broadway show tunes — sets the standard for the humor to come. (Somehow it's worse, not better, that he is faking his madness, and that he can call up the lyrics, if not the melodies, consciously.) The outtakes during the closing credits, albeit a hand-me-down idea, raise the standard considerably: always a bad sign. Once again, the balance of





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attention, and even the balance of admiration, favors the mobster over the therapist, though you might hypothesize that Hollywood filmmakers on the whole would have a more intimate familiarity with the latter profession. On the other hand, they have made more money off the former.

Drumline. Disney-esque formula sports film, directed by Charles Stone III, about a hot-shot freshman on a full scholarship to Atlanta A&T, who needs to learn the meaning of teamwork. Except that the "sport" isn't football, isn't basketball, isn't even a sport; it's the marching band (motto: "One band, one sound"), pointing toward a competition of its own on the BET network. Orlando Jones, usually a cut-up, is excellent as the ramrod-

straight bandmaster (or drill instructor) who stresses "musicianship" and the "classics": e.g., Earth, Wind & Fire, and not all this hip-hop crap. The drumming is probably more credible than any scripted athletic action could have been. Or anyway, any offenses against credibility are more apt to escape detection. Or anyway, any offenses are sure to be less egregious. In other words, who cares?

Equilibrium. Vision of an Orwellian future where human emotion is strictly prohibited. Provided, that is, that Orwell were a twelve-year-old videogame addict and comic-book aficionado whose all-time favorite movie is *The Matrix*. (Kurt Wimmer, writer and director, would seem to be the responsible party.) Christian Bale, the top-ranking member of the Grammaton Cleric commissioned to stamp out the Sense Offense, begins by torching the Mona Lisa, but then for some reason he stops taking his medication — Prozium — and starts acting

strangely: rearranging his desk, listening to Beethoven, saving a puppy, smelling Emily Watson's hair ribbon. It's a slippery slope from there into the Underground. Not that he needs any help from the rebels: his bulletdodging abilities place him just below Superman in invincibility. A good ways further below, though, in believability.

Empire. Street Smart meets Wall Street: a South Bronx drug dealer, looking to go legit, moves downtown to SoHo and gets taken to the cleaners. Directed with lots of tricks and little style by Franc Reyes (who wants us to put a period after his first name, a neat summary of his directorial sensibility). John Leguizamo, looking like a Latino John Garfield, and Peter Sarsgaard hold up their end, but the rest of it drags along in the muck.

Children of the Century. Tony historical romance centered around the affair of the twenty-three-year-old Alfred de Musset and the six-years-older George Sand, "poetry and prose," per-

haps not a perfect match but an ignitable one. Not half, not a quarter, not an eighth the fun of the cooler-headed and farther-distanced Impromptu, navigating the same social circle, plus Chopin. (Mandy Patinkin and Judy Davis were Musset and Sand in that one.) The approach here is so straight, so square, as to be severely wanting in interpretation and personality, apart, anyway, from the standard feminist point of view (Diane Kurys, director) from which the woman will appear deep, ardent, authentic, and completely committed while the man will seem a fickle, self-indulgent, self-destructive poseur. As far as that goes, you wonder why Sand would have put up with him. Asking Juliette Binoche to play one of the luminaries of the Romantic Movement only incites her to turn up her already high-flame histrionics. Asbestos is the recommended attire for all but the most devoted moth. Benoit Magimel comes across as closer to caricature, but that seems to be the point.

The opening credits sequence of setting and printing a block of type by letterpress has more magic in it than has all of the emotional combustion.

An Iranian Film Society, evidently taking encouragement from the local reception for the works of Abbas Kiarostami, Mohsen Makhmalbaf, Majid Majidi, Jafar Panahi, et al., initiates a monthly program at Madstone's Hazard Center this coming Sunday. First up: *Low Heights*, a skyjacking comedy (so they say) by one of the country's lesser lights, Ebrahim Hatamikia.

Moviegoing vignette: I come out of Robert Harmon's They, otherwise known as Wes Craven Presents: They, similar to Quentin Tarantino presenting Chungking Express or Switchblade Sisters (lending or selling his name, that is, while having nothing else to do with it), and I go into the men's room where one guy expresses the view that the movie is boring and another guy responds, "And Wes Craven is one of the best, man! I don't get it!" What I wouldn't give for Wes Craven to have been sitting at that instant behind the closed door of one of the stalls.

I'm told that in the twenty-year history of CinemaScore — an opinion poll of opening-night moviegoers — no movie has scored so low as Steven Soderbergh's *Solaris*. Male or female, under twenty-one, over thirty-five, and in between: straight F's across the board. As I foresaw, this only increases my fondness for the movie. It does not at the same time increase my optimism about the future of the art

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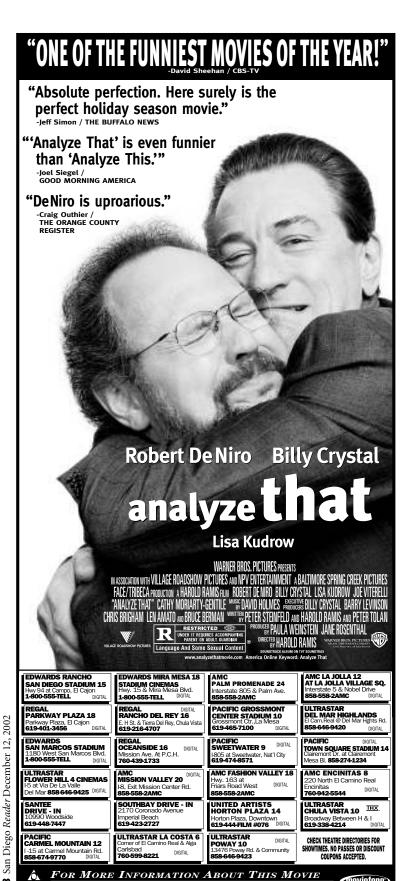
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Bloody Sunday — Paul Greengrass's masochistic re-enactment of the costly collision — thirteen dead, fourteen wounded — between outlawed Catholic protest marchers and itchy-fingered English peacekeepers in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, 1972. The English 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

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

Bowling for Columbine — Michael Moore's engaging and enraging documentary on gun culture in America,





and by extension violence, homicide, and the climate of fear in America. Dishevelled as ever in his baggy clothes and collection of ballcaps (one of them emblazoned with "Writer"), usually unshaven, a definitive schlump, he is still his own protagonist, no matter how antagonistic a one. Here he is, selecting a free rifle as a bonus "gift" for opening a CD account at a heartland bank cum licensed firearms dealer. Here he is, testing the theory that Torontonians don't bother to lock their homes, by going right up to some front doors and opening them. (Canada comes off very well in the film, not just for the low murder rate among a wellarmed populace, but for the bedrock of social beneficence.) And here he is, escorting two crippled survivors of the Columbine school shooting to Kmart headquarters, to "return" the bullets to their place of purchase. Surprisingly — you can see it plainly on his face — Kmart capitulates to the cease-and-desist demand, a tiny victory on Moore's quixotic quest to change the world. His search far and wide for connections and causalities, for an explanatory nexus, can at times resemble mental meandering. And he is not averse to the cheap shot and the heavy hand: a montage of U.S. foreign-affairs follies will be accompanied by Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World." (Joey Ramone's sneeringly ironic cover version of the song will be heard in the closing credits.) Yet his sincerity, for all his showmanship and all his sarcasm, never seems in doubt. His lack of slickness may or may not say something about his level of expertise as a filmmaker. The film is not so much unslick as strategically and pragmatically anti-slick. The film mirrors the filmmaker. With Marilyn Manson, Dick Clark, Charlton Heston. 2002.

★★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Children of the Century — Reviewed this issue. With Juliette Binoche, Benoit Magimel, and Stefano Dionisi; directed by Diane Kurvs.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 12/13)

Comedian — Christian Charles's intimate documentary on the private hells of standup comics, focussing on two in particular, one big and one small: Jerry Seinfeld, honing a new act after the end of his TV sitcom, and thirtyish Orny Adams, whose biological clock is noisily ticking. It makes you feel something like pity (of all things) for the big shot, and something like genuine worry for the small fry. There's some interesting shoptalk between Seinfeld and Leno, Shandling, Cosby; and the funniest story — Seinfeld's "favorite" show-biz story — is told off-stage. The digital-video image, meantime, is all but unviewable, and the sound quality is not much better. 2002. ★ (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 boxoffice 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.

★★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Daughter from Danang — Documentary by Gail Dolgin and Vicente Franco on the reunion of a young American woman and her Vietnamese mother. (KEN, 12/13 THROUGH 19)

Die Another Day — It is now (ahem) four decades since James Bond 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 this, 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. There was perhaps 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, the same could have been said about Michael Apted before the previous one, *The World Is Not Enough*. Bond proves again to be director-proof. In fairness, the secondbanana 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 windsurfing on a tidal wave, the car chase through the melting Ice Palace, the cosmetic

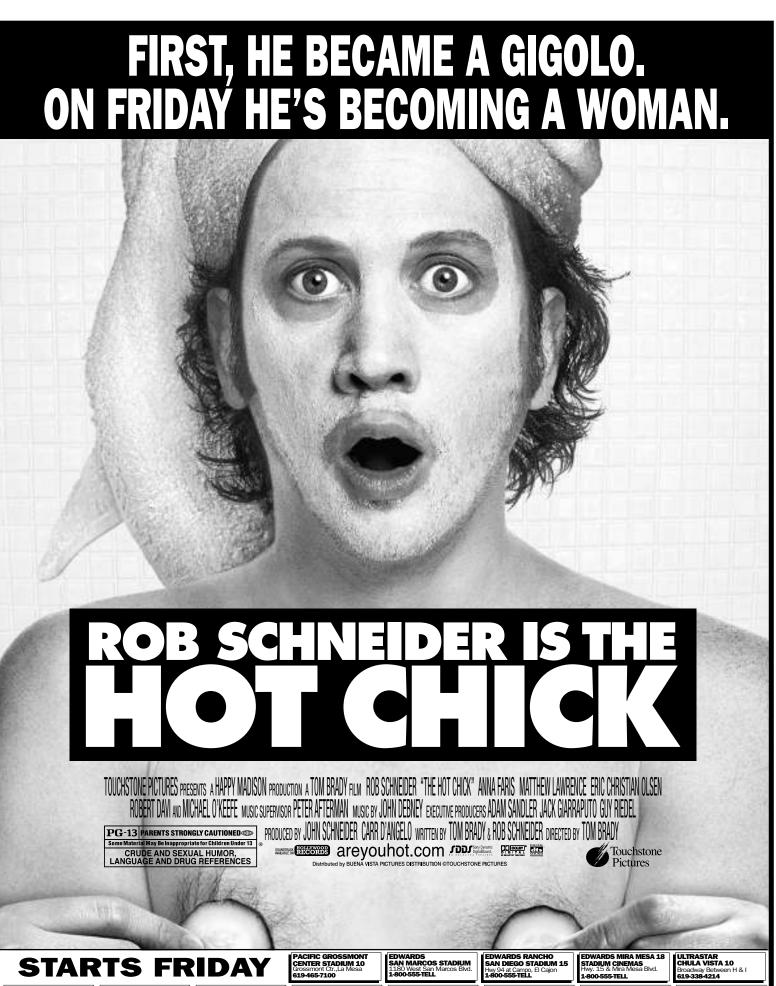
conversion of Asian to Caucasian, and so on. With Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Toby Stephens, Rosamund Pike, Rick Yune, Judi Dench, John Cleese. 2002.

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Eight Crazy Nights - Animated holidaygreeting card — Christmas and Hanukah both — addressed to Adam Sandler's flock: juvenile tastelessness sprinkled with sugar. Besides being the model for the bahhumbug protagonist, Sandler supplies four



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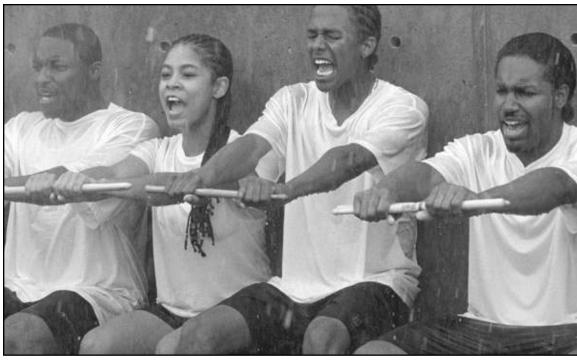
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different voices, all of them irritating in different ways. And the brand names and corporate logos on parade — Radio Shack, See's Candies, Victoria's Secret, Dunkin Donuts, etc. — demonstrate his full grasp of the Spirit of the Season. Directed by Seth Kearsley. 2002.

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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-theheadlights 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



Drumline

Basinger; directed by Curtis Hanson. 2002. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN: VOGUE)

The Emperor's Club — Pedantic induction into the hallowed halls of St. Benedict's School for Boys: the dedicated teacher, the troublemaking pupil, the lessons learned, the damp-eved twenty-five-year reunion. The bulk of the action is set in the Seventies, but it often feels as if it's seventy years earlier. With Kevin Kline, Emile

Hirsch, Jesse Eisenberg, Rishi Mehta, Embeth Davidtz; directed by Michael Hoffman, 2002.

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Empire — Reviewed this issue. With John Leguizamo, Peter Sarsgaard, Denise Richards, and Delilah Cotto; written and directed by Franc Reves.

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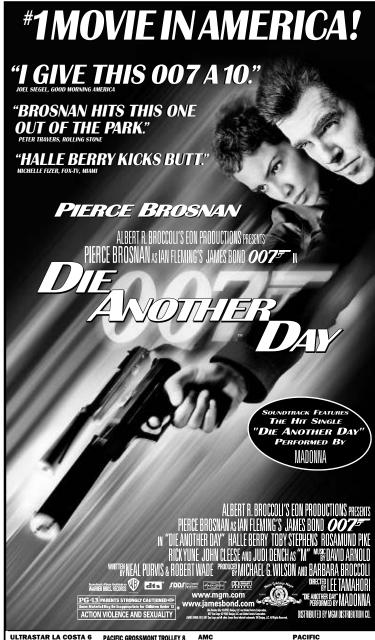
Equilibrium — Reviewed this issue. With Christian Bale, Emily Watson, and Taye Diggs; written and directed by Kurt Wimmer.

• (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24: RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Extreme Ops — A team of "extreme" athletes, on location in the Alps to shoot a commercial, cross paths with a band of fugitive terrorists: just something else to get the adrenalin pumping and the rock music pounding. Extreme stupidity. With Rufus Sewell, Rupert Graves, Devon Sawa, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras; directed by Christian Duguay. 2002.

• (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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



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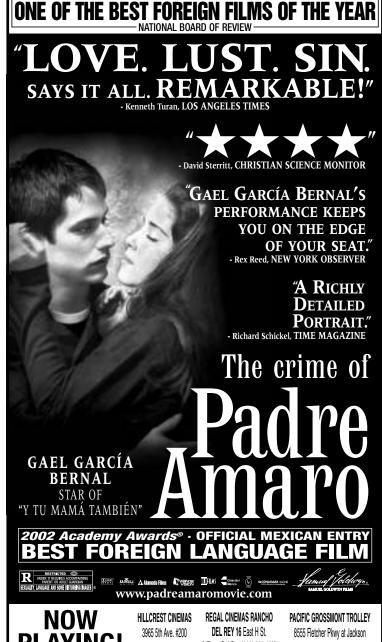
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there's significance in the fact that Haynes's name-making first film, Superstar: The Karen Carpenter Story, was enacted entirely with Barbie dolls. What had seemed at the time a budgetary limitation might be a bigger limitation, 2002.

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Food of Love — A hopeful young pianist on "the C-track" — conservatories, $competitions, concerts -\!\!\!\!- gets \ side tracked$ when he sits in on stage as a page-turner for his idol, who soon initiates him into the gay lifestyle. The Catalan filmmaker Ventura Pons seems a little hamstrung in the English language, but the directness and simplicity, even naiveté, are disarming. Kevin Bishop, Paul Rhys, Allan Corduner, Juliet Stevenson.

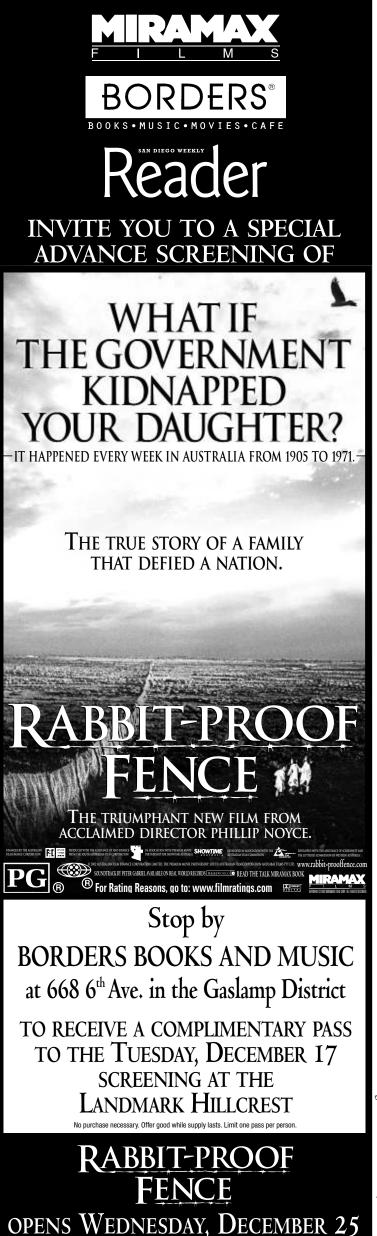
★ (KEN, THROUGH 12/12)

Frida — Belated contribution to Fridamania. The same-named 1984 film by Paul Leduc, while timelier, was too low-profile to discourage additional spotlight-seekers and altar-worshippers. So now we have a 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 lavishly re-created and so lusciously photographed, into something so dull and ordinary. Certainly we might have expected some visual pyrotechnics from director Julie Taymor, who had shaken up Shakespeare in Titus. And for sure, Taymor pulls out all the stops for the grisly trolley accident that crippled the artist in her youth (though she's dancing a tango before you know it). And her voyage to New York — otherwise known as the Invasion of Gringolandia will be done as an animated collage of paper cutouts, with her muralist husband, Diego Rivera, scaling the Empire State Building as King Kong. For the rest, this is a surprisingly pedestrian "biopic," in the subgenre of Tormented Artist, endlessly relating the marital infidelities and blow-ups ("My goddam sister! You're an animal!"), and casting only passing glances at the oh-by-the-way paintings. Taymor, in effect, is like the socialite who attends a gallery opening only in order to gossip about the artist, and who can barely spare a moment for what's on the walls. The artwork is important to her, just as Kahlo's circle of friends is important to her, only to the extent that it confers a reputation. The movie counts on the cachet of the characters to compensate for the triteness and repetitiveness of the incidents. With Alfred Molina, Geoffrey Rush, Ashley Judd, Antonio Banderas, and Edward Norton, as Diego Rivera, Leon Trotsky, Tina Modotti, David Alfaro Siqueiros, and Nelson Rockefeller, in order.

• (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA, FROM 12/13; PALM PROMENADE 24: RANCHO DEL REY 16TOWN SQUARE 14)

Ghost Ship — Supernaturalism at sea, from the director of Thirteen Ghosts, Steve Beck. The opening scene depicts a snapped guy wire slicing across a crowded dance floor on an Italian ocean liner, slicing through bodies like a Weed Wacker through blades of grass, graphically illustrated with "realistic" computer effects of a torso dragging itself across the floor sans legs, the top half of a head sliding off the bottom half, and so forth. This constitutes a kindness to the viewer insofar as it informs him, right off the bat, of the level of taste and subtlety in store. (Ironic that the title should be lifted from the canon of horrormeister Val Lewton, taste and subtlety personified.) Nothing thereafter can shock, least of all the would-be shocks, as when a can of baked beans transmogrifies into mouthfuls of maggots. (Ick.) "Somebody's gotta say it," somebody says, "and it might as well be me. This ship is fucked up." He would put it so crudely. With Julianna Margulies, Gabriel Byrne, Desmond Harrington, Ron Eldard, Isaiah Washington.

● (VOGUE)



The Godfather, Part II — Francis Ford Coppola's sequel pedals backwards and forwards from the events of the first Godfather. But while it ranges over great distances, from 1901 to 1958, it leaves a lot of gaps along the way — characters dropped from sight and mind, motives unhinted at. It is a movie that is vulnerable to quibbles over details, but it is surer about what it is after and braver about achieving it than its forerunner. In any case, it would be futile to imagine possible alterations or additions for a grandiose production in which everything — performances, color and light, carefully researched cultural data — appears to have been poured into place like concrete. Al Pacino, Robert De Niro, John Cazale, and Robert Duvall. 1974.

★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 12/12)

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets - Or for short, Harry Chamber Pot. In the second screen adaptation of a J.K. Rowling children's book, 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 Arvan-blond "pure-bloods" seeking to purge their school of the mongrelized "muggle-borns." At a little past two and a half hours, the film is unforgivably overlong and overstuffed. 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 computergenerated Dobby, a sort of Jar Jar Binks Jr., 'a plot to make most terrible things happen." Right. So much for plot. (More of it, at any rate, than in the first one, and less preamble.) Viewed, however, as a seambursting compilation of state-of-the-art special effects — the flying car, the crashlanding 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. Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Kenneth Branagh, and (the late) Richard Harris; directed by Chris Columbus. 2002.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10;

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The Hot Chick — A teenage girl in the body of Rob Schneider, directed by Tom Brady.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GALAXY 6: GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HARBOR DRIVE IN; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20:

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Maid in Manhattan — Reviewed this

issue. With Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes Natasha Richardson, Stanley Tucci, and Bob Hoskins; directed by Wayne Wang. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14;

FROM 12/13)

My Big Fat Greek Wedding anointed "Frump Girl" meets Mr. Wonderful, with the X-ray vision to see the beauty within. Only problem: he's not Greek. Nia Vardalos, scriptwriter and star, gets to unburden herself on her lineage "My cousins have two volumes, loud and louder"), and at the same time indulge herself in an Ugly Duckling fantasy. It seldom rises above an ethnic sitcom, but the "personal" angle stirs sympathy. With John Corbett, Michael Constantine, Lainie Kazan, Andrea Martin, Gia Carides; directed by Joel Zwick. 2002.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Personal Velocity — Subhead: "Three Portraits." In specific, portraits of Delia, Greta, and Paula, each in turn instead of intertwined. The omniscient narrator, male, keeps us constantly mindful of the literary roots of the material ("She felt the ambition drain out of her, like pus from a lanced boil"), a selection of short stories brought to the screen by writer-director Rebecca Miller, their original author. The digital-video image is in and out of focus, insecurely framed, shrouded in smog or coated in wax — a ghastly thing to look at. With Kyra Sedgwick, Parker Posey, Fairuza Balk. 2002. • (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 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



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teenagers had stayed the week previous. (The video looks a bit like a product of the 1920s avant-garde cinema, but not necessarily lethal.) She then asks the appropriate journalistic questions: "Who made it? Where'd it come from?" She has exactly one week to find the answers. Directed by the chameleonic Gore Verbinski (Mouse Hunt, The Mexican), the film is rather poorly photographed in a nauseous bluey-green or a bilious greeny-blue, but is watchable all the same. Its emphasis falls more on detective work than on cheap thrills, and it offers some quietly creepy details (the housefly in the video which can be plucked off the screen in freeze-frame mode) as well as one hair-raising scene of a panicked horse running free on a ferry. It even has a satisfactory if incomprehensible ending, before it presses on mandatorily to a less satisfactory and no more comprehensible second ending. With Martin Henderson, Brian Cox, Jane Alexander. 2002.

★★ (CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Roger Dodger - It's not only Roger who's a dodger. It's also the cameraman: he feints, he zigzags, he bobs and weaves. $(Under\ instruction,\ presumably,\ from$ novice writer-director Dylan Kidd.) Like Roberto Duran in pursuit of Sugar Ray Leonard, the spectator might want to throw up his *manos* and say *no más*. The sexual tutorial of a sixteen-year-old Ohioan (Jesse Eisenberg) by his jaded and jaundiced uncle (Campbell Scott), on a night on the town in Manhattan, produces a babbling brook of glib patter, delivered glibly. But what's the point of trying for punchy dialogue if the camera is just going to dance around it? Even if you could push the freeze-frame button, you would not have anything solid

in front of you: wafer-thin faces slotted between a mushy background and mushy foreground, something like potato chips stuck in a mound of guacamole dip. With Isabella Rossellini, Jennifer Beals, Elizabeth Berkley. 2002.

• (HAZARD CENTER 7)

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

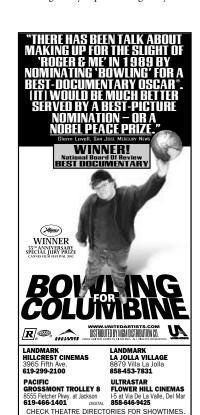
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Skins — A brother and his keeper: a drunken Indian ("sad cliché") and a tribal lawman who literally "goes off the res" as an avenging vigilante. The educational prologue on the Lakotas of Pine Ridge (seventy-five-percent unemployment, etc.) shows us 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)

- Redemption for Steven Soderbergh, after the crass commercialism of Ocean's Eleven (and, in lesser degrees of crassness, Traffic and Erin Brockovich), to say nothing of the self-indulgence of Full Frontal. Not that this one is without selfindulgence: a fifty-million-dollar sciencefiction film devoid of action and sparse in special effects. Yet the self-indulgence here is balanced by intelligence, by generosity (beyond the glimpses, for interested parties, of George Clooney's tush), and by a genuine urge to engage and to stimulate. Part of the enjoyment of it, then, is the anticipation of the feelings of outrage, be wilderment, even $\,$ outright derision on the part of the multiplex crowd unaccustomed to demands on their patience, their attention, their willingness actually to think about what they are seeing and to talk about it afterwards. In these demands, as well as in things like the Resnaisian nonsequential editing and the Godardian muting of sound, Soderbergh summons up the art film of yore (similar, in that sense, to his First Career Misstep, Kafka), so that the time frame of the film almost seems less futuristic than historical. Of course, the Andrei Tarkovsky film of the same name was a bona fide art film of yore — the Russian answer to 2001, carrying the upmanship spirit of the Space Race onto the movie screen — and indeed much of the Soderbergh intelligence comes down to knowledgeability in place of originality. He



knows enough about movies to select a Tarkovsky film for remake. But then, too, he knows enough about moviemaking to make some improvements. The viewer who is wriggling out of his skin at the Soderbergh version might be astonished to find out how far Soderbergh has streamlined it, shaving a full hour off Tarkovsky's running time, while still offering much to mull over on the subject of human relationships. The sciencefiction fan of today, though, may be out of shape for such ruminative rigors. (Certain plot points, concerning the materialization of memory, bring to mind Journey to the Seventh Planet, not a designated egghead film like 2001 and Solaris, but a grade-Z quickie from the time — early Sixties when SF was not simply a synonym for FX.) And the fans are not the only ones who might be out of shape. It would not be improper, not be ill-bred, to suggest that Soderbergh leaves too much to conjecture at the end; that a few more questions could have been answered, or least asked, without quashing all discussion; and that the

postulation of an afterlife, although it leaves room for ambiguity and irony, invites the kind of mushy, muddy feel-goodism that John Edward and James Van Praagh hold out to the bereaved on daily television. With Natascha McElhone, Jeremy Davies, Viola Davis, 2002.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8;
FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON
PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; OCEANSIDE 16;
PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN
SQUARE 14)

Standing in the Shadows of

Motown — Well-deserved and longoverdue 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 such as Joan Osborne, Meshell Mdegeocello,

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Bootsy 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.

★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 12/13; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 12/12)

Star Trek Nemesis — Patrick Stewart and company, directed by Stuart Baird. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAF HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GALAXY 6: GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SOUARE 14: FROM 12/13)

They — Dim-lit chiller, with a no-name cast, about childhood "night terrors" made tangible. ("They" are not the gentle beings of the same-named ghost story by Rudyard Kipling.) Not much development, but some effective tightening of screws. Laura Regan, as finely whittled as the young Jamie Lee Curtis, is a credibly distressed damsel. Directed by Robert Harmon. 2002. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14;

MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY

PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Treasure Planet — 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,

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01 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) 8 Mile (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 5:15, 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (2:20) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Tue. (2:20, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05; **The Emperor's Club** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 4:40, 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. (1:50, 4:40) 7:25, 9:45; **Equilibrium** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 5:20, 7:55, 10:25; Sun. (2:15) 5:20, 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Tue. (2:15, 5:20) 7:50, 10:10; **Friday after Next** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:50) 5:55, 8:20, 10:35; Sun. (1:00, 3:50) 5:55, 7:50, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (1:00, 3:50, 5:55) 7:50, 9:55; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of** Secrets (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55) 4:10, 7:30; Mon.-Tue. (12:55, 4:10) 7:30; The Hot Chick (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 2:30) 4:20, 5:10, 7:15, 8:00, 9:30, 10:15; Sun. (1:30, 2:30) 4:20, 5:10, 7:15, 7:55, 9:30, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. (1:30, 2:30 4:20, 5:10) 7:15, 7:55, 9:30, 10:15; My Big Fat **Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:05, 10:40; Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:05, 10:05; Mon.-Tue. (1:10, 3:30, 5:50) 8:00, 10:05; **Punch-Drunk Love** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 5:05, 7:40, 9:50; Sun. (1:40) 5:05, 7:20, 9:40; Mon.-Tue. (1:40, 5:05) 7:20, 9:40; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:10) 5:00, 7:35, 10:10; Sun. (2:10) 5:00, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (2:10, 5:00) 7:35, 10:00; **Star Trek Nemesis** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 2:00, 2:40) 4:15, 4:55, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:15, 9:40, 10:30; Sun. (1:15, 2:00, 2:40) 4:15, 4:55, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:15, 9:40, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. (1:15, 2:00, 2:40, 4:15, 4:55, 5:30) 7:00, 7:45, 8:15, 9:40, 10:15; **Treasure Planet** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:45, 7:05, 9:20;

Horton Plaza 14

Mon.-Tue. (1:20, 4:45) 7:05, 9:20

2:15, 2:40, 4:35, 5:00, 7:00, 9:20, 9:55; Sun.-Wed. 11:50, 12:20, 2:15, 2:40, 4:35, 5:00,

7:00, 7:30, 9:20, 9:55; Thu. (11:50, 12:20, 2:15, 2:40, 4:35, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:20, 9:55; **Die An**other Day (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 11:45, 1:20, 2:45, 3:45, 4:20, 5:45, 7:20, 8:45, 9:45, 10:15; **Drumline** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:05, 4:50) 7:35, 10:20; **Empire** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:45) 7:05, 9:30; Extreme Ops (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00); **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 11:40, 12:10, 1:30, 2:10, 2:40, 4:00, 4:35, 5:10) 6:30, 7:10, 7:40, 9:00, 9:40, 10:15; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 4:55) 7:25, 9:45; Solaris (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:40, 4:10) 6:40, 9:10; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Sat. 7:30; **They** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 1:30, 3:40, 5:50) 8:00, 10:10

Cove

7730 Girard Avenue (858-459-5404) Far from Heaven (PG-13) Fri. 4:35, 7:00, 9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:10) 4:35, 7:00, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. 4:35, 7:00, 9:25

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) Wed.-Thu. (11:00, 3:00) 7:00, 11:00

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831) Bowling for Columbine (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:35, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:35) 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; **Children of the Century** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:50) 4:35, 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:35, 7:10, 9:55; **Real Women Have Curves** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Wed. (2:00) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; Thu. (2:00) 4:55, 10:05; **The Way Home** (PG) Fri. (2:15) 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. (2:15) 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; Wed. (2:15) 4:45, 9:45; Thu. (2:15) 4:45, 7:20, 9:45

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Star Trek Nemesis; Maid in Manhattan; The Hot Chick; Drumline; Analyze That; Empire; Eight Crazy Nights; Solaris; Treasure Planet; They; Die Another Day; Friday after Next; The Emporer's Club; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets; 8 Mile; The Santa Clause 2; The Ring

Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500) Bloody Sunday (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 3:30, 5:30, 7:35, 9:40; Comedian (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 3:20, 5:10, 7:30, 9:45; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:25, 3:15, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20; Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:20, 3:10, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15; Roger Dodger (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 3:25, 5:25, 7:25, 9:35; **Skins** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 3:00, 5:00, 7:10, 9:25; **Standing in the Shadows of Motown** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Star Trek Nemesis; Maid in Manhattan; The Hot Chick; Drumline; Analyze That; Empire; Equilibrium; Eight Crazy Nights; Treasure Planet; They; Die Another Day; Friday after Next; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Se-crets; 8 Mile; The Santa Clause 2; The Ring; My Big Fat Greek Wedding

STATE UNIVERSITY

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:00) 4:45, 7:35, 10:25; Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 4:45, 7:35; Mon.-Tue. (2:05, 5:00) 8:00; Drumline (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 1:25, 3:55) 7:00, 9:35; Sun. (11:05, 1:30, 3:55) 7:00; Mon.-Tue. (2:30, 5:20) 8:05; **Empire** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:45; Mon.-Tue. (2:15, 4:45) 7:20; **Friday after Next** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:00) 5:00, 7:50, 10:20;

4:50) 7:30; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:15) 6:30, 9:45; Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:05; Mon.-Tue. (1:55, 5:00) 8:05; **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:25, 3:50) 7:20, 10:00; Sun. (11:00, 1:25, 3:50) 7:20; Mon.-Tue. (2:20, 5:05) 7:45

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)

Daughter from Danang (Not Rated) Fri. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Sat.-Sun, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100) **Bowling for Columbine** (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Mon. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Tue. (1:50) 4:40, 10:00; Wed.-Thu. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **El Crimen del Padre Amaro** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; Far from Heaven (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Wed. (2:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Thu. (2:00) 4:50, 10:05; **Frida** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **Personal Velocity** (R) Fri. (2:10) 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Tue. (2:10) 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; Wed. (2:10) 5:00, 10:10; Thu. (2:10) 5:00, 7:40,

Museum of Photographic Arts 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)

Call theater for program information

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Mon. 1:00, 3:00; Tue.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon. 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Tue.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Space Station (Not Rated) Sat. 10:30; Ultimate X (PG) Sat. 6:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) 8 Mile (R) Fri.-Tue. (10:10, 1:05, 4:30) 7:15, 10:05; **Eight Crazy Nights** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (10:15, 12:20, 2:30, 4:45) 7:30, 9:40; **Analyze That** (R) Fri. (10:15, 12:00, 1:15, 2:45, 4:20) 7:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sat. (10:15, 12:00, 1:15, 2:45 4:20) 8:00, 10:00; Sun.-Tue. (10:15, 12:00, 1:15, 2:45, 4:20) 7:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:30, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Drumline (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (10:05, 1:00, 4:05) 7:10, 10:00; Empire (R) Fri.-Tue. (10:05, 10:00, 4:05 7:10, 10:00; Empire (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10) 7:50, 10:25; Extreme Ops (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 9:30; Friday after Next (R) Fri.-Tue. 7:40, 10:05; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:55, 12:15, 3:20, OT Secrets (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:55, 12:15, 5:20, 3:40) 6:45, 10:10; The Hot Chick (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:50, 2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 10:10; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) Tue. 11:59; Maid in Manhattan (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (10:20, 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 12:50, 3:50) 7:10, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (5:20) 10:30; **The** Ring (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (10:10, 12:50, 4:10) 7:05, 9:50; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Tue. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:05; **Solaris** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 9:35; **Star Trek Nemesis** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (10:00, 10:30, 1:10, 4:30, 12:40, 4:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:50, 10:20; Treasure Planet (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:40, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00 **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Sneak Preview Sat. 7:30; **They** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:10, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460) Eight Crazy Nights (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:15, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15, 10:15; Analyze That (R) Fri. (12:35, 1:20, 2:55, 5:15) 6:15, 7:35, 9:55,

10:30; Sat. (12:35, 1:20, 2:55, 5:15) 6:15, 9:55, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. (12:35, 1:20, 2:55, 5:15) 6:15, 7:35, 9:55, 10:30; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 1:55, 4:50) 7:45, 10:30; **Drum**line (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20; Empire (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:45; Friday after Next (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:15, 4:10) 8:35; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:55, 3:20) 6:45, 10:10; The Hot Chick (PG-13) Fri.-Tuc. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:35, 10:00; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) Tue. 11:59; Maid in Manhattan (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:55; 12:25, 2:20, 2:50, 4:45, 5:15) 7:10, 7:40, 9:35, 10:05; The Ring (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00; Solaris (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 9:20; **Star Trek Nemesis** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 11:30, 1:40, 2:10, 4:20, 4:50) 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10; **Treasure** Planet (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:00, 2:15, 4:30) 7:00; Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) Sat. 7:30; They (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 1:40, 3:50) 6:00, 8:10,

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)

Analyze That (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:20, 9:45; Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:40, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. (1:45, 3:45) 7:40, 9:45; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:00, 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Tue. (1:40, 4:40) 7:25, 10:05; **Drumline** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40) 5:20, 7:50, 10:25; Sat. (12:10, 2:35) 5:05, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:05, 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Tue. (2:05, 4:00) 7:45, 10:10; **Empire** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:10) 5:25, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Tue (1:50, 4:15) 7:05, 9:30; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri. (12:30, 3:50) 7:10, 10:15; Sat. (12:30, 3:50) 10:15; Sun. (12:30, 3:50) 8:10; Mon.-Tue. (1:25, 4:30) 8:10; **The Hot Chick** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:05) 5:15, 8:00, 10:10; Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:15, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (1:35, 3:35) 8:00, 10:20; **Maid** in Manhattan (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 1:40, 2:45) 4:30, 5:20, 7:40, 8:10, 9:40, 10:30; Sun. (12:15, 1:40, 2:45) 4:30, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. (1:20, 2:00, 3:30, 4:35) 7:25, 7:55, 9:40, 10:15; **Star Trek Nemesis** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:25) 5:00, 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Tue. (1:30, 4:20) 7:50, 10:15; **Treasure Planet** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:00) 5:10, 7:15, 9:20; Mon.-Tue. (1:40, 3:20) 7:35, 9:35 **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Sneak Preview

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) **Eight Crazy Nights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 1:40, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. (12:15, 2:10, 4:15) 6:25, 8:40; **Bowling for Columbine** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:25) 4:55, 7:25, 10:05; Mon-Tue. (12:05, 2:40, 5:35) 8:15; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:00) 5:40, 8:30; Mon.-Tue. (11:40, 2:30, 5:25) 8:30; El Crimen del Padre Amaro (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15) 5:10, 10:05; Mon.-Tue (11:15, 4:05) 8:55; **The Emperor's Club** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:50) 7:45; Mon.-Tue. (1:45) 6:35; **Frida** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:20) 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. (11:50, 2:35, 5:30) 8:20; **Friday after Next** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:00; Mon.-Tue. 8:35; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:45) 6:05, 9:20; Mon.-Tue. (11:00, 2:15, 5:35) 8:45; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:10) 5:25, 7:30, 9:30; Mon.-Tue. (11:55, 2:00, 4:00) 6:15, 8:25; The Santa Clause 2 (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 3:05) 5:20, 7:35; Mon.-Tue. (11:45, 1:55, 4:10) 6:20

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Analyze That; 8 Mile; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets; The Santa Clause 2

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Eight Crazy Nights (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:00,

12:00, 2:00, 6:15; **Analyze That** (R) Fri.-Tue. 10:45, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; **Drumline** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 11:00, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; **Empire** (R) Fri.-Tue. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Friday af**ter Next (R) Fri.-Tue. 4:00, 8:30, 10:45; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Tue. 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:15; The Hot Chick (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:30, 1:00, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Maid in Manhattan (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 9:30; **Star Trek Nemesis** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Treasure Planet** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262) Star Trek Nemesis; Maid in Manhattan; The Star Irek Nemesis; Maid in Mannattan; The Hot Chick; Drumline; Analyze That; Empire; Equilibrium; Eight Crazy Nights; Extreme Ops; Treasure Planet; They; Die Another Day; Friday after Next; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets; Frida; 8 Mile; The Santa Clause 2; The Ring; My Big Fat Greek Wedding

Rancho Del Rey 16 East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) **Eight Crazy Nights** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (10:15, 12:25, 2:45, 4:50) 7:05; **Analyze That** (R) Fri.-Tue. (10:15, 10:25, 12:40, 2:50, 3:05, 5:25) 7:25, 7:50, 10:15; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (10:05, 1:00, 3:55) 6:55, 9:55; Drum-Fri.-Tue. (10:05, 1:00, 3:35) 6:35, 9:35; Drumline (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (10:30, 1:20, 4:40) 7:20, 10:05; El Crimen del Padre Amaro (R) Fri.-Tue. (10:45, 1:40, 4:35) 7:20, 10:05; Empire (R) Fri.-Tue. (10:20, 12:45, 3:10, 5:35) 8:00, 10:25; Equilibrium (R) Fri.-Tue. 9:35; Frida (R) Fri.-Tue. (10:10, 12:55, 3:35) 7:00, 9:50; Friday after Next (R) Fri.-Tue. 10:15; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets Harry Potter and the Chamber of secrets (PG) Fri.-Tue. (10:00, 1:25, 4:45) 8:15; The Hot Chick (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (09:55, 12:30, 3:40) 7:10, 9:40; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) Tue. 11:59, 11:59; Maid in Manhattan (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (10:35, 11:00, 1:10, 1:35, 3:50, 4:55) 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Tue. (10:00, 12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:35; **Solaris** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:30; **Star Trek Nemesis** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (10:25, 10:50, 1:05, 1:30, 3:45, 4:30) 6:50, 7:15, 9:30, 10:00; **Treasure Planet** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (10:10, 12:35, 2:55, 5:10) 7:40; **They** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:50, 5:15) 9:45

Third Avenue (619-425-1436) **8 Mile** (R) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 7:45; **Ghost Ship** (R) Fri.-Thu. 4:15, 9:45; **Jackass** (R) Fri.-Thu.

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program informatio

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In

32nd and D (619-477-1392) Treasure Planet; The Hot Chick

Sweetwater 9

1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571) Analyze That (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:20) 4:45, 7:00, 9:00, 10:50; Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:45, 7:35; Mon.-Tue. (2:20, 4:45) 7:35; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:30) 5:10, 7:55, 10:35; Sun. (11:35, 2:30) 5:10, 7:50; Mon.-Tue. (2:30, 5:10) 7:50; **Drumline** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:35) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (11:45, 2:35) 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Tue. (2:35, 5:15) 7:45; Empire (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:10) 4:20, 7:00, 9:00; Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:20, 7:00; Mon.-Tue. (2:10, 4:20) 7:00; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:45) 6:10, 9:30; Sun. (11:30, 2:45) 7:10; Mon.-Tue. (1:55, 5:10) 8:15; **The Hot Chick** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:00) 4:15, 6:30, 8:40, 10:45; Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 5:15, 7:50; Mon.-Tue. (2:00, 4:15) 7:50; **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:05) 4:35, 7:15, 9:45; Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:35, 7:45; Mon.-Tue. (2:05, 4:35) 7:45; Star Trek Nemesis (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:15) 4:40, 7:10, 9:30; Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:40, 7:55; Mon.-Tue. (2:15, 4:40) 7:55; Treasure Planet (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:25,

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 Pierce), Billy Bones (minus the Black

Spot), Ben Gunn (a senile robot dubbed by Martin Short: "Was I ever dancing with an android named Lupe?"), in addition to a new Strong Female Character (in place of Capt. Smollett) and a comical shape-shifting mascot by the name of Morph (in place of the parrot): serious demographic oversights on Stevenson's part. To tell a boys' story nowadays would be risky more than just financially. The Disney team of John Musker

and Ron Clements, wanting to overlook no one, include plenty of campy touches for the sophisticate, flatulence jokes for the innocent, and rollicking Korngold-esque musical passages for the no stalgist — and the whole thing exudes the warmth of a cash register. 2002.

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 $10:05; \textbf{My Big Fat Greek Wedding} \ (PG) \\ Fri.-Tue. \ (10:05, 2:40) \ 7:35; \textbf{The Ring} \ (PG-13)$ Fri.-Tue. (2:40) 7:50; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Tue. (12:25, 2:55, 5:10) 7:40; **Solaris** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:30) 6:25; Star Trek Nemesis (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:15, 11:30, 1:55, 2:10, 4:25, 4:50) 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10; Treasure Planet (PG) Fri.-Tue. (10:00, 12:10, 2:25,

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Eight Crazy Nights (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:30; Analyze That (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; Drumline (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Tue. 11:00, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; **Harry Potter and the Cham**ber of Secrets (PG) Fri. 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:15; Sat. 12:00, 3:30, 10:15; Sun.-Tue. 12:00, 3:30, 7:00: The Hot Chick (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:00, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Tue. 10:30, 1:00, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30; **Maid in Manhat**tan (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15: Star Trek Nemesis (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Tue. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **Treasure Planet** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15; Sun. 10:00, 5:00, 7:15; Mon.-Tue. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15 Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) Sneak Preview

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Analyze That (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Bowling for Columbine (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 4:30, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 11:15, 4:30; The Emperor's Club (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:00, 1:30, 5:00, 8:30; **Solaris** (PG-13)

Fri.-Tue. 2:00, 7:30 **ENCINITAS**

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) **Eight Crazy Nights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 2:45, 5:10) 7:15, 9:50; Sun. (12:40, 2:45, 5:10) 7:15; Mon.-Tue. (1:50, 5:00) 7:40; Analyze **That** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:10, 5:30) 7:55, 10:15; Sun. (12:50, 3:10, 5:30) 7:55; Mon.-Tue. (2:40, 5:40) 8:00; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 4:10) 7:20, 10:30; Sun. (1:00, 4:10) 7:20; Mon.-Tue. (2:00, 5:20) 8:30; **Harry** Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:25) 7:00, 10:25; Sun. (12:00, 3:25) 7:00; Mon.-Tue. (1:30, 4:55) 8:20; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Wed.-Thu. (12:00, 4:00) 8:00; Maid in Manhattan (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50; Mon.-Tue. (2:30, 5:45) 8:15; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05; Sun. (1:15, 4:45) 7:25; Mon.-Tue. (2:15, 5:10) 7:55; **Solaris** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00, 5:25) 7:45, 10:10; Sun. (12:30, 3:00, 5:25) 7:45; Mon.-Tue. (2:50, 5:25) 7:50; **Treasure Planet** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:45; Sun. (12:10, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30; Mon.-Tue. (1:40, 5:30) 7:45

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1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Tue. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15

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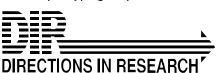
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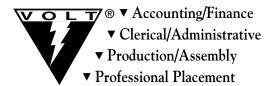


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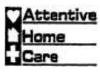
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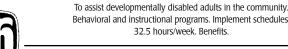
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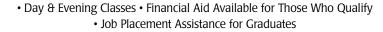
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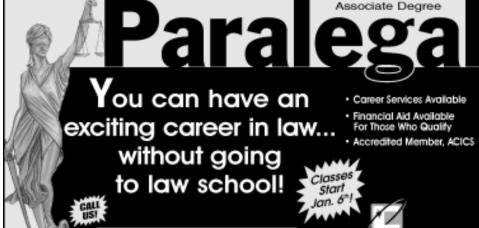
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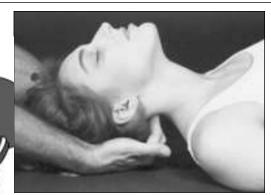
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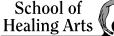
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CREATIVE, HANDSOME, spiritual man sought by tall, attractive, youthful 55, blonde. We are intelligent, intuitive, fit, sensual, adventurous, artistic, enjoying massages, growth, culture, laughter, life. (12/25) \$\frac{1}{25}\$0136

ALONE FOR THE HOLIDAYS, me too Want to meet someone, me too. You're in your 40s or 50s, me too. Call, let's talk. (12/25) \$\overline{\infty} 50141

CUTE GUY WANTED! You: Good looking, white, 21-31, 5'10"+. Me: Cute, white, passionate, enthusiastic, sweet. Love cars, beach, travel, movies, sports. Want to have fun! (12/25) 72-50117

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BLONDE, EUROPEAN BORN, good looking, green eyes, sophisticated, professional, funny. Seeking attractive, tall, educated, financially secure, witty, quality male, 40-45. Enjoy laughter, dining, travel, music. (12/25) \$\infty\$50128 ATTRACTIVE, CHRISTIAN female, 35, tall, fit, active, honest, college degreed, sense of humor, nonsmoker, seeks similar male, 28-38, marriage minded. Kids OK. (12/25) \$\frac{1}{25}\$0140

blonde/blue, smart, passionate, funny. Seeking handsome, smart, sincere, funny, passionate, athletic, white professional, 35-45, 5'10"+, loves outdoors and more. (12/18) \$\oldsymbol{\tau}\$50086

VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, SEXY, great legs, wants to meet very attractive guy, 38-49, healthy, honest, financially secure, nonsmoking, no drugs, for friend-ship or possible relationship. (12/18)

☆50092

ASIAN, SWEET, SULTRY, sensational, healthcare professional, 5'3", 115lbs., childless, home owner. Seeking tall, fit, successful, nonsmoker, generous, white professional, 35-55. Let's enjoy food, music, explore. (12/18) ☆50090

OCEAN LOVER SEEKS MATE. Attractive slim, brunette, wants outdoorsy, fit, non-smoking, advanced degreed, fun, em-ployed, Caucasian male, 40+, Chemistry is a cultural myth! (12/25) \$\mathbf{T}\$50110

ARE YOU UNITY, religious science? And never want kids, have great Latino looks, 37 max? Great! Spiritual, beautiful, 33, blonde waiting to meet you. (12/18)

ANGEL? SEEKS TEDDY BEAR. Single, 40, white, big and beautiful lady, 5'6". You: 33-45, good sense of humor, morals and values. No smoking or drugs. (12/25)

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WERE YOU A GOOD BOY? Naughty or nice? Deserving of a special lady? Intelligent, loving, generous, adventurous. This beautiful, black, diverse, sexy, goddess awaits. Viva. (12/25) **T**\$50138

awaits. viva. (12/25) 25:0138
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WHERE ARE YOU? 50+, white, attractive, well dressed, kind, sexy, successful, appreciation for finer things. This sweet, sensual, cute, black, 23, seeks you for romance. (12/18) \$\frac{12}{12}\$

for a romantic gentleman, from 45-60, looking for a happy, sincere relationship. (12/18) \$\infty\$50075

ANIMAL LOVER SEEKS: single, tall, intractive, fit, fun, easygoing, cup half full, solvent, honest, generous, kind, educated, loyal, thoughtful, romantic, committed, exclusive, chemical relationship. (12/18) \$\infty\$50098

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60ISH, WHITE, 5'5" LADY, looking for 55-65, white male, good sense of humor, fun, educated, enjoys going out or staying home. Nonsmoker. Light drinker OK. (12/25) \$\infty\$50132

NAUGHTY AND NICE! Full figured, and full of life, fun, spice, and surprises Asked Santa for a sweet, adventurous, passionate guy for friendship and romance. (12/18) 250104

CURVACEOUS, ATTRACTIVE blonde, great legs, 125lbs., 5'3", selective, exciting, traditional. Seeking lifetime playmate, 55+, 165lbs.+, nonsmoker, emotionally/ficially secure, sincere, active, healthy, humorous, theater, travels. (12/25) \$\infty\$50133

SINGLE, WHITE FEMALE, 33, seeks honest, single, white male, 30-38. Seeking someone that is seeking a relationship with no games. Enjoy traveling, the more, (12/25) \$\infty\$50135

FIREPLACE, MUSIC, WINE and the right man to share them. Attractive, petite blonde, successful, spiritual, sophisticated, seeks dynamic, adventuresome, equal, 55+, for life's incredible journey. (12/25) \$\tilde{\tau}\$\$5146

EUROPEAN, EDUCATED, sexy, smart,

previous kids, 35-48, 5'9"+, no Republicans. (12/18) \$\infty\$50119

LOVELY, BLONDE BEAUTY, loves nature. animals, Christmas and laughter. Spend the holidays with me. Let's make each other smile. (12/18) \$\infty\$50083

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS is you, one

2 PRETTY, INTELLIGENT blondes seek 2 nandsome, successful gentlemen, 30-48, nandsome, successful gentlemen, 30-48, for traditional double dating. Let's have fun and see what develops. (12/18) \$\infty\$50091

ATTRACTIVE, TALL, SLIM, physically fit and well grounded, Hispanic lady, 40s. and well grounded, Hispanic lady, 4 Seeking emotionally available, v grounded, caring and independent or panion for romance, movies, bicycli golf. (12/18) \$\infty\$50078

DONLING FOR THAT SPECIAL guy. I'm attractive, 52, 5'5", spiritual. Seeking sincere, honest man and a great kisser, 45-56, for happiness, love, romance and life(12/25) ☎50118

ATTRACTIVE, 45, seeks white gentleman for dating/possible relationship. Must be

Carlsbad area, with morals, adventurous, honesty a must, travel foreign or states, humor, ocean, fishing, no high expectations, average human. (12/25) \$\infty\$ 50139

NICE, FUN, ATTRACTIVE, 29 years old, 5'6", 130lbs., no children. Corporate trainer. Loves fresh air and crazy adventures. Seeking 28-37 year old for same. (12/18) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$50076

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QUALITY BLACK MALE, seeks nice and attractive, white female for dating and possibly more. I love workouts and dancing. Let's do San Diego together. (12/25) TALL, VERY HANDSOME, 55, beach homeowner, sophisticated but casual, emotionally and financially stable, seeks warm, sensual, lovely woman for meaningful relationship with purpose and inti-(12/18) 2 49540

WEALTHY, 42, young looking, great shape. Passenger seat in the Mercedes is shape. Passenger seat in the merceuce is empty. You: younger, slim, spontaneous, positive, beautiful, ready for incredible friendship and life. (12/18) \$\infty\$49546

SEEKING ASSERTIVE, short woman, not heavy. Nice personality, any race, 46-53. Emotionally available. I'm Caucasian, 5'6", trim, 50ish, dark hair, little grey. Enjoy simple pleasures. (12/18) 749-63

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LOVABLE, CUTE, financially secure, 5'10", physically fit and slightly compulsive, North County guy seeks unencumbered, attractive woman, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. (12/25) ↑ 49617

UNCONVENTIONAL WOMAN wanted Handsome, financially secure, white, 40s. Seeking adventurous, sensual lady who prefers simple pleasures and intimacy, yet enjoys her own space, time, independence. (12/25) 249634

NORTH COUNTY professional, 48, 6', 195lbs., brown/brown. Pretty good shape for an aging gentleman, more of a homebody, love to cook, talk about life. (12/25) 49620

SINGLE, CHILDLESS, professional, black male, 35, seeks educated, athletic female, with passion for life to enjoy San Diego and life. Loves dining out. Race unimportant. (12/25) 49576

LOOKING FOR A NICE ASIAN lady, age 30-42, for a hardworking, white man, 5'8", 150lbs., no drugs or games please. (12/18) \$\infty\$49543

gent, growth-oriented, caring female. (12/25) **2** 49639

37, CHRSTAN, WHITE, good looking, 6', 195lbs., very athletic, employed, wants to meet happy, healthy, 25-45, for dinner, movies, walks and more. East County area. (12/25) 249614

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MALE, 35 LOOKS 25, average looks, slim, 5'5", honest, easygoing, never married, childless, sense of humor, has a job. For meaningful relationship. You: 21-38 years? (12/25) \$\frac{\pi}{24}9646\$

years? (12/25) ☎49646

THE WEST IS THE BEST, let's explore it!
Away from the crowds, two wheels or four. We are healthy, enjoying life, outdoorsy, independent and easygoing. (12/18) ☎49538

ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED, Latin male 6'1", dark hair, bedroom brown eyes, searching for a woman with a sense of humor and a love for life. (12/18)

ALONE FOR THE HOLIDAYS? Latino, responsible, good listener, musician, home owner, Home Depot? You: w funny, musical, honest, 110lbs., inte You cook, I clean. (12/18) ☎49566

TATTOCED MONKEY BOY, single, white male, San Diego. 31 years old, devastatingly cute, passionate about life, spontaneous! Bartender, student, wolf caretaker. Embrace the wild side. (12/25)

56, TALL, AVERAGE BUILD, easygoing guy seeks same in woman. Blue collar type. Snuggle, like companionship, talking. Not athletic. North Park area. No smoking/drugs. (12/18) 2749548

TROPICAL FRUIT/BIRD paradise in Bonita. Birds, gardens, guavas, cherimoyas, creeks, trees, weeding, mulching, fresh produce. Easygoing artist seeks earth-oriented lady for good times. (12/18) \$\frac{12}{18}\$ 49460

HANDSOME, TALL, FIT, confident, personable, passionate, caring. 44, 6'2", 190lbs. Believe in working hard, having responsible fun. Seeking my soul mate. Pretty, slim, intelligent. Nonsmokers. (12/18) **2**

ers. (12/18) 12-49573

CAUCASIAN, 43, SECURE, established educated, communicative, so passion employed, educated, communicative, so-cial, speaks French/Spanish, passion-ately enjoys, snow skiing, flying, sailing, motorcycles, hiking, camping, hugs, seeking 25-38, high compatibility. (12/18) 49525

WIT, HUMOR, FUN! Successful business rnan seeks woman to share life, family, travel and other things expected of a soul mate. Let's get acquainted over coffee. (12/18) 249572

BIGFOOT SEEKS HOMEBODY for nesting, adventure and exceptional companionship. (12/25) \$\frac{1}{25}\$49625

HANDSOME, HISPANIC, 42, young at heart, financially secure, professional, very affectionate, passionate, loving, humorous, fun, 5'8", 160lbs., seeks sincer woman, any nationality. (12/25) \$\frac{\tau}{2}\$49613

IN SEARCH OF one adventurous spirit. She must be kind, gentle and loving and prepared for a lifetime of happiness. (12/25) 12 49598

PRINCE CHARMING seeks to meet Cinderella. Fun, adventurous, Jewish male PRINCE CHARMING SECRET SHOULD
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LONGHAIRED, COMPUTER hippie seeks college educated, sweet, petite, childless, vivacious, creative, unique lady, 30-45. Loves dogs, rock concerts, sushi, photography, travelling, movies. Let's explore! (12/18) \$\mathbf{T}\$49560

STEADY. STRONG. HANDSOME gentle man with a hint of Irish about. I'm seeking the woman of my dreams. Must love the Lord. (12/25) 75 49594

DYNAMIC, INTELLIGENT, attractive, fun loving professional, 44, 5'7", 160lbs. Seeking attractive female with personality and intelligence for relationship offering enjoyment and growth. (12/25) \$\overline{\textit{T}} 49611\$

THOROUGHBRED, free to good home, 50ish, trim, attractive, nonsmoker, yesterdays values, seeks elusive dream, counterpart, beachcombing in tropics, espresso in Seattle, brunch at the Del. (12/25) \$\overline{\text{T}} 49591\$

Del. (12/25) **T**349591 **COOL SOUL SISTER** sought be white male, 41, 5'10", 160lbs., strawberry blond, nonsmoker, social drinker, childless, Mission Valley, Enjoy golf, pool, motorcycles, rock, blues, jazz. (12/18) **T**349551

AFFECTIONATE ROMANTIC, monogamous, biracial, African American/white, 63, 6'4", 205lbs., financially secure. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, fun, more. (12/25) 749603

CB-LA-DI, OB-LA-DA. Caucasian, bohemian, 8-14-50, yang, moderate vices, offbeat mirth, sometimes blurred, seeks focus with cutely, shy, yet noticeably enticing yin, hidden in the crowd. (12/25)

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HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 58, trim, 5'10", blonde, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic, seeks pretty lady, 40s, for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (12/18) T349514

NICE BUT LONELY, 53, 5'6", guy looking for nice, lonely woman to start a meaningful and satisfying relationship together. Simple ad, simple request! (12/18) T349561

WILL PERK YOU UP. Interested in having someone new in your life? I am 38, 6' tall, attractive, loving but not smothering. Sincere only. (12/18) ☎ 49554

L'M THE ONE who'll make you laugh, think, sigh. Handsome, hip, confident, young looking, 39, 5'7", slim. You: 29-42, slim, humorous. Any race, kids cool. (12/25) 249631

TOTAL PACKAGE NEEDS elegant wrap-TOTAL PACKAGE NEEDS elegant wrapper for Christmas. Exceptional, professional, white male with brains, lean body, a generous personality. Seeking lovely, sexy, sweet, affectionate, dark, beauty. (12/25) 2749635

SINGLE DAD WITH little girl, 4 years. 45 years, 5'10", 170lbs., blond/blue, Chula Vista. Seeking lasting relationship with loving, caring, easygoing, thin woman. (12/25) 2749642

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CHIVALROUS, HANDSOME, genuine, single, white male, 29, 6'3', 220lbs., considerate, creative, positive, new chef in town seeks wonderfully devilish angle, for romantic adventures, guided tours. (12/18) \$\tilde{1}\tilde{2}\tilde{4}\tilde{5}\tilde{5}\tilde{6}\tilde{6}\tilde{5}\tilde{6}\tilde{6}\tilde{5}\tilde{6}\ti

BEACH AREA, single, white male, 49, athletic, eclectic interests, would like to meet intelligent, fit, independent woman. (12/18) \$\mathref{T}\$49549

UNEMPLOYED HISPANIC, 26, 5'8" 195lbs., looking for sexy woman beach, music, drinking, partying. and likes to have a lot of fur same. (12/18) **2** 49515

SEEKING JAPANESE LADY for spontaneous, fun, loving relationship. 47 years, neous, fun, loving relationship. 47 years, single, white male. Likes: music, cooking, coffee, regular life. Back from one year in Kyushu. (12/18) 249528

ITALIAN AMERICAN, 48, 6', 181lbs., attractive, athletic, biking, tennis, hiki foreign films, metaphysics, danci seeks Filipina, 32-50, very attractive, a letic, North County. (12/25) \$\frac{\text{\chi}}{\text{\chi}}49600\$

YERY GOOD LOOKING, WHITE male, 40, 6'2", 210lbs., looking for attractive, humorous, loving, emotionally stable lady for good times, laughter, best friends, long term relationship. (12/25) **3** 49582

TROPICAL BIRD, paradise fruit trees, gardening, eleven acres in Bonita, creek, wildlife, horses. Liberal artist seeks earth lover for sharing in the sacred spirit dance. (12/25) ☎ 49604

NO GLOWING ADJECTIVES. I'm just a nice 72-year-old guy who's easy to know and dance with. Let's see if there's a little chemistry. (12/18) 49523

MOVIE ACTOR/FILM MAKER. Bond type, tall, dark, handsome seeks unbeat

Time For Us!

Handsome, successful entrepreneur, youthful 58, 5'11", fit, quick wit, easy smile, loves films, music, dance, nature, stimulating conversation, seeks smart, slender woman for friendship, laughter, love. (12/18) \$\frac{12}{25}\$

PEOPLE TELL ME I'M A GOOD man 50's nonsmoker, attractive, bright, solvent, honest, caring, southern professional. Seeking 40's, white, curvaceous, slender, humorous, affectionate, positive, stable. (12/25) \$\mathbf{T}\$49586

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LARGE, BLACK, TEDDY BEAR, very cuddly, huggable, romantic, honest, down to earth. Seeking female with similar qualities, race open, full figure is a definite plus. (12/25) **2**49579

plus. (12/25) 22-49579

I'M A PRESCHOOL TEACHER who loves football second running and the beach. football, soccer, running and the beach. Would like to meet a nice, Asian lady. (12/25) 249612

lady. (12/25) **T**49612 **GREAT KISSER**, white male, 43, nice looking, romantic, great sense of humor, seeks fit, sensuous female, for dining out, concerts, karaoke, travel, beach, awesome kisses. (12/18) **T**49557

some kisses. (12/18) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$49557 **READY FOR A PARTNER** for life. I'm tall, smart, 39, fun, black, romantic, happy, easygoing, fun loving. (12/18) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$49562 **PROFESSIONAL, WHITE,** attractive, funny, 43, childless, 510°, 175lbsc, hazel eyes, outdoors man, golfer, photographer, enjoy movies, novels, concerts, sports. Seeking compatible woman for monogamous relationship. (12/18) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$49533

38, GOOD LOOKING and sweet. What a combination for the holidays! Looking for woman, late 30s to early 40s. Dinner, wine, long walks, conversation. (12/25) 149626

WINE. DINE AND ROSES. Fun. travel and adventure. Handsome, affluent romantic seeks sincere, passionate goddess, 35+, for serious fun, possible relationship. You won't be disappointed. (12/18) 349550

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44 YEAR-OLD, HISPANIC male, born in
USA, seeks Hispanic female for marriage.
Must be 18-35 and loving, caring, nurturing and mothering. All sizes welcome. (12/25) \$\alpha\$-49632

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BLACK MALE, 40, looking for full figured, black woman, for conversations, walks on the beach, music, closeness, honesty, laughter, long term relationship. Age between 35-50. (12/25) \$\overline{\pi} 49580\$

AT 43, WITH YOU next to me, the best is yet to be. (12/25) **A** 49622

yet to be. (12/25) \$\overline{\Overl

OUR PRIORITIES: honesty, family, humor, friends and career. Be conservative, wanting kids. You: single, petite brunette, 30s. Me: single, no kids, 195lbs., blond/hazel, 36. (12/25) ☎49633

LUCY LIU WERE ARE YOU? Me: 39

510", white, attractive, fit, outgoing multi-cultural, passionate. Seeking you for fun-filled days and nights. The moon rises. (12/25) **T** 49638 **WISE MAN SEEKS** intense human con-nection with loving, feminine spirit. To have, to hold, while we each continue evolving individually. No agendas. Just passion, closeness. (12/25) **T** 49641

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guy. Seeking Jewish woman with family
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WANTED: FULL-FIGURED, passionate, romantic, sincerel Serious, white male seeks special woman, 50, 6', brown/blue. Enjoys: walks, movies, music, dinner, sports, cuddling, being together. (12/18) country music, river, 2 children. No cigarettes, sports, TV. White, 47, old, hip-pie/Christian values. Seeking committed, permanent relationship. (12/18) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$ 49516

RENAISSANCE MAN: A man having varied interests and expertise in several areas! Native Germany, mixed African-American, husky, 36, MBA, 6'2", baby-faced. Race open. (12/25) 7349644

HELP ME FEED THE DUCKS at lake across the street. Sensitive, Lakeside home owner, 60, 5'11", 150lbs., needs your caring, affectionate companionship Enjoys movies, music. (12/18) \$\mathbf{A}\$ 49545

HANDSOME, CHARMING, romantic, successful executive, 50s, centered, spiritual, jeans to tux, 5'8", eclectic. Seeking classy, professional lady, 35-55. (12/25) \$\tilde{\pi}\$49628

CHRISTIAN, 44, 6'2", kindhearted, sen-

Teat. (12/25) ▲ 49309

ET'S PLAY, holidays are here. I'm single with many events to attend. Must be average build, pleasant personality, pleasing to the eye, sexy. Any race. (12/25) ★ 49627

owner, handyman, 58, nonsmoker, willing to get to know me, to share life's simple pleasures. (12/18) \$\overline{\alpha}\$49541

YOUNG, SEXY, 25, playful and fun loving, 5'6", 150lbs. Career-minded, spirited young man, looking for outgoing woman for fun in the sun, cozy evenings. (12/25) 49624

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MAN'S MAN RAISED BY WOMEN to be sensitive, caring, understanding. Looking for woman who has character, likes adventure, does things differently, not embarrassed when silly. (12/18) \$\frac{\tau}{\tau}\$49529

BLACK PROFESSIONAL, 35, seeks special lady to share the finer things in life I'm the man you want to bring home to meet your family. (12/25) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$ 49597

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VERY ATTRACTIVE YOUNGER lady, 30-45, nonsmoker who likes kind, caring, distinguished, mature, nice looking gentleman, 52, for friendship, companionship, maybe more. I'm 6'2", 180lbs., blond, fashionable, successful, romantic, passionate who wants sweet, personable, monogamous, trendy and cute with fashion who will let me be what god intended. I want a princess to spoil. (12/25) ☎49648

I LIKE NATURE, HIKING, camping, swimming, traveling, music, art, movies, photography, books, history. I'm tall, slim athletic, health conscious, professional educated, witty, agnostic, 59. You? (12/25) \$\overline{\alpha}\$ 49621

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If you've ever thought, "I've had it with dating," then you and I should talk. To find out why, call me. I'm 25 and I'm looking for a woman around my own age. No smoking and no drugs please. (12/18) \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$49567

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TALL, ATTRACTIVE, WHITE MALE, 51, very loving, caring, affectionate, financially/emotionally secure. Seeking sexy, mature, loving, affectionate, older woman for closeness, intimacy, togetherness and love. (12/25) ☎49607

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TALL, ATHLETIC, 27, 6'1", 175lbs., white/ Asian, clean-cut, no children, doesn't smoke, loves dancing, hiking, travelling, playing guitar. Seeking white female without any dependents. (12/18) \$\times 49555\$

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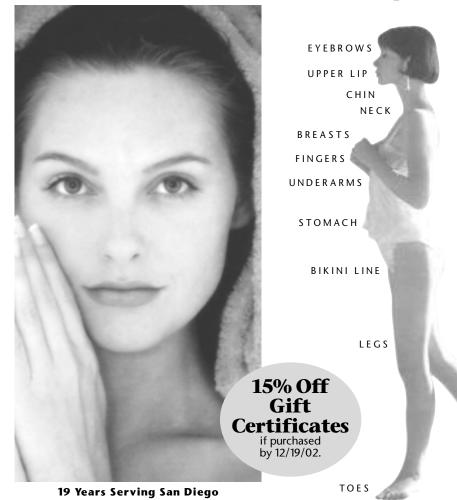
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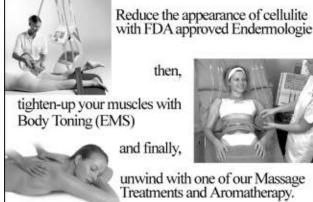
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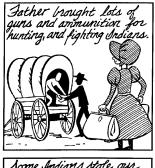












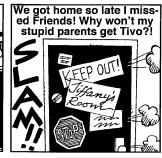






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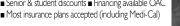
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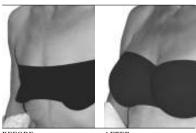
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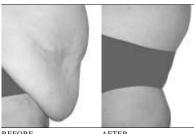


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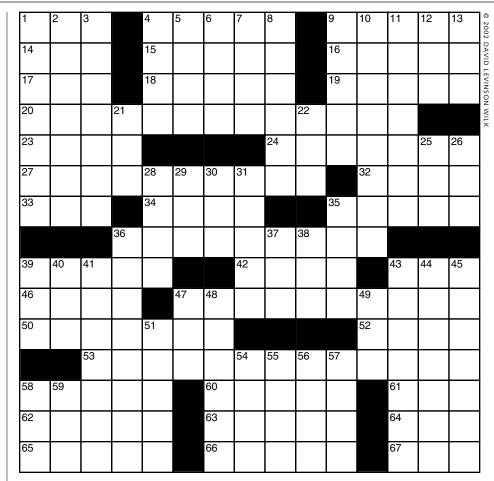
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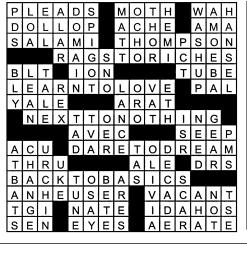
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- 26. Up there in years
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 38. Tub
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- 40. Reduce the fare?
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- 1. The prize for solving the Reader 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.
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- 4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
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- 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.





Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 12/5/02.

Of the 103 entrants, 98 were correct. The winners are:

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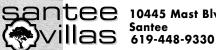
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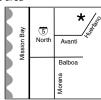


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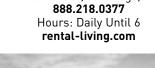
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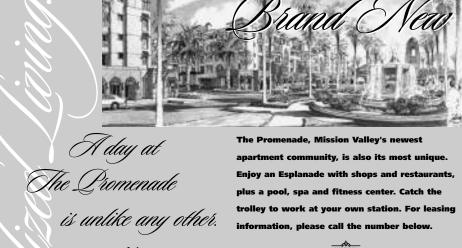
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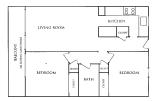
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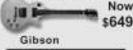
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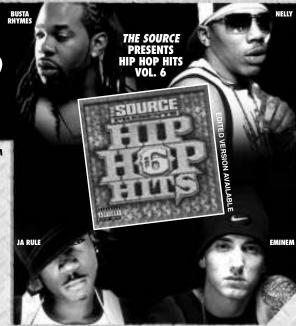
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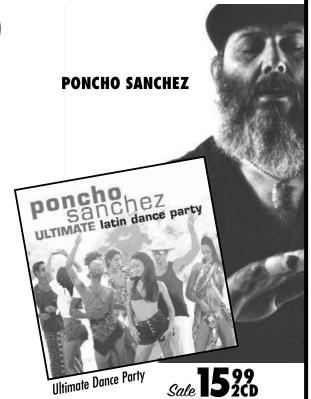
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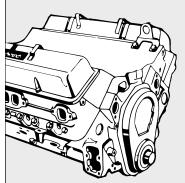
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CHULA VISTA, Saturday, 12/14, 8am. Moving sale, furniture, miscellaneous, household and kitchenware, adult clothes, lots of T-shirts, home gym. 642 Penelope Drive.

CLAIREMONT. Garage sale. 9am-noon, Saturday. Furniture, executive desk, gas dryer, tools, toys, glassware, crib, much more. No early arrivals, please. 4935 Iroquois (off Clairemont Drive).

CLAIREMONT/LA JOLLA. Garage sale. 8am, 12/14-12/15. Ferret cage, clothes, new snowboard, washer (leaks), computer/accessories, Diamondback mountain bike. Free lemonade. 3707 Balboa Terrace #A.

CLAIREMONT. Garage sale. 7am-noon, 12/14-12/15. Lots of kid's stuff, TV, computer games, and furniture. 4599 Jutland Drive.

COLLEGE AREA. Garage sale. 8am-2pm Saturday. 12/14. Barbecue. vacuums toys, men's/women's clothing, antiques

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Countrywood Lane.

ENCINITAS. Garage sale. 7am, 12/14.

Christmas decorations, furniture, kitchen items, clothes (2x), exercise bike and much more. 318 Countrywood Lane.

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LA JOLLA, Saturday, 12/14, 8am-112pm. Sunday, 12/15, 8am-2pm. Bunk beds, washer/dryer, mini fridge, desk, miscellaneous college student items. 858-344-9779. Woodlands North, 8742 Villa La Jolla Drive, #25, where Nobel Drive ends.

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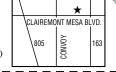
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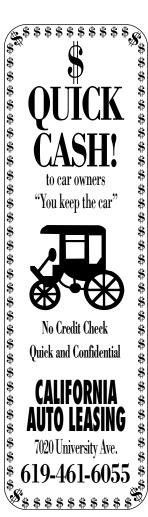
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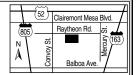
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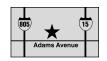
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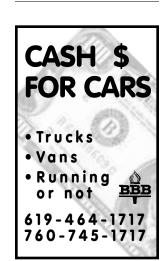
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CHEVY S-10, 2000, extra cab, third door, automatic, air conditioning, \$9995. Vin-134252. Rancho Jeep-Chrysler, 858-560-7100.

CHEVY S-10, 1991, 6 cylinder, 2.8 liter, 127K miles, white/gray, good condition, am/fm cassette, air conditioning, 3" body lift. \$2900. Christy, 858-663-8914, christymwilson@cox.net

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FORD MUSTANG, 1999, 1 owner, 5-speed manual, V-6, 3.8 liter, 38,500 miles, all extras, in excellent condition, black, new tires, KBB. \$10,025. Burt, 619-709-0159.

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coupe, excellent condition, blue, pain needs touch up, need to sell immediately \$6K/best. 619-252-7349.

HONDA ACCORD LX, 1999, V-6, excellent condition, 48K miles, automatic, air conditioning, cruise, all power, cassette, \$14,000/best. 619-690-6143.

HONDA ACCORD, 1999, silver coupe with gray interior, has had all recommended services and kept in garage, \$12,500. 619-426-9319.

HONDA CIVIC, 1990, 5-speed hatchback, clean, runs great, 126K miles, basic car, great on gas, first \$1950, 619-994-2050.

HONDA CIVIC, 1997, 2-door coupe, \$7500, black, 74K, sunroof, power everything, air bags, fun, economical, reliable, clean, good condition, must sell soon. 760-943-9689.

HONDA CIVIC DX, 1991, hatchback, white, 5-speed, 140K miles, original owner, tinted rear windows, very good condition, \$2300. 619-435-3887.

HONDA CIVIC DX, 1995, sedan, manual, 129K highway miles, 1 owner, body/interior great condition, runs great,new Pioneer CD player. \$4600/best. 619-665-7410.

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HONDA CIVIC DX, 1997, black, automatic, 74K miles, power everything, sunroof, air bag, 2-door coupe, air conditioning, remote access, cruise, economical, runs great. 760-943-9569.

HONDA CIVIC DX. 1994. 5-speed manual, metallic black/gray interior, upgraded rims, new Sony CD player, great sound, new tires with warranty, new radiator, reliable. \$3800/best. Must see. Kelly, 619-232-7332

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HONDA CRV LX, 2000, automatic, air conditioning, power everything, cruise, air bags, alarm, Club, am/fm cassette, black, gray interior, excellent conditions, 26,700 miles, \$16,000. nmonaco@msn.com or 619-981-4673.

HONDA DEL SOL Si, 1993, manual, fun to drive, runs great, CD, air conditioning,

HONDA DX, 1999, 2 door, automatic, 63K, black and lowered. \$8450/best. 760-

HYUNDAI SONATA, 1993, good transportation, clean interior and exterior, CD player, good tires, good gas mileage, smogged and registered, \$3250. Great holiday gift. 760-233-8480.

ISUZU AMIGO, 1998, 4x4, fun in the sun! Only \$8995. Vin-361339. Midway Jeep-Chrysler, Mission Valley, 877-526-5255 or www.midwayjeep.com.

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ISUZU TROOPER, 1990, 125K miles, power everything, 4 wheel drive, off-road tires, CD player. \$4600. 619-405-9696.

JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT, 1999, 4 door, metallic red, 6 cylinder, 4.0L, automatic, 2 metallic red, 6 cylinder, 4.0L, automatic, 2 wheel drive, 45,270 miles, custom bumper. \$10,988. Vin-36318. San Diego Kia. 619-276-7000

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LEAD STORIES

 British Army officers examining highly motivated potential recruits in the Commonwealth's Pacific island of Fiji reported in November encountering an alarming number of the men with marbles sewn under the skin of their penises, apparently to heighten pleasure during sex. According to an Agence France-Presse report, Capt. Sarah East said that the marbles were not an automatic disqualifier.

- Several news outlets in Johannesburg, South Africa, reported in November that, in front of several witnesses, a 20-foot-long African rock python swallowed a 10-year-old boy in the brush near Lamontville (which is near Durban). Some experts, including snake park owner Craig Smith, said the evidence and the witnesses' accounts were credible, especially since the snake had probably recently awakened from hibernation and was famished. According to the boy's terrified playmates, it took about three hours for him to completely disappear.

Recent Rages

Humming Rage: Sheila Raven Lord, 49, stabbed a companion with a steak knife because he was humming a Megadeth song louder than the Celine Dion song she was listening to (Glenview, Ill., November). Mailbox Door Rage: George Krushinski was charged with planting small bombs in a mailbox and a letter carrier's vehicle because a weekend carrier had been leaving Krushinski's mailbox door down (Lexington, Ky., November) ("I've warned you bastards many times about leaving my mailbox open," Krushinski wrote, "[and] now you will pay.") Wrong Socks Rage: High school student-musician Trevor LeBlanc won \$25,000 in a lawsuit against his band director, Tom Cole, who, at the 2001 Tournament of Roses Parade, chewed out LeBlanc for wearing the wrong-color socks (San Diego, November) ("I ought to wring your [expletive deleted in original story] neck," Cole reportedly said as he grabbed LeBlanc by the throat.)

Awesome!

 Police in Fulton, Ky., investigating a marijuanasmoking complaint by William Hainline's neighbors in September, found dope burning on a backyard grill with a large fan on the other side of the house sucking the smoke through the home (in effect, said Police Chief Terry Powell, "turn[ing] the house into a large marijuana bong"). Hainline said he was merely having a 52nd birthday party, but police seized four pounds of marijuana.

Latest Religious Messages

 In October, the Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg. Fla., became the latest to debut a version of the church's 22-year-old "Theology on Tap" series, introducing young adults to the church by holding lecture and discussion sessions about contemporary issues, mostly sexuality, in local bars, with parishioners and potentials free to eat, drink and smoke. (In November, the Diocese of Toledo, Ohio, began the second year of its program.)

- According to the police report on Farhad Qaumi, 19, who was arrested in Parramatta, Australia (near Sydney), in October and charged with raping a 16-year-old girl, Qaumi said he removed his Islamic pendant before the assault, telling the girl, "I have to take it off, as it is disrespectful.

In Bridgeport, Conn., in October, Roger Chimney, 34, pleaded guilty to two convenience store robberies; the police got him because he had accidentally dropped his name-inscribed Bible at one of the crime scenes. And in Augusta, Maine, in August, Craig Golden, 18, pleaded guilty to criminal mischief for vandalizing a farmer's field; the police got him because his name-inscribed Bible had fallen out of his truck during the incident.

 The Lord as Micromanager: (1) "It isn't easy, but God said to [beat them]," testified former nun Lucille Poulin, before being convicted in October of assault in the harsh disciplining of children at her commune (Charlottetown, P.E.I., Canada).

(2) "[G]od became my art agent. He basically gave me ideas," said Thomas Kincade, the pop artist who has sold \$450 million worth of machineproduced paintings in 13 years, to the chagrin of art purists (Morgan Hill, Calif., March). (3) "God brought me down here," said Angel DeGroff, auditioning in November to be one of the competitors in the next round of the TV show The Bachelor (Hales Corners, Wis.).

Creme de la Weird

 In October in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Mr. Rosaire Rov was sentenced to a year in jail for hiring someone to rob his store so Roy could fulfill a sexual fantasy; he had arranged for the robber to force him to undress, along with an unsuspecting female acquaintance who was in the store at the time, because Roy wanted to be tied up naked with her. And in November, sheriff's deputies in Fayette County, Ga., acting on a tip, arrested Sandy Creek High School teacher Damian Belvedere, 44, who (using his webcam) was in the middle of a live Internet performance of fondling himself, nude, in his otherwise empty classroom.

Recurring Themes

 News of the Weird has reported several times on men either killed or injured falling down embankments at night after stopping their vehicles on the side of the road to seek a secluded place to urinate. In September, Rick Schultz, 34, and James Esposti, 21, were taken to Punxsutawney (Pa.) Hospital after being knocked down when their Ford Ranger truck coasted backward into them while they were urinating at the side of a

 The art of protest by sewing one's lips together is apparently becoming more popular. A 34year-old man in Estonia, facing a charge of setting a Mercedes-Benz on fire, showed up in court with stitched lips in May. And in June, 50 refugees, held at the Woomera detention center in Australia, sewed their lips shut to emphasize their hunger strike as they lobbied for asylum. And a 39-yearold man from Iraq with bright red stitching on his lips was picked up by police from a city square in Zurich, Switzerland, in September (but he was unable to tell police what he was protesting, if any-

 A 1999 New England Journal of Medicine article warned that even putting a dead rattlesnake's head in your mouth can be fatal, and News of the Weird has run stories of men cuddling their pet rattlesnakes, particularly in conjunction with alcohol use. In November, Matthew George, 21, of Yacolt, Wash., was hospitalized in serious condition after the rattlesnake he was kissing bit him on the lip. Apparently, George was proudly showing to a friend the snake that he had found in the Arizona desert in October. Snake expert Richard Ritchey, asked by a reporter for The Oregonian whose fault the incident was (George's or the snake's), answered, "The one with the bigger brain," but he did not say which one he thought

Also, in the Last Month ...

- A leading British plastic surgeon said that human face transplants will be possible within a year (although the recipient would not necessarily look like the donor). And a woman named Kristina, 21, won the beauty pageant (talent, swimsuit, gown) at a women's prison in Panevezys, Lithuania, but declined to reveal to reporters why she's in the slammer. A community redevelopment agency announced it was evicting 40 Hispanic migrant workers the week after Christmas, with no relocation assistance, so that Habitat for Humanity could build lowincome housing on the site (Palmetto, Fla.). An inmate returning to jail from his day job at a recycling center tested higher than 0.20 bloodalcohol, gained by mustering last drops from all the empty liquor bottles he sorted (Charleston, W.Va.).

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JEEP WRANGLER SE SPORT, 1998. \$9995. Vin-22005. Rancho Jeep-

JEEP WRANGLER SE, 1997, hard top, \$8995. Vin-427241. Chrysler, 858-560-7100.

KIA OPTIMA SE, 2001, 4-door sedan, V-6, 2.5L, automatic, front wheel drive, 6, 2.5L, automátic, front wheel drive 12,720 miles, air, leather, moon roof \$12,988. Vin-88104. San Diego Kia, 619-276-7000.

KIA SEDONA EX, 2001, minivan, champagne color, V-6, 3.5L, automatic, front wheel drive, 7,413 miles, air, leather, moon roof, \$17,988. Vin-96270. San Diego Kia, 619-276-7000.

KIA SPORTAGE EX, 2001, sport utility, 4 door, silver, 4 cylinder, 2.0L, automatic, 2 wheel drive, 26,491 miles, air. \$11,988. Vin-19432. San Diego Kia, 619-276-7000. KIA SPORTAGE EX, 1998, air conditioning, power windows/locks, and more

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took my children on a trip to my past. Friday after Thanksgiving, I herded Rebecca, Angela, Johnny, and Ben into our van. Lucy, who had awakened with a fever, staved at home with my husband Jack. As we drove away from our home in San Marcos a little after 10, Rebecca asked from the far backseat, "Where exactly is Pine Vallev?"

"It's on the other side of the mountains," I answered over the country music playing on the radio.

"Is it as far as Mammoth?" Angela continued the interrogation.

"No. We should be there in a couple hours. Remember, it took us all day to drive to Mammoth last summer.'

"Are we going to Mammoth?" Johnny, who is four, piped up from the middle seat he

"No, we're going to Pine Valley," I said.

"Is it far away?" Johnny asked.

"Not too far.

I lived in Pine Valley from the time I was three months old until the month after my 12th birthday. From 1962 to 1974, I lived with my parents, my two brothers, and one sister in a little brown house on Pine Boulevard. No one in Pine Valley had a street address, just a PO box. If someone were coming over to our house, my mother would tell the person, "Turn left off Highway 8 at Pine Boulevard. We're the second house on the left just past the big dip in the road beyond the Tondros place.'

Friday after Thanksgiving, I followed the 78 up out of the San Pasqual Valley into Ramona. "Is this Pine Valley?" Angela asked as we headed east on 79 past feed stores and rustic cafés.

"No. We still have a ways to go."

After another hour and a half driving through Julian and Cuvamaca and Descanso, we dropped down into Pine Valley on Old Highway 8. As the van's wheels beat out a ka-thunk, ka-thunk on the patched concrete, the valley opened up on our left. An uneven line of cottonwoods, their leaves gone golden in the late November chill, marked the creek that runs through the meadow. "You can almost see my old house," I told the kids and pointed past an equestrian center that has sprung up where only open grass used to be.

Will we get to see your old house?" Rebecca asked.

"Yes. But first we're going to have lunch with Aunt Anita." My sister Anita, visiting from Mammoth, had suggested we meet in Pine

I drove past the Pine Valley Park, past the old Dairy Queen and Cecil Proffer's store, and steered the van left into the parking lot of Major's Café. Anita waved to us and pointed to an empty spot. The kids jumped out and hugged Anita. "I'm starving," Angela said. "Me, too," Anita agreed.

We lunched on burgers and fries. Johnny had a pancake. Ben splashed me with root beer and kept pointing to the gumball machine and asking, "Have a gumball?"

'After lunch, buddy," I told him again and again, "you can have a gumball."

After lunch and gumballs, we walked to the park. Great gray and white clouds scudded over the Laguna Mountains to the east. A cool wind blew off the meadow. In between the clouds, big patches of blue showed through. When I tousled Johnny's chestnut brown hair, it felt warm from the sun. Rebecca and Angela chose swings and pumped back and forth against the wind. Johnny and Ben ran to the high, metal slide and took turns climbing up and swooshing

Anita and I watched the kids and remembered picnics in the park when we were young. "Remember the big barbecue after the Laguna Fire?" Anita asked.

'Yep," I told her. "They cooked all the meat that had thawed in the freezer in Cecil's store while the power was out."

We remembered Easter egg hunts and

favorite park rangers and watching my dad play tennis with my grandfather on the park's courts. Walking to the chain-link fence, I reached through. I picked some silver sage growing wild in the meadow and held the leaves close to my nose. They smelled like rain and wind and long

When the kids grew tired, we went back to the van and drove around the valley. Anita and I played "Who lived there?" Turning a corner on a tiny, winding road, Anita would point to a house. "I baby-sat for someone there."

"The Sturmans?"

"Yes, the Sturmans. I haven't thought about them for a while.'

"Is that your old house?" Rebecca and Angela asked.

"No. I'll tell you when we get to our old

Finally, after detours up Rocky Pass and down Cedar Lane, I drove past the Tondros', down through the dip, and slowed in front of a blue house. "There it is," I told the girls.

"It was brown," Anita said. "And it didn't look so junky. Do you see those big manzanita bushes in the front? Your grandpa planted those from tiny shoots small enough to fit in coffee cans."

I remembered pictures of Anita and my older brother Mark standing beside the tiny manzanitas. In the pictures, Anita is younger than my Angela is now.

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