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Soldiers' Pay

It may be the ultimate irony of the conflict with Iraq that to glimpse the difficult home lives of our soldiers, their spouses, and their children, America needs a foreign war. And even as those

lives rise from obscurity, we have heard about the front-line fighters much more than the base-bound families, especially the youngest, many of whom are poor and do, on occasion, go hungry. Proof of

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their need is how high the compassion index shot up this spring in San Diego. A half-dozen outreach groups and food drives were organized, among them Operation Homefront and Navy Wives Food Locker, to assist families. Some groups, however, are always on watch. CONTINUED ON PAGE 32

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LETTERS

We welcome letters pertaining to the contents of the Reader. You may phone them in by calling 619-235-3000, ext. 460; address them to Letters to the Editor, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803; fax them to 619-231-0489; or e-mail them to letters@SanDiegoReader.com via the Internet. Please include your name, address, and telephone number. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

Fun But True

I'd just like to comment on the cover story "Reina's Story" (August 7). I found it absolutely compelling, riveting. I could not put it down. I read it about four or five times. I am now compelled to try to help out — if there's any way that I can — with money, maybe clothing, any type of support that any of these women or children, or men, if they're involved in that too, would need. And I just think it was an incredible story, and it solidified what you guys are about — fun but truth. Truth, when it needs to be told, in a way that isn't uncomfortable too much for the normal schmoes like us. Flynn Muncy Carlsbad

Shame On Mexico

In response to Kim Oakley's letter (August 14) regarding "Reina's Story" (August 7): Ms. (or Mr.) Oakley, you say you "wouldn't deny an illegal immigrant temporary food, shelter, or clothing." Wouldn't you agree that it would be better for this person to earn these things rather than our tax dollars providing them? The typical illegal Mexicans I've met (I once worked many years in the motel industry) I feel have gotten a bum rap with the "lazy Mexican" stereotype. In fact, many of those I've met worked two jobs trying to support their families. I have absolutely no problem with any Mexican man or woman entering the United States illegally, if their intention is, as is frequently the case, to better their lives and provide for themselves and their families, both here and back in Mexico. What I do have a problem with is a Mexican government that

cannot create job opportunities in Mexico so these folks can work where they want to live. The Mexican government, in this regard, is a shameful disgrace. Thomas Stein North Park

Subjunctive Fade Away

To Patrick Sheehy (Letters, August 14): No, ending a sentence with a preposition is not egregious. Most authorities don't mind as much as some anal-retentive high school English teachers apparently do. Hey, Patrick, at least they got the "whom" right?

However, Matthew Alice has a foofer ("Straight From the Hip," August 14) that could be called egregious, except that the subjunctive voice is rapidly fading from proper use and is probably headed for the dustbin. "If the air itself (inside the car) was moving at 70 mph..." should read "If the air were moving." Not egregious, but not standard English either. What's the threshold for egregious, anyway?

Don Ridgway El Cajon

David Gray, The Brit

Please have that idiot William Crain do his homework before doing any more reviews. In his write-up for the Turin Brakes ("Of Note," August 7) he incorrectly identifies David Gray as an American copying the Brits' style of music. David Gray happens to have been born in Manchester, England, and brought up in Wales. If his accent wasn't evidence enough, you'd think a five-second search on Google would have done the trick. Shabby work, Mr. Crain.

Thomas Coyne

Nonviolent Truth

Re: "We Don't Want Anyone to Surf Here" ("City Lights," July 10), your futile attempts to justify your juvenile, arrogant, disgusting, dangerous behavior aside, the bottom-line truth of the matter is: Real surfers are nonviolent!

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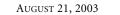
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The Tax Haven Follies

By Don Bauder

f you are going to squirrel ill-gotten money in an offshore tax haven, you need the mental acuity and swiftness of a mountain

lion — not a squirrel, or in the case of a married San Diego couple, an opossum.

Terry and Susan Brunning now repose in a Mexico City prison, fighting extradition to the U.S. They face a criminal indictment in San Diego on 15 counts of bankruptcy fraud, money laundering, criminal forfeiture, and conspiracy.

But could the stumbling Brunnings pull off a conspiracy? "They do seem to keep shooting themselves in the feet," says Leslie Gladstone, trustee of the Brunnings' Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing, which fell apart when she and government investigators realized the couple had massively concealed assets belonging to the bankruptcy estate, including a bit more than \$1 million they had stashed in the offshore tax-and-secrecy haven of the Isle of Man, an island in the Irish Sea where hush-hush banking accounts for more than 40 percent of the economy.

Often in the U.S., a shady lawyer, specializing in tax havens, plots an offshore stashfest for clients — and also, occasionally, a Chapter 7 bankruptcy that gets creditors off the stashers' backs. But the Brunnings committed so many blunders that "it appears as though they did it on their own," says Faith A. Devine, assistant U.S. attorney, who is prosecuting the criminal case in San Diego.

"I don't know if they had attorneys, but if they did, they were not well counseled. They have not acted wisely," says Gladstone.

The Brunnings owned two Postal Annex Plus franchises — one on Shelter Island Drive, the other on West Point Loma Boulevard. They did not have significant criminal records, although Terry Brunning had been convicted of a misdemeanor almost two decades ago, according to Devine.

The couple had problems at Postal Annex. "We did not have the smoothest relationship with them," says Patrick Edd, executive vice president of the company. "There were back monies owed us. They had not kept up with royalties and advertising fees. They were having landlord problems" and also had unhappy suppliers, he says. "We didn't force them to sell; they came to that conclusion by themselves."

The pair lived on their 57foot sailing yacht, the *Windsong*, which was located at Shelter Pointe Hotel & Marina on Shelter Island. "They just seemed like ordinary folks. They paid their bills," says Steve Carr, who manages the marina.

Both Edd and Carr have been interviewed by federal agents. The Internal Revenue Service, Department of Homeland Security, and Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement investigated the matter.

According to the indictment, the Brunnings stashed \$1 million and another \$58,000 at two Isle of Man institutions between mid-2000 and mid-2002. In early 2002, they sold the Postal Annex franchises for \$75,000 in cash and a promissory note for \$155,000.

In August of 2002, they filed for Chapter 7, or liquidation bankruptcy, "to discharge their outstanding debts to financial institutions, government agencies, and other third parties, while maintaining control over and access to property of the bankruptcy estate by means of fraud, concealment, and misrepresentations," according to the in-



Susan and Terry Brunning

dictment. In other words, the Brunnings wanted to dump their debts, emerge as virgins, but fraudulently keep the assets that by law belong to the bankruptcy estate under control of the trustee. And by keeping their nest egg offshore, they would dodge taxes.

They filed the bankruptcy in pro per — that is, they had no lawyer assist them. Now get this: The Brunnings, under penalty of perjury, swore that they had no boat, even though they lived on one. They solemnly swore they had no cars; they had a Jaguar and a Rolls-Royce. They said they had no accounts receivable, even though the promissory note for \$155,000 was known by the franchise buyers and lawyers. The Brunnings swore they had no offshore financial accounts, despite the \$1 million-plus on the Isle of Man.

A San Diego lawyer tipped off Gladstone to the \$155,000 promissory note. Gladstone told them to turn it over immediately. Soon, "A woman called my office to find out the procedure for filing a claim. She said she was owed \$300,000 by the Brunnings," says Gladstone.

Next came a claim from one Donna Kerns, wanting the proceeds from the trustee's sale of the promissory note. Donna Kerns, investigators learned, is a fictitious person.

Now hear this: On October 27, Terry Brunning sent a letter to the trustee under the phony name of Donna Kerns, asserting a claim against the bankruptcy estate. On October 30, Susan Brunning also sent a letter under the fictitious name of Donna Kerns, making the same claim. Both Brunnings, three days apart, attempted to forge the handwriting of the same nonexistent person. That certainly made it easier for handwriting experts. In my 40 years of following dubious characters, I can't remember an occasion when two different people, married, tried to forge the same handwriting a few days apart.

Terry Brunning, himself a notary, also forged a notary's signature, according to Devine.

In their bankruptcy filing, the Brunnings said they had

assets of \$0 to \$50,000 (obviously not true) and debts of \$100,000. Actually, "The debts are close to \$2 million, primarily owed the Internal Rev-

enue Service for penalties,"

says Gladstone. Hmmm. In late October of 2002, the Brunnings left the U.S. for an extended sailing trip to Mexico aboard Windsong. Then they asked an Isle of Man bank to transfer \$1 million to a Mexican bank. Obviously, the Brunnings had not kept up with post-9/11 offshorebanking practices. Many offshore institutions, including those in the Isle of Man, have pledged to monitor and report suspected money laundering, although many people question whether such promises are sincere.

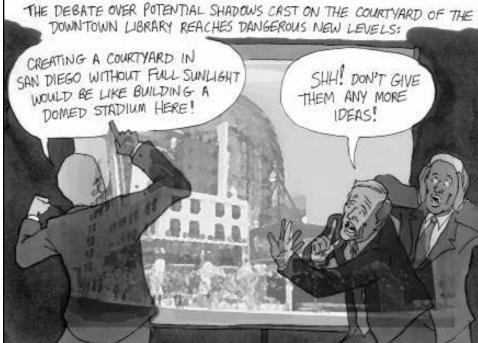
"It is not unheard of for an offshore bank to report a transfer of funds to keep the funds domiciled locally" on the pretense of cooperating with anti-money-laundering laws, says Jay Adkisson, an Or*continued on page 4*

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is on vacation.

Matt Potter





Let's Save Sunset Cliffs

By Julie Yen

When Steve Scatolini walks through Sunset Cliffs Natural Park, it becomes home. He knows the vegetation by smell,

taste, and name — buckwheat, coastal sage scrub, California sunflower, ladyfinger, lemonade berry, and acacia. Scatolini has visited the area since the late 1960s.

"This has been my playground since junior high, and when you're there by the ocean, the city disappears," he says. "There's nowhere else like it; it's a magical experience.... I have seen usage go up. When I was little, there were maybe 12 surfers per spot and fishermen. Now, there can be 1000 park users daily."

The 68-acre park is characterized by eroded land formations and cliffs. Scatolini, a former chairman and secretary of the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Recreation Council, believes increased land use is whittling away the ecosystem while improvements remain stalled.

"City government has ne-

glected the park and left it to erode," he says. "The usage now is at a point where they need to say, 'Let's fix it up and preserve it.' There has been a continued community con-



Joseph Watkins

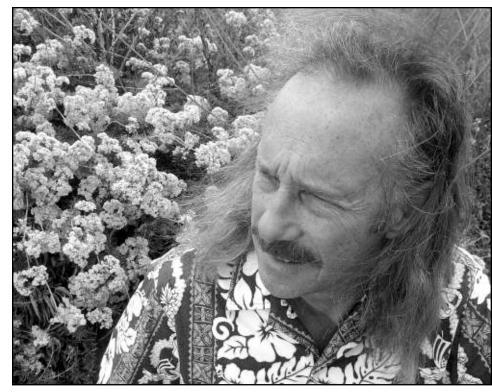
sensus for a natural openspace park."

A "master plan" for Sunset Cliffs Natural Park has been in progress since the early 1980s and is currently under environmental review by the city. Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Recreation Council chairperson Camilla Ingram has been told that the draft environmental impact report and next draft of the master plan will probably be available for public comment in September.

"The primary emphasis of the plan is to control erosion, more than anything, and capture water from city streets and Point Loma Nazarene University and put it into a proper drainage system," Ingram says. "In 1994, the Water Quality Control Board said Sunset Cliffs was the worst erosion-control point in San Diego County. The good news is that the city planning office has been doing a good planning job with this draft of the master plan."

Some say that three areas of contention are holding up the plan's development: Point Loma Nazarene University's softball field for its women's team, beach access, and restrooms.

During the 1980s, Point Loma Nazarene University built a softball field on city land to comply with Title IX regulations for equal physical education programs and facilities for women. The city granted the school a ten-year



usage permit to convert a terrace on the western hillside portion of Sunset Cliffs into a field.

Anne Swanson, former chair of the Sunset Cliffs Task Force, Sunset Cliffs Advisory Committee, and Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Recreation Council, says the university chose not to do anything about the ballfield in the process of developing its campus. "Within those ten years, at all," she says. "When the tenyear lease was about to expire, the college decided to redo the field. We had all this input and the college did know the community's feelings, but somehow [it] got permission from the city to go renovate the ballfield. [The school] did not buy a permit or have an environmental impact report when it [developed] the land."

the field seldom came to use

The Sunset Cliffs Recre-

PLNU women's ballfield at Sunset Cliffs Natural Park

Steve Scatolin

"There have been various city councilmembers who have been lobbied hard by the college and the Little League committee, and some of them wanted to try and compromise, but the compromise they proposed was not a healthy one or environmentally right for the park," says Swanson. "Now we have more environmentally conscious city council people, and I am hopeful that things will be going nicely now."

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Swanson and others are concerned that the field which was created by cutting into the hillside, building a flat bluff, and filling it up — has accelerated Sunset Cliffs' erosion, cliff retreat, and block fall problems (which occur when a cliff face shears away). Scatolini adds that irrigation runoff has made the field an irregular shape.

"Water from piping has seeped into the bluff," he says. "East of the park, there's a *continued on page 10*

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ange County-based expert on offshore banking. He doesn't know the specifics of this case.

The Brunnings' bank reported the attempted transfer to anti-laundering authorities on the island, and when those authorities learned that the Brunnings had filed for bankruptcy in the U.S., the island's court slapped on a restraining order banning any funds transfer.

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Then Susan Brunning

pulled out an old one. She asked the Isle of Man court to release funds because she was separated from Terry Brunning — in fact, seldom saw him. "In typical cases, they put the wife out there, saying she is an innocent spouse," says

Devine. Investigators determined they were still living together on the yacht, and this caper is part of the indictment.

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Last month, Mexican authorities arrested the couple in Puerto Vallarta and dispatched them to a Mexico City slam-



mer, where they are no longer living the yachters' lifestyle.

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But they have some reasons to chuckle. In keeping with questionable offshore practice, the Isle of Man is giving the Brunnings \$1500 a continued on page 10





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tion, but it hasn't been acted upon, says Devine. "If they remain fugitives, they could conceivably draw all the money out over a period of several years," she complains.

That \$150,000 request is a whopper. Is it possible some of that loot might be earmarked for a bribe to a Mexican official? Neither Devine nor Adkisson would touch that question.

"Legal battles are sometimes used as a cover to indefinitely delay the release of the

funds or to hide the fact that the funds were embezzled," savs Adkisson.

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"Right now, the Isle of Man does not recognize civil judgments of the U.S., so it doesn't recognize the bankruptcy or the fact that the

trustee is the owner" of the Brunnings' assets, says Devine. In that respect, it's business as usual for offshore banks. "If there is an actual conviction and forfeiture granted by a U.S. court, then the Isle of Man would go along, they

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say."

But to get a conviction, the U.S. has to get them back. So, thanks to the Isle of Man, and perhaps Mexico, it's conceivable the Brunnings could end up looking like foxes, not opossums.

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canyon where a culvert was made to divert water that flowed from the university above. The natural course of the water was to go onto the field, and in 1988, I used to step across this culvert. Now, the canyon has been made wide by up-slope runoff channeled into one place. The canyon's a problem too, because homeless kids go there, and people have parties in it and leave trash. There are two big holes south of the field due to piping, a mud puddle in the field from irrigation, and slumping of the fence along the perimeter. On the north end, asphalt from roads, concrete, and rebar are dumped, and pilings are sticking out of the ground. The city constructed a sludge line west of the park. A crack from that goes up to the Young Hall [dormitory] parking lot."

According to Scatolini, surrounding areas have been impacted as well.

"In the old days, I would meet friends at 'the log,' " he says, motioning to a jutting piece of wood a few feet away from the Young Hall parking lot. "Now it's in midair due to runoff from hard surfaces. This was flat ground 15 to 20 years ago."

PLNU director of development Joe Watkins disagrees.

"I understand that San Diego Parks and Recreation is negotiating with a consultant to conduct a study of the erosion issue as part of the park master-planning process," he says. "The university will be interested in the results of the study and the recommendations of the consultant. Our view is that there is conflicting interpretations of the data. Obviously, we disagree with the contention that the field contributes to erosion."

Some argue that the ballfield's location divides the hillside portion of Sunset Cliffs and interrupts the park's natural character.

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park and you needed a ballfield to accommodate the neighborhood, you would not put it in such a remote location," Swanson says. "The truth is that in the peninsula area [Ocean Beach and Point Loma] we have a total of 21 ballfields, not including [the university's]. It's a matter of using our resources really well, and hopefully not having a

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field on the coastal terrace impacting the cliffs. The real deficiency in the peninsula is space for open-space, passiveuse parks."

Swanson suggests that the city add lighting to existing ballfields to extend use and that games be scheduled better if more ball-playing time is needed. Yet, she says, "It's not a matter of the city accommodating the college's needs; it's the college taking care of its own needs."

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large fields: the men's baseball field and the track. Scatolini and Swanson believe that the women's softball field does not meet standard regulation size and should be moved to either of the two upper and larger fields. The current master plan

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calls for removal of fencing, backstops, and athletic infrastructure from the green space and restoration of the field to its natural state to unify the park.

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"It is my understanding that after the master plan is complete and approved, city Parks and Recreation will determine in cooperation with the park council the best resolution for the green space," Watkins says. "Meanwhile, we're actively looking at all options for meeting the needs of our women's softball team. In fact, we're [at] the moment checking all the 20 or so fields on the point for potential alternatives."

A court decision in the late 1980s requires the university to pay \$90,000 to the city whenever the master plan is completed and approved. Watkins says these funds are available and have been.

At a height of at least 50 feet in most places, Sunset Cliffs - composed of eroding sandstone and shale — do not allow easy or safe access to the beaches and surf. Rock falls occur during the summer and winter, and only agile park users, surfers, and strong swimmers climb or walk down the slopes. The master plan recommends refurbishment and maintenance of the Ladera Street stairway and construction of new stairs at Garbage Beach, which would be accessed from the lower parking lot.

The city closed the Ladera stairs because handrails on the bottom flight rusted and fell off but determined that replacing them would require taking off two of the flights. Scatolini says public usage continues despite a chain and sign intended to deter access.

"The foot treads are treacherous, yet when I went to the stairs, I saw over 100 people go up and down those stairs, ignoring that they were closed," he says.

The Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Recreation Council believes adding access points in locations other than the Ladera Street stairway will result in injuries and deaths.

"We're very concerned right now that park planners have put in a second stairway not even 200 yards from a new stairway that is being built," recreation council chairperson Ingram says, referring to the stairway to Garbage Beach.

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"If you're going to put in access, wouldn't it be better to put it in an area where access would serve the public best? That site would lead people to come down to a new surface beach that is submerged."

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The recreation council also fears that the parking lot and pocket beach's isolated locations may increase gang activity and underage drinking and drug use. A permanent public restroom and beach shower near the lower parking lot have been recommended in the master plan, yet also pose similar safety concerns.

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"Issues of vandalism, vagrancy, and sex crimes along with increased gang activity bring great concern to the community," Scatolini says. "Permanent facilities are usually locked to prevent some of these problems, and the public is then denied access to the facilities, thereby negating their usefulness.... Digging in sewer and water lines through the soft sandstone [for permanent restrooms in] the park is an issue, as this would disturb fragile native habitat and exacerbate erosion problems."

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Ingram supports the addition of portable facilities instead of permanent restrooms, arguing that the former lend themselves to the natural park and are unobtrusive. "The Porta Pottis, if not attractive, are effective because they don't provide places for drug deals or sexual perverts," she says.

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Craig Castaneda, a policy adviser to District Two councilmember Michael Zucchet, says Zucchet "is very aware of the issues and oppositions and how they attribute to crime, drainage, and plumbing and does not feel there is a need for the permanent [restrooms] at this time." As for the other areas of contention, Castaneda says Zucchet supports the removal of the ballfield and has not yet formulated a position on beach access.

Castaneda is eager for the master plan to come before the council by the end of the year. "So much focus has been placed on these three items that the committee has lost focus in a lot of discussions," he says. "The focus of attention should be on erosion. Whether [Zucchet] is trying to work with the recreation council, Parks and Recreation, or the [land and housing] committee, he wants to mitigate erosion along the linear and hillside portion [of Sunset Cliffs]."

The Sunset Cliffs Recreation Council and coastal area committee of the Park and Recreation Board have approved the master plan conditionally. However, before it comes before the city council for final approval, the public must respond to the city's environmental impact report, the city's design review committee needs to evaluate whether there are any design flaws, and the plan must be approved by the Park and Recreation Board. Anne Swanson predicts that the California Coastal Commission will want to contribute an opinion as well.

In the meantime, Steve Scatolini waits and worries.

"Although this ballfield comprises part of the park, everyone thinks of their own use for the park," he says. "I, I, I, I. Everybody is worried about themselves. I'm worried about this living land. There are not many living places left that are publicly owned that we can give to the future. It's worth passing it on intact and preserving it intact."



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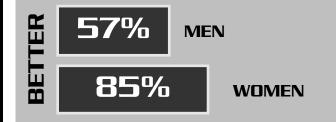
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Hey, Einstein:

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Why do I have three buttons on the sleeves of my sports jacket but don't have three buttonholes or any possible reason to want three buttons on my jacket sleeves? Let's see you answer that one. - Not Einstein, San Diego

Like most questions for which no one has a real answer, there are two answers, the rationalsounding one and the gooney one. Life being what it is, the gooney one is probably correct. No matter which you choose, the buttons are basically vestigial decorations, a sort of fashion appendix. If you like your explanations tidy and tasteful, then the buttons are left over from the days when wealthy men buttoned tight-fitting coat sleeves over their lace-cuffed shirts. Buttons actually were a fashion decoration mania a few centuries ago. The ruder, cruder explanation credits either (a) the French or (b) the Prussians with covering the cuffs of military jackets with big buttons to keep the troops from wiping their noses and mouths on their sleeves.

Matthew: Why do we always turn the pillow to the cool side?

– Snoozer, the net

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Sorry, Snoozer. That's not the name you signed. We put your question under our pillow to see if the Answer Fairy would leave us a clue, but I guess she took the question with her when she left. Anyway, you know who you are. And we know why you always turn the pillow to the cool side. Aside from keeping your insides in and the outside out, your skin is also a big radiator, pumping off excess body heat from your blood to keep your juicy inside bits from turning into steamed pudding. One body spot that brings blood vessels and skin close together and is efficient for radiating is around your head and neck. So when you're trying to get to sleep on those long, hot nights, your blood is zipping around picking up heat and dumping at that all-important head-neck-pillow nexus. Once your pillow hots up too much, you flip it over to feel the (relatively) cool side on your face and neck. And you keep flipping until you're exhausted and fall asleep. But I gotta go. I put a big bag of frozen shrimp around my neck to keep my brain cool, and Grandma wants them back for lunch.

Matt:

Can you tell me why people get into the 10-item-or-less line in the grocery store, right under the big sign, the one that says "No Checks," then put their 15 items on the counter and start writing a check? How can they not know it's an express lane? We cash people are beside ourselves with angst!

— B., San Diego

And if we are beside ourselves, does that mean we can go through that express line with 20 items? Is angst one item or several? Suppose we're buying a dozen cans of chateaubriand cat food; is that one item because they're all the same price? And if the large lady with the four tubby children in front of us is buying Twinkies, rocky road ice cream, SpaghettiOs, and Lucky Charms, do we have the right to feel superior as we carefully arrange our broccoli, turkeyburger, and bottled water? No; strike that. The real question is, exactly how superior can we feel - Slightly? Extremely? On the other hand, is there any way we can stack our Cheerios and canned corn to hide that box of Depends? Do the people in line behind us really need to know that much about our personal lives? Will the checker make some kind of wisecrack? I think, B., that a supermarket line raises so many important life questions that nobody pays much attention to little things like "No Checks, Please."

Hey, Matt:

I remember reading somewhere that primitive people didn't have as many names for colors as we have today. Was everything in olden times less colorful than it is today?

- M. Cook, elsewhere

Olden times, like, before Ted Turner colorized Fred and Ginger? The best anthropologists can tell, necessity being the mother of invention and all, things may have been just as colorful, but primitive man never tackled a project like Horton Plaza, so there was no need for trillions of color distinctions. "Dark" and "light" sufficed if you lived in a cave. The abundance of color names seems to reflect the complexity of a society's technology, say scholars who've studied the evolution of color names in dozens of world languages. They've noted that all languages have words for black and white. In languages that have three color words, red is invariably the third; the fourth and fifth would be yellow and green, not necessarily in that order. Blue is sixth, brown is seventh, and beyond that there's no set pattern. Has something to do with the invention of the interior decorator, I think.

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The Wit And Wisdom Of Coach Bliss

ast year, Dave Bliss, 59, head basketball coach for the Baylor Bears of Waco, Texas, recruited Patrick Dennehy, a high post shooter from New Mexico, after the kid was dropped from that program. Dennehy, who averaged 10.6 points and 7.5 rebounds his sophomore year, transferred to Baylor and red-shirted last season. Unfortunately, Dennehy had the bad manners to be murdered - and worse, to be found — on July 25, 2003, as a matter of fact. A teammate has been accused of the crime, which, again, is unhelpful from Bliss's point of view. Turns out, Bliss had been paying Dennehy's tuition out of his own pocket; cash-and-carry recruiting, if you will, which, even in the shithole of college sports, is enough to get you fired.

So, Bliss, whose salary was on the bright side of half a million dollars a year, must keep authorities from discovering his under-thetable philanthropy. He planned, with the aid of his assistant coach and Dennehy's teammates, to slander the freshly dead lad and claim the young man was a drug dealer. This would explain how Dennehy got the money to pay for his tuition. Nothing to it; all Bliss had to do was persuade a locker-room full of teenage boys and one groveling underling to lie to Dennehy's family, the FBI, the Waco police, the district attorney, university authorities, and the national media. One wonders if it's possible to be that dumb.

Apparently, it is. Of course, everybody involved was recording their conversations with Bliss, which is why we have the following record of jolly coach Dave as his ship went down.

We'll begin on July 30, five days after Dennehy's body was found. Bliss is talking to his faithful assistant coach, Abar Rouse, about how to save his ass. Naturally, Rouse was secretly tape-recording the conversation.

BLISS: Tell me how you think it went with [Player A]. ROUSE: He's on board...

BLISS: Do you think he'll say whatever it takes?

ROUSE: I think so. I'm almost sure. BLISS: See, [Player B] will do the same thing.... And I think [Player C] will say whatever it takes.... I told you what you need to think of is how you're gonna spend some time with the lawyers.... We can get out of this. Reasonable doubt...there's nobody right now that can say that we paid Pat Dennehy. Because he's dead. So what we have to do is create the reasonable doubt. What we gotta create here is drugs. Once we do that, there are reasonable doubts.

What we have to decide is whether we want [Player C] and [Player A] to go together or if we want them to say the same thing. And maybe [Player B] say something that's different What we need to do is they tell the story that, "We been going out to Dennehy's apartment, you know, we'll go up there and we'll smoke some weed and drink some stuff, have some ladies up there. Then this one time I went out - this was like the middle of May - and we went up there and Pat walks in and all of a sudden on his tray, obviously, there is whatever, it was like all kinds of wild shit...and Patrick said something like, 'We'll have some fun tonight. And we're going to let the other guys pay for it,' and he brings

out his roll, brings out his roll of hundred-dollar bills."

ROUSE: ...did you talk to Coach Ash? Did he punch holes in it?

BLISS: ...as long as those guys don't have to remember a lot, all they gotta remember is, you know, they can tell the story, you know, "We went up there and everything, and all of a sudden he walked out with that tray, and it had everything on it that you can imagine. And I knew something different was up. And, uh, then he pulled out his roll of bills, and when he pulled out his roll of bills, it scared us, and we never went back. At that time we were afraid for ourselves. And we didn't want to lose our scholarships, and we didn't want to be associated..." I'm sorry I'm putting you through this.

ROUSE: Don't worry about that. I'm right here. I'm right here with you. We're in this together, and don't worry about that. I

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BLISS: All we've got to come up with is 2000 [dollars] and 7000 [dollars]. If we come up with that, we're home free. [Name omit-ted] is going to help us a little bit with 2000, and the rest of it we gotta, you know, get from the drug thing. If he has 5000 in his pocket...

ROUSE: . . . then anything is believable. I understand that.

BLISS: What we'll do is just create reasonable doubt.

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Dear Aunt Trudy,

For five years I've rented a room of my cabin in Big Bear to this stoned-out ski bum who moonlights as a chef. For a fee lower than any one-bedroom apartment in town, he has the run of a large Aframe cabin 300 days of the year. I have only raised his rent once — upon his suggestion, I might add (he thought it unfairly low). The rent covers a portion of my mortgage, which is high and tricky to balance during these financially difficult times. This past season he got a job 50 miles north running a small kitchen, which includes room and board. For eight months he continued to rent a room from me so he could travel back and forth whenever he pleased. Last week I heard from my neighbor, who has a key to my place and occasionally looks in on things, that my tenant had removed all his belongings and the cabin appeared empty. A week later I received a garbled phone message from the tenant saying that I probably heard from the neighbor that he had moved out. He said he had sent several e-mails to notify me of his intentions, "but I guess you never got them, man." I'm easy to reach by phone or e-mail, and it's apparent he didn't really try. I'm irked because I helped this guy out a lot, considered him a friend or a sweet little brother. I gave him counsel when his father died. I tolerated his late rent, put up with his upholstery-destroying Siberian husky, ignored huge piles of dirty clothes, ski and mountaineering gear everywhere, and an atrocious bathroom he never cleaned. What does a person do when a friend suddenly flashes colors you never expected and makes it clear that respecting you on any level is the last thing he's concerned with? Then there's the issue of money and lost rent. What do you think of all this?

HOPPING MAD IN OCEANSIDE

Dear Hopping Mad,

I'm sorry you were left holding the bag here. It can be dicey to mix business and friendship. No reason not to be *friendly* toward your tenant, but sometimes getting involved in his or her life can backfire. I get the impression your young tenant used his friendship with you as an excuse to take advantage of the situation. Based on your description, it seems as if there were clues aplenty that he was irresponsible and sloppy and that, therefore, handwriting was on the wall (or all over the floor or in the scummy bathroom sink), so to speak, that he might eventually let you down. Perhaps that's easy for me to say in hindsight, but next time vou might want to make it clear from the verv beginning to prospective housemates that they have to keep things ship-shape, and that if they are moving out, you'd appreciate the customary 30 days' notice. Have you considered a lease agreement?

Dear Readers,

Below is another response to a letter in which a middle-aged man expressed confusion and sadness that all his friends seemed to hook up with women half their age. His letter questioning their motives has sparked quite a bit of discussion.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

After reading the "additional comments" in your July 31 column, I felt compelled to write. Where is the consideration of the women's perspective and choices? Women are not bought and sold, and based on years of my experience, they have no problem saying "no thanks" to the advances of a man they are not interested in. In every "May-December" relationship that seems to trouble "Mr. Confused" and that "Single in Escondido" calls a "sickness," there is a "May" woman who chooses to be in the relationship. Perhaps we should consider not only why older men are attracted to younger women, but also why younger women seem attracted to older men. Older men tend to be more mature, better off financially, and more sensitive to other people's opinions than younger men — at least that was the case for me and many of my contemporaries. It is no surprise to me that a woman would be more interested in a worldly, thoughtful, and still potentially active 40-something man than she would be in a testosterone-driven, selfish, and awkward 20-something man. Aside from the personality issues, there is also one of money older men tend to make more money than younger men, and there are women who enjoy having money spent on them — who doesn't? Given a choice, would you rather go to George's at the Cove or McDonald's for a dinner date? Before you place all the responsibility/blame on the older man, recall that there is a second person in the tango. 30-SOMETHING IN CLAIREMONT MESA

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GLASS

A friendly wrestling match between Patrick and his brother-in-law raged in our back yard over the Fourth of July weekend. Dozens of

cousins circled around the contestants, cheering them on. Then Patrick pulled a cheap shot on Rex and, instead of waiting to suffer the consequences, got up and ran. Rex

gave chase and all the kids trailed behind him like the tail

of a comet. Patrick led them around the yard then into the house where he sought cover in the kids' closet, which has one small window. Rex burst in behind him and the grappling resumed. Amid the thumps and bumps and laughing came another sound, that of an elbow breaking the window and spraying glass all over the deck. Left in the window frame were a few knifelike shards of glass. With all of my brood as well as a pack of cousins around for the long weekend, I wanted the window fixed in a hurry. So I made some calls.

"We have a 24-hour emergency service," explained Joe Zdybowicz, owner of Glass Doctor (858-268-3200). "If a customer calls at night, it usually takes an hour to two hours to get out to any place. Most of the time at night, it is a board up and we will measure the glass. If it is possible to replace the window the next day we will." The emergency service is a higher rate. "Our emergency service is more — **\$250** to start with — and it goes up from there. If we can put the glass in right then, we will. Eight out of ten times we put a board in and we come out within a couple of days with the glass."

There are different types of glass, Zdybowicz explained, that affect the speed and price of the service. "Annealed glass is considered raw glass; that is glass

that you can take anywhere and cut it to fit. For example, for a business you would use quarter-inch plate annealed glass; you can cut it on the side of your truck, and put it in." Certain colored

glass is often used. "There are some standard colored

glasses. Bronze is a very popular one for store front, but there is also grey. You can get into all different kinds: blue glass, green glass, reflective glass."

Zdybowicz moved on to the specialized glass. "Tempered glass has to go through In the window frame were a few knife-like shards of glass.

a heating process. Tempered is considered a safety glass, like the glass that you put in your car windows. It will shatter into a million pieces and these small pieces might give you some tiny cuts, but no major gashes.

"There is insulated glass," continued Zdybowicz, "which goes through a process where two panes of glass are hermetically sealed, in a moisture-free clean room. Since you don't get inbetween the panes to clean them, if it fails, the window will steam up.

"There is also anti-graffiti film now. When kids scratch the windows, instead of replacing the window, you just replace the film and it is a lot cheaper. There is film called Armor Guard, which you can get all the way up to a certain thickness. The Pentagon uses Armor Guard to actually bomb shield their windows."

Bomb shield? I'm not expecting any bombing to go on at the Kelly house — or grafitti, for that matter. The window never gets opened so I don't need tempered glass, and it would be silly for that to be the only double-paned window in the house. All I need is a simple pane of glass.

"For a hack out," Zdybowicz responded, "which is a single pane of glass in a house, the lowest we go is **\$115**. It may be more because we do price by square foot. That price is considering that we would have the glass on the truck. I try to keep the vans stocked with enough glass so that — for a job like that — they can just go there and cut the glass on the spot. For most windows, we can give an estimate over the phone."

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Some emergency window-repair prices around town: Budget Glass Plus (858-576-4321) charges **\$240** for a residential emergency service call. Window prices are extra, a 2'-by-4' single pane window for a home costs about **\$127**. A commercial emergency service costs **\$360**.

Advanced Glass Solutions (619-401-8650) charges **\$200** to come out for an emergency. The window and labor are an additional fee. A 2'-by-4' single paned window costs **\$78.62** installed. Cajon Glass (619-444-8730) charges

a basic fee of \$125 to come out for an emergency repair, board-up is an additional \$75 and up. A single pane 3'-by-4' window costs \$120.

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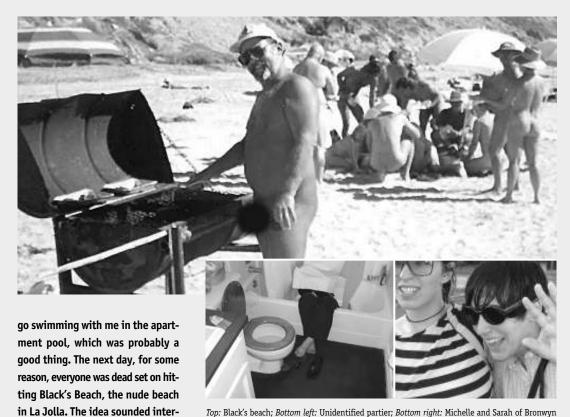
PRETTY MUCH A PARTY ALREADY

by Daniel Ridge

ouring bands always expect to crash parties. That's what it's all about: parties and a place to lay your head when it's over. Whether the couch, the carpet, or the tiled kitchen floor, when you're on tour you never know where you're going to end up sleeping. I mean, you have to sleep eventually. Or not. You can always stay up all night, like we did Friday.

This past weekend a bunch of my friends came down from Portland, comprising two bands, Bronwyn and the Key. A few months back they asked me to hook up a show here for them. Well, I'm kinda forgetful and lazy sometimes, too, which means I forgot to do it. Luckily, someone in Bronwyn managed to arrange a show at the Cherry Bomb, a place I used to know as the Boardroom on First Street, I was glad that was taken care of, but I was still responsible for finding a place for all seven of them to sleep. When they arrived on Friday, they first came to my place. Standing in my room, they were just barely able to fit. There was no way they could all lie down. I was fortunate enough to have a friend whose place they could crash at. So after a few drinks at Scolari's Office and watching a couple of bands play, we headed over there.

Why is it I'm always the last one to go to sleep? At 5:30 in the morning I couldn't find anyone to



Top: Black's beach; Bottom left: Unidentified partier; Bottom right: Michelle and Sarah of Br

broad daylight for all to see? And it's really nothing anyone wants to see. Needless to say, I wasn't happy. A couple of the girls in Bronwyn took a dip in their birthday suits,

At 5:30 in the morning I couldn't find anyone to go swimming with me in the apartment pool, which was probably a good thing.

too appealing when you're 25. Public nudity is just one of those things I'll never get. I mean, sure, skinnydipping, I understand that, but is it really necessary to strut around in

esting enough, but after making the

long hike down the cliff in 90-degree

weather, I wasn't too happy with

what we found on the shore. Maybe

it's nice on a weekday, but all the

naked retirees on the beach aren't

while a few of us, in the shade of our shirts, took refuge on the beach. After about 30 minutes I had had enough. I climbed back up the cliff ahead of all the others, hoping that

what I just saw wouldn't scar me for the rest of my life. It's like seeing your grandfather naked. It's really not very cool.

All day, members of both bands were talking about finding a cool party after the show. They knew a few random people around town, but no one had anything going on. It was cool enough that we were getting free drinks at the Cherry Bomb, but they still wanted a party. I knew something would work out.

Before the show, Tyler of the Key asked if I would watch their merchandise while they played. He didn't know how flaky I can be, especially after a drink or two. After a while, I got a little bored standing

with their T-shirts and CDs and eventually forgot I was supposed to be watching their stuff. When I went up to the bar to get another beer, I forgot to come back. Someone from the other band must have taken over, because it's only now I'm remembering this and nobody mentioned anything getting stolen.

At the show, one of the girls from Bronwyn met some people who were having a party in Normal Heights. It sounded like what they were looking for, so after they finished playing and loaded their equipment, we all headed over to Madison Avenue — not just the bands, but also a few of my friends from San Diego. With more than ten people in our crew, we were pretty much a party already. We just needed a place to have it.

A few people were already at the house when we arrived, and more poured in after. A bunch of us were on the front porch when we noticed a few homegrown SDSU bros standing on the sidewalk across the street. They stood there with their arms crossed, watching us as if we were on display at the zoo. Most of us at the party sported thrift-store clothes or wore lots of black, studded, or patched jackets and hooded sweatshirts. We were certainly contrary to these football players in Abercrombie & Fitch. When they started walking toward the house, everyone groaned. They walked right





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in the front door, nodding as they passed. It was obvious these guys didn't belong, and Nate, whose house it was, didn't recognize them from the neighborhood. They seemed to think they could get free beer.

When I saw them a few minutes later, the three of them stood together drinking bottles they had taken from the fridge, one of them talking on his cell phone. He must have been inviting more people over, because about ten minutes later three more guys showed up looking like they just walked off Beach MTV. Nate stopped them and said they couldn't come in. He told the other guys they needed to finish their beer and leave. They became argumentative and wouldn't go. They stood out on the grass evaluating the situation. One of the guys from the house started to get mad. One of the frat boys said something to upset him. It looked like a fight might break out.

As much as I hate to admit it, style really is a reflection of who people are, or how they think, especially when you're young. It's communication, especially when people wear their ideology on their T-shirt, whether it says Gap or NIN. Of course, a lot of the time it can be misleading, but on the whole, clothing is how people choose to present themselves — surfer bros, angry punk kids, crusty skaters, or college sports fans; somewhere along the way there's going to be conflict among them. What was happening on the porch of this party was a perfect example.

No fight broke out, though things were certainly disrupted. Much later on, we all walked back to my friend's house where we were crashing. I was surprised by how quickly everyone rolled out their sleeping bags. Again, it's always me who's up one more notch than everyone else. I finally had to go to bed when the guy who was sleeping on the couch was ready to crash. Luckily there was no swimming pool at this complex. ■

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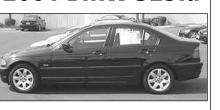
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Soldiers' Pay

Some 2000 people are on waiting lists for military housing in San Diego; the average wait is 12 to 15 months.

One such is Military Outreach Ministries, sponsored by the county's 33 Presbyterian churches and the Presbytery of San Diego. Begun in the early 1960s as Military Parish Visitors, the original band of volunteer women visited military bases, in times of war and peace, to ask wives about their needs. Today, the Ministries — its name now forms the acronymic MOM — runs biweekly food supplements and weekly bread drives to women and their children who are surviving on an enlisted man's salary.

On the fourth Wednesday of every month one food ministry begins at Camp Elliott, a littleused storage wing of the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, just east of I-15. There, a half-dozen long, low warehouses are stocked with pallets of goods for various military exchanges. One warehouse, its high cobwebbed rafters the seasoned wood of a halfcentury, is home to an acre's worth of material collected by the Ministries, all aimed at young families — baby strollers, cribs, blankets, mattresses, stuffed animals, furniture, lamps, straight-back and cushy chairs, and more.

From the dock, Aline Bradley, one of the Ministries' four team leaders, is handing me small boxes of still-cold veggie dogs, donated by Vons. It is late March, and war with Iraq has begun. I am putting the dogs in the trunk of a volunteer's car. Soon these and other food items will be delivered in three vehicles to military families in Serra Mesa; four other vehicles are headed with the same bounty for El Cajon and Chula Vista.

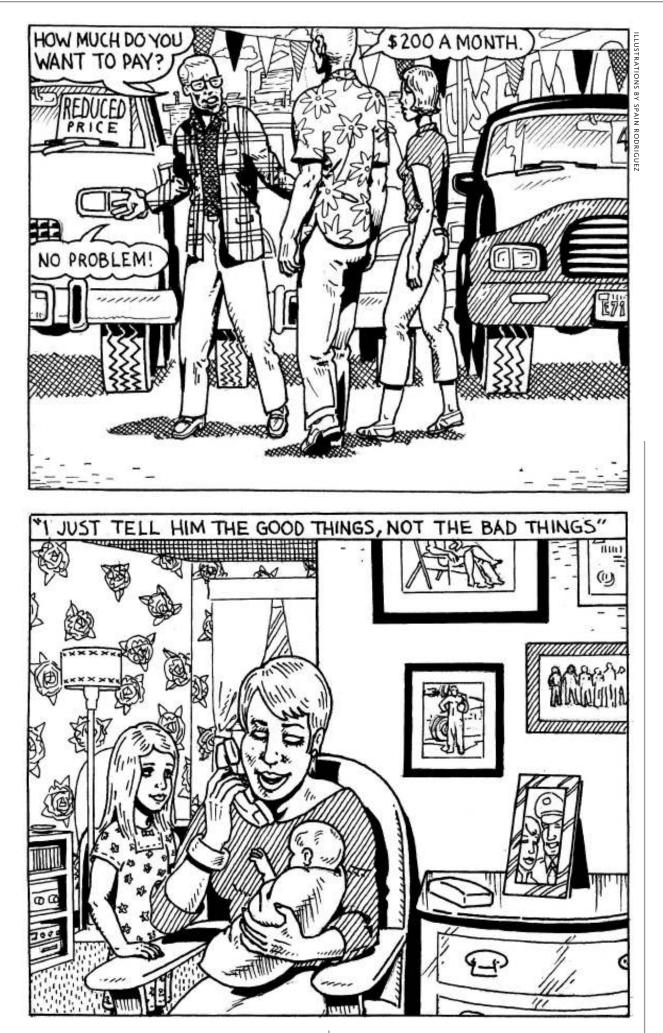
Bradley is an animated woman of 36, whose tousled long black hair and French accent give her an exotic cast. When I acknowledge her accent, she replies, "Yes, I'm sorry, I'm from France," an apology for her country, which has been thrown in the gutter by some Americans for not supporting the war. Her husband, a weapons officer, is aboard the Constellation in the Persian Gulf. Bustling through the warehouse, she shows me how overstuffed it is with household goods. "There's too much," she says. And then an idea pops out: "Wouldn't it be great if we could find someone in San Diego who could ship the overflow to Iraq?" I stop, a bit incredulous. "To Iraq? Now?" "Yes, right now. Ship this stuff to the people in Basra. To show them that this is not just about war. It's about helping people in need." There it is — another irony. This war is not just about war. It is about fellowship, about a parallel world where civilians help civilians. Such is our heightened capacity to understand ourselves, despite being chastened or wrenched by fear during conflict.

Before us, eight vehicles sag from their loads; in big white letters, one trunk reads, "This Van Made Possible By Prayer." The assembly of ten Navy volunteers (one father brought his son) and three Ministries' coordinators (Bradley, Debe Finch, and the interim director, Sandy Bowen) pause to survey what we'll be handing out. Squash, cauliflower, and lettuce, all organic; veggie dogs and veggie ground round (the advice about vegetarian meat is to tell the wives to cut it up and add it to pork 'n' beans or just cover it with ketchup so the kids won't know the difference); oranges and grapefruit (of the perishables, it is obvious the group is getting items that didn't sell); Lemon Cake Mix and many plastic-wrapped flats of Gerber's; two boxes from Feed the Children, a Christian food ministry in Oklahoma: one of toiletries, the other of brand-name foods, a bag of Froot Loops on top. (An accident on the interstate may have held up the bread truck from Solana Beach; it never shows.) The day outside is getting as hot as it is inside the warehouse; the cars, someone says, now look like "lowriders"; a loud fighter jet is ascending no more than a quarter-mile above us.

Sandy Bowen, the indefatigable leader who moves with the stiffness of one who lifts food boxes every day, announces that we are finished. "We need to pray." She gathers us into a circle, has us hold hands, then asks "Our Father" for His blessings - on the volunteers, on the delivery drivers, on the families who will receive the food, on their husbands in combat. "Thank you, Father, for opening up the heavens. And Father, please bless the reporter who has helped us load these vehicles today to write a story that shows the integrity of our work and the needs of the families so that we can be fairly seen." I find myself not so much praying as feeling blown away by Bowen's statement: How indeed can military families, whose husbands are fighting in Iraq and whose food needs are being filled, in part, by "ministering" Christians — and not by the government — be fairly seen?

When our laden vehicles arrive at a parking lot next to the Cabrillo Heights Community Center in Serra Mesa, there's already a line of 30 young women and children, some in strollers, a few running amuck. The line will grow twice as long during the hot afternoon, snake down the block to the Navy Exchange.

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For 50 years Cabrillo has been an off-base military housing complex for active-duty Navy personnel. Its 812 units are, section by section, being razed and rebuilt. While some units have already been torn down (residents have been moved to new units at the Village at NTC), hundreds of apartments are still occupied. The two-story blue-trim apartment dwellings are not unlike college dormitories where no-frills, close-quarters, keep-yourtelevision-down is the rule of thumb.

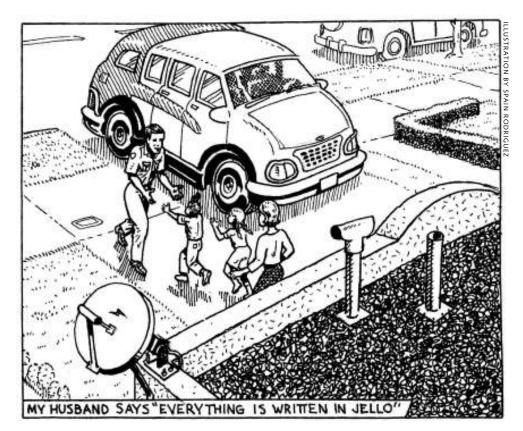
In sunglasses and shorts, several women, three young and one older, talk easily with me. Their children pull on their hands or wander a few feet away, then spring back and clutch Mom's leg. The younger women say their pantries are not low. Anyone in dire need? "Nah, it's just me and my son," says one. "And he's only two — he doesn't eat that much." Brooke, the most talkative of the three young women, says, "It's nice just knowing that if things get tight at the end of the month, this is available." (All the wives request I not use their last names since, during deployment and war, the majority are alone.)

The older woman, Darlene, insists that "some of these wives are in dire need of food because" a large chunk of their income goes for a "car payment." Darlene and 12-year-old daughter Bridget, who also stops to talk, says that they first heard of the Ministries when they were renting an apartment. They drove to Cabrillo for the monthly food giveaways, where, she notes, there has always been a long line waiting for food. "It was a godsend," Darlene says. "Because I wasn't working and Bridget chimes in, "Because me and my brother have been getting sick a lot and because Dad's been away." Off base, rents are almost prohibitive, Darlene says. "The E-3s and below" — ranks for enlisted men and women begin at E-1 and go up to E-9, reflecting higher salaries for more time served — are "finding it very difficult to live here in San Diego."

I ask about the housing allowance. "For E-4 and below," says Brooke, "they're expecting us to find affordable housing for a family of three on \$1200 a month. It's not possible." While Brooke's bleak assessment may not be true for all San Diego military families, it is undeniable that San Diego's rents are highly inflated: thus, subsidized housing for soldiers is a boon. According to Gene Caldwell, a spokesman for the Navy's Southwest Region, the Navy pays the rent for its families. Lincoln Properties, the Navy's management partner,

maintains San Diego's 23 military housing communities. Lincoln pays for utilities, though telephone and cable TV are not included. Some 2000 people are on waiting lists for military housing in San Diego; the average wait is 12 to 15 months.

About deployments, Brooke speaks up again. "Mine's on the Lincoln, hers is on the Constellation, and hers is in the Marines, on the ground, based in Kuwait." Darlene, originally from Australia, says that her husband is a petty officer, second class, serving on the cruiser the USS Princeton. With 19 years in and counting the months until retirement — her husband is an E-5. Prior to the war with Iraq, Darlene's husband had been on board ships stationed near Iran, Somalia, Kenya, and



Afghanistan.

Bridget says she communicates with her father by e-mail, phone, and letter. What do you say when you write? "I tell him the good things, not the bad things. To keep him confident. Some of the good things are, I've been chosen for a scholarship. When I get awards, I scan them and send them to him." Her voice is buoyant and proud; clearly she misses her father. During her life, Bridget says, the pattern is, he's "home one month and gone the next."

I wonder if the government has a responsibility, whether in peacetime or wartime, to pay newly enlisted men more. Bridget says "yes" immediately. "It would help us a lot." Darlene counters with "Bridget, hush. The reason the government should not pointing at the large stacks rowed in front of us — "is that it's donated. Military families can take budgeting classes. If they listen to the veterans, they can find out how to get things free or how to conserve on groceries or bills. A lot of the young people don't understand the concept of smart shopping and smart cooking. You can cook ground beef a dozen ways -" and Bridget chimes in again, "A dozen ways, because I'm learning from her, and she knows, like, over a hundred ways."

Volunteers by now have made a wall of boxes, six feet high and six feet deep. Along it, the food predominates; but there are also linens, toys, a dozen strollers, dishes, pots, and pans. In the middle of the parking lot, between the food and the line of women waiting, are five pastelcolored plastic bags. I open one, which emanates that powdery baby smell. Inside the bag are kitchen towels, an afghan, and quilts, made by the Sew-Sew group, a Presbyterian women's circle. In the bag they always include an old-fashioned handmade ball consisting of puffed-up quilts, spongy soft, as light as a jewel case.

Before the foodgetting begins, Sandy Bowen guides more prayer circles, first with the volunteers and then with the wives. She thanks the Lord that "these folks are going to be majorly, majorly blessed today." She clears her throat and says to the wives, "I hope you pass the word in your community



about all these blessings. When you go back today, knock on your neighbor's door and tell them. All those people who have sent all this stuff are doing it because we so appreciate what you're doing for our country. We just want to bless the socks off of you. Your lives are not easy right now. A lot of people are not willing to do what you and your spouses are willing to do." She reminds them to take "all that you can use." And, finally, "O Lord, we ask that You would guard those ships that are out at sea and those Marines and soldiers, the Air Force people and the helicopter pilots, all of them putting their lives on the line for our safety and for the freedom of the Iraqi people. We pray, Lord, that You would come alive in the hearts and the minds of all those people out



there, that they wouldn't be afraid."

Bowen doesn't skip a beat. "Is there anybody here who's eight months pregnant?" A woman with two-yearold twin daughters and a three-year-old daughter — each one's frizzy hair bulbed in a tight

knob on her head raises a cautious hand. "What are you going to have?" "A boy." Bowen hands her the pastel yellow bag, "a present from our ministry." The other women applaud, and the sunwarmed line of halfwhole families starts to move with measured glee.

To find out why military families need monthly food donations, I spend a morning with four Navy wives — this, during the war — at a Presby-

terian church in Chula Vista. They are making "Blue Star Service Banners," a red border around a blue star against a white background. The banner, popular during World War II, is displayed in the wife's window to let the world know her husband is on active duty. Though we begin with general, safer questions, eventually I ask them about the pay and what I'd witnessed at Cabrillo, a real need (dire or not) for food at month's end.

Should the government increase their husbands' pay? Angela, the oldest and savviest of the four women gathered around a large table, bristles: "Now there's a loaded question." Sensitive to its implications, the wives sidestep the query; they focus, instead, on what is already being given: medical benefits; tuition help at local

colleges; low-interest loans; a housing allowance for rent and utilities; lower prices at the commissaries and exchanges (20 cents less for gas on base); and a sizable pension, upon retirement, when many soldiers, still young, can embark on a second career.

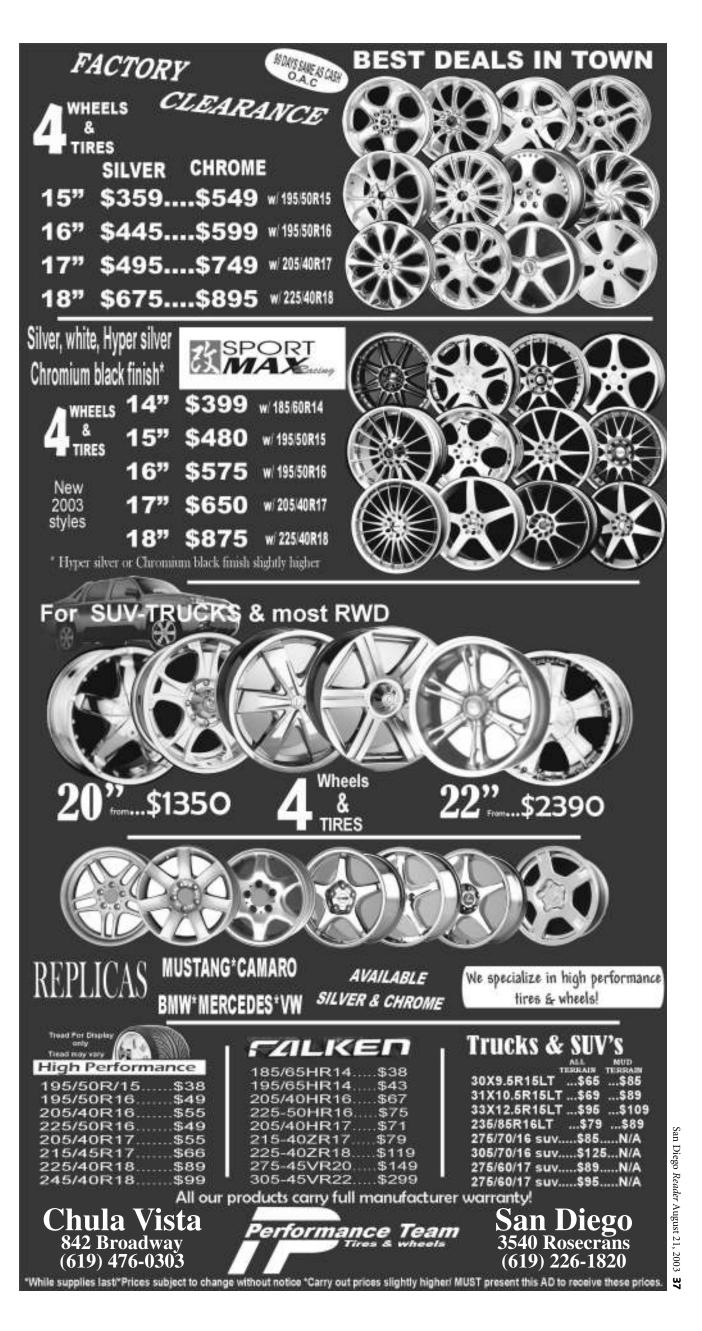
Again and again, they want to talk about the lack of planning in the military, not the lack of money. Sudden deployments, when the women become single parents, are their chief complaint. Orders always change. "In the military you learn to have plans A, B, C, and D," Bonnie, the youngest, says. Adaptation is expected, but nobody likes it. Angela, whose spouse is on a submarine, says, "My husband always says, 'Everything's written in Jell-O.' Warm Jell-O, to be kind." The wives want things to be "as



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normal as possible for our children — whatever normal is." The war has made Daddy's presence with the kids a nonevent. "This year, out of 12 months," Bonnie laments, "we'll see him one month." When he's home, the kids get "quality time with Dad," Angela says. "It's banking memories."

Another difficult question for young Navy mothers is whether to work. They often qualify only for temporary employment. Dawn, cradling an eight-week-old baby, has had possible employers tell her that investing in military wives is bad business. " 'You'll be gone in a year and a half, so we don't want to put in the time to train you,' they'll say." A string of temp jobs never looks good on a résumé. That's why, says Angela, "We volunteer more



than anything else." They make do on their husbands' salaries and help out other women whose spouses are E-1s and E-2s. Dawn said that "the military member gets their degree first, so they get a higher rank and more money. Then the wife gets her degree." Darlene (who is not the Australian Darlene I met at Cabrillo) also volunteers with the Ministries. She says that "when Daddy's gone, you have to be there" for the kids. Her husband does his best to help raise their Aline Bradley

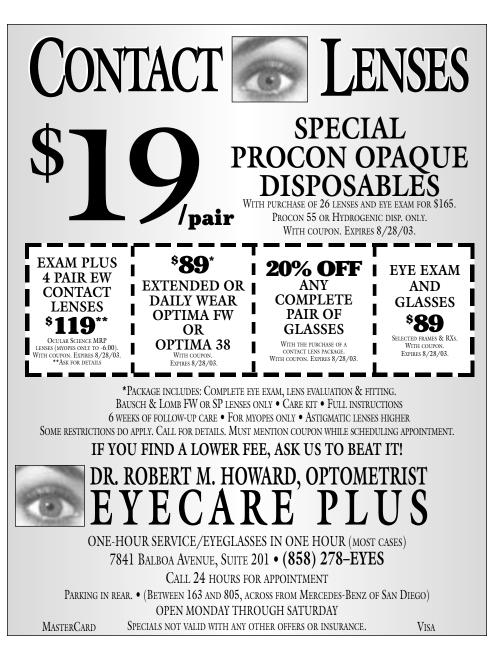
daughter via e-mail. He reminds the daughter that " 'Daddy's on the ship, putting the bad guys in jail.' When my daughter is asked by others at the end of school, 'How come your daddy doesn't pick you up?' she says, 'My daddy's on the ship putting the bad guys in jail."

Especially during deployments, the wives tell me, they want to maintain a stable home so that, as Bonnie puts it, "my husband can visualize the house and the children. My husband even told me he feels better knowing that we're here and not sharing a room at Grandma's house. He knows we're prepared if anything happens. He can visualize that while he's standing watch for 12 hours, looking at the ocean. He knows we're at home and safe, not traveling." Angela agrees. "Staying where your husband is stationed is always the best thing for the family: you want to make things as constant and sane as possible for the children."

The reason families must rely on charity as well as cultivate responsibility personally and in groups is simple. The basic pay for an E-1 with less than four months' service is \$1064 per month. E-1s receive a raise, after four months, of \$86 a month. E-2s with under two years served get \$1290; E-3s, \$1357; E-4s, \$1503; and so on, up to E-7s, who pocket \$2068 per month. (E-8s and E-9s must have served eight and ten years, respectively, to reach that rank.) The more years in and the higher the rank, the more one makes. Roughly 50 percent of the armed forces are E-4 and below (though many have been in longer than two years). According to Newsweek, the "base pay for Army private with one year's service" is \$15,480 — not much money even with the housing allowance added on.

During the Clinton





administration, many military families qualified for food stamps. But under George W. Bush, the soldiers' salaries are now just over the maximum to qualify, typically by \$5. One local food-stamp director told me that yearly military pay increases have remained steadily and fractionally above the increases in foodstamp qualifications. Even \$10 less in salary would mean \$100 more in food stamps. Families wonder why they don't qualify: in calculating eligibility, the government includes the housing allowance as part of the salary. One military spouse put it succinctly: You have to "be really poor" to get food stamps.

The WIC program — federal food aid for women, infants, and children is available to women who are pregnant and to families with children under five. Cindy Rich, who directs the WIC program on military bases through the American Red Cross, says that the program is funded in San Diego County to serve 100,000 caseloads per month. The Red Cross caseload is about 37,000, of which 30 percent are military families. That is roughly 11,000 local military families who are receiving, every month, about \$100 worth of milk, beans, cheese, peanut butter, eggs, infant formula, carrots, and tuna. Breast-feeding women are required to meet with "lactation educators" for advice on basic nutrition.

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A portrait of an enlistee's first few years might run like this. He's 18 years old, and he's enlisting because



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and order in his life. Once in, he is stationed far from home. He's alone but with many young men just like him; the majority have few skills at budgeting a salary; the money seems like a lot at first, so buying on credit and making payments is the way to go. The soldier meets a woman and gets married. He has one, maybe two children right away, knowing that the service will provide him with medical care for years to come. One day, when he's 21, he wakes up and asks, What happened? Looking at his unit, he notices that more than half of his fellow E-2s and E-3s are in the same boat he's in, neither sinking nor sailing. He begins to realize that the armed forces is a place where, as one military watcher put it, "married soldiers are kept happy, despite their

mistakes." He is serving his country, but his country is also serving him — big time with government or privately funded programs that, in sum, approach the spirit and the magnitude of Lyndon Johnson's Great Society.

Helping administer one small corner of this society is Aline Bradley. Bradley used to be a social worker with the Navy's Fleet and Family Support Center, a social service agency with offices at several naval bases. For six years she enjoyed the work and the good salary. But she felt called to do something "in the field." Military Outreach Ministries, she says - we are driving from Chula Vista to National City for a home visit — "gives me the opportunity to get really close to the families. I didn't do home visits [with the Navy].



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It was mostly [giving out] information and referrals for loans" from a desk. Then, "Nobody addressed what the families should be doing with the money they receive," whether loan or salary; now she can assess each situation on the spot. She has learned that the neediest are not the ones who run out of food every month. The neediest are the ones who haven't faced up to the downward spiral of debt and who are held aloft on the illusion that the military will save them.

A lack of education is what Bradley sees all too frequently when she visits families. Indeed, she says, they are beleaguered not by what they don't have but by what they've bought or are hoping to buy! "They want too much too soon." Why is complicated. Families believe that the military is a brotherhood that "takes care of its own" with all kinds of monetary benefits and social programs; they believe that by purchasing new items they will uphold whatever status they have achieved beyond the rank of E-1; they believe that hard work and promotions translate into a rosy future. The sum of belief and an orientation toward the future spells debt. Typically, military families can't say no to an SUV, a big-screen TV, a computer, a 500-watt home stereo system. At most military housing complexes, one sees the DirecTV dishes cornered on one of every three porch balconies, with packages for movie and sports channels costing a minimum of \$86 per month. Families are also preyed upon by the unscrupulous,

seduced into further acquisition to calm a peripatetic life. One wife mentions a doorto-door salesman who was trying to sell her a \$200-per-month mem-

On home visits, Bradley typically carries in a flat of Gerber's baby food and many questions. She says she sometimes has to bite her tongue and not say,

On the other hand, Bradley says, there's no reason why a policeman, without a college degree, can "start out at \$45,000 a year, while a soldier fighting in Iraq right now is taking home \$18,000."

bership in a gourmet meat club. She told the guy, "I don't have any money," and he told her, "What do you mean? You're in the military; you're not broke." do you really need that cable TV (which was on loud in every apartment I visited) when you can't afford food for the baby? Bradley tells the wives that it's their job to prioritize spending or get help in learning how. Some wives complain that it's their husbands who want the new stuff; consequently, they may have to choose between buying diapers or paying off the Land Rover.

"It's a vicious circle," Bradley remarks. She tells me of one teenage girl, born outside the United States, who married a U.S. soldier. "He brought her over here — she was pregnant — left her in an empty apartment, then went off on deployment. We came over with a couch, a table, a bed, a bassinet. We basically furnished the whole place. He came back from deployment and his wife called me, 'Oh, honey, you can pick up all the furniture. My husband bought us everything.' The kid [the husband] comes back after six months and says, 'You know

what? I don't want anyone's borrowed furniture. I spent six months on a steel ship.' He went to Ikea, and the house was furnished big-screen TV and digital cable, all that stuff. I was disappointed because we talked to the wife all along: 'You need to be really careful because this is now the beginning of your career. If you don't pay attention, you're going to encounter difficulties with bills.' We talked to the husband — and at least he didn't buy a car."

Bradley says that we should not blame them, especially now, when they're under so much stress. "But," she continues, what can ruin it "is the nice car. We've got these kids driving \$30, \$40,000 cars. They figure, 'You know what? I don't have a nice house. I have a crappy job right now. At least I'm going

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to look good when I drive? "She laughs. "When they go to the Mile of Cars, the salesmen say, 'No credit, no problem.' The interest rate is ridiculous." Once a month Bradley holds a sort of lifeskills workshop for soldiers and their spouses and reminds them of the car dealer's tactics. "They will ask, 'How much do you want to pay?' The soldier says, 'Two hundred dollars a month.' 'No problem.' 'What's the interest rate?' 'Don't worry about that.' "When one sailor asked Bradley and a financial advisor to review the contract he had signed, they determined that his used \$25,000 SUV would end up costing \$55,000 over ten years.

She says it's depressing to see "young families going into bankruptcy for a \$15,000 debt."

Wives have a set of problems all their own. "The husband is away. Maybe he is responsible and says, 'Pay attention to the bills. Don't spend too much money.' And the wife, after two months, says, 'You know what? Forget this. My husband is away. I'm miserable. I've got all these things breaking down on me. I don't have transportation. Forget this.' And she goes and gets a big line of credit and spends, spends, spends. The guy comes back, and he's happy because he thinks the wife has saved money, receiving extra money during a deployment. But there's no money in the bank. The wife has spent it all. The guy is frustrated. They start arguing, start blaming each other. The wife says, 'It's your fault. You're away so often.' It's a vicious circle." giving them extra money is not going to change much; they're going to get a bigger car or another car, when what they need to learn is budget management." Put any "extra money" into

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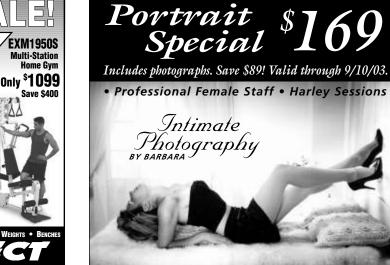
As to raising military pay, Bradley agrees with the Navy wives I spoke with but for different reasons. "Sure, they deserve more money," she says, "but the more they make the more they're going to spend. Unfortunately, e. child care, she says. (Every military spouse I interviewed wished the military helped with day care.) This would free the wives to work or to study. On the other hand, Bradley says, there's no reason why a policeman, without a college degree, can "start out at \$45,000 a year, while a soldier fighting in Iraq right now is taking home \$18,000. That's not appropriate."

Is there any shame associated with wives' accepting "charity"? Bradley says that her organization is sensitive to this question: the families are never "treated like beggars," nor are they "in desperate need." It's a good thing, she says, that wives speak up when they run out of food. "To me, admitting that you need help and taking the steps to take care of it — that's being responsible. The guys, on the other hand, are afraid to admit it," and worse, "afraid someone will

tell their command. They know they spend money frivolously, but they don't want anyone to know."

As a military wife, Bradley herself has been down and out. Several years ago, with her husband deployed, she had a two-year-old girl and a six-monthold infant, whom she was weaning off breast milk. She had \$10 in the bank when she ran out of formula. We had "bills," she says, "a Ford Escort — nothing like an SUV — but lots of bills." Monthly phone charges with a sailor at sea who has no e-mail can run to hundreds of dollars. She called the Ministries and they delivered a box of formula. Better off later on, Bradley returned





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the favor by giving two boxes of formula to the Ministries. She never forgot their generosity.

Before we complete the afternoon bread ministry — in which we stop at the USO building at Lindbergh Field; load up Costcodonated flats of chocolate-chip muffins, danishes, and cheesecakes; deliver the goods to six Navy wives at Terrace View Villas in Chula Vista, two of whom transfer the goodies into their cars for friends who are working - we visit a tiredlooking apartment complex on Eta Avenue in National City where Tenisha, a Navy wife, is in a mess of trouble.

Tenisha is pretty and young, with light brown braids. It's been a year since she's seen her husband: "When he left I was two months pregnant," she tells us in a quiet voice. She's rocking her fivemonth-old in a bassinet on the table; her three-year-old is at

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child care. We have just missed the man from San Diego Gas and Electric. He came to shut off her power, but she paid the bill with the last of her money. She's way behind on her bills because she and her husband, who's stationed in Naples,

Italy, are separated, and he won't send her any support for their two children. She's been on the phone with a district attorney, trying to find out how to serve him divorce papers. "I can't do anything because we're at war. Everything's frozen." Even worse, when Tenisha applies for aid, like Head Start or welfare, her husband's \$3000-

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Bradley tells Tenisha to call the base commander immediately and say she is surviving on donations from Military Outreach Ministries, which is

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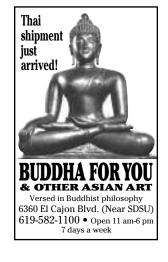
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giving her "extra food, extra diapers, extra formula, because you have no money." We carry in a bag of diapers, two Feed the Children boxes of food and personal items, and two flats of Gerber's. Bradley will deliver formula tomorrow. In the parking lot, Bradley tells me about the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 that forbids lawsuits against soldiers at a time of war since they are unable to return to the United States to defend themselves. Bradley says she'll keep tabs on Tenisha. Her saving grace: "at least she has friends."

Each apartment I enter divulges the family's unseen other half — the absent male. Walls are festooned with photos of husband/daddy/soldier in uniform — the young, slightly bewildered face — or the Kmart picture of the family: parents and child in soft focus, a smiling trinity. One photo (used as a screen saver) was taken on board ship: a young man's

face unencumbered by home, it seems, with that voyaging look of the equator-crossing sailor. Often the wives tell me that their husbands, whether "greencard recruits" or "lifers," love serving in the armed forces, love defending their country. The point reminds me that what Americans honor and remember with rallies, parades, and other 'welcome home" events, is the soldier's sacrifice, seldom that of the spouse. As one wife said, mixing her pronouns for emphasis, "When everyone is raised and Daddy's retired, then Mommy'll go and do what I want to do." Kowtowing to a husband? What strikes me is that the burden of security, of deployment, of war that we dump on the soldiers, the soldiers — in turn and without malice dump on the families they have to leave behind.

At the Camp Elliott warehouse, back in late March, I had helped

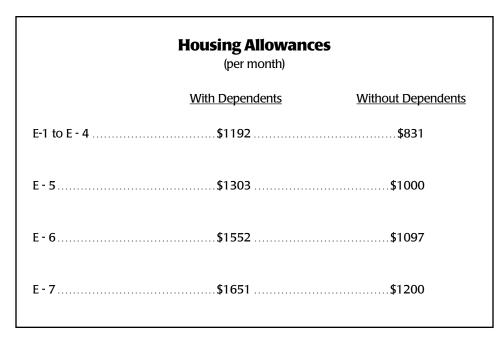


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Sandy Bowen place stickers inside the stiff red covers of New International Version Bibles. The stickers included the Ministries' phone number at the bottom of a list of "Steps to Assurance of Salvation." The Bibles were then offered as part of the day's giveaway. And in MOM's monthly newsletter, a blocked-out section labeled B-I-B-L-E had this reminder: "We would like every family who wants a complete Bible to have one. We know that a package of diapers, a can of food, or a roll of toilet paper will be gone in a day or so. But the food that is in this important book will feed your spiritual needs, and that lasts for eternity."

Despite thinking a great deal about how to see food, faith, and the military fairly, I hadn't as yet posed to Bowen or anyone else my questions about faith: I thought food was in a category of its own, *above* the needs of the spirit. In other words, satiate the belly before ministering to the soul. But I wanted to find an answer to a particular concern: Does the Ministries' giving, whether Bibles or food, require a quid pro quo? I'd learned there's a kind of faithbased verity about the military home front during war that says that the families have nothing but belief (or a yearning for belief) to guide them and their absent husbands.



Stated bluntly, does a Christian food ministry expect to convert those it serves? Debe Finch, another of the Ministries' team leaders, is a former case worker for a domestic violence program at Children's Hospital, the mother of college-age children, a foster parent of seven years, and a deacon with a record of service in the Presbyterian church. In a phone interview in April, Finch tells me that her background resonated with the Ministries' board of directors when she was hired last summer, her fosterparent experience in particular. Helping Navy men and women has lifted Finch's spirit. "They are such hard workers. They don't make a lot of money, but they take care of their families."

Finch feels "closer to God" by working in the Ministries. She neither hides her "calling," nor is she proactive about "converting" anyone. Military families know that the Ministries is a Christian group. As for the Bibles — 99 percent of the spouses take them, she says, when they're offered. Craft classes and home visits often are opportunities for the spouses to discuss faith. But Finch has heard at least one woman counter her: "Don't even try and convert me." Finch says the woman, misin-











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formed about the Ministries' outreach, believed that you had "to be a Christian to receive help or go to classes." Not true. But Finch did say that with Bible giveaways and craft classes held in churches, spiritual discussion is encouraged, even sought by some team leaders. She says that the women bring up the subject of spirituality more than she does. "I remember one girl who knew a lot about Christianity had said that it's not important to go to church. I thought that at one time too, but it is [good to go]. So you just try, in a nice way, to say, 'I thought that too, but I know now that it is important because you go there to worship.'

I ask Finch about interim director Sandy Bowen, who in April was not chosen as the full-time director. Finch says that Bowen used to have the team leaders stay home to read and pray one day as part of their workweek. "It's really great," she recalls, "because there's so many people to pray for who are looking for a job or who need child care and can't find it. Sandy really fed us. Even when we would have meetings, we were reading from a book and praying." Finch is shocked that Bowen was not kept on. It should have been "automatic," she says. The board "prayed" for guidance about who should get the job, and, instead, "They felt the new director could handle all the areas."

Aline Bradley, who, like Finch, is new to MOM, says that their group "believes in God and in Jesus Christ" with the idea that "God doesn't give a silver spoon to everyone. He's giving us tools to bless us with the ability to make the most of our

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Size of Family Unit	<u>Annual Income</u>
1	\$8,980
2	\$12,120
3	\$15,260
4	\$18,400
5	\$21,540

lives. The higher purpose here is to empower and help each other, being caring of the needs of our neighbors no matter if they are our friends or our enemies." Bradley calls herself a "marginal child" in the group. "I didn't come from a Christian background. I was hired because of my military experience. I feel that I have a calling that is letting me serve people with a higher purpose." She says prayer circles and Christian outreach are still new for her. Right now, "I am building my faith."

Bradley regards her military background as crucial to the Christian program. "The women who have this strong Christian background don't necessarily appreciate where these families are coming from. A lot of [military spouses] are from broken homes, a background where the parents went to church but didn't follow through with it. At times you have to appreciate what it means to be starting out in a family that doesn't have faith. The fact is, if it wasn't for the Presbyterian church, there wouldn't be a program like this. We are not here to build up membership in the church; just like [Father Joe at] St. Vincent de Paul is helping the homeless, he's not selling Catholicism to

them. Ultimately the Christian community in America has always been proactive in helping others. It's the basis of the Ten Commandments."

Publicity about military families and their food needs during the Iraq War was phenomenal. In late April, Leisure World, an organization that owns convalescent homes, along with a few other businesses, donated enough pallets of food to nearly fill the warehouse at Camp Elliott. For Debe Finch, such bounty is the result of prayer. "This happens over and over. I'll get a call and someone will say they want to donate a washer and dryer. And I'll say, 'We really don't take them, but I'll keep your number.' Then a call or two later, someone says, 'I really need a washer and dryer.' A couple of months ago we didn't have any food," Finch continued. "The warehouse was bare." Now that it was packed to the rafters, she said, "I guess we prayed too much."

Finally I realize the irony of faith: Only believers can gauge its consequences. ■ — Thomas Larson



Ex-Friends

THEN THEY WERE GONE

"DURING THAT SUMMER I FOUND OUT THAT SHE HAD TO MOVE... NOT DOWN THE STREET... NOT TO ANOTHER CITY...TO VIRGINIA." wo years ago my best friend was Maggie, who loved to ride horses and study hard. We did almost everything together during our eighth-grade year. When high school came around, our viewpoints and priorities became different; Maggie applied herself to academics, and I began expanding my social horizons. By the time freshman year was over, we were practically strangers, and I had let myself drift into a different realm of friends without thinking twice about the direction Maggie had taken.

About a year later I received a letter from her, three pages of a sad story. During Maggie's sophomore year, she was diagnosed with an anxiety/stress disorder, her horse was sold, and her parents had financial trouble when they filed for divorce. Maggie, who always had a smile on her face, was unhappy and troubled. I realized that she had written me this letter to alert me of her situation, not to renew our friendship. Maggie felt that I had failed her when I started hanging out with a new group of people, letting my schedule take priority over someone who I assumed would always be there.

After the surprise of Maggie's current condition, I felt a twinge of guilt as I remembered how close we had been. I regretted not keeping in touch and wondered why I had let our friendship decline. I couldn't remember most of the short-lived things that had taken priority over my friend. With a heavy heart, I wrote a letter back to Maggie acknowledging where she was coming from and expressing my contrition for the way we ended up. After sending the letter, I realized that even if we never spoke again, I understood and respected her point of view. I knew that it might be too late for Maggie and me, but I had time to show appreciation for my relationships with other friends. I'll never forget Maggie's letter.

— Gabrielle Clifford, La Jolla Canyon H.S.

is name was Mike. Growing up in middle school, we had many classes together, and we were both good students. Back then, Mike was "da bomb": well known among everyone, and he didn't seem to have any enemies. We spent lunchtimes playing "butts up" on the play area with a tennis ball. (The game consists of quick throws at the wall; if you drop the ball, you have to race to the wall or get beaned.) When we weren't throwing around the tennis ball, we spent time in the bleachers with the rest of our friends, eating our lunches and talking about our days. In middle school, the fun times seemed they'd never end. At the end of eighth grade, we vowed to have fun again in high school.

Freshman year in high school, we had only one class together, French. Our time together was less. He spent more time hanging out in the quad with all the popular people and his newfound football buddies. I started out in the quad but moved out by the end of the year. I didn't like the people; I had known them in middle school and talked to them a lot, but they had changed somehow. Upon taking a look down the road they were going, I decided I didn't want to go along, whether Mike was involved or not. We continued to have French class together sophomore and junior years, but as I started to excel at school, he had problems holding on to C's; and as I started growing up and taking things seriously, he and the others continued to live life on cruise control.

I occasionally talk to him, but they are conversations that don't last more than a couple of minutes and usually end with silence and a "see ya later." Since those "golden years," I haven't talked to many of the people I knew then, but I've made new friends and am having more fun now than I did before.

> — Jake Miller, El Capitan H.S.

learned at a young age that opposites attract when I met my first "real" friend, Brittany, in kindergarten. Despite the fact that we were both quirky, our backgrounds were so contradictory. I was Christian; she was a Jehovah's Witness. I liked sports and was a tomboy; she was more graceful. So it was strange that we would become best friends. However, we did, as did our families. Throughout elementary school, we went everywhere together — from the zoo to the beach. There were times when we would associate with other friends, but it was okay; we'd have time to be attached at the hip: we were going to share an apartment once we got to college.

The great thing about our friendship was that we never fought. Sometimes, I would get annoyed when she acted superior to me or made me be the guy when we sang the Bryan Adams/Barbra Streisand duet, "I Finally Found Someone" (yes, we were strange). But fighting never came into our minds. Our friendship was remarkable because we never struggled to choose social groups; we did our own thing, and no one could change that about us.

Our friendship began to disintegrate in sixth grade because we started branching off into different groups of friends. Neither of us approved of each other's new buddies. She also moved 20 minutes away, so our promotion to middle school was the last time we saw each other regularly, which was hard on both of us. We kept the best-friend façade up, but deep down inside, we knew our friendship would never be the same.

After we moved on to middle school, we kept in touch for a while, but it was impossible to remain best friends. We had different schools, friends, and priorities. The sad thing about drifting apart was that I didn't just lose the best friend I ever had, but she took along my second family. I did everything with them, and then they were gone.

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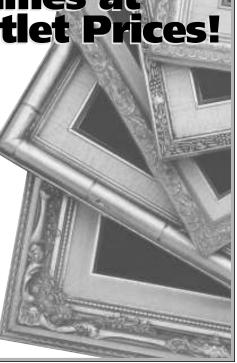
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togethers are less frequent. I still consider Brittany one of my friends, but we talk to each other probably twice a year, if at all. I doubt I will experience a friendship like ours again.

> — Stefanie Perricone, Clairemont H.S.

can put up with most of what life throws my way, but there is one thing that I will not tolerate: I can't stand it when people flick me on the ear. I've lost friends over it. Robert was one such friend.

In middle school, Robert and I did everything together. Robert (who always had too

much pride to go by "Bob" or "Robbie") was the star pitcher on the school's baseball team; I was the starting catcher. Four to five nights a week I would be over at Robert's house. To us, his back yard was like a major-league field. He threw the ball as hard as he could, despite my lack of catcher's gear. We exchanged signs like the pros did, even though Robert could only throw one pitch, the heater. I thought that those days would last forever.

Robert couldn't be described as an introvert. I remember him going around with girlfriends who were five years older than him. I guess they

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thought he would be a famous athlete someday.

Robert was always a wise guy. By the time we got to high school, he tried to make a joke out of everything. After every witty comment that he produced, he would congratulate himself with his annoying laugh, "HAA HAA." He sounded like a goose with lung cancer. Robert's attempts to become the school's comedian were starting to get on my nerves.

Then, one day during PE, our frail friendship dissolved. We had to run the mile, which was four laps around the track that encompassed the football field. I was already a little ticked because I abhor running, and I had to squeeze in among the other 50 kids.

Robert would not leave me alone. He decided to single me out and employ all of his antagonizing skills. At first I felt somebody give me a flat tire, so I slid my foot back into my shoe without thinking about it. Then it happened again. And again. Every time, Robert would look straight forward as if engrossed in his running. "Get away from me," I warned. This provoked him to follow me closer; he began running in circles around me, laughing in that high-pitchedgoose tone. Finally, he got bored with tormenting me and seemed to have disappeared into the background. As I sighed in relief, I felt a pain on my right ear lobe. That was it. I stopped where I was, chased down Robert, got him on the ground, and threw three or four punches at his face before the teacher could reach us to break up the fight. Robert and I haven't spoken since.

— Max Meriwether, El Capitan H.S.

have many good reasons why I stopped hanging out with my close friends. The one that seems to stand out the most has to do with a magical boy.

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It started last November. We were almost halfway through our junior year of high school. My four friends and I were awaiting the arrival of the newest Harry Potter movie. Harry Potter was the only thing that we all had in common. They swore up and down that I looked like Harry. I admit that I've got the hair and glasses like him, but that's where it stops. I thought it was funny at first when they referred to me as Harrietta and other things. But then it got out of hand.

I was sitting with them one day, eating my lunch as usual when they started up with the Har-

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rietta thing again. When I ignored them, they continued. Then one of them asked me if I minded if they put a lightning bolt on my forehead. I rolled my eyes and told them sarcastically, "Sure," then I pointed to my backpack and offered them my Sharpie. I went back to eating and, next thing I know, I look up and my biggest friend "Mary" lunged at me and held me down. One of my other friends, "Jennifer," grabbed my arm to try and stop me from leaving. I hit my head hard on the concrete hallway as a third friend, "Kate," loomed over me with a highlighter. Two other friends yelled at them to

get off of me. Kate got half a lightning bolt on my forehead before I managed to get the three of them off of me. I sat up, rubbed my forehead, and cursed at them, hoping that they got the point. They just sat across from me and laughed.

A week later it happened again, only before school. Kate reached into her backpack and pulled out a thin-tipped Sharpie. Mary and Jennifer grabbed at me and I shook them off. Then they went for my ankles. I slipped and almost fell, but I still managed to run away. Mary chased me through the hallways, grabbing at me. I

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outran her and escaped. When I came back to get my stuff 20 minutes later, they'd gone through my backpack and laid everything out in the hallway for everyone to see, including personal things. I collected my things and left as they shouted "Harrietta" at me. That was enough to drive me away for some time, but they still continued to harass me in other ways until they had nearly driven me insane with anger. — Allison Williams, Granite Hills H.S.

e met in seventh grade through a common friend. We

were both new to our middle school. After being introduced, Amanda and I talked throughout the day. We ate lunch together and became better and better friends. During the following two weeks, she invited me over to her house for dinner. I met her family. We started to write each other letters during classes about anything and everything. I had never felt so close to one person before. Going from preteen

to teenager is such a big deal, and I needed someone who could relate. Amanda was always there for me. Seventh grade was one

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of the best years of my life. As the year ended, we would talk about being eighth graders and how cool it would be.

During that summer I found out that she had to move...not down the street...not to another city...to Virginia. She was sad one day when we were hanging out, and I asked her what was wrong. She would be leaving before the beginning of eighth grade. Who was I going to hang out with and tell secrets to? I was sad and mad at the same time, and I didn't know how to deal with all those emotions: I was only 13.

We made the best of the time we had. Even when she was packing to leave, I was with her. We talked about all the good times we had and realized we didn't have to end our friendship; we just wouldn't talk as much. She moved, and we talked on the phone, e-mailed each other, and wrote letters. That ended by the time I started high school.

I wanted to remain friends, but life is fastpaced, and it's hard to keep in touch. I still get kind of sentimental when I look through my box of letters and see her handwriting.

— Shonna Gillis, El Cajon Valley H.S.



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"I saw you, man. You looked exactly like some crazy who had just set fire to a Volkswagen."

A Budding Godzilla

York is wiped out after meeting with the mother of his dead friend Sufi - shot mid-wave in Baja because he wore York's wetsuit. The next mark was Octavio, who could have looked like York in the dark. No question: someone wanted York dead. And whether hiding out as securidad Fernando Cruz or tending bar in Hillcrest as York, our reluctant hero's past was catching up with him. Not that it ever left: when he's able to push the deaths of Sufi and poor Octavio, his same-height-and-size fellow guard, from his guilty mind, there's always the reason he's back in Baja in the first place: the man in the slave and snuff trade who'd almost killed York a year ago, Eugene Walters. But before he could track Walters, he needed to make nice with the Rosarito cop who was tracking him. Roberto Maradon expected a daily visit, and Cruz was late by a day.

CHAPTER 7

I spent the night — what was left of it — at an E-Z Rest Motel near San Juan Capistrano. I hardly remember checking in, and I woke up at 6 o'clock to the innocuous, yuppie jazz strains of something on the L.A. New Age station. My first thought was *Why bother to play saxophone if you're just going to play something your parents would like?* My next thought was: *I need a shower. Bad.* With only two hours' sleep, my mind was as honed and whiplike as ever.

No razor. One of those little hot plates with the plastic cups and packets of instant motel coffee. I made some.

In the tub I soaked out most of the tension from

the past 24 hours. My muscles ached from my hands to my jaw. I'd been clenching my teeth in my sleep again. When I tried to clear my mind of everything except the sensation of warm water on my skin, I almost succeeded, but the image of Walters, the first time I had ever seen him, bounded onto the screen behind my eyelids. He was in his pool at his house in Rancho Santa Palma; his back was to me, and I could see that he hadn't wet his carefully coifed blond and silver hair. His skin was the color of veal in milk, boiled a little pink in spots from booze and the Jacuzzi. Before he ever turned around, his bodyguard had grabbed me from behind and bounced my spine off his knee. I had faked my way past the maid into his place and was demanding to know what he had done with Juana Villez. I remember Walters's face like a bloated, badly aged David Bowie behind rimless square glasses as he told me I did not fit into his picture. I welcome this opportunity to put it to you nicely, civilly, but it's the only time it will be that way...Carlos will explain further and see you out. His bodyguard broke open my nose against the driver's window of my car.

In my mind's eye, as I soaked, I studied Walters's face. He breathed scotch into my face. I could still



"I got on the trolley that took me the rest of the way south..."

smell the chlorine in the towel that had been around his neck. I tried peering into the bleached, blue eyes of the man I remembered and tried to see who he was in there. A man in the slave and snuff trade. My friend Dick and I once speculated how much money he and his partner, Rachel Cole, might have made in a year selling illegal immigrants to businesses at \$1000 a head. We guessed somewhere between \$10 and \$20 million. A select few of the healthy males were reserved for big-game hunting on Cole's estate. As game. For \$10,000 you could get an admission ticket and all the prints of the film and photographs you could eat; Walters kept the negatives in case anyone was stricken with a case of conscience. The games were held once a year. For how many years, I couldn't know. Staring into the remembered image of the man's eyes, the windows to his soul, trying to get a handle on what made him tick, the words





sociopath and psychotic came to mind and were unsatisfying. The words demon, animal, gargoyle came closer, but there were no words to describe what a Eugene Walters was. His eyes were a window to nothing. But his multimillion-dollar party was over, and he would want me to pay.

The only way this wouldn't happen is if I got to him first.

Drying myself with a towel that was too small, I went through the stack of postcards next to the Bible on the nightstand. A cheap ballpoint with the words TUSA'S MUF-FLER & TRANSMISSION with an address and phone in San Clemente was laying alone in the drawer.

On the back of a postcard featuring the famous swallows returning to Capistrano I wrote:

Sufi Dead. Unidentified. Male Caucasian, probably U.S. citizen. Body missing. Killer (in horseman's clothes) escaped. Unidentified. Old caballero missing. Probably dead. Octavio dead. Same height, weight as me. Second attempt to kill me resulting in Sufi's death means they knew Octavio wasn't me. Within hours. How?

I took another postcard and wrote.

Polaroid wrapper found near condos.

Killer took a picture of Octavio's body? Showed it to Walters?

Wrong guy. Little time involved would mean Walters had to be close.

Killing Sufi, they figure they got me. With body gone, no way to be sure.

Cops might disclose body had long blond hair. Not York.

Maybe they won't... Scratch that. For a price they'd paint an oil portrait of Sufi for whoever's interested

Period of grace maybe. A few days.

Another card: picturesque view of San Onofre Nuclear Plant. Surfers in background

Check in with Maradon every day. Or...?

Mexican cops looking for me. So what? Walters? Walters. WALTERS.

I underlined his name a few times and made another cup of bad, lukewarm coffee. It tasted a lot like the first one, and I wondered why I was disappointed.

At the bottom of the third card I wrote:

Maybe someone really wanted to kill Sufi. Nothing to do with me.

Maybe Buddy Holly is still alive and working at a Baskin-Robbins in Schenectady too. I crossed out the above. But it took me a minute to do it.

One more card left: girls with huge boobs on a beach.

I wrote, "Javier Paz. Wetsuit?

I stared at that for a long time, thinking about his drug bust. Dealing. Could he be in a position to deliver somebody to the San Diego DA feds? Depends. How much was he dealing? Could someone want him quiet permanently? Not a bad bet. He was in jail though. No?

I wrote "Jail?" under his name. I had to find out if he had gotten out somehow. If not, I could probably rule out that possibility. Somebody slick enough to use an auto or semi-automatic with a scope would be slick enough to go to the bother of finding out if the kid was still inside before putting three holes in his wetsuit. It was time to call Emilio. Maybe.

My eyes were drawn back to the starkly underlined name of Walters. Where would he be these days? Thoughts of him holing up somewhere in a log cabin or, say, Argentina, having aperitifs with aging Nazis provided me with a few moments of safe bullshit fantasy, but I knew Walters. I knew a dozen men like him before I even met him. He was into making money, not enjoying it. He'd still be around. Somewhere. And he'd still be making money. Somehow.

His brainstorm, dealing migrant bodies like lesser monsters would deal

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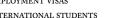
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grams of smack, coke, or crank, netted him so much money, it would be hard for him, ever again, to settle for something less. The next best thing would be tons of smack, coke, or crank. I circled his name. Then I circled Javier's name. Connection?

Who knew? I was bugfuck with paranoia.

If there was anything to the connection with Javier Paz's bust and Sufi's death (forgetting Octavio for a moment as coincidence), there was no need to bring Walters into it. No, they were unrelated. The only connection between them would be Emilio (who didn't know Walters) and my clicking little brain. Emilio.

I almost wrote his name on the last postcard with a question mark, but I didn't. Still, his name produced waves of uncertainty and conflict in my reptile consciousness. My pet lizard had kept me alive up to this point, and so I decided to throw him another morsel. How about I know where Emilio is — exactly and what he does exactly — for a change? The pen was poised

over the last card, but I didn't write anything. Instead I gathered up all of my meticulously reasoned notes on the gaudy was a good exercise, I suppose, and if I were Perry Mason or Dirty Harry or someone, anyone, besides Nathaniel

I had pinned Walters's whereabouts to somewhere in the southwest corner of North America. I could eliminate most of Europe, Asia, Australia, Antarctica, and Africa.

postcards and lit a match under them. They burned slowly and unevenly in the motel trash can. It York, I suppose I would have known exactly what to do now. Maybe writing this stuff down helped, but as it was, I found myself checking the chamber in my .45 and humming Bobby "Blue" Bland's "Don't Cry No More" to myself. A budding Godzilla was inside me and murmuring subliminal instructions.

The burning postcards filled the room with smoke and my nostrils with a scent I suddenly associated with panic and war. I opened the door and stood outside for a minute watching cars on the freeway and breathing, just breathing.

The bath had felt good. I checked out and put on

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the uniform again, mostly just because it was a little cleaner than Pescado's clothes. I drove south.

After buying a pair of shorts, a T-shirt, and cheap sneakers at Kmart, I dropped Pescado's camper off at the construction site in Chula Vista, just this side of the border, where he worked. We had lunch together at Jack in the Box before he drove me to the Tijuana trolley stop. I told him about Sufi's mother. He kept recounting our exploits in front of the police station with graphic gestures,



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doing his impersonation of "The look on those *pendejos*' faces" and redelivering his lines with relish.

He had popped the hood on the VW, tossed the gallon of gasoline inside with the top loosened, closed the hood but not all the way — with a gas-soaked rag twisted into a crude fuse trailing from the bumper, lit it, and "...just walked away, real cool, into the crowd." Of course, I had seen his jaunty strut, and I thought it resembled more of a scared-shit-slink.

"I saw you, man," I told him. "You looked exactly like some crazy asshole who had just set fire to a Volkswagen."

"Get outta here, man. I did it okay. I did it good." "You did, Pescado.

You did okay."

We laughed and congratulated each other. Ruben had driven him to the border last night about 2:00 a.m., and he walked across, got a cab, and slept on the construction site. He was apparently used to doing that but usually on payday when the workers would throw impromptu keg parties on the barges. We shook hands and I got on the trolley that took me the rest of the way south to the border crossing. Ten minutes later I walked through the turnstile into Mexico, grabbed a cab, and said, "K-38, *por favor. Poco pasada Rosarita.*"I eyed my dwindling roll of dollar bills and peso notes. My estate was well under \$200 now.

As we passed the Costa Del Oro Condominiums I could see Ruben's car parked out there. The folks from Arizona — the "Zonies" were safe for another day. I got out of the cab

in front of the Taco Surf

RESEARCH STUDIES



You may be eligible to participate in an allergy research study if you: • Are Age 12 to 75 • Have Been Diagnosed with Asthma and Require Medication

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With RLS, unpleasant sensations cause an uncontrollable urge to move the legs during the night. Walking or stretching may relieve the unpleasant sensations.

If you are 18 years of age or older, have not been diagnosed with sleep apnea or anemia, and are in general good health, it is possible you might qualify for a medical research study that is currently being conducted in your area.

Study participants will receive study-related exams, study-related lab tests, study-related investigational medication, and expert study-related medical care at no cost.

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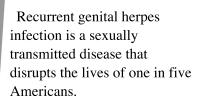
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Please call Patti or Jen at: 619-426-7272 Synergy Clinical Research

Tired of **Hiding** From Your Herpes Outbreaks?



If you have recurrent genital herpes with frequent outbreaks, please call (858) 505-8672 or visit us online at www.womenwellness.net/research



Women's Health Care at Frost Street is seeking female volunteers for a research study of an approved medication to observe recurrent genital herpes outbreaks.

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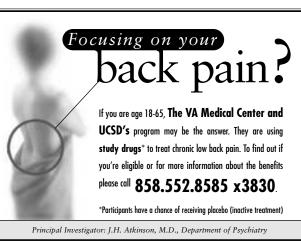
If you are 18 years of age or older and suffer with genital warts you may qualify for this study.

> Qualified partiicipants will receive study related medical care and study medication at no cost, with compensation for time and travel up to \$300.

If you have been diagnosed with 2 or more genital warts and have not been treated recently, please call (858) 505-8672 or visit us online at

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Restaurant and walked cautiously across the wide gravel lot toward the cluster of acacia, pepper, and monkey's paw trees around Rancho Paz. I scaled the yellow-white adobe garden walls and dropped silently onto a bed of hydrangeas.

I squatted in the shadows silently, wishing I hadn't had to leave the .45 with Pescado. Going into the U.S. with a body full of holes was bad

enough. Being detained at the border because I was carrying wasn't something I wanted to deal

I think Maradon registered the weight and height differential between us and he backed off.

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with. Pescado didn't seem to mind. "If they confiscate it, they confiscate it," he had said and shrugged. "It's not mine" Emilio kept parrots

and canaries in a chicken

wire cage in the corner of

the garden. They stirred

slightly at my presence,

and the one old grey-green papagayo muttered to himself, "Hijo de la gran puta, Hijo...,"

"Yeah," I whispered back at him. "It's me. Anyone else here?"

The house seemed quiet. I approached slowly, straining for any sounds: voices, footsteps, movement.

Nothing.

I circled the back porch area, climbed the trellis where Javier Paz had installed racks to hold his quiver of surfboards, and eased up underneath two of the bedroom windows. No one inside that I could see.

Listening some more I heard only the pounding of waves and gravel being sucked out into the Pacific. There was no way I could think of to get a good look into the picture windows of the living room without being seen by anyone inside, so I didn't bother. Opening the front door with my key, I flattened myself to

CHRONIC SHOULDER PAIN

A clinical research study is currently recruiting for patient participation.

Chronic shoulder pain and limitation of motion for > 6 months < 5 years
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participating in this clinical study.



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A nationwide research study is currently underway to study an investigational medication for patients with insomnia.

- You may qualify for this study if:
- You are 18 years of age or older
- You have trouble falling and staying asleep
- You have trouble functioning during the
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BIPOLAR?



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For more information about this study, please contact: (619) 688-6565 the left of the door and swung it inward. Still quiet. My heart went into a scary stutter and I called out, *"Hola!"*

When there was no response, I walked in, my head swiveling to take in every shadow. I did a boogie check of all the rooms and didn't find anyone with a gun or with anything else. I forced myself to move with quiet deliberation to the master bedroom.

As I took off my clothes, I noticed I had the house, the condo, and the motorcycle keys splayed between the fingers of my clenched fist: a crude but effective morningstar mace I learned how to deploy from a kid named Benedetto on Avenue C when I was 14. When I sat down on the edge of Emilio's bed and took some deep breaths, I realized I would have to let go of the keys if I was going to unlace my shoes. This dilemma kept me paralyzed for a good two minutes.

Eventually I sprawled backward on the bed stark naked and stared at the ceiling. My chest rose and fell too rapidly as I tried to catch my breath. My mind was racing with thoughts like:

Bomb. There could be a bomb in the house. Do you smell gas?

You didn't check the closets.

The skylight above the bathroom. A guy could be sitting on the roof with a shotgun and blow you into bone and porcelain purée next time you take a leak.

Don't eat anything in the kitchen. Poison. There could be ground glass in the frijoles, strychnine in the tomatoes. That's insane. Well, Walters is nuts.

Jesus, I need a drink. That could be pure Clorox in the gin bottle.

After a minute or so of this I started to laugh. It began behind my eyes sort of and had a nasal, snickering quality on its way out. It moved into my throat after that, and I arched my neck so that

If you can't sleep, Read This



A clinical research study is being conducted.

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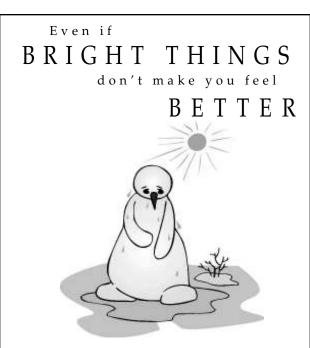


Do you have a **diagnosis** of **Schizophrenia** or **Schizoaffective** disorder?

If so, you may be eligible to participate in a research study evaluating an investigational medication. Study participants will receive compensation for time and travel.

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Have you or someone you care about been experiencing some or all of the following symptoms for at least a few months?

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How do you qualify?

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all these terrific chuckles could escape. But paroxysms of hilarity were erupting in my solar plexus now. I was convulsed, you might say, with mirth. Great whooping sounds echoed off the bedroom walls, and then for a while I was laughing so intensely, there was no noise at all except for a gasping intake of breath every five minutes or so. I held my sides and rolled onto my stomach, buried my head in the blanket, and somewhere along the line realized I could no longer be certain if I was laughing or crying. The last time I felt this way was years ago, on psyllocybin watching the Marx Brothers.

The afternoon shadows were getting long in the bedroom and out in the garden by the time I was breathing easily, calmly wiping tears from my eyes and muttering to myself, "Walters, you fucker. I'm gonna kill you." I was still chuckling sporadically when I got up, walked into the bathroom, and gave the finger to no one at the skylight. I was covered with rapidly drying sweat. The smell of fear is not just a phrase. I took another shower and felt myself thinking whole thoughts that were not wacky, madcap laff riots.

The shower curtain had boats on it against a background of aquamarine. Nice sail boats and power boats. As the lukecold water sluiced over me, one of the things I thought of was an 80-foot Hatteras, the kind of yacht you see on Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous. I had seen one once, a year ago when the late Rachel Cole had stepped off of it and onto the dock of the yacht club where I was tending bar. I wonder what happened to that leviathan, old buddy? I asked myself.

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somebody on his leash. The thing must be worth, what? A million or something. He wouldn't walk away from real property like that. And how many 80-footers were around Southern California or Baja? Less than a couple dozen, I was sure. Probably half that. But what did I know? Be hard to hide. It might have been a toy for Rachel, his expired partner, but I couldn't see him writing it off when things went sour that day last sum-

mer and he disappeared in the chopper. Could be that was the first goddamned place he went. Cast off the bow line and set a course for the 12-mile limit. Still, it could be anywhere from Cabo San Lucas to Seattle; but if I was right, if Walters was close enough to look at a Polaroid of Octavio doing the Brian-Jones-freestylefloat in the pool at Costa Del Oro, throw a tantrum and tell his hitman he fucked up, and send him back to do the job



"I ordered two tongue tacos and a Pepsi."

right...within 12 hours, say, at the outside... I got out of the shower stall and toweled off. Still wet and unclothed, I went to the living room and found a Rand McNally road atlas of the United

States, Canada, and Mexico. I opened to a page that had Southern California and Baja. Say Walters was on board the, what was it called? The *Ponce de León* (the name would be changed by now probably) and give the hit man, say, two or three hours at the most to get back to K-38 after knocking off Octavio. Two or three hours each way. He couldn't be farther north than Santa Barbara, probably no farther north than Marina Del Rey actually, maybe Catalina, but I didn't underestimate Walters's hard-on. If he was south, the only place that could accommodate a boat like that in Mexico within reaching distance would be, maybe, Tortuga. The Bay of Magdalena possibly. Nothing in Ensenada that I knew of. I would have to find out.

Wait a minute. He could be parked out at sea, refueling at Ensenada, San Quintín or the U.S. ports to the north. He could even have smaller

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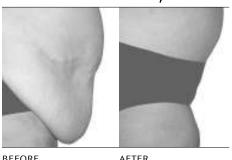
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boats running fuel out to him. He could be anywhere. The logic broke down.

Walters was rich. Not just very rich, insanely rich. Not as rich as he was a year ago maybe, but

still... He could fly a hit man in a small plane back and forth from anywhere within almost a thousandmile radius of here. He could have a helicopter pad on the goddamned boat. Walters could be in

Vegas or Puerto Vallarta or Tucson. He could be sitting at the Balboa Bar having banana daiquiris with Emilio Paz. That would explain a couple of things too.

My first rush of

enthusiasm died to a quiet conviction that I was right, at least, about the boat. Walters would want it. It would come in handy and even if it didn't he would want it anyway because it was a big, gaudy toy and

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he wouldn't want anyone else to have it if he couldn't. He wouldn't allow it to be impounded by Customs or the FBI or the IRS pending investigation. The Ponce de León, or whatever it might be

called these days, was hard to miss unless it stayed out to sea. But it had to be registered out of somewhere and it had to eat fuel.

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unsatisfying. Still, I believed I had pinned Walters's whereabouts down to somewhere in the southwest corner of the North American continent. I could, I think, eliminate most of Europe, Asia, Australia, Antarctica, and Africa

Look out, Gene, I thought as I walked back to Emilio's bedroom and closet to put on a pair of spiffy navy slacks. I'm closing in.

CHAPTER 8

Maradon would be real interested in seeing me about now, I figured. I debated with myself over the idea of just letting him fuck himself. Checking in with the police every 24 hours made me feel like I was on probation, or rather, like I had had to stop by the disciplinarian's office after school to show Father Justin I was keeping my sideburns trimmed above the middle of my ear. The thing was, if I didn't, there would be a squad car over here before midnight, and I wanted to get some sleep. I had plans for tomorrow and I didn't want Maradon's people beating the bushes for me. So I shaved, put on a longsleeved T-shirt with a Body Glove Surf Equipment logo on the back, and fired up the Honda. The ride north to Rosarito at sunset was pleasant. The sky was pocked with violet nimbus clouds against a dark azure background. Stars winked from the eastern horizon over the tops of low, charcoal hills. A Santa Ana wind was warm on my face and the smell of jacaranda, salt water, and drying kelp along the shoreline road made me think of women and sex, and, for some reason, the breath of small children Maradon was at his brother's taco stand eating radishes and drinking Fanta orange soda. He was laughing at something. I parked the bike, walked over, and realized I was hungry. I ordered two tongue tacos and a

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"As you know, officer, I wasn't at work today.

What are you doing here? You working a double again tonight?"

"I'm off. I'm telling my brother here what a pubic hair he is. Twentyfive years old, he's selling tacos to cops and cab drivers. He could be working the bar across the street from the Jai Alai. We got an uncle owns the new place over there."

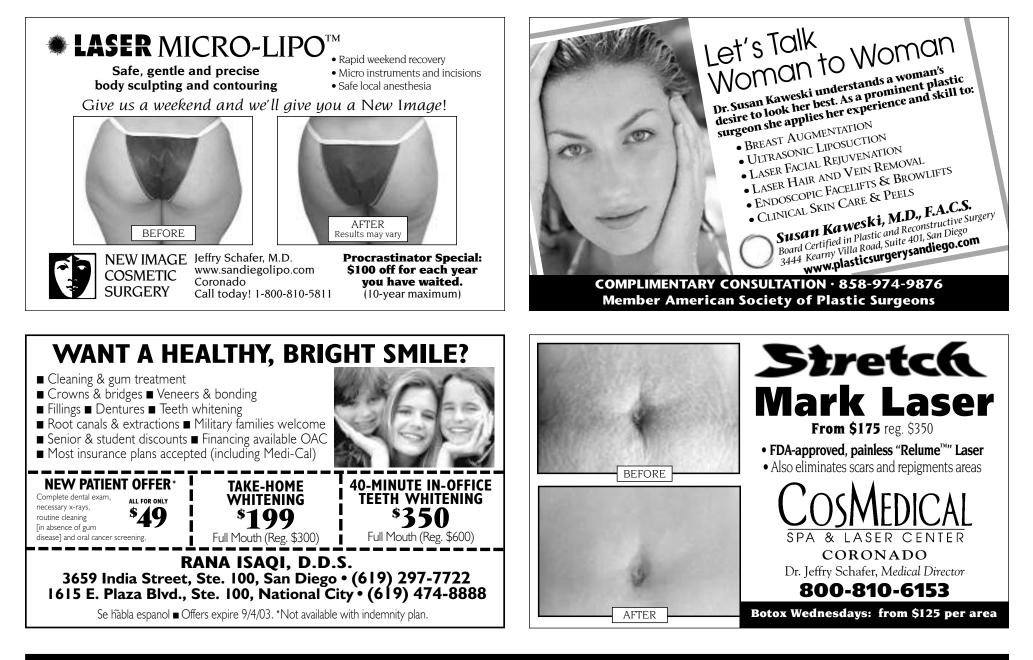
"You mean you're not waiting for me?" "You don't gotta see me. You can see Castro or you just say hello to the sergeant at the desk. You think I'm dying for conversation with you, *cabrón?* I just wanna know you're around. ¿Que sabe? What happened to you last night? You disappeared when your dead surfer friend's car got torched. Suspicious, amigo. Suspicious." "Yeah, what was all

that?"

"I thought maybe you

had something you wanted to say to me about that." His tone had changed. He had gone from "how's tricks" to "up against the wall." He may have had another good cop/bad cop session planned for me

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later with Guernado or someone else, but maybe because I was early I had caught him off guard, and he was schizophrenically playing both roles himself. Just to say something, I said, "Me? What do I know? I'm talking to you, this car goes up, and you pull out that piece-of-shit pistol and wave it around. I got out of here before you decided to shoot somebody. Maybe me." "Well, it's a good thing

you're here. I was going to get some guys to find you and bust your balls." "What happened to

'Oh, just check in with someone around the station sometime'?"

"That's good. You're a very funny guy. I know that. Now all you gotta do is tell me what you know about what happened last night. The shift captain was upset, disturbed, unhappy, you know? Castro too. This

whole thing has made life just a little bit more of a pain in the ass than it usually is." It was beginning to look like a mistake, my

arm down like Jimmy Piersall used to do years ago when he would throw baseballs to home plate from deep center — or at

the scoreboard. He

launched his can of soda

up over the roof of the

police station. "Don't fuck

with me!" He was breath-

ing heavily, his nostrils

flared. "What happened

to the gringo stiff, man?"

few paces. "What are you

talking about?" Maradon

reached with his right

hand for my face. He was

going to grab my cheeks,

maybe shake my jaw a lit-

tle, but I caught his wrist

and held it five inches

"Hey," I backed off a

short. "Don't do that.

There's no need to do

me. That's a mistake."

"You're fucking with

"Easy, Officer. Why

I think Maradon reg-

don't you plug your hand

istered the weight and

height differential between

us and he backed off. "You

smell like bullshit to me,

Cruz. Every inch of you is

bullshit, and I know it.

Who the fuck are you and

what is going on? These

guys you know get killed

down here, and one of

their bodies gets missing.

Two TJ cops took him out

while that VW was burn-

ing and another TJ munic-

ipale grabs some big-assed

maniac across the street.

You disappear and then

you just walk up here...

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back into your brain?"

that."

"I figure you, Cruz, or whoever you are, for some hustler Chicano."

dropping by.

"I just told you what I know." Maradon drew back, brought his right

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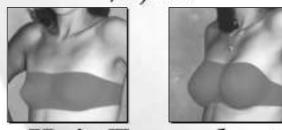


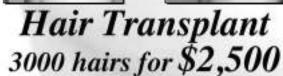
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don't care about gets busted in Mexico. Somebody who doesn't know too much about what's going on. Maybe you're doing something for these guys to keep your ass off some long jail sentence, I

don't know, but you're not doing it too good. That I know. Whatever, man, I can make you hate life for a long, long time, believe me. I can...." "Sufi's real name was

Nathaniel."

"I can...if you continue to fuck with me anymore, which ... " He stopped. He ran his hand through his short, straight hair. "Nathaniel what?"

"I don't know. All I can tell you is that two people, Americans, said that they surfed with him at Huntington Beach and that they thought his name was Nathaniel, and he was from New York originally." "Who, Cruz? Who

told you this and where are

they?"

"A couple down at K-38. Name of Bobby and Denise. They were in a white VW camper, but they said they were on their way to San Felipe, so...'

"You're so full of shit." He looked completely disgusted.

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tacos and tossed it to a piebald dog that was cruising the stand for scraps. I quickly grabbed my other one and started eating it. I grabbed my Pepsi too before Maradon decided to throw a fast-breaking curve with it.

"You know, Cruz, I've dealt with the fucking gringo cops before down here. DEA guys and whatyou-call-it, Treasury guys. They think we are morons down here, I suppose, I don't know. But they have absolutely no respect for local cops. I've tried to talk to these guys, cooperate with them on the individual cases that come up here in town. One time about the vegetable truck routes that were bringing in all this sinsemilla from inland and dropping it off before they delivered the carrots to Safeway or whatever. They didn't believe me; they thought I was trying to impress them maybe. Truth is, I couldn't give a shit. I was trying to be helpful. Another time this Treasury guy is interested in how drug money is getting disbursed here in Baja and then finding its way back to the U.S. My only interest is that, yeah, I think the money should stay here too. I tell him about the hotels and restaurants down here, how some of them work. The connections with the Mexican bankers here who would sell their mothers for a price. They listen to me like I'm some kind of circus animal doing a dance. I kept waiting for these guys to pat me on the head and say, 'Thank you, Pancho. Thank you very much, but don't trouble your little beaner head about that stuff. Leave it

to us.' "

I finished my taco and soda, looked at my watch, and stifled a yawn. Not that I found Maradon's monologue uninteresting, I was just tired. "The policeman's lot is not a happy one."

If Maradon heard me, he ignored it. "These guys continue to underestimate or ignore the role of Mexico in the problem they've got. The problem we've got. They're in love with the Colombians. They like the Colombians for every major drug move across that border, and they're out of their minds. We got guys out there in the desert and mountains with sinsemilla factories you wouldn't believe. Speed factories backed with gringo money that are bigger than some of our schools."

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bragging."

He continued to ignore me. His brother nodded in agreement as he went on. "And we've got cops down here who would like to do something about it, too, but we don't have the money, the equipment, and the time. We're laughed at by the drug dealers, we got our hands tied by the state, and we're ignored by the U.S. Now I get a killing,

maybe a couple of killings in my town that got drug war written all over them, and all I got is a stolen body and a smartass like you, Cruz, telling me fairy tales about Bobby and Debby." "Denise." I corrected

the character's name in the fairy tale.

"Now, I figure you, Cruz, or whoever you are, for some hustler 'Chicano.' "He said the word as if he were spitting cilantro from between his teeth. Maybe he was. "A private cop, like Magnum P.I., huh? Or some fucking monkey from the DEA or some bullshit agency on the other side. You steal this guy's body, who was maybe killed 'cause he was wearing your surfing underwear. Why? We don't find any dope anywhere near you. No big surprise. I was thinking of locking you up until some blonde guy with glasses and a suit from some U.S. abogado's office comes down with some papers on you, but then I think again. We should have looked in the gringo's body. Right?"

He looked at me for my reaction. I probably looked a little pained. I did genuinely start to feel sorry for Maradon. "Maybe there was evidence of some kind in this guy's guts. I don't know." Sure, Officer. This guy

had a couple of keys of cocaine up his colon and decided to go surfing.

"Maybe somebody planted it on him after he was killed. Something you, Cruz, were carrying."

Oh. I see. Maradon needed sleep worse than I did.

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much good, you being in jail."

"Ah, good thinking." "No, a fuckup like you, they're going to leave and rot. You just die in a cell, and we just get the headache of babysitting you until you are a...disposal problem."

"Yeah. We don't want that."

"Or, maybe Paz springs you for some big bucks. Well, we could use





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understand?" "I'm with you there." Maradon's son came run-

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ning up alongside of him, and he was crying. He told his father that his sister was saying he wet his bed and he didn't. Maradon bent down and kissed him, tousled his hair. I heard him say, "I know. I know. Time for you to be asleep. I'll talk to her." He stood and lifted his son in his arms. He looked at me again. "So I think I'll say goodnight

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"Yeah, we found his body and we got his killers."

"What?"

"Sure. A team. Bobby

and Debby." He carried his son across the parking lot, around the station, and to his house down the street. He didn't look back.

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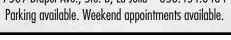
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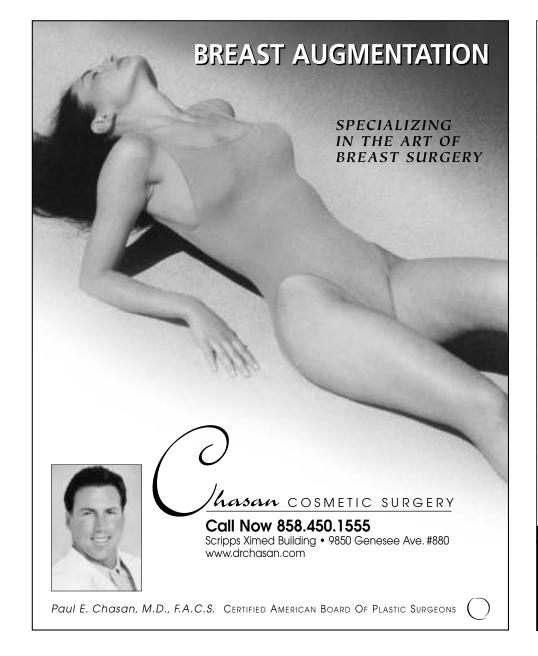
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Loftin sounds like he also understands the horse's point of view. "A really good penning horse knows how to get on top of the cow you're trying to cut out of the herd," he says. "Quarter horses have a natural ability to read what a cow's doing. With a few cues, a good rider can get a lot out of a horse that has

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'cow sense.' That's what it's called, and it started being bred into

quarter horses back in the 1940s." Team penning became an

organized sport three decades later. But it was already going on informally. "Ever since people first started raising cattle on ranches, it was a ranch sport," says Loftin. "Putting cattle into a pen was work, and they started making a rame out of it."

game out of it." The basic rules are these: teams of three riders try to separate three numbered animals from a herd, then work to get them into a pen on the opposite end of the arena. The event is timed — heats are just over a minute. Efficiency is key, as is precision. If a team pens its own, plus some, it's disqualified. Loftin gives team-penning lessons

and holds weekly practices at his Cloverdale Stables. A few years ago, he taught team penning to jockey Chris McCarron. You could say McCarron knows horses: he's the winner of virtually every major thoroughbred race in North America, including six Triple Crowns (two Kentucky Derbies, two Preaknesses, and two Belmonts). McCarron, who lives in Monrovia, wanted to learn team penning solely to compete once a year in Del Mar, for the Don MacBeth Memorial Jockey Fund. And he'll be there again for the competition on Tuesday.

McCarron says his horseracing experience helped him pick up the new sport, "because in order to be a successful jockey, you need very good balance and strength, and in order to ride the horses that are good at penning, it requires the same types of skills."

The first jockey in history to reach earnings of \$200 million, McCarron was the all-time leader in purse earnings (\$264 million) and sixth in the



win category (7141) when he retired in 2002 at age 48. He has made a lot of money for himself as a result, but only a small percentage of jockeys do. "A high percentage really struggle," he says, "and so the fund is for them, when they get hurt."

The injuries of Red Pollard, dramatized by the current book and film about Seabiscuit, have raised public awareness about the risks that jockeys take. McCarron, now vice president and general manager of the Santa Anita Racetrack, where Seabiscuit gained fame in the 1930s, was the race designer for the film. "The main objective was to have the races look authentic," he says. "It was a challenge, because all the horses want to win, and they can be difficult to keep under control." He also plays a cameo role as Charley Kurtsinger, who rode War Admiral, Seabiscuit's rival.

McCarron's occupation has become somewhat safer over time. "Helmets are made better. Safety vests help us to a degree. And I think the racing surfaces themselves are maintained better than they were years ago." Still, the fund continues to pay for wheelchairs, prosthetic devices, and plastic surgery for the unlucky and the uninsured (insurance companies play the odds, too, and premiums are unaffordably high for many jockeys).

On Tuesday, 10 to 20 other jockeys besides McCarron will participate in the team-penning competition, according to fund administrator Tony DeFranco. Loftin won't be at Del Mar, but he always donates the use of his cattle and makes sure all riders have horses. Loftin also supplies the starters, flag people, clockers, and auctioneer for the Calcutta, at which bidders study the teams and try to "buy" the winner.

Most participants will meet their teammates no sooner than shortly before the competition begins. How, then, does McCarron get his team to work well together? "It's hit or miss," he says. "Sometimes you're teamed with a couple of guys who can ride and know how to pen cattle; other times, you'll get only one person who knows anything about team penning. And if that's the case, it's really hard to have any chance to win."

It's interesting that he cares about winning, since the primary goal of the event is raising money. Loftin comments here on his former student and on the nature of human champions in general. "Professionals Team penning

like Chris, when they get into something they're not really sure of, they take instruction real well, because they just want to be good." — Jeanne Schinto

9th Annual Don MacBeth Jockey Fund Team-Penning Competition Tuesday, August 26, Gates open 5:00 p.m.; races, 6:00–9:00 p.m. Del Mar Horse Show Arena Del Mar Cost: Participants, \$300 (includes two dinner tickets); dinner and ringside box seat, \$50; \$350 for eight; general admission, \$5 Info: 310-550-4542 or www.macbethfund.org

Team Penning Practice Every Thursday night 7:00–9:00 p.m. Cloverdale Stables 2460 Cloverdale Road Escondido Cost: \$7.50 per run per rider (if you use your own horse); practice horses available for \$25 per night Info: 760-743-2377



Events that are underlined occur after August 28.

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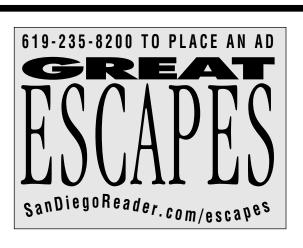
Baja Mex 300 World Championship Off-Road Racing for ATVs, motorcycles, and four-wheelers, Friday through Sunday, August 22-24. Racing starts at 6 a.m., hosted by Estero Beach Resort. 011-52-646-173-6734. (ENSENADA)

The Multicultural Play Cocks Have Claws and Wings to Fly will be performed Friday, August 22, 8 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328). Free. 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

Leoncavallo's Il Pagliacci performed by Opera de Tijuana, Friday, August 22, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, August 24, at 5 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9633. (TIJUANA)

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Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328). \$12.011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

Fair Days! The Tijuana Fair runs Friday, August 22, through Tuesday, September 16, boasting food, music, arts and crafts, entertainment, at Parque Morelos.

Los Tigres del Norte take the stage at Palenque, Saturday, August 23, 11 p.m. Tickets: \$20 and \$40 U.S. Admission to fair is \$4.50 U.S.

011-52-664-681-7084. (TIJUANA)

Sport Fishing Tournament, gather at Popotla's Port for fishing competition, Saturday and Sunday, August 23 and 24. Trophies to winners of each category. Fee: \$60 to compete. 800-025-6288. (ROSARITO BEACH)

International Jazz Festival, hosted by Rosarito Beach Hotel, Saturday, August 23, 7 to 11 p.m. Wide variety of "internationally recognized bands will perform. \$25 general. 011-52-661-612-3975. (ROSARITO BEACH)

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Cortijo San Jose. 011-52-664-686-3604. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

All Categories of Runners are invited to compete in the 2k run planned Sunday, August 24, 8 a.m., starting at Tijuana City Hall, in Zona Río. 011-52-664-684-8618. (Tijuana)

"Cuaderno Existir No. 7" by writer Mariana Martinez Esténs and illustrator Carolina Castañeda, presented at El Lugar del Nopal, Wednesday, August 27, 7:30 p.m. El Lugar, Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328; 011-52-664-685-1264. Free. (TIJUANA)

Alberto Escobar performs in concert, Wednesday, August 27, 8 p.m., at Casa de la Trova, Pueblo Amigo Mall. Tickets: \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-683-4900. (TIJUANA)

"Cuaderno Existir No. 7" by writer Mariana Martinez Esténs and illustrator Carolina Castañeda. presented at El Lugar del Nopal, Wednesday, August 27, 7:30 p.m. El Lugar, Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328; 011-52-664-685-1264. Free. (TUUANA)

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OUTDOORS

San Diego's Warmest Weather,

on average, should be occurring right now according to statistics compiled from several decades of measurements taken near the San Diego International Airport. In an average year, coastal residents enjoy an average daily temperature of 70°, which compares favorably (depending on your viewpoint) with the January average daily temperature of 55°. The range between the high and low is typically 10° or less this time of year. August's warm, semitropical weather should soon give way to September's and October's slightly cooler days interspersed with occasional heat waves brought on by Santa Ana conditions - dry, hot winds that sweep down the mountain slopes from the interior.

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habitats and along the ocean beaches. Some have just arrived from the north; others are juveniles that have bred locally. You'll find sanderlings and willets scurrying along the wet sand on the beaches. Several other members of the sandpiper family can be found in mudflat areas such as the Tijuana River Estuary, the south end of San Diego Bay, the San Diego River flood channel near Sea World, and the margins of most North County lagoons.

Look for Creepy Crawlies and birds when naturalist Lindsey Lawless leads an outing "Exploring the Oak Grove," Saturday, August 23, in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve. Family fun hike planned Sunday, August 24, with naturalist Liz Kennedy. Hikes begin at 9 a.m. Find Blue Sky Ecological Reserve on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. 858-679-5469. Free. (POWAY)

August Campfire, meet some reptiles, learn about their habitats, and gain some "Snake Sense" during family campfire at Blue Sky Ecological Reserve, Saturday, August 23, 7 to 9 p.m. (meet at trailhead at 6:15 p.m. for easy 1.5-mile hike to campground). Ramblin'



Sister Dianna Ortiz speaks for Survivors of Torture International at Museum of Photographic Arts, August 24 (see Lectures)

Strings lead sing-along; hot chocolate and cookies. Bring a flashlight for hike out of reserve. Bring a blanket. 858-679-5469. (POWAY)

Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll to the desert garden on Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m., starting from park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

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Call now! 800-844-7238 www.kernrivertours.com animal for program, Saturday, August 23, 4 p.m., at Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). Learn what to do if you find an injured bird or mammal. Day-use fee: \$2. 858-694-3049. (JULIAN)

Remove Invasive Iceplant and refuse with the San Diego Audubon Society on the western edge at Tijuana Estuary National Wildlife Refuge, Saturday, August 23, 9 a.m. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and weeding tools if you have them.

To reach the spot, take I-5 to Coronado offramp; go west on Coronado Avenue, which becomes Imperial Beach Boulevard. Proceed west to Seacoast Drive and turn left. Sign-in table on the left sidewalk. Free. 858-273-5242. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Trekking the Refuges, view migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of South San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge during outing hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, August 23, 8:30 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Explore the Egyptian District, Vermont Street Bridge, and Gill architecture when Patty Fares leads a 2.5-mile Urban Safari, Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-944-9255. (HILLCREST)

Canyons, Cliffs, and Corners, explore a "tucked-away neighborhood with secret staircases and cliff-hanging vistas" during Walkabout outing, Saturday, August 23. The 2.5-hour, moderate-pluspaced walk over mixed terrain starts at 9 a.m. at northwest corner of Del Mar Heights Road and Durango Drive (west of I-5). Free. 619-231-7463. (DEL MAR)

Sounds in the Night, docent Sanford Wolcott leads slow-paced evening hike along the trail down into oak woodland, Saturday, August 23, 6:30 p.m., in Oakoasis Preserve. Bring flashlight, trail snack, wear comfortable shoes. Required reservations: 619-561-0580. Free. (LAKESIDE)

Monthly Beach Cleanup hosted by San Diego BayKeeper and Surfrider, Saturday, August 23, starts on the north side of the Ocean Beach pier 9 a.m. 619-758-7743. Free. (OCEAN BEACH)

Trailblazing Day is set for Saturday, August 23, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Wear work clothes to help improve the Coast to Crest Trail, running through San Dieguito

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Go Birding, docent-led bird walks are offered at Tijuana River National Estuarine Reserve every Sunday, including August 24, 3 p.m., at visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). 619-575-3613. Free. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Rediscover Escondido during historic walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Tuesday, August 26, 6 p.m., at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-739-8703 or 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Mars Reaches Opposition to the sun Wednesday, August 27, which means that the Red Planet lies in a direction 180 degrees away from the sun. Mars truly rules the night on (and within a few days of) that date, rising in the east at sundown and setting in the west at sunrise. Mars oppositions, occurring once every roughly two years, are prized by astronomers viewing from Earth, because that is when Mars is a close as it gets in any two-year period.

This particular opposition, however, is doubly special. Every 15 (sometimes 17) years, Mars oppositions involve especially close en-

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counters between Earth and Mars, known as "favorable oppositions." This coming opposition is the most favorable of all Mars oppositions that have occurred during a span of many thousands of years. At 3 a.m. on August 27, Mars lies at a minimum distance of just 34,646,418 miles from Earth. Its apparent size in the sky will be about 25 arcseconds, which is about 1/70 the apparent size of the full moon. A 70-power telescope trained on Mars will show it as a disk about the same size as the moon viewed without magnification.

DANCE

Club Cleopatra, dancers Abhi, Mayah, Monika, and Lucia join musicians Andy and Ehmad for belly-dance showcase, Thursday, August 21, 7:30 p.m., Nagi's Bar and Grill (501 West Broadway). \$5 cover. 619-233-5933. (DOWNTOWN)

Belly-Dance Showcase, dancers Dondi, Maruschka, Niveen, and Marian perform to live music by Middle Earth, Thursday, August 21, 8 p.m., Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

"Celebrate Dance Festival," Eveoke Dance Theatre founded and coordinates this event, now in its eighth year. More than 70 regional dance groups offer diverse range of dance in performance, workshops, classes, workshops, lectures, August 22-24, at outdoor Casa del Prado stage (adjacent to the fountain near Park Boulevard) and Casa del Prado Theatre. Hours: Friday 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Free. 619-238-1153. (BALBOA PARK)

Belly Dancer Sheerah and friends perform to live music, Friday, August 22, 7 to 9 p.m., Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA) Hawaiian Shirt and Skirt Night, dance to music by Old Twine String Band and calling by Steve Barlow during contradance, Saturday, August 23. 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)

Hal's Angels — specializing in Kansas City style-swing — play for swing dancers Sunday, August 24, at Aubergine (500 Fourth Avenue, at Island and Fourth). Swing lesson, 7:45 p.m.; band plays 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Cover: \$10. 858-395-6060. For those 18 and older. (GASLAMP OUARTER)

Scottish Country Dancing lessons offered by San Diego Royal Scottish Country Dance Association. Mixed-level classes: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Twin Oaks High School (158 Cassou Road). Beginners: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. at Pomerado Elementary School (12321 Ninth Street). Fees: \$3 or \$4. 858-549-8879. (SAN MARCOS, POWAY)

"Jamaica Swing" Workshop planned by Jim and Margie on Tuesday, August 26, 7:30 to 9 p.m. (\$15 at door, \$12 in advance). Also on tap: beginners' East Coast swing lessons (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; \$3 for first-time students); open swing dancing 9 to 11 p.m.; \$5. Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal (near Shelter Island, off Rosecrans). 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA)

FILM

"Berkeley in the Sixties" screens Thursday, August 21, at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). See the documentary *Nazi Medicine: In the Shadow of the Reich* on Thursday, August 28. Screenings at 8 p.m. \$3. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

"The Long Cult Summer: The Adventure Continues," through September 26, at the Museum of Photographic Arts. Barbara Chronowski's *Kingdom of the Shadows* screens at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 21. *Plan 9 from*

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Rockin' Summer Classic at San Diego Velodrome, August 23 (see Sports)

film, Intacto, screens for Film Fo-

rum on Monday, August 25,

6:30 p.m., San Diego Public Li-

brary (820 E Street). 619-236-

"America's Pastime — Baseball"

provides theme for ongoing Carlsbad

Library film series. See The Rookie

Wednesday, August 27, 6 p.m.,

Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove

Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

"The Defiant Requiem" is de-

scribed as "a concert-drama based on

the heroism of Terezin inmate

Raphael Schaechter," a conductor

who directed a choir of Jewish pris-

oners in Verdi's "Requiem." The doc-

umentary by Murry Sidlin will be

screened on large-screen television

when it's broadcast on KPBS,

Wednesday, August 27, 8 p.m., Astro

Judaica Library, Lawrence Family

Jewish Community Center (4126 Ex-

ecutive Drive). Introductory remarks

by Eve Gertsle, who sang in the

Terezin Choir, Free, Recommended

reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

"Home to Tibet." directed by

Alan Dater and Lisa Merton, fol-

lows the journey of exiled stone-

mason Sonam Lama from Mas-

sachusetts back to his occupied

homeland. Lama brings his niece

Yangchen Tsemtso when he re-

turns to the U.S. She's now a col-

lege student in Massachusetts and

will be on hand when the film

screens Wednesday, August 27, at

7 p.m., Tsemtso follows. Re-

quested donation: \$20. Recom-

mended reservations: 619-682-

"Muslims," offering a look at

what it means to be a Muslim in

the 21st Century, screens for the

American-Arab Anti-Discrimina-

tion Committee, Thursday, Au-

gust 28, 5:30 and 8 p.m., Four

Points Sheraton Hotel (8110 Aero

Drive). Donations appreciated.

"Respiro," directed by Emanuele

Crialese, screens for Italian film se-

ries Thursday, August 28, 7 p.m.,

619-840-1945. (MISSION VILLAGE)

7188, (BALBOA PARK)

Reception: 6 p.m., screening at

Museum of Photographic Arts.

5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Outer Space and *Ed Wood* shown on Friday and Saturday, August 22 and 23. There's an "Experimental Digital Video Festival" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 28. Tickets: \$5 general. Showtimes: 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

"Yellowstone's Wild Buffalo," video focusing on plight of America's last wild herd screens Thursday, August 21, 6:30 p.m., at Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Buffalo Field Campaign coordinator Mike Mease and Cold Mountain, Cold Rivers director Darrel Geist discuss "the American travesty." Free. 619-582-2885. (MISSION GORGE)

Movies before the Mast, selected Fridays are date nights (with nautical games of skill), Saturdays are family nights (with games and exploration of the ship) on the *Star of India*. See *The Perfect Storm* on August 22 and 20,000 Leagues under the Sea on August 23. Films are projected on sails of the ship.

Gates open at 7 p.m., with movie commencing just after sundown (around 8:15 p.m.). Tickets: \$12 general, \$7 for children 12 and younger. Find the *Star* at 1306 North Harbor Drive, at Ash Street. Reservations: 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

Movies by the Lake 2003, series concludes with Dennis Quaid in *The Rookie*, Friday, August 22, at Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve. "Doors" open at 6 p.m. at 9040 Carlton Oaks Drive. *Rookie* starts at 7 p.m. Admission is free, parking is \$8. 619-596-3141. (SANTEE)

Up for an "Elegant, Macabre Thriller"? Spanish writer/director Juan Carlos Fresnadillo's first 619-237-0601. In Italian with English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Scotland: The Building of a Nation," this video will be shown when Scottish Interest Group of British Isles Genealogical Research Association meets Thursday, August 28, 10 a.m., LDS Church Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 858-748-6589. (MISSION VALLEY)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Bugsl, Kilimanjaro: To the Roof of Africa*, and *Coral Reef Adventure* (through summer).

"Summer Classic IMAX Film Festival" continues through August. See *The Living Sea* and *Island* of the Sharks through August 24. *To the Limit* and *Everest* screen August 25-31. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Degas and the Dance: A Choreographers' Panel" convenes in conjunction with "Degas in Bronze," Thursday, August 21, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Participants include Javier Velasco (San Diego Ballet), Nancy McCaleb (McCaleb Dance), and Jean Isaacs (San Diego Dance Theater). Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

With an Intimate Knowledge of Geography, Botany, and landscape architecture, Isabelle Greene's "passion for enduring results is apparent in her landscapes." Greene speaks for series co-sponsored by American Society of Landscape Architects and Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, Thursday, August 21, 7 p.m. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street; 858-454-3541. Admission: \$10 general. (LA JOLLA)

Japanese Conversation Basics divulged when Toshiko Hasegawa leads introductory course, Saturday, August 23, 10:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Nonmembers: \$20. Reservations: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Opposing Oppression and Exploitation, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom stands for equality of all people. Karine Megerdoomian examines the Patriot Act and its civil liberties implications, Saturday, August 23, 11 a.m., in Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Free. 858-259-5690. (LA JOLLA)

Comprehensive Bike-Maintenance Class planned 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Bring your bike for practice; tools and bike stands provided. Members,

at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. REI (5556 Copley Drive). Bring your bike for practice; tools and bike stands provided. Members, CHIELICOPTERS SCENIC TOURS Adventures \$150 per person



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\$60; nonmembers \$75. Registration: 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Environmental Yoga Workshop, adapt classic yoga postures for all-terrain conditions, use breathing techniques for hiking on a grade, and practice meditations in class Saturday, August 23, 9 a.m., at Adventure 16 (4620 Alvarado Canyon Road). Free. 619-283-2374. (MISSION VALLEY)

Choices and Challenges in designing a kitchen discussed by Margaret Dean, Chip Cook, Amy Bouma on Saturday, August 23, at Design Studio West (7422 Girard Avenue). Free. Reservations: 858-454-9133. (LA JOLLA)

Survivors of Torture, International gathers Sunday, August 24, at Museum of Photographic Arts. American Ursuline nun Sister Dianna Ortiz was abducted and tortured in Guatemala in 1989; Harry Wu was a political prisoner in China for 19 years and later secretly filmed human rights abuses in prison camps. Both will lecture and sign their books, 1 to 4:30 p.m. Free. 619-278-2400. (BALBOA PARK)

Techniques for Growing and Breeding Plumeria discussed by Milt Pierson, owner of the Plumeria People Nursery, when Southern California Plumeria Society meets on Sunday, August 24, 1 p.m., in Santa Fe Room of Balboa Park Club. Free. 619-669-1990 or 760-451-1472. (BALBOA PARK)

"Malaysia: A Businessman's Reflections" offered by Gregg McKee for North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council, Monday, August 25, 10:05 a.m., in second-floor salon at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635 or 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

Recently Released from Imprisonment in Mexico, atheist and gay rights activist Sam Warren speaks about his experiences for San Diego Atheist Coalition, Tuesday, August 26, 7 p.m., at North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street). Free. 858-459-8273. (NORTH PARK)

Ultra-Light Backpacking Clinic, Glen Van Peski, creator CVP Gear, explains how to bring pack weight down to between 15 and 20 pounds during clinics hosted by Adventure 16. Talks begin on Tuesday, August 26, at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374) and on Wednesday, August 27, at 143 South Cedros (858-755-7662). 7 p.m. Free. (MIS-SION VALLEY, SOLANA BEACH)

Everything You Need to Know About Sports! Whether fan, researcher, or student, learn during "Subject Internet and Technology Workshop" focusing on sports, Tuesday, August 26, 2:30 p.m., at



San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. Required reservations: 619-238-6621. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrate Women's Equality Day with reception hosted by Women's Equity Council of United Nations Association, Tuesday, August 26, 5 to 7 p.m., at Hall of Nations, House of Pacific Relations. Programs: "Human Slavery and Trafficking in Persons - Valuing the Victim, Prosecuting the Perpetrator" and "Jump Starting the Women's Movement — Again" starting at 6 p.m. Free. Reservations: 619-223-8074. (BALBOA PARK)

"Parallel Worlds: Tijuana and San Diego - Child Sexual Tourism and Other Forms of Trafficking" explored Tuesday and Wednesday, August 26 and 27, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Recital Hall. Variety of speakers discuss the issues and actions to stop this criminal industry. \$80 fee includes conference materials, breakfasts, lunches, simultaneous translation. Reservations: 619-265-0105. (BALBOA PARK)

Central Writing Muse Workshop, author, humorist, and creativity coach Jill Badonsky leads writing workshop, Tuesday, August 26, 7 p.m., 101 Artists' Colony (25 East E Street). \$15. Registration: 760-414-1949. (ENCINITAS)

"The Geographical and Political Divisions of Ireland Helpful for Ancestral Research" explored by Mary Russell when Irish Interest Class hosted by British Isles Genealogical Research Association meets Wednesday, August 27, 10 a.m., at LDS Church Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 858-453-9053. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Image Structure — Putting the Pieces of the Puzzle Together" discussed by Palomar College associate photography professor Robert Barry for North County Photographic Society, Wednesday, August 27, 6:30 p.m., in Ecke Building at Ouail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Free for first-timers, \$3 otherwise. 760-752-6375. (ENCINITAS)

Neighbors Meeting Neighbors, monthly dinner includes speakers from San Diego Parks and Recreation Center and Adams Recreation Center on "San Diego Park and Recreation in Our Community.' Wednesday, August 27, 6:30 p.m., at Normal Heights Community Center, 4649 Hawley Boulevard. General admission \$8.50, seniors \$6.50, children under 14 free. Reservations by August 25: 619-584-1608. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Use of Cacti for Fruit Crop Production in Israel" discussed by wild and rare fruiting plant expert Yosef Mizrahi for California Rare Fruit Growers, Thursday, August 28, 7 p.m., Casa del Prado, room 101. Free. 619-866-0575. (BALBOA PARK)



Plumeria Growing and Breeding Techniques at Balboa Park Club, August 24 (see Lectures)

Make Some Puppets during classes hosted by Puppetry Center of San Diego, Thursday, August 28. "Building Kids' Giant Puppets" at 10 a.m.; "Kids' Puppet Building" at 1 p.m.; "Adult Puppet Building" at 6:30 p.m. Find the center in Clairemont Town Square, 3998-A Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. \$15 per class. Registration: 800-954-6696. (CLAIREMONT)

"Can We Have Spirituality and Materialism?" Find out when Vessa Rinehart speaks Thursday, August 28, 6:30 p.m., at Ocean Beach People's Organic Market (4765 Voltaire Street). Free. 858-509-7582. (OCEAN BEACH)

Tuskegee Airmen Lee Archer and Roscoe Brown speak for the "Celebrating the Centennial of Flight" series at San Diego Aerospace Mu-

seum, Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m. \$15. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

What Do Those Little Pictures Mean? Translate hieroglyphic inscriptions found in temples, tombs, and monuments of ancient Egypt when Ron Fellows presents a workshop, Saturday, September 20. Participants focus on reading ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Heritage of the Americas Museum, Cuyamaca College (12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Fee: \$35, plus \$15 for materials. Registration: 619-660-4350. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

IN PERSON

Man of Many Voices, impressionist Rich Little performs Thursday, August 21, 8 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Wav). Tickets: \$35. 619-445-6002 x1139. (EL CAJON)

Where's the Place to Be on Friday? Common Sense performs for Four O'Clock Friday series at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Friday, August 22, 7 p.m. Post time for horse racing is 4 p.m. Concerts included in regular track admission. 858-755-1141. (DEL MAR)

Author Nancy Cetel signs Double Menopause, Friday, August 22, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Book-

store (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free, 619-220-0175, (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Assassinations: Probe Magazine on IFK, MLK, RFK, and Malcolm X," compiled by editor James DiEugenio, will be signed by DiEugenio on Friday, August 22, 7:30 p.m., Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Free, 619-795-9899, (NORTH PARK)

Back on the Road, comic Paula Poundstone entertains Friday, August 22, 8 p.m., at Humphrey's Concerts on the Bay (2241 Shelter Island Drive). Tickets: \$28 to \$75, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS), (SHELTER ISLAND)

Summer in the Park, boogiewoogie queen Sue Palmer performs for University Heights concert series on Friday, August 22, 6 p.m. at Trolley Barn Park (1900 block of Adams Avenue). Free. 619-297-3166. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

TGIF Jazz in the Parks, Big Time Operator performs Friday, August 22, 6 p.m., at Calavera Hills Park (2997 Glasgow, at Carlsbad Village Drive). Shuttle service available. Free. 760-434-2904. (CARLSBAD)

"Boudoir Chronicles," a contemporary performance for adults by Magical Moonshine Puppet Theatre, Friday, August 22, 8 p.m.,

at Puppetry Center of San Diego. Tickets are \$15, for those 18 and older. Magical Moonshine Puppet

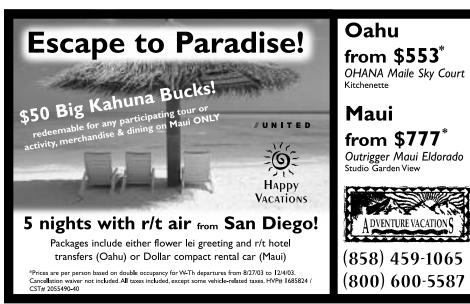
Theatre returns to present bilingual Animal Folktales of the Americas, Saturday, August 23, 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 2to 12-year-olds. Performances take place at Clairemont Town Square (3998-A Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Suggested reservations: 800-954-6696. (CLAIREMONT)

Big-Band Night, salutes to Frank Sinatra, Tommy Dorsey, and Harry James promised for San Diego Symphony's Summer Pops concerts, Friday and Saturday, August 22 and 23. The U.S. Navy Band Southwest, Walt Andrus, Lvnn Roberts, and Michael Berkovitz join the symphony. Concerts conclude with fireworks.

Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6) at Navy Pier (960 North Harbor Drive). Single tickets: \$15 to \$62, available by calling 619-235-0804 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Powerthud performs rock and blues for Concerts on the Green, Friday, August 22, 5:30 p.m., Prescott Promenade (on Main Street). Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

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Asian-American Singer-Songwriter Magdalen Hsu-Li performs at Conference on Bisexuality, Saturday, August 23, 8 p.m., at Radisson Mission Valley (1433 Camino del Rio South). \$20. Hsu-Li performs with Dale Fanning and Skott Freedman. 858-623-9685. (MISSION VALLEY)

A Persian Blend of melodies, rhythms, and poetry on offer when Mahvash Azhir performs in concert with Stein Brothers Music. Saturday, August 23, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$20. 858-653-0336. (LA JOLLA)

Author Kevin Waine visits Barnes and Noble Bookstore to sign and discuss The Greatness of Black Women: All the Reasons We Love Sisters, Saturday, August 23, 2 p.m. Find the store at 7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

String Fling Wing Ding, performances by the Kingston Trio and other bands, banjo-picking contest, instrument petting zoo part of the fun for "String Fling Wing Ding," Saturday, August 23, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Grape Day Park. Free. 760-489-6380 x218.

The Kingston Trio returns, along with the San Diego Chamber Orchestra and the Interfaith Children's Choir, to perform for benefit for Interfaith Community Services at 5:30 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets to concert only: \$20 to \$60. Reservations: 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Concerts by the Sea conclude with concert by Tribe of Judah, Sunday, August 24, 3 p.m., at Moonlight Beach (at foot of B Street). 760-633-2740. Alcohol, glass, and dogs are prohibited. Free. (ENCINITAS)

La Jolla Concerts by the Sea, Polyester Express presents (what else?) '70s disco music, Sunday, August 24, 2 p.m., in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove (at foot of Girard Avenue). 858-454-1600. (LA JOLLA)

Music in the Park, the Good China performs oldies, Sunday, August 24, 4 p.m., in Memorial Bowl. 619-585-5682. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Quail Concerts, summer concert series at Quail Botanical Gardens conclude with Dixieland jazz by the Market Street Jazz Band, Sunday, August 24. Light supper at 5 p.m., concert at 6 p.m. Find



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2 (Angeles Crest Highway). Turn

left there, and continue uphill into

the pine-clad San Gabriel

Mountains and through the sprawl-

ing mountain town of Wrightwood.

At a point 10 miles from Highway

138 you'll come to Big Pines,

where you can drop by the Forest

Service's Grassy Hollow visitors'

center. The facility, open

Wednesday though Sunday, offers

leaflets, maps, interpretive

brochures for nearby trails, and

reference materials such as a

wildflower identification guide. At

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several kinds of flowers are still in bloom.

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Lightning Ridge Trail, two miles farther

Point. On the 0.8-mile-long

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east-facing slope. You'll see

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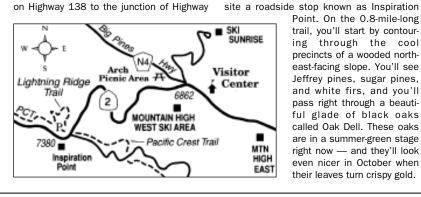
right now - and they'll look

even nicer in October when

their leaves turn crispy gold.

On the eastern Angeles Crest, not far above the L.A. Basin's smoggy blanket of air, lies Big Pines Recreation Area — a designated year-round recreation zone in Angeles National Forest. Blanketed by a heterogeneous mixture of pines, firs, and oaks, Big Pines boasts the clean, dry, evergreenscented air and crystalline blue skies characteristic of the melding of mountain and desert environments. Winter and spring skiing (sometimes aided by the labors of snowmaking machines) is offered at three sites in the Big Pines area. Several trails lace the area, including one of the finer interpretive trails around: Lightning Ridge Trail.

From San Diego, the direct route to Big Pines takes you north on Interstate 15 past San Bernardino to the Highway 138 exit at Cajon Junction. Drive 8.6 miles west on Highway 138 to the junction of Highway



(2940 Jamacha Road, suite H). Free.

Toy Piano Festival, Wednesday,

August 27, on lower level of Geisel

Library at UCSD. Performances by

Sue Palmer at 12:30 p.m., festival di-

rector Scott Paulson at 6:30 p.m. Se-

rious composers from Chile to Japan

have submitted new works to be

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The Boys of Summer, the San

Diego Padres finish a series against

the New York Mets in Qualcomm

Stadium, August 21, 2:05 p.m. The

Montreal Expos arrive for a series

August 22-24, at 7:05 p.m. on Fri-

day and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on

Sunday.

858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

619-670-0652. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

the gardens at 230 Quail Gardens Drive. \$22. Reservations: 760-436-3036, (ENCINITAS)

Marine Corps Depot Band entertains Sunday, August 24, 6 p.m., in Spreckels Park (at 7th and Orange Avenue). Free. 619-435-9260. (CORONADO

Folk Festival, Sunday, August 24, 4 p.m., in amphitheater at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuvamaca College Drive West). General admission: \$5, \$3.50 for those under 12. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Twilight in the Park Summer Concert Series, Razzle Dazzle performs, Tuesday, August 26. El Caion German Band entertains Wednesday, August 27. Series concludes when Kearny Mesa Concert Band takes stage Thursday, August 28. Concerts run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Quilt Designer and Author Pat Yamin presents trunk show, demonstration, and signing of Back to Basics: Quilt Templates and Patterns Explained, Wednesday, August 27, 6 p.m., Cozy Quilt Shop



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The Pads head to Arizona for \$3 for those 6 to 12; free for kids games against the Diamondbacks, Monday through Wednesday, Au-

Games - except on August 21 - are broadcast on Channel 4. Listen to games in English on KOGO 600 AM and in Spanish on XEMO 860 AM. Tickets: \$6 to \$32, available by calling 877-374-2784. (MISSION VALLEY)

The 19th Annual Oceanside Longboard Contest runs Thursday through Sunday, August 21-24, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, south side of Oceanside Pier (located at the foot of Mission Boulevard). 760-754-2062. Spectators free. (OCEANSIDE)

Vrooom! Racing in late-model sportsman, street stocks, pony stocks, pro-four modifieds categories, and a destruction derby planned Saturday, August 23, at Cajon Speedway. First race: 6:45 p.m., following qualifying runs at 5 p.m.

The 3/8-mile track is located next to Gillespie Field. Take I-8 to Highway 67, take Bradley exit. Turn left, drive two blocks to Wing Street, then right one block to track entrance. Adult admission: \$9 (west side) and \$10 (east side);

under 6 with an adult. 619-448-8900. (EL CAJON) gust 25-27, at 6:35 p.m. each night. Football Preseason continues with a game between the San Diego Chargers and Texans in

Houston Saturday, August 23, 5:30 p.m. Broadcast on KFMB. Tickets: 877-CHARGERS.

The Horses Are on the Track, the 2003 seaside racing season hosted by the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club continues through Wednesday, September 10. Races every day except Tuesday; post time 2 p.m. except Fridays, when racing begins at 4 p.m.

Saturday, August 23, it's donut day from 8 to 10 a.m. Jockeys, trainers, and track announcer Trevor Denman on hand to answer questions and impart knowledge during this (equine) morning workout event. Free donuts, coffee, orange juice.

General admission is \$8 general, free for those 17 and under. Find Del Mar Racetrack at San Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle, 858-755-1141, (DEL MAR)

Rockin' Summer Classic, San Diego Street Elite Inline Racing hosts skate-racing competition, Saturday, August 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at San Diego Velodrome (2221 Morley Field Drive). Racing takes place on the apron at the bottom of the banked cycling track. Free for spectators. 858-550-0180. (BALBOA PARK)

Pao Pao Nine-Man Racing takes place Saturday, August 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Oceanside Harbor. Free for spectators. 760-510-2999. (OCEANSIDE)

Imperial Beach Triathlon and Biathlon, Sunday, August 24, 7:15 a.m. Triathlon includes 1k ocean swim, 15k bike ride, 5k run; biathletes enjoy a 3k and 5k run bisected by 15k bike ride. Everything starts at Imperial Beach pier.

858-268-1250 or 619-424-3151. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Check Out La Jolla and Environs during bicycle ride with Knickerbikers Sunday, August 24. The 30-miler for intermediates starts at 9 a.m. in north parking lot at Mission Bay visitors' center (at East Mission Bay Drive and Clairemont Drive). Bring money for lunch. 858-456-3862. (MISSION BAY)

Founders Cup III, the Washington Freedom meets the Atlanta Bet for this Women's United Soccer Association championship game, Sunday, August 24, 1 p.m., in Torero Stadium at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park).

Gates open to "fun zone interactive area" at 11:30 a.m. Tickets range from \$23 to \$150, available by calling 877-476-2237. Game will be televised live on ESPN 2. (LINDA VISTA)

From Doghouse to Doghouse,

fourth annual Moondoggies 4-mile Run and Walk, Sunday, August 24. Starts at 7:30 a.m. at Moondoggies (909 Prospect Street), finishes at Moondoggies at 832 Garnet Street. Event-day registration: 6 a.m. 619-298-7400. (LA JOLLA, PACIFIC BEACH)

Gutierrez Cup Competition at San Diego Polo Club, Sunday, August 24. Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., featured polo match starts at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Tuesday Night Racing, summer bicycle racing series at San Diego Velodrome continues, Tuesday, August 26. Gates open for warmups at 6 p.m., with the racing beginning at 7 p.m. Free for spectators. Find the velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. 760-703-6280. (BALBOA PARK)

Get Wet, Kumulani Outrigger Club trains three days a week on Mission Bay. Training starts at 8 a.m. on Saturdays, 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Outrigger canoes launch from San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club, just northwest of DeAnza Cove. First three visits free. 619-497 1506. (MISSION BAY)

Saddle Up for a Team-Penning Competition, ninth annual event takes place Tuesday, August 26, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Gates open at 5 p.m. 310-550-4542. (DEL MAR)

Little Italy Stickball Tournament, teams from New York, New Jersey, and Florida will compete against California stickball teams; balconies, signs, and parking meters add to the fun. Tournament runs Saturday through Monday, August 30 through September 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. India and Columbia Streets closed to traffic between Beech and Date for play. Free. 619-299-9323. (LITTLE ITALY)

The Oceanside Labor Day Rough-Water Swim takes place, for the 74th year, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Monday, September 1, Oceanside Pier (found at the foot of Mission Boulevard). Registration starts at 7 a.m. 760-643-0919. (OCEANSIDE)

SPECIAL

Pickin' in Paradise, Summergrass San Diego bluegrass festival picks up August 22-24 at the outdoor Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum (2040 North Santa Fe). Live music (California, Bluegrass

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Etc., Ron Spears and Within Tradition, New West, many others), workshops, food and craft vendors, dry camping. Friday, \$10; Saturday, \$15; Sunday, \$15 (\$2 discount in advance). 760-295-1834. (VISTA)

Wild Bogs and Leaping Frogs! Celebrate the many species of carnivorous plants from around the world at Quail Botanical Gardens. Events begin with reception for juried art show featuring images of carnivorous plants and endangered amphibians, Friday, August 22, 4 to 8 p.m.

"Children's Day" festivities run 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, with art, science projects, and theater performed by children working with Class Act. Hands-on art and learning projects featuring amphibians and carnivorous plants.

The San Diego Carnivorous Plant Society and local cultivators offer plant sale, Sunday, August 24, noon to 5 p.m. Lectures and information.

Find gardens at 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Regular admission: \$8 general, \$5 seniors, \$3 for those 3-12. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

S/heZam! The S/he Collective hosts its second art and action festival, Saturday, August 23, noon to 2 a.m. "Over 100 artists and activists, 14 hours, four venues (including Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Center, 3909 Centre Street). Workshops, discussions, spoken word, film, dance, music, visual art, body art, craft, artisan demonstrations. Free. 619-615-8519. (HILLCREST)

Hon Non Bo Association miniature Vietnamese landscapes — offers show and plant sale, August 23 and 24. Miniature landscapes on trays with rocks, plants, water on display, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Admission: free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Three Painters and a Bookmaker" — painters Robbie Burnett, Barbara Clark Ferguson, Marellene Deason and fiber artist Shirley Roese Bahnsen — have reception on Saturday, August 23, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Benjamin Library (5188 Zion Avenue). Free. 619-533-3970. (ALLIED GARDENS)

Psychic Fair and metaphysical conference at Alexandra's Book-Store, noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, August 23 and 24. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psychic arts featured; \$20 per

reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

The House of Puerto Rico presents ethnic music and dance for lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, August 24, 2 p.m. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

You're Invited to a Garden Party, the San Diego Historical Society's Marston House, a classic 1905 William Hebbard-Irving Gilldesigned Craftsman-style home with formal English gardens, is site of barbecue, tours, plein air art, children's crafts, arts and crafts, silent auction, live entertainment. Sunday, August 24, 1 to 5 p.m., 3525 Seventh Avenue, at the northwest edge of the park. \$25 general, children under 12 free. Reservations: 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Between Heaven and Swell...is the paradise that belongs to surfers," featuring images by surf photographer Chris Owen, is on view through Sunday, October 19, at Hill Street Café and Gallery (524 South Coast Highway). Reception: Tuesday, August 26, 5 p.m. Free. 760-966-0985. (OCEANSIDE)

Julian Weed and Craft Show, a variety of woods, rocks, and weeds, floral arrangements (both hanging and table) on display through Monday, September 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Julian Town Hall (2129 Main Street). Free. 760-765-1857. (JULIAN)

Biogum Manufacturer CP Kelco and kelp processing plant ISP San Diego host open house focusing on plant's production, safety procedures, and community involvement. Thursday, August 28, 6 to 8 p.m., at Barrio Station Auditorium, 2175 Newton Avenue. 619-595-5120 or 619-557-3102. (BARRIO LOGAN)

"Movie Notes: Composing Music for Hollywood" is on display through Saturday, September 6, in the first-floor browsing area of San Diego State University Library. Included sheet music and record album art is from the Vince Meades Sheet Music Collection. Free. 619-594-6791. (SDSU)

"Revisitations: Books Inspired by Books" features works created by SDSU students in "The Art of the Book" class led by Michele Burgess. Exhibit continues through Friday, September 5, in browsing area of San Diego State University Library (5500 Campanile Drive). Free. 619-594-6791. (SDSU)



I beg to dicker with my silver-tongued companion, whose lips are ready to read with my shining gloss. A versatile partner, conversant and well-versed in the verbal art, the dictionary is not averse to the solitary habits of the curiously wide-awake reader. In the dark night's insomnia, the book is a stimulating sedative, awakening my tired imagination to the hypnagogic trance of language. Retiring to the canopy of the bedroom, turning on the bedside light, taking the big dictionary to bed, clutching the unabridged bulk, heavy with the weight of all the meanings between these covers, smoothing the thin sheets, thick with accented syllables - all are exercises in the conscious regimen of dreamers, who toss words on their tongues while turning illuminated pages. To go through all these motions and procedures, groping in the dark for an alluring word, is the poet's nocturnal mission. Aroused by myriad possibilities, we try out the most perverse positions in the practice of our nightly act, the penetration of the denotative body of the work. Any exit from the logic of language might be an entry in a symptomatic dictionary. The alphabetical order of this ample block of knowledge might render a dense lexicon of lucid hallucinations. Beside the bed, a pad lies open to record the meandering of migratory words. In the rapid eye movement of the poet's night vision, this dictum can be decoded, like the secret acrostic of a lover's name.

— Harryette Mullen



Taste of National City, with food

from 16 restaurants, Thursday, Au-

gust 28, 5 to 8 p.m., starting at His-

toric Heritage Square (900 block of

A Avenue). Tickets: \$12 general, \$10

seniors and children under 10.

Sleepover on the Star, sleep on

the "tween deck" where immi-

grants slept during voyages when

the Star of India hosts a sleepover,

Saturday, August 30. Participants

learn how to set sail, move cargo,

stand night watch. \$65. Reserva-

tions: 619-234-9153 x124. The Star

is berthed at 1306 North Harbor

Drive (at Ash Street). (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

"Giddy-Up, Cowboys" is pre-

sented by comic ventriloquist

Lynn Trimble through Sunday,

619-477-9339. (NATIONAL CITY)

Harryette Mullen was born in Florence, Alabama, and grew up in Fort Worth, Texas. She is the author of six poetry books, most recently *Blues Baby: Early Poems* and *Sleeping with the Dictionary*. She teaches African-American literature, American poetry, and creative writing at UCLA.

This poem appears in *Great American Prose Poems: From Poe to the Present;* edited by David Lehman Scribner, 2003; 346 pages; \$30.

> August 24, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Big Joe Productions takes the stage for *Nature's Shadows* August 27-31.

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

Biscuit the Dog visits story time events on Saturday, August 23, 12:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Gertrude McFuzz" is on the program when San Diego Actors Theatre presents "Children's Classics," Saturday, August 23, 11 a.m., L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). Program includes *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, poetry, songs. 858-268-4494. 44, (DEL MAR) **"Moon and Space!"** Science Across the Generations program for older adults and children five to ten years old, Saturday, August 23, 10:30 a.m., on the third floor of Robinsons-May (1702 Camino del Rio North). Participants make propeller-driven space orbiter. \$5 per person. 619-296-2594. (MISSION VALLEY)

Wee Garden, learn to make a wee garden, "perfect for luring fairies to your home or deck," at San Diego Natural History Museum, Sunday, August 24, 1 to 3 p.m. \$37 fee includes supplies. Program is for those seven and older with an adult. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Ocean Life provides theme for Family Literacy Night at Ray and Joan Kroc Salvation Army Corps Community Center, Monday, August 25, 6 to 8 p.m. San Diego Natural History Museum screens *Ocean Oasis* and displays traveling marine exhibit. Hands-on craft project for kids of all ages.

Find the Library and Learning Center at 6845 University Avenue (two blocks west of 70th Street). Free. 619-269-1542. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

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

Build and Launch Water Rockets when San Diego Aerospace Museum hosts Family Day workshops, Saturday, September 13, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

MUSEUMS

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

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 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. 619-267-5141(BONITA)

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 115 years of American railroad heritage and development through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Railway. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, "Warm Your Hands While Soothing Your Heart: An Exhibition of Chinese Handwarmers" continues through Tuesday, September 30. These ornately decorated containers were popular between the 16th and 19th Centuries in China, resembling spoutless teapots, complete with lid and handle. They were filled with glowing pieces of charcoal to emit heat and light through openings in the lid. Handwarmers were associated with the literati and were considered prized pieces of artwork.

View artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum

the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks

GETAWAYS







Reading

Clever Girl: Elizabeth Bentley and the Dawn of the McCarthy Era



HarperCollins, 2003; 384 pages; \$26.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: Communists vilified her as a raging neurotic. Leftists dismissed her as a confused idealist. Her family pitied her as an exploited lover. Some said she was a traitor, a stooge, a mercenary, and a grandstander. To others she was a true American heroine — fearless, principled, bold, and resolute. Congressional committees loved her. The FBI hailed her as an avenging angel. The

Lauren Kessler

fact is, more than a half century after she captured the headlines as the "Red Spy Queen," Elizabeth Bentley remains a mystery.

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

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

Gemological Institute of America Museum, unlike gemstones, which form deep within the Earth, organic gems are the products of living organisms, formed by biological processes. Organic gems such as amber, coral, ivorv. jet, and pearls are showcased in "All-Natural, Organically Grown Gems from Plants and Animals," on view through April 2004. Exhibit includes a mastadon tusk (carbon dated at around 30,000 years). "The Magical World of Ilya Schar," a collection of creations that resemble paintings but are composed solely of gem material,

is also on display. Continues through April 2004.

Catholics embraced her. But the

"From the Vault: Gifts to Our Collection," continuing through October, includes an array of Ramaura rubies, synthetic alexandrite gems, two intarsia boxes of inlaid gem materials created by Nicolai Medvedev, and much more.

Permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x 4116. (CARLSBAD)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, 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, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

by others?

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 open on fourth Tuesday of the month, *Children Around the World* videos are shown in Hall of Nations, fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with "some classics and a concept car."

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS) Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, 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)

New England-born, conservatively raised, and Vassar-edu-

cated, Bentley was groomed for a quiet life, a small life, which

she explored briefly in the 1920s as a teacher, instructing well-heeled

voung women on the beauty of Romance languages at an East

Coast boarding school. But in her mid-20s she rejected both past

and future and set herself on an entirely new course. In the 1930s

she embraced communism and fell in love with an undercover

KGB agent who initiated her into the world of espionage. By the

time America plunged into World War II, Elizabeth Bentley was

directing the operations of the two largest spy rings in America.

Eventually, she had 80 people in her secret apparatus, half of

them employees of the federal government. Her sources were

everywhere: in the departments of Treasury and Commerce, in

New Deal agencies, in the top-secret OSS (the precursor to the CIA),

FBI and then at a series of public hearings and trials — she was

catapulted to tabloid fame as the "Red Spy Queen," ushering in,

almost single-handedly, the McCarthy Era. She was the govern-

ment's star witness, the FBI's most important informer, and the

darling of the Catholic anticommunist movement. Her disclo-

sures and accusations put a halt to Russian spying for years and

her choices, freely, right and wrong, and had the strength of

character to see them through? Or was she used and manipulated

mid-20th-century America, Clever Girl explores the spy case

whose explosive domestic and foreign policy repercussions have

been debated for decades but not fully revealed — until now.

But who was she? A smart, independent woman who made

Set against the backdrop of the political drama that defined

helped to set the tone of American postwar political life.

When she defected in 1945 and told her story — first to the

on congressional committees, even in the Oval Office.

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, current exhibits include "Gorgeous Bounty: Fruit Labels of the Golden State," "The Story of Lemon Grove," "The Parson's Study." Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, retrospective exhibit "Reaching for the Stars: The Fleet's First 30 Years" documents the history of the Fleet. Each decade of the past 30 years is highlighted through graphics, photographs, and artifacts taking visitors on a visual journey of the center's accomplishments. Through summer. Over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of sci-

ence, math, and technology from

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY: From *Publishers Weekly*: A descendant of Puritans and educated at Vassar, Elizabeth Bentley joined the Communist Party while a graduate student at Columbia in the Depression. She soon became a covert agent and fell in love with her KGB contact, Jacob Golos. When Golos died in her apartment and Bentley's position with the Russians deteriorated, she reached out to the FBI.

From Booklist: The KGB called her Clever Girl, an American spy who passed documents, gathered intelligence, and recruited Communist agents. The FBI might have dubbed Elizabeth Bentley "Pandora," because her grand jury and congressional testimony almost single-handedly blew the lid off a complex network of Soviet spies, thus unleashing the torrent of Communist paranoia that defined the 1940s and 1950s. Eventually abandoned and betrayed by her Party handlers, Bentley "came in from the cold" to start naming names, exposing scores of Communists working within the highest ranks of the federal government. Unlike her more notorious counterparts, Whittaker Chambers and Alger Hiss, Bentley remained an enigma. Was she a devious Mata Hari, knowingly and willingly sabotaging her country, or a gullible pawn, controlled by men she loved and admired? In this compelling and comprehensive biography, Kessler masterfully explores and exposes the myriad, competing facets of Bentley's tumultuous life. Whether she was lover or naïf, patriot or spy, Bentley's various crises-of-conscience would ultimately bring down individuals and nearly topple a nation.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Lauren Kessler, born in 1949 in New York City, is the author of ten books, including *Clever Girl*. Her other books include *Los Angeles Times* best seller and Oregon Book Award finalist *The Happy Bottom Riding Club* (Random House 2000),

the Exploratorium in San Fran-

cisco are on display in "Explo-

raZone 4," on exhibit through

Monday, May 31, 2004. The exhi-

bition's themes are forces and

"Technovation," "About Faces,"

"Smoke and Mirrors," and

"Skyscapes II." The permanent ex-

hibitions present a variety of

hands-on exhibits illustrating sci-

entific principles. Explore the var-

ious methods of transmission and

storage and retrieval of informa-

tion, such as lasers, flashing lights,

waveforms, and more. Journey

"To Worlds Beyond" in the plan-

etarium show. Films are shown

daily in the IMAX theater.

San Diego Automotive

Museum, big engines and good looks unite in "Muscle

Cars - Flexing Speed and Style,'

on view through Tuesday, Septem-

ber 30. Sixteen classic 1960s and

'70s specimens are showcased, in-

cluding a 1965 Chrysler 300L, 1966

619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Ongoing exhibitions include

structures, light, and rotation.

Shelby GT350, and 1963 Corvette Stingray.

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, "From Blueprints to Buildings," an exhibit of San Diego architecture, traces this region's architectural history from early Indian bark houses to modern and postmodern buildings. The exhibit showcases the most significant examples of various architectural styles and types of structures. See the historical artifacts, photographs, and ephemera through Sunday, February 15, 2004.



the biography of pioneering aviatrix, Hollywood stunt pilot, and bordello madam Pancho Barnes.

She is also the author of a season-in-the-life narrative about women's sports, Full Court Press; Stubborn Twig, which won the Frances Fuller Victor Award for literary nonfiction; and After All These Years, portraits of '60s radicals.

Ms. Kessler's essays have appeared in Salon, the Nation, and Oregon Quarterly. She writes regularly about the craft of writing for Writer's Digest and has published articles in a variety of magazines. The founder and editor of Etude, an online magazine devoted to new and emerging voices in literary nonfiction, she directs the graduate program in literary nonfiction at the University of Oregon in Eugene. You can read more about Ms. Kessler on her website http://laurenkessler.uoregon.edu/.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Lauren Kessler lived in New York City until she turned six and her parents moved the family to the suburbs, where Ms. Kessler remained until she went away to college. She graduated from McGill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in Illinois. "And then," she said, on the afternoon that we talked, "I worked in Chicago writing ad copy

Also on view: "Filming San Diego: Hollywood's Backlot" (through Thursday, December 9, 2004); "Popcorn Venus: The Business of Hollywood Fashion' (through Sunday, August 31).

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

San Diego Maritime Museum, during the 18th Century, Europeans and Americans developed an interest in the art and culture of the Far East. The desire for "all things Chinese" sent the great clipper ships across the world's oceans with cargoes of exported Chinese art. "Mariners and Mandarins -Seafaring and the Arts of the China Trade" highlights both the traders and the sought-after goods that drew them around the world. View "The Race for Riches" onboard the

Star of India, highlighting the historical, maritime, and sociological aspects of trade with the Far East. The exhibit features rare early charts and navigation instruments used on the dangerous ocean vovages, examples of the cargoes, ship models, letters, photographs, and personal items of the sailors and merchants that participated in the enterprise. The show closes on Sunday, September 14.

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

for a multinational corporation so that I could save enough money to move to San Francisco. In San Francisco I found a job at a little newspaper on the peninsula, the Burlingame Villager.

"Elizabeth Bentley had a very extensive FBI file that began with her coming forth and, I guess you could call it 'confessing.'"

Work at the Burlingame Villager, Ms. Kessler said, "didn't agree with me. I left and did the thing that I knew that I was good at, which was go to school. I went back and got a master's degree at the University of Oregon. I went there not because I knew anything about Oregon but because a friend, who I thought was wonderful and smart and unassuming and witty, had grown up in Eugene. I'd never heard of Eugene and never set foot in Oregon. But I thought

if this guy came from Eugene, maybe there's something up here for me. So I went to graduate school at the University of Oregon.' Eugene was a town where Ms. Kessler quickly felt at home. However, after she acquired her master's degree, she had to move

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, 'The Turquoise Path/El Camino Turquesa: The Story of Turquoise in the Native American Southwest," on display through April 2004, focuses on historical, social, cultural, and economic implications of the age-old stone. Turquoise jewelry-making techniques documented, and pieces from the museum's extensive collections exhibited.

Ongoing exhibits: "Inquisition:

Torture and Intolerance," focusing on reality of torture in world today, including an interactive video and stories of modern-day torture survivors. Collection features dozens of macabre devices gathered from throughout Europe, some extremely rare, primarily used from 1400s up to early 1800s. Pieces on display are originals, including an iron maiden, a guillotine, chain flails, a knee splitter, and more. Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine). 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) duron. She taught at Southern Illinois University, then in Portland, Oregon, and then she found herself in Seattle at the University of Washington, where she was awarded a Ph.D. in communications and American history.

'And then, in 1981," Ms. Kessler sighed, "I got a job here at the University of Oregon as an assistant professor, and I've been here ever since.'

In the summer between fourth grade and fifth grade, Ms. Kessler became an enthusiastic reader. "I had a fourth-grade teacher who gave out a reading list at the end of fourth grade. So I started reading. I had read before, but I had never before lost myself in a book. One of the books was The Yearling and another was Ramona. I even read Don Quixote, not that I understood it. That summer I just lost myself in books. I was transported to the different places and different times and involved in the lives of different characters. It was absolutely magical and wonderful, and I thought - probably not in these words, because I'm talking about somebody who was ten years old - 'This is what I want to do. I want to do this for somebody. If I could create worlds for them to exist in for a half an hour or two hours or a whole summer, that would be a won-(continued on page 84)

ing the Mexican War between the

U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors

and volunteers from San Diego,

and California militia. Narrated

slide-show screens throughout the

day, telling the story of the war in

Mexico and California. Self-guided

tour recounts the events of the bat-

tle 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.

Valley Center History Museum,

the museum features an educational

exhibition centered around a Cali-

fornia grizzly bear, described as "the

only one on view in San Diego."

Also on view: model of an 1862 set-

tler's cabin, collection of Indian bas-

kets, and aerospace display. Find the

760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

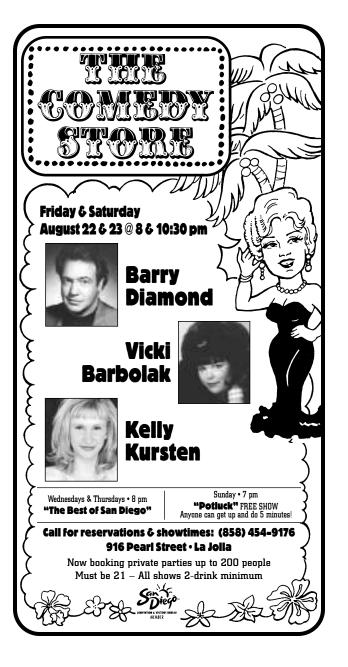
Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

HUMAN EVOLUTION FROM A TO Z Australopithecus afarensis 3.8 - 2.9million years ago Zinjanthropus (Paranthropus boisei) 2.3 - 1.3 million years ago And a lot of hominids in between

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derful thing to do.' So my reading and writing — and I'm sure that this is true with virtually all writers - are very closely tied. I'm a writer because I love to be the reader.

We talked then about Ms. Kessler's newest book. How, I asked, did she happen to find herself interested in Elizabeth Bentley? "I wish I could say that it

was some brilliant flash on my part, but actually what happened is an editor that I worked with had read an article in the New York Times Sunday Magazine. I can't even tell vou what it was about. It was something concerning how history is written, ideologically. In one sentence, deep into this eight- or nine-thousandword piece, the writer, in passing, mentioned Elizabeth Bentley.

"My editor e-mailed me and said, 'Have you ever heard of Elizabeth Bentley?' You hate to say no because it makes you feel stupid. So I very quickly got online and typed in Elizabeth Bentley in a search engine, and what came up was a minor British poet named Elizabeth Bentley. So I immediately wrote back to my editor and said, 'Oh, yes, I know Elizabeth Bentley, she was a minor British poet.' And she said, 'No, no, not that Elizabeth Bentley.' So the idea came from this Times article, via my editor to me."

"Did you know much about the post-World War II period before you began the book?"

"When I studied history it was 20th-century social history that I was mostly being involved in, so I had read quite a bit about the Depression. I had read quite a bit about the formation of and disintegration of the Communist and Socialist and anarchist movements through the early part of the 20th Century. I knew something about the McCarthy Era. But I had never heard of Elizabeth Bentley, I knew just a passing nod of the Rosenberg story [Julius and Ethel, executed in 1953 for passing atomic secrets to the Russians].

I asked about the materials from which Ms. Kessler built Elizabeth Bentley's life.

'Our wonderful tax dollars go to fund, among other institutions, the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The single most

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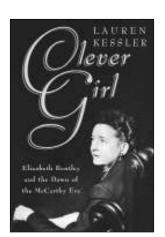
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important set of documents that I looked at, although I looked at a whole lot of stuff, came from the FBI. Elizabeth Bentley has a very extensive FBI file that began with her coming forth and, I guess you could call it 'confessing.' It was never called a confession. But it turned out to be. It was 108 pages, singlespaced, with an index, of direct quotes of her talking about what she did and who she talked to and who she met and where they met and what they were wearing. And then, of course, the FBI from New York to Washington, D.C., to Hartford, Connecticut, to New Orleans, Louisiana, various places that she lived or near various places she lived, kept an eye on her and reported for the record. You know when she sneezed that there would be a document that said, 'Elizabeth Bentley sneezed.'

"The other very important documents for me were from times when she was a witness at various senate subcommittees. All that is public record and is published verbatim. Also, I was able to, through the Library of Congress, get audio tapes of the two times that she was on Meet the Press. That was interesting, to hear her voice. I located the kinescopes of her appearance on Meet the Press, hosted then by Lawrence Spivak. It was interesting to see her. Very interesting, just to see how she reacted when questions were asked and how composed she was.

"She was especially composed when you compared her to the sweaty journalists who were asking the questions. She really was the ultimate teacher, sitting there primly with her hands clasped, articulating beautifully the way a Vassar woman would.

"Also, I was able to talk personally to a number of the FBI folks who were involved then, in one way or another, in the investigation. Some have died, but some were in their mid-20s in the late 1940s, so they are still alive, and their memories are incredibly sharp. They provided wonderful information — information that you can't get from documents. Too, I never would have spoken to anybody like this had it not been for the book. That's one of the best reasons to be a writer of nonfiction or a writer who does extensive research: you get to be part of worlds that you don't know anything about, that you



would never veer into were it not for the book, and you get to speak to people who you would never otherwise talk to."

Elizabeth Bentley and her testimony were attacked by the left. Some of these attacks were quite personal. Poet Archibald MacLeish, a prominent figure in both literary and government circles, even wrote a nasty little poem about Bentley that was published in the then-popular New York Herald Tribune:

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God help that country where informers thrive! Where slander flourishes and

lies contrive To kill by whispers!

Where men lie to live! God help that country by informers fed,

Where fear corrupts and where suspicion spread,

By look and gesture, even to the dead.

I said that surely Bentley was hurt by these antagonistic cri-

"Well, she was both a loner So you and a lonely woman. So you couldn't say that she lost all of her friends over this. I don't know that she had any to lose. But certainly I'm sure it was hurtful."

The immediate post-World War II period on into the 1950s. when the United States entered into the Cold War, remains, Ms. Kessler said, "a controversial period." She said that she grew up, like many young people of that time, "believing that the Rosenbergs were completely guiltless and had been railroaded." Ms. Kessler paused a moment, then added, "McCarthy, I still actually believe that McCarthy was a rabid dog. I think that believing McCarthy was so awful was one of the things that blinded me and blinded the historians and the later I read and who influenced me. McCarthy was so awful that thinking people were blinded to the notion that he could have been right in some way. I don't mean right in accusing all these people who were simply liberals or union members or college teachers. That's not why he was right at all. He was dead wrong on that. But this idea that there was 'a communist conspiracy was laughable to the left and was laughable to my high school teachers and to me. I think that the Venona cables show that the Soviet Union and the Communists were quite interested in what was going on in the American government "VENONA," according to the federal government's website, www.nsa.gov/docs/venona/, "was the code name used for the U.S. Signals Intelligence effort to collect and decrypt the text of Soviet KGB and GRU messages from the 1940s. These messages provided extraordinary insight into Soviet attempts to infiltrate the highest levels of the United States Government"]. Just as we were interested in what was going on in their government. And that there was quite a bit of spying going on. I don't think that can change somebody who's a leftist into a right-wing person, or vice versa. I just think it's a fact. It's a fact of history. And you have to evaluate people like Elizabeth Bentley based on the fact that she actually did what she said she did and that the people that she accused of helping her indeed did help her. To me that's neither a statement for the left nor a statement for the right.

journalists of the time who then

Ms. Kessler writes about Elizabeth Bentley:

> She was no McCarthvite. Unlike the senator and his ilk, she knew what she was talking about. Her statements, many of which were later validated by the Venona cables and by materials in Soviet archives, were truth, not fabrication. Part of Elizabeth Bentley's train-

ing in spycraft was that she was no pensive journals, no love letters. I said that there were no such materials must make the work of the biographer more difficult.

Ms. Kessler answered, saying, "Well, it was not like writing a biography of a poet. Someone who kept journals. I think, except for opening herself up emotionally to basically one

man during her life, that she was pretty closed down. I think that she probably used alcohol to numb herself, and occasionally that didn't work, and you can see it just in the way she kind of lost it in her life."

"She was," I said, recalling Bentley's many car wrecks, "a terrible driver."

"Yes, she was a terrible driver...but I think that she was really quite closed off from herself, and to me the material said that. I did feel like I knew her when I was doing the research. I don't know if you're familiar with the book that I wrote right before this one called The Happy Bottom Writing Club."

"No," I said, I wasn't.

"That was also a biography about a woman. But with this woman there was absolutely no comparison in any way that I can think of with Elizabeth Bentley, except in the sense that she also left nothing really personal. Mostly because she was too busy having fun. She was this complete wild woman, very selfish, wealthy, spent huge amounts of money. And so I guess when I came to Elizabeth Bentley I was used to dealing with that sort of person. You know, very different than, say, Savage Beauty: The Life of Edna St. Vincent Millay. Which I loved and I thought, reading that, well, that's the difference between writing about someone who is self-involved and in touch with what they're doing and thinking at any given moment and understands - maybe understands - posterity. That's a different kind of material, absolutely.

Ms. Kessler writes, about Elizabeth Bentley, that her life embodied deep contradictions, the most basic of which was that she was a good girl who

had done wrong. "I certainly felt that," Ms. Kessler said. "I assume that she felt that too. I do think that there was some moment where she thought, 'What have I done? How does this make sense with who I am? I better do something about this.' Fear, too, was a motivating factor."

There were some among the Communist spies who wanted Bentley killed, and some among that group suggested poisoning her.

"She didn't know details," said Ms. Kessler, "but I think she had every reason to be fearful. But I think she also had every reason to come to some feeling about this good girl/bad girl contradiction. I don't think it was 100 percent fear that drove her. I do believe it was some kind of epiphany on her part.'

Ms. Kessler believes that because Bentley was so alone in the world — her parents dead, no siblings, few friends - she was easily drawn to the American Communist movement. Ms. Kessler explained, "She needed to join something that was bigger than she was, that had a sense of social life going on that she could plug into. I do think that she had the socially conscious tendencies that had been nurtured by her mother. But I think the whole excitement of going out with groups of people and drinking coffee and smoking cigarettes and arguing politics was very attractive to her."

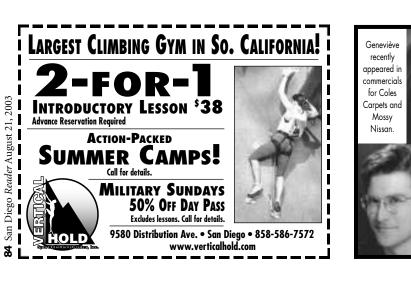
After Bentley "turned," the FBI, I suggested, became family for her. Right up to her death she wrote to various agents and called them. She even wrote to J. Edgar Hoover.

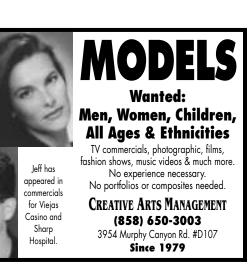
Ms. Kessler agreed. "Absolutely. And actually in both the good and the bad ways that we could think of a family. There was kind of a codependent relationship between Bentley and the Bureau.

I said that I couldn't help but feel sorry for Bentley, that her life seemed so sad. But Ms. Kessler disagreed. "I think that she faced her demons. Two women who were involved with people during this period both found themselves institutionalized. That could have been Elizabeth Bentley. I mean, she could have gone to the nut house with these other women. She also could have gotten so far into alcohol, for example, that she couldn't have gone out.

"But she had strength, and this is why I don't feel sorry for her. She was a woman alone who made it alone. She kept getting fired. She found another job. She found another place. She would get fired. She found another job. She found another place. Until she found a place that, that suited her, teaching in a home for wayward girls. I think it's a perfect place for her. She was a wayward girl. And I think that she probably felt at peace for those last five or six years of her life. And since she didn't have a domestic life, and she didn't have a romantic life, her work life pretty much had to be it."

— Judith Moore









They Met, but They Didn't Get Along

In this slick and cynical age, romanticism can still carry the listener away.

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t was Cho-Liang Lin who chose "East Meets West" as a theme for this summer's chamber music festival (a theme with personal meaning for him, since this great classical violinist has his feet in two cultures). I mention this because

I don't want anyone to blame me for Lin's egregiously un-PC title. The terms "East" and "West," as everyone who has recently studied in a university knows, are Euro-

centric-imperialistic. So are the expressions "Oriental" and "Occidental," since they indicate the direction of sunrise and sunset as seen from — for example — that once-great imperialist power, London.

Given the rubrics in the SummerFest program booklet (the concert I'm reviewing here is designated "East Meets West I"), I will have to mention the taboo words now and then, but to avoid being considered an imperialist I intend to use them from my own point of view, which is naturally California-centric. Hence, by "East" I will mean France and Germany; and by "West" I will mean Asia (over which the sun sets, when we are watching it from Mission Beach). An example: when he is functioning as SummerFest's artistic director, Cho-Liang "Jimmy" Lin, born in Taiwan but now a New Yorker, must be considered an Easternized Westerner. (I myself, having grown up in New York but having lived here for more than half my life, am a Westernized Easterner.)

If you are afraid this will cause confusion, don't worry. In the concert that introduced the theme, there was a little bit of the "West" in two short traditional Chinese pieces played by the lovely Wu Man (no, not Wu Han!) on the *pipa*. But the real underlying theme of the program (as it would be for the following two concerts) was "Classic-Romantic Music Meets the Late-20th-Century Avant-Garde" — and that turns out to be a much more problematic encounter, like water meeting oil.

It was indeed a pleasure to hear (and watch) Wu Man, a virtuoso of her instrument. The *pipa* (similar to the Japanese *biwa*) is a flat-backed, fretted lute, deriving like all such instruments from an ancient Middle Eastern (or do I mean Middle Western?) ancestor. With its nasal, pungent sonority, it sounds more like a banjo than like the Renaissance lute. Under Wu Man's

hands, it exhibited the dazzling speed and brilliance of Earl Scruggs playing bluegrass. The harmonic element is missing, since traditional Chinese music is

purely monophonic; and instead of the do-re-mi we are used to, this music is based on the pentatonic scale. But the *pipa* is capable of a far greater range of color than the banjo (including airy harmonics and an amazing roaring sound), and Wu Man employed this capability to great effect. There is also greater use of expressive pitch-alteration ("bending") and glissando than is customary on the banjo, contributing to the distinctive Chinese richness of melodic nuance.

The major work on the first half of the program was Ernest Chausson's Concerto for Violin, Piano, and String Quartet, Opus 21. It is a largescale, passionate work in the lush, chromatic style of César Franck, with a particularly ripe texture due to the unusual orchestration. Not often performed (because of the unlikelihood of finding such an ensemble ready to hand), it was ideally suited to SummerFest's ability to bring a diverse set of artists together even for a single, quirky piece.

The performance at Sherwood Auditorium was ideal as well, involving most of the superb artists who had participated in the Beethoven concert the evening before: violinist Gil Shaham, pianist Garrick Ohlsson, and the Miami String Quartet. The group's fine discipline and total command of the work's turbulent and melancholy romanticism (given its most intense focus in Shaham's inspired playing) drove the audience into a justifiable frenzy of enthusiasm, a reaction that would have surprised and gratified the meticulous composer (dead of a bicycle accident in his 44th year). In this slick and cynical age, heart-on-the-sleeve romanticism can still carry the listener away, when it is embodied in such skillful art. Concertgoers who found this performance revelatory, and who know Chausson only by his popular

Poème for Violin and Orchestra, might want to investigate his other masterpieces: the grand Symphony in B-flat; the vocal-orchestral cycles Poème de l'amour et de la mer and Chanson perpetuelle; the songs; and the wonderful opera Le roi Arthus. There are terrific recordings of the Opus 21 Concerto on Hyperion (with Philippe Graffin and Pascal Devoyon) and Harmonia Mundi (with Régis Pasquier and Jean-Claude Pennetier), but they're not quite the equal of the peerless SummerFest performance which proves that you don't have to be French to play French music.

Even with an intermission in between, the following work on the program, Chinary Ung's *Spiral* for Cello, Piano, and Percussion, came as a shock to the nerves. Written by the Cambodian-born UCSD composer in 1987, just about a century after the Chausson work, *Spiral* offered a vivid example of how the relationship between serious music and its audience has changed over that hundred years. The Chausson Concerto offers soaring and poignant melody, harmonies that arouse the deepest emotions, a fascinating and subtle web of sound, a

clear dramatic structure that draws the mind along with its unfolding events toward powerfully satisfying conclusions, and a pervasive sense that the music grows out of human experience and reflects our life in the world. The aesthetics of *Spiral* are the exact opposite in all respects.

There were three players: cellist Felix Fan, pianist Aleck Karis, and percussionist Steven Schick. The cellist's part consisted chiefly of a lengthy *cantilena* — not an especially interesting or beautiful *cantilena*, but with an impassioned cellist like Fan playing one of the most glorious Strads in the world, the sheer sound of the instrument and the lyricism of the execution were bound to please, whatever the quality of the mu-



Ernest Chausson

SummerFest: East Meets West I Sherwood Auditorium (La Jolla Music Society)

Traditional Chinese, White Snow in Spring and Little Bright Moon for pipa; Chausson, Concerto for Violin, Piano, and String Quartet, Opus 21; Chinary Ung, Spiral for Cello, Piano, and Percussion; Mendelssohn, Octet for Strings in E-flat, Opus 20

> sic. This wandering melodic line was continually punctuated by outbursts from the large array of pitched and nonpitched percussion instruments, and by similar sounds from the piano (which was also used chiefly for percussion effects).

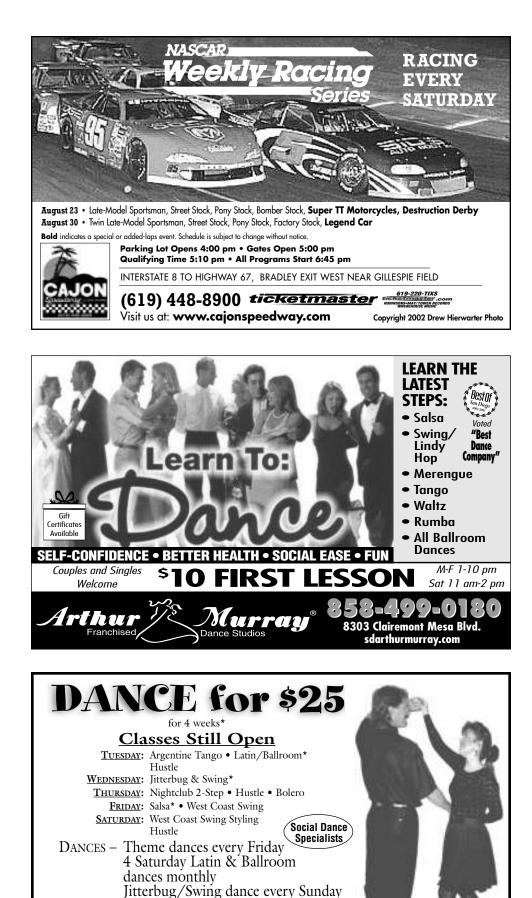
> It was impressive to watch Steven Schick rushing around from instrument to instrument with the utmost aplomb, but I found it impossible to discern the purpose of the various percussive interventions, which seemed completely arbitrary both as to their placement in the musical discourse and as to which instrument was struck at any particular time. The percussion instruments were used almost entirely to add color, with little rhythmic function; and the variety of colors



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was so excessive that after a brief period the individual sounds of the instruments ceased to attract any attention.

The music seemed totally abstract, without reference to human patterns of thought and feeling. Nor was there any perceptible structure to the piece as a whole. I emphasize 'perceptible" because, according to the program notes, Ung did have a method in this composition, "which uses 'spiraling' as an invented compositional tool. It is not only a device to generate melodic lines, but is also largely responsible for creating the formal structure of the piece. At a local level, a certain set of notes can be recalled in succession to form ever-newer phrases, extending the length of the passage. He also recalls certain passages in an alternating fashion on a larger scale, affecting the formal structure of the work."

If you can make sense of this pedantic babble, go ahead. But in any case such a structure, even if it exists at some level, would be unintelligible to any listener who had not studied the score — which puts "spiraling" in the same bag with the 12-tone rows that dominated academic music for so many decades and that nobody could ever actually hear. This is what it means to be avant-garde these days.

It was another great jolt to the nerves when the incredibly deft stagehands cleared all those percussion instruments away and almost instantaneously replaced them with eight chairs and music stands for the final work of the evening, the fabulous Mendelssohn Octet. Suddenly - shockingly - we were back in the humane era when a composer cared about his listeners understanding what was going on in his music, when he wanted to give them both sensual delight and a condensed replica of their own joys, griefs, and struggles, and when his forms and structural devices were intended to have an immediate impact as felt experience. The Summer-Fest performance of the Octet was polished and vigorous, if perhaps lacking in the last full measure of Mendelssohnian zest. But what a relief!

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Summer Organ Series, Janice Stewart and Louise Foss play selections by Joel Raney, Joe Utterback, Joseph W. Clokey, Edward McDowell, as well as hymns arranged by Hayes and Gaspard, at organ and piano on Thursday, August 21, for Schantz Organ and Music Concert Series 2003.

Classical and religious works by Faulkes, J.S. Bach, Dvořák, Groton, and others may be heard when organist George Butterfield performs for series on Thursday, August 28.

Concerts begin at 7 p.m. at San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. Offering. 760-753-6582. (ENCINITAS)

Modern Classical Music Series offered by Parviz Modiri focuses on "My Violin, Compositions, and Computer," Friday, August 22, 7:30 p.m., Mission Valley Hilton (910 Camino del Rio South). Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at door. Reservations: 619-294-2761. (MISSION VALLEY)

Big-Band Night, salutes to Frank Sinatra, Tommy Dorsey, and Harry James promised for San Diego Symphony's Summer Pops concerts, Friday and Saturday, August 22 and 23. The U.S. Navy Band Southwest, Walt Andrus, Lynn Roberts, and Michael Berkovitz join the symphony. Concerts conclude with fireworks. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6) at Navy Pier (960 North Harbor Drive). Single tickets: \$15 to \$62, available by calling 619-235-0804 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

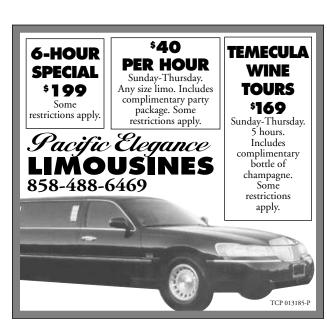
"Songs for a Summer Afternoon" presented by vocalist Kathleen Le Mieux Savastio and pianist John Danke, Sunday, August 24, 2 p.m., Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, August 24, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Seven Young Musicians who have won scholarships in the Goodlin Contest Program perform works by Mozart, Liszt, Chopin, Beethoven, Puccini, and Peschetti on Sunday, August 24, 2:30 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Symphonic Spectacular! Organist Carol Williams and Hector Olivera and his Roland AT90-S perform the closing concert for the Summer Organ Festival. Monday, August 25, 7:30 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Toy Piano Festival, Wednesday, August 27, on lower level of Geisel Library at UCSD. Performances by Sue Palmer at 12:30 p.m., festival director Scott Paulson at 6:30 p.m. Serious composers from Chile to Japan have submitted new works to be premiered. Concerts are free, parking is not. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)







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GALLERIES

"Elemental Fiber," an annual exhibition of works by members of California Fibers, is on view through Saturday, October 4, at La Jolla Fiber Arts (7644 Girard Avenue). Weaving, quilting, basketry, wearables, silk painting, mixed media. Artists' reception on Friday, August 22, 6:30 p.m. 858-454-6732. (LA JOLLA)

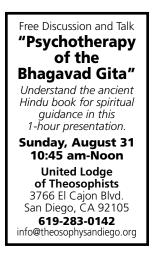
"Echolocation," an exhibit with work by five artists, opens with reception on Friday, August 22, 7 p.m., at Farm art space (1946 Broadway). Show closes Saturday, August 30. 619-595-0677. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Baked Goods and Those Who Love Them," an exhibit of work by Tim Caton, is on display through August at Frame Maker Gallery (3102 Reynard Way). Meet Caton during reception, Friday, August 22, 6 p.m. 619-260-2600. (HILLCREST)

Abstract Mixed-Media Art "linking dream and reality" by Geraldine Dubois goes on exhibit with reception Friday, August 22, 6 p.m., at Joseph David Gallery (760 Eighth Avenue). 619-702-6290. Show continues through Wednesday, September 3. (DOWNTOWN)

"Portentous Sentencing," an exhibition of work by Michael Hutchins and Nick Bova, opens with reception Friday, August 22, 7 p.m., Voltaire Consort (4826 Voltaire Street). View the paintings on Saturday, August 23, 7 p.m. to midnight. 619-702-5510. (OCEAN BEACH)

"At Home and Abroad," "mailman painter" David Moore lives in Golden Hill and delivers mail in Crest. An exhibit of his



paintings opens with reception on Saturday, August 23, 5 p.m., at the Next Door Gallery (2963 Beech Street, between 30th and Dale Streets). 619-233-6679. See the paintings through Sunday, September 28. (GOLDEN HILL)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, "Heirlooms of the Future — Art of Contemporary American Designer Craftsmen" includes furniture, textiles, glass, and pottery by renowned artists including Sam Maloof, Wendy Maruyama, Jack Lenor Larsen, Dale Chihuly, Italo Scanga, Beatrice Woods, and others. Show continues until October.

"Mingei of Japan — The Legacy of Its Founders — Soetsu Yanagi, Shoji Hamada, and Kanjiro Kawai," an exhibition of objects from the museum's collection by known and unknown craftsmen from throughout Japan continues until January 25, 2004. Included: *tansu* (Japanese chests), pottery, calligraphy, woodblock prints, stencil work, kimono and other textiles, baskets, toys.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, the desire for "all things Chinese' sent great clipper ships across the world's oceans with cargoes of exported Chinese art during the 18th Century. "Mariners and Mandarins — Seafaring and the Arts of the China Trade" highlights both traders and sought-after goods that drew them around the world. View "The Celestial Cargo, Treasures from the China Trade," featuring examples of Chinese export art, through Sunday, September 14. More than 100 works of art included — some of it dating as far back as the late 17th Century. Pieces include rare soapstone carving of Peter the Great, examples of Chinese porcelain, elaborately decorated traditional Chinese fans, jewelry and other artifacts in silver and gold, and paintings on paper, canvas, and silk.

Artist Dario Robleto explores "the fetishism surrounding vinyl records by shredding, melting, and molding albums into objects" referring to songs from which they're created in his "Cerca Series" exhibit, on view through Sunday, August 24. This exhibit builds around Robleto's installation *The Diva Surgery*, described as the "artist's failed attempt to recreate the perfect female voice from bits and pieces of other divas."

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 San Diego, La Jolla, "Andy Goldsworthy: Three Cairns" is on view through Tuesday, August 26. The show includes photographs, drawings, sculpture, and temporary site-specific work, including a version of his cairns in front of the museum. The artist has constructed these stone pyramids in various locations across the U.S. Large-scale photographs of some of his cairns provide thematic backbone of the show, which includes works of Eastern and Western native materials.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Frida Kahlo: Portrait of an Icon" consists of 60 photographic portraits of the infamous artist. Some are snapshots, some are by Kahlo's father (a commercial portrait photographer in early 1900s), and others are by photographers including Manuel Alvarez Bravo and Imogen Cunningham. Show closes Sunday, September 7.

Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Eddie Adams exhibits "Speak Truth to Power," celebrating the efforts of human rights defenders around the world, through Sunday, September 7. Images of subjects including the Dalai Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu are combined with interviews conducted by human rights activist Kerry Kennedy Cuomo.

Highlights of Peru's landscape offered in "Visions of Peru: Martin Chambi, Mario Algaze, and Javier Silva Meinel." Show focuses on emergence of ancestral monuments and the changing identity of Peru's landscape and people. Concludes Sunday, August 24.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Art, all 73 bronze sculptures by French impressionist Edgar Degas, augmented by a selection of Degas drawings and prints, on offer in "Degas in Bronze: The Complete Sculptures." The collection of sculptures is one of only four complete sets of the artist's bronzes in existence, on loan from the Museu de Arte de São Paulo, Brazil. Show closes Sunday, September 28.

"Partners of the Soul: African Art of the Baule," opening on Saturday, August 23, includes 45 objects from the UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History and private collectors. Show explores complex ways in which art functioned in Baule culture and society (Ivory Coast of West Africa) through a display of spirit spouse figures, portrait masks, miniature amulet figures, mouse oracles, wooden strikers. Through Sunday, January 4, 2004.

"Tradition and Innovation in European Modernist Drawings and Watercolors," also beginning August 23, showcases 35 works rarely on view due to their fragility. Artists include Paul Klee, Franz Marc, Emil Nolde, Paul Signac, Marc Chagall. See this show of works from the museum's collection through Sunday, December 14.

Paintings, sculptures, prints, videos, and photographs inspired by elements in nature are gathered in "Of Earth and Sky: Elements in Abstraction," closing Sunday, December 14. "The Later Mughals: Theaters of Power" presents more than 20 seldom-seen images telling the story of the waning of India's greatest dynasty. Through Sunday, January 25, 2004.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

You know his paintings, but there's another dimension to Degas. The third.

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This summer, the complete collection of 73 bronze sculptures by Degas is coming to the San Diego Museum of Art. In fact, this is your only chance to see all of Degas' ballet dancers, horses, and bathers on the west coast this summer.

Degas in Bronze: The Complete Sculptures is organized by Joseph S. Czestochowski, International Arts, Memphis, Tennessee, from the collections of the Museu de Arte de São Paulo, Brazil.

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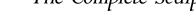
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Two Kinds of Love

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south side. There's plenty of free parking, at least until word gets out about this daring new company. At a time when the arts are

losing support like never before, it does the heart joyous to see a theater open its doors for the first time. Not only that, Sean Murray (artistic director) and Bill Schmidt's (business di-

(artistic director) and Bill Schmidt's (business director) Cygnet could become one of San Diego's finest. Murray and Schmidt renovated their

134-seat space, formerly the Actor's Asylum, so completely, it's unrecognizable. Most often a company's first show resembles a shakedown cruise, a modest comedy or drama to get bugs out. Not Cygnet. Their intro, *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, is an actual rock concert, lit, staged, and performed with professional polish. As a forecast of Cygnet shows to come, *Hedwig*'s a four-alarm alert. *Charley's Aunt* it ain't.

Hedwig Schmidt, an East German song stylist "ignored internationally," had her music stolen by a protégé, the now-famous Tommy Gnossis, a rock star who also took Hedwig's identity. Hedwig — *née* Hansel — had her gender mangled when a sex-change operation, from male to female, left an "angry inch" of her manhood.



Hedwig is haunted by the equation "6 - 5 = 1," by a life of betrayals, and by a need to find her way. Should she seek her "other half"? Would such a person be "identical or complementary"? Or, like a human Humpty Dumpty, "Is sex the way we put ourselves back together again?"

As Tommy Gnossis wows devotees next door, at the Cox Arena (he's doing his "Tour of Atonement" for hitting a school

bus head-on), Hedwig's got a little gig in a mall storefront. She sings songs and tells the stories behind them. She gripes, hassles her husband Yitzak (a woman playing a man wanting to become a drag queen), toys with and taunts the audience, shouting, "You put a wig on, then judge me, okay?"

['] His cresting waves of hair like Lily Tomlin's Ernestine, only blond, his movements as exact as the "front" singer for a rock band, Jeremiah Lorenz captivates as Hedwig, the ugly duckling who wants to become a young swan — i.e., cygnet. As longhaired, goateed, grubby Yitzak, Jenn Grinels looks like a smudge but sings like a rocket (at one point, face deadpan, her huge voice threatens to undo the untold toil that rebuilt the theater). Led by Jim Mooney — who talks like Frankenstein's Igor and plays guitar like Hendrix — the backup band could tour when the show closes.

If it closes. *Hedwig* has to work out some sound kinks, and a sag late-middle. But given the talent involved, these'll get fixed and the theater



Jeremiah Lorenz in Hedwig and the Angry Inch

Hedwig and the Angry Inch: An Anatomically Incorrect Rock Odyssey, *text by John Cameron Mitchell, music and lyrics by Steven Trask* **Cygnet Theatre,** 6663 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area

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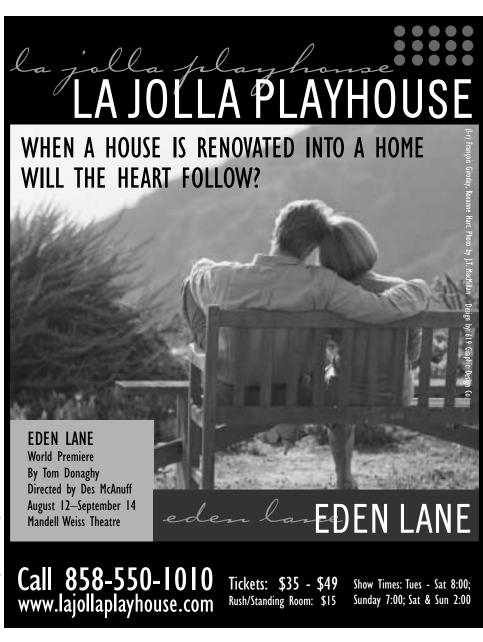
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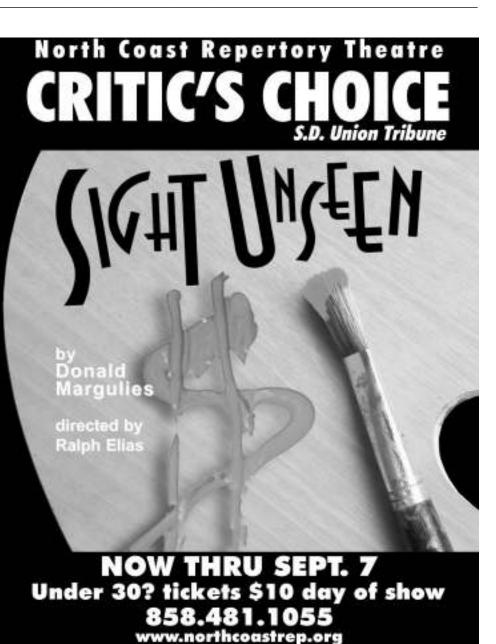
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Private Lives, by Noel Coward

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will have a bigger problem. Hedwig invites comparisons with The Rocky Horror Picture Show. Both have a plea for differences, the making of a monster, and a hot sing-along score. (Hedwig, however, makes Rocky Horror look apple-cheeked.) Cygnet's problem: they could have the Rocky Horror of the new millennium — this show could run until 3001. Then they'd have to build a second space, go through the arduous process they just finished, for other shows.

Early in Noel Coward's *Private Lives*, newlyweds Victor and Amanda relax at the French Riviera. His eyes glazed with amour, Victor confesses that he couldn't love Amanda more than he does at this moment. "Oh dear," she replies, "Ihoped our honeymoon would be more...progressive."

Where has Noel Coward been? I can't remember the last Coward production in San Diego. And we'd benefit from regular doses of his pretensiondeflating flippancy.

Coward does to high seriousness what others do to gushy emotions. Sentiment is feeling. Sentimentality is feeling in excess of the occasion (a correlative: listen to the hyper-laughs of opening-night audience members aligned with the theater). Coward regards high seriousness with the same suspicion. His antidote, as Amanda's ex, Elyot, says in Private Lives: "Be superficial and pity the poor philosophers." At the same time, Coward uses humor as an analytical tool. Beneath his flippancy lurks a sharp critique of polite society. Amanda and Elyot, when

married, had a problem. They were "ridiculously over-inlove." This shunted them back to love's paranoid baggage car — squabbles, suspicions, petty and full-throttle jealousies. When they meet on double honeymoons (in one of dramatic literature's greatest coincidences), they try to renegotiate feelings they can't repress.

Typical of his attitude toward seriousness, Coward undersold *Private Lives*, calling it "a reasonably well-constructed duologue for two experienced performers." He added that "from the point of view of technical acting, it is very interesting indeed."

Act Two, in fact, is a chase scene. Having fled their bride and groom, who promised a life of dull convention, Elyot and Amanda regroup at her Paris flat. As they try not to bicker, moods escalate into recriminations, flying pillows, and a teeter-tottering love seat.

That scene, a steeplechase, highlights the Lamb's Players fine production of *Private Lives*. Robert Smyth and Deborah



Gilmour Smyth — real-life

husband and wife — frolic in

Jeanne Reith's elegant silks and

terrorize Mike Buckley's posh

set. The scene's so spontaneous,

and hilarious, you're never

aware of the technical demands.

Sibyl, the play's foils for Elyot

and Amanda, "little more than

ninepins." Lamb's veterans

Nick Cordileone and Cynthia

Gerber give them dimension

and humor. And all create a

world of pencil-thin mous-

taches, bulbous cocktails,

rampant narcissism (Coward

also said the play is "psycho-

logically unstable"), where the

only regulations are when din-

ner will be served and what to

thing else. It's that endangered

species: a comedy that's consis-

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Coward called Victor and

Robert Smyth, Cynthia Gerber in Private Lives

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 Pavton-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. 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.

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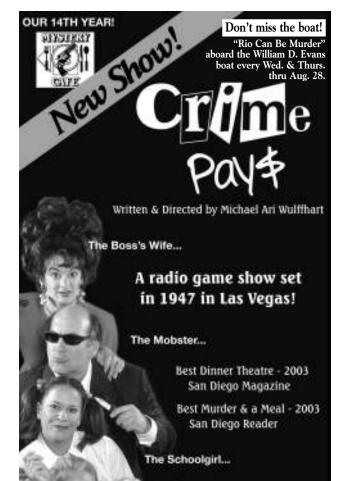
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Coriolanus

The Poor Players, of San Marcos, present Shakespeare's Roman drama about a soldier at war "against his country, a foreign horde, and his family." Richard Baird directed.

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The Country

Old joke: you can always identify postmodernists. They say, "I don't



care what it means in practice. What does it mean in theory?' Martin Crisp's drama, which sounds like Harold Pinter playing "Who's on first," has this quality. Its scenes linked by repeated palaver, the play unfolds like an exercise in minimalist theory. Corinne's the world's most reticent crime scene investigator. She's in such deep denial she refuses to learn about husband Richard, who moved his family to the country to flee a dark and stormy past. And what she already knows she refuses to admit. For 90 intermissionless minutes, Corinne and Richard practice avoidance behavior. Instead of speaking to each other, they disinform for us. The approach is interesting, in theory

(how do you de-expose a drama?). But once the audience gets the trick, it becomes predictable, even comic. You know Richard and Corinne will obfuscate anew, and she'll stand by her man, enabling him forever. The audience gets far ahead of the play, which is one of the Seven Deadly Pitfalls of doing theater.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, UCSD, THROUGH AUGUST 31; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

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dirty blonde

It's unpleasant to imagine what Claudia Shear's homage to Mae West would be like without firstclass acting. Shear wrote it as a vehicle for herself. It's sketchy, the characters one-dimensional, and the subplot, about two adoring fans, has as many scenes as West (as with most theatrical biographies, the play hasn't figured out how to negotiate between information and drama). Fortunately, the Old Globe actors save the show. As they did on Broadway, Bib Stillman and Kevin Chamberlain play umpteen roles, never less than vivid. *blonde* depicts the slow assemblage of West's image (dressed like a bespangled linebacker, she made her body a billboard for liberation), and Susan Hilferty's excellent costumes fashion the Glitter Gulch Look. Kathy Najimy is from San Diego — graduated from Crawford High, studied at the immortal Big Kitchen School of Comedy — and from Broadway, where she performed the women's roles in blonde. Najimy does what she can with Jo, the fan (isn't much there there) and shines as West, tracing her growth with skill and aplomb. When Najimy made her first entrance, the opening-night crowd whooped and hollered. A woman seated near me looked at her neighbor with puzzlement. The neighbor whispered, with pride, 'She's ours." Worth a try.

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The La Jolla Playhouse stages the world premiere of Tom Donaghy's comedy-drama about a family's new suburban dream house. Or so they hoped. Des McAnuff directed. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, UCSD, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14; TUES-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.



Grassroots Greeks

6th @ Penn's former "Seven Weeks of Greeks" has become so popular it's a regular series. And what a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, Linda Castro and David Cohen offer staged readings. The approach is refreshing. There's no attempt at polished work or choices set in granite. 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 em phasis 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. Also: since space is limited, the theater recommends reservations in advance. Next reading: Medea, Monday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. Worth a try.

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Late-Night Catechism

Every Monday night, during summer, the Laguna Playhouse stages the popular "interactive adult catechism class," taught by a sister from the old spare-not-the-rod school. The concept doesn't sound like much. The sister is substituting for the regular teacher (it's his poker night, don't tell a soul). She used to have the job but was

deemed too strict for contemporary students. And the class is just that, part of a course on Catholic doctrine. But the sister's authoritarianism takes it to unforeseen places (you can hear cries of recognition from the audience, especially when sister brings out a hard ruler and taps her palm). The results, the two times I've seen the show: a.) an almost nonstop evening of comedy; and b.) a thought-provoking look at education, religion, and much, much more. The sister, it turns out, is not kidding. Worth a try.

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Medea. Queen of Colchester

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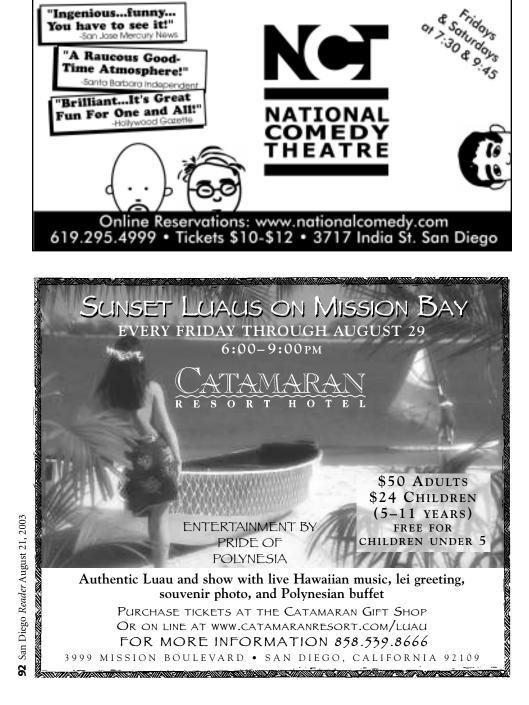
transvestite from Cape Town." Kirsten Brandt and David Tierney co-directed. SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE ST. CELIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1602 SIXTH AVENUE (AT CEDAR), DOWNTOWN, SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 THROUGH OCTOBER 12 THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, OCTO-BER 5. AND OCTOBER 12 AT 2:00 P.M. (NOTE: MEDEA RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH PHAEDRA IN DELIRIUM.) 619-544-1484.

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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 Com-



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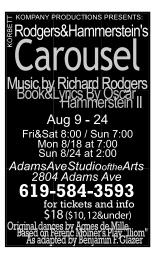
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edy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite



funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. *Worth a try.* MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA

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Nickels and Dimes

2 Clowns Entertainment presents a "comedic play" by Jerry Cesak (of Jeff & Jer). Morning radio personalities prepare for their last show, in San Diego, after a 30-year career. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH AUGUST 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

A Place in Time

Community Actors Theatre presents local author Earl Hamilton Jr.'s "dramady" about a conned playwright and his trip to Hollywood.

COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH STREET, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH AUGUST 31; FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391.

Private Lives

Reviewed this issue. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SAT-URDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-437-0600.



Private Wars

Travelin' Zoo, a group of San Diego and Tijuana performers, presents James McLure's one-act comedy about postwar conditions. VOZ ALTA, 917 E STREET (BETWEEN NINTH AND TENTH), DOWNTOWN, FRI-DAY, AUGUST 22, THROUGH SEPTEM-BER 14; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:30 P.M. 619-230-1869.

Rio Can Be Murder

Mystery Cafe reprises its most popular show. *Rio* is the least mysterious of the interactive dinner theater's offerings. It is also, however, the funniest. Author Byron LaDue takes us to Rio de Janeiro's Hotel Ipacabana. It's 1946. The war is over, though a German U-boat was spotted offshore loaded with would-be war criminals. Speaking of loaded, the hotel owner, Fritz ("call me Uncle Fritz") Wright, likes to get high on poisonous snake venom, especially during Carnaval. In preparation for which, hotel denizens break into sambas. And there are no unsuspicious types: Nicole Larsonette (Victoria Velasco) in Rio to marry handsome Captain Jack Legstrong (Ben Gilbert), who shouts, "I'll deck anvone who savs Americans are intolerant!" There's Orphio Carioca (Chris Wylie), who fights for truth, justice, and the Brazilian Way. Or does he? There's also headstrong Rita Sambina (Laura Arnold); Roscoe Carnahan (Jerry Urick), a corporal up to little good; the "Black Widow of Rio," Cordelia Ranchera (Bonnie R. Stone); and, of course, Uncle Fritz, played by James Pascarella, one of the funniSight Unseen

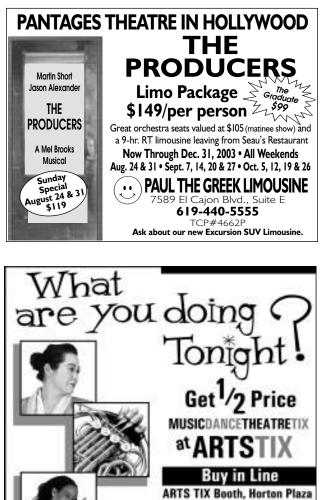
est people in San Diego. The show takes place aboard the *William D. Evans*, at the Bahia Hotel. The evening includes a funny show (the audience making big contributions), a three-course dinner, a harbor cruise, and a mystery to boot!

Worth a try.

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Romeo and Juliet and Titus Andronicus

For their fifth annual Summer Shakespeare Festival, the INDE-PENDant Players present two of the Bard's works in repertory. ARK CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, 3554 KETTNER BOULEVARD, SAN DIEGO. THROUGH AUGUST 31: THURS-



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DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-494-0069.

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 the ater. 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. 619-465-7469.

Sight Unseen

Jonathan Waxman has made it, but doesn't have it made. He and his paintings have become so (in)famous people buy future works sight unseen. Plus, he's getting a retrospective in London: his first major showing outside America. But the event forces Waxman to retrospect his life and sources of creativity. Somewhere he lost connection with both. Maybe a meeting with his expatriate ex-wife, Patricia, and Nick, her philistine husband of eight or nine years (she can't remember which), will forge a missing link. Donald Margulies drama unfolds like a geological



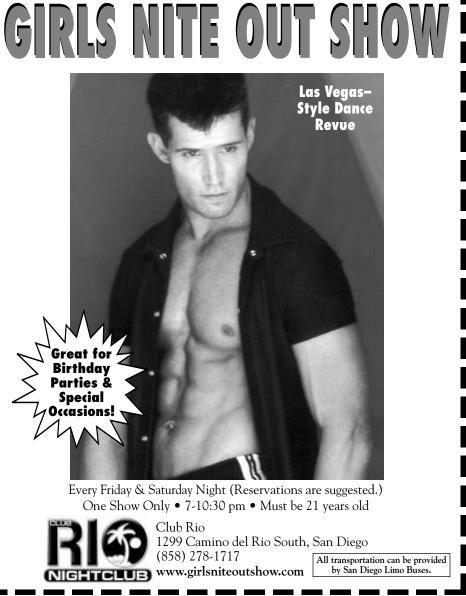
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Worth a try.

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The Sopranos' Last Supper

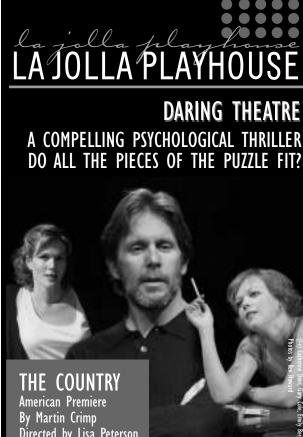
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Time Flies

David Ives writes off-the-wall playlets, like the Firesign Theatre on a language jag. Six one-acts from Ives' latest collection are on display at the Cassius Carter. A terrific cast performs: a Century 1 real estate agent; a "high" high priestess; mayflies on a first date (and last, since they only live 24 hours); a murdered British philanderer whom "even the furniture wanted dead"; and an insomniac whose paranoia escalates like Ravel's Bolero." The title cuts two ways. Most pieces embrace the expression's implied second half, "when

you're having fun." At times silly, even cutesy, they divert. But they also meditate on the fleeting nature of things and what may happen when time has flown (almost every one includes questions about God and the afterlife). The collection's uneven. Ives works best when sneaking in the side door, or tapping you on the shoulder with imaginative surprises. He's less

Time Flies

successful with more frontal pieces like "The Green Hill." But under Matt August's crisp, witty direction, even it's worth watching (especially a giant emerald sheet billowing over the Cassius Carter stage). Holly Poe Durbin's whacko costumes rival Ives for inventiveness.

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Triple Espresso: A Highly

Caffeinated Comedy Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend -'Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard,' or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever* Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudodrama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show.

(Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Worth a try.

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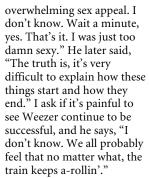
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Matt Sharp was the bassist and cofounder of Weezer — but he only lasted for the first two CDs. That first release (the blue



one) had the hits "Say It Ain't So" and "Buddy Holly" (with the *Happy Days* video that won an MTV award).

Sharp also started the group the Rentals but is now embarking on a solo career. He just released an EP called *Puckett's Versus the Country Boy.* On August 10, Sharp played to a packed crowd of 150 at the Whistle Stop Bar. His set was acoustic, and his songs were quiet. He seemed bothered by the noise of the crowd. One time he said, "It's loud in here, like a pub";



another time, "I can't even

I talked to Sharp on the

phone a few days before the

Weezer, and he said, "I never

left Weezer. On the contrary.

I was given the axe. Canned

and booted out of the joint."

"Maybe it's my

I asked why, and he said,

show. I asked why he left

hear myself sing in here.'

I asked if it was harder getting his single "Getting By" played on the radio, compared to what it was like

Neil Young moves into Greendale.

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before.

"One morning, a ways back, around 7 a.m., I was woken by a knock at the door. It was the assistant for the big cheese at Maverick Records. She was standing in the rain, out in the middle of the street, with all the doors to her car wide open, blasting the stereo. It was set to KROQ in L.A. That's the first — and last time I ever heard 'Getting By' on the radio. It sounded so optimistic, alive, and exciting. That early morning was a joyous one. We were both so happy, hugging each other, feeling that after all the chaos and hard work put into the record, that it was finally going to get its chance to be

heard and find its place in the sun. That record, *Seven More Minutes*, had limited success." I asked Sharp about the

last time he was in San Diego, and he said, "For a short while I lived near Bonita. In Paradise Hills, I think the place was called. It took me 16 years to break out of the East Coast, but when I finally did, San Diego is where I ended up. I remember the lightness of air



MATT SHARP - TOO SEXY FOR WEEZER

as I was coming down the stairs of the airplane, feeling the great sense of freedom when you've cut all ties with your past and set out to start a new life."

— Josh Board

Tony Bennett, who plays Humphrey's September 2, just turned 77 and isn't likely to serenade our fair city by name when he's here. He told NPR's Terry Gross in 1998, "I used to play around when I did 'I Left My Heart in San Francisco' and substitute the name of the city I was in, which I thought would get a great reaction from the locals. But just the opposite happened. For some reason if you sing 'I Left My Heart in San Diego,' people walk away feeling robbed." Humphrey's no doubt hopes its patrons won't feel robbed by the \$98–145 ticket fee, the highest ever charged at the venue. — Jay Allen Sanford

"There is a window when labels won't put out records, from October through December. We just came in under the wire."

Joe Sofio is the L.A.based manager for Ron Fountenberry, also known as the Incredible Moses Leroy. His second CD for Ultimatum Reords, *The Incredible Moses Leroy Become the Soft.Lightes*, was finished last February. But until last week the mastered disc was in limbo — copies weren't manufactured and there was no release date. Time was running out on whether the disc would make the "window" and even get released this year. "We finally have a date. It will be released October 21," according to Sofio. The manager also

addressed new rumors that question the future of Ultimatum. The independent L.A. company laid off half its staff last year.

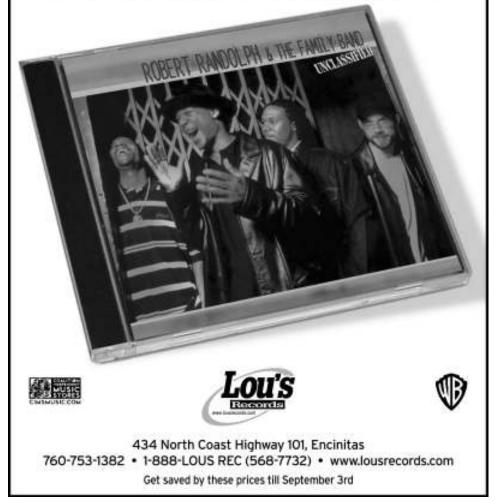


MOSES AND THAT PECULIARLY TITLED CD

"Those rumors probably come from the fact that Ultimatum split with [New York-based] Artemis Records." Ultimatum relied on

Robert Randolph defies classification.

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Artemis for national distribution. But Artemis has been hit with lawsuits by two of its artists. The band Boston sued the New York label for \$4 million for failure to properly promote last year's Corporate America CD. London band Kittie sued Artemis over unpaid royalties. Sofio said Ultimatum has finally hooked up with iMusic (Cracker, John Doe), which will use its distribution links with BMG to get Moses Leroy discs into stores.

Sofio said he is confident that Ultimatum's staff of "four or five people" can properly promote the new Moses Leroy CD.

"They really understand him. Besides, what he does is not what the major labels are doing right now.

As proof that Ultimatum is still a thriving, vital record company, Sofio said, "Fountenberry has these residency gigs during the month of August. Every Monday he plays in Costa Mesa and every Tuesday in Silverlake. Ultimatum

covered his backup musicians for all those dates.

Regarding Fountenberry's reputation as a studio whiz but as a stiff live performer, Sofio said, "I saw him last night, and he was totally unblocked. He was totally free up there. I did not get a sense of nervousness at all." A call to Ultimatum

general manager John Loken was not returned. The Incredible Moses

Leroy appears at the Whistle Stop Bar in South Park August 29, 9 p.m., free admission, must be 21.

— Ken Leighton

"I was driving

the van when I got a call from Lee saying that everything was stopped. That we were cut off."

Three months ago local pop punk band Off by One was in Denver, winding up a 250-city tour that began in May 2002 and ended June 1. Lead singer/guitarist Marc Gould was describing how he heard that Off by One was being jettisoned by La Jolla-based LMC Records after two years. LMC had provided tour support and paid for all recording and promotional costs for the

band. LMC was named after founder Lee Chestnut who was telling the band he

was cutting them off. "He told us that as of June 1 he was going to exercise his option to take us off his label. We had so much momentum. We had hired a publicist and an independent record promoter [for radio]. We made it to number 52 on the Billboard alternative chart.'

Two years ago Chestnut,



OFF BY ONE OFF BY ONE MORE

a successful real estate developer, announced he was launching LMC Records with the statement, "I made my money in real estate, but I

have a passion for music." Gould recalls what it was like when Chestnut first took

his band under his wing. "We were basically a garage band." Chestnut hired the production team called the Matrix (who produced records for Robbie Williams. Liz Phair, Avril Lavigne, and Britney Spears) to produce Off by One's self-titled debut release.

It was released in August of last year. But Gould said nothing happened. After their CD was released, they were "still sitting in San Diego." Enter Darius Lauth, a former touring musician with Wilson Pickett who was brought into the LMC fold by Chestnut.

"Lee didn't know anything about the music business. He didn't understand concepts like touring and radio play. Darius got us organized. He taught us how to be better musicians. He was always pushing us to be better. But Gould suggested his

band's support of Lauth alienated Chestnut. "There were differences in opinion. That's all I will say.' Gould says he is grateful

for LMC, which covered touring expenses while the band got to keep its gig revenue. "We got to tour for free for a year and a half. The money we saved is what is supporting us right now.' Gould said Off by One is in

between labels. The band is still handled by New York booking agency DNA Artists. Off by One was the last

remaining band of the

original three that were

Gould said Edify and

left LMC.

unsuccessful.

Admission is \$7.

signed to LMC when the

label launched two years ago.

Brooklyn Run had already

Attempts to get a

or LMC Records were

response from Lee Chestnut

Off by One appears 7

p.m. Sunday at SOMA with

Agent 51, One Track Mind,

– Ken Leighton

Pivit, and Denver Harbor.

"There have been

complaints from the

property owners and

residents around the area

that the place is too loud. If

they have one more complaint, they will get shut down because they've already had a couple warnings."



HOT MONKEY IN HOT WATER?

Singer/guitarist Elijah Clark of Lakeside is a regular at the Wednesday open-mike nights at the Hot Monkey Love Café near SDSU. The all-age coffeehouse hosts live music or comedy seven nights a week.

"[The venue] is in a residential area on El Cajon Boulevard, and it always gets complaints about noise from the neighbors," says Clark.

Other music venues have been besieged by noise complaints. The Belly Up spent \$50,000 in legal fees in the late 1980s to fend off neighborhood complaints. Downtown's Juke Joint Café closed last year after succumbing to aggravated neighbors.

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Hot Monkey is a family business owned and operated by Alma and Rick Felan and Rick's mother Viola Vidal. Alma savs Clark's version of Hot Monkey's plight is not correct.

"We're not about to shut down. There is nothing major. We've talked to the city.... I don't deal with hard rock or loud music. The loudest we have is hip-hop.'

But Alma admits her Tuesday hip-hop nights called "The Cypher" pack her 98-capacity cafe. She said she has had to make sure that she doesn't exceed capacity on Tuesday, when the cover charge is \$5.

"We do turn away people on Tuesday. We have to wait for people to leave before we can let more people in."

She said the show, which is organized by professional Ping-Pong player Michael Giff, "is known worldwide." Alma says it's not

Tuesday's hip-hop performers who are drawing complaints.

"It's that we allow musicians to practice here during the daytime." She said all the complaints have come during the day.

But Steve Cousins of San Diego's code enforcement read from the file his department had on Hot Monkey. "The complaint cites disturbing, offensive, and excessive noises coming from the parking lot after 10 p.m. and before 7 a.m.'

The Hot Monkey Love Café on El Cajon Boulevard near College has salsa on Sunday, comedy on Monday, jazz on Thursday, the Beatlesque Baja Bugs on Friday, and various local bands on Saturday. The café celebrates its one-vear anniversary on Saturday. Lisa Sanders, Elijah Clark, the Hot Monkey Love Band, and the Baja Bugs perform, 5 p.m., free admission. — Ken Leighton

I drop by the Cherry

Bomb in Bankers Hill on a recent Saturday night and notice the song "I'm Sorry bout My Drinkin' " on the jukebox — a catchy pop song by the long-defunct San Diego band the Malakas. The bar has two of the band's CDs in the jukebox. Speaking with co-owner Sondra Feuillet, I learn that the band's guitar player and vocalist, Cranford Nix, died a few years ago in Detroit from a heroin overdose. Nix wrote all the band's songs. Feuillet tells me Nix had been off

JAY ALLEN SANFORD OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: SECOND WIND UM, WHAT THAT WAS, I WAS REALLY WHAT, 10, 15 YEARS ABOUT HEATHER PSYCHED FOR LOLLAPALOOZ AGO ? SURE, IT SEEMED LOCKLEAR ? IT'S BEEN A LOTTA YEARS COOL THEN. SINCE THE LAST ONE OKAY, I'LL GIVE YOU THA ONF NOTHING FROM THAT FAR BACK IS STILL AN) GOOD, IS IT "Which one do they play

drugs for a while and that his body wasn't used to the same amount of heroin he used before getting sober, which caused his overdose. Josh Bilben, Feuillet's boyfriend, who is also part owner of the Cherry Bomb, remembers Nix as a likable guy.

"We still have a lot of the old regulars that were friends of his. That's pretty much one of the main reasons that we leave it on the jukebox.. There's probably half a dozen regulars that every time they go up to the jukebox, they play at least one Malakas song.



'Fuck You, Lorraine.' " The Cherry Bomb has six Lava lamps and is located

next to a well-lit Laundromat. They have live bands on weekends. August 30 is the Dempsey Project. Cat Handcuffs play September 6.

- Pat Sherman

These concert tickets

were on sale at various ticket resale websites as of August 4:

Iron Maiden, Dio, and Mötorhead, Sports Arena, August 26, section B, row 13 — \$260 each (www. goldencircleinc.com). Face price \$38.

Neil Young, Sports Arena, September 19, section B, row 4 — \$265 each (*www*. ticketsgalore.com). Face price \$78.

Jimmy Buffett, Coors Amphitheater, September 23, orchestra row C — \$776.50 each (www.southbaytickets. com). Face price \$75.

White Stripes, UCSD Rimac Arena, September 25, floor seats (general admission concert) — \$125.50 each (www.advancetickets. com). Face price \$30.

Radiohead, Coors Amphitheatre, September 28, section 101, row N — \$380 each (www.sandiegoticket. *com*). Face price \$46.50. – Jay Allen Sanford

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Max Expenses

"Each bird is probably worth a thousand dollars."

hen I handed artist Peter Max my Beatles Yellow Submarine CD to sign, Max laughed and said, "Everyone thinks I did this artwork. They wanted me to, but I never did. I did a few things but told them to commission another artist. The style is a lot like mine. But I'll sign this CD

anyway. Peter Max didn't draw Yellow Submarine? After getting over the shock, I realized I'd found a good bar bet.

On August 8, Max was at Borders in Mission Valley to sign his coffee table book, The Art of Peter Max by Charles A. Riley II. I bought one for \$50. My friend Laurie got off a lot cheaper. She had a small crochet book he did in 1971. The Borders staff had said he would only sign the books sold there.

When Max saw my friend's book, he was freaking out. He said, "Will you let me have this? I will trade you an original work of mine. It'll be worth thousands. A lot more than this book is worth." He told Laurie to wait until he signed all the books for everyone else. I left after 5 minutes, but Laurie waited, and 45 minutes later, Max explained to her, "I have a box of these books, but they're packed away somewhere. It will be so convenient to get this one from you." She gave him the book, and then he grabbed a piece of paper from a table beside him and started drawing her a picture of a boat on the ocean in black pen. The sail had the letter L for her name.



He smiled and said, "I'll draw a few birds, also. Each bird is probably worth a thousand dollars." I thought he was exaggerating, until I went to his gallery opening in La Jolla the next day. There he was, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Went-

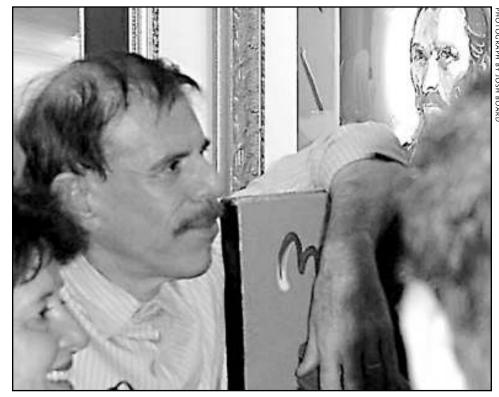
worth Gallery on Prospect. I saw three ladies with Peter Max shirts. Two of them were autographed. I asked

one of them, Chris Keller, how she got her autograph. She said,

"He signed the shirt. Then a lady from the gallery spilled wine on me. I said, 'You ruined my shirt! And he autographed it!' She was rude but said she'd take me over to Peter, and he'd draw a design around it. She told me to stick my boob at him, which I did." She points to her chest, and I see some squiggles and heart designs drawn around the stain.

Keller's friend said, "We've lived in La Jolla since 1970. We've been to a lot of these gallery openings. Grace Slick. Yoko Ono was here once and couldn't sell anything. But Max has stuff flying off the walls. And they're so expensive; \$60,000 for the big ones. David Copley [Union-Tribune publisher] was here earlier and bought a beautiful piece. Maureen O'Connor [ex-mayor of San Diego] also bought one with blue and turquoise in it.'

I saw a man who had just bought a small oil and was having Max sign the back of it. I ask if he's a big art collector or a fan of Max's work. He said, "A big Max fan. That genre, from the '60s.



I asked if this was the first piece he'd ever bought, and he said, "Yes. I bought it for my wife. It's our 15th anniversary. I wanted to surprise her. And look at this dedication he did on the back. He wrote, 'Carol, Happy 15th, Love Jason & Max.²

I find out later he paid \$31,000 for his piece. I've seen catalogs that sell a Charles Schultz drawing of Snoopy for \$500. A recent auction

Peter Max

had a Keith Haring character (the one that looks like Ziggy) starting at a bid of \$250. And Warhol's signature alone fetches \$100. I glanced on eBay and found over 300 Max items. There were ashtrays, watches, cookie jars, and even bedsheets. His posters were selling for \$50. Signed lithographs were selling for around \$2500. One was the "Warhol with mustache," and another was a Mona Lisa portrait. The highest-priced

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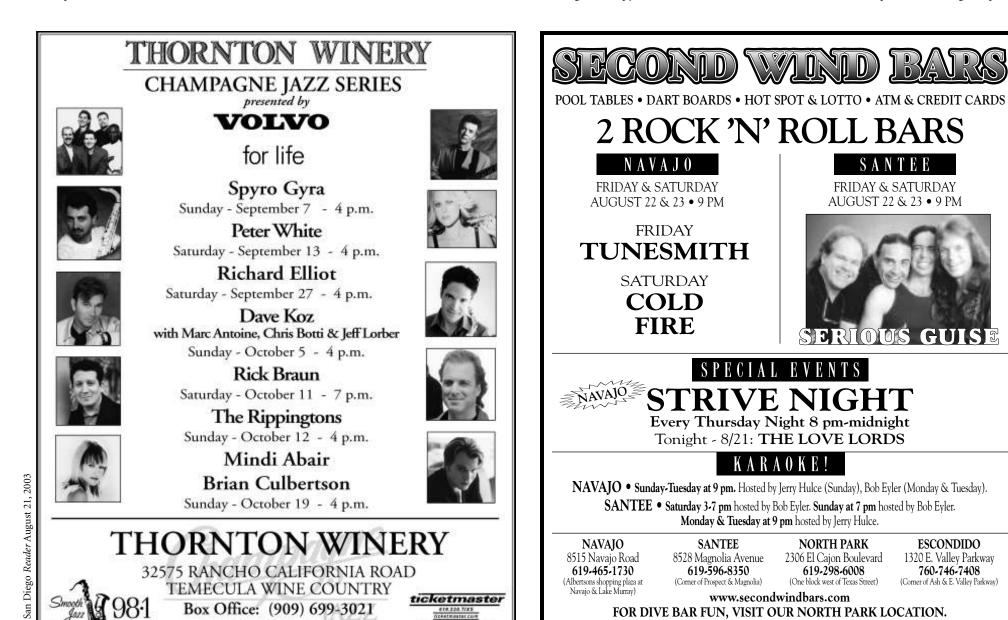
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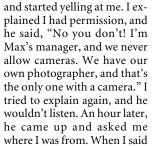


item was Zero, an original painting by Peter Max for \$22,000; however, there were no bids for it. There were 32 people bidding for a signed acrylic Peace Earth where bidding had reached \$1575, though the reserve had not yet been met, which means that the seller won't sell it at that price.

I also saw on eBay someone selling an original sketch, which would be what my friend acquired in her crochet book trade. The auctioned sketch had a price of \$250 (a far cry from his guess of it being worth thousands, but still worth more than the paperback).

Max has done album covers (Aretha Franklin, Yes, the Band, and Badfinger). He was hired to do five Super Bowls, the Kentucky Derby, the World Series, the World Cup, and the U.S. Tennis Open.

A lady at the gallery told me I couldn't bring in my camera as I walked through the door. When I said I was from the Reader, she talked to her boss, who said it was okav to take pictures. As I was doing this, Max's manager came over



this and tells me, "I heard somebody say he'll only do photos and sign autographs for people that buy the paintings." I saw him signing autographs for everyone though.

One lady asked about the books that Max was signing at the gallery. A gallery worker said, "We're



the Reader, he said, "Oh, you guys once did a nice write-up on us. Thank you. I'm sorry I yelled at you earlier."

A lady overhears him say

Max fans with newly bought picture giving them away free, if you buy a painting." The lady laughed and said to me, "Hey, good deal! If I spend thousands on the artwork, I get the \$50



book for free."

One guy talked to Max for a long time, and when I asked what it was about, the guy spent 30 minutes telling me he had written a patriotic song, and he wanted Max to do the album cover art.

Perhaps this isn't so far fetched. Max is a patriotic guy. According to his website, he has painted for Presidents Carter, Ford, Bush, and Reagan. He was asked by the inaugural committee to create posters for Clinton's inauguration and was later invited to paint the signing of the Peace Accord. In 1976 Max started his annual tradition of paint-

ing the Statue of Liberty (he painted six on the White House lawn) and was instrumental in getting the statue restored in 1986.

Chris Keller and friends

I thought the guy with the patriotic song was interesting until he told me this weird story about how he once sang as the opener for Fleetwood Mac at the Temecula Wine and Balloon Festival and that Stevie Nicks loved him. "There was supposed to be another guy opening for them, but he

died the day before." I jokingly asked, "Did you have anything to do with his death?'

He said, "Of course not!"

He told me his biggest claim to fame was when he appeared on Maury Povich after his woman left him. They gave him a makeover to try and win her back. She came back for two weeks because she was flattered, and then she left him again.

This guy also told me that his dad sang locally and was once mistaken for Frank Sinatra. When he told me his dad was a prisoner of war for three years, he cried loudly. People in the gallery were looking at us. A lady working there later came over and said, "Sometimes these '60s artists bring out the crazies."

Not only has Peter Max created stamps, set designs, and magazine covers, his work has graced the cover of the New York City phone books in 1970, 1973, and 2001. He wrote on his website that he asked the guy delivering the phone books for a few extra copies, explaining that he was the artist. The driver said three other people earlier also claimed to be Peter Max, and the driver refused to give him the phone books.

If you have 50 grand you want to spend, Peter Max will have his stuff on display at the Wentworth Gallery on 1025 Prospect Street for the rest of August. You can also check out www.petermax.com.









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A Lot of Volume in a Small Room

"I never went for a fairly dead studio. I wanted to keep it as live as I could and still be able to handle it."

t was in the laboratories of the Chess and Sun Records studios in the early 1950s that rock 'n' roll was to develop out of the blues, as well as a particular kind of echoey raw sound, the Sun Records sound, that is now taken for granted as the early rock sound of Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis,

Carl Perkins, Roy Orbison, and the rest. It's worth having a look at, or rather, a listen to.

Sun began as a blues label. Sam Phillips set up a studio in 1950 "just to make records with some of the great Negro artists." These included local artists like James Cotton, Willie Nix, Dr. Ross, and Harmonica Frank, the "Great Medical Managerist." He would also go on to record more significant artists like B.B. King, Walter Horton, Bobby Bland, Little Junior Parker, and, most

importantly, Howlin' Wolf, all of them at a critical moment in their early careers.

There are many strands to the Sun Records story, and it's a fascinating tale that you can read about in, among other places, a

book entitled Good Rockin' Tonight: Sun Records and the Birth of Rock 'n' Roll. But a long, thick strand of the story is the Sun sound.

The room, apparently, was the thing: producing a lot of volume in a very small room. Here is producer Jim Dickinson on the subject:

It has to do with that old asbestos square acoustic tile, which covers everything but the floor. Sam made the flat ceiling into these kind of V-shaped rows with the acoustic tile and straight pins. When you speak, you can feel the air pressure in the room. The more volume that you put into that room, the more the midrange compresses. It's sort of like the Phil Spector principle of putting too much in too small a space. [When the sound gets loud] the room acts as a compressor.



Sam Phillips

n Records mikes were used. There was only one used Altec black pencil mike. A typical



NZAHLER control room door was open to the studio, but there was no talkback mike in the control room, regardless. Phillips wanted to stay as close to the performers as possible. It was a very hands-on — probably literally, now and then — production. As the authors of

And here is Sam Phillips on the subject:

Anytime that you can do a thing where you have

an automatic natural blend, it is absolutely much bet-

ter. It keeps it out of the pure mechanical world, and

now that's what we're getting into. After I discov-

William Clark)

ered my slapback echo [where a sound

source, i.e., a vocal, is fed into the

record head of a tape machine, then

played back a split second after the

vocal], I found usually that it gave a

type of liveness that was very difficult

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Temples of Sound, by Jim Cogan and

Resources were limited at Sun.

Rather than German Telefunkens

the state-of-the-art mikes,

American RCA and Shure

recording had from two to

five players in an 18- by

33-foot room, all playing

as loud as they could. The

Temples of Sound explain, Phillips was able to achieve this signature Sun sound with only a single (mono) track of tape. "There is no isolation on any one instrument. With the highly compressed sound and the leakage, the bleed from the guitars, drums, pianos, and two or three other instruments suddenly becomes an orchestra." Phillips would flavor it with some "slapback" (delayed echo) as he saw fit. The apotheosis of the

Sun sound, by general consensus, is Jerry Lee Lewis's "Great Balls of Fire." Give it a listen. The song fairly bristles, much like the performer.

These two discs of Sun blues make for raw, hot listening. The Sun label didn't properly get going until 1952, and the production values on these

sides are pretty basic. Phillips had a rich vein to mine with all the talent passing through Beale Street in Memphis, most of it from Mississippi and Arkansas. After the Second World War the blues scene changed in Memphis from jug band and string band music to electrified blues. Some of Phillips's blues artists went on to become reasonably well known, like Junior Parker and Little Milton. Rufus Thomas would become a soul star during his long career, which began with the blues. Howlin' Wolf would become a monster of the blues, one of the two or three greatest modern performers of the blues. And others, like Boyd Gilmore and

Willie Nix, well, as wonderful as they were, just go try and find a recording under their names.

I've been looking for a video of Mike Shea's 1964 documentary film *And This Is Maxwell Street* ever since I picked up the three-CD set of music from the film. So my eyes lit up in the music section of the video shop the other day when I saw

Maxwell Street Blues. But, as it turns out, it was not the Shea documentary; rather, it was a 1987 film by Linda Williams and Raul Zaritsky. But I rented it anyway and was not disappointed in the slightest.

You will remember that Maxwell Street is the site of an outdoor market in Chicago, once called "Jewtown" because before it became a black area it was popu-

lated by Jewish merchants. For many years it served as a venue for black musicians playing for tips in front of the assorted stores. By 1987, the street is clearly past its heyday, as are the performers, the audiences, and the buildings around them. The formerly vibrant street has become something of a ruin, but a ruin with plenty of music on hand, most of it raw, but some of it passable, some of it very affecting.

Elvis

The makers of the documentary focus on two

elderly blind performers, Blind Arvella Gray and Jim Brewer, performing and talking at some length about their careers, hard times and good, mostly the former.

Gray is originally from Somerville, Texas (b. 1906). Unschooled, he ran away from home after



the death of his mother in 1919. He worked as a plantation worker, a levee camp worker, railroad worker, factory worker, in construction, as a roustabout on an oil rig, even touring with Ringling Brothers Circus - pretty much a hobo life and a life outside of music. In 1930, he was blinded and lost two fingers of his left hand due to a shotgun accident in Peoria, Illi-

nois. He was institutionalized briefly, then ran away to Chicago, where he learned guitar and commenced playing for tips on Maxwell Street, in buses, trams, streetcars, wherever. He appeared on local radio and TV and continued to travel widely, playing for tips at the Kentucky Derby, in San Francisco, and especially at a place called Juicy Pink's Coffeehouse in DeKalb, Illinois.

In the 1950s, Gray teamed up with another blues singer and guitarist, Jim Brewer, who had been blind since birth. Born in Mississippi, Brewer learned guitar from his father and worked dances, parties, churches, fish fries, and the rest in his native Brookhaven until moving to St. Louis in the early '40s. Brewer turned to religious music in 1956 and in 1964 formed the Church of God in Christ group to work the Maxwell Street area.

In the documentary we hear Arvella Gray perform a number of songs, but what sticks in my mind is a flawlessly rendered and very moving a cappella version of a train song. For his part, Brewer demonstrates some fancy picking on standard blues, clearly a virtuoso on his guitar. Both men are full of good humor and hard as nails. Next time you're feeling sorry for yourself, why don't you go rent this video and check out these two proud blues artists.

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Big Bad Voodoo Daddy [650]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 21, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Chris Isaak [521]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 21, and Friday, August 22, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

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SATURDAY

"91X 20th Anniversary" featuring the **Violent Femmes** [117]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, August 23, 6 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

The Human League: 4th & B, Saturday, August 23, 345 B Street, downtown, 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

Pat Benatar [557] with Neil **Giraldo:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, August 24, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Adema, Powerman 5000, and Spineshank: 'Canes Bar and Grill,

Sunday, August 24, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

Iron Maiden [533], **Motörhead**, and **Dio:** San Diego Sports Arena, Tuesday, August 26, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

The Dave Brubeck Quartet [567]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 26, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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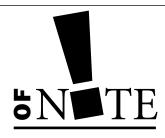
Joe Cocker [466] and the Yardbirds: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 27, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

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The Righteous Brothers [539]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 28, 8 p.m., 2241



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Toby Keith [774]. Blake Shelton.

and **Junior Brown** [**762**]: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, August 28,

7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle,

Freddie McGregor and **Pau Hana:** 4th & B, Thursday, August 28, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or

Israel Vibration [194]: Belly Up

Tavern, Thursday, August 28, and Friday, August 29, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497

Mudhoney [191], fluf [493], and **Alta May:** The Casbah, Friday, August 29, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner

Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or

The Joe Jackson Band and David **Mead:** 4th & B, Sunday, August 31, 345 B Street, downtown.

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I have always liked but never respected Depeche Mode. Over the years, I wrote snarky things about them and their fans even though all the while I was singing along to "Enjoy the Silence" whenever I heard it on the radio. And that wasn't fair.

So I listened to Depeche Mode singer Dave Gahan's Paper Monsters and songwriter Martin L. Gore's Counterfeit2 with an open mind. Or. I tried to. In fact. I expected Gore's to be the superior solo album; after all, he wrote good songs like "Enjoy the Silence" and Gahan didn't. What's more. Gahan's vocal range is almost as narrow as his emotional range, which runs the gamut from moody to maudlin. So I was surprised to find that I liked Gahan's album better. For one thing, Counterfeit2 consists mostly of too-obvious covers: Eno, Bowie, Iggy, Lou Reed, John Lennon, Nick Cave. These songs come out sounding as if they were recorded during the Reagan years. In some circles this might be considered retro. I think it just sounds old.

By contrast, Gahan and co-songwriter Knox Chandler have put together a timeless album full of organic sounds, dynamics, and drama. There are drums, cellos, guitars, vibraphones, and piano as

well as drum machines and synths. Gahan still doesn't have much of a range, but he sounds more relaxed than he used to, and that's a good thing. Gore was the guy who wrote the pretentious line "I think that God has a sick sense of humor, and when I die I expect to find Him laughing," but it was Gahan who bellowed

> Dolls [203], X, the Allman Brothers Band [417], Cypress Hill [212], the B-52's [431], 311 [355], G. Love & Special Sauce, Arrested Development, Slightly Stoopid [352], Buckwheat Zydeco [938], Bad Religion [226], Nickel Creek [850], Burning Spear [742], the Skatalites [744], Wilco [496], Switchfoot [103], the Dropkick Murphys [481], Michael Franti & Heat [215], Eek-A-Mouse [734], Pennywise [159], Karl Denson's Tiny Universe [681], the Yonder Mountain String Band, the Distillers, Kinky, the All Mighty Senators, and more: Friday,

7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Beach Boys [576]: Humphrey's

Lucinda Williams [854]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 9, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Cher [609]: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, September 12, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Huey Lewis [504]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 12, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Wynonna [787] and Jimmy **Wayne:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 12, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

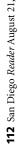
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Hanson: The Scene, Thursday. September 4, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

Hiroshima [572] and Strunz & Farah [654]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 4, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Natalie Cole [424]: East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, September 12, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

George Benson [623]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Julio Iglesias [615]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 16, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Fischerspooner: 4th & B, Wednesday, September 17, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Morris Day & the Time [610] and Rose Rovce: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, September 18, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Kenny G [664]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 18, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Lee Ritenour [669] and Mindi **Abair:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010. The Psychedelic Furs: 4th & B,

Thursday, September 18, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Neil Young & Crazy Horse: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, September 19, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

The Neville Brothers [580] and Marcia Ball *[950]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 19, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Dennis Quaid & the Sharks: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, September 20, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Grandaddy, Super Furry Animals, and Erlimart: 4th & B. Saturday September 20, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra [857]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 21, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Dashboard Confessional, Brand New, and MXPX [199]: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, September 21, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Martin Sexton [840]: The Casbah, Sunday, September 21, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Jimmy Buffett: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, September 23, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Chicago [617]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 23, and Wednesday, September 24, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.



Album Name: The Demo Sessions (2002) Artist: Kramer's Rule

Label: self-released

Songs: 1) Converge 2) Breeze 3) .3 4) Twisted

Price/Where Available: www.cdbaby.com for \$5 Band Members: Sean Diaz (vocals, rhythm guitar), David Reith (lead guitar), Alex Ferguson (bass guitar), Jim Belt (drums) Extra Info: Kramer's Rule plays Scolari's Office tomorrow night for free along with 660hm and the Valentine Fist

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There's a protective sur-

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allows the melodies or guitar

work to get too heavy or out

of control, despite the band's

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with hard edge. The album is

good in terms of capturing

Website: www.kramersrule.com

The four tracks of soaring guitars and crashing choruses that mark the debut album of alternative rockers Kramer's Rule are far from rugged demos. Perhaps the band figures if expectations are low, praise will be higher. And

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Steely Dan [498]: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, September 26, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle,

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Rick Springfield [515]: Viejas The White Stripes [359], the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, and the Soledad Brothers: RIMAC Arena, Thursday, September 25, 6:30 p.m., UCSD

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September 26, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355. Billy Idol [590] featuring Steve **Stevens:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, September 27, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine.

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what commercially appeals to most people. Starting with the achingly regretful "Converge," a straight rocker whose electro beginning alone is almost as good as the main song, the CD moves on to "Breeze," a softer ballad lasting over seven minutes. The simplistic bass line is a tad excessive, but it is a welcome change from the yelling fest.

".3" (the third song – isn't that cute?) switches things back to melodic rock and is single material. The album appropriately ends with the dreary "Twisted," finishing off a batch of songs that scream commercial success (in a fair world).

With a balmy sound and pensive lyrics, Kramer's Rule creates something that is a kind of throwback to the Toad the Wet Sprocket / Fountains of Wayne sound that was popular in the early 1990s.

Radiohead [183]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 28, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Al Jarreau [562]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, September 28, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

John Hiatt & the Goners [830] and the Robert Cray Band [951]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 29, and Tuesday, September 30, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Mana: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, October 1, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.



But there's this other side of their sound that intermittently breaks into something just as intense and modern as anything from Radiohead to Disturbed. Surprisingly, this combination works.

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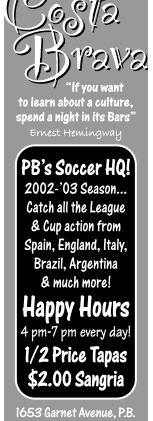
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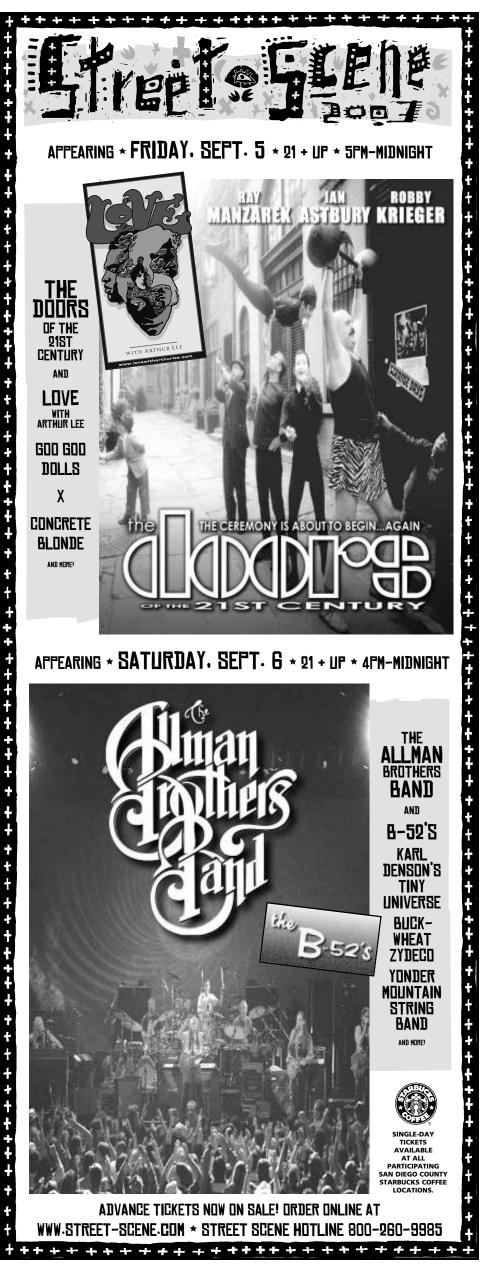
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EXTENSION 4002

ALTERNATIVE

Abigail's Attic: The Casbah Adema: 'Canes Agent 51: Soma Alexisonfire: Epicentre Arraya: The Casbah Autopilot Off: Soma Back Pocket: Dream Street Bad Judgement: Brick By Brick Becoming Memories: Soma Between the Buried & Me: Epicentre Bitch: Brick By Brick The Bitty Bums [223]: Lestat's Black & Blue: Brick By Brick Blak Forest: Epicentre Blue Orange: Winstons

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most appetizers); 14 beers on tap; margaritas and piña coladas, \$5 **FOOD** ➤ appetizers average \$7.95; entrées, \$10.95; burgers, \$6.95; pizza, \$11.95 (if you eat and are seeing the bands, you get 10% off food and first choice in seating; they also have a "locals card," which gets you 20% off food) **ACCESS** ➤ free parking in large lot (even for Tommy Lee, which was sold out, I found a spot); bus stop across from the roller coaster **DRESS** ➤ casual; some shorts, ieans, sandals, and T-shirts (Waysted [sic], Death Valley Tanning Co., Bar Rescue the Simpsons) DANCE FLOOR ➤ 20' by 20' in front of stage **FIRE EXITS** ➤ four: the main

The Love Lords: Second Wind (San Carlos The Maniactions: Epicentre March Hare Surrenders: Blind

The Matches: Soma Mercy Road: 'Canes The Mice: 'Canes Missing Pages: Epicentre Mistress of Reality: Brick By Brick Model Citizen, 'C

boardwalk, and another one on the opposite side that goes to the Mission Beach Belmont Park attractions 858-488-1780 **BATHROOMS** ➤ men's had five

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urinals, one stall, and graffiti that read "get more oil"; women's had four stalls and was graffiti free **CAPACITY** ➤ 650

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WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH ➤ Spoon **QUOTABLE ≻** "Let's go on the roller coaster before it closes." His

girlfriend replied, "If you want me

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Some of the national acts allow 16-year-olds. I asked Pamela Johnsen about that, and she said. "On those nights, we have wristbands and different sections specifically designated for drinking."

This means that there's one area to drink where you can't see the stage (though you can see the band on a video screen) and the other area where you can't drink but you can see the show. Beware of under-age shows because even though there are signs saying you can't save seats, one guy saved nine seats while all his friends were getting smashed; consequently, he got rather hostile when I sat down with my date. We kept our seats, but it wasn't what I'd call pleasant. – Josh Board

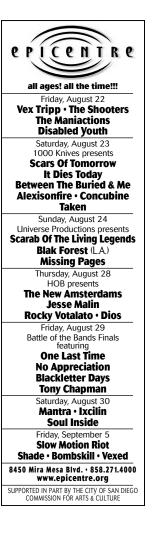
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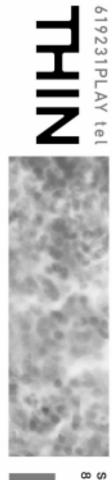
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EXTENSION 4002

ALTERNATIVE

The Scarab of the Living Legends: Epicentre Scaramanga: California Club The Scars of Tomorrow: Epicentre,

The Scene The Scotch Greens: Winstons The Senate Arcade: The Casbah

The Senator & Friends: Winstons Shade: Soma

Shaggin' Wagon: Winstons The Shooters: Epicentre Since by Man: The Scene Skipjack: 'Canes

Skydiver: California Club Sneak Preview: 'Canes Spineshank: 'Canes

Split Infinity: Brick By Brick The Stangers Six: The Kensington Club

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Yellowcard: Soma

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Mikie Arnett: Bub's Whiskey Dive Awesome: Winstons Pat Benatar [557]: Viejas Casino Beston & the Kitchen [538]: Winstons Big Backyard: On The Rocks Blue Faro: Fannie's Bolgadohzoma: Winstons

Colporter [530]: Brick By Brick Cornerstone: Second Wind (San Carlos), Dream Street Dan's Band: Dream Street



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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Deadline Friday: Tiki House Detroit Underground: Vieias

DJ Beer: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub DJ Frances: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

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(Encinitas) DJ Tony A: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

Down with Leo: Dream Street **The Fryday Band:** Hennessey's Tavern (PB), Surf N'Saddle

FZ13 [479]: Club Iguana Tony Furtado & the American

Gypsies: Winstons Neil Giraldo: Viejas Casino

The Guitar Outlaws: Dream Street Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's Lounge, The Gordon Biersch Brewery Irradio [464]: The Kensington Club Chris Isaak [521]: Viejas Casino The Jackson 3: Surf N'Saddle, Carvers Jake: Blind Melons

Jefferson Starship: Victor's Restaurant & Bar

The Kamala Five: California Club Laguna: Carvers, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Led Zepagain: 'Canes Lee Press-On & the Nails: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, Tio Leo's Lounge

Local Tourist: Boar Cross'n Los Ingratoz: Over the Border The Lost Disciples [544]: 'Canes Low Fuel: Bub's Whiskey Dive Maiz: Winstons

Mass-Transit: Pal Joey's

The Mean Nothings: Dream Street Jimmy Mitchell: Brick By Brick The Nards: Tiki House Northstar: Coyote Bar and Grill

Off by One [522]: Soma The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and

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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

The Rhythm Method: Coyote Bar and Grill Road Noise: Sham Rocks Shack Rockola: Humphrey's R.O.K.: I.B. Rockin' Beach Bar &

Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)

Gone9: Dirk's Niteclub **Slight Return:** JP's Pub **The Stilettos:** Island Sports & Spirits, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The Subterranean Horses: California Club Tainted Love: 'Canes

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II Three Simple Words: Sham Rocks Shack

T.J.R.: Bub's Whiskey DiveTriple X: Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa)Tubby: Moondoggies

Undercover: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

Urban Evergreen [406]: Blind Melons Viva Santana: Humphrey's

West of 5 [505]: Jolt'n Joe's (Escondido)

Which One's Pink: 'Canes The Christy Wilson Band: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad) Shelby Wood: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

Zone 4 [**499**]: Jolt'n Joe's (Escondido)

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise DJ Lenny: The Plum Loco Saloon 80z Enough: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp) Funkenstein: 5ifth Otr.

Karen Giorgio: The Inn at the Park Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel Island Breeze: Humphrey's Jungle Boogie: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp) Leviticus: La Valencia Hotel

Liquid Blue [606]: Viejas Casino The Love Rangers: The Alley, Dick's Last Resort



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EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House Makai: Humphrey's The New Breed Band: The Alley Jack Pollack: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge Risa: Princess Pub & Grille

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies David Beldock: Coyote Bar and

Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II Breezin': Chuey's Numero Uno Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Onyx The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and Ceill

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Jerome Dawson: Humphrey's Delta Nova: Tiki House Donnie Finnell & Co. East: Bistro

Larry Fogel: Moray's Lounge Hollis Gentry [644]: Dizzy's The Tim Gill Orchestra: Neimans Bar and Grill

Kellye Gray: Dizzy's The Cynthia Hammond Trio: La Costa Tournament of Champions Lounge

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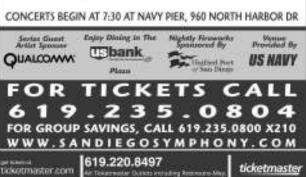
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The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar Dave Millard: Dizzy's

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

The Na Pall Coast Trio: Dizzy's Mike Nelson: Lodge Torrey Pines

Steve O'Connor: South Park Bar & Grill

Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice: Loew's Coronado Bay Resort Primo: Sevilla, Belly Up Tavern,

Croce's Jazz Bar Rick Ross: The Beach House

Moray's Lounge, Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Ron Siegrist Trio: The Doubletree Hotel (Del Mar)

Skybop: Mr. Joey's Cantina Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Humphrey's

Peter Sprague [643]: Coyote Bar and Grill, Dizzy's

Steam: South Park Bar & Grill Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

Joe Tarrantino: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

The Tami Thomas Big Band: Viejas Casino

Trio du Jour: The Beach House The Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet: Tutto Mare Coronado Island Marriott

Jason Weber: Mille Fleurs Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

Pamela York: Dizzy's

EXTENSION 4006

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DJ Cisco: The Plum Loco Saloon

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The Itals: Victor's Restaurant & Bar NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB) Semisi & Fulabula [747]: The

Skanic [743]: Belly Up Tavern Steve Stedham & the Citizen X

Posse: 5ifth Qtr. Toots & the Maytals [737]: Belly Up Tavern

The Tribe of Kings: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Calico Ridge: Don's Cocktail

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Ryan Blue: Lestat's Coffeehouse **Steve Brewer:** Blarney Stone Pub (Downtown) J.D. Brouchard: Princess Pub &

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The Justin Brothers: The Beach

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Celia Lawley: Shirley's Kitchen Martin Christopher: M3 Espresso Cafe

The Mike & Mike Show: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Tommy Price: McP's Irish Pub and

Ron's Garage: Hotel del Coronado Sage Gentle Wing: Lestat's

Chuck Schiele [872]: Cannibal Bar George Svoboda: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

Gene Warren: The Ould Sod, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

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Kymberlee Maxine: Elario's Bistro & Sky Loung

Mississippi Mudd: Winstons Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise The Shake: Dick's Last Resort

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors [946]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Billy Watson: Coyote Bar and Grill Jimmy Woodard & the Swingin' Kings [916]: Patrick's II

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

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Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop Julio de la Huerta: The Westgate Hotel

Vicki Erigat: Edelweiss Restaurant Kjell Holmes [994]: Edelweiss Restaurant

Gordon Kohl [983]: Edelweiss Restaurant

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel Los Reyes del Ritmo: Mr. Joey's

Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel Rico Tumbao: Sevilla

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Brown Sugar: Fridays, black, white, Latino, and Asian get down to the urban sounds of DJ Myxzlplix; 21 and up. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

Cask 'N' Cleaver: Sundays, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., DJ Doctor Swing spins the best dance music from the '40s, '50s, and '60s. 3757 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-451-8805.

Club Duh?: Sundays, cheezeball one-hit wonders, dork rock, and '70s and '80s so-called hits. Bad music for bad people. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163. Information, 619-465-5827.

Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan P, Muckley, and Adam Z spin '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic at Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. First Friday of every month at the Hollywood Star, 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-2102; 21 and up. Information, 619-465-5827.

Club Ice: Wednesdays, hop-hop and house music with DJ Skidone. 10 p.m.

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to 2 a.m.: 21 and up. Red Circle Cafe. 420 E Street, downtown. 619-234-9211.

Club 911: Fridays and Saturdays. Top 40, hip-hop, house, and trance featuring "Goliath," a monster sound system. 18 and up. Red Mill Entertainment Complex, 1340 Broadway, El Cajon. Information, 619-441-1800.

Club Tropics: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins Latin, freestyle, house, and hipop. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos 760-737-9402.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, the best of ethereal-electro-gothic-darkwave. Free entry. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park 619-640-2500. Information 619-465-5827.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Tom Foolery's, 3191 Sports Arena Boulevard, Sports Arena. 619-222-5233

Dragon Lounge: First Friday of month, breaks and drum 'n' bass. Brick By Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

Fashion: Every third Saturday of the month, '80s retro, nu wave, and electro with DJs Bryan Pollard, Adam Z, Black, and Tym. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, uptown. 619-296-6789. Information, 619-465-5827.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Thursdays, Wild On Thursday featuring DJ Shakes. Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop and R&B; DJ Battle spins Latin and house on the patio. High school and college students admitted. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido.

760-741-9393. **Glittter:** Thursdays, hip-hop and house in North County. Full-color laser show, heated patios, lounge area; 18 and up. Neimans, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131.

Heaven: Sundays, DJs Infinity, Golden Boy Mike, Garrett S., and more spin house, progressive, and trance. No cover: 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Club Pure, 8125 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa. 858-538-7873.

Hi-Fi: Every third Saturday of the month, the best in imports, '80s, and indie with DJs BCZAR!, Richard D, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Roseary Room, corner of Tenth and E Street (next to Pokez), downtown. 619-296-6789.

Jumping Turtle Bar & Grill: Fridays and Saturdays, resident DIs Flash and Little Miss Anna spin techno, house, and R&B. 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7101.

Kadan: Thursdays, Illfonix, urban underground music. Saturdays, *Kabuki Breaks*, nu skool with DJs B-side, Tommy Boy, and more. Sundays, Delete, drum 'n' bass. 4696 30th Street, North Park, 619-640-2500.

Locals Only: Tuesdays, hip-hop, R&B, Top 40, and house with DJs Antonio Aguilera and Blake Miller. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Local, 1065 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-4447.

Plush Fridays: Room 1: Top 30, hip-hop, and R&B. Room 2: dancehall. Room 3: house, hard house, and progressive. Fridays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Aubergine, 500 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-232-8100.

The Pompeii Room: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins Latin, freestyle, house, and hip-hop. Fridays, hip-hop and old skool with Boy Toy Jesse. Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, disco, and reggae. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-5040.

The Red Room: Fridays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40 with DJs D-Skwiz and Enigma. No cover. Moondoggies, 909 Prospect Street, Suite 290 (upstairs), La Jolla. 858-454-9664

Remix: Sundays, hip-hop with DIs Mike Czech and Myxzlplix. No cover; 21 and up. 1808 Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-8743.

trance, and tribal, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Catamaran Resort, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-488-1081.

The Room: Thursdays, *Martini Lounge* with DJ Maze and percussion by Atef. Fridays, *Champagne Lounge* with DJ Maze and Enigma, hip-hop and funk grooves. Saturdays, Margarita Lounge with DJs Maze and Lime, European grooves. All events until 2 a.m. 11 Forno Bistro, 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-459-5010.

Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Eric Hart, Adam Atom, and weekly guest DJs. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego 619-574-0744. Information 619-743-1623.

Saturday Night Mix: Saturdays, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma, Nick, and Big Dude. No cover. Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

Soul Cellar: Saturdays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath 5ifth Qtr., corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp. 619-236-1616. Information 619-998-4336.

Soul Sanctuary: Thursdays, hip hop, soul, rap, and house with resident DJs Felix Prince Jr., Meric, and Trevor Young. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-295-4163.

Therapy: Industrial, EBM, electro, ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, DeKay, Creep, and By any any offer your San Diego. 619-295-4163; 21 and up. Information, 619-465-5827.

Thrust: First Friday of every month Two rooms, Club '80s upstairs, Club Therapy downstairs; 21 and up. Hollywood Star, 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-2102. Information, 619-465-5827. Verb: Sundays, house, breaks, and

hip-hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop. Wednesday, *the* New Breed Band, pop.

The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Thursday and Sunday, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Friday, *Trio du Jour*, jazz. Saturday, the Justin Brothers, acoustic pop rock. Wednesday, Semisi & Fulabi reggae.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Friday and Saturday, 9:15 pm, *Toots & the Maytals* with Skanic, reggae/ska. Sunday, 7:30 pm, Primo, Latin jazz.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *Donnie Finnell & Co. East*, jazz.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, Local Tourist, classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin **Cafe,** Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, George Svoboda, classical guitar.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Music is rock. Thursday, *T.J.R.* Friday, Mikie Arnett. Saturday, Low Fuel.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Laguna*, classic rock. Saturday, *the Jackson 3*, rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill. 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, the Rhythm Method, classic rock. Friday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues, rock. Saturday, 3 pm to 5:30 pm, David Beldock, jazz, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Gumboyaya, New Orleans funk and blues. Sunday, 2 pm to 4:30 pm, Red Lane, blues, rock, 5 pm to 9 pm, Peter Sprague, jazz. Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, Billy Watson, blues. Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Northstar*, classic rock.

Doubletree Hotel, 11915 El Camino Real, Del Mar. 619-481-5900. Sydney's Bar & Grill: Thursday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *the Ron Siegrist Trio*, jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, the Christy Wilson Band, rock.

Jolt'n Joe's, 717 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 760-743-7665. Thursday, *Zone 4*, rock. Friday and Saturday, West of 5, rock.

La Costa Tournament of

Champions Lounge, La Costa Resort and Spa, Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111, Friday and Saturday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *the Cynthia Hammond Trio*, jazz.

M3 Espresso Cafe, 3910 Vista Way, Oceanside. 760-758-6363. Sunday, 3 pm to 5 pm, *Martin Christopher*, progressive piano. Wednesday, *the Jared Mattson Trio*, iazz.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at "D" Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Friday, *DJ Frances*, rock. Saturday, *DJ Tony A*. Monday, *DJ Jalil* and *DJ Tone Capone*, rock.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse,

258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Saturday, Shelby Wood, original rock.

Mille Fleurs, 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-3085. Thursday, and Monday through Wednesday, Jason Weber, jazz.

Neimans Bar and Grill. 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 pm to 9:15 pm, the Cradit Union, Friday, 9:30 pm, *DJ Bob One* and *Habit*, disco, house, hip-hop. Saturday, 9:30 pm, hip-hop/alternative. Sunday, 9:30 pm, rock en español. Monday, 8:30, the Tim Gill Orchestra, swing.

Second Wind (Escondido), 1320 East Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-746-7408. Friday and Saturday, live country.

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, the Frvdav Band, rock.

BEACHES

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, Urban Evergreen, alternative rock. Friday, Coma Structure, Divided by Zero, and Lotus, alternative. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, March Hare Surrenders and Key Frame, 8 pm, The Kobbs, Eiderdown, Lighter, and Jake, alternative, Sunday, 4 pm to 7 pm,*DJ Ironic*, hip-hop. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, Phat Flowtron, hip-hop.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *The Mice, Skipjack, Mr. Orange Undercover, Mercy Road,* and Model Citizen. Friday, Tainted Love. Saturday, Which One's Pink and Led Zepagain, rock. Sunday, Adema, Powerman 5000, and Spineshank. Wednesday, Fuzz Huzzi, Down Pour, The Lost Disciples, and Sneak Preview.

Cannibal Bar. at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081.

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Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4437. Call club for information.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is alternative. Thursday, WNP, Noisegod, Vexx Tripp, and Toreback. Friday, Back Pocket, Cheeky, Dan's Band, and How's My Driving? Saturday, Canobliss, Hyde Sliver, Cornerstone, and Withdrawn. Wednesday, Down with Leo, Skip Jack, Mean Nothings, and Guitar Outlaws.

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, *Joe Marillo*. Friday, *Jack Pollack*, piano and vocals. Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, and Wednesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Tuesday, *Sean McVicker*, jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, the Fryday Band, rock. Saturday, NZ Rough, reggae. Wednesday, the Mike & Mike Show acoustic

I.B. Rockin' Beach Bar & Grill, 285 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach. 619-424-5373. Music is rock. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *R.O.K.*, classic rock.

II Forno Mediterranean Bistro, 909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard Rock Cafe), La Jolla. 858-459-5010. The Room: Call club for information.

Tubby, rock.

Moray's Lounge, at the

Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488

1081. Thursday, 8:30 pm, and Friday,

9 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz, piano, saxophone, and vocals. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday through

Tuesday, Larry Fogel, singer, pianist.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday and Sunday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Leviticus*, pop, jazz.

Lodge Torrey Pines, 11480 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. The Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *Mike Nelson*, jazz.



Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, 858-272-7278. Call club for information.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Friday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Delta Nova*, Latin jazz. Friday, *Deadline Friday*, rock. Saturday, *the Nards*, rock. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open acoustic night. Adema, August 24, 'Canes Bar and Grill

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Thursday, 9 pm, Scott Henderson, jazz/blues. Friday, 8 pm, Jefferson Starship, rock. Saturday, the Itals. Sudnay, salsa. Tuesday, New Style with 9 Wind and the Dubeats.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *The Scotch Greens, Disappointing Joseph, Shaggin' Wagon,* and *Vocoder,* alternative. Friday, *Tony* Furtado & The American Gypsies. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, Blue Orange, 8 pm, dUfRost, Senator, with Thicker than Thieves, alternative. Sunday, 4 pm to7 pm, Janiva Magness, with Big Daddy and the Moneyshakers, 8 pm, Groove Syndicate, Monday, the Electric Waste Band, classic rock. Tuesday, Awesome Cool Dudes, rock. Wednesday, Beston & the Kitchen and Bolgadohzoma, rock.

SAN DIEGO

Aubergine Grille, 500 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-232-8100. Sunday, live swing music.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 pm. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Joe Byrnes*, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, Jiggawatt, Devices, and Vellum. Friday, Hesh, Foil, Jimmy Mitchell, Freak House, and Colporter. Saturday, Mistress of Reality, Hangar 18, and Gish. Sunday, Black & Blue, Bitch, Heretic, and Cage. Wednesday, Kensington Avenue, Bad Judgement, and Split Infinity.

California Club, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *the Kamala Five*, *the Postals*, and *Subterranean Horses*. Saturday, *Skydiver*, *Scaramanga*, and *Chinga*.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative. Friday, Vexx Tripp, The Shooters, Disabled Youth, and The Maniactions. Saturday, Scars of Tomorrow, It Dies Today, Between the Buried & Me, Alexisonfire, Taken, and Concubine. Sunday, Scarab of the Living Legends, Blak Forest, and Missing Pages.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego.

619-688-1120. Friday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Thursday, blues and jazz jam. Friday, *Kitten with a Whip*, alternative. Saturday, call club for information.Sunday, salsa, rumba, meregue. Monday, Beatles cover band. Tuesday, *the Cypher*, hip-hop. Wednesday, open mike.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Friday, 9:30 pm, *Viva Santana*, Latin rock. Saturday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *Lady Star and the BustinU Loose Band*, R&B, 9:30 pm, *Makai*, disco, pop. Sunday, 8 pm to midnight, *Reggie Smith*, jazz. Monday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Island Breeze*, pop. Tuesday, 9:30 pm, *Julie Johnson*, jazz. Wednesday, 9:30 pm, *Rockola*, classic rock.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, *Rick Lyon*, contemporary keyboard.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 pm to 10 pm, workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

The Inn at the Park, 623 Spruce Street, San Diego. 619-291-0999. Thursday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Karen Giogio*, piano, vocals, open mike.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, *Slight Return*, classic rock.

Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, *Triple X*, rock.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is alternative. Friday, Irradio, Hot Like a Robot, and the Stangers Six. Saturday, Transit War.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *the Bitty Bums*, alternative. Friday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Bobby Fantasy*





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Sensations. Saturday, 9 pm to 11 pm, Rvan Blue. Wednesday, 9 pm to 11 pm, Sage Gentle Wing, folk, alternative

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, Fish & the Seaweeds, funk, blues. Saturday, Idle Train, classic rock.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, Gene Warren, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, the Hatchet Brothers, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, Mass-Transit, classic rock.

San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. Call club for information

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Thursday, Nora, Since by Man, This Dav Forward, Christiansen, and Day Forward, Christiansen, and Murder My Love. Friday, Slow Coming Day, Calendar, Man Alive, Roulette, and Time Bomb Ticking. Saturday, The Nick, Trite, Artificial Amateurs, One Last Time, and Honor Wounds. Monday, Comeback Kid, A Life Once Lost, Scars of Tomorrow, As Hope Dies, A Rose for Ona and With All Sincerity.

Second Wind, 8515 Navaio Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday, Tunesmith, Saturday, Cold Fire, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263, Saturday, Road Noise and Three Simple Words, rock.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard. San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, 7:30 pm, Matches, Die September, One More

Weekend, Rock Kills Kid, Pound Foolish, and Shade. Friday, Yellowcard, Autopilot Off, Don't Look Down, Offset, and Remik. Saturday, Life as Numbers, Fallen Out, Fall of Monroe, Becoming Memories, Loser by Default, and Sweetness. Sunday, Agent 51, Off by One, One Track Mind, Pivit, and Denver Harbor.

South Park Bar & Grill, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Sunday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *Steve* O'Connor and *Steam*, jazz trio.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Lee* Press-On & the Nails and Hot Rod Lincoln, rockabilly. Friday, Stevi Lynn & Deja Voodoo and The Blues Brokers. Saturday, The Buzz Bombs, Tubby Fink, Dawn Shipley and the Sharpshooters and Deadbillys alternative. Monday, swing, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 9 pm, the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Ouartet.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee **Company,** 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616.

Sunday, 4 pm, the Celtic Ensemble. Wednesday, 6:30 pm, open mike.

DOWNTOWN

The Bayou Bar & Grill, 329 Market Street, downtown. 619-696-8747. All music is jazz. Thursday, 9 pm, and Friday, 5 pm, *Lady Dottie & the Sliders*. Saturday, 9 pm, and Sunday, 5:30 pm, Fred Heath & the Slidewinders. Wednesday, Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, Steve Brewer, acoustic.

Cafe 828. 828 Sixth Avenue. Gaslamp. 619-231-8282. Thursday, live cabaret. Friday and Saturday, live jazz.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Earthless. The Sabians, and The Teeth. Friday, Hot Club of Cowtown, jazz, and One Nation Under a Groove. Saturday, Sweet & Tender, Devoid, and Hooligans. Sunday, Ithaca, Prizefight, Reeve Oliver, and Arrava, Monday, Valis, Swandive, and Abigails Attic. Tuesday, Out Brief Candle, Dying Californian, Coast Ghost, and Nervous & the Kid.Wednesday, Gogol Bordello, The Scotch Greens, and The Senate Arcade.

Chuey's Numero Uno, 1894 Main Street, downtown. 619-234 6937. Friday, Breezin', jazz, pop.

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-418-8858. Call club for information.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the David Patrone Jazz Quartet. Friday, Yavaz. Saturday, Primo. Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Camberos Quintet.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, Lee Press-On & the Nails, rockabilly. Saturday, Earl

Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors, blues 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/Top40.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday and Friday, Private Domain, rock and roll. Saturday, *the Shake*, blues. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*, rock. Tuesday, Ron's Garage, acoustic rock. Wednesday, the Love Rangers, rock.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 7 pm, *Rak Sharmenco* and *Ana's Mirage Dancers*, belly dancing. Friday,

8:30 pm, Turiva Mareva, Hollis Gentry, and Dave Millard, jazz. Saturday, the Na Pall Coast Trio featuring Peter Sprague, Steve Kujala, and Bob Magnusson, jazz. Sunday, 7 pm, Kellye Gray and Pamela York, jazz. Tuesday, 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters blues, and guests. Wednesday, 8 pm, Pamela York, jazz. 5ifth Qtr. (formerly Buffalo Joe's),

600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, *Funkenstein*, pop/Top 40. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *the Disco* Pimps. Wednesday, Steve Stedham & the Citizen X Posse, reggae.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. -4343. Friday, Jody Watley and Jeff Hashiwa. Saturday, Human League

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The Latin Room, 560 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-237-7800. Thursday, 7 pm, *the Ledesma Brothers*, Latin jazz.

The Local, 1065 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-516-4409. Friday, Green Eggs & Sam, alternative rock

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Sunday, Tribe of Kings, reggae. Wednesday, The David Patrone Quartet, jazz.

Onyx, 852 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-235-6699. Tuesday, *Gilbert Castellanos*, Latin jazz. Patrick's II. 428 F Street

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Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Music is Latin. Thursday, Primo, Tuesday, Walter II y Rumbaney. Wednesday Rico Tumb

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. Sunday, Iulio & Fran.

The Wyndham Emerald Plaza. 400 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. The Sidebar Lounge: Thursday and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7:30 pm, Ioe Tarrantino, jazz piano, solo. Friday, 5 pm to 9 pm, Stellita and Joe Tarrantino, pop.

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Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, piano bar, featuring Sandy Chappel, Sammy Canonizado, and Burnett Andersor

Coronado Island Marriott (formerly Le Meridian), 2000 Second Street, Coronado. 619-435-3000. Friday, 6 pm to 9 pm, the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet.

Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Thursday, *DJ T* and *DJ Beer*, rock. Friday and Saturday, *Undercover*, classic rock.

Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, *Gordon Kohl, Kjell Holmes*, or *Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm, *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, Barbara Jamerson jazz.

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5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *John Cain.* Prince of Wales: Thursday and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Shep* Meyers Quarter. Friday through Sunday, and Tuesday, 6:30 pm to 10 pm, *Daniel Jackson*, jazz. Crown Room: Sunday, 9:30 pm to

2:30 pm, *Bill Harris*, jazz. Sun Deck: Saturday and Sunday,

2 pm to 6 pm, Ron's Garage, acoustic

Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Thursday, 8 pm, open blues jam. Friday, the Stilettos, rockabilly. Saturday, the Blues Invaders, blues



Grill, 217 Third Street, Chula Vista. 619-585-1724. Friday, 8:30 pm, *the* Ledesma Brothers, Latin blues and rock

Loew's Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road, Coronado. 619-424-4000. Cays Lounge: Saturday, Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice, Latin

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435 5280. Thursday, *Sweet Blue Onion*, blues. Friday, *Coupe de Ville*, blues. Saturday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, *4-Way Street*, acoustic. Sunday, on the

patio, 4 pm to 7 pm, Joey Harris, acoustic, 8 pm, inside, *Jim Moore* acoustic. Monday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

Over the Border, 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista, 619-427-5889. Friday and Saturday, Los Ingatroz.

The Plum Loco Saloon, 2511 Sweetwater Road, National City. 619-475-7313. Thursday, *DJ Rassie* and DJ Winston, reggae. Friday, DJ Lenny, old skool. Saturday, DJ Cisco, hip-hop, R&B.

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Club Iguana, 9325 Mission Gorge Road, Santee. 619-562-2710. Saturday, 4 pm to 10 pm, *FZ13*, rock.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, 6one9, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, Calico Ridge, country.

Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Blue* Faro, 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.

Mr. Joey's Cantina, 9570 Murray Drive, La Mesa. 619-466-2912. Friday, *Skybop*, jazz. Saturday, *Los Reyes del* Ritmo, Latin.

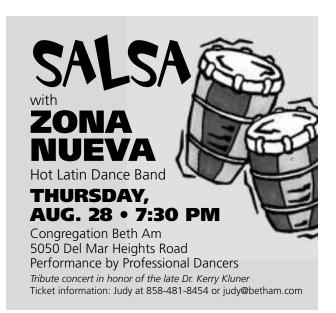
On the Rocks, 518 East Main Street, El Caion, 619-579-3537. Friday, Big Backyard, rock. Saturday, live rock.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, Serious Guise, classic rock

Shirley's Kitchen, 7868 El Cajon Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-9295. Wednesday, 6 pm to 7 pm, Celia Lawley, acoustic

Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Friday, 9 pm, *Detroit Underground*, rock, soul. Saturday, 9 pm, *Liquid Blue*, pop rock. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *the Tami Thomas Big* Band, swing.

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Plate Lunch and Spam Sushi

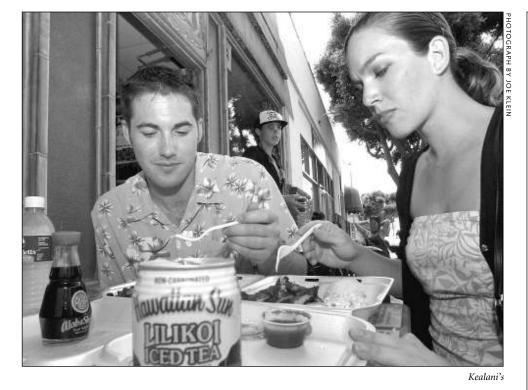
Hawaii Fever rages on. It even hit the New York Times a couple of weeks ago, when a story on a Hawaiian barbecue (held on a Manhattan rooftop) made the front page of the food section. I have a chronic case of it myself. As soon as I got back from swimming with the fishies of Oahu, I went looking again for good "local food" here at home.

Kealani's in Encinitas is my favorite on this side of the Pacific — a Hawaiian-owned itsy-bitsy storefront turning out "grine" that's as tasty as it is authentic. It's wedged between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, but if you arrive at a normal lunch hour, you can't miss it: Two out of three times I've been there, at least one ukulele player was serenading the street from a few feet away, nearer the 7-Eleven. The last time, it was a whole jam session, about a dozen haoles softly singing and strumming, apparently taking a group lesson in Hawaiian music.

You'll usually find yourself in a line of people snaking from the doorway to the order counter. Service is neither slow nor fast; it's on aloha time, which is the right time. But if you love Hawaii, you can easily lose yourself en route to the counter, because to the left is a souvenir shop and mini grocery selling, of course, islander stuff, including ingredients like malasada (Portuguese donut) mix and powdered coconut milk. To the right are a few tables where you can eat on a rainy day. But most often, people eat at the sidewalk tables. Some belong to Kealani's, some to the pizzeria, but they share. You can tell which tables have the Aloha spirit because, under a hard, polyurethane glaze, they're littered with droll, cartooned Hawaiian vocabulary lessons. You can learn all about grine and "whatevas" and "da kine" while you wait. Even if the words have nothing to do with food, you'll understand better what you're eating just by osmosis.

The fare is mainly "plate lunch." Don't look for lush, tropical platters bedecked with umbrella'd pineapple slices and coconut snowfalls. This is simple, hearty fare - the Hawaiian version of the huge midday meal that fuels farm workers all over the world (if they're lucky). In Hawaii, the foundation is two balls of rice, a contribution of Chinese agricultural laborers. How the rice balls got on the plate is a story in itself.

The islands were a Polynesian paradise until their "discovery" by Captain Cook and his syphilitic



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sailors. After that came regular stops by the poxy whalers. Then came the Christian missionaries bringing gifts of muu-muus, measles, and leprosy. Culturally, nobody ever survives "the coming of the white man." Barely 20 percent of the Hawaiians survived physically.

The sons of the missionaries proved hardly godly, either. They spotted the wild sugar cane the Hawaiians were eating — brown gold! — and cheated the natives out of their communal land to create vast sugar plantations.

Sugar-growing is so difficult and dangerous that on the mainland it was the major spur for the slave trade from Louisiana on down to Brazil - you need a mass of strong backs to raise cane. With so few Hawaiians left, the growers imported thousands of agricultural laborers from China and Japan, and then from Portugal and Korea. All those flavors, plus the native cuisine and the haole (mainlander) eats, came together in the pot to become "local food." (That's opposed to "tourist food," with the pineapples and umbrellas.)

So a Hawaiian plate lunch is a big multicultural event that leaves you feeling ma'ona (full and satisfied). Alongside the rice balls is macaroni salad, made of very soft large mac with bits of carrot, celery, and da kine (meaning, "things like that"), and after eating it a few times, you may

grow irrationally fond of it, scolding yourself the whole time, "Hey, it's only mayo." What else goes on the plate is what you order anything from loco moco (ham-

burger steak with brown gravy and two sunny-side-up eggs on top, obviously a haole contribution) to charbroiled mahimahi to teriyaki tofu.

My numbah-one favorite at Kealani's is the Kalua pork, which probably tastes like the famous "imu pork" cooked in underground fire pits and served at \$100-a-person luaus in beachside lux-

Kealani's

 $\star \star \star$ (very good)

137 West D Street (next to 7-Eleven), Encinitas: 760-941-5641; also 207 North Coast Highway 101, Oceanside; 760-721-5641

HOURS: Monday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. **PRICES:** Low and lower (\$3.75–\$7) for plate lunch. Sides and desserts \$1.25-\$3.50. CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Authentic Hawaiian plate lunches, sandwiches, and snacks. No

alcohol. PICK HITS: Kalua pig; Saturday special lau-

lau lunch; Spam musubi. **NEED TO KNOW:** You order at the counter,

and they bring the food to you, aloha-speed. Sidewalk tables.

Bamboo Hut ★★ (good)

Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Blvd. (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa; 858-348-0414.

HOURS: Open seven days, 11:00-9:00; weekends until 10:00.

PRICES: One-item plate, \$6; \$8 for two items; \$10 for three. Sushi \$1–\$11. Lunch \$1 cheaper; shared entrées, \$1 extra

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Hawaiian "local food" and sushi. Beer, wine, and sake available. PICK HITS: Poké; chicken katsu curry; traditional sushi and sashimi.

NEED TO KNOW: Service and food are best when busy (7:30-9:00 p.m. any evening). Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slip-ups.

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ury hotels. I've never eaten the luau version, but Kealani's is the best plate-lunch version of it anywhere — the meat is moist and really smoky, like great barbecue. If it's Liquid Smoke instead of kiawe (Hawaiian mesquite wood) that gives it that aroma, I don't care: bring it on. I also love their rendition of kalbi ribs, Korean grilled short ribs done Hawaiian style. The ribs are cut crosswise into flat slabs, then marinated and grilled. The marinade here is sweet and almost syrupy, much lighter than soy-powered Korean kalbi, and the meat is surprisingly tender - really mouth-friendly, brah.

Last time, I lucked onto the Saturday special "Hawaiian plate," centering on lau-lau, lomi salmon, and poi. Saturday is the one day in the week they serve poi. Lomi salmon is a refreshing fish salad made of chopped salmon, red bell pepper, and cuke, scattered with chopped ice, in a delicious sesame-oil dressing. As for laulau, it's a swaddling of ti or banana leaves wrapped around a layer of spinach-like chopped taro leaves, enveloping moist pork, pork fat, and a piece of oily fish. If you can't jet off to Ono's Hawaiian Foods on Waikiki (where the meat is more and moister and for obvious reasons the taro leaves are fresher), Kealani's is next best.

You're probably wondering whether I ate the poi, right?

around the Hawaiian "plate lunch" at the long-gone but still legendary Walt's General Store in Kalapana near the south tip of the Big Island. Later, Madam Pele set Kilauea roiling to make the Big Island bigger. Walt's and the black sand beach in front, along with the rest of Kalapana, were slowly buried under razor-sharp a-a and satiny rolling pahoehoe — but I'll never forget the taste of Walt's poi. One slurp of the grayish taroroot purée, and I swore to myself I'd never touch it again: I'd swallowed enough Elmer's white paste in kindergarten. But a few weeks ago, I nibbled a few bites more at Ono's, where the back of the menu is covered with an essav about how nutritious and healthy this true native food is. That time, I managed two or three spoonfuls. When poi turned up again on my "Saturday special" at Kealani's, I actually began to see how somebody might enjoy it. Not me, yet, but somebody or someday. I think theirs is the best poi I've ever tried, but what do I know? It's not really totally bland, but a slightly tangy mauve mash with a silky, thick texture. Instead of trying it solo, think of it as Hawaiian polenta, a starch for a saucy, meaty dish.

Well, I first learned my way

Spam was another dubious *haole* gift to Hawaii. It arrived compliments of the American troops stationed there before and during World War II. The whole island group went wild for it, perhaps because it was cheap and available. (Only during this last visit did I notice Oahu's markets selling appreciable amounts of Hawaiian-raised beef and pork.) In nearly every corner grocery in Hawaii there's a vertical glass case (like a wristwatch display) where the top compartment proudly showcases warm Spam sushi, a.k.a. "musubi." As Monty Python said, "I don't like Spam!" so a musubi was the ultimate test for me. Kealani's rendition was really special: They grill the Spam, which changes its very nature — it sheds a lot of fat and gets a crisp, brown, caramelized crust that brings out the best of the product. They dot a big rectangular cake of warm sushi rice with Hawaiian sweet terivaki sauce (lighter and sweeter than Japanese teri), top it with the Spam, and bind it with a ribbon of seaweed turning processed swine into pearls. On the other hand, their *haupia* (coconut custard) tastes as if it was made from the same powdered mix that I bought there — too sweet and fudgy. Well, nobody's perfect.

My next stop for grine was the new Bamboo Hut in Mira Mesa. It's bigger than Kealani's but still small, located next to a Wings & Things in a strip mall in an area that's all mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables. Its sushi counter is next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. There's outdoor seating under a large lattice awning a few steps from the dining room.

If Kealani's motto is "Living the aloha spirit," on our first visit to Bamboo Hut, theirs seemed to be "Hit the road, Jack." We came early that time, and the place was nearly empty, but an impatient waitress rushed us to order as soon as we opened the menu, and our food arrived in barely a minute. But when we came back at prime time on a Monday evening, the joint was jumping, really jumping, and the servers, having plenty to do, did a better job more patiently. The outdoor seats were half-filled at 7:30, overflowing at 9:00 - I couldn't believe it: San Diegans actually eating at a civilized hour. There were a few haoles, a Middle Eastern shopkeeper, and hordes of under-30 Hawaiians, Asian-Hawaijans, haole-Hawaijans, hapi hapi Hawaiians, whatevahs - all kinds of kama'ainas missing their Island food. Rainbow people.

So we started with a Rainbow Roll. The sushi chef makes rice that's well seasoned but dryer than usual (from using less water, not from sitting too long). The roll was exceptional, with a center of intensely sweet, real crab. The fish wraparounds were superfresh, and perfect avocado slices were delicately threaded through the nori. Much of the sushi menu here consists of party rolls, and a lot of those, alas, feature cream cheese. I'm no fan of Philly rolls, but I'd happily eat my way through Bamboo Hut's list of classic sushi.

The menu lists *poké* under salads (with the alternative spelling, "Poki") and says that it's served in a martini glass. It was served in a regular bowl, but we enjoyed it anyway. We chose the combination version, with octopus and lightly seared ahi chopped into a salad with *limu* seaweed (which looks and crunches like green jellyfish) in a lively sesame dressing. Our other starters weren't in the same class. Coconut shrimp had a good batter but was overcooked to a tough dark brown, arriving with a thick, ordinary sweet-sour dip. Skinny little *lumpia*, bearing no resemblance to the exuberant Filipino specialty, were filled with a ground pork-garlic-carrot meatball resembling cheap wonton stuffing. The Spam musubi had plain old out-of-the-can Spam.

On your plate lunch here, you can get from one to three items per plate, with options for cut-price extras (miso soup, California roll, or spicy tuna roll). If you go for the tripleplay entrée, it's worth paying the extra dollar to split it with a friend; it's a big portion. The plate includes steamed or garlic rice, macaroni salad, and green salad. The garlic rice is only a little garlicky - probably from a waft of garlic powder — and has a touch of soy. The green salad (not typically included on plate lunches) is awash in sugary red-orange dressing that leaks onto the macaroni salad, spoiling good food with bad. We all have our food taboos. Me, I'd rather rise to the challenge of Oaxacan fried grasshoppers or even poi than to swallow Kraft French, which is what this dressing tastes like.

Overall, flavors at Bamboo Hut are earthier than at Kealani's, with more cornstarch thickening the sauces — but not to the obnoxious 99-cent Chinese joint point. Our favorite entrée was Chicken Katsu Curry, tender morsels of boneless chicken breast lightly coated in panko and deep-fried, with a splash of soothing, thick curry sauce. It was katsu as good as I've eaten anywhere. "Island shrimp," another light choice, brings a flash-grilled skewer of three small (40-count) black tiger shrimp, butterflied and coated with a subtle glaze.

Among the heartier items, Kalbi short ribs sport a sweet marinade similar to that at Kealani's, but the first time we tried them, the meat was like bubble gum — the more we chewed the bigger it got. At our second visit, the ribs showed up unannounced on a pupu platter as a substitute for wontons (which have gone off the menu), and this time, they were fatty but edible. Kalua pig, although roasted in a ti-leaf wrapper, offers dryish meat shreds unquestionably flavored with Liquid Smoke, mixed with cabbage shreds.

An alternative entrée is noodle soup. It's a giant bowl of house-made broth filled with udon noodles and sliced raw multicolored bell peppers and carrots, which cook a bit even as you slurp. Add a dash of soy or salt and the soup brightens up. We chose the chicken version (alternatives are beef and Spam), which had plump chunks of lightly grilled chicken breast, very satisfactory.

Hawaiian plate lunch is really unpretentious stuff fill-up food. It's what Victorian novelists used to call "humble fare," but plenty bettah than what Victorian humble people ate, right, brah? It was really the first Pacific Rim "fusion food" but if you've been to Hawaii a coupla times, you don't need that fancy excuse. The stuff just grows on you. ■











Milk Fish and Banana Blossom

"Old Filipino men with high blood pressure come in and have that."

illa Manila? Socker Locker? Point-Point Joint? Can only be one place: Little Manila! I look out from the low-slung 929 bus. Churches and restaurants pop up everywhere. Crowded. People pray in storefront meetings or chow down in

restaurants like Zarlito's and Villa Manila. Happening place! I can't resist it. I hop off at

Highland and start wandering. It's 7:30 p.m. I come to a place called Chrome That Hog! and almost go into another called the Dakota Inn. But I veer across the road to-

ward this name you've just gotta love: Point-Point Joint, in a strip mall called Highland View Center.

Inside, people munch and watch a weepy soap on the big TV. The Filipino Channel. Nothing more intense than Filipino soaps.

The place is wide, with a long red counter at the back. Half of it's taken up with steaming chafing dishes. Oh, man. I feel like I have a tapeworm I'm so hungry, 'cept wallet's light enough to float. I'm tapped out.

Lady sees me coming. "Is this your first time here?"

"Uh, yes, ma'am."

Her name's Lydia. She has a kindly face. "Pick anything you want," she says. "One dish, with soup and rice, is \$2.50, or \$3.00 for certain meats like *le*-



chon. Or you can have the combination: two dishes with soup and rice, \$4.50 or \$5.00. Up to you." Wow. What a deal. Plus "free refill of rice or

soup." Think I've got enough for the combination. I grab a tray, and we begin the voyage of discovery, up and down all these

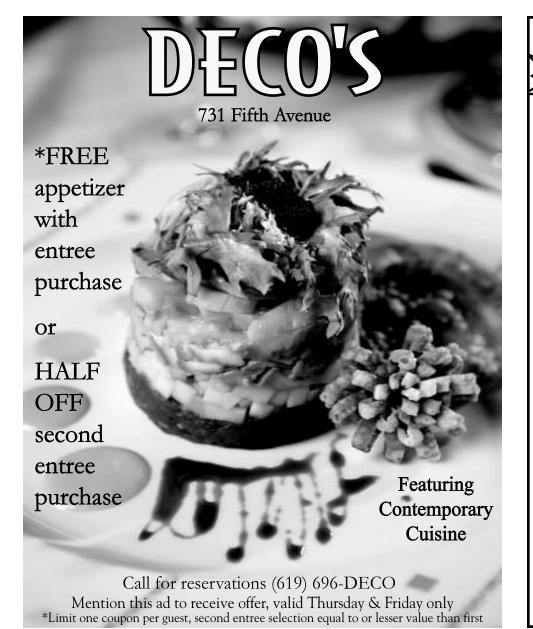
bubbling meats and strange veggies. First thing that catches my eye, a chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, all dark and roasty smelling. And next to it, *monggo* (mung) beans with bitter melon — *ampalaya* — leaves. "And this is chop suey," says Ly-

dia, "with chicken and broccoli and carrot, and here is pork menudo, with garbanzo beans, but not intestines like the Mexican menudo."

We cruise through beef stew, *lechon* (roasted pork), banana blossom — the actual flower of the banana tree cooked in vinegar — *kare-kare* ("this is yam and peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe"), and a lumpy, deep purply-black mess she calls *dinuguan*, or chocolate meat. "Uh, what is it?"

"It's pork in pork blood."

I want to love this idea of pork-blood stew, but I need time to adjust. We carry on, over 18 dishes that include more Spanish-influenced ones (remember the Manila galleons?) like chicken adobo, beef *mechado*, beef *caldereta*, and pork adobo, and,



of course, Chinese-inspired *pansit* (noodles) and lumpia (spring rolls). But it was the first chafing dish, the barbecue chicken, and this last that nail it for me. It's a pile of split, deep-fried fish. *Daing na bangus*. Milkfish, soaked in vinegar and deepfried, says Lydia. "Old Filipino men with high blood pressure come in and have that," she says. Well, I ain't old yet, but I like the idea of surf 'n' turf. I order it and the chicken barbecue on a stick. Lydia splots them onto a Styrofoam plate, adds two balls of rice, ladles soup out of the chicken *sinigang* (fried chicken in a vinegar-and-garlic soup) pot, and we're in business. She clacks at the cash register. Great. Only \$4.50, not \$5.00.

Fact is, I'm desperate to ask for a melon drink they have. Squashed cantaloupe in milk and sugar (\$1.50). But if I exceed the two-hour limit on my bus transfer, I'll need that for fare home. Pathetic but true.

Turns out the soup takes care of liquid needs anyway. I sit down beside this Filipino guy munching on pork menudo and a pot of that chocolate meat. I grab my chicken barbecue and chomp in. Oh, man. Dark rich sauce, good tender chicken. Have to go to the rice pile to temper down the taste. And to the soup to clear my mouth. Ooh. Wicked garlic chickeny flavor comes out of the soup. Too much. And a good bridge between turf and surf. I pick up my *bangus* and start nibbling.

"Careful of the bones," says the neighbor.

Name's Jennison. "They're thin. They can stick in your throat." He's from Baguio, in the Philippines. "Climatewise, it's just like San Diego. It's high up, among pine trees. Winters are cold. We speak Ilocano, not Tagalog."

Jennison says this is a true Filipino restaurant. "Even the name. Point-point — we say *turo-turo* is just what we do. They have a good *papaitan*: roasted goat meat, liver, and pancreas with its small intestine's bile squeezed in to add a bitter taste. Or this chocolate meat is authentic too. It's got to be timed right, pouring in the blood and letting it darken. Want to try some?"

Uh-oh, don't be such a wimp. I bring my plastic soupspoon over and take a scoop. "Oh, good," I say. And mean it. It's thick and tastes kind of adobo-like, but different. Almost...chocolatey?

We chow and chat while the TV drama weeps on. He tells me about life outside Baguio, up in those highlands back home. Things can get pretty wild, he says. His own brother was killed there accidentally by highland people waiting to ambush tribal enemies. His grandfather said prayers beside a knife at the brother's grave. "Since then, all the killers have died," he says. "One went mad, the other killed himself. My grandfather was a very powerful, spiritual man."

Boy. Makes you realize what a cocoon 'Diego can be. Lydia wants to close up. That's fine. If I'm lucky, my transfer might still be good. ■

The Place: *Point-Point Joint, 916 East Eighth Street, National City (619-474-2866)* **Type of Food:** *Filipino* **Prices:** *Longoniza sausage, eggs, and fried rice breakfast, \$3.50; choice of pork, beef, chicken, fish, seafood, noodles,*

Prices: Longoniza sausage, eggs, and fried rice breakfast, \$5.50; choice of pork, beef, chicken, fish, seafood, noodles, and vegetables with rice and soup, \$2.50 or \$3.00; "Combination," two entrées with rice and soup, \$4.50 or \$5.00; halo-halo dessert (ice, beans, Jell-O, pinipig — roasted immature rice crunch), \$2.00; "melon," cantaloupe drink, \$1.50

Hours: 10:30 a.m. till 8:30 p.m., seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 7:00 a.m. till 10:30 a.m. Bus: 929

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"I didn't want to jump off the high board before I made sure there was water in the pool."

hen famed California Pinot Noir producers Burt Williams and Ed Selyem first began making wine, they crushed their grapes with a barrel press — same as any home winemaker might use. You turn a screw, the

screw forces a plate down on top of the grapes, and the juice runs out from between the staves of the barrel. When to stop cranking is always a tricky business - you don't want to leave good juice unpressed, but neither do you want to break seeds and grind skins, thereby mucking up your juice

with harsh tannins and green flavors. This is especially true of a delicate grape like Pinot Noir. Burt and Ed's solution, recalls Frank Mittricker, " wasn't very scientific." They didn't have the press bolted to the ground in their garage-cum-winery, and "as soon as the legs of the press started moving as they turned the screw, that was it - that was enough pressure." The results are history.

Mittricker - Burgundy lover, former wineshop owner, partner in Elyse winery, and now semi-retired and living in Jamul - was an early fan of Williams-Selyem and always brought a bottle of good Burgundy when he visited. In return, Burt and Ed opened their barrels to him. Now, he is making his own Pinot, under his La Cave de Mon Lis label. Like Burt and Ed, he finds he likes to use a medium to heavy toast on his oak barrels to impart a smoky flavor to his wine. Unlike Burt and Ed, he is starting out in a proper winery - Elvse — and with a little help from his friends winemaker Ray Coursen and his assistant. "I didn't want to jump off the high board before I made sure there was water in the pool," says Mittricker.

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"If something goes wrong, it's a lot of money down the drain" - prices for grapes have risen a bit since the days of Burt and Ed. "The assistant winemaker was always looking over my shoulder, making sure I did the chemistry right. He would

actually put his arms in the fermenting wine [to test the temperature]. He'd say, 'You know, that one is a little cold. I might put some more nutrients in there, make sure those yeasts don't die.'

It is not hard to understand why Mittricker might want to make

Pinot Noir -- he loves the wine, and Elyse didn't make it. It is a little more curious that a man who fell in love with the grape as it appears in its royal Burgundian splendor would be eager to make it in California. Here, despite marvelous advances, it has yet to achieve the reputation granted to Burgundy in its best years. Mittricker explains that he took as his models the Pinots from Testarossa - which was convenient, since they buy at least some of their grapes from the same vineyard he does - the Sleepy Hollow Vinevard in the Santa Lucia Highlands.

"I went to them and said, 'Can you give me some hints of what I shouldn't do? What works, what doesn't work?' They were very open. What they told me was that with California Pinot Noir, the most difficult thing is to get the extra complexity, the layers of flavor. It's pretty easy to get one-dimensional fruit" - most simply, raspberry — "but to get layers.... They use multiple clones of Pinot Noir and multiple yeasts [in fermentation]. I know some wineries use three or four different yeasts, from natural to commercial strains."

Mittricker sought out yeasts from his beloved Burgundy, where multilayered Pinot has a long and glorious history, "but I also put D-254 in some lots, which is actually a Rhone yeast. I wanted a little more of what I would call mid-palate to back-palate. When I tasted the wine [at Testarossa] they were really nice in the forward palate, but I didn't get as much at the middle and end. I've seen what D-254 can do for some other things, and I was trying to add that." He also experimented with six different types of barrels — "different French oaks, different levels of toast."

The 2002 growing season was long and cool and good for Pinot Noir. Crush went smoothly: We picked at around six o'clock in the morning. We had everything on the refrigerated truck by nine, and it was in Napa by noon." He ran the fruit through a stemmer-crusher - set with the rollers spread, to prevent crushing seeds and skins - and into bins lined with dry ice to keep the temperature down. "We kept it too cold for fermentation for about four and a half days, trying to extract color and flavor. We'd test temperature several times a day; if it got too warm, we'd shovel some dry ice in there." In order to further concentrate the flavors, he also bled off 15 percent of the juice. "Some people do that and go to sewer with it. I knew how much a ton I had paid for this juice and said, 'Well, this is pretty good Pinot Noir juice. Let's try to barrel-ferment it and see what I can make. I can still make it go to sewer if I don't like it.' We were pretty happy with how it came out; I actually think it's got some character." It does indeed; his salmon-colored Saignée de Pinot shows bright raspberry where Grenache-based rosés show strawberry, a happy variation.

Fermentation was also trouble-free; his only worry now is over-oaking. "Wines have what I call baby-fat fruit. Just like on a baby, it wears off. If vou allow vourself to oak a wine until vou can actually taste it with that baby-fat fruit there, then by the time you get the wine into bottle, all you've got is oak.

Mittricker has high hopes for his first effort, but he is trying to keep a level head. "We've been

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Frank Mittricker

tasting a bunch of Pinots at different price points and trying to objectively decide where to place ours. I'd like to place it about \$10 below what I think its market value is. There has to be an incentive for somebody to try a new Pinot. Most of the wines off of Sleepy Hollow Vineyard are going for \$45 or \$50, so I want to keep it under \$40 for sure.'

When Burt and Ed sold their Williams-Selyem winery label, they owned no vineyards and no winery - they bought fruit and leased space. What they sold was good will and inventory. Here again, Mittricker diverges from their path; he has dreams of his own operation, one that brings the fruit closer to home. "There are a lot of visitors who come to San Diego. My theory is, if I could start a little warehouse-type operation, hopefully not too far from downtown, I might be able to catch people, especially conventioneers. If you could get them to come over for a little cocktail hour, or do a special for a convention, I think you could do well. There's enough disposable income that comes into this town to support this."









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NORTH COASTAL

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 Alabamastyle 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 upstairs 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 Saturday. Moderate to expensive. -E.W.

The Encinitas Cafe 531 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-0919. This American café serves breakfast from opening to clos-ing, with egg dishes, biscuits, and gravy for breakfast, sandwiches and salads for lunch, and American entrées for din-ner. Fast, excellent service. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. - E.W.

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 eye out for what your neigh-bors are eating. A blackboard lists the specials, guiding you to the day's fresh-est 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 skele-ton to a lacy crunchiness. If you don't feel like sushi, there are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. N.W. (9/01)



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NORTH INLAND

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. This family-style restaurant serves seafood and fresh fish that changes daily. Simple but honest preparation, good value. Open daily for lunch and dinner (dinner menu is served from opening to closing on Sunday). Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

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 people" — Hollywood honchos, highend 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)

Ming Court 12750 Carmel Country Road, Country Plaza Shopping Center, North City West (adjacent to Del Mar), 858-793-2933. "Elegance" describes the interior of this restaurant. Some unusual preparations are cilantro chicken, pungent shrimp, three-mushroom delight, tangerine beef, and items on the Ming Court specialty list. Service is first-rate. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

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. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* **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 their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculp-ture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back 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 egg-plant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, 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, complete with New York manners. The hot sandwiches are good, but the pizza is in a league by itself. The secret lies in the crust. Lasagne and stuffed eggplant also available, as well as cannoli for dessert. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

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.*

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. SeWhat the Chef Eats

RIND ROULADEN (BEEF ROULADES) BY JUSTIN X. HOEHN

Chef, California Cuisine, San Diego

The dish I chose is Rind Rouladen, which was a favorite dish my mom made when I was growing up. My mom is German and a gourmet cook. Of all the chefs I've worked with, my mom is still the best cook I know. When I go home to see my mom, Rind Rouladen is what I ask for. It's my favorite comfort food. When I think of sitting down

and eating something that makes me happy, this is the dish.

Rind Rouladen is basically a flank steak roll filled with onions and parsley and fresh herbs in a red wine meat sauce. It's served over spaetzle, which is a German noodle. It's a hearty winter meal. It's one of those stick-toyour-ribs dishes. California

Cabernet goes real well

Arab cuisines, but more intense and

sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroc-

with it. I use that in the sauce. Basically, if you can afford it, and if you use the same wine to cook with as you drink, it will always complement this dish.

HOW TO DO IT Cover each piece of steak with plastic wrap and pound to ¼-inch thickness. Remove wrap and season with salt and pepper.

Sauté onions in



butter on low heat until translucent, remove from heat, mix in parsley, and set aside to cool.

Spread a thin layer of dijon mustard on each piece of steak, place one piece of bacon diagonally across each piece of steak.

lect 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)

LA JOLLA

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)*

Daily's Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu tha's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by can restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, bellydancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Dinner nightly, reserve for weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier Street), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (10/00)*

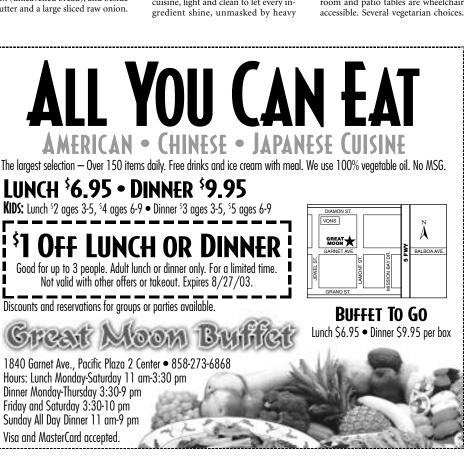
Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W. (10/99)*

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. Surely one of the best restaurants in the county, you'll find superb, utterly assured French cooking by famed chef-owner Jean-Micheel Diot. This is the modern style of French cuisine, light and clean to let every ingredient shine, unmasked by heavy sauces. Each dish is perfect. Pork tenderloin, Muscovy duck, foie gras, and the fresh fish are small triumphs. Worth every penny. Expensive to very expensive. — E.W. (7/98)

Torreyana Grill Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Best seafood buffet in city, served Friday nights, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. At least 21 items, most of them fresh seafood and fish plus New York-cut beef and chicken. Price is \$28.95, \$10.95 for children. Add \$10 for 1-1/4 pound fresh Maine lobster steamed to order. Excellent value for the money. Friday night only. Expensive. — *E.W. (6/99)*

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.





<u>What the Chef Eats</u>

Spread the onion and parsley mixture evenly on each piece of steak, leaving the edges clean. Roll steak like cigars and secure with butcher's twine or toothpicks. Heat large skillet adding enough olive oil to lightly cover bottom of pan. Add 2 tablespoons butter. When butter starts to bubble and brown, add roulades to pan, leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ " space between each. (If pan is not large enough, do procedure in

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Upper moderate to expensive. N.W. (6/01)

batches.) Brown on all sides. If roulades start to stick or burn, add more oil. Remove roulades from pan.

Add shallots and wine to pan. Using a wooden spoon, scrape all brown bits off pan and into liquid. Reduce wine to 1/3 cup.

Add broth and place roulades back into pan and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove roulades.

At low heat whisk in

unusual appetizers. A feast named

"Taiko special," for two or more, is worth ordering. Visually and gastro-

nomically a treat. Lunch, Monday

through Friday; dinner, Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. In-

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea

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you want to barbecue your own food.

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Korean food, such as traditional man-

doo (beef) dumplings, gaejang backban,

or raw crab, and vookhwe, a steak

tartare worth risking. Make a meal

expensive to expensive. - E.W.

cold butter until sauce thickens. Season with salt and pepper and strain sauce.

Remove twine or toothpicks from roulades. Serve with sauce over roulades. Traditionally served with spaetzle and red cabbage, or serve with your favorite pasta and vegetables.

INGREDIENTS

moderate. — M.N. (9/98)

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street,

not willing to sacrifice quality for con-

venience 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, appe-

tizing, 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 deli-

cious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and

Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're

2 lbs. flank or skirt steak. trimmed of excess fat, cut into eight 2-3 inch square pieces

Salt & pepper to taste. 1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped 1 bunch Italian parsley, finely chopped Diion mustard 8 thin slices of bacon Olive oil Butter 2 medium shallots, finely chopped 1 cup California Cabernet Sauvignon 2 cups low sodium beef broth

from enormous appetizers like gul chilled noodles, as well as dessert deli*bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to cacies 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 (ac-tually 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 wellinformed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. -N.W. (4/01)

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a reallife reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elemen-tary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. -N.W. (1/03)

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 lews could eat without wor-- from Italian to Mexican to ribs rvingto fried chicken to lactose-free cheesecakes - and that everybody else

wouldn't know was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a *varmulke* to feel comfortable here, but it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has received extra-careful preparation. You'll find Sheila's breads and pastries at supermarkets all around town. Lunch and dinner Monday through Thurs-day, lunch Friday, dinner Sunday (closed Saturday, of course). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

Via Italia Pizzeria Trattoria 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732. Don't look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here — the menu features wonderful, authentic dishes from all over Northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly specials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired — they're what Chef Alan Martinelli really feels like cooking. The pizzas (whole pies only) are a must — thin-crusted and dressed with perfect proportions 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)

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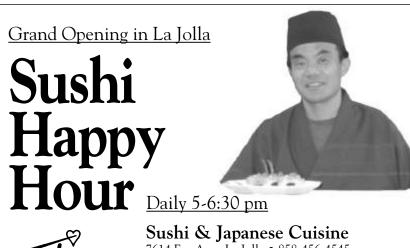


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orated in a "Venetian Carnival" theme. In a menu that follows the seasons, San Francisco-born Chef Antonio Friscia proves he's capable of brilliance. His thin-skinned ravioli stuffed with marinated braised short ribs shouldn't be missed, and his goose 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, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

Cucina Fresca 1851 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9470, OK, it's a cliché, but "bring your appetite," really applies here. We're talking northern Italian food, with southern Italian gen-erosity. The family-run place has been open since 1990, but it feels more like 1890. Italian flags and murals, var-nished wood, banknote collections, terra cotta floor tile, and very tradi-tional dishes. All the usual suspects are here, like chicken Parmigiana, chicken marsala, veal florentine. But who cares? It's their old-fashioned size you'll love. Order, say, the "sausage and peppers" pasta. You'll be half-full from the delicious minestrone soup they toss in first. Then your pasta arrives — woah! A Sargasso Sea of linguini capped by large quantities of sliced, herby Italian sausage. But hey, this is OB. What's your hurry? Attack this thing slowly, man, one whip-lashing linguini at a time. Lunch, dinner. Moderate. E.B. (2/03)

Humphrey's By The Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door ampitheatre. They're missing the best food, which emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features topquality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie garnishes. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, 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 be-

low. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

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 underseasoned (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 takeout. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *Champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

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 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and 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 catfish sandwich and halfpound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Lao & Chinese Cuisine 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a simple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncomplicated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pepper, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), *tom yum* soup, and *pho* and *pad si-ew* noodle dishes. Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (2/99)

Paesano 3647 30th Street (at Landis Street), North Park, 619-291-4090. Joe Romano and his family started here in 1967, painting the interior to look like you're among the stone arches of some Italian village grotto. Pictures of Italian tourist attractions line the walls, and the music is Italian mandolin ditties. The food is traditional Italian-American, with pittance-priced "daily specials" like egglant parmesan and spaghetti with meatballs, plus salad and garlic bread. Regular dishes are bargain-priced, too. Weekday lunch, early dinner Monday through Saturday. Ineexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Restaurant Afrique Oak Plaza Mall, 4990 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-283-3838. The previous tenants' Chinese decor remains, but the



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EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. The sign on the window reads: "Soul Food: 99 cents"; inside is the homey solace of good cheer and excellent Memphis-style barbecue. Pork gets star billing: in a sandwich, it appears as tender chunks laced with smoke; on ribs, as luscious, multitextured strips slathered with sauce that balances sweet smoke, cit-rus tang and a mild, persistent spice. BBO beans are a revelation, creamy vet substantial, swimming alongside rich bits of pork in a sauce that delivers a sweet molasses bite. Macaroni and cheese is gooey and gummable, a mild counter to the murky, sour/salty greens. On Fridays, you can get South-ern-fried catfish or red snapper, plus hush puppies. Inexpensive. A.M. (2/01) hush

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Charley's sweet dough beef-and-onion sandwich is scrumptious. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B.* (12/01)

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Rodeo Bar and Grill 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-390-7996. Agnes and Ildikor are the two blue-eyed Hungarian-born sisters 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 A-side features big steaks, while the B-side 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 special 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)

FAR EAST

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (Rte. 73) (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5523. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The California Cuisine menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Collared shirts and jackets required on men (they'll lend you a jacket if needed), dressy-casual wear on women. Open daily, continuously (in theory) from breakfast through dinner. Reserve for weekend evenings. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/03)

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, a former pastry chef of the famed La Casa Del Zorro provides trays and trays of delicate pastries, and this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

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 little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically ren-dered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-sa-vory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casse-role 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 (cilantroladen pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous vataba (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)*

Cable Car Cafe 1945 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-291-8607. A lot of San Diego history is tied to this place. For starters, a real Frisco-style cable car used to terminate near here from downtown. So did later electric trolleys at Trolley Barn Park across the road. Harvey Bentley's ostrich farm was here too — which explains the mural of ostrich characters inside. They say the first Cable Car Café opened on this spot in the 1920s. Today it's a happy little red-and-white corner joint offering honest American fare. Breakfast includes two eggs any style with potatoes and toast, or "make-your-own" threeegg omelets. Walk by late morning and your nose will lead you in — the owners roast their own beef with fresh garlic every day. One great result: the Ca-



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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. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their pho-tos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Ma-tisse 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 butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayennecumin 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)

Jack And Giulio's Italian **Restaurant** 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. The former owners of Giulio's in Pacific Beach now operate Jack and Giulio's. Best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their famous scampi. Old-style chicken cacciatore always on the menu. Out-door patio is one of the strong features. This is a low-cost family restaurant with fresh, casual food. Open daily, lunch and dinner; continuous service weekends. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington Street), Suite 120, Hill-crest, 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 satis-fying 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 Rus-sian 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 week days three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (10/99)

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny pinxos of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include 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 workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite 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 Hillcrest, go, Whole Foods' prepared food sec-tion will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restau-rant 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 stuff-ing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

DOWNTOWN

Acqua 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 purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — *N.W.* (11/00)

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 eve). 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 ap-petizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive. -EW

Dakota Grill And Spirits 901 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5554. First sign that you've arrived in chipotle/chile country: the toddlersized cowboy boot on your table that serves as vase to a faux agave plant. This



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kind of cooking runs the risk of losing its focus in a multitude of ingredients, something Dakota does a decent job of avoiding. When everything works, it plays like comfort food with a kick. The seafood ravioli — spinach pasta stuffed with a blend of salmon, halibut, and swordfish planted atop wilted greens and topped with pickled jalapeno relish — melds into a pleasant whole. The blue cornmeal-crusted chicken salad, similarly well-conceived, is gussied up with crispy potato strings, tortilla rajas, and dried apricots that sweetly counter the blue cheese in the dressing. The apricot-whole grain mustard glaze on the pork prime rib makes sense, as do the giant, multiple-straw margaritas. Meat — sizable quantities of it — is usually well-prepared; sides may feel cursory. Moderate to expensive. — A.M. (5/01)

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)*

The Field Irish Pub And Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported wholehog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herbrich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crépes 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)

Harbor House 831 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-1141. The two-level building and the view of the harbor are major attractions. Fish and seafood predominate, but chicken, pasta, and steak are also available. The dining room seats 250, so don't expect intimacy. Preparations are wholesome, but not original. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second and much grander — incarnation of Chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispycreamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interesting varietals like Mourvedre and Viognier. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — A.M. (11/02)

Lous and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. Will steakhouses eat the Gaslamp? When their gorgeous Royale Brasserie failed to draw the conventioneers from across the street, the owners (the King's Seafood chain) kept the chef but changed the decor and format into a steak and seafood house, offering simple fare with minimal saucing or garnish. The "Cowboy" rib eye is a best bet for red-meat lovers, and a moist grilled swordfish will do it for seafood fans. As at the top steakhouse chains, veggies cost extra (but are disappointing here), and wines are fine but mainly steep. Dining room next to bar is noisy; for a quieter setting, request "Nude Room" when reserving or eat on the heated dining patio. Valet parking at door, reduced fee with validation. Open nightly for dinner, weekends until 11 p.m. Prices all over the map, from inexpensive "lite dinners" (fish and chips, etc.) to extravagant (shellfish); generally expensive. — *N.W. (4/03)* Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at 10th Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Three meals weekdays; closes earlier on weekends. — E.B. (12/01)

Sadaf 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarianfriendly. 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. — *E.W.*

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 fishmonger 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 locals. 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)

Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at C Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy perennial "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Reserve for weekend dinners. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (12/01)

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

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cups of tea are a favored drink. Break fasts are mostly steamed eggs plus ex-tras, such as the Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a side of fruit and sliced baguette. Lunches are sandwiches (like curried tuna or brie con pesto) or salads (try the chicken). Best deal: the Combo Special, a half sandwich and soup or salad. And there's always an art exhibition going on inside. Open daily, three meals; service until midnight on weekends. Inexpensive. - E.B. (11/01)

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, bar-gain-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 favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

McP's Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's' patio is nurtured by above-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 breakfast. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. -N.W. (4/01)

Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. -N.W. (9/00)

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 homecooking at genuine Korean War prices. Mondays and Wednesdays it's burgers. Tuesdays and Thursdays are "Guess What?" days — typically, enchilada casserole, baked chicken or spaghetti, or a fried-rice dish that's full of good things. Two really tasty occasionals are liver with mashed potato and onions or chicken-fried steak with fried rice First and third Friday nights of the month, outsiders are invited to join the weekly fish fry from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Check out the photos and memorabilia from wars fought from Siberia to Vietnam. Lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. -E.B. (10/00)

Zorbas Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the zembekikos, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place They're here for the buffet, spooning up the spanakopita (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try di-

viding your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabouli, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Antoiitos Del Pais 9750 Fraccionamente America, Gobernador Balarezo (near Azteca Hotel), 686-2424. Hit at lunch hour, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and you'll find 22 waitresses and cooks serving you on the street, stirring huge steaming pots of soup, foot-high clay pots sim-mering with frijoles, and dark-brown ceramic bowls of meat simmering on the flames. This isn't TJ, it's Central Mexico. Some great choices include bis*tek ahumada* (smoked beef) or *costilla de res* (beef ribs), *pollo en mole, lengua* de res (ox tongue), and carne de cerdo (pork), all around \$3, including soup, dessert, and pleasant culture shock. Open 24/7 except from midnight on Sunday to 7 a.m. Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Chiki Jai 1388 Avenida Revolución (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, (85-4955. Eat here and you're sur-rounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto - here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great his-toric eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, salchicha (pork sausages), bacalao (cod fish) al la Vizcaina. trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. In expensive to moderate. - E.B. (5/02)

El Rincon Del Oso Location 47. Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria, Río District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an ac-quired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's sur prisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

El Taco de Huitzilopochtli Calle Rosas 242, at Calle Valle Verde (Valley Verde Fracción), Ensenada, Baja, 646-174-2301. On weekend days, this plain, sprawling restaurant in a con-verted private house offers the authentic dishes of Texcoco, the Central Mexican heartland of Aztec cuisine. If you're looking for deliciously adventurous dining, pull up a chair. Here you can feast on sheep-brain quesadillas, marrow-bone soup, or even the whole head — of a ram. Don't miss the deeply savory *birria de chivo* (goat stew) or the myste-rious *huauzontles*, a nutty-tasting ama-ranth-like plant swathed in melted cheese and light tomato sauce. Finish with a shot (just one) of flavorful pulque, fermented cactus juice. Open only on Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. To find it: Drive north on Reforma to its final streetlight, turn right onto Ambar, nna streetignt, turn ngnt onto Ambar, go two stop signs (many blocks), turn left at second stop sign, go one block, passing the school, and turn right for one block; look for large mural and sign on restaurant wall on the right. A single English-only menu makes the rounds; one staffer speaks some English. Inex-pensive. — N.W. (4/03)

Fonda Roberto's La Sierra Motel, Old Road to Ensenada, Avenida Cuahutemoc #2800, Tijuana,

686-4687. Unusual regional specialties are found here. Beef tongue in sesame seed sauce, spicy shredded pork with artichoke seeds, two preparations of chicken, a half dozen of steak. Don't miss the soups or *chile en nogada*. Por-tions are small, so two people may or-der three entrées. Take Avenida Revolución all the way to Agua Caliente Blvd. At Calimax, make a right; go up two blocks and make a left. After one block, make another left. Roberto's is in the motel just after the road veers right. Closed Monday; open Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. In-expensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Loncheria La Poca Lucha Municipal Market, 105 Avenida Niños Héroes, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's Mercado Municipal is like entering a scene from The Sorcerer's Apprentice. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the mercado, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach Loncheria La Poca Lucha, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for carne de *puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos, bisteck ranchero*, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. Pescado frito (fried fish), mi *lanesa con papas* (veal with fries), *pollo frito* (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Salon Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Juarez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old ho-tel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the regis-tration desk to the Salon Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with gringo, gringo-Mex, real Mexican (menudo), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Sundays only, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — N.W. (4/03)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations in Hillcrest, Old Town, Point Loma, and La Jolla. — E.B. (10/00)

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Star Of India 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-459-3355; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Punjabi) food. Pick among specialties like veg-etable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, palak paneer. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. In-expensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/01)



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No filmmaker these days is going to subordinate himself to a genre.

hen I first saw the trailer of Open Range in a theater, having had no prior notice of its existence, I thought I might have tumbled through some time-hole in the fabric of the universe. Not, please

merely to an earlier era when such

things were to be found on movie

screens. I could hardly believe my eyes.

Here was Kevin Costner wearing a

Henry Fonda cowboy hat and a ban-

danna the size of a tablecloth, talking

like a card-carrying Strong Silent Type

("I got no problem with killin', Boss.

Never have"), explaining the facts of

life to a well-bred lady from the East

("Men are gonna get killed here to-

day, Sue, and I'm gonna kill 'em"),

standing shoulder to shoulder with

Robert Duvall for a Main Street show-

down against five abreast, "fanning" his sidearm in closeup. And more. At

last I had a summer movie to look for-

understand, to an earlier era when herds of cattle roamed the unfenced plains, and men were men, and they settled their scores with six-guns. But

REVIEW DUNCAN SHEPHERD

ward to.

For here was Costner putting on his director's hat and sounding off on this moribund genre. Costner, I should say, or some nameless publicist, some behind-

Then came the press kit in the mail,

and I had to pull back a bit on the reins.

the-scenes speechwriter, putting words in his mouth and giving voice

to a widespread sentiment about the genre today: "It's often surprising to me when people say, 'I love Westerns,' because the number of Westerns you can name as great movies is not very extensive. They're 'black hat vs. white hat' and not terribly appealing." No one who really knows Westerns would ever say such a thing; no one whose knowledge of them extended any distance past the half-hour *Lone Ranger* episodes of his infancy.

We have come a long way in the movie world from John Ford's famously understated and falsely modest selfsummation, "I make Westerns" (and forget *The Informer, The Grapes of Wrath, The Long Voyage Home, How*

Green Was My Valley, etc., etc.). No filmmaker these days is going to subordinate himself to a genre. He is not going to be caught saying that he can only hope that he's worthy to make some tiny contribution to its glorious tradition, and that he hasn't instead left a stain where he labored. Much less is he simply going to make a genre film

and let it speak for itself. He will typically feel compelled to build himself up by diminishing the genre's riches. And if diplomatically he pays lip-service to his classical ancestors (Costner: "It's been a privilege and a thrill"), it will carry a hint of condescension which indicates that the history of the genre is all very well as ancient his- -

tory, but that what it needs in our more advanced and sophisticated times is an infusion of unprecedented new depth, new texture, new shading. What it needs, in short, is someone like himself to come along and lend it a hand. And if it's a genre that has gone neglected for a while on screen, he can put himself forward (witness

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MOVIES

Steven Spielberg with the WWII film in Saving Private Ryan) as anything

from its savior to its "reinventor." There

has been no greater advancement in Hollywood filmmaking than in the size of the directorial ego. Thank you,

auteur theory. Nonetheless, there was reason to

hold out hope. The genre is bigger than the director, whether he acknowledges

it or not. And his willful ignorance of it will not prohibit him from reaping

its benefits. And Costner, in spite of

himself, has revealed a remarkable commitment to the Western for an actor of his generation, having appeared in four of them in under twenty years, two directed by Lawrence Kasdan (Silverado and Wyatt Earp) and two directed by himself (Dances with Wolves and now this): it sometimes feels as though there have barely been four

Westerns, total, over the past twenty

years. (Only last week the L.A. Times ran a story about the razing of Laramie

Street, fallen into disuse, on the

Warner Brothers backlot to make

room for more office space.) True, the

saturation ad campaign on television threatened to kill the appetite whetted

by the theatrical trailer. But if the Dis-

ney company wished to dust off a

tagline they had used for their Tombstone—"Justice is coming"—I guess that would be their prerogative. And

it served in any case as a reminder of

just how long it has been since the last top-flight Western (unless you, un-

like me, can count Ride with the Devil

as a Western), a full decade ago. It served

at the same time as a reminder of the

too, and Open Range is a better and a

braver movie in the year 2003 than it

would have been in, say, 1953. What

would have seemed common as dirt

a half-century ago now appears flecked

scarcely be more simple and basic: a

quartet of nomadic cowpokes called

free grazers" nudge their herd into

the limitless domain of an Irish cattle

baron who will lay claim to any stock on "his" land, and who will wield any

force necessary. One of the four is

murdered by the baron's men and a

second is placed at death's door, leav-

ing two to square the account. The

simplicity in itself sees to it that Open Range manages to sidestep the pitfalls

of Costner's three previous outings:

the self-consciously "epic" scale of Dances with Wolves and Wyatt Earp

at three hours apiece, and, notwith-

standing the less cumbersome running

time, the anthological "comprehensiveness" of Silverado, which already

in 1985 felt a necessity to combat the dearth, or the death, of Westerns, and

to cover too much territory in the pro-

cess. In the new one, "there's a fight

coming" (to echo a line from Tomb-

tion — or nonaction, as you like — is

taken up with the interminable wait-

ing period in preparation for the big

shootout. (Curiously the Costner char-

acter's surname is Waite.) It spans one

rainy night and a tranquil dawn, after

the two long-time sidekicks have buried

one comrade (Duvall, given a chance

By far the biggest chunk of the ac-

stone), and that's all there is to it.

with gold dust. Let's sift a little. The narrative situation could

One of the foremost things to be said about it, and for it, is that times do in fact change, and perceptions do

To the movie itself, then....

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at graveside to say a few words to the Man Upstairs: "I ain't talkin' to that son of a bitch!") and have made the fateful decision to take their wounded comrade to town to see the doctor, where they know they will have to face off against the baron's minions. Sort of a *High Noon* without a time limit. (And despite the concentrated action, the running time slightly exceeds that of *Silverado*.) There are a few false starts toward an early outbreak of hostilities, but they come to nothing. The fight will be postponed till after sunup.

The pacing throughout is leisurely, some would say slow-w-w, and it accommodates a puppy dog, teacups, Swiss chocolate, Cuban cigars, and a dose or two of sweet talk with the doctor's spinsterly sister, the cello-voiced Annette Bening, who brings some depth to the role beyond even the lower register of her speech. Costner, in his guise in front of the camera, is not free of his besetting softness and self-pity: no Western hero has come closer to outright pouting and moping. But he is here freer of these than he was in Dances with Wolves. (As there, the killing of a dumb animal will add to his miseries and magnify his "sensitivity.") Duvall is Duvall, mannered but masterful. And the bad guys, Michael Gambon, James Russo, Kim Coates, are the "blackest hats" you will ever run into, if far from the most formidable.

Nor is Costner, behind the camera, free of the fads and fashions that crept into the genre on its sickbed: the jerrybuilt frontier town whose edifices look as though they could topple like dominoes; the streets of mud; the profusion of whiskers; visibly dirty clothes and a verbal consciousness of B.O.; an allover brownish hue that has sullied even such a paragon of the genre as Unforgiven. (One of the signs of life that Tombstone restored to the Western was full color!) Even the greens of the beautifully molded hills and valleys of Alberta, where both Open Range and Unforgiven were shot, look rather parched and sun-faded.

Yet you very soon realize that the movie is so safely and securely entrenched in its period and idiom ("Let's rustle up some grub," somebody actually says) that there will be no ruinous intrusions of technology,

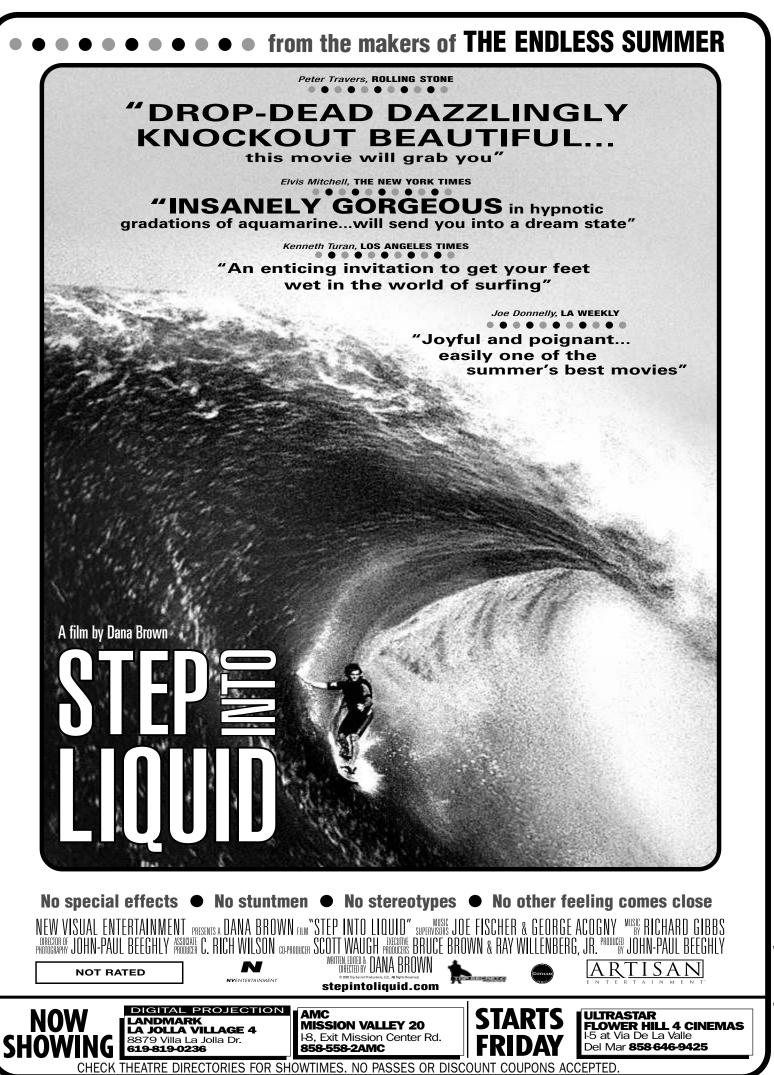


apart perhaps from a smidge of slowmotion in the action scenes: no Chinese martial-arts maneuvers to build a bridge to the younger generation, no computer-manipulated rotations of the Earth's axis, no science-fictional weaponry, no bullets followed in flight or freeze-framed an inch from their target. You can just sit back and relax. You had better. The pacing of the movie, the peculiar proportioning of its time, ought not to be underestimated as a contribution to the genre, even if this can be directly traced to the filmmaker's self-importance and pretension.

In the end, the length of the wait for the big shootout is generously counterbalanced by the length of the shootout itself. It proceeds in clear and wellchoreographed stages, with brief breathers interspaced, like the between-round breaks in a boxing match. It goes on so long — twenty minutes or so — that Bening will find occasion to abandon the sanctuary of the doctor's office and make a soulstirring dash over the crest of the hill and into the thick of battle, although never making herself quite as useful as Grace Kelly in *High Noon*. The reports of the guns and the impact of the bullets are distinctively heavy, flat, dry,

snapping, almost perfect audibilizations of the comic-book "CRAK" and "BAM" and "THWAP," a cacophonous arrhythmic jam session for percussion only. And Costner's pre-game pep talk, his laying-out of his strategy beforehand, is eloquent.

In that speech and in a veritable nosegay of cumulative omens, the movie is at some pains to build up suspense and doubt about the out-





come, which the promotional clips have been at equal pains to tear down again. (Read no further if you don't want to know: see the movie first.) Once the shooting starts, we still have not seen what we've been shown in the teasers: Bening in her straw gardening hat and Costner telling her she's the "handsomest" woman he has ever seen. The suspense accordingly sags. And for all the pokiness of the pacing and the embellishment of the characters (some of which embellishment is pretty cutesified), the romance seems to have moved along a bit too fast. It was better - more touching, more true — when it was in the inchoate state prior to the gunplay; when it was no more than a prospect that might merit further exploration. The

artful symbol of the limp — a mark of domestication which the saddle tramp now shares with the gimpy doctor goes some way to compensate for the landslide of mush in the three-scene denouement. Some way. Not all the way. The last top-flight Western remains Tombstone.

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American Wedding — The American Pie saga continues, with Jason Biggs, Seann William Scott, et al., directed by Jesse Dylan.

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And Now Ladies and Gentlemen Reviewed next issue. With Jeremy Irons, Patricia Kaas, Thierry Lhermitte, and Claudia Cardinale; directed by Claude Lelouch. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 8/22)

Bad Boys II — Bad movie too. Two and a half hours of bang-screech-crunch-boom. With Will Smith, Martin Lawrence, Gabrielle Union, Jordi Mollà, and Peter Stormare; directed by Michael Bay. 2003. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARK-WAY PLAZA 18)

Bend It Like Beckham — Feminist pep fest, or pap fest, about an Indian girl in West London who must weave her way through the obstacles set by her cookie-cutter traditionalist family — is there any other kind from India? — in order to pursue her bliss as a soccer player. (Glossary note for the non-sports fan, or the merely parochial sports fan: the title alludes to David Beckham, glamour boy of English football as well as husband of "Posh" Spice, and it alludes also to another type of English and not to any private depravities of his.) Filmmaker Gurinder Chadha, of Bhaji on the Beach, gets a bright, cheery image, a balmy atmosphere, and winning performances (against weak opposition) from Parminder Nagra and sixteen-year-old Keira Knightley as the resolute heroine and her reedy blond teammate. With Jonathan Rhvs Mevers, Anupam Kher, Archie Panjabi, Juliet Stevenson. 2003. ★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7)

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Camp — The Amateurville Horror. Gifted youths - girls and gays, plus one "honestto-God straight boy" — gather together at Camp Ovation for a summer of acting, singing, dancing, and self-affirmation. You could just scream. With a cast of unknowns, not counting an as-himself cameo by Stephen Sondheim. Written and directed by Todd Graff. 2003. (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Dirty Pretty Things - The bicontinental British filmmaker Stephen Frears returns to the milieu of his Sammy and Rosie Get Laid and My Beautiful Laundrette the London melting pot, but this time in the grimmer mood of a Thirties-style social drama (the Warners studio, most typically), with a rough, raw, skinned-knuckle image and a crowding, collaring, buttonholing camera. The puckered-browed protagonist (Chiwetel Ejiofor) is a Nigerian illegal who works days as a cab driver — his training in his homeland as a doctor obliges him to examine and treat his fellow cabbies for VD — and works nights as a hotel desk clerk. (He sleeps never.) In the latter capacity, a ghastly discovery in an overflowing toilet on the fifth floor — a breath-stopping scene — leads him down a trail into a black-market trade in internal organs and forged passports: or, if you prefer, into an overwrought metaphor for the plight of the illegal. There is also a girl in the picture, a Turkish Muslim (Audrey Tatou) who works in the hotel as a chambermaid and has a huge crush on the hero. The mixed chorus of immigrants - prominently Spanish, Chinese, and Russian in addition to the nationalities already mentioned affords an interesting framework, but the fill-in is luridly melodramatized and sentimentalized, as if the only answer to xenophobia were an equally rabid xenophilia.

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The plaintiveness of the two principals stands unsurpassed on the streets of Lon-don since *Broken Blossoms*, and the cartoonish menace of the immigration cops and the swinish sweatshop boss is unsurpassed since Dickens. The climax indulges our sympathies to cloying extremes. 2003. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Ed Wood — Conventional Hollywood "biopic" on an unconventional subject of study: the ignored, ridiculed, and campily canonized director of Plan 9 from Outer Space. The disrepute, or nonrepute, of the central figure liberates the film to engage in the kind of myth-making in which the "biopic" once engaged with impunity, but which has been much curbed since the coining of the term "docudrama." If ever Tim Burton (in the possessive case) ought to have been part of a movie's title, this surely would have been the one, not Tim Burton's The Nightmare before Christmas. Tim Burton's Ed Wood (sans italics) emerges as the very embodiment of psychological "projection." Burton himself is not bothered, is on the contrary positively delighted, by Wood's transvestitism, by his valueless production values, by his undetectable aesthetic standards, by his blind eye to detail. And so it comes to pass that Wood, too, is unbothered and delighted by all this; is not, to be strictly candid, unsus ceptible to the blue moods of the artistic temperament, but is completely immune to self-torture and second-guessing and regret. No doubt this man could have been portrayed in many other ways, plenty of them more readily believable, but none of them funnier or more pleasing to believe. Johnny Depp injects into the part a Young Mickey Rooney-ish ("Let's put on a show!") exuberance, and in one leap expands his acting range by a couple of time zones. And Martin Landau, all but unrecognizable as Bela Lugosi (unrecognizable, that is, as either himself or Lugosi, looking rather more like late-period Raymond Massey), uncovers one of those elusive areas of overlap between the funny and the pathetic. There is unavoidably a sense in which these filmmakers appear to be slum-ming: the same sense in which the luscious black-and-white photography (by Stefan Czapsky) is a rebuke at the same time as it is a tribute to the low-grade horror and s-f films of the Fifties. But in the prevailing spirit of unbotheredness and delightedness: who cares? With Sarah Jessica Parker, Patricia Arquette, Jeffrey Jones, Bill Murray. 1994.

★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 8/22, 3:45 AND 8:45 P.M.; 8/23, 7 P.M.)

Finding Nemo - Computer-animated fish story from the Pixar people (Andrew Stanton, director), by way of Disney, about a neurotically fretful clown fish by the name of Marlin ("Clown fish are no funnier than any other fish"), whose only surviving offspring, a normally inquisitive fingerling named Nemo, gets captured by a scuba diver and imprisoned in an aquarium in a Sydney dentist's office. At the very outset, the tossed-off justification (or "character motivation") for the parent's anxieties will not make you forget the death of Bambi's mother or Simba's father, but it will, unluckily, make you think of those. Nemo's abduction, on the other hand, is acceptably harrowing, as is the treacherous passage, later, through a minefield of jelly-fish. And, although a trifle didactic, the eternal child-rearing issues - how much protectiveness? how much permissiveness? — admit no easy answer.

(Apart, anyway, from the all-conquering, all-correcting power of fatherlove.) Visu-ally, the cloudy, shimmery, undulating strangeness of the subaqueous universe seems uniquely well suited to the capabilities and limitations of computer animation, and yet at the same time the shapes and colors of the fish are a little too akin to your standard bathtub Rubber Ducky. (Ideal, one would suppose, for the ancillary "merchandise" on the toy-store shelves.) But rather than squeak like Rubber Duckies, they - the two main ones - speak with the overfamiliar and overshadowing voices of Albert Brooks and, as his volunteer helper in his search for his son, Ellen De-Generes. (The latter does, however, earn a laugh in her efforts to communicate with



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whales, running her plain old English through their warped-tape-recorder cadence and modulation.) In the end, the film succumbs to the common blockbuster ailment of piling climax upon climax and not knowing when or how to quit. 2003. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

Freaky Friday - Disney remake of the magical, mystical mother-daughter switcheroo, adjusted for youth's further usurping of the culture since 1977. The ostensible original idea was for the representatives of both generations to see through the other's eyes, but the bias in the remake tilts strongly toward the younger. The girl is a little older this time, and the casting was better the last time (Barbara Harris and Iodie Foster vs. Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan), and it's still a confusing situation - not just for the two who swap bodies, but for us and the scriptwriters as well. With Mark Harmon, Harold Gould, Chad Michael Murray; directed by Mark Waters. 2003.

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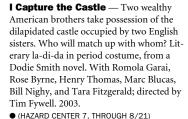
Freddy vs. Jason — A meeting of the monsters of *Nightmare on Elm Street* and *Friday the 13th*, directed by Ronny Yu. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Gasoline — Lesbian adventure from firsttime Italian filmmaker Monica Stambrini, starring Maya Sansa and Regina Orioli. (KEN. 8/22 THROUGH 28)

The Holy Land — Visited by impure thoughts, a yeshiva student in Tel Aviv drops in at the Love Boat strip club, and within five minutes has fallen head over heels for "Sasha," a Ukrainian hooker. Tawdry tale with earnest intent, including a nod at Mideast politics. The male actors consistently come up short. Oren Rehany, Tchelet Semel, Saul Stein; written and directed by Eitan Gorlin. 2001. • (KEN, THROUGH 8/21)

How to Deal — Inoffensive teen romance given instant and ongoing credibility by the presence of Allison Janney as the heroine's recently divorced mother. (A credibility that must withstand the angry-woman cliché of chopping up phallic vegetables for supper, as well as the slapstick indignity of getting humped by the in-laws' dog.) Peter Gallagher, with far less opportunity, is credible in his own right as the embarrassing and abandoning father, a soft-rock DJ with a trademark howl and a triangle of fur American Wedding

below his lower lip. And pop singer Mandy Moore (keeping her singing voice to herself) as the down-on-love heroine, if not particularly credible, is captivating nevertheless in a scrubbed and sanitized sort of way, a way that harks back to the heyday of Sandra Dee. With Trent Ford, Alexandra Holden, Mackenzie Astin, Mary Catherine Garrison, Dylan Baker; directed by Clare Kilner. 2003. ★ (VOGUE)



• (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 8/21)

Intacto — Solemn whimsy, somewhere in reach of *The Twilight Zone*, in which luck is seen as an occult power, and those who have it compete in an elimination tournament for the right to challenge the reigning Luckiest Man in the World. (Final round: Russian roulette with five bullets and one empty chamber.) The elaboration of the idea stresses its flimsiness. With Leonardo Sbaraglia, Eusebio Poncela, Monica Lopez, and Max Von Sydow; directed by Juan Carlos Fresnadillo. 2002. ★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 8/25, 6:30 P.M.)

The Italian Job — High-tech tale of betrayal and revenge, lighthearted to the point of self-contradictory and callous (Charlize Theron does, at least, haul off and sock the man who murdered her father: *that* sure felt good), mechanically directed by F. Gary Gray. As remakes go, it has the advantage of coming from an unremembered source, Peter Collinson's 1969 British heist thriller. By the same token, it has the disadvantage of coming from a source unremembered for good reason. Mark Wahlberg, the star, is perhaps at a little less disadvantage here than in the past year's remake of the well-remembered *Charade* (new title: *The Truth about Charlie*), insofar as he's a shade less pale a copy of Michael Caine than of Cary Grant. With Edward Norton, Jason Statham, Seth Green, Mos Def, and Donald Sutherland. 2003. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

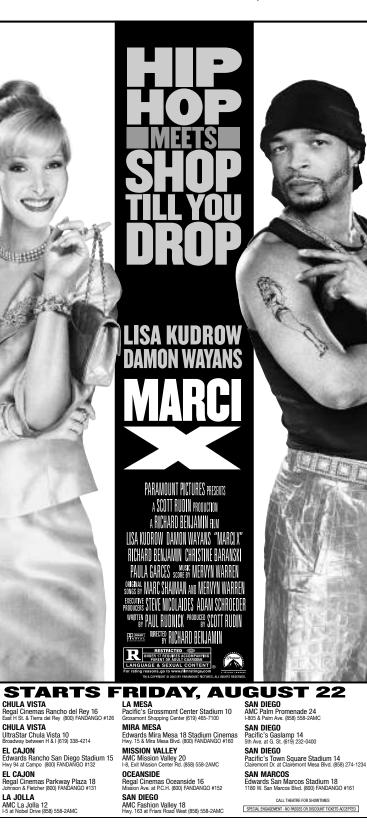
Johnny English — The amiable Rowan Atkinson plays the Inspector Clouseau of Her Majesty's Secret Service, leaving the funny French accent to the megalomaniacal villain (John Malkovich, not so frightfully funny after all; not Peter Sellersishly). The hero has his humble origins in an ad campaign for a credit card, and there is undeniably sufficient talent, invention, and industry on display to fill up a few television commercials. With Ben Miller and Natalie Imbruglia; directed by Peter Howitt. 2003. ★ (FASHION VALEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life — The video-game adventuress, back in action. Here she is, punching a computer-generated shark on the snout and hitching a ride on its dorsal fin; and here, sliding in slow-motion down the face of a cliff on a rope, upside down, while picking off would-be assassins all around her with her handgun; and here, doing the

contemporary action hero's de rigueur sideways dive, also in slow-motion, while firing two guns simultaneously; and here, polevaulting from a rooftop to a chopper's undercarriage, with a stick of bamboo, and affixing a magnetic tracking device from her handy wristband toolkit. She, or the film, makes Indiana Jones look like Lord Jim. In searching for a point of interest - somewhere, anywhere, throughout the quest for the real, not the mythological, Pandora's Box - one can hardly do better than to focus one's fascination on the noisiness of the nose-breathing of the roguishly romantic male lead, Gerard Butler (Wes Craven's Dracula). No interpretation of a stud has ever been more literally equine. With Ciarán Hinds, Noah Taylor, Diimon Hounsou; directed by Jan De Bont. 2003. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSS MONT CENTER: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The League of Extraordinary Gentle-

men — Yet another comic-book movie ("graphic-novel" movie, anyway), with no relation to the 1960 British caper comedy, *The League of Gentlemen*. The present gents, and one lady, are assuredly out of the ordinary, a Dream Team of Victorian fictional characters assembled to save the Empire from early termination: a senior-citizen Allan Quatermain, a kung-fu Captain Nemo, an adult Tom Sawyer, a Hulk-sized Mr. Hyde, a sun-proof Dracula convert,







Mrs. Jonathan Harker, an unwitty Dorian Gray, and finally, not the, but an, Invisible Man. Collectively, the, or a, Magnificent Seven. (It should come as no surprise that the archfiend behind the threat will prove to be Prof. Moriarty, apparently having thrown Sherlock Holmes off the scent.) The unpardonable sin of this sort of literary plunder, far worse even than plagiarism or vandalism, is its disrespect for boundaries.

The world of the Great White Hunter is not that of the Mad Scientist, nor is Dr. Jekyll's that of vampires, nor is the All-American Boy's that of a Faustian fallen angel. How can this motley crew be expected to work together when they inhabit separate universes? Sean Connery (who really is too old for such rough-and-tumble) and a company of lesser lights, least of all director Stephen Norrington, neither have nor give a clue. Shane West, Stuart Townsend, Peta Wilson, Jason Flemyng. 2003. ● (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Le Divorce — From James Ivory (by way



of a Diane Johnson novel), a light, witty, civilized divertissement about Americans abroad, living the high life and the heady life in present-day Paris. A lot has changed since Henry James and Edith Wharton were writing about this sort of thing: sooner to bed and quicker on the trigger. But a lot hasn't: old world and old money in opposition to the interloper and the upstart. Ivory's immediately preceding film was an adaptation of James's The Golden Bowl, and the continuity is plain to see. The characters here — even more than there — are numerous (the cast listed alphabetically instead of hierarchically), the storylines loosely tangled, and the cultural observations random and wide-ranging. The primary focus is on a pair of So-Cal sisters with a heap of blond hair between them, one of whom (Naomi Watts) is a struggling poet going through a marital split, in midpregnancy, from an artistic French aristocrat, while the other (Kate Hudson, whose flashes of resemblance to her real-life mother, Goldie Hawn, can be a handicap) occupies herself, first, as the mistress of a middle-aged right-wing mouthpiece (Thierry Lhermitte) who happens to be the uncle of her errant brother-in-law, and second, as the amanuensis of a literary expatriate (Glenn Close, in a Lady Macbeth wig) who long ago had a fling herself with the right-winger. And the most engaging, if not the primary, plot thread has to do with the legal wrangling of the divided couple over ownership of a painting of Saint Ursula which may or may not be a genuine La Tour: Christie's says yes, the Louvre says no, the Getty is not of one mind. There is plenty of fun-poking in all directions, but with a gentility and an urbanity that bring to mind such transatlantic Hollywood immigrants as Lubitsch, Mamoulian, and (sometimes) Wilder. And the revelling in physical beauty, expensive clothes, buoyant colors, etc., maintains a balance of taste and vulgarity, elegance and exhibitionism, that recalls a time when Edith Head ruled the costume departments at Paramount and then Universal. The glamour days. With Sam Waterston, Stockard Channing, Matthew Modine, Leslie Caron. 2003. ★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 8/22; HAZARD

CENTER 7, FROM 8/22; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16, FROM 8/22)

The Magdalene Sisters - Something more for the Catholic Church to endure: a crusading exposé of the workhouses for



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"fallen women" run by Irish nuns. (Launwhether it was a boast or an advance apoldries, more exactly, but that can't justify the washed-out color.) Set in the mid-1960s, it follows three girls into captivity: a rape victim (in a well-staged opening scene at her sister's wedding), a harmless flirt, and an unwed mother. Though not exploitive in intent, it nevertheless forms a kind of unholy union between the women-in-prison genre and the behind-convent-walls genre. To say so is not to misstate the crudity of its attack. With Anne-Marie Duff, Nora-Jane Noone, Dorothy Duffy, Eileen Walsh, and Geraldine McEwan; directed by Peter Mullan. 2003.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/22)

Marci X — Richard Benjamin's comedy about a sheltered white woman who inherits a rap-music company; with Lisa Kudrow and Damon Wayans. (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME NADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/22)

El Mariachi — The production cost of \$7,000 has been mentioned with such frequency and insistence in conjuction with this title that one had begun to wonder

ogy. Or a part of the title. Or a big fib. Presumably the \$7,000 figure does not include the transfer from 16mm to 35mm (giving the image the variable look of coveredwith-volcanic-ash and strained-through-asieve and printed-on-sandpaper and decomposing-before-your-very-eyes) nor the spiffing-up of the soundtrack nor the subtitling. It nevertheless looks like more movie than could be bought for a mere, a minuscule, a microscopic \$7,000 — at least two or three times more. The plotline, a mistaken-identity thing in which a wandering mariachi gets targeted by mob hitmen, is no more than a pretext for a portfolio of chases and shootouts and bad dream scenes. (I.e., dream scenes that are bad, not simply scenes of bad dreams.) And as a job application, if as nothing else, the movie is an indisputable success for its twenty-threeyear-old director, Robert Rodriguez. 1993. ● (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 8/22)

Masked and Anonymous — Star-studded cast in a dim, disjointed, desultory satire about an over-the-hill folkie named Jack Fate, tabbed to headline a benefit concert in an ill-defined police state. Bob Dylan, besides playing the lead, co-wrote (with director Larry Charles) the self-referential script, but his assorted cryptic and gnomic





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comments provide little illumination. The highlight, if not the only light, is his toe-tapping rendition of "Dixie." John Goodman, Jeff Bridges, Jessica Lange, Penélope Cruz, Luke Wilson, Val Kilmer, Giovanni Ribisi, Angela Bassett, Ed Harris, Bruce Dern, Mickey Rourke, Fred Ward, Chris Penn, Christian Slater — the list goes on. 2003.

● (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 8/22; HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 8/21)

The Matrix Reloaded — Will Zion fall to the Sentinels? Is the Oracle to be be lieved? Can the Keymaker be found? And how many times will the Architect contrive to use the word "ergo" in a single scene? And, when faced with the Lady-or-Tiger dilemma of saving Carrie-Anne Moss or the entire human race, whom will Neo choose? And finally, can anybody make heads or tails of any of this? Like so many sequels, this one seems to assume that the viewer will have purchased the video or DVD of the previous installment and committed it to memory, thereby absolving the filmmakers (the Wachowski brothers, Andy and Larry) from the drudgery of plot exposition. And like so many planned trilogies (the first Star Wars cycle, the second Star Wars cycle, The Lord of the Rings, etc.), as opposed to an unplanned trilogy like The Godfather, this middle installment feels like merely marking time and taking up space. And like so many FX movies, it looks and sounds a little disingenuous in its championing of humans over machines: "But we control these machines," asserts Neo, whistling in the dark. "They don't control us." (The humans, supposing Neo to be one, are not just engulfed in CG imagery but are occasionally and obviously transformed into it themselves.) And like so many movies of any stripe these days, the opaque and/or flimsy and/or Swiss-cheesy narrative of this one is no more than a pretext for surface spectacle, primarily in this case the fashion-modelling of sunglasses and-raincoat ensembles. More simply, this movie is pretty much like a lot of movies. And the final installment could not come along soon enough to protect the second from forgettability. Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Harold Perrineau, Hugo Weaving, Monica Bellucci. 2003. (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Medallion — Action fantasy with Jackie Chan, Lee Evans, and Claire Forlani,

directed by Gordon Chan. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10: CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/22)

My Boss's Daughter - Romantic comedy with Ashton Kutcher, Tara Reid, and Jeffrey Tambor, directed by David Zucker. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEAN-SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN: SWEETWATER 9: TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/22)

Northfork — The final installment in the Polish brothers' place-name trilogy (Twin Falls Idaho and Jackpot, earlier) is without doubt something different, but that doesn't mean it isn't something awful, a lugubrious curio about the evacuation of a desert town in the shadow of a proposed dam in the mid-Fifties, while at the same time a queer quartet of supernaturals, named Happy, Cup of Tea, Flower Hercules, and God, search the terrain for the Unknown Angel. (Signs of angels are everywhere: the halolike hot plate on the stove, the white feathers in the hatbands of the black-garbed Evacuation Committee, the metal wings pinned to their jacket pockets.) There are some striking images - the cemetery of open graves, for example, or the shaggy rust-colored beast on stilts - but never without a stretch or a muscle strain. James Woods, Nick Nolte, Peter Coyote, Claire Forlani, Daryl Hannah, Anthony Edwards. 2003 ● (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 8/21)

Nowhere in Africa — Family of German Jews — father, mother, and a daughter portrayed by two dissimilar actresses within the span of the Second World War - emigrates to Kenya to escape the Nazis. (Grandfather stays behind with the mandatory line: "This will all be over in one or two years.") Their experiences are individual and fitfully interesting, but the diffident and diffuse presentation is a little short of basic showmanship. The sad-eyed Juliane

Köhler dominates the film as the luxuryloving mother who makes a very slow ad-justment to the hardships of exile. With Merab Ninidze and Matthias Habich; written and directed by Caroline Link. 2002. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

Open Range - Reviewed this issue. With Kevin Costner, Robert Duvall, Annette Bening, and Michael Gambon; directed by Costner.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 8/22; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse

of the Black Pearl — Now that the "ride" — as in "wild ride," "thrill ride," "rollercoaster ride" — seems to be an accepted film category, if not quite a genre, it makes sense that a film would be modelled after, or at least named after, an actual amusement-park ride. But Pirates - not the first Disney movie to bring to the screen a Disneyland attraction, if you count The Country Bears — is more of a long ride than any other kind of ride, a two-and-a-quarter-hour kiddie film, loud and broad, about ratchet-voiced, pasteboard pirates who turn out, to the detriment of the sword-crossing scenes, to be really the ghosts of pirates. (Trying to kill the already dead is a tedious business.) The visual effects of these pirates turning from flesh to bones as they pass in and out of moonlight are marvelous to behold, as is the effect of their stealthy advance on foot across the ocean floor. But director Gore Verbinski, fresh off the throat-clutching frights of The Ring, cannot hope with this one to scare a five-year-old. Orlando Bloom, on the team of humans, looks as stoutheartedly heroic as in the Lord of the Rings films; and Keira Knightley nimbly makes the leap from proletarian jock in Bend It Like Beckham to cosseted, corseted aristocrat: or in more practical terms, from little "indie" to high-stakes blockbuster. And Johnny Depp, with raccoonish rings of mascara around his eyes and a perpetual Dean Martin slur in his speech, lets you know in every way possible that he's not taking any of this seriously, other than his paycheck. With Geoffrey Rush and

Jonathan Pryce. 2003. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8, FROM 8/22; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

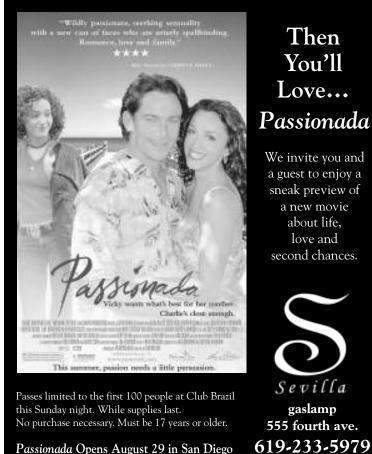
Por la Libre (Dust to Dust) — Two combative cousins take off for Acapulco in Grandpa's car with Grandpa's ashes. Mexican dark comedy, groping, fumbling, as if night-blind. With Osvaldo Benavides, Ro-

drigo Cachero, and Ana de la Reguera; di rected by Juan Carlos de Llaca. 2003. • (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 8/21)

Seabiscuit — Writer-director Gary Ross runs through the storied career of the toosmall racehorse with the too-big jockey, blind in one eye to boot. In this treatment — a simple horse story amplified into a social history — the nag must lug the additional weight of the aggregate Little Guy and the collective American Dream. Although these sentimentalities are to a large extent true to the horse's press clippings at the time, the practical result is that the filmmaker picks up the story too far



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back — it will be nearly an hour before the title figure makes his grand entrance from a $\operatorname{fog}\operatorname{bank}\operatorname{--}\operatorname{and}\operatorname{goes}$ to inordinate lengths to explain to the modern-day viewer the meaning of such things as the Triumph of Industry, the Closing of the Frontier, Prohibition, the Stock Market Crash, and the Great Depression: "A great national migra-tion began," blah blah. (The authoritative voice of the narrator, complete with PBS credentials, is that of historian David Mc-Cullough.) At the more intimate level, Ross feels obliged to point out repeatedly in the dialogue, lest anyone miss it, how this mishandled and discarded horse mirrors and symbolizes the three damaged men owner, trainer, rider - who turned him into a winner. The viewer, in particular the

old-fashioned viewer to whom the film caters, could be forgiven for feeling a little less enlightened than insulted. And when he reminds himself that Ross's prior credit was Pleasantville, he could be forgiven again for wondering whether the filmmaker, in his bland nostalgia and bottled optimism, is not somehow a prisoner of the antiseptic fantasyland he therein satirized. The races, despite an overdose of slow-motion and of blustery billowy Randy Newman music in the mode of The Natural, are varied and ex-

citing. And the principals — Jeff Bridges, Chris Cooper, Tobey Maguire as the aforesaid owner, trainer, rider — are uniformly sympathetic in their openly, operatically anguished way. But it is left to real-life jockey Gary Stevens to teach the less-ismore lesson (from the Richard Conte School of Acting), a tight-lipped, squarejawed oasis of professional cool and personal dignity. With William H. Macy. 2003. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSS-

MONT CENTER: HAZARD CENTER 7: HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Secret Lives of Dentists — Alan Rudolph's middle-class midlife-crisis comedy covers similar ground to a Fifties "women's picture": a devoted husband and father begins to suspect his wife of ten years, partner in his dental practice, and ex-

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 The Italian Job (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:30, 5:15) 8:00, 10:45; Johnny English (PG)

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LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100) Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30; **Freddy vs. Jason** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:50, 7:45, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, (2:0) 4:50, 7:45, 10:05; **Marci X** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:50, 9:55; **Mon.**-Thu. (1:30, 3:30, 5:30) 7:50, 9:55; **The Medallion** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (1:20, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, (HG, 5150) 8:00, 10:05; **My Boss's Daughter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:10, 7:20, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 2:55, 5:10) 7:20, 9:40; Open Range (R) Fri-Sat. (1:00) 4:10, 7:10, 10:15; Sun. (1:00) 4:10, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:10) 7:10, 10:00; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:20, 7:25, 10:20; Sun (1:15) 4:20, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:20) 8:15; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:30, 7:30, 10:10; Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:00; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 7:00, 9:55; **Uptown Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:05) 5:20, 7:35, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:05, 5:20) 7:35, 9.50

Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) American Wedding (R) Fri.-Sat. 5:30, 7:55, 10:10; Sun. 5:30, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. 6:10, 8:30; Dirty Pretty Things (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:10, 3:25) 5:35, 7:45, 9:50; Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:25) 5:35, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 1:25, 3:45, 5:55) 8:15; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:55, 3:05); Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00); Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:40, 12:50, 3:10) 5:25, 7:35, 10:00; Sun. (10:40, 12:50, 3:10) 5:25, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20, 5:40) 8:10; **Grind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 5:20, 7:40, 9:55; Sun. 5:20, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. 8:00; **Lara** Croft. Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:15, 3:55) 6:45, 9:25; Sun. (10:45, 1:15, 3:55) 6:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 8:20; **Le Divorce** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 1:20, 3:50) 6:35, 9:35; Sun. (10:50, 1:20, 3:50) 6:35; Mon.-Thu, (11:55, 2:25, 5:15) 8:25; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:15) 6:30, 9:30; Sun. (12:00, 3:15) 6:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:10, 2:15, 5:10) 8:05; Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:25, 3:20); Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 1:50, 3:55, 5:50); Whale Rider (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:35, 12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. (10:35, 12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 7:45, oun. (10:35, 12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:20, 1:35, 3:50) 6:15, 8:35

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15 2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460) American Wedding (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 4:55) 7:25, 9:55; Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 2:25, 2:55, 4:50, 5:20) 7:45, 10:10; **Freddy vs. Jason** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; **Grind** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 10:00; **Lara Croft, Tomb** Raider: The Cradle of Life (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:25; Marci X (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:35, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35; The Medallion (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:20; My Boss's Daughter (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:30, 9:50; **Open Range** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:50) 7:00, 10:10; Pirates of the Caribbean: The **Curse of the Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:15) 7:30, 10:45; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 11:35, 1:55, 2:25, 4:45, 5:15) 7:35, 8:05, 10:25, 10:55; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:50) 7:00, 10:10; **Spy Kids** 3-D: Game Over (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:00, 5:15); Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 9:55; Uptown Girls (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:05) 7:30, 9:55

SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) My Boss's Daughter; Freddy vs. Jason; S.W.A.T.; American Wedding

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) American Wedding (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 3:30, 8:30, 10:45; Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; Freddy vs. Jason (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Grind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 6:00; Marci X (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **The Medallion** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:54, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; My Boss's Daughter (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Open Range (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; S.W.A.T. (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Uptown Girls (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262) My Boss's Daughter; The Medallion; Marci X; Freddy vs. Jason; Uptown Girls; Open Range; Grind; S.W.A.T.; Freaky Friday; Finding Nemo; American Wedding; Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life; Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over; Seabiscuit; Bad Boys II; Johnny English; The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl; Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines; 28 Days Later

Rancho Del Rey 16 East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) American Wedding (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:10, 4:55) 7:25, 9:55; Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 12:25, 2:45, 3:25, 5:20) 7:55, 10:25; **Freddy vs. Jason** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:05, 2:05, 2:40, 4:30, 5:05) 7:00, 7:35, 9:50, 10:05; **Grind** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:05) 7:40, 10:15; **Marci X** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:25, 4:50) 7:45, 10:20; **The Medallion** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40; **My Boss's Daughter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; **Open Range** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 3:10) 7:00, 10:10; **Pirates of** the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black **Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 3:00) 7:05, 7:20, 10:00, 10:25; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 11:55, 3:20, 3:35, 6:50, 7:30, 9:40, 10:30; Seabiscuit (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 3:05) 7:05, 10:20; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50, 5:00) 7:20, 9:35; **Up**town Girls (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10

Vogue

226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436) Finding Nemo (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 6:00; How to Deal (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 10:30; X2 (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 8:00

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In 32nd and D (619-477-1392) Call theater for program information

Sweetwater 9

1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571) American Wedding (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. 7:50; **Bad Boys** II (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:15) 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:30) 8:05; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:00, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 5:00) 7:20; Freddy vs. Jason (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:10) 5:40, 8:10, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:10, 5:40) 8:10; **Grind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45) 6:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 5:35); **The Medallion**

tracurricular opera buff, of carrying on an affair with a faceless somebody in a local production of *Nabucco*. The film does an excellent job of keeping track of the unrelenting responsibilities in parenting three well-differentiated little girls, permitting no let-up in a time of crisis, especially not when the flu makes the rounds of every family member in turn. Not high among the film's assets, however, are what could be considered its assertions of "independence" and "modernity," its separation

from soap-operatic tradition: the sniggering title change from the original Jane Smi-ley book, *The Age of Grief;* the voice-over ruminations on teeth and mortality ("Teeth outlast everything. Death is nothing to a tooth"); the hip songtrack, a Rudolph trademark; the low-wattage leading players (the remote Campbell Scott, the pinched Hope Davis); the grainy flashbacks and flippant fantasy devices, most especially the recurring appearances of an unruly dental patient (Denis Leary) as a phantom confidant

and kibitzer, visible and audible only to the husband. These are simply a part of the price to be paid by a moviegoer of the 21st Century. 2003. ★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

Step into Liquid — Dana Brown, son of

Bruce Brown (The Endless Summer and The Endless Summer II), has grabbed a camera and followed his father's footprints into the surf, assembling a workmanlike testimonial to the religion of riding the waves. Inspirational illustration is evenly balanced with interview and voice-over pearls of wisdom: "The cut-and-dried has no place in liquid." 2003.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 8/22; LA JOLLA VIL-LAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20)

S.W.A.T. - Puff piece on the elite unit ofthe LAPD, "the most honored, most respected, most professional police division in the world." Not that there isn't turmoil in the ranks: a trigger-happy loose cannon

("SWAT means Special Weapons and Tactics. Where were your *tactics* out there?"), a fed-up girlfriend, a paper-pushing ballbuster, an out-and-out turncoat. No, the puffing-up is chiefly in the dimensions of the case (an international French criminal, jailed on a traffic violation, offers a hundred million to whoever will spring him) and the scale of the action (a private jet sets down on the Sixth Avenue Bridge, etc.). Even the training sequences, which might otherwise have been enjoyable, must be

(PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:00, 5:30) 8:00; Mv **Boss's Daughter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:35) 5:05, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:35) 5:05) 7:30: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:25) 7:15, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:15) 3:25) 7:15; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:00, 7:15, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:00) 7:15; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:50) 5:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 2:50, 5:15); **Uptown Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10) 7:45

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6

Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784) **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:23, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:23, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; **Grind** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00; **My Boss's Daughter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45; **Open Range** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The** Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 11:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 11:15, 4:15, 7:15; Seabiscuit (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **Uptown** Girls (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770) American Wedding (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:20, 8:10, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (5:20) 7:40, 10:05; Finding Nemo (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:30); Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:20) 4:50, 7:25, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:50) 7:25, 9:50; Freddy vs. Jason (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:20) 5:35, 7:55, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:20, 5:35) 7:55, 10:15; Grind (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 8:05, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. 8:05, 10:10; **Le Divorce** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:55) 7:20, 10:20; Sun. (1:20, 3:55) 7:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:55) 7:20, 9:55; The Medallion (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:35) 5:05, 7:15, 9:40; Sun (12:10, 2:35) 5:05, 7:15, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:05) 7:15, 9:40; **My Boss's** Daughter (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 4:55. 7:35, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:45, 4:55) 7:30, 9:35; **Open Range** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:40) 7:10, 10:10; Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 7:10, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:45) 8:00; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:50) 7:05, 10:05; Sun. (12:50, 3:50) 7:05, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:00) 8:10; S.W.A.T. (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:40, 5:10) 7:35, 10:05; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:15) 8:15; **Spy Kids 3-D**: Game Over (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:25) 5:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:25, 5:30); **Uptown Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:40, 7:50, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:15, 5:40) 7:50, 10:00

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00; **Freddy vs. Jason** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15; Grind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:15, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 2:15, 7:45; **The Medallion** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **My Boss's Daughter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:50, **Range** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, Range (IV) 11-10-34: 10-30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; Pi-rates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; S.W.A.T. (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 900 104 104 105 104 105 105 105 105 105 105 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu, 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00; Seabiscuit (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00,

7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Wed. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00; Thu, 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:15, 5:00; **Uptown Girls** (PG-13) Fri - Sat 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30

RAMONA

Ramona Twin 626 Main Street (760-789-3422) Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) American Wedding (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:35) 7:05, 9:30; Bad Boys II (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:00) 7:15, 10:30; Finding Nemo (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00); Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 2:25, 2:55, 4:45, 5:15) 7:10, 9:30; Freddy vs.

Jason (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 4:55) 7:35, 10:10: Grind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:05 4:35); Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:20, 5:05) 7:50, 10:35; **Le Divorce** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:25; **Marci X** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:40, 4:55) 7:05, 9:20; The Medallion (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 7:20, 9:45; My Boss's Daughter (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:25, 4:50) 7:10, 9:35; **Open Range** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 4:05) 7:20, 10:30; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:40; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:40, 4:40) 7:35, 10:15, 10:35; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:30) 6:45, 7:30, 10:00, 10:40; **Spy Kids 3-D:** Game Over (PG) Fri - Thu (11:30, 1:40, 3:50) 6:00, 8:10; Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:00, 9:35; Uptown Girls (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:15, 9:40

NORTH COASTAL CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4 2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147) **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:20, 12:35, 2:45, 4:55, 7:10, 9:20; **My Boss's Daughter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 6:50, 8:45; **Open Range** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:05, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:10, 12:55, 3:50, 6:45, 9:40

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420) American Wedding (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:15, 3:30, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 1:15, 3:30, 8:30; Freaky **Friday** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00; Freddy vs. Jason (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15,



12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 7:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 7:15; **Grind** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 6:00; **The Medallion** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; My Boss's Daughter (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; **Uptown Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) **Le Divorce** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00; **Open Range** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; Seabiscuit (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **Step Into Liquid** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:25, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 12:45, 1:25, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) Freddy vs. Jason; Uptown Girls; Open Range; Grind; S.W.A.T.; Freaky Friday; Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over; Seabiscuit; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl

La Paloma 471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri. 12:00; Whale Rider (PG-13) Fri. 7:00, 9:15; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Wed. 7:00, 9:15; Wow and the Modus Mix Thu. 7:00,

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

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bumped up into music videos. With Colin Farrell, Samuel L. Jackson, Michelle Rodriguez, James Todd Smith (formerly LL Cool J), and Olivier Martinez; directed by Clark Johnson. 2003.

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Swimming Pool — Slick commercial venture, from François Ozon, with a strong sense of place, weather, character, clothes, as well as a strong sense of humor, several cheesy plot turns, and several square yards of female flesh. It concerns a dried-up British mystery novelist (Charlotte Rampling, whose square yards of flesh are now close to sixty years old) and a lusty young coquette (Ludivine Sagnier), alone together in a French country house, getting in each other's way, getting into each other's things. 2003

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Terminator 3: Rise of the

Machines — One of those sequels that's really more of a remake, T3 tells pretty much the same story as T2, a time-travelling robot (correction: "cybernetic organ-ism") reprogrammed to serve as protector rather than terminator of humanity's future savior, and a more advanced, shape-shift-ing, "anti-Terminator Terminator" hot on their trail. That the good cyborg is a somewhat thicker-set version of the one seen last (now that Arnold Schwarzenegger has moved into his mid-fifties), and the bad cyborg most often takes the shape of a petite curvaceous blonde (Kristanna Loken, a mannequin in motion), fits in perfectly with the rub-it-in-your-face jokiness of much of the film. Edward Furlong, even though the lull in the action corresponds exactly to the twelve years since the previous episode, was for some reason found to be unfit to resume the role of the savior (perhaps the star of Pecker lacks the requisite air of success), and was therefore re-



placed by the cuter and "hotter" Nick Stahl (In the Bedroom). Gone, too, is Linda Hamilton, laid to rest, or rather scattered to the winds, to make way for the crinkledbrowed Claire Danes as the fated mate of our predestined savior: "You remind me of my mother," he sighs, after she takes a hand with a machine gun. The film comes as close as possible to the ideal of "nonstop action" without passing into total monotony. And while it is inherently not possible to top the chase scenes of the immediate predecessor without also attaining idiocy, the film does indeed top them. (Jonathan Mostow, of Breakdown and U-571, occupies the director's chair vacated by James Cameron.) The ending, however, restores a healthy measure of gravity, which in essence returns us to the ending of the 1984 original. Which never required a sequel in the first place. 2003. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

28 Days Later — In the violent prologue, a ski-masked commando team of animalrights activists storms the Cambridge Primate Research Center to liberate the experimental chimps, heedless of the attendant's warnings ("You've no idea!") that the chimps have been "infected" with rage. Sure enough, the chimps do not exactly embrace their liberators. Twenty-eight days later.... A stark-naked patient (Cillian Mur-phy) awakens from a coma to find himself in a completely deserted hospital and a deUptown Girls

populated nation but for roving bands of blood-lusting zombies and isolated pockets of hunkered-down humans. Forget the superficial likeness to Night of the Living Dead and its sequels. The tradition of English literature here invoked encompasses the futuristic survival tales of John Wyndham, John Christopher, and (more pretentiously, less eventfully) J.G. Ballard. The prevailing standards of gratuitous gross-out, however, tend to obliterate the tone of civility that gave those tales much of their inner tension and conviction. Director Danny Boyle (Shallow Grave, Trainspotting, etc.) seems all too eager to surrender himself to the New World Order, Still, the last-man-onearth images of a post-apocalyptic London (ankle-deep litter, overturned bus, an eerie absence of people alive or dead) are highly evocative, even if what they evoke is not so much a dread of the future as a nostalgia for the Golden Age of the genre. And the narrative incidents are grippingly plausible, at least up until the messy — in both logic and choreography - climax. It's all done on the cheap, which these days doesn't mean black-and-white photography, a loca tion on a ranch outside Oxnard, and a lead actor of the caliber of a Richard Carlson or a John Agar. It means digital video. It means blurriness. It means fuzziness. It means (not in a sense that enhances the end-of-the-world theme) ruination. But that means there was something, in the first place, to ruin. With Naomie Harris, Brendan Gleeson, Christopher Eccleston. 2003. ★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Uptown Girls — Formulaic if grotesque comedy about the bonding of two Poor Little Rich Girls of staggered ages, the senior of whom is reduced by circumstances to work as the junior's nanny. To be sure, any film starring Brittany Murphy is going to have a degree of grotesquerie — outsized lips, teeth, eyes, jumping out from the face almost to a point of free-floating detachment, as in some Surrealist painting. And nine-vear-old Dakota Fanning is about as natural as a laugh track. In both characterizations, there's a certifiable attempt at oddity: the erotomania of the older girl over a "rock-and-roll poet sex god" (she herself is the daughter of a dead rock-and-roller), and her pet pig, Moo (as in Moo-Shu Pork), who was scheduled to be her supper one night in Bangkok; and then the neat freakery and sanitation-insanity of the younger, and (much as one hates to brand this an oddity) her taste for Mozart and ballet. The sincerity of that attempt is belied by the pat ending of rampant reconciliation and enlightenment. More exactly, the boogying ballerina. With Jesse Spencer, Heather Locklear; directed by Boaz Yakin. 2003.

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Whale Rider — Maori mysticism, from a novel by Witi Ihimaera, brought to the screen by writer-director Niki Caro in the bright rich color that seems to be indigenous to the New Zealand cinema. The storyline tells of a moribund modern-day tribe awaiting the arrival of a savior, and not recognizing the one right under their noses: a barrier-leaping, tradition-defying, taboobreaking little girl. It's a wonder they didn't notice sooner, because the girl, eleven-yearold Keisha Castle-Hughes, could wrap pretty much anybody round her little finger: the café-au-lait complexion, long straight nose, snaking eyebrows, and glistening eyes bring to mind a prepubescent Jennifer ("She's a Maniac") Beals — one of the most poignant faces of her generation, if one of the most wasted on screen. But though the girl may save her people and save the whales (a beached suicide squad of them), she cannot quite save the movie from its Disneyesque cheerleading. With

Rawiri Paratene, Vicky Haughton, Cliff Curtis. 2003.

★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE: LA PALOMA, FROM 8/22)

Winged Migration — PBS-y nature documentary, French-made, following avian flight routes and disabusing you, along the way, of all that free-as-a-bird baloney. Be-ing a bird looks like killingly hard work. And getting picked out of the sky by duck hunters is an occupational hazard observed with a stoical no-comment. With its strict focus on migration, the film inevitably turns monotonous: it can switch from one species of bird to another, but it cannot build or develop; it can only spread. And it's as low on solid information as it is high on visual beauty. (And on otherworldly marvels: the Bar-Headed Goose getting out of the way of a snowy avalanche; the Clark's Grebe running on water; the Northern Gannet nosediving into the Arctic Ocean.) The nature documentary, as a genre, may prove to be the last bastion of top-grade cinematography, the final line of resistance to video, the one sanctuary where it still matters How Things Look. "No special ef-fects," we're advised in a printed prologue, were used in the filming of the birds." Which is remarkable in itself. But does it rule out any digital cutting-and-pasting to transplant the filmed birds from one back drop to another? An irreversible drawback to the magic of computers is that something we would like to view with awe and wonder, we are obliged to view instead with doubt and suspicion. The wide eve of innocence has been forever narrowed. Directed by Jacques Perrin, Jacques Cluzaud, and Michel Debats, 2002. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

X2: X-Men United — The strife between humans and mutants edges up to the brink: a bombastic, apocalyptic yet tensionless live-action Marvel comic, thanks (for the tensionlessness) to the anything-goes capa bilities of the motley heroes. (A bullet in the brain will heal up in a jiffy.) Rebecca Romijn-Stamos rather upstages and outshines the others, with her shape-shifting capacity to duplicate any living being, not to mention her lizard-skin body stocking. Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart, Halle Berry, Famke Janssen, Anna Paquin, Alan Cumming, Ian McKellen, Brian Cox; directed by Bryan Singer. 2003. (VOGUE)





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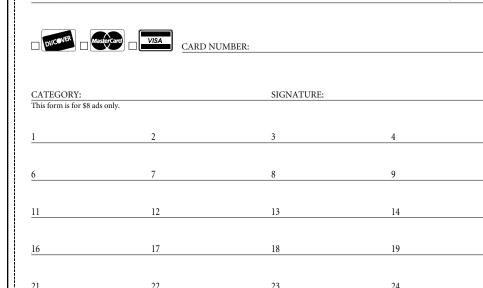
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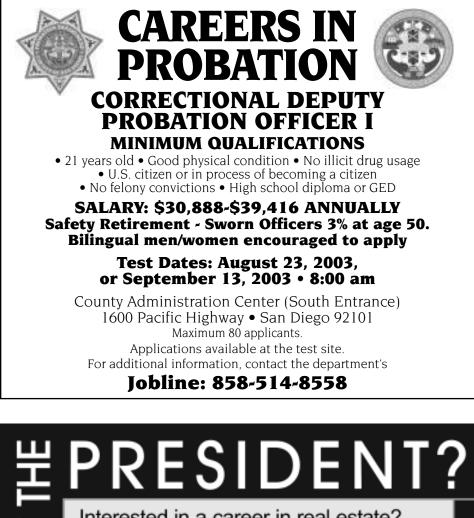
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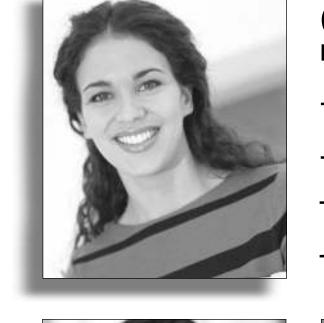
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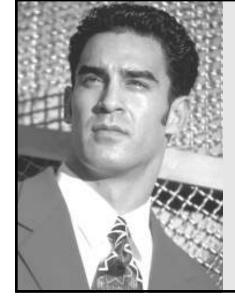
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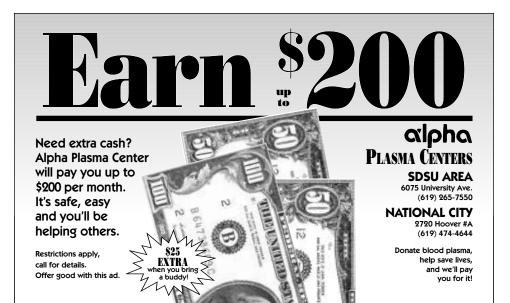
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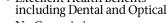


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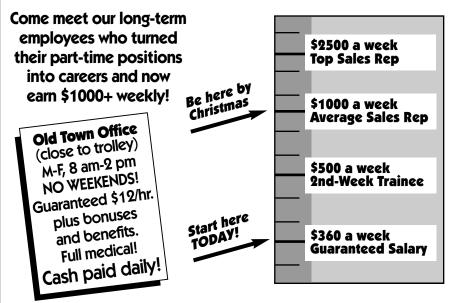


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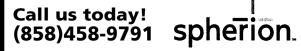
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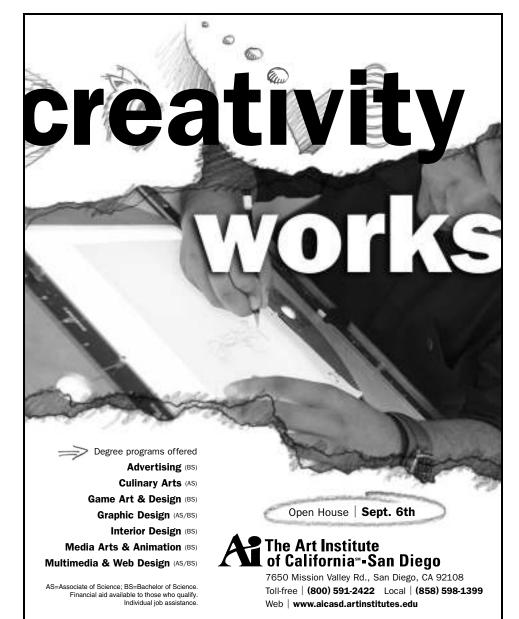
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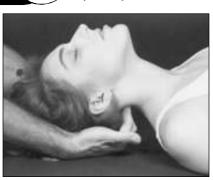
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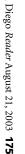
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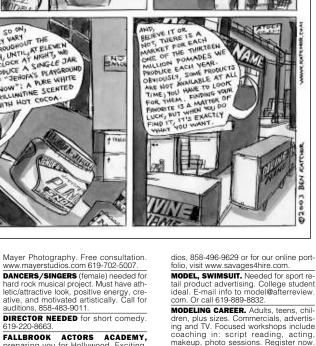


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PERSONALS

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clearly. Malice. BAN WAR. Ban weapons/mass destruc-tion/haarp. Ban mind/city control experi-ments. Replace gas, oil, with zero energy devices. Restore horse/buggy days, Unite: Repair, reheal. God created spaceship earth. LINDA. If it's the real you, I'm thinking your dog's name was Spot. Was the dog really yours? We lived downtown. Plutonic "was" Philip.

"was" Philip. MY DEAR V, I'm sorry I hurt you. Spend your life with me and only me. Forever to-gether OK. Promise me, D. THANK YOU St. Jude Tadeo for swiftly an-swered prayers and saving me from a hopeless situation again!

THANK YOU JESUS for your continued, speedy help with my nearly hopeless case. You are powerful and kind.

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YOU, ADORABLE BLONDIE walking with your dad? Near Del Mar Beach club. Me, returning from the beach with my dogs.

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Music and dancing. (8/27) 2780409 FEMALES SEEKING FEMALES, 308-40s, who would be open for a spiritual awakening getaway in Palm Springs, Labor Day week, Spa, fun, sun, music, pina coladas. (9/3) 2780446 Iadas. (9/3) ☎80446 FRIENDSHIP. Active female seeks friends for outdoor activities, beach areas and the mountains. Love trail running. (8/27) ☎80363

We shared look, smile and wave! I went after you, but you were gone. Respond to Reader. Maos.

friendship with other married males, 45-65. Interests are computers, bridge and stock market. I live in Point Loma area. (9/3) **2**80431

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FRIENDSHIP. Married male seeking with other married males, 45-

area. (9/3) 280431 FRIENDSHIP. New to area. Fun 24-year-old female seeks other females for danc-ing, beach, whatever! (9/3) 280443. FRIENDSHIP. Healthy woman seeks clean, nonsmoking male or female com-panions for fun in the sun. Biking, sailing, kayaking, etc. Let's enjoy America's Finest City! (9/3) 280444 NEW TO AREA. 36-year old male creat

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- 10. Arizona Indian
- 14. Sing the praises of15. "Nothing's broken"16. What wavy lines mean, in
- comics
- 17. One fisherman's suggestion to another fisherman?
- Opening in a sweater?
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- 27. Early time to rise
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- 9. Group seen in "Birth of a Nation"
- 10. Work from Lichtenstein

LOVING, NATURAL, CHRISTIAN woman

Ioves to cook, loves sports, outdoors. Seeking white male, 35-50. (9/3)

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13. "Origins of Totalitarianism"

18. Lady's mate, in a Disney film

21. Drama awards since 1955

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22. Way off

- 28. Where L.A. is 29. Electricity or water: Abbr.
- 32. Browse, with "through"
- 34. Taxi ticker
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- 38. 2002 Ólympics locale
- 39. Prego competitor 40. "Guilty," e.g.
- 42. Soccer
- 43. Where Moses spoke 45. Long-necked birds
- 46. "Consider the job done"
- 47. New York Giants Hall-of-Fame
- quarterback Y.A. _
- 48. ____ one's head 50. "No way that's true!"
- 54. VCR insert
- 55. Home Depot rival
- 56. Seabird
- 58. Tennessee Williams, to family 59. In the style of
- 60. Dove's aversion
- 61. Have a bug
- 62. '03 or '04, e.g.

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- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* (addressed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date. 3. All entries must be accompanied by
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- 1. Karen Cotton, Santee
- 2. Bart Borbosa, *La Mesa* 3. Art Rackow, *La Jolla*
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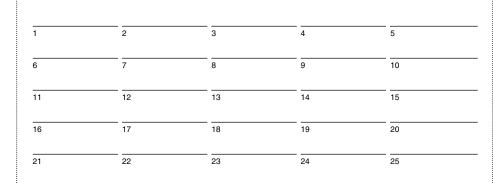
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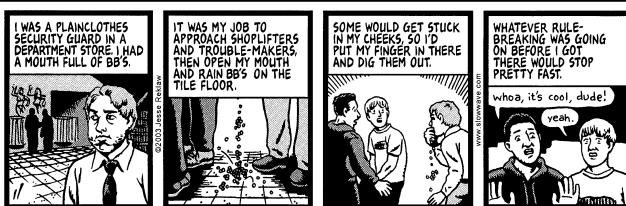
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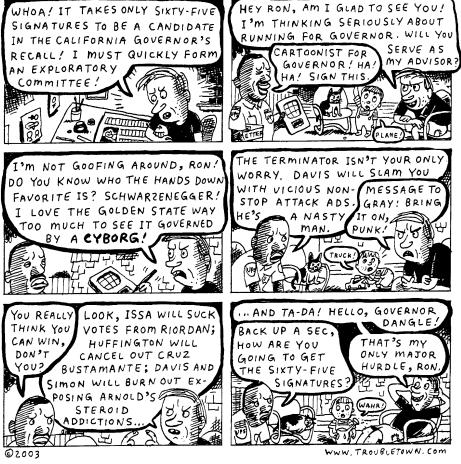
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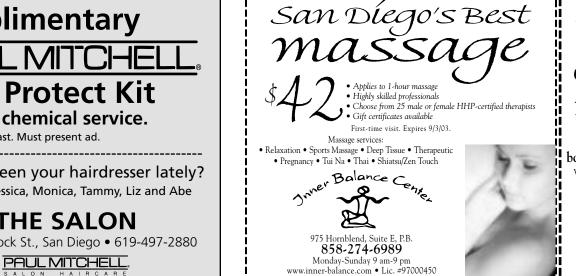
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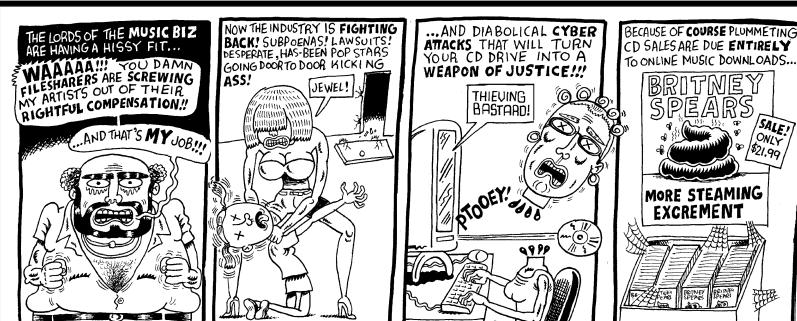




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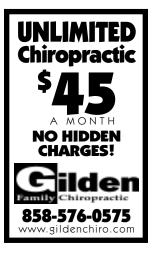
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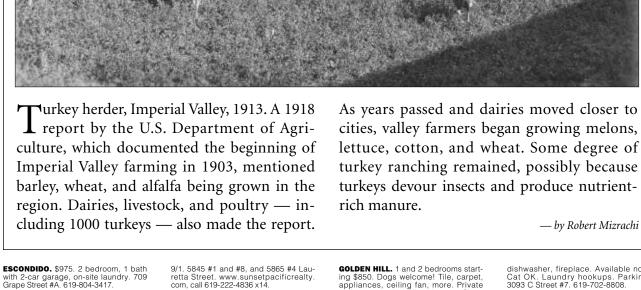
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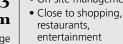
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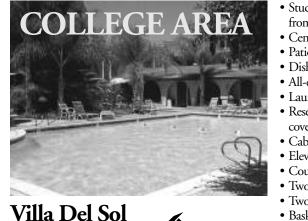
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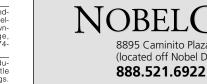


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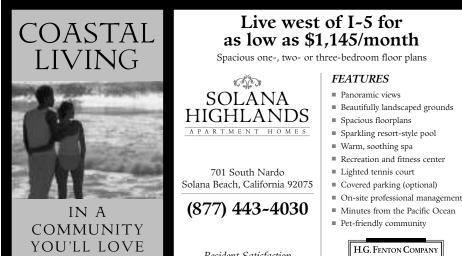
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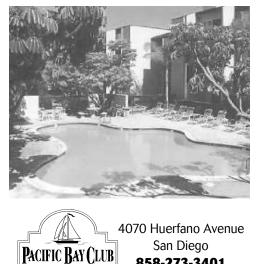
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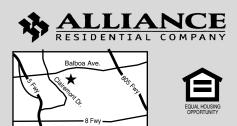
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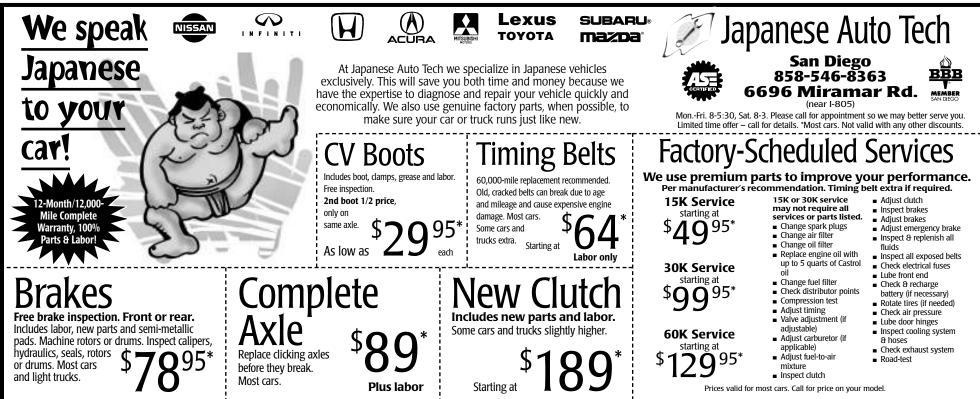
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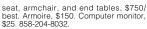
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LEAD STORIES

Wired magazine reported in August that an order screen at Amazing Internet Products (a big e-mail spammer) was left unsecured and then hacked into recently, revealing not only an inexplicably large sales volume (6000 orders in four weeks for \$50 Pinnacle cream that promises to increase penis size) but also some prominent, should-know-better customers, such as the manager of a \$6 billion mutual fund in New York City. Wired (and earlier, Salon magazine) reported that AIP's two principals are a 19-year-old high school dropout and chess vagabond and a 20-something former head of a neo-Nazi outfit.

 The Lawrence Eagle-Tribune (of Massachussets) reported in August that the local superintendent of schools, Wilfredo T. Laboy, had recently failed (for the third time) the basic English proficiency test required of all teachers in the state. (English is Laboy's second language.) The state education commissioner said that Laboy was doing "an excellent job" but that he was still going to have to pass the test (which Laboy called "stupid").

People Different From Us

 Reuters reported in June that would-be painter Rainer Herpel, 51, of Bad Ems, Germany, was speaking again after having remained silent for the past 29 years as a reaction to his father's disapproval of art as a career. Herpel lived with his mother, spent most of the time alone in his room concentrating on his paintings, only occasionally ventured outdoors, and came out of his shell only when his father passed away. Said Herpel, "All great artists were outsiders before they had success.'

Our Civilization in Decline

- CBS News reported in June that few states have complied with the Brady Bill requirement to list all people involuntarily hospitalized for mental illness on the FBI computer database used for gun purchases. As a result, 2.7 million people should be barred from buying guns, but only 90,000 are. .. In Hawera, New Zealand, a 25-year-old sex worker ("Brooke") at a massage parlor set the town abuzz in July by advertising that she (who recently gave birth) would allow her customers to consume her nutritious breast milk; the director of the local breastfeeding advocates, La Leche League, said she was concerned that Brooke's baby was getting short-changed.

The Litigious Society

- Omorotu Francis Ayovuare, 55, a professional surveyor from Nigeria, has filed 72 employment-discrimination complaints against British companies in the past five years with only two minor victories to show. According to a June report in London's Daily Telegraph, Ayovuare has cost responding employers and the government the equivalent of nearly \$1 million to deal with him before employment tribunals. One panel ruled in 2001 that Ayovuare, who is "impressive on paper," keeps applying for jobs beyond his level of practical experience.

• A long-standing rumor on the inner-city "street" holds that the federal government created AIDS for the purpose of keeping African-Americans' population down and the community weak, but now a man of impressive credentials has made the accusation in court. Boyd Graves, 50, a black AIDS activist who is also a Naval Academy and law-school graduate, filed the lawsuit in San Diego in July, accusing the government of illegally withholding the documents that Graves is certain will prove the government engineered the whole thing and is suppressing the cure. • The family of teenager Amy Woods, who was left brain-damaged when hit by a car seven years ago in Springfield, Mass., will finally get to trial in their lawsuit, which names not only the driver who hit her but also a driver who didn't. Roger O'Neil, a repairman for the NYNEX telephone company, had just stopped on a residential street and courteously motioned Woods and a friend to cross in front of him, but as soon as Woods cleared O'Neil's van, a less courteous driver smashed into her. Woods's family said that if a driver wants to be courteous, he must be responsible for knowing that crossing the street would be safe.

Courtroom Follies

- Juries of Their Peers: In June, a judge in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, rejected the request of a 15-year-old boy, on trial for beating another teenager to death, for a jury composed entirely of teenagers. ... A 13-year-old boy, on trial

in April in Inverness, Fla., for fondling a classmate, demanded that he be tried as an adult in front of an adult jury. He was convicted. ... In Santa Ana, Calif., in June, Antonio Nuñez, 16, convicted of violent crimes (kidnapping, shooting at police) that he committed at age 14, was sentenced as an adult to five life terms (one of them without possibility of parole) plus 121 years. Rap as a Second Language: In a June copyright-infringement case, British High Court judge Kim Lewison ruled against the composer of the 2001 song "Burnin'," explaining that he could not help Lewison because he did not know what certain lyrics meant (such as "shizzle my nizzle"). The lyrics, said the judge, although written in a form of English, were "for practical purposes a foreign language" and therefore, he could not be sure whether the borrowed use of the lyrics impugned them.

Update

- Several times since 1999 "News of the Weird" has run stories of incidents in which someone telephones the manager of a fast-food restaurant claiming to be a police officer and asks the manager to strip-search one of the employees while the caller listens to the episode on the phone. (Police later concluded that the calls were hoaxes for sexual gratification.) In July, police in Panama City, Fla., arrested supermarket supervisor James Marvin Pate, 36, on the complaint of a local woman who reported a similar situation. At least one of the calls in the previous incidents (in Wisconsin, North Dakota, Montana, Indiana, and West Virginia) had been traced to a telephone in Panama City, but there were no suspects in those cases until Pate's arrest.

The District of Calamity (continued)

- The District of Columbia government's inspector general reported in April that D.C.'s childsupport office had been sitting on nearly \$3 million in long-overdue, already-collected distributions to custodial parents. It was also reported that several ranking officials in the office had long known about the delay, a problem attributed to incomplete records in "thousands" of cases. Roscoe Grant, the deputy director of child-support enforcement in the district, resisted supporting two out-of-wedlock children until ordered

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by courts in 1998 and, regarding a 20-year-old son, 2002.

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- In June, a federal judge unsealed the results of an investigation into Pennsylvania State Police misconduct, listing 89 incidents, including one involving a trooper in Rockview, Pa., who was accused of defecating on another trooper at a party, of inserting a carrot into his rear end and eating part of it, then passing gas and shooting the carrot out. ... In July, New York City's deputy police commissioner, Frederick J. Patrick, was arrested and charged with taking \$113,000 from an office charity fund and using it to pay jailed inmates to make calls to sex hotlines, which Patrick then allegedly listened in on for his own gratification.

- Recent Provocations Leading to Murder: (1) Wouldn't give him back his New York Yankees cap (Kenneth Ware, 45, allegedly stabbed his brother to death, Brooklyn, N.Y., July). (2) Parked his truck on top of a man's septic tank and wouldn't move it (Chad Landreth, allegedly shot the driver to death, Samsula, Fla., June). (3) Argued over who should feed the couple's goats (Pearl Lynne Smith, 47, allegedly shot her husband to death, Eldon, Okla., June).

In the Past Month ...

- Norway repealed its law that barred intoxicated persons from voting in elections. ... Justice Barrington Black had to recuse himself from a "dangerous dog" case when he learned that his own dog appears in the background in a video for the defense, frolicking in a park with the defendant-dog (London, England). ... Cambodian police detained (on a charge unrelated to hygiene) a prominent 81-year-old Buddhist guru who has preached for 60 years that religious purity requires that no water ever touch his skin or hair (Phnom Penh).

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BMW 525ia, 2001, black, sport/premium package, Xenon, CD. Certified pre-owned by BMW. \$27,695. Vin-EE26171. Harloff BMW, 888-623-0074.

BWW 525ia, 2002, white/sand, auto-matic, leather, premium package, CD, premium sound. Just a real nice clean ve-hicle. Certified pre-owned by BMW. \$27,695. Vin-GY96359. Harloff BMW, 888-623-0074.

888-623-0074. BMW 525ia, 2002, topaz/sand, premium package, Steptronic, sport wheels. A real nice 5 series. Certified pre-owned by BMW, \$35,965. Vin-G298878. Harloff BMW, 888-623-0074.

BMW, 888-623-0074. BMW 540ia, 2002, silver/black, auto-matic, premium sound, leather, 16-way seats, CD in dash, moorroof, Real sharp low mile vehicle, \$45,665, Vin-GN86254. Harloff BMW, 888-623-0074.

Hariont BMW, 888-623-0074. **BMW 7331**, 1979, 4-speed, red/tan leather, sheepskins, air conditioning, sun-roof, Kenwood CD stereo, 104K miles, original owner, all records, \$3500/best. 760-433-4898.

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BMW, 383-523-007.4. BMW Z3, 2000, fully loaded, electric roof, leather, side air bags, heated seats, air, stereo, white with brown top, 35K. Excel-lent condition. \$22,000/best. 909-600-455.4

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am/fm cassette, automatic, 127K miles Priced to go, \$1750. 858-483-1683. CHEVY CAMARO, 1980, V-6, automatic, 96K original miles, good tires and brakes, nonop-erating, needs paint, \$1000/best. 619-475-7436 or 619-233-3418.

CHEVY CAVALIER, 1996, convertible, 79,000 miles, 2.2L, 2-door, teal, dual air bags, ABS, new top, registration paid 1 year, well-main-tained. \$5000/best. 858-337-5741.

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CHEVY GT20, 1987, 3/4-ton work van, runs strong, good tires, \$975. Jeff, 619-807-7845. CHEVY LT, 2001, forest green with gray leather, On-Star, third row, like new, love miles, must see! \$23,900. 619-521-2858.

CHEVY MALIBU, 1997, cruise, power locks, power seat. \$7990. Vin-168324. Fuller Ford/Honda, 619-656-2500.

CHEVY MONTE CARLO LS, 2000, 8850 very low miles, optional, dark green/gray interior, V-6, ABS, all power, alloys, must see, very clean, \$11,500. 858-715-8218.

ering/brakes/locks, bed liner, GM ala

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CHRYSLER CIRRUS, 1997, full power, low mileage. \$5990. Vin-726211. Fuller mileage. \$5990. Vin-7 Ford/Honda, 619-656-2500.

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DODGE DAKOTA SPORT, 2000, club cab, 4x4, tow package, automatic, 4.7L, V-8, power steering windows, cruise, spray-in liner, CD, anti-theft, warrantee. \$14,500/ best. 619-255-9034.





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DODGE RAM 50, 1987, pickup truck with camper shell, 69,240 miles, good condi-tion, with all records, \$2000. After 10am, 858-274-5267. DODGE RAM 1500. 2000. 4x4. 5.9L V-8.

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best. 858-273-6951. TOYOTA COROLLA SR5, 1981, liftback, 159K miles. well maintained, original 159K miles, well maintained, original owner, 5-speed manual, am/fm cassette, cruise control, power steering/brakes, smog certified, \$1200. 760-788-9876.

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Miss You

When we went to pick up

Rebecca at camp, I knew she wouldn't want to come home. My ten-year-old daughter spent her first week away from home at a church camp last week. She couldn't wait to go. Two of her school friends had signed up for camp with her. One night the week before Rebecca left, we sat at the dinner table. Angela, who is two years younger than Rebecca, looked across her plate of spaghetti with meat sauce and said, "I'm going to miss you, Rebecca."

"I'm going to miss Rebecca, too," my husband Jack smiled first at Angela and then at Rebecca. "We're all going to miss

you," I said to Rebecca. Johnny nodded his head in agreement. Lucy said nothing. Two-year-old Ben said, "I'm not gonna miss Rebecca. We all laughed.

Rebecca looked up from her dinner. "I'm not going to miss anyone," she said very matter of factly.

Angela looked a little crestfallen. Jack shook his head. "We'll see," I told Rebecca. "You might

miss us more than you think."

When we dropped Rebecca off at camp, she could hardly get away from us fast enough. As soon as we had carried Rebecca's bags into her cabin, she ran off with her friend Kari. Jack and I wandered around camp with the rest of our kids. Johnny and Ben kicked up dust and pine needles as we headed toward the car.

Just before we drove away, we ducked into the rec hall where Rebecca was already sitting in a circle playing a game with the other campers. Ben broke away from Jack and ran through the middle of the circle. "Bye, Rebecca," he shouted.

Rebecca picked Ben up, hugged him, and carried him back to Jack. We all hugged Rebecca good-bye. She turned without a tear and rejoined the circle.

All week, I missed Rebecca. Everywhere we went, I came up one short when I did my unconscious head count. At the pool Monday afternoon, I looked at Angela, Lucy, Johnny, and Ben splashing in the cool, blue water. "One, two, three, four ...," I thought. "Where's Rebecca?"

Shopping at Costco Tuesday midday and walking around the zoo Thursday morning, I had to remind myself, "That's right. Rebecca's at camp." I thought of how she must be spending her day. I thought about morning prayers

and eating breakfast in the cafeteria and archery class and hiking along steep trails through the dappled shade. I thought about Rebecca swimming in the pool in the heat of the day and eating dinner and sitting up late under the stars around the evening campfire.

One night in the middle of the week, I went upstairs after the kids had gone to bed. I found Angela sobbing into her pillow. "What's the matter, Sweetie?" I asked.

Angela's face was pink and warm with tears and sweat. "I miss Rebecca," she said and started sobbing anew.

"I miss her, too," I pulled Angela close and held her in the nightlight's glow. "She'll be home in just a couple more days."

Saturday morning, we drove back up to the mountains. Angela argued with Lucy in the back seat. "You didn't miss Rebecca at all," she said accusingly.

"I missed Rebecca," Lucy defended herself. "I just didn't miss her as much as you did."

"I missed Rebecca," Johnny said.

"We weren't talking to you, Johnny," Angela said.

"Mo-o-o-mmmn," Johnny called out. "Angela was rude to me." "Angela," I called to the back seat. "Be

nice to Johnny.' "I didn't miss Rebecca," Ben announced.

"That's nice, Ben," Angela said, her voice heavy with sarcasm.

Yeah," Ben agreed. "That's nice."

I turned to Jack, who sat in the passenger's seat. "She's not going to want to come home," I told him. "She's going to be annoyed we've come to pick her up.'

"She'll be fine," Jack said. "She'll be happy once she's home."

When we arrived, campers and their families streamed into the rec hall for Mass. Rebecca caught sight of us as we walked toward the door. She looked away. Angela called out, "Rebecca," and ran to her. As Angela wrapped her arms around Rebecca, Rebecca stood stiff. "I really missed you," Angela said.

Rebecca said nothing.

As we waited for Mass to begin, Rebecca looked like a condemned woman. "Did you have fun?" I whispered to her.

"Mm-hmm," she answered. Just before Mass began, she turned and

said, "I don't want to come home, Mom.'

"I know, Sweetie," I answered.

After Mass, we had a picnic lunch. Sitting out on the grass near the pool, Rebecca began to warm up. She told us a few funny stories about camp. She asked about Toby, her cat. Angela told Rebecca some of the things we'd done while she was gone.

Heading back toward the rec hall for a performance by some of the girls, Rebecca leaned into me. "I'm really tired, Mom," she said. "Can we just go home?"

"I thought you didn't want to go home," I said as I put my arm around her shoulders.

Rebecca looked at me with a sheepish smile. "I guess I did get a little homesick." She paused. "But I only missed you and Daddy and Toby," she added.

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