

Wacko Lit

Re "San Diegans Abducted," August 28.

The word should be "allegedly" abducted by extraterrestrial aliens, and, yes, I would hesitate (that's putting it mildly) to ask any of them to watch my kids, and I would *not* join them in a cup of coffee, and they are a few (a few?) flowers short of a bouquet. And, yes, I would doubt their veracity as well. Since when did the Reader become the National Enquirer, anyway? If I want to read about wackos that think they've seen ET, I'll read that rag instead.

Matthew Arntzen

Luck And Greed

Don Bauder and Donna Frye deserve medals and promotions for their stand against the new Charger stadium boondoggle ("Rednecksville," "City Lights," August 28). Right now we have two stadia and two teams using the fields at most 100 days a year. If luck and greed win out, we will have three stadia and one team, with the Chargers in L.A.

How much sense does it take to know we didn't need a new Padre ball park, and *now* they want a new Charger stadium!

Now when I go to a game, I leave my car parked (in Old Town) free and take the trolley to Qualcomm's door and stroll in past the concessions. "Easy peasy nice easy."

J.P. Lopez Clairemont

My Dad Was A Marine

I'm responding to the article called "Soldiers' Pay" (August 21). I just wanted to say that it's a really, really good article. My dad was in the Marine Corps, and we grew up in base housing and we never had a lot. A lot of people just do not re-

alize the struggle military families go through on a daily basis. They don't get paid anything, but yet they still have to pay the same prices that the regular public pays, and they just don't have the money. It was really good to see that you guys are covering this issue. It was a wonderful article.

Shawn

Low Pay Fictions

I am a vet and one of five kids of a career Navy family, so I am not without understanding of the problem of soldiers' pay ("Soldiers' Pay," August 21). But I never heard my mother or father whine about low pay or long deployments — on the first of which my dad's ship was sunk with half the crew.

It is disingenuous for your writer to continue the fiction of "low pay" without including, at least, the housing allowance (carefully isolated on a separate page). A single E-1, after training, doesn't get \$1150 a month but \$1980. That's pushing \$24K a year (or above the poverty level for a family of five). Plus free medical care, plus discounted food and gas. Get married, get a \$4000 raise. Name another job like that for a high school student. Many college grads are working for less.

I agree that military pay stinks, but so does pay for teachers, firefighters, police, and most of us who aren't CEOs. No good purpose is served by selectively reporting the figures. And sitting in a floating city off the coast of Iraq is not the same as patrolling the streets of Tikrit.

Name Withheld by Request

Up With Which

To Don Ridgway (Letters, August 21):

If the subjunctive were not fading away and heading "for the dustbin" (don't we have trash cans in this country?), we would still be using it. Samuel Johnson ("people need to be reminded more often than they need to be instructed") told us more than 250 years ago that the language is in the mouths of the speakers, not the minds of the authorities.

And you missed your chance to hit Patrick over the head with Churchill. Addressing an aide who corrected one of his prepositionally ended sentences,

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Sleaze Saga

By Don Bauder

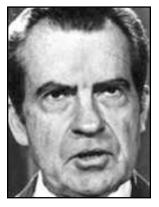
With still another scandal rocking city government, have you ever wondered

how San Diego got the chauvinistic sobriquet

"America's Finest City"? It's a sordid story — justifiably sullying San Diego, its government and establishment, as well as the Nixon administration.

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, San Diego was in the national headlines for business and government corruption and alleged fixes in high places (the Nixon White House).

This was a time when the city was run by business-man/banker C. Arnholt Smith and his sidekick, bookmaker John Alessio, whose family owned major



Richard Nixo

pieces of Smith's holdings. Smith controlled a bank and a conglomerate (an odd agglomeration of companies) and also owned the San Diego Padres. He also was a buddy of Nixon's — indeed, he was among the few who watched the 1968 election returns in Nixon's Waldorf-Astoria suite in New York.

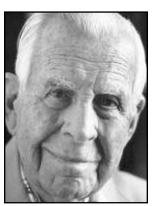
The Rotary Club had given both Smith and Alessio "Mr. San Diego" awards. A San Diego Union writer had upped the ante, calling Smith "Mr. San Diego of the Century."

But sophisticated outsiders saw through Smith and Alessio. In 1969, the *Wall Street Journal* exposed the shaky, incestuous foundations of Smith's empire. But Smith had friends in high

Matt Potter is on vacation.

places: One federal bank examiner, realizing Smith's bank had problems, submitted his report and was transferred to Alaska.

In 1966, a Los Angeles-based federal organized-crime strike force began investigating police corruption, particularly cozy relationships with bookmakers. The strike force was interested in whether Alessio's Mexico-based bookmaking operation had connections with Las Vegas. Russell Alessio, one of John's brothers, was convicted of interstate gambling in support of racke-



C. Arnholt Smith

teering. The U.S. attorney in San Diego was Ed Miller, and a major investigator was an Internal Revenue Service agent named David Stutz, now a deputy district attorney. Another key investigator was Richard Huffman, now a Fourth District appellate court justice.

The investigation eventually focused on Yellow Cab, a company that shortly before had been part of Smith's empire. After discovering how Yellow Cab was laundering political donations, Stutz concluded that it was the tip of the iceberg: Under Smith's direction, political contributions were being laundered by writing them off as business expenses.

By 1970, the strike force was assembling a case against Smith and several other San Diegans for conspiracy to violate federal tax laws and the Corrupt Practices Act. Re-

publicans, led by Smith, were raising money in \$2000 chunks for Nixon. Charlie Pratt, head of Yellow Cab, said he could not personally afford a sum that large. So it went on Yellow Cab's books as an expense. The \$2000 donation was changed to a sum of \$2068. "Pratt added \$68 to represent the year 1968," recalls Stutz. "If it had been 1969, it would have been \$69." The expense was supposed to be for a \$2068 wage-and-salary study conducted by an advertising agency controlled by Smith.

After Nixon won the 1968 election and assumed office in 1969, Miller was replaced as U.S. attorney by Harry Steward. "Steward was a buddy of C. Arnholt Smith," recalls Miller, and was appointed by Nixon on Smith's recommendation, says Stutz.

So what happened when Smith's friend got Stutz's report on campaign money being laundered through a Smith-controlled ad agency? "Steward said, 'Knock it off,' "recalls Stutz. "He said that Smith got him the job and would make him a federal judge." Steward wouldn't permit Stutz to issue a subpoena for the head of Smith's ad agency to appear before the grand jury, recalls Miller.

According to a Life magazine report, "Tampering with Justice in San Diego," by Denny Walsh and Tom Flaherty, Smith was intervening with the Nixon administration, trying to get the Department of Justice off his back and also stop a tax-evasion probe into the Alessio family. The Alessio investigation did proceed, however, leading to guilty pleas from brothers John and Angelo, even though longtime Democrat John Alessio contributed a bundle to the Nixon campaign. But the brothers had an easy time of it at Lompoc, the bed-andbreakfast for white-collar criminals.

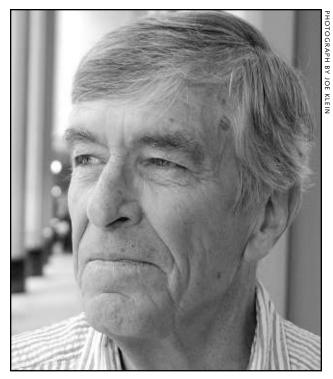
After leaving as U.S. attorney, Miller ran for district attorney. The incumbent "was a Smith guy who had been D.A. for 24 years," says Miller. The incumbent was leaving the post, but his deputy was running with Smith support. However, by this time (1970), even some

establishment members were feeling queasy about Smith/Alessio's tightfisted control of the city. Even the San Diego Union wrote only a lukewarm editorial supporting the Smith candidate.

Miller won. The corruption investigation was moved from the federal government to the D.A. The primary focus became Yellow Cab. The probe of police corruption had led to the taxi company, because "the chief of police got a new car every year," courtesy of the company, recalls Stutz.

The cab company had been trying to get a fare increase approved by city council. Investigators got into the company safe and learned lots. Charlie Pratt of Yellow Cab, facing a stiff penalty, became a government witness. Stutz and his confreres learned that local politicians were getting illegal payoffs that were laundered through use of Mexican cashier's checks. "Charlie would take the cashier's check and hand it to politicians and say that the check could not be traced, and it would end up in Mexico," recalls Stutz.

An IRS official went to Guadalajara and brought the checks back. A grand jury returned conspiracy and bribery indictments against "The San Diego Nine" — past and former councilmembers, supervisors, and the mayor and deputy



David Stutz

mayor. In the end, all were acquitted, other than one who pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor.

Why the acquittals? In most cases, there was one major reason: The Nixon administration would not permit Stutz to go on the stand and present the Mexican cashier's checks and other evidence.

"When Stutz was precluded from testifying, I sent a hand-delivered letter to the Western White House, asking them to permit Dave to testify," recalls Miller. "What I got back was an incomprehensible letter from John Dean [of Watergate fame]. The letter gave no cogent reason why Stutz should not testify."

But after the acquittals, Richard Nixon called San Diego's Democratic mayor to congratulate him. The federal government told Stutz it was going to transfer him from San Diego for being a disruptive influence. He quit instead and went to work for Miller.

Steward had thwarted the investigation at several points, refusing to permit his friends to testify. Investiga-

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Guess What?

By Robert Kumpel

labama judge Roy Moore has been battling federal authorities by insisting that a monument to the Ten Commandments

a) Swaziland

b) Sierra Leone

d) Zimbabwe

a) 8 percent

b) 17 percent

c) 22 percent

d) 29 percent

a) Earl Warren

b) Leland Stanford

c) Robert Waterman d) Hiram Johnson

c) The Republic of Congo

4) Governor Gray Davis was

re-elected with what per-

centage of eligible voters vot-

5) Which California gover-

nor signed into law the pro-

vision for recall elections of

elected officials in 1911?

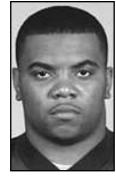
remain in his courthouse. Judge Moore is:

- a) A superior court judge
- b) A circuit court judge c) A state supreme court jus-
- d) Chief justice of the state supreme court
- 2) Charger defensive tackle Leonardo Carson was arrested in Alabama for:
- a) Fraud
- b) Aggravated assault and burglary
- c) Burglary and kidnapping
- d) Rape and kidnapping
- 3) The San Diego Zoo took shipment in August of seven African elephants. The elephants came from a game park in:

- 6) The biggest-grossing film of the summer was:
- a) The Matrix Reloaded
- b) Pirates of the Caribbean
- c) Finding Nemo
- d) Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
- 7) Caltrans recently announced that it will open up the express lanes on Interstate 15 for weekend use. How many vehicles use the lanes outside the express lanes on an average weekday?
- a) 200,000
- b) 220,000
- c) 230,000
- d) 270,000
- 8) San Diego's new police chief, Bill Lansdowne, was previously the police chief of what California city?
- a) Camarillo
- b) San Jose
- c) Oakland
- d) Fresno
- 9) Gubernatorial candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger's first



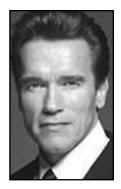




Leonardo Carson



Gray Davis



Arnold Schwarzenegger

appearance in a feature film

- a) Hercules in New York
- b) Stay Hungry
- c) The Villain
- d) Conan the Barbarian
- 10) Local surfers have allegedly spotted a great white shark off which beach?
- a) Tourmaline Surfing Park
- b) Windansea
- c) Black's Beach
- d) San Onofre
- 11) On August 1, North Korea agreed to talks about its nuclear weapons program. This was considered a breakthrough since North Korea

previously stipulated that:

- a) It would only agree to oneon-one talks with the United States
- b) It would only agree to talks with permanent member nations of the U.N. Security Council
- c) It would only agree to talks if China was present d) It would only agree to talks
- if South Korea was excluded
- 12) The San Diego Symphony selected Jahja Ling as its new music director. Which of the following conductors was not a music director for the San Diego Symphony?
- a) David Atherton

- b) Seiji Ozawa
- c) Robert Shaw
- d) Yoav Talmi
- 13) The U.S. Senate is currently filibustering against three of President Bush's nominees to the circuit court. In a recent interview with the Union-Tribune, White House counsel Alberto Gonzales said that the number of circuit court nominees confirmed is about:
- a) 20 percent
- b) 35 percent
- c) 40 percent
- d) 50 percent
- 14) As of July, the median recontinued on page 10

Second Only To the Cowboy

By Geoff Bouvier

In San Diego, airport cabbies rest at the top of the public-transportation heap. Their fares are more regular — and generally

larger — than those of mere city cabbies. Plus, the airport more or less closes at 11:00 p.m., so airport cabbies get to go home to bed. Some of the city drivers told me they were compelled to work through the night sometimes, just to make their lease payments. But the average airport taxi driver almost always makes his lease and then goes home with somewhere between \$50 and \$200, depending on whether there's a big convention downtown or whether he can land the coveted fare to Los Angeles (a \$250 pickup) or even Las Vegas (over \$1000). In general, airport cabbies get to deal with more well-to-do customers — that is, with travelers who can afford vacations and plane

The airport cabbies line up in the holding lot on Harbor Island, across from the airport. Five or more rows of cabs in all colors, each row 15 or 20 cabs deep. Work comes and goes in swells, like waves riding a tide. It's a hot, slow morning. One group of gentlemen stands and talks for a full hour; later in the day, some cabbies come into the lot, then leave within minutes. Very sporadic business. For slow periods, there are only three shade trees protecting the whole sunny lot. Cabbies changing shirts in their backseats, quick plastic-spoon mac-and-cheese lunches, vending-machine snacks, and card games on car hoods. Some of the cabbies have laptops for study-

ing, so they can "get out of this business." They tell me there are days when impromptu soccer games start up on the other end of the concrete lot.

But most of the drivers don't want to talk officially. For some, it's a language thing — they don't speak English very well — but many are reluctant to discuss the state of their jobs; it's depressing or even dangerous. Almost every cabbie who does talk, complains. Except for one jolly old fellow, who puts a perspective on things and cheerfully sings that times are tough everywhere, not just for cab drivers.

There is no union for cabbies — no organization to protect their interests, and they have no direct representation in the city council. Most of the cabbies' bosses, the folks who run Yellow Cab and other, smaller taxi companies, have never driven cabs themselves. The fate of these drivers rests in the hands of unsympathetic others.

The major governing body for taxis in San Diego

is the Metropolitan Transit Development Board, which has handed down 36 pages of ordinances governing the cab companies. The County of San Diego's Department of Weights & Measures reg-

to raise the number of cab permits in San Diego. Then September 11 happened, and MTDB got left holding the cabs — way too many of them, it turns out. So what would they do now? Pass an

they hope the fares are still there to be picked up. Often, the cabbies have to pick up their fares in crowded areas, with no place to maneuver safely or park legally. All this for maybe a \$10 ride across



Taxi at airport

ulates the fare meters, the Sheriff's Department issues licenses, the County Regional Airport Authority and Port District have their own regulations, and for all these regulating offices (and others) there are the usual associated

Finally, about three years ago, MTDB passed a petition opposite petition? Revoke the extra permits and maybe some of the superfluous cabs besides? Wait to see how the industry pans out? Next to their airport

brethren, the average San Diego city cab driver has it tough. They hope for calls from their dispatchers, and when they answer those calls,

town. City cab drivers usu- g ally lease their cabs from the ally lease their cabs from the cab companies for prices sometimes as high as \$120 ₹ per day — plus gas and incontinued on page 14

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tors appealed to Richard Kleindienst of the Nixon justice department. Kleindienst, who would later become attorney general, cleared

CITY LIGHTS

It was not widely known at the time that the Nixon administration was mobbed up. Nixon had made big bucks from mobsters and their front men for years. According to various investigative reporters, Kleindienst had assisted in the effort to soften or stop investigations into various Teamsters Union mob-tied officials.

According to investigative reporter Jeff Gerth, Kleindi-

enst at Nixon's direction quashed a tax-evasion investigation into Morris "Mo" Shenker, a Teamsters and mob attorney. One of Shenker's buddies was San Diegan Irvin J. Kahn, who was developing local real estate with a potful of Teamsters money. The two once owned Murrieta Hot Springs near Rancho California, then a mob hangout.

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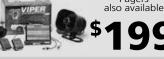
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establishment. Marxist Herbert Marcuse had riled the state's conservatives with his presence at the University of

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predicted in that period of time. And the people we were doing stories about did," Bergman said in a recent interview. Bergman went on to become a producer at TV's 60 Minutes. His work was chronicled in the movie *The*

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And while all this was going on, San Diego - which Nixon considered his "lucky city"—had been selected as site for the 1972 Republican convention. But there were several problems: The city

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Then one of the major scandals of the Nixon administration broke: The conglomerate ITT pledged \$400,000 to help underwrite the convention. ITT's Sheraton Harbor Island Hotel was to be convention headquarters.

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- d) \$460,000
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- a) The California AFL-CIO
- b) Planned Parenthood
- c) The Sycuan Indian tribe d) California Trial Lawyers Association
- 16) After initial approval by the state assembly, the California state senate is considering AB 205, which gives most of the same rights of married couples to registered domestic partners. Opponents argue that this flies in the face of a March 2000 ballot initiative (that passed overwhelmingly), which defined marriage as an exclusive agreement between a man and a woman. That initiative
- a) Proposition 22
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- c) Proposition 187
- d) Proposition 80

17) The San Diego zip code zone that enjoyed the greatest appreciation of real estate values in the last year was:

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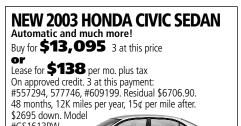




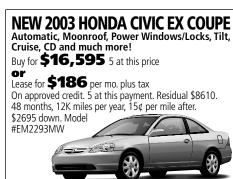








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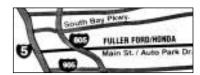
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alties in Vietnam. Approximately how many casualties have there been in the current Iraqi war?

- a) less than 200
- b) less than 300
- c) less than 500
- d) less than 550

19) Arnold Schwarzenegger's financial advisor, Warren Buffett, is the world's secondrichest man. Forbes magazine estimates Buffett's personal worth at

- a) \$20 billion
- b) \$25 billion
- c) \$30 billion
- d) \$36 billion

20) The Associated Press lists which college football team at number one in its preseason poll?

CITY LIGHTS

- a) Texas
- b) Oklahoma
- c) Ohio State
- d) UCLA

ANSWERS

1. d. Chief justice of the state supreme court

- 2. c. burglary and kidnapping
- 3. a. Swaziland

- 4. b. 17 percent
- 5. d. Hiram Johnson
- 6. c. Finding Nemo
- 7. d. 270,000
- 8. b. San Jose
- 9. a. Hercules in New York
- 10. d. San Onofre
- 11. a. It would only agree to one-on-one talks with the **United States**
- 12. b. Seiji Ozawa
- 13. d. 50 percent
- 14. c. \$403,000
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- 16. a. Proposition 22
- 17. c. 92113
- 18. b. less than 300
- 19. d. \$36 billion
- 20. b. Oklahoma

surance and all the other fees. Cab drivers work under the shadow of a real possibility that some months they may have to pay to work instead of getting paid.

Especially after 9/11, which still looms over the service industry in San Diego. Ask any restaurateur, or the folks at the convention center. We aren't flying as much anymore, we aren't traveling, and we aren't spending as much leisure money. That San Diego's just not a public-transportation town compounds the problem. No subways, limited trolleys, some buses and cabs, and hundreds of thousands of people who drive their own cars. Roughly 900 licensed cabs cover the greater San Diego area. In New York City, there are more than 12,000 Yellow Cabs alone.

And it doesn't help that most cabbies in San Diego are Russian, Iranian, Afghan, Somali, and Ethiopian, with English as their second language. And of the handful of American drivers, many are older or injured and unable to work at other jobs.

Of the nine city cabbies I

interviewed, one Afghani makes almost no money at all but keeps his job so that his family has a car to use. An Iranian man told me he does well enough, although he loses "about a fare a week" to runaway fare-jumpers. An older Russian driver said he has been robbed three times, including once when he was stabbed in the head.

A very different picture from the one painted by a younger, muscular white driver, "Jamey," who told me he always makes at least \$700 a week, has never lost a fare, never been robbed, works his

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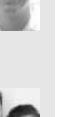
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own hours, and has a range of regular pickups in the beach area. And he's only driven his cab for a year and a half.

"I conversate with pretty much everyone who gets into my cab. I can come down to their level. And if it's real professional people, then I can speak to them on a professional level. You know, if someone gets into my cab and says, 'Hey, bro, we're going surfing, take us up here,' you know, then I can talk with them about surfing. And when you do that it's more of a personal thing. The guy's back there thinking, 'This guy's cool, I'm not going to run on him."

But most cabbies must not seem cool to the average cab-taking San Diegan. One recent survey by the Department of Justice found that taxi drivers suffer the thirdhighest rate of on-the-job violent crime, following police officers and security guards. According to The 2002 Jobs Rated Almanac, by Les Krantz, the job of taxi driver rated sixth worst on the list of common jobs in the United States, down there with lumberjack, ironworker, and commercial

CITY LIGHTS

Besides stress and the attendant road rage, the average cabbie deals with long hours, no job security, no guaranteed money, difficult conditions, unfriendly customers, and rampant coworker rivalry. There are fees for a half-dozen waivers, tests, and required regulations. And if a cabbie receives too many tickets or gets in an accident, then he's out. Can't get hired. Just like that.

The image of the cab driver arguably holds a position in American pop culture second only to the cowboy — which is another one of those five or six worst jobs in America, by the way. How many movies, television shows, jazzy songs, and recent commercials can you name that were either about taxis or had characters who were taxi drivers? It makes for good metaphor. But no one actually aspires to become cab drivers, do they? ■



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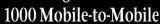
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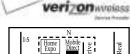




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I recently heard that flamingos are pink because they eat shrimp as their main diet. But shrimp are only pink after they're cooked. Who cooks shrimp for flamingos? Sounds sketchy to me.

Of course it's not the shrimp. It's the cocktail sauce. Much more logical, no? Okay, it is the shrimp. And the algae. And the other aquatic goodies the birds filter from the water through those remarkable beaks. No need to sauté the marshy goo to color their feathers though. Flamingos' natural diet is packed with natural carotenoids, coloring agents that produce hues ranging from the scarlet in corals and tomatoes to the yellow in butter. Certain protein-bound carotenoids create the blue-green shades of shrimp and lobster still on the hoof. When heat is applied to shrimp, the protein coagulates and reveals the carotenoid pigment, which makes those fine edibles appear bright pink. Lucky for flamingos, the carotenoids in their diet are changed chemically inside the bird, no frying pan required. And they're fat soluble, so if you peek inside a flamingo, he's as flaming pink inside as he is outside.

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– Ierry Dixon, El Caion

No, no, Jerry. We want the geniuses to stop combining technologies for a while so the rest of us can catch up. So we can buy some digital thingy without having the thingy embarrassingly outdated before we get the credit card bill. Besides, I'm sure the geniuses would love to offer you a cordless, home-based phone with a handset you can bring along on your next trip to, oh, say, the electronics store. We checked in with James Wattage, our staff expert on communications, and he sets us straight on radio freeks and the myth of the walkie-talkie.

Basically, all of radioland is divided into frequencies (by the FCC); and those frequencies and associated broadcast power ratings are assigned to specific uses. Everything from wimpy baby monitors to monster clear-channel radio stations. (Think of a swim meet, with each competitor having his own lane.) As long as everybody stays in his neat little frequency slot, broadcasting at his neat little power ratings, life is relatively orderly. The power rating determines the potential distance your device can transmit. And herein lies the problem. You and lots of other cordless-phone users in the nabe share frequencies that connect your phone base and handset. Lots of high-powered (long-distance) signals competing for supremacy would create a sort of aggravating neighborhood party line. You'd be so peeved at having to listen to the turnip-heads next door trying to get the dog to talk to Granny up in Prineville, you'd probably rip your phone out of the wall.

Mr. Wattage also denies that your walkie-talkie will work over five miles. "Maybe in Death Valley," he scoffs. Such low-power devices can't even burrow through the average steelreinforced wall or dense shrubbery. Wattage also asks you to think back to your last trip to the land of simulated fun up in Anaheim. If you used one of those Mickey-talkie things to keep track of the kids, then you know how difficult it is to find an empty frequency for your call. Like freeway gridlock with a soundtrack. Take a gander at one website that lists only a fraction of the local frequency assignments: cityfreq.com:81/ca/sandiego/. Or try stupidscannertricks.com. Mmmmm...burgers.

I was wondering why they don't use normal handguns in space movies instead of fancy ray guns. Would a handgun fire in a vacuum? If you fired it on the moon, say, would the bullet achieve escape velocity, go into orbit, or come to ground a long way off? I'd try myself, but I don't own a

— A. Leon Mennace, Carmel Valley

The answer to your first question has nothing at all to do with the other questions, of course. They use ray guns because science-fiction fans don't want their hero pulling an ordinary Colt .45 to blow away space aliens. Why doesn't Uhura wear Dickies and a flannel shirt? Because she's living in the future, when nothing will be as it is now, of course. And certainly not murder. According to our staff gun nut (we keep him in a locked closet, well away from the elves), a handgun should fire in a vacuum. Chemicals inside the bullet produce whatever oxygen is needed for ignition. With little resistance, the bullet would sail across town, but the moon's escape velocity is 7761 feet per second, more than twice what the best pistol can achieve here. And recoil would keep you spinning, really messing up your aim.

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Well, lucky you stopped by, because the Box has all the answers. However, before I hand them over, I must voice one bitch. If I'd have known you could bribe civic officials for a lousy few thousand dollars and lunch, I would have owned this town long ago. They don't teach this in school. I don't know why.

All right. Onto the 2003 NFL season. Clip

NFC North. Green Bay Packers 11-5. Brett Favre leads his team to another division title and then calls it a day. Chicago Bears, 8-8. The eternally disappointing Kordell Stewart will do his thing. Minnesota Vikings, 8-8. Randy Moss turns 80. Detroit Lions, 4-12. The Lions will destroy the reputation of another

NFC South. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 13-3. This team was so good they beat the Raiders before Super Bowl XXXVII began. Barring more bad luck than anyone has the right to expect, Tampa Bay should be back. New Orleans Saints, 9-7. They're due. Atlanta Falcons, 8-8. Quarterback Michael Vick is worth 10 points per game; he won't play until October 5th at the earliest. Carolina Pan-

NFC East. Philadelphia Eagles, 11–5. The best team in football except for their can't-everwin-the-big-one problem. Reminds you of their can't-ever-win-the-big-one quarterback, Donovan McNabb. Won't win the big one this year either. New York Giants, 9-7. Last January, head coach Jim Fassel joined a Haitian satanic cult after blowing a 24-point lead and losing to the 'Niners by one point. Unfortunately, Satan did not draft a replacement quarterback for Kerry Collins. Washington Redskins, 7–9. At the end of the day, money counts, this team continues to improve. Dallas Cowboys, 6-10. Could be a great marriage. Match a pathetic human being and great coach with an attention-starved owner. One problem. The team sucks, but Dallas will win one more game this year than they did in '02, with inferior talent, because of Bill Parcells.

NFC West. St. Louis Rams, 10-6. Marshal Faulk will win six games. Kurt Warner should pick up the rest. Seattle Seahawks, 9-7. Extremely soft schedule. Bob Ferguson is the new general manager, Ray Rhodes is the new defensive coordinator. Mike Holmgren is reduced to head coach from his previous position as President of Everything He Touches. Could work. San Francisco 49ers, 8-8. The bill comes due. A cheap owner hired football lifer Dennis Erickson as new head coach and then sat back and watched his money rot. It's downhill from here. Arizona Cardinals, 4-12. This is what purgatory looks like.

AFC North. Pittsburgh Steelers, 10-6. The team is blessed with the sixth easiest schedule in the NFL. Off-loading Stewart to Chicago immediately improves their prospects. Starting quarterback Tommy Maddox is not brilliant, but he is steady. Cleveland Browns, 9-7. New quarterback, Kelly Holcom, new linebackers, good ownership. Baltimore Ravens, 7-9. Average, at best, quarterback, below-average offensive line and a coach who thinks defense. Cincinnati Bengals, 4-12. Marty Schottenheimer's next stop.

AFC South. Tennessee Titans, 11–5. Allaround solid team. Good coaching. Steve McNair is a quality quarterback, Eddie George may have one great year left in him, Jevon Kearse is back and looks healthy, which should be good for 12 sacks. Indianapolis Colts, 9–7. Pure habit. Jacksonville Jaguars, 6-10. New coach Jack Del Rio has a great name. Houston Texans, 5–11. David Carr has the potential to be a great quarterback...if he lives. The wretch was sacked 76 times last year.

AFC East. Miami Dolphins, 10-6. Just say, "You're fired if we don't make the playoffs." Sooner or later they have to hit, even with Jay Fiedler as quarterback. Buffalo Bills, 10-6.

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Quarterback is Drew Bledsoe, and the offensive coordinator is — get this — Kevin Gilbride. New England Patriots, 10–6. Hard to believe the Pats won the Super Bowl 19 months ago. Pretty much the same offense; defense is the question. New York Jets, 8–8. Vinny is back. I have no idea what that means.

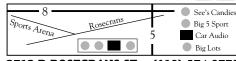
AFC West. Kansas City, 10-6. Easy schedule, average-to-easy division, good offensive, significantly improved defense. Vermeil will get them into the playoffs. Denver, 9–7. Jake Plummer. Oakland, 9–7. The Raiders have played the preseason like they played Super Bowl 37. Normally, preseason football counts for nothing except money in owner's pockets, but it's rare to see an entire team quit like the Raiders did against the Bucs. That may not wash off easily. It hasn't so far. San Diego Chargers, 8-8. Run left. Run right. Run up the middle. The excitement of watching Marty play it safe.

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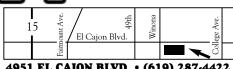
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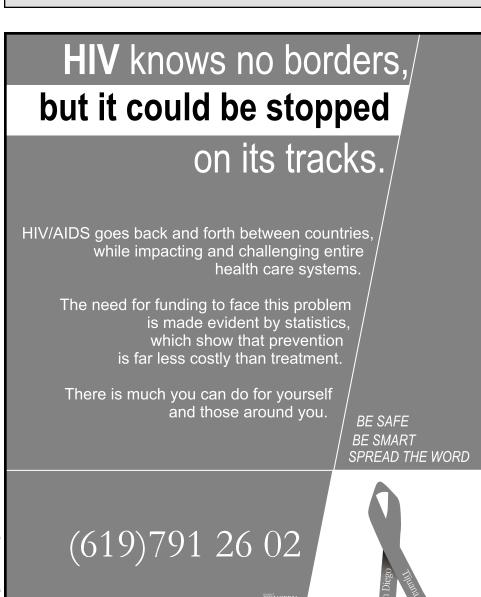
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

Last week my husband and I went to visit some friends. We had just parked across the street from their house and were about to get out when a car suddenly appeared driving wildly down the street, and before we knew it, it had side-swiped our car, knocking the rear-view mirror off and denting the driver's side of our vehicle. When the driver of the other car saw what he had done, he floored the accelerator and zoomed off. I managed to write down his license-plate number before he disappeared. Luckily, neither my husband nor I was hurt. Our friends came running out of their house when they heard the crash. They were very upset that our car had been hit on their street and seemed to feel somehow responsible, which of course they were not, but they are very conscientious people. We spent the evening together as planned, and I kept telling them not to worry about the accident, that we were just grateful no one was hurt. Later I learned that, because our deductible is so high,

our insurance will only cover a minuscule portion of the repairs. When our friends found this out they sent us a check to cover part of the repair bill. I think this is entirely unnecessary (they are not well off) and want to send the check back to them. They keep saying they feel they should help because it happened right in front of their home. Am I right in returning their check with a note saying thank you, but this is above and beyond the call of duty? My second problem is that I have mixed feelings about reporting this incident to the police. A week has gone by, and I am not even sure they would be interested after the fact. I'd just as soon repair the car and forget it. My husband says we should report it because that is what a good citizen does, even if we are a little tardy in doing so. What do you

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Dear Dented,

I think you are correct in returning your overly generous friends' check. Of course, they are not responsible for fender benders that occur on their street. A lot of us would soon go bankrupt if we had to pay for the damage that bad drivers cause in our neighborhoods. Your friends are trying to shoulder responsibility that is not theirs to take, whereas the culprit who hit you is entirely evading his. It is illegal to bash into someone's car and then drive away. This terrible driver who hit your car didn't know that you and vour husband were unharmed. If I were you, I'd call the police and tell them what happened and get their perspective. I can understand your reluctance, but it would be a public service to get this menace who damaged your car off the road, or at least call his dangerous driving to the attention of the authorities before he does the same or worse to someone else.

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The tea kettle was constantly humming in my husband Patrick's house. Between his Irish mother and grandmother, someone was always sitting down for a "spot" — whatever that means — of tea. The summer day would be pushing 100 degrees, and they would be sipping tea. "You know, love," his old Nanna would say in her charming brogue, "nothing cools you down like a hot cup of tea.'

Patrick recently decided to return to the tea drinking of his youth and has been searching for a tea blend that would do justice to his heritage. The Trader Joe's Irish Breakfast Tea (\$1.89 for 20 bags) that I brought home for him had proved less than satisfying: a harsh taste with a leafy smell. The quotation on the box sent him laughing in memory of Nanna.

"If you are cold, tea will warm you; if you are too heated, it will cool you; if you are depressed, it will cheer you; if you are excited, it will calm you." Gladstone (1865), Victorian British prime minister.

Nanna would have got on well with this chap, despite the fact that he was English, but she would have loathed the tea.

Patrick finally found his brew a few months later when a friend from Ireland visited bringing with her Bewley's Green Label Tea. In caffeine heaven, he quickly used up the box and I was left hunting San Diego for more Bewley's or another Irish tea just as satisfying.

A few phone calls around town to tea shops proved useless, so I headed off to the import store, Cost Plus. There I picked up McGrath's Original Irish Blend Tea (\$3.99 for 40 tea bags). A tin of loose tea of Twining's Irish Breakfast Tea (\$4.99) sat on the shelf nearby, but I noticed on the tin that it was made in England so I left it behind, knowing that Patrick's Irish pride would be offended at tasting a tea blended in England.

At The Irish Shop in Hillcrest, I found Bewlev's and two other teas from the old sod: Lyons and Barry's. I snatched up all the different blends to bring home for comparison and took a few minutes to chat with salesperson Frances Avik, I was tickled by her Irish brogue. "Barry's, Lyons, and Bewley's are the three main teas in Ireland," she explained. "Everybody in Ireland drinks tea, and it is not just the drinking of the tea, it is the socialization that

goes on with it. The neighbors coming in for a cup of tea in the morning and everybody gathering together to drink some tea and talk.

"It was always loose tea," continued BARRYS Dublin native Avik, "but since the '70s and the '80s they have started using the tea bag. As a child my mother would bring us into Bewley's, which orig-

inally was a coffee shop in Dublin, established in 1840. The tea came in big wooden chests. The chests would be all lined up and the shop keeper would tilt them forward, and the women would go in and say, 'I would like two ounces of this, and an ounce of that, and an ounce of the other,' and they would blend the tea right there," explained Avik.

Patrick drinks his tea black, and I was curious if that was common in Ireland. "It is very unusual to drink tea without sugar and cream," she said, "and lemon is not common at all in tea, nor is iced tea common. Most drink their tea with sugar and cream, or cream without sugar. Cream without sugar came from people in Ireland giving up sugar for Lent. Often at the end of Lent, they got to like the tea without sugar, and continued to drink their tea without

Nothing cools you down

like a hot cup of tea.

As I headed home, I remembered Patrick telling me that his Nanna called weak tea "bog water!" I had a feeling that she would not say this of some of these teas I was toting home for brewing.

Patrick's parents, Bill and Peg, in town visiting, joined us for some sipping. The McGrath's Original Irish Blend Tea from Cost Plus was pleasing but not the Irish quality that Patrick was expecting. "Barely a step up from Lipton," he complained.

Lyons Original Blend (\$5.50 for 80 bags) was the color of dark brown sugar, with a strong, smooth tea flavor.

The Lyons Gold Blend (\$7.00 for 80 tea bags) came in pyramid tea bags. "Pyramid bags work like a teapot! Giving 50 percent more room for the leaves to move!" read the box. The group found it too chewy and bitter. "Too strong to drink black," said Patrick.

"But I could get a couple of cups out of the one bag," offered the frugal Peg.

"Of the two Lyons, I like the Original Blend better," added Bill.

We moved on to the Barry's Tea. My sister had told me that everyone she visited in Ireland during her stay in Cork last year had been drinking the Barry's Tea. Not surprising, since I noticed on the box that the tea has been blended since 1901 in County Cork. The Barry's Tea Classic Blend (\$6.50 for 80 bags) and the Barry's Tea Gold Blend (\$6.00 for

80 bags) both carried fragrant sweet herb smells, though they brewed up thin.

The Barry's Tea Green Label (\$6.00 for 80 bags) was a winner in the group. "Very smooth flavor," said Peg of the amber-colored tea. "Full bodied yet subtle," Patrick added.

But the Barry's Irish Breakfast Tea (\$6.75 for 50 bags) had the strongest flavor of the Barry's. Avik had told me the breakfast teas were the strongest. "The morning teas are a little bit more stronger bodied, to give you the punch you need for the day," she explained.

The last teas of the tasting were the Bewley's blends. We knew we liked the Bewley's Green Label Tea (\$6.50 for 80 bags), but how would it stand up to the other teas? "It is a four o'clock tea," laughed Peg, "a pleasant blend for a pick-me-up in the afternoon, but not as strong as the Barry's Irish Breakfast."

Bewley's Finest Regency Tea (\$6.50 for 80 bags) struck up controversy amidst the party. Those who favored a strong, biting cup of tea were disappointed in its mild flavor, while those favoring the smooth cup of tea were pleased.

Finally we tried Bewley's two morning teas: Dublin Morning Tea (\$6.50 for 80 bags) and Irish Breakfast Tea (\$6.50 for 80 bags, each bag brewing two cups). "Bog water. Out she goes," laughed Bill, pouring out his cup of Dublin Morning Tea after a quick taste. Patrick and Peg disagreed. "I think it has a pleasant, flavorful taste," argued Patrick.

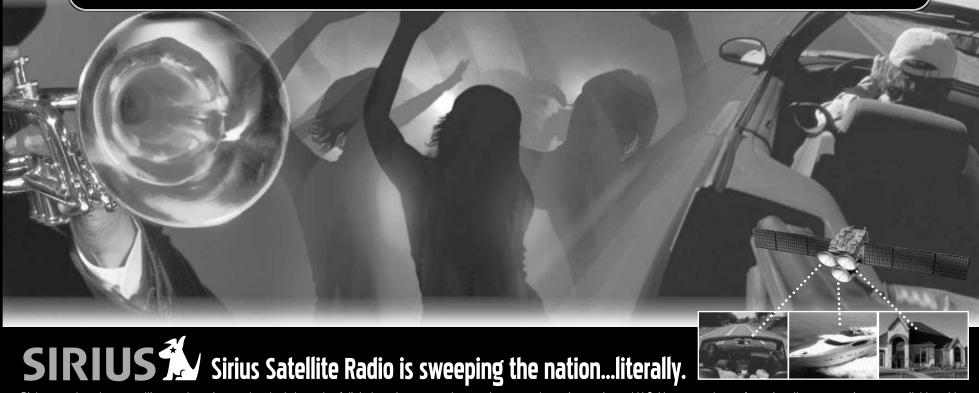
The Bewley's Irish Breakfast Tea carried a robust flavor that filled the mouth and was liked by all.

As we emptied out the half-full cups of tea, Peg laughed, "Nanna would be horrified at us throwing away these half-used tea bags."

But she must be tickled at our stash of Irish teas that will last us quite a long time.

Frances Avik (center)





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LAST TANGO OF THE SUMMER

by Daniel Ridge

e didn't come here to dance. Actually, we were just drinking beer in the parking lot before we came in. Real classy, huh? My friend and I weren't quite sure what to expect: a tango party? We wanted to be prepared. Anyway, I don't know how to tango — I mean, not the way you're supposed to. I had never even watched tango dancing before. I was hoping they would at least be serving drinks. It was Saturday night, after all, and if I wasn't going to be dancing, I would have to get my groove on somehow.

Parked behind a strip mall off Miramar Road, the dance school was an oasis of culture tucked behind the stucco-walled row of stripmall restaurants and nail salons. One's directions had to be very specific to find this place. Luckily, mine were. The party's DJ, Leon Fajerman, had invited me, and I managed to make it to the right place at the right time. So here I was, strolling through the doors of El Mundo Del Tango Dance School.

It was like entering an art gallery in New York, Los Angeles, or Paris. On the walls were black-and-white photos of dancers, as well as paint-



majesty to the well-dressed dancers who had come for the weekly party. Their posture, their movements, and their sense of correctness and self carried them from the entranceway onto the dance floor, where at least ten or more couples were dancing to

room look almost like a movie set. Cocktail tables with candles and flowers circled the room. Groups of people were taking breaks or watching oth-

"You never dance the same tango twice," Leon whispers over my shoulder, gesturing to the dancers passing in front of us.

the Latin beats of the milonga, which is a type of music as well as a dance. The checkered floor and red-bordered white walls made the

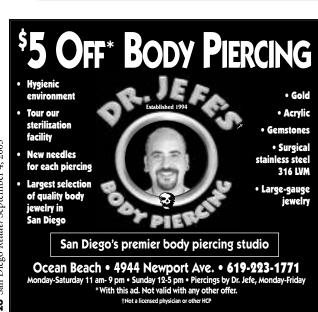
ers dance. What was striking, too, was the diversity of the people who had come. They were from all over the world: Mexico. South America. Canada, and various parts of Europe and Asia, and many of them were speaking their native tongues.

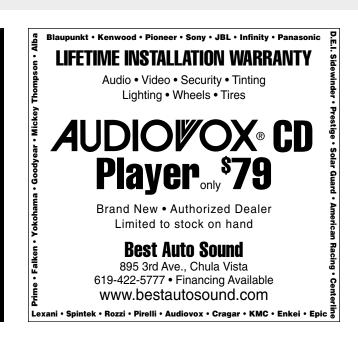
I was happy to have Leon there to give me the basic idea of what the tango was about. First of all, the central instrument of *milonga* music is the *bandoneon*, a harpsichord-type music box. It was created by a Swiss monk and brought over from Europe by sailors to South America. This gives tango its unique sound. It is usually joined by a piano, a guitar, another stringed instrument, and sometimes a wind instrument like a flute.

As we watched the dancers, we noticed that most of the songs sounded alike. This is indicative of the tango dance itself, which is based on a series of repeated steps that, once mastered, can be elaborated upon to make each dance unique. "You never dance the same tango twice," Leon whispers over my shoulder, gesturing to the dancers passing in front of us.

Their grace was striking.

The woman kicks her leg between the man's as he turns and draws her closer. I was beginning to see why the tango is considered such a sexy dance. Each couple is pressed closely together. Leon tells me that a lot of people have trouble with this intimacy. Your whole upper body goes against your partner's, which might make you bashful. Many people also say that the tango is a very masculine dance, that the man asserts himself by leading the woman around the floor. But as I study the dancers. I realize that each one is only as good as his or her partner, that a poor dancer slows down a skilled partner. The women also have the ability to improve the dancing ability of the men leading them,







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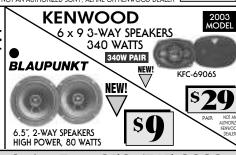
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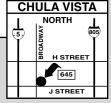






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Marilyn Monroe and the Hotel del Coronado

On Saturday, September 6, 1958, Marilyn Monroe and the 175-person company of *Some Like It Hot* arrived at the Hotel del Coronado to begin location shots, after filming in Hollywood the previous four weeks. The movie, cowritten and directed by Billy Wilder, is about two musicians, played by Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon, who, to elude a gang of bootleggers, dress up in drag and join an all-girl band. Tony Curtis falls in love with the band's lead singer, Sugar Kane Kowalczyk, played by Monroe. Wilder set the movie in 1929 Chicago, which was re-created at the Samuel Goldwyn Studios in Hollywood and at a resort hotel in Miami, Florida, for which the Hotel Del was the stand-in. The *San Diego Union*'s drama editor, Edwin Martin, noted in a puff piece that Monroe was "still beautiful and still shy." He said her playwright-husband Arthur Miller was expected, along with Paula Strasberg, her "dramatic mentor, wife of the famous head of the New York Actor's Studio," where Monroe, who had not done a Hollywood picture in two years, had been studying.

That Labor Day weekend in San Diego was hot — 90 degrees in Balboa Park. The citywide Fiesta del Pacifico held force with numerous events. Parades, carnivals, and street dances dotted the coastal communities. The California Story, a theatrical panorama of the state's noble ethnic past, was seen over 14 days by 70,000 at the new "million-dollar ball park in Mission Valley." A "gigantic open house at Convair-San Diego," the Union said, drew "55,829 visitors," who "toured Plants 1 and 2 and the Research and Development Center on Harbor Drive." The pageantry of state legend combined with the drama of the defense industry swelled Southern Californians' pride about where they came from and where they were going. One future beckoned with this *Union* advertisement the same day

Monroe arrived: "A City Is Born!" boasted the M. Penn Phillips Company, which had sold "on opening weekend \$4,377,321 worth of property" on the "Salton Riviera," a development fronting the Salton Sea.

And, in what would be *de rigueur* by the end of the century, the press corps inaugurated the late-summer ritual of shark sightings. "Sharks Arrive, Swimmers Leave" rang a *Union* headline. Hammerheads or blue sharks, eight or nine feet long, "scared 50 swimmers" at La Jolla Shores. A week prior, an eight-foot hammerhead had chased 150 swimmers out of the water at Pacific Beach and a "seven-foot shark off the Casa de Manaña pool in La Jolla" had been killed.

For *Union* reporter Alfred Jacoby, shark sightings and Monroe on the beach fit hand

in glove. The Wednesday, September 10, edition detailed how on the previous day Monroe, escorted by two Coronado police officers, made the "100-yard trek" to the ocean. Arthur Miller "was close at hand when she walked out of her makeup tent; he walked with her to the beach; he met her when she came dripping from the ocean; and he walked back to the tent with her." The star "cavorted in the ocean for an hour or so. Minutes after [she] scampered ashore...a rumor whipped through the crowd of 500 watching...that a shark had been spotted." Someone commented that the shark was trying to see whether a "vintage 1929 bathing suit would hide the famed Monroe figure.' The *Evening Tribune* noted that while the "movie girls" are in the water, veteran lifeguard the Duke of Catalina is in charge. "I didn't see a shark," the Duke said. "I didn't even see a sardine."

Miller had flown in to be with his wife of two years, according to one biographer, "to try to help stabilize" her. For the first month of shooting in Hollywood, Monroe had been repeatedly late; she often flubbed her lines, requiring multiple takes and incensing her costars. (One scene asked her to enter a room, open a dresser drawer, and say, "Where's the bourbon?" It took more than 50 takes for her to get it right.) The probable reason Monroe was having trouble was the baby — she was pregnant, the second time that year. Though having a child was her dream, pregnancies tried her system, sometimes severely. Six months earlier she had suffered an ectopic pregnancy and miscarried. During breaks in filming, Monroe would sit

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on the Del's veranda and breathe the fresh Pacific air, saying, "This will be great for the baby."

Les Webb, the Del's doorman at the time, delivered mail, costumes, and personal things to Monroe at her residence in the Del's Mar Vista Cottage. Webb, who after 45 years at the hotel now works at City Chevrolet, remembers that "when Marilyn Monroe wasn't in front of the camera, she seemed like a different person. What little I had to do with her, which was in the morning — she seemed very pleasant." He said she was up early every day; others, including Billy Wilder, complained that she often didn't get to the set until midafternoon. (Asked about other Monroe stories, Webb declined to comment, saying that whatever happened on the set of Some Like It Hot resembles a fish story. "It just grows and grows.")

On the first day of shooting, Monroe was upbeat. Onlookers cheered her when she emerged from the cottage or stood around the hotel in her white terry-cloth robe. Wilder called Monroe a "show-off" for the fans. When he wanted quiet, he had to ask her to shush them: "They listened to her." On the beach, with the Del as backdrop, Monroe and Curtis did one of the most comically complicated scenes of the movie — in one take. At the Del, "Marilyn remembered her lines," Wilder said. "Everything was fine." The only problem was the jets at North Island, landing and taking off every 15 minutes. Because of the jet noise, Wilder projected the beach scene would take three days. With the scene in the can, he was overjoyed and, for once, ahead of schedule.

That Friday Edwin Martin's Union column was titled "Marilyn's Career At Crossroads." Recalling such hits as Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, he wrote, "Fans were delighted by this swivel-hipped blonde whose elaborate bathing and original approach to sex often gave love scenes a humorous flavor." The pencil-mustached Martin revealed how Monroe-watchers saw her at the time girlishly alluring; in essence, her screen persona. Dubbing her "provocative" and "elusive" (five days earlier she had been "beautiful" and "shy"), Martin said she'd made the "culture break" from Hollywood to the Actor's Studio because "she was determined to play more dramatic types." As to her current role, he wrote, "she is said to combine tenderness with humor, has moments of sheer

pathos, and achieves identification with her character she seldom achieved previously." Martin seemed unable to understand why she sought roles other than the bimbo: "Audience lines were blocks long at the box-office, yet Mrs. Miller decided to change her style."

Martin dismissed the "glum-looking Miller," calling him "just part of the incidental scenery." And "Marilyn," he continued, "proved herself adept, as always, in answering pert press queries with tactful but somewhat baffling replies, and she managed to reveal a teasing expanse of leg to the cameras." One wonders whether Martin and other reporters were anything but pert, seldom caring who this beautiful and shy, elusive and provocative woman was. Because, the morning after Martin's column, a day after



Arthur Miller and Marilyn Monroe

Monroe had mailed a panicky letter about her troubles to a friend, and after a long and torturous phone call with Miller, who had returned the previous day to New York, Mon-

roe was found by Paula Strasberg in the Mar Vista Cottage drugged and disoriented. She was flown to Los Angeles and rushed to a hospital in Hollywood. The actress had overdosed on Seconal and champagne.

About halfway through Some Like It Hot, there's a scene that everything in the film has been driving toward — the seduction of Monroe by Curtis. How the hopes of men stirred once they'd seen Monroe revealed in those diaphanous...well, let's back up a little. The saxophone-toting glamour-boy Joe, played by Curtis, and his buddy, the bass fiddle-plucking neurotic Jerry, played by Lemmon, are broke and desperate, taking the little money they earn each night and losing it at the track the next day; during a blizzard one night, Joe and Jerry happen to witness the St. Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago, an actual event in which Al Capone's gang gunned down Bugs Moran's gang; Joe and Jerry are also seen witnessing the

massacre; they barely escape a phalanx of tommy-gunning bootleggers led by Spats Columbo, played by George Raft, star of Scarface, in which he epitomized the starchfaced, coin-flipping mobster; since Joe and Jerry had heard a day earlier that Sweet Sue and Her Society Syncopators were looking for a sax and a bass player, of the female persuasion, the pair decide to dress in drag to elude the gangsters; Joe as Josephine and Jerry as Daphne get the job, just in time to board a train for Florida; on the train Josephine-Joe meets Sugar Kane, a girl ukulelist and singer with the band, whom Joe decides to woo; the band then arrives in Florida at a hotel called the Seminole-Ritz (the Hotel Del), where Josephine-Joe undresses from his flapper outfit and dons the eight-but-

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whole troupe of Balinese dancers with bells on their ankles and those long fingernails...gave me six months in Vienna with Professor Freud." Abruptly he kisses Sugar. The seams of her stitched-on gown are poised to pop (the men hope) if (as expected) she gets too excited. She asks, "Was that anything?" Junior shakes his head no. "Thanks just the same." Sugar feeds him two glasses of champagne, then pushes him onto a couch. Hoping to arouse that which produces The Ardor in a man, she kisses him so torridly that we see his foot, behind her head, slowly and rigidly rise into the air. Again she asks, "Anything this time?" Junior says, "I'm afraid not," though we know by the hot air balloonlike ascent of his foot that he's lying so Sugar will do it again.



Sugar does, but not before she issues a breathy dose of advice, "You're not giving yourself a chance. Don't fight it. Relax." Victimized by several more squirming kisses

and head-cradling embraces, Junior confesses to a "funny sensation in my toes, like somebody was barbecuing them over a slow flame." Sugar says, knowing she's buoyed his buoy, "Let's throw another log on the fire."

Producer, director, and writer Wilder had already made Monroe the skirt-raising tease of American men in 1955 with The Seven Year Itch. To kindle more flames, he signed Monroe for the part of Sugar Kane in spring 1958. Once the actress inked a deal, Wilder and his screenwriting partner Izzy Diamond crafted Sugar's endearing and exploitable daffiness expressly for Marilyn. In the yacht scene, they reversed the roles of hound and fox: Monroe became the tonguelolling pursuer; Curtis, the tongue-biting pursued. Wilder said, "To be subdued, seduced, and screwed by Marilyn Monroe — what could be better? It was just like picking oranges."

Some Like It Hot still has groves of oranges to pick, judging by the adulation the film has received these past 44 years. Released in 1959, the movie was nominated for five Oscars, winning best costume design for the exquisite see-through gowns that Orry-Kelly created for Monroe. That year, Monroe and Lemmon won Golden Globes for their performances, and the movie won best comedy picture. Wilder and Diamond got a plaque for best comedy script from the Writers Guild of America.

Then, in 2000, came the big award. The American Film Institute named *Some Like It Hot* the best comedy of the 20th Century. (In second place was the other cross-dressing hit, *Tootsie.*) In 2002 Tony Curtis, then 77 and the film's only surviving principal, headlined a touring musical-theater version of *Some Like It Hot* as Osgood

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Fielding III, Daphne's beau. Topping all accolades, however, is the clumsily titled Billy Wilder's Some Like It Hot: The Funniest Film Ever Made: The Complete Book by Dan Auiler, edited by Alison Castle, and published by Benedikt Taschen, the German purveyor of pop art and coffee-table books. Retailing at \$150, the heavy, 8-inch-tall, 16-inch-wide tome (it's more like a ship than a book) contains a facsimile of the final script; essays by Auiler and interviews, mostly with Wilder; hundreds of photos; posters from the movie's international run (in Spanish it was called Una Eva y Dos Adánes); and a reproduction of Monroe's leather-covered "prompt" book, where her printed lines are annotated with cryptic and revealing notes to herself, such as "My part — it's not more important than me."

Why is this movie so successful as comic art? Let's first peel off the duplicities. Its crossdressing hilarity; its risqué dialogue; its deployment of actors like George Raft and Nehemiah Persoff, who parody their gangster roles from earlier films; hyperbole and dissembling ironies from verbal to dramatic to cosmic — in short, the number and variety of liberties it takes and the speed with which the impersonations in the story escalate. It's a film stacked with falsies. Everything is misrepresented, almost always with aplomb. The movie takes place at the zenith of Prohibition; saloons and their customers are partners in disguise. The speakeasy is fronted by a funeral parlor; the hearse-carrying coffin is loaded with whiskey bottles; and the sobriquet for a bootleggers' convention in Miami is "Friends of Italian Opera." The dialogue pulses with wit; lines fly by like roof shingles in a tornado. When Sweet Sue asks Josephine and Daphne where they learned to play their instruments, Josephine says the Sheboygan Conservatory of Music. Later, when Sugar Kane meets Shell Oil Junior (a disguised Josephine), she co-opts Josephine's line about attending Sheboygan and adds that Sue's Syncopators are from "Bryn Mawr, Vassar. We're only doing this for a lark." Other jokes mess

its transvestism and



Marilyn Monroe and Tony Curtis (between takes)

with gender. *Jerry*: I'm engaged. *Joe*: Who's the lucky girl? *Jerry*: I am.

"Falsehood is the fuel of this famous movie," wrote Anthony Lane recently in the New Yorker. But falsehood has always been Hollywood's octane. Wilder's "high farce" is so cleverly balanced between gender-bending innuendo and the boy-chasing-girl motif that the good heart of the latter keeps the naughtiness of the former harmless. Indeed, placing the crossdressers in the Roaring Twenties was the only way for Wilder, during

the censorial 1950s, to comment on the intractability of our sexual stereotypes.

But all the cleverness in the world cannot obscure the social critic in the German-born Wilder. To dress up as girls or boys, to pretend we're millionaires or society mavens, to fake our education or our connections — it's all in the name of getting what we want. F. Scott Fitzgerald once said he was haunted by his inauthenticity; so, too, he thought were most Americans of any standing. He believed that to get what we want we

must inflate ourselves. My Depression-tested, paper-selling father used to say, "Whether you like it or not, the only way you'll get ahead in this world is by selling yourself." My father's contemporary, Norma Jean Baker, the woman she was before she was Marilyn Monroe, proved his point by selling her body, and perhaps her soul, to the leering masses.

Had Monroe's role been played by another actress, the movie likely would have endured: the script was stellar, Curtis and Lemmon and Joe E. Brown as Osgood, heavenly. But when you add Monroe's hot and cold chemistry with the other actors; when you add the awful things Billy Wilder said of her: "breasts like granite that defy gravity and a mind like Swiss cheese, that is, full of holes"; when you add the admirable things he said of her following her death in 1962: "an absolute genius as a comic actress, with an extraordinary sense for comic dialogue"; when you add the 41 years since Norma Jean succumbed, during which the ghosts of her psychotic mother and the assassinated Kennedy

brothers continue to haunt — *Some Like It Hot* has become far more than a movie: it stands today like a comic monument to Monroe's tragic fall.

Graham McCann writes in his 1988 Marilyn Monroe, "The film is so significant for Monroe watchers, for it is the quintessential fiction on Monroe." The movie invites the audience who has followed her "personal highs and lows for several years" "to tease out the biographical references in Monroe's character." This, McCann says, is what gets her fans into the theater. For the filmmakers of the 1950s, the question was always, How can the thricemarried Monroe be reflected to an audience who desperately wants her to find the right man? Answer: have art imitate life. Thus, a shy, bespectacled, unmanly Junior (Arthur Miller) meets a generous, ditzy, confessional Sugar Kane (Marilyn), and their unlikely, mixed-up, marriage-minded romance is the story. One the public knows already.

But there's a price to pay for this too-complete identification. Since no actor can



maintain her screen persona — despite the desires of audience and studio — the star like an animal ensnared in a steel trap begins to chew her foot off in order to get free. This is, essentially, the tragedy depicted in Wilder's Sunset Boulevard. In fact, Monroe's troubles during Some Like It Hot trace a similar emotional arc to those of Norma Desmond (played to pugnacious perfection by Gloria Swanson) in Wilder's great 1950 movie. There, the deluded silent-film star tries to parlay her old glory in a thankless Hollywood and fails utterly. Playing the 24-year-old Sugar Kane, the 32-year-old Marilyn becomes as self-destructive in her life as Swanson's Norma was in her role.

Before teasing Monroe's decline any further out of the shadows, it may

be wise first to look at the Hotel Del's role in the film. Wilder made Some Like It Hot by shooting all the interior scenes in Hollywood between early August and early November. To fake Florida for the outdoor shots, Wilder and Diamond selected the Del because, Wilder said, "This was the only place we could find that hasn't changed in 30 years. People who have never seen this beautiful hotel will never believe we didn't make these scenes on a movie lot. It's like the past come to life." In 1958 the Del was mostly unchanged since it had opened 70 years earlier.

What was it about the Hotel Del that brought 1929 to life for Wilder? Practicalities. Good weather, proximity to Los Angeles, a fair business deal to house and feed Wilder's crew, the grand sweep of porches and vistas, and



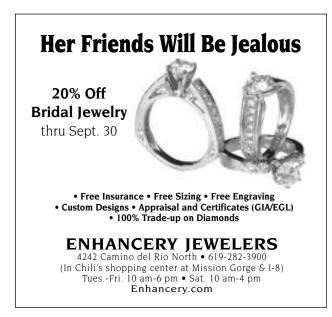
Billy Wilder

the millionaires who didn't just spend the night but rather stayed for weeks or months during winter. Ed Sikov writes in his On Sunset Boulevard: The Life and Times of Billy Wilder that the script called for a Miami resort hotel where in 1929 millionaires hunted for brides and brides went to be hunted. But very few of those "magnificent old resorts" in Miami were still standing in 1958. They "had been pulled

down to make room for the gaudy, streamlinerococo gloss of postwar beach development. The Coronado, however, was perfect — a grand 1887 heap."

Christine Donovan is the Hotel Del's director of heritage programs; the new owner, Loews Corporation, which bought the hotel in 1997, asked her to consolidate the Del's history. With a background in marketing and historic preservation, Donovan penned synopses of the hotel's "Hollywood Connection," a checklist of famous "American Authors" who've stayed a night or two, and what she calls "the increasing frenzy of Some Like It Hot." She characterizes Elisha Babcock and Hampton Story's design as one of "whimsy and asymmetry, with lots of fun things like cupolas, towers, and turrets, rambling white clapboard and long verandas. It's a very busy architecture, but it's also very pleasing. Children are entranced by the hotel. To them it's magical." She quotes the writer Edmund Wilson, who described the Del in 1931 as "snowy white and ornate as a wedding cake, clean, polished and trim as a ship." Donovan says that the structure also fascinates people because it was a "miracle" to build, with workmen and materials coming from elsewhere. Its other claim to fame is that the hotel has been a continuously running resort hotel for more than a century, open even during World War II.

Every president from William Howard Taft to William Jefferson Clinton has spent the night at the Del. People are always inquiring, Donovan says, about a wedding that took place on the grounds in 1973







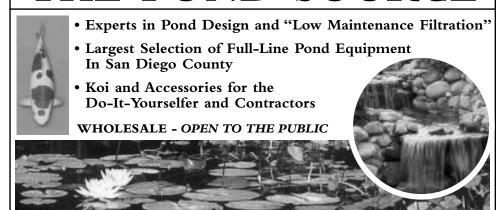






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or 1944: Are photos available? (Usually, they're not, she says.) And scores of movies and TV shows have been shot at the hotel, not to mention the celebrities who like it as their hideaway, in part, because their stays will be added to Donovan's list, a kind of Coronado walk of fame.

The architecture, the famous guests, the great wedding cake as movie set — "and Marilyn Monroe," Donovan boasts. She looks at a poster on her office wall. It's the Blonde Bombshell in an offscreen pose, wearing a short terry-cloth robe that covers her 1920s bathing suit; behind her is the Del's big red turret and a throng of looky-loos. "It would be hard," Donovan says, "to think of a more perfect movie than Some Like It

Hot for the Del to be associated with." I wondered whether the hotel was milking its Marilyn connection. Donovan says, "We don't have to promote that Some Like It Hot was shot here. It's got a life of its own."

On Monday, September 15, 1958, the *Evening* Tribune headlined a small news item on A-13, "Monroe Leaves Coronado Set, Enters Hospital." The movie was halted by the star's illness: "She is now under observation at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Hollywood." Monroe's personal physician refused to answer questions, but friends reported her "suffering from 'nervous exhaustion.'

The biographies paint a detailed but by no means uniform picture. The poet Norman



Christine Donovan

Rosten, one of Monroe's closest friends, received a letter from Monroe, dated September 11 (the Thursday of her week here), typed on Coronado stationery. Anthony Summers writes in Goddess: The Secret Lives of Marilyn Monroe that the "hotel notepaper was decorated with a beach scene, to which Marilyn added a little female

stick figure in the water, waving its arms and shouting 'Help.' "The letter reads, "Dear Norman, Don't give up the ship while we're sinking. I have a feeling this boat is never going to dock. We are going through the Straits of Dire. It's rough and choppy but why should I worry I have no phallic symbol to lose." The P.S., "Love

me for my yellow hair alone," alludes to a poem by W.B. Yeats. (The actual poem, "For Anne Gregory," reads "...only God, my dear, / Could love you for yourself alone / And not your yellow hair.") At the bottom, in Monroe's script, is "I would have written this by hand but it's trembling.'

Donald Spoto, in his 1993 Marilyn Monroe: The Biography, considered to be the authoritative work on her life, writes that "nervous exhaustion" was a misnomer. He says that Monroe overdosed late Friday evening or early Saturday morning after a difficult phone call to Miller. Monroe "apparently took one too many sleeping capsules, perhaps with champagne. She was neither dying nor comatose, but, in a reaction typical for one

who ingests such a combination, she vomited so violently that Paula [Strasberg] had her admitted to a hospital for the weekend."

Such entries in *The*

Marilyn Encyclopedia as "Sleep," "Medical Problems," and "Suicide Attempts" point to a number of problems she was facing in 1958. For one, there was her pill-taking regimen, especially barbiturates for her insomnia. Several physicians, whom Monroe played off one another, prescribed a steady diet of Benzedrine, Dexedrine, Seconal, and Nembutal. Years of pill-taking meant her tolerance for the sleep aids was very high: Monroe seldom fell asleep before 4:00 or 5:00 a.m. Consequently, her next-day scene would be postponed until 4:00 p.m. ("Wait-











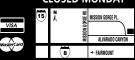
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Some friends said that in addition to her physical problems with sleep and pregnancy, Monroe was despondent about her marriage to Miller. In a letter he wrote to his "Darling Girl" that Friday night after he got off the phone, Miller lamented

not supporting her monetarily and being unable to express his emotions; he would, therefore, continue psychoanalysis. Did Monroe feel — as she did with her second husband, Joe DiMaggio, who physically abused her during their ninemonth marriage — that she had again chosen a man who was incapable of the affection she craved? Was Miller's distance grounds to want to end her life? Her selfmedicating regimen was probably not a death wish. It was a way to shut down her bigheartedness, to curb her

longing for unconditional love, whether from a man or a baby. A lost soul, Monroe was

Marilyn, Paula Strasberg mixed acting mentor and female-husband. Her presence suggests

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taken care of by friends and boyfriends and husbands, a woman not much different from a pet or an invalid. For

that Arthur Miller, who feared rather than cherished Marilyn's fragility and who couldn't (and didn't want to) be with

her all the time, felt that she could never be alone. Future overdoses would prove him right.

In late September Monroe and company returned to the Hotel Del. The film had been delayed 15 days, by far its longest hiatus. Though Some Like It Hot continued production, Monroe's overdose at the Del initiated a cycle of breakdown, hospitalization, psychoanalysis, drug ingestion. Her death, four years later, would be ruled a "probable suicide," caused by "self-administered sedative drugs." A few believe it wasn't

self-administered but rather injected via enema — one or more henchmen, working on behalf of, well, the list of possible suspects is a long one and lengthens every year.

Monroe's statement in her letter to Rosten -"why should I worry I have no phallic symbol to lose" — may signal a psychological break from Hollywood's female straitjacket. The comment, of course, refers to Joe and Jerry having to lose their "phalluses" in order to "become women." But she is also reminding

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herself that she need not be infected by the sexminded decisions that typify directors, producers, and male actors. For Monroe, it's not the penis, per se, that she distrusts. Monroe slept with hundreds of men, though seldom with passion, if the testimony of her paramours is to be believed. Rather, it was the sexual merchandising the film barons employed that she despised. The bodyrevealing costumes, the girl-crazy scripts, the insipid romantic endings, not to mention the contractual authority

directors and producers used to cut whatever scene they wanted to when a film was finished (Marilyn's finest nonsexual performance was excised by director Joshua Logan from the film Bus Stop) — these were the bludgeons of phallic rule.

During the filming of Some Like It Hot, Monroe told herself to fight back. "Don't take their tone!" she notes in her prompt book. After all, she could exercise some control of her own: she was married to a brilliant playwright; she had a nascent pro-

duction company; she was the biggest boxoffice draw in America; and she would soon be a mother, becoming a member of an exclusive female club.

But because Monroe craved the adulation that being a movie star brought, she could not escape Hollywood's grasp. As a result, Monroe's view of her profession was split between acquiescence and anger. Some believed she wanted to play Sugar Kane Kowalczyk. Izzy Diamond remembers Monroe's writing to Wilder, before they sent

her the story, that she hoped to work with him again. In spring 1958, Monroe and Miller received Wilder's twopage outline and Miller thought right away that a drag comedy would be the perfect toddy for Monroe, after miscarrying. A few of Monroe's friends recall her never saying a bad word about Sugar Kane.

However, according to Donald H. Wolfe's Last Days of Marilyn Monroe, Monroe said the script and the character incensed her. "I've played dumb blondes before," she said, "but

never *that* dumb. How couldn't I recognize that they were men. I won't do it. Never." Wolfe describes Miller's debts as the primary motive for Monroe's taking part in the film. They needed to pay the huge legal expenses he had accrued fighting the House Un-American Activities Committee, which had been probing his left-wing connections. Miller rightly believed the film would make a fortune. Wolfe says that Monroe, while recognizing they needed money, complained bitterly about Miller's

importuning. She told a friend, "All he cares about is money. Not me. I can't take another one of these parts. This is the dumbest ever. Why doesn't he try to write something he hates. Then he'd see." But Monroe agreed to meet with Wilder, Curtis, and Lemmon, who flew to New York City, where the Millers lived. Each told her the part would "be a milestone in her career." Apparently it wasn't hard to engage the man-pleasing part of Monroe. She said yes, though a buried rage at them for

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persuading her and at herself for giving in continued.

In a letter to Norman Rosten around this time, she strung the beads of her confusion. "Should I do my next picture or stay home and try to have a baby again? That's what I want most of all, the baby, I guess, but maybe God is trying to tell me something, I mean with my pregnancy. I'd probably make a kooky mother; I'd love my child to death. I want it, yet I'm scared. Arthur says he wants it, but he's losing his enthusiasm.

He thinks I should do the picture. After all, I'm a movie star, right?"

Donald H. Wolfe says Monroe, after agreeing to the film, tried to eat her way out of it. So does Barbara Leaming in her Marilyn Monroe. "In the dark bedroom on East 57th Street, Marilyn, sitting naked in bed, drank champagne and stuffed herself compulsively. The servants marveled at her ability to cram vast quantities of food down her throat. She devoured lamb chops, steaks, hamburgers, veal cutlets, and home-fried

potatoes. She was particularly fond of chocolate pudding. She vowed to make herself so fat that no one would want her to appear in *Some Like It Hot.*"

Before Monroe got to Coronado, she countered Wilder's control by being late, flubbing lines, and taking her own "direction" from Strasberg, her attendant. Cursing like a sailor, she told Wilder, "Look, mister. You have Marilyn Monroe in this ridiculous film so use her, don't fuck her up. And don't try to fuck with her either." Another instance of Monroe's self-reference, much like Richard Nixon calling himself "the President," came after seeing the rushes of her entrance. "I'm not going back into the fucking film until Wilder reshoots my opening. When Marilyn Monroe comes into a room, nobody's going to be looking at Tony Curtis playing Joan Crawford. They're going to be looking at Marilyn Monroe." Wilder did as he was told.

The film wrapped on November 6, 1958, 29 days overschedule and a half-million dollars overbudget. On December 16, the day the movie premiered in Los Angeles, Monroe miscarried again. In the aftermath, things got ugly. She blamed Wilder. Earl Wilson, after speaking with Monroe, noted in his gossip column that she "wishes that Billy'd remember that Some *Like It Hot* cost her the baby." There followed a series of publicly traded barbs between Monroe and Wilder, with Miller also getting snagged. When Monroe read in the paper that Wilder

had complained that she aggravated his bad back during filming, she shouted, "I made him sick! I made him sick!" She shredded the paper and ran to Miller's study, screaming, "It's your fault. It's your damn fault. You better damn well do something about it, you bleeding-heart bastard. Now everybody in the world will take me as a fool. A joke. You've got to say something. People listen to you. You've got respect."

Lena Pepitone, one of Monroe's personal assistants at the time,







wrote that following the December miscarriage, Monroe was almost catatonically depressed. For weeks, the actress plied her pain with sedatives until one night Pepitone found Monroe "unconscious on the bedroom floor, her face caked with vomit," her body having disgorged some of the Nembutal invader. A doctor came and pumped her stomach; she was revived again just as she had been in Coronado four months earlier.

And yet Monroe's August-to-November hardships are *never* apparent in *Some Like It Hot*. She simply had any trace of her personal life wiped out onscreen with the requisite drugs and the requisite scene takes: the numbers are legendary — 46 takes, 65 takes, 87 takes.

Though enraged by her lack of professionalism, Wilder always agreed to another take whenever Monroe insisted, "I know I can do better, Billy." His preference for Monroe meant that Tony Curtis (and here I'll steal one of the film's metaphors) got the fuzzy end of the lollipop. Wilder said, "When I come to cut the film, I look at the early takes. Curtis looks good on those and Monroe is weak. On the later takes, she is wonderful and he is weak. As a director, I must disregard his best takes...and go with Monroe...because when Monroe is on the screen, the audience cannot keep their eyes off her."

One on-set squabble bears retelling. Tony Curtis, perhaps aware of Wilder's loyalty to the audience, was asked after viewing the day's rushes of the yacht scene what it was like to kiss Monroe, that is, to receive her ardor. He replied, "It was like kissing Hitler." When Paula Strasberg heard the comment, she wept: "How could you say such a thing?" "You try working with her, Paula," Curtis said, "and see how you feel." When Monroe was told, she was livid: "If I have to do intimate love scenes with somebody who really has that feeling toward me, then my fantasy has to come into play — in other words, out with him, in with my fantasy. He was never there."

Curtis was being paid \$100,000 to impersonate a woman (Josephine) as well as two men (Joe and Shell Oil Junior); Monroe

was getting \$300,000 to impersonate Marilyn, that is, the "sex bomb," as Wilder liked to call her. And it's these impersonations by Curtis and Monroe, as well as Jack Lemmon's, that summon, in my mind, Picasso's famous dictum, "Art is a lie that tells the truth." If this picture "lies" in its depiction of a cad chasing a cream puff, what is the truth of this lie? It's a truth essential to drag comedy, asking the question, Which gender

is bending which? Wilder biographer Ed Sikov writes that drag comedy is "all about gender anxiety and sexual panic. It forces people to worry about presence and absence, but the worry is part of the pleasure." Though Wilder's drag comedy is very pleasurable, it's also very onesided, playing as it does to an American male audience with Marilyn as the lure. Some Like It Hot reveals just how ridiculously disingenu-

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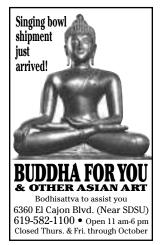
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man to stoop.
With men as
dough, Wilder and Diamond's script bends the
male gender into a
she/he pretzel. The
penultimate scene in
Some Like It Hot is Hol-

lywood's first "lesbian kiss." While Joe, dressed as Josephine, is running from a new set of goons who've just rubbed out Spats Columbo and his gang, he hears Sugar Kane singing, "I'm Through with Love." He rushes onstage and kisses her. He says to Sugar's astonished face, in neither Josephine's nor Shell Oil's voice but in his own, "No guy's worth it." Sugar is incredulous. "Josephine?" She's been kissed by a woman. But then she recognizes it's Junior's kiss. Though Joe must continue fleeing, the moment is all his: "By 'becoming' a woman," as one film historian put it, Joe finally "becomes a mensch."

That just end is engineered for Curtis's Joe and, by extension, the male audience. But what does Monroe get out of it? The fuzzy end of the lollipop. What is so great about this film is that by forcing men to become women, the picture shows men how wrong they are about the other sex. What is so trivial about this film is that in order to convey that message, the movie uses a child-woman to get men into the theater. And then, after they've been ogling Marilyn for more than an hour and seen how much fun a guy can have with a simpleton like Sugar, can their addlepated







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minds receive any of Joe's lesson about deceitfulness with women?

With Monroe's character buried by the male soap opera, you might think she could rise no higher than her depiction. But she does because she's irrepressible. In fact, Monroe emerges as the one who embodies the truth of the lie: love often means putting up with the faults of those we love. "You don't want me, Sugar," says Curtis, pulling off his wig in the end. "I'm a liar and a phony, a saxophone player, one of those nogoodniks you keep running away from." "That's right," Sugar says, grabbing him. "Pour it on. Talk me out of it." The Hollywood male fantasy says that men connive forgiveness for idiotically pursuing a beautiful woman — because they can't help it. Forgiven, the men get off. And putting up with men getting off may have, in part, done in

Monroe. And yet the actress, over time, eventually comprehended how her handlers portrayed her. A few years after the storm over Some Like It *Hot* had settled, she said, "People had a habit of looking at me as if I were some kind of mirror instead of a person. They didn't see me; they saw their own lewd thoughts, then they white-masked themselves by calling me the lewd one." A gaggle of publicists fashioned Marilyn's persona, knowing that an audience of lustful men and jealous women would gladly trade innocence for lewdness, gravity for shallowness. Sugar Kane was the actress's fullest impersonation of the male-imagined female, and it was also her final impersonation of Marilyn.

One last Wilder line

seems particularly telling. Many years after Monroe's death, he described her as in life, hell; on film, divine. "There was no connection. No more mystery to it than that. She was not the kind of woman a sex bomb is supposed to be, and it wore her out. She never found anyone who understood her." Did that include Billy Wilder?

When the pregnant Monroe arrived at the Hotel Del and smelled the sea air, she was content: she and Miller were finally going to have a family, the intact family she was denied as a child. Perhaps the allure of Coronado's beach and the architectural marvel of the hotel itself compelled her to realize how happy she might be — and, once

again, how impossible a wish that was, given her dependence on drugs and directors. Perhaps she thought she could get through this last dumb-blonde role, make the money, and be done with the joke forever. She may or may not have realized that this role would prove her comedic talents beyond doubt. It was clear, however, that she

despised the role of Sugar Kane more than any of her other screen characters. At a premiere of Some Like It Hot (Monroe attended a few around the country), she ran into Clark Gable. (Gable would eventually costar with her in The Misfits, the last film either would appear in. Arthur Miller had written the screenplay based on his short

story, adding for Marilyn the role of the melancholic, disillusioned Roslyn.) After the premiere, Monroe told Gable, a man whom she had fantasized as her father when she was young and fatherless, "I'm so embarrassed. That fat blond thing up on the screen — that wasn't me." **■**

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uan Guttierez, 23, in his first year of college, is majoring in journalism.

Is anyone in your family in the military?

"I was in the military; Air Force, for four years, and I also have family members who have been in the military their whole lives."

Do you think the U.S. military should leave Iraq?

"The media and the people in this country aren't allowing me to make a personal decision on that. I really don't know; I mean, there are issues and information on it. But I think all the information is biased on one side or another, so I can't find a nonbiased opinion."

Is it important that weapons of mass destruction be found in Iraa?

"I think no matter where they are, I think it's important because you got some crazy people out there."

What is the worst thing Saddam Hussein has done?

"Well, they said he was gassing people. But the thing is, I think they were different types of Muslims and to him those people were not his people. So I'd say gassing people and the mass killing of the citizens in Iraq."

Are you aware of any U.S. troops fighting in Afghanistan? "I think we still do have a lot of troops there."

What do you think about U.S. troops going into Liberia?

"This is the part where we do have to mind our own business; but if it protects innocent people, then they do need to be protected. So I really don't know where the downsides are."

What are your thoughts about the U.S. military functioning as the world's police?

"I think that there are countries that need to be protected that



U.S. Marines from the 8th Marine Regiment en route to Liberia

don't have a military. But I do think that we are spending a lot on military." Will history depict the U.S. as bullies or liberators?

"I think people will think of the U.S. as the second coming of the Roman Empire. I think that we are too big, we're too spread out, but in the long run people are going to see us as...I don't know. We could be seen as bullies or as life supporters."

The U.S. government should spend less money on military and more on...

"Education. I mean, we spend a lot on education in the first place. I don't know, I guess everything is fine."

enn State sophomore Christy Cheung, 19, is majoring in psychology.

Is anyone in your family in the military? "Nobody."

Do you think the U.S. military should leave Iraa?

"They should, because I've felt that the war is no longer necessary; they should

just leave Iraq and stop the war like Bush said."

Is it important that weapons of mass destruction be found in Iraq?

"Yes, because if we don't find it, it can come back to haunt us later on."

What is the worst thing Saddam Hussein has done?

"There is no specific thing or *one*; everything he did is the worst that a human being can ever think of." Are you aware of any U.S. troops fighting in Afghanistan?

"I don't know much about this. All I know is that they haven't said anything about U.S. troops in Afghanistan, just Iraq."

What do you think about U.S. troops going into Liberia?

"I don't think they should go to places where they might have a possibility of hurting the innocent people. It's not our problem, so why should they go there?" What are your thoughts about the U.S. military functioning as the world's police? "They shouldn't be. The U.S. is just one

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ose Van, 19, is in her second year at SDSU. "I want to become an educator," she

Is anyone in your family in the military? "No."

Do you think the U.S. mil*itary should leave Iraq?* "Yes, because we don't have the right to control someone else's country. We need to let Iraq have sovereignty." Is it important that

weapons of mass destruction be found in Iraq? "I think it's important that the U.S. finds the weapons of mass destruction in Iraq because this is our way to prove our right to fight against Iraq.'

What is the worst thing Saddam Hussein has done?

"The way he killed many people and how he tortured them."

Are you aware of any U.S.

troops fighting in Afghanistan?

"Yes. I know they're still fighting there even though in the U.S. news they don't announce it; I hear about it on foreign news."

What do you think about U.S. troops going into Liberia?

"I don't think it's a good idea because look what's happening in Iraq. U.S. soldiers are dying and the war is supposedly over."

What are your thoughts about the U.S. military functioning as the world's police?

"Instead of creating more allies, we will create more enemies since we're always in the middle of two countries." Will history depict the U.S. as bullies or liberators? "History will depict the U.S. as bullies because we do get in other people's

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Is anyone in your family in the military?

"My grandparents were in the Navy for about 30 years."

Do you think the U.S. military should leave Iraq?

"I'm not sure, because I don't know why we're over there. Bush should've finished it a long time ago."

Is it important that

weapons of mass destruction be found in Iraq?

"Yeah and no, because I think they're just trying to prove a point; because we're always trying to interfere with other people's business."

What is the worst thing Saddam Hussein has

"Nine-eleven and making his sons they way they are. Because I've seen what he's done to them, making them shoot people at five years

Are you aware of any U.S. troops fighting in Afghanistan?

"I hear on the news that they're not, but when I hear it on foreign news, I hear that some of them are still fighting over there."

What do you think about U.S. troops going into Liberia?

"They can do what they want. I don't really care

right now."

What are your thoughts about the U.S. military functioning as the world's police?

"I think it's good what they're doing, and we're always trying to fix things, but they always take something back afterwards."

Will history depict the

Will history depict the U.S. as bullies or liberators?

"I guess it depends on how you look on it. If you're from another country, you'd think that they're trying to help you; but if you're communist or something, they're going to think that you're a bully."

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ldrin Cabanag, 19, attends UC-Irvine, where he's in his second year. He's a political science major. *Is anyone in your family* in the military? "The typical Filipino family: my dad is in the Navy, and he's been in the Navy for 15 years." Do you think the U.S. military should leave Iraq? "We're already there, and we might as well finish the job. Bush said that

the war is over already. but I guess that's not completely true since U.S. troops are still dying there."

Is it important that weapons of mass destruction be found in Iraa? "I don't think it's that important since North Korea has nuclear weapons and the U.S. government didn't attack them. They are more of a threat to us than Iraq

What is the worst thing Saddam Hussein has done?

"Saddam did a lot of things. There's too many to just single out one. I mean, many people talk about the mass killings, but most people don't talk about how he lit up the oil rigs back in the Persian Gulf. There's just too many things." Are you aware of any U.S. troops fighting in Afghanistan?

"I thought they left already. But if there are troops fighting there, then the U.S. government or the U.S. media are liars."

What do you think about U.S. troops going into Liberia?

"Just don't make it into another Iraq. Just throw the president out of Liberia and allow them to create a government they want rather than us appointing a new

president." What are your thoughts about the U.S. military functioning as the world's

police?

"We need to focus on our own problems, like the California budget. If we can't fix our own problems, then why should we fix other people's problems?" Will history depict the U.S. as bullies or liberators? "Probably more like the

country who got in everyone's business. We really do need to focus on our own issues like we did back in the 1910s. before World War I." The U.S. government should spend less money on military and more on... "Education — man, schools this year won't have the great teachers they once had due to the budget cuts." ■

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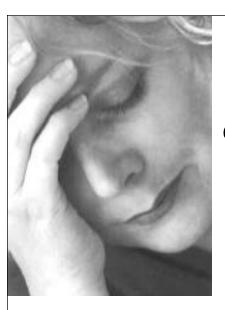
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The Honorary Chinese Paratrooper

received some odd assignments as assistant adjutant of the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne). I supervised the carving of a large pair of parachute wings out of ice for a formal ball. I ordered the names of departing officers to be engraved on boxes of dessert bronzewear purchased cheaply in Thailand (field grade) and on sterling silver silent butlers purchased even more cheaply on Okinawa (company grade). I had my ass chewed into slivers of bloody fat for misspelling Lt. Col. Matola's ("Motola") name on his farewell gift, a brass *usabata*. I do not to this day know what a *usabata* is, or what purpose it may serve, other than as a platform for engraving.

I found all this deeply humiliating.

My selection as assistant adjutant had nothing to do with any administrative skills I might have had, which were nil. I had become the assistant adjutant so that I might perform the additional duty of public information officer. There was no slot for a PIO in the table of organization and equipment of a Special Forces Group. But the group commander, Colonel Robert W. "Woody" Garrett, had determined that his best shot at even one star was good publicity for the group.

This was so because the general who commanded the U.S. Army, Ryukyu Islands (USARYIS), Lieutenant General Paul W. "Small Paul" Carraway, hated — or was rumored to hate — combat troops. In 33 years of military service he had never, as Colonel Garrett put it, "smelled smoke in combat."

Colonel Garrett, on the other hand, had smelled a lot of it. In World War II he had at first commanded a company in the 6th Ranger Battalion, as did Bull Simons (the most famous Special Forces combat commander). Then, at age 27, Colonel Garrett had been promoted to major and taken command of the battalion. This guy had been Bull Simons's commanding officer. To me he was a god.

But a strange and whimsical god. Hence my being



Chinese jump certificate

hijacked to group headquarters.

While I was cranking out press releases, my buddies — classmates from Special Forces Officers Course — were going to Vietnam on six-month TDY (temporary duty) tours and returning covered with glory.

Me, I was covered with a pair of novice parachutist wings and shame.

"I don't know what you're complaining about," Colonel Garrett challenged me on one of those occasions when I groveled and begged to be put on a team and sent in harm's way. "You get more training than anybody."

This was true in a way. I got to do all the flashy stuff, so I could write it up for the first group magazine, the *Liberator*, or for *Pacific Stars and Stripes*. I made night drops in Korea (frozen DZ, fractured coccyx) and water jumps into the East China sea.

For the water jumps we were barefoot and bareheaded. We wore shorts and T-shirts, and hitting the water was like sinking into a warm bath.

I sat in a rubber boat, with a full A team, on the deck of the USS *Perch*, the Navy's troop-carrier sub for the Pacific, at night under a quarter moon, and heard the horn blow and the command, "Dive! Dive! Dive! Dive! Dive! Dive! followed by a frightful *FRA-A-A-CK!!!* as the gills or whatever the hell they're called opened and the water gurgled and the sub sank out from under us and the froth rose around us, and we paddled hard so the giant gloop of the sub

going down wouldn't take us down with it. Then we rowed to northern Okinawa for a simulated snatch of a nuclear scientist or some such. Phosphorescent plankton that I took committee
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the bodies and
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The scuba

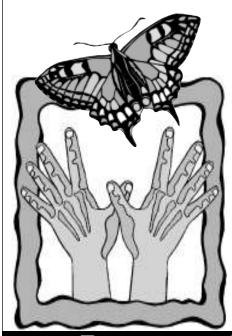
for St. Elmo's fire dripped off the paddles as we rowed for shore.

The most angry I ever was in SF was when the operations officer failed to notify me that the scuba committee was called out for a salvage job when the *Midori Maru* went down with 140 passengers and crew on board. The *Midori Maru* was an inter-island ferry. The scuba committee brought all the bodies and much of the salvageable stuff up. Colonel Garrett had been a swimmer at West Point, and somebody got his picture, in full scuba gear, sitting on a Kawasaki 650 on the deck, 135 feet below, a stream of bubbles going from his regulator to the surface.

When I jumped the operations officer about it later he said he didn't think I'd be interested. A lieutenant may not strangle a major, and this one would have been hard to strangle. But I wanted to.

So, great, I was learning all the Sneaky Pete ways to infiltrate, but I was losing basic skills. My code speed was about eight words a minute and dropping fast. I hadn't fired a weapon of any sort since Bragg, much less learned how

RESEARCH STUDIES



Wish You Could Release Your Worries?

Are you consumed with excessive worry, nervousness, tension, or fear? Do you feel "on edge" and unable to relax? Do you have trouble sleeping or frequent crying spells? Is your personal and professional life suffering?

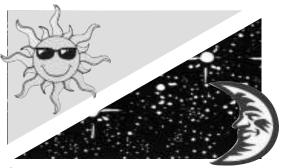
If you have felt this way for six months or more, or have been diagnosed with **Generalized Anxiety Disorder**, you may qualify for a CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDY.

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POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

Millions of Americans suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, an anxiety disorder that can develop after experiencing or witnessing a terrifying, tragic or life-threatening event or situation. People with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder can suffer flashbacks, recurring nightmares, anxiety and sleeplessness. Symptoms may also include racing heart, chest pains, trembling, sweating or shortness of breath.

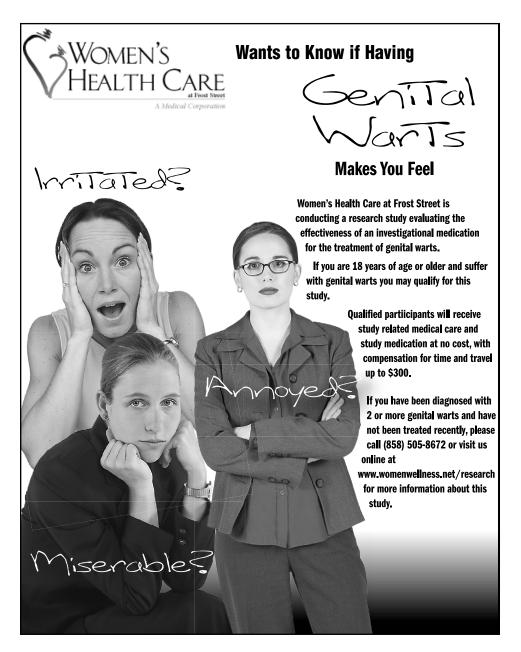
Right now, Affiliated Research Institute in San Diego is conducting a clinical research study of an investigational medication for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

If you have symptoms of, or have been diagnosed with, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, you may qualify for this research study. Participants will receive study-related medical care at no cost.



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to repair foreign weapons.

It would have been some consolation if I believed that publicity would get Colonel Garrett promoted, but I actually believed it would have the opposite effect.

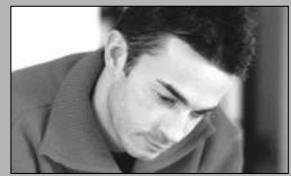
Alas, General Carraway, our rose-growing, administration-loving 5′5½″ general, was never going to promote Colonel Garrett or anyone like him to flag rank. Colonel Garrett's best shot would have been to keep a low profile and make sure his paperwork was perfect. This, as you know, is not the Special Forces way.

Consider, if you will, the event for which I had had the jump wings carved from ice: our formal ball. This event, so far as I could determine, had no function other than to convince General Carraway that the officers of Special Forces were not thugs and snake-eaters but were in fact good little gentlemen, patiently serving their time, dotting their *I*'s and crossing their *T*'s.

We had the ice wings and the cake. The officers wore mess whites and the ladies long gowns. We raised our glasses in formal toasts. We put on innocuous skits. We danced the night away. Indeed, it all went perfectly until the general, well pleased so far, left at 10:30, so as to be up early the next morning to cultivate his roses. He was most displeased, however, to discover an SF captain and an SF major, both drunk as lords, in their beautiful mess whites, duking it out in the parking lot.

Both were transferred to the 503rd the next day, but the damage had been done. Parenthetically, the 503rd had not yet been redesignated the 173rd Airborne Brigade. It was formally known by the cumbersome title the First Airborne Battle Group, 503rd Infantry Combat Team, Reinforced (Separate). I once heard a Marine lieutenant ask an officer from the 503rd, "Okay, SF has Airborne in parentheses after their designation, and

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If you can't sleep, Read This



A clinical research study is being conducted.

A nationwide research study is currently underway to investigate a study drug for patients with insomnia. The study will include participants at medical institutions throughout the United States. Qualified participants will receive study drug and study-related physician visits at no charge. If you would like more information or think that you may be eligible for this study, please contact the physician's office listed below.

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they yell 'Airborne! Airborne!' on their runs. What do you guys yell? 'Separate! Separate!'?"

Colonel Garrett had promised he would only keep me in the PIO slot for six months, then put me on a team bound for Vietnam. But to me six months was an eternity. Most of the junior officers in SF had a couple of years in a TO&E (table of organization and equipment) Airborne unit, either the 82nd or the 101st. Most were OCS guys with enlisted time. Most were jocks, engineers, Rangers. And they were going to Vietnam and returning covered with bronze and silver stars, CIBs, Vietnam jump wings, Mon-

tagnard bracelets.

I was none of that. I was an ROTC kid with a degree in journalism who had come to SF from a basic training center. I was on fire to prove myself.

And they wanted me to go to Taipei to buy Christmas cards for the group.

That's right, Taipei for Christmas cards. We'd been running a joint exercise with the Chinese Special Forces on Taiwan. Some of our best teams had been running around in the hills for three months. Colonel Garrett and selected members of the group staff were

going over for the critique, and I was to accompany them.

The Republic of China

ket in bootleg, pirated books. One could buy most best sellers and most standard reference works there,

The standard SF way of lighting a drop zone for a night drop was to fill number-ten cans, the kind that are used to pack large quantities of vegetables.

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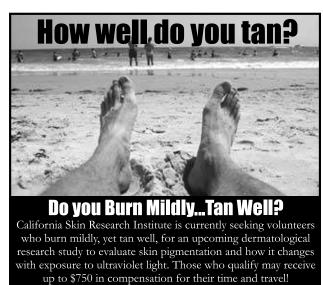
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619-299-1414 TAYLOR RESEARCH • SAN DIEGO NCOs' wives clubs had put together a project to get knockout Christmas cards for the group, and as assistant adjutant I was to be the project officer. I was delighted with the opportunity to go to Taiwan, but Jesus! Christmas cards?

The wives had come up with four designs, and I had to narrow their choice to one.

I can only remember two of them now. One was a gag card, a cartoon Santa Claus going down the chimney wearing a green beret and a bellicose expression, carrying an alice pack (a style of rucksack used by Special Forces) full of automatic weapons, old rifles with long bayonets, and grenade launchers. The other was midnight blue, with a four-pointed gold star and the words "PEACE...Our Profession" in Olde English letters. I had to pick one, from a consensus of the senior NCOs. The consensus of the senior NCOs was that they didn't need to be bothered with this shit. My favorite reaction was from the Charlie Company sergeant major. "What the fuck is this?" he snarled, waving the midnight blue card. " 'Peace...Our Profession,' my ass. You get a card that says, 'War...Our Profession,' and I'll buy that son of a bitch."

"Not really in keeping with the spirit of Christmas, Smaj," I said.

He gave me a look that made the utterance of the question, "Who gives a shit?" completely unnecessary.

As far as I know nobody did — give a shit, that is — except the wive's clubs. I certainly didn't. And I don't think the matter weighed heavily on Colonel Garrett's agenda.

These things were on my mind as I drove my rusted old Rambler to my home in beautiful Awase Meadows. My wife and I lived in a virtual cartoon of suburbia in the hills overlooking an expanse of paddy-diked rice fields, and beyond them the coastal strip of Highway One, with its 35 mph island-wide

speed limit and its signs. One said "FOLDING SCREEN" on one side, but "FLODING SCREEN" on the other. My personal favorite was "TOO MUCH ACCIDENT AREA-

FUTENMA POLICE DEPARTMENT." There was another that perfectly reproduced the Triumph logo but which advertised "Tdiumph" motorcycles in letters four feet high.

Most of my classmates at SFOC had come to Okinawa together to staff the newly formed Delta Company of First Group. Those of us who were married had found housing together in newly and oddly constructed off-base housing. My next-door neighbor, Crews McCulloch, would become my first commanding officer in Vietnam and lifelong friend.

Across the street were Tom Kiernan and his wife, Grace. I hadn't known Tom well at Bragg, but we'd come to Oki on the same flight.

On Midway Island, where our triple-tailed Con-

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stellation refueled again, I went down to the water to look at the masts of the sunken warships in the harbor. Tom was already there. He was a history major. So we talked about that, and by the time we boarded the plane we were friends.

Tom was also an ROTC graduate, from Fordham. He had been a distinguished military graduate and hence had a regular Army commission, as opposed to my reserve one. He was a Ranger.

Tom was pulling into his driveway on a popping Kawasaki street bike as I pulled into mine in the Rambler. He swung off the bike, tall, angular, with narrow shoulders, an impressive schnoz - quite Roman, in fact — and high cheekbones. I dismounted from the Rambler, being careful not to dislodge any big flakes of rust. My car was rotting

from beneath in the salty air of Okinawa

"Hey there, Mr. PIO," Tom called. "What's shakin'?"

"I'm going to Taiwan,"

"Neato!" he replied. "I'm going to Vietnam."

"Go fuck yourself," I responded cheerfully.

My contact on Taiwan was Bill Rovan, another classmate who had been assigned first to Okinawa, then selected to be executive officer of the resident team on Taiwan, Bill and I had shared a Quonset hut by the sea with two other lieutenants when we first got to Oki. He was a nice-looking guy, average height, or maybe a bit below that. He looked like the kind of guy who should be climbing the corporate ladder somewhere, but he was so proud of being an Airborne infantry officer that he positively glowed with it.

He squared me away completely, guided me in the selection of a printing company and through the process of bargaining on Taiwan. Maybe Colonel Garrett wanted to do me a good turn, or further my education, because we could as easily have sent the designs to the resident team and let Bill handle the whole

It took all of two hours to transact my business in Taipei. I ordered 20,000 Christmas cards and at the same time bought for myself a complete library of books on guerrilla warfare, about 15 literary classics, and all the James Bond books in hardback, for about 200 bucks.

I would monitor the critique, but basically I was through.

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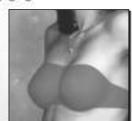
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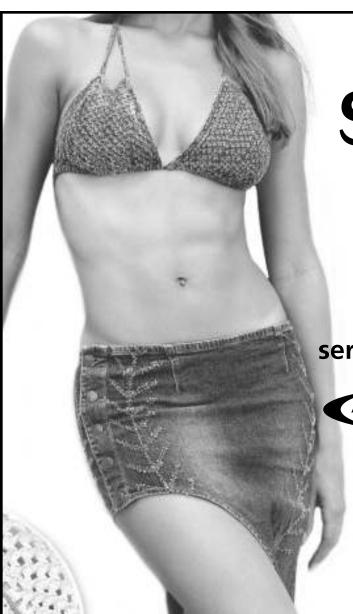
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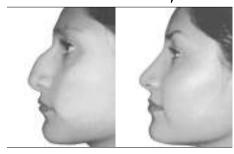


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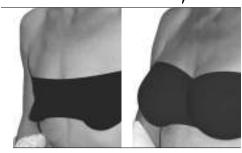






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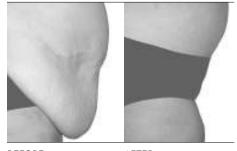
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completed, Bill ran me by his place. He had purchased a bottle-green MGB in Taipei and rented a villa in an area known as Peitou, which was a district composed primarily of whorehouses. The villa had a high stone fence around it, with jagged glass set in the concrete to shield it from burglars. Bill had forgotten his key, so he hired a nearby urchin to go over the fence and open the gate. It took the kid maybe two min-

utes. He was unmarked by the jagged glass.

The villa was large and spacious, shaded by trees and as pleasant an environment as one might imagine.

Bill was a handsome

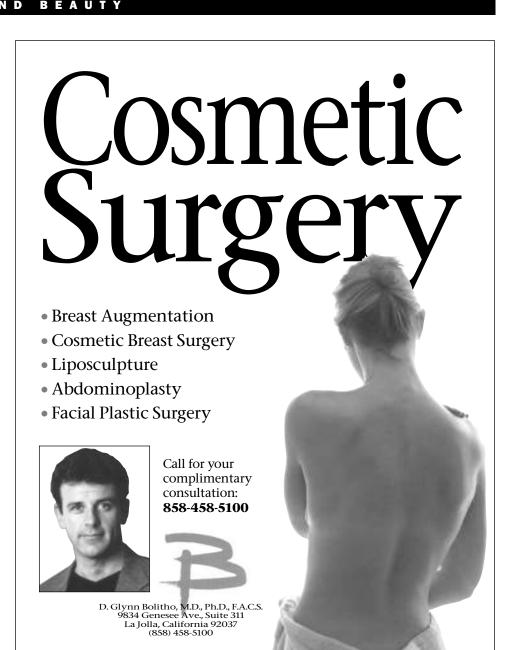
young man with a glamour job in an exotic locale where his money went about five times as far as it would at home. He had a hot car and lived surrounded by attractive, willing women. But he was worried that Vietnam would pass him by.

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I returned to my hotel, surprised to find an envelope in my box addressed to 1st Lieutenant James T. Morris. *T* is not my middle initial, but that's an easy mistake to make. I tore open the note. "Dear James: I am so glad you come back Taipei..." It was from some young woman, expressing great longing for James T. And it gave the location of

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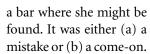
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Then my mind connected to another possibility. Taiwan could be presumed to be swarming with Red Chinese spies. As a Special Forces officer I might seem packed with military secrets, although in truth I had none. Could this be a scheme to catch me in a compromising situation and blackmail me for the Yankee war plans for the Mainland?

I checked the room thoroughly for bugs and, finding none, lay back on the bed to read Thunderball.

The debrief, at least what I saw of it, was nothing like what I expected. I never saw a map, chart, or graph. I have to assume that the teams and staff sections held their own, where those things were in evidence. But I was in bloused (tucked-in) khakis with Colonel Garrett, and his contact was General Chao, who, as they used to say back in Oklahoma, "put on the dog..."

With us it was all Chinese modern décor, padded chairs at coffee tables, with chilled rolled washcloths on a platter, to cut the heat of the day. "Tea or coffee? Hors d'oeuvres?"

I learned that all things had not gone as planned throughout the exercise and many valuable lessons were learned thereby. For instance, at that time the standard SF way of lighting a drop zone for a night drop was to fill numberten cans (the kind that are used to pack large quantities of vegetables - stewed tomatoes and the like for mess halls) half full of sand and gasoline and laid out in an L or T configuration with another offset to show the direction of the wind.

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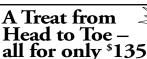
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random all over the island. The methods they used to get from where they landed to their assigned areas were many and varied but often involved the use of taxicabs.

The conversation of the higher commanders at

that coffee meeting was earnest and serious, but I couldn't understand any of it. There was an exchange of really fancy plaques. One thing I did learn, though, was that there was going to be a friendship jump the

following morning. Then we adjourned for a 25-course Chinese dinner for about 500, everybody who had participated in the exercise and everyone who had bought Christmas cards. This was fol-

lowed by truly amazing acrobats.

"Hey, Bill," I said after the acrobats. "I'm hurtin' for a pay jump. How about getting me on that manifest?"

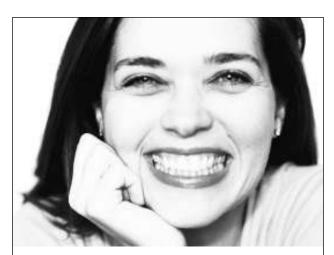
"Sure," said Bill. "Got any fatigues?"

I shook my head. "I'll loan you a pair of cammies."

This was before the agency ordered fatigues for us in the tiger-striped pattern, so the cammies Bill loaned me were in the Sears

Roebuck woodland pattern. That afternoon we went by his team house, and he got them out of his locker. I was four or five inches taller than Bill. They were tight and I couldn't blouse the trouser legs, but

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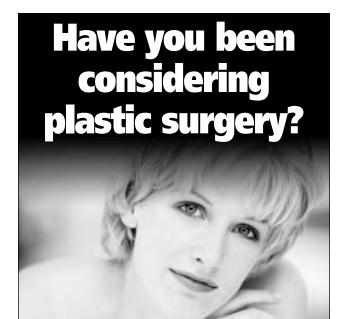
they would serve. There was a similar problem with the chute. These were standard U.S. Army T-10s, but the straps had been cut down and sewed down for the smaller Chinese jumpers. I couldn't let the straps out far enough for a comfortable fit. When I got in the whole rig, I looked like Quasimodo with a

That afternoon Rovan delivered me to the flight line, squeezed into his cammies, the legs hanging even with my boot tops. All the Americans who had participated in the exercise were drawn up in ranks, and I fell in on the back end. A couple of ROC C46s (Republic of China's version of the DC4) were parked beside the strip. So was a big pile of T-10 parachute assemblies; chutes, reserves, and kit bags. One rank at a time, we drew our rigs, chuted up, and were organized into sticks. It was the very definition of a Hollywood jump: no rucks, no weapons, no wind.

Nonetheless, the old adrenaline surged. I was thrilled at the prospect of jumping a C46. This was the aircraft that had flown paratroopers to Sicily, to Normandy, and which had flown the Hump to drop supplies to teams fighting the Japanese in China and Burma. No matter how goofy I looked or felt, this was a thrill I would remember and savor.

I didn't know anybody on the airplane, but they were fun to watch. For one thing, even though I didn't know them, they all knew each other. They had been running around in the woods for three months and for the most part hadn't seen anyone but their own team and the Chinese acting as their guerrillas. They were choked with war lies and could hardly wait to compare notes about the exercise. Most jumps are pretty intense, but there was a party atmosphere. The aircraft was filled with chatter and raucous laughter.

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yelled, "Let Major Peters do it. He's the tallest man on the aircraft."

A tall major, about 6'6", stumbled to the front of the plane and made the "stand up" motion. He didn't say anything. We

stood up and he crooked his finger and tugged at an imaginary static line. We hooked up and checked our static lines without command. He patted his reserve, and we checked our gear and the pack of the man ahead.

Finally he cupped a hand to his ear and called, "Sound off for equipment check!" The guy at the end of the stick called out, "OKAY!" and slapped the guy in front of him on the ass. The call rippled forward without numbers, because no one had the slightest idea of his number in the stick. Major Peters moved into the door. There was no grab-ass now. It was showtime

The light winked green. Major Peters disappeared. The stick began its slow shuffle toward the door, left foot leading, stomping, gathering speed like a train leaving the station. The guy in front of me dis-

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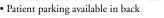
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appeared, and I wheeled into the door. Blue above, green below. Lung Tan Drop Zone was like a pool table the size of Rhode Island, a huge, flat manicured lawn. I vaulted up and out and felt the four little pops on my back that told me the rig was open. I looked up into a perfect green canopy with the sun shining through it. It seemed only a moment later that the ground rose and I hit and rolled, one of my few perfect parachutelanding falls. I got out of the rig and stood up straight for the first time in about an hour. It felt good. My jump pay for the next three months was assured, and that felt good too. I riggerrolled my chute and put the assembly in the kit bag, shouldered it, and walked to the turn-in point, feeling loose.

I expected to hook up with Rovan and get ready to go back to Oki. But we were assembled in ranks again, and a small Chinese general who bore a marked resemblance to Porky Pig came out and made a ringing speech about how we were all going to the Mainland together. "After you, my dear Alphonse" was the thought that went through my mind. Then the general went down the line and put Chinese wings on us all. I could think of nothing as the general approached but the utter glee I felt that for a brief time, at least, my shirt was going to be gaudier than Tom Kiernan's. The fact that it meant not a goddamn thing only added to my pleasure.

Tom stepped out of his house to greet me when I drove the rusty Rambler into my gravel drive. Apparently he was just in from the field. He wore filthy fatigue pants, flip-flops, and a homedyed green T-shirt. His face and hands were still covered with green greasepaint. His team was just about ready for deployment. I approached him, smiling, chest out, Chinese wings gleaming. He looked at me and said, "You son of a bitch!"

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York's in a bar in Ensenada, trying to absorb local color before sniffing out Walters's whereabouts. Did the murdering madman still own the 80-foot Hatteras yacht? Dressed in his sporty finest, and doffing an America's Cup hat, "Luis Aparacio" (York's second alias, after "Fernando Cruz") chatted up the help at El Morro, the hotel Walters owns. Posing as a would-be boat buyer, York left his card, raised a few eyebrows, and moved on to the next hotel bar. It was at the Tortuga where he witnessed the amusing (if offensive) behavior of two gringo goofballs, Jimbo and Jackson. There York also met Mo—that's Moanna—and between her good looks, her long legs, and her reading material (a book on engine repair), his search was heating up.

CHAPTER 10

Three empty bottles of Carta Blanca were in front of me and the sun was going down behind Jaime the *cantinero* before I brought up the subject of the Hatteras. Jim was dancing with Moanna — or Mo — and since he couldn't abide the Mexican songs on the radio or the AM rock station from San Diego that was the only thing that came in down here, he sang "Dancing Cheek to Cheek."

"Heaven, I'm in heaven..." he crooned as they boxstepped around the barroom floor. The man looked indeed to be in heaven. I thought I could see his toupée starting "A boat that size is nothing but a hole in the water surrounded by wood that swallows money."

to curl.

Jackson, with the Kettenburg T-shirt, was absolutely smashed but kept winning at the dice game he was teaching me called "Ship, Captain, Crew." I had bought four rounds of drinks and was feeling mightily pissed about it. I was pretty sure he was cheating, but I didn't know how. I didn't like the old guy or his partner, but the company of Ms. Westman was worth the suffering of fools. Mo seemed to like them well enough, but I got the feeling Mo had the kind of generosity of spirit that didn't exclude anyone from the human race just because they were horse's asses.

Jim had generously offered to track down a piston ring expander from one of the mechanics at the nearby yard. And so they danced, and I spent ten bucks getting a buzz but no information.

When I brought up the fact that I was on a shopping trip for a million-dollar Hatteras, Jackson harrumphed. "Whaddya want one of those things for? A boat that size is nothing but a hole in the water surrounded by wood that swallows money."

"It is a lifelong dream of mine," I said as if I were used to realizing dreams on that scale.

"Say," Jackson eyed me crookedly.



"I waited for the parrots to greet me as 'hijo de la gran puta."

"You any relation to the shortstop for the White Sox back a few years?"

"No. Not that I know of. I think he was Venezuelan." A few years back? More like 30.

"Well, same shit. Whatever." Jackson didn't know if I was Mexican, Puerto Rican, Italian, or Jewish. To him it was all the "same shit." I was lucky he was so stupid, actually. My alias was not the smartest possible choice I could have made. One of these days my sense of humor will get me killed.

"I'm looking for a particular Hatteras. It was called the *Ponce de León.*"

"I don't know. I don't..." He was about to dismiss the subject as

unworthy of his mental powers when I saw the lights go on, such as they were, behind his eyes. "Say, Mo!" He pivoted on his barstool and called out. She was dancing with a drink in one hand and old Jimbo in the other. Jimbo was still croaking, "...and I hardly feel the ground beneath my feet..."

"Ye-e-e-e-s-s-s..." Mo's caramel voice sounded a little dreamy. Three and a half rum and Cokes. "Weren't you saying something about an 80-footer out by the Coronados?"

Mo and Jim stopped dancing. Jim looked crestfallen. His toupée seemed to deflate. Mo walked over with a mock tipsy daintiness.

"Yep," she said and nodded. "I

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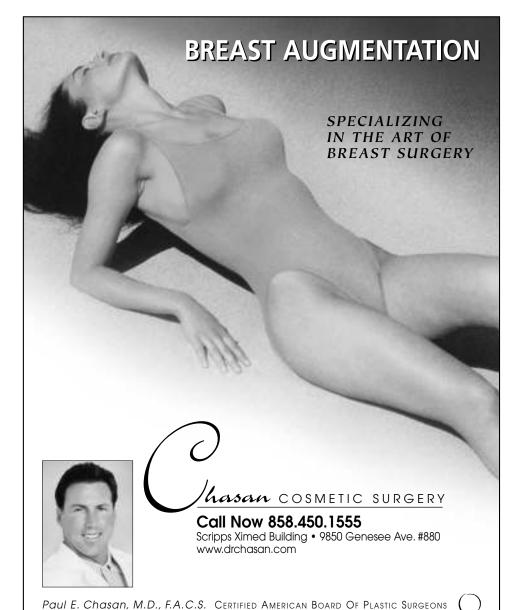
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was listening to a radio message from an 80-foot Hatteras two days ago. It was in English. Definitely American. It was strange."

"Why strange?" I asked. "Because they gave their position as being

anchored on the windward side of the big island, Del Sur." She said this as if it explained everything.

"So?" I pressed.

She looked at me as if I was not the brightest guy on the block, but it was still a nice look. "So, the windward side of those islands is a bad place to park. You got the sea coming at you. Also they mentioned something about offloading cargo and taking something on board. There's nothing there. Also Americans aren't really allowed on the islands, I don't think. Mexican military's out there. Navy such as it is."

She had my interest. "What was the message?"

"That was the other strange thing. It was like code. In English, but, you know, stuff like 'Blue fox eats reindeer at midnight. Roger. Mickey Mantle loves Commander Cody,' or, you know, not that, but something cryptic like Boy Scouts playing war games or whatever."

Memories of a hellish afternoon last August came flooding back. Radio messages from Walters to his chopper pilot, Walters being White Hunter and the pilot, Blue Hunter. Walters as a chubby pink Boy Scout from hell playing war games with real lives.

"How did you know it was an 80-foot Hatteras?" I asked. Mo swayed against the bar. Jaime was taking off, and a new bartender came on with slicked-back hair full of Urantia lotion or covote oil. I steadied Moanna Westman with one arm and she smiled apologetically.

"Too many of these." She set the drink, half finished, back on the bar.

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I left Jaime two dollars and was a little embarrassed about it, but he loved it. Iackson and Iim looked on in envy as I left with Mo.

"I'll come by tomorrow night with those tools, Moanna," Jim said as if firming up a date.

"Oh-h-h ka-a-a-y-y," Mo said happily. "Love you, Jimbo. Meet you at the pass."

I had to let her lead because I didn't know where we were going. She carried a shoulder bag full of books, her purse, some clothes,

It was the smell of birth, sex, and the grave. The smell of Mexico.

and I don't know what all else. I offered to carry it, but she seemed to need to hold on to it. We walked down darkened streets full of the scent of fresh-cut lumber, newly dug earth, the ocean at low tide, and, of course, fish and diesel fuel. It was the smell of birth, sex, and the grave. The smell of Mexico.

"I'm down here." She pointed to a ramp leading to docks under construction.

"Okay." She led the way and we had to mince step over planks that spanned gaps in concrete. Only two boats were tied up at the end of D dock. One was a 20-foot Sea Ray, and the other was a two-masted sailing vessel that was about 40 feet long with ratlines and what they call baggy wrinkles, I think, on the lines running from each side of the beam to the top of the main mast. I knew they were called "lines" and

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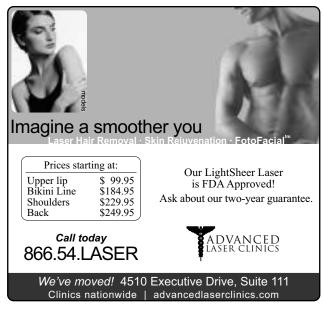
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knowledgeable guy. She pointed to it. "There The stern of the boat was in shadow beneath a

wooden dinghy, but in the glow of the Sea Ray's anchor regarding lights I could make out the name, something MOON painted above the transom platform at the stern, what-

"What's the name of

not ropes because they were

on a boat, and I'm a pretty

"Her"

ever you call it.

"Right. What do you call her?"

"Thunder Moon."

"Interesting."

We boarded Thunder Moon and we both tripped, dancing over the stanchions. Mo giggled, "What are you doing here?"

"We were going to have some coffee."

She ducked into a hatch at the cockpit. "So kind of you. I've never been able to make coffee for myself."

I paused at the hatch. "Look, I was just walking you back. I'll take off, but I want to know something."

"What sign I am, right?"

"No. How did you know that radio transmission came from an 80-foot Hatteras?'

"I'm a Libra."

"What? I'm serious."

"What kind of sign is that?"

"Please. It's important." "Serious, important,

huh? Must be Capricorn or Taurus."

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"Sagittarius? Get out of here. I need a Sag like I need more root canal work."

"Moanna. Ms. Westman. Do you mind?"

"Come on in. If you're a Sag, you're honest. Except of course when you move your lips."

"I'll try not to."

"Just kidding. I'm in a strange mood."

Once inside I looked around at a small sink filled with dirty dishes, a small stove that ran on propane, a kerosene lamp she fired up which sent jittery shad-





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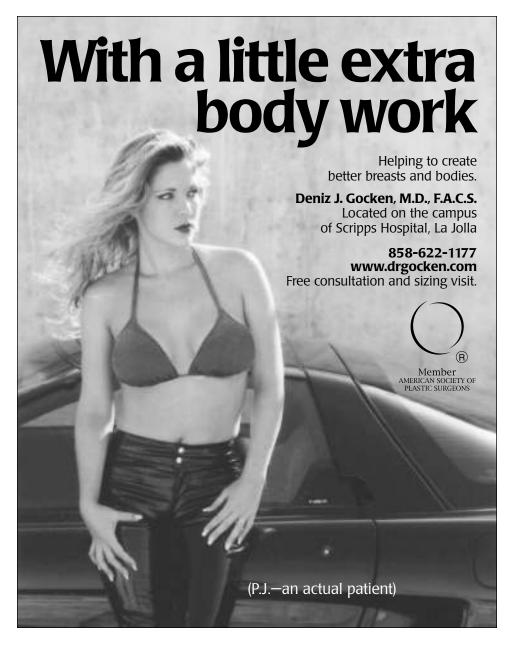
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ows around the galley, and a table set inside a booth that probably folded into bedspace. Beyond that was the bow where two people could sleep separately but comfortably. All together Thunder Moon could sleep six maybe, but not if anyone wanted to share a bed. It was not the Love Boat. For the first time, it occurred to me she was on her own: there was no husband, boyfriend, girlfriend, or crew of any kind.

One other feature of the cabin worth mentioning was the books. Every wall - or bulkhead, whatever — held at least one shelf full of books. Books on navigation, marine maintenance, travel books, novels, cookbooks, anthropology texts, and books on psychology. There were even Nancy Drew books and a few Tarzan novels by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Mostly paperbacks. Some were held in place by bungee cords and others by macramé nets. I fingered one of them, a pattern of bone-white thread and driftwood weaved into it that managed to look like the sun-bleached remains of some kind of aquatic angel. "You do this?"

"Yes." She had lighted the propane stove to put on a pot of bottled water and was scooping teaspoons of Nescafe into plastic mugs.

"It's beautiful." She turned and looked at me quizzically. After a moment she said, "Thank you. Cream, sugar?"

"Black."

"Why are you so interested in this Hatteras? And by the way, I know it was a Hatteras because there was a lot of chatter on the radio that day, some yacht race to the Coronados and back. At least three racers on a southern reach passed close enough to see it, and they all commented on it. Because it wasn't anchored leeward. Not smart. It flew a Mexican flag, but they were definitely Americans onboard."

"An 80-footer?"

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"Are you some kind of cop, Luis?"

I laughed. "I just have that look because I worked in security for a few years. I'm retired now. I don't do much these days."

"Made a killing on burglar alarms or something?"

I just smiled back at her. "This was a couple of days ago, you say?"

She nodded and yawned. "God, I need a shower desperately."

"Well," I stood and set my cup in the small sink. There was maybe an inch clearing for my head. "I'll let you get to it."

"No water. The marina hasn't installed fresh water lines out here yet. My tank is empty. I'll have to use my sun shower on deck in the morning if I can find somewhere to fill it."

"What about staying up at the hotel?"

"Oh, I could get a room, but I promised myself when I started out I wouldn't do that except in the direst emergency. It's important to stick to my promises to myself."

"Started out what?"

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Some shakedown cruise. About 2000 miles. Alone. "What about Jimbo and Jackson? They have a boat with a shower?" I suggested.

"No. They've got a boat in dry dock being worked on down here. They're staying in the hotel. I could probably take a shower in one of their rooms, but the idea doesn't really appeal to me, you know?" Her eyes

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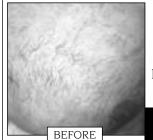
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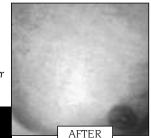


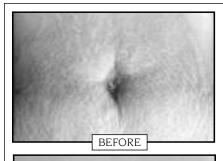
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widened with a thought and she smiled slowly. In the light of the kerosene lamp, her laugh lines looked like sketched ornamentations, precise tattoos that lent her an air of timeliness, unfrail beauty. It was probably not the kind of thing you complimented a woman on, I supposed. "What about you?" she asked.

"The idea doesn't really appeal to me either." I smiled back at her.

"No, come on. I mean, do you have a boat...with a shower?"

"I have a shower. No boat. It's just up the road a little to the north. You're welcome to drive back with me and shower with steaming hot water to you heart's content, till hell freezes over and the cows come home...or I run out of water."

"What is it? Like a house?"

"Just like a house."

"What's the catch?" She smiled up as if it might not be a fate worse than death but wanted it spelled out.

"There's three catches. One," I held up a finger. "I want you to take me out to the Coronados for a look at that Hatteras if it's still there."

"Okay, I'll be headed north in a few days anyway, and I'll be going right by there. I have to make some repairs on the engine first. I can drop you off in San Diego at Shelter Island. What's the other catch?"

"The other catch is that my house is about an hour's drive from here. Near Rosarito."

"That's okay." She stood up and stretched. "I'll make it. The third catch?"

"It's an hour's drive and I'm on a motorcycle."

"Oh God. I hate motorcycles." She looked for a moment as if the deal were off. "They scare me." She examined her grease-blackened hands, arms, and legs with disgust and maybe resignation.

"Just hold on tight." She put one hand on her hip and cocked her head at me reprovingly. "That's four catches." She said and grabbed a white windbreaker and a blue scarf. "That's all the catches you get. Understand?"

"Perfectly."

We took the toll road back up, and that cut a lot of time off the commute. The night was warm and that helped. There wasn't much traffic, but enough to keep me alert. Mo put her hands inside the pockets of the leather jacket and held onto my hips a little too tightly at first, though she relaxed after ten minutes or so. I didn't complain. My eyes teared, obscuring visibility a little, and so I kept the Honda at 60 mph pretty much. Mo wore the helmet, and when she'd say something it would come out muffled and unintelligible. All I could make out, when she opened the visor once, was, "I probably wouldn't be doing this if I hadn't had those drinks."

only four of them that I know of actually saw the body. Then there was Guernando, the assistant Rosarito D.A. I don't know if he saw it or not, but he knew it was a blond guy with waist-length hair. Any one of the cops could be bribed to give a description, but not without causing a lot of suspicion and probably pissing Maradon off no end. The lieutenant was in charge of the investigation, such as it was, and he was convinced it was a drug-related killing, probably involving some U.S. agency as well. Maradon would probably just as soon arrest anyone asking questions until he got some answers of his own, no matter who they were. Any coppers under him, taking a bribe and talking without Roberto's permission, would be cutting off their noses to spite their face. Still, it could happen.

As I walked toward the house I tried not to be too obvious about filling my hand with a .45, switching off the safety, and sliding a bullet into the breach.

"Or if you didn't need a shower so badly," I answered.

"You're lucky I'm downwind from you," and then the visor snapped shut and the rest of what she said sounded like a bad phone connection from Sumatra. I started thinking how wise an idea this really was. It had been a little over 72 hours since Sufi had been killed, and I might be overestimating my grace period. Unless Walters and his people had definitely established that the body was not mine, it would still be safe. The only way they could have done that would be if they had gotten a description from eyewitnesses or the Rosarito cops who had seen the body. The witnesses were too scattered now, except for Pescado, Tonto, and Homeboy, who had been around when we brought the body in. As for the cops,

Guernando was unknown. Someone like Walters might easily have the muscle to persuade the local D.A., or certainly his assistant, to chat a bit about the mysterious disappearing corpse, but would he have had time to do that? There were too many loose ends. Too many factors. I couldn't be sure.

I probably shouldn't have invited Moanna Westman to the house. But I did. I would just have to enter first, very carefully. My reptile brain asked me with a toothy leer, And how long has it been since you've been laid, York? Heh heh. Thinking with your dick, my man.

"Shut up, Godzilla." I must have said it out loud. When I pulled to a stop sign at the toll-road exit near La Fonda, Mo lifted the visor and said, "What did you say?'

"Nothing."

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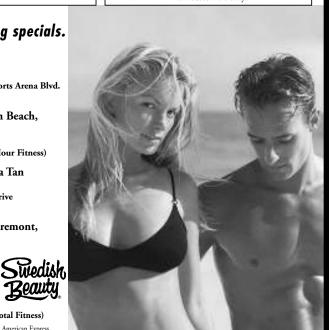


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"It's a gun. You win a cookie." I kicked the bike into first gear and opened the throttle.

"Wait a minute, what's the story with you?" but I had pulled out onto the gravel coast road and was closing the distance to Rancho Paz. The engine drowned out her protestations or questions, whatever they were. Instead of pulling into the driveway, I parked the bike about a quarter mile down the road in the vacant lot by K-39 where the sailboarders or windsurfers from the States stake out their claim to the Pacific Ocean and the "tubular" swells that break so well here. A few campfires were in evidence. Tomorrow night there would be many more for the official start of the Fourth of July weekend.

"Moanna..."

"Mo. What...is...going... on?" She said it through clenched teeth. She was still friendly, but she wanted to know about the gun."Look, it just occurred to me, there might be a small problem."

I felt like a first-class schmuck. "I'm sorry. Can you just wait here for a few minutes? I have to make sure everything is okay at the house first."

"Look. I don't know what you're into, but forget it. I hope it's something as stupid as you've got a wife or girlfriend in there, but if you're a dope dealer or something you should have told me. I'm out of here, Luis." She took her shoulder bag and swung it decisively over her head and stalked toward the nearest campfire.

"Wait a minute! No wife, no girlfriend, and I'm not a dope dealer. I swear." She stopped, hesitated, took a few angry steps toward me, stopped again.

"Well?"

"I've been broken into a lot lately. I've made a few enemies down here. It can't be helped. It's a long story, but I'm not doing anything illegal. I'm sure there'll be no problem. Just wait a few minutes. Give me ten min-

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utes to make sure everything's all right. Okay?"

"Is that your house?" She pointed to Rancho Paz silhouetted nicely against a half moon like a blade in the northern sky.

"Yes. Sort of. It belongs to a friend. I'm house-sitting." She admired it.

"Good place."

"Yeah, it is, actually."

"Ten minutes?"

"No more."

"Okay. Then will you please explain yourself?" I nodded in the dark, thinking up yet another story already. Feeling completely fraudulent, excited by the presence of a beautiful woman, and afraid for one's life is not a combination of sensations I recommend, but it's interesting.

She squatted like an Indian in the sand and folded her arms. "I just want a shower and some sleep."

"I understand. I'll be right back."

As I walked toward the house I tried not to be too

obvious about filling my hand with a .45, switching off the safety, and sliding a bullet into the breach. The house was dark. There were no cars around. I didn't hear Chorizo anywhere. That's what bothered me. Maybe he was asleep on Pescado's lap in his trailer, but there were no lights on in the trailers and no campfires. Maybe everyone was up in T.J. doing shooters at some disco. But where was

Chorizo?

One other thing. A bad omen. One bedroom window was open. It was the front bedroom, empty, nothing in there but some clothes that belonged to Pelón, or Javier Paz. It was hidden by the banana tree that grew in the damp soil next to the 5000-gallon water tank Paz had installed and that leaked. It leaked slowly, just enough to nurture the banana tree that hid the window. The window that was open. The screen was still in place, but the window was fucking well open and I had not left the window open.

I put the gun back in my jacket with the safety on so I wouldn't shoot myself, and I pulled myself up onto the water tank. It stood a good seven and a half feet off the ground, right next to the big propane tank that fed the hot water heater and the stove and baseboard heaters in the house. From

and did it about as soundlessly as it was possible to do it. The pepper tree raked the roof on the north side and masked what noise there was. I hoped. Still, I felt like the moon was spotlighting me to anyone in the garden. I waited for the parrots to greet me as "son of the great whore" or "hijo de la gran puta." I recollect praying that they didn't.

I was certain there was someone in the house, waiting in the dark, and I would kill him before he could...

there I could jump to the roof, but not without making a noise.

My topsiders, rather Emilio's topsiders, came off and fell to the ground with very quiet slaps. I landed on the roof with both palms and both stockinged feet. I crabwalked to the skylight over the front bathroom I couldn't see anything from the skylight; it was dusty and smeared with last winter's rain. With a rusty Buck knife I hadn't used for anything except prying open my day bank at the Balboa Bar, I began separating the Plexiglas skylight from its epoxy bed on the roof track.

This took five minutes,

because I did it quietly. So very quietly. Or so I thought.

I had left Mo alone about eight minutes ago, and I was hoping she wouldn't start walking over to the house for her explanation. Not now.

When I had a three-foot crack between the thin Plexiglas and the wooden bed of the skylight, I used my hands to slowly ease the grime-smeared transparency upward. To do it silently took another full minute. By this point I was certain there was someone in the house, waiting in the dark, and I would kill him before he could...

Shit. Maybe it was Maradon. Killing Maradon would be a serious mistake. Peering down into the bathroom I saw nothing but bathtub, toilet, and sink porcelain, some white towels, and the shower curtain glowing dully in the moonlight. I eased my lower body through the opening and, chinning myself for a

moment on the skylight frame, lowered myself. I let my breath out slowly through my nostrils. The next thing I knew I was standing on the toilet seat. My gun was back in my hand, the safety was off. I put one foot on the carpeted floor and was about to pull back the hammer when the bathroom door flew inward toward me, knocking me to the edge of the bathtub. I almost fell backward into the tub but regained my balance at the critical moment. The gun was no longer in my hand. It had probably fallen to the carpet somewhere because I hadn't heard it clatter on the toilet or in the sink. I didn't have time to give it much more thought though; two fists, the size of hams, clasped together as if holding something, came down on the back of my neck. ■

— John Brizzolara

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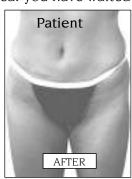
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Sir Winston allegedly roared, "That is the sort of impertinence up with which I will not put.'

> Curtis Carlisle Bouterse San Diego

Nine Points

Re Julie Yen's article, "Let's Save Sunset Cliffs" ("City Lights," August 21).

Ms. Yen did a good job of laying out some of the

questions facing San Diego City concerning the master plan for the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park. Point Loma Nazarene University agrees that the most significant issue and need facing the park is erosion control. I would like to provide some additional information in response to some of the quotes in the article.

1. The backfill area where the park ball field is located was created by the prior owners of the land and was in existence when the university and the city purchased the adjacent parcels in 1973.

2. Many people in addition to the university's women's softball team use the park ball field, to exercise their dogs, fly kites, play ball games, etc.; we do not have and have never had exclusive use of the space. The joint-use agreement between the university and the city makes the university responsible for the maintenance of the field in exchange for use during specified hours and times.

3. The university has never opposed the development of a park master plan and has frequently provided representatives to the recreation council to participate in the discussions on the master plan. During the master planning process, we have made our interests and desires known in the public arena, as have many other people.

4. The current ball field configuration is regulation size for university play, and

although there are 21 other ball fields on the Point, they vary in size, configuration, and purpose. None of them meet the requirements for university competition.

5. The university would prefer to have its own facility and is actively studying all alternative solutions for the university's athletic and student needs. Over 20 years ago, the city and the university found a way to benefit the community and the university in a joint-use effort, approved by the appropriate Park and Recreation committees. In recent years, as natural space planning principles have come to the forefront of park planning, the ball field may not be fitting for Sunset Cliffs Natural Park. However, many community members beyond the university have expressed their appreciation for the use of and presence of the ball field.

6. The university actively promotes environmental health and practices. A large portion of the university's

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acreage has been set aside to remain undeveloped for the protection of endangered plant and wildlife. Many community members enjoy walking through the south canyon area of our property adjacent to the U.S. Navy land. Our grounds department has an active program to replace non-native vegetation with native species.

7. We agree that the erosion to the north of the ball field is terrible and is exacerbated by the design of the drainage system and culverts currently in use. Nearly all of the drainage systems currently in use were in place and active when the city purchased the parkland in 1973, and it was adjudicated that this was an existing condition for which the university was not responsible. To suggest that the drainage issues are relatively recent is a distortion of fact. The university has spent thousands of dollars on erosion control while the city has been able to spend little money on the problem due to the protracted master planning process. Since 1991, the university has had available \$90,000 to assist the city with drainage and erosion measures. Once the master plan and an erosion-control plan are approved, the city will be able to use these





8. The university is committed to provide coastal viewing access for the public even though this creates an added expense for the university.

9. The location of the park adjacent to the university makes it challenging for the university to provide adequate security for our facilities. We actively cooperate with San Diego Police Department to provide an extra measure of security for the community and other neighbors adjacent to the park.

The university continues to have positive discussions with San Diego Park and Recreation, the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council, and other public officials and looks forward to being part of the ongoing community conversation about the use and development of Sunset Cliffs Natural Park.

> Joe Watkins Associate Vice President for Community Development Point Loma Nazarene University

Naysayers Aren't At Risk

Re: "A Stalled Recall" ("City Lights," August 14).

The usually accurate Don Bauder missed the mark with his article on the recall effort against City Councilmember Scott Peters. The effort to demonize Peters by charging him with having "cozy relationships with developers" is especially unfair. Since when have developers become the lepers of society? At a time when many citizens are decrying the lack of San Diego housing, appropriate cooperation with home builders should be considered beneficial.

As far as Bauder's comment that Peters has "voted for dubious developments in La Jolla" — well, excuse me, but almost any project in La Jolla is considered dubious by at least some vocal faction of the population.

Bauder ignores the inherent development problem that many property owners face: the ability of one individual or community group to delay or stop a building project, even though that project is legal in

all respects to the building code and zoning laws. For a homeowner that is merely remodeling a house, such delays can cost tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars for legal, engineering, and architectural fees, not to mention lost time. Yet, even if the project is eventually allowed to proceed, the naysayers causing unjustified delays aren't at any financial risk. To some of these complainers, this appears to be a no-risk, high-stakes power game that uses another person's property and money. (In a perverse elevation of this protest vocation, Bauder describes one objector actually getting paid to go away.)

Finally, blaming Councilmember Peters for technical issues such as potentially over-height roofs or improper setbacks is undeserved. These details are the responsibility of city staff whose job it is to review and approve building plans.

If the housing needs of the city are to be met, our elected officials need to be encouraged to facilitate the timely approval and execution of appropriate building permits. Bauder's article, if it makes our politicians more gun-shy than they already are, inhibits that goal.

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Comics and Zines from Special Collections

asking for donations of zines ("zeens") nearly a year ago, Cristina Favretto has accepted hundreds of them. And they continue to arrive. Just days ago, Favretto, head of Special Collections, opened an email from a woman who had seen the request on the university website and wanted to contribute her collection. "She's a local graduate, class of '91, who has published five personal zines," said Favretto. "One is an interview with a Ramona street woman who wears only red. Another

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is about trying to get into [monologuist] Spaulding Gray's storytelling

workshop at the Esalen Institute."

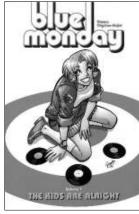
Zines and other independentpress materials from the 1960s to the present, West Coast varieties in particular, are the subject of a current exhibit at the library.

For those who need a definition of zines, Favretto provided this one: "They're black-and-white, photocopied pages, stapled together, independently and often very erratically published little journals. Individuals frequently produce them, but groups do too. Some will make 20 copies for distribution to friends and family; others make 200 and try to sell them at record stores."

Their rarity is why libraries like SDSU must depend on donors to increase their holdings; they certainly can't order them from the textbook distributors.

As for zine content, it ranges from blogs to political statements. "Their editorial agenda is the agenda of whomever is putting out the zine," said Favretto, "so whatever they want to espouse they can. What I've found is that zines by young people really tell you what the zeitgeist is right now."

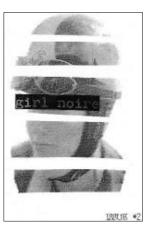
So far, the largest donor in all categories of both the collection and the exhibit is 27-year-old Dan Hager, another SDSU alum (B.A., English, '00), who lives in Bay Park. When he learned that the call was out, Hager offered Favretto dozens of zines, comic books, and graphic novels, as well as boxes of original artwork by Donna Barr, creator of *The Desert Peach, Hader and the Colonel*, and *Stinz.* "I jumped on the opportunity to have them," Favretto said. Graphic novels and the like are "a huge reading trend for young people, and



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they're not going to abandon it as they grow older."

they grow older."

Hager met Barr, who lives in
Washington state (and calls her books
"drawn novels"), at San Diego's
annual Comic-Con International in
1994. "I picked up one of hers, and
that was the beginning of my
fandom," he said. Hager's other
collecting interests are new artists and
local artists, which for him includes
all Californians. "I've got a lot of
artists who have come out with a oneshot. One-shots are single-issue comic
books that aren't part of a series.
Generally, they're published by people
just starting their careers."

In July, at the most recent
Comic-Con, Hager bought a comic
book/zine hybrid by a new artist
named Yarden, who recently relocated
from San Diego to San Francisco.
"That was a real joy for me to get," he
said. "Yarden sold it to me herself.
She was walking around at the Con;
she didn't have a table." (Now part of
the SDSU exhibit, Yarden's work was
described by Favretto as "wordless,
very beautifully drawn, with pencils,
and its subject is giving birth, which is
also the name of it.")

Eric Shanower is one of San Diego's own graphic-novel talents. Twice, in 2001 and 2003, the 39-year-old has won the Will Eisner award for best writer/artist. (In the comics industry, an Eisner is the equivalent of an Oscar.) Shanower's series, *Age of Bronze*, a retelling of the Trojan War story, was published as a hardbound volume, *A Thousand Ships*, by the San Diego-based Hungry Tiger Books, and Hager's copy of it is in the exhibit.

Besides these newer forms, The Cool Stuff includes representatives of more standard alternative media, like San Diego Troubadour, Underdog Magazine, and Zenger's News Magazine — as well as political periodicals from decades past, such as Sunrise: A Journal of Change, circa 1970. Hager's suggestion that people donate to get a tax write-off does not apply to these materials, but it does to vintage comic books, whose prices got inflated when speculators were buying them in the 1990s. "Copies of Superman were going for \$50,000 at the time," Hager said. At a July sale held in San Diego by Heritage Comics Auctions, which drew nearly 1800 bidders, a Superman from 1939 went

for a relatively reasonable \$20,700.

Favretto named mangas as the latest thing in independently published comic books. "They're just making it across the pond, hitting big recently," she said. Drawn in an exaggerated style (big eyes, angular features) that originated in Japan, mangas are the aesthetic cousins of anime ("an-eh-may"), the Japanese animated cartoons. Their subject matter is "often dark and disturbing," she noted. "Environmental themes are prevalent. A lot of them are science fiction. They're utopian, dystopian. They can be erotic. As more and more American and European artists begin to work in the manga style, it's on its way to becoming a worldwide phenomenon.

— Jeanne Schinto

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In the Palenque, Lorenzo de Monteclaro and Los Invasores de Nuevo León perform Thursday, September 4, 11 p.m. (\$10, \$15). Lupillo Rivera takes the stage Friday, September 5, 11 p.m. (\$20, \$35). Marisela performs Saturday, September 6, 11 p.m. (\$15, \$25).

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"BC-3," this photography exhibit with work by Melisa and Mónica Arreola, Alfonso Cardona, Roberto Córdova Leyva, Gabriela Juárez, Hugo Lugo, Yuri Manrique, opens Friday, September 5, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. Through September. 011-52-664-687-9600.

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Fiestas Patrias 2003 celebrated with food, music, entertainment by Yahir, Benny, David Bisbal, Dabah, Axé Bahía, others. Sunday, September 7, 2 p.m., Alamar Show Center. Tickets: 619-570-1045. (TIJUANA)

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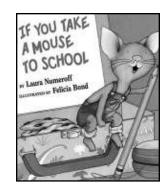
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OUTDOORS

Thunderstorms have drenched the Imperial Valley and parts of eastern San Diego County over the past several weeks. This weather pattern, more or less typical for late summer, may continue through mid-September. In early August, some three inches of precipitation reached the desert floor southeast of Borrego Springs during one storm, and a series of intense thunderstorms in late August hit repeatedly the area between the Imperial Valley and Palomar Mountain.

The extra rainfall has contributed to the greening of certain kinds of vegetation. For example, the spidery ocotillo can grow an instant crop of green leaves after a storm, only to drop them two to three weeks later if no further rain arrives. The distribution of green-leaved ocotillos tells not only where rain has recently fallen; it also indicates where the runoff has



"If You Take a Mouse to School" at Barnes and Noble Bookstore, September 6 (see For Kids)

collected and remained for enough time to be absorbed by the ocotillo's root system. In sandy areas of the desert, purple carpets of sand verbena may appear one to two months after an episode of soaking rainfall.

Adopt-a-Crag Day, head into Mission Gorge in Mission Trails Regional Park with volunteers from Access Fund and San Diego Climber's Coalition to clean and preserve the area, Saturday, September 6, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will replace unsafe bolts and anchors. 858-279-4400. (MISSION GORGE)

"The Kumeyaay of Blue Sky"

explored when naturalist Lorraine Baumann leads hike Saturday, September 6, in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve. "Kids Scavenger Hunt" with naturalist Dave Meier, Sunday, September 7. 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)

Gaslamp Quarter Walking Tours offered Saturdays (10 a.m.) and Tuesdays (6 p.m.). Tour guide Gino Lizardi weaves stories from past with developments of future. \$10. Reservations: 619-239-1766. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Fire Prevention with Smokey Bear, retired forest ranger Milton
Williamson leads discussion on
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History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, Septem-

3049. (JULIAN)

Etch a Sketch Exhibit at Geisel Library, September 18–October 13 (see Special)

ber 6, 10 a.m., visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Make Bird Feeders with Pauline Melling, Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m., Lake Jennings County Park (10108 Bass Road). Free. 858-694-3049.

Explore the Native Plant World around Mission Trails Regional Park's visitors' center with a ranger, Saturday, September 6, 1 p.m. Meet at visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Family Discovery Hike, easy two-mile hike along Lake Hodges

with San Dieguito River Park volunteer, Saturday, September 6, 9 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 858-6474-2275 x31. (ESCONDIDO)

Fitness Walk with Great View, walk up Soledad Mountain from Kate Sessions Park with Walkabout perambulators, Saturday, September 6. Steep uphill climb through La Jolla neighborhoods; five miles at moderate-plus pace. Walk starts at 9 a.m. at Kate Sessions Park. Free. 619-231-7463. (LA JOLLA)

Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is the job of Wildlife Assist volunteers. Two orientations on Saturday, September 6, 2 p.m. Get the skinny at San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy (gray building at Cardiff-by-the-Sea Towne Centre, 2031 San Elijo Avenue) and at Clairemont Community Service Center in Clairemont Town Square (behind Vons, at 4731

Clairemont Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CARDIFF, CLAIREMONT)

Highest Tides for September (+6.4 feet) are predicted for 8:01 p.m. on Sunday (the 7th) and for 8:45 p.m. the next evening. The month's lowest tide level (a not-very-low minus 0.8 feet) will occur on the morning of September 8 at 2:57 a.m. Starting in mid-October, strongly negative tides will begin to occur during the afternoon hours, a much more convenient time for exploring tide-pools in the low-lying intertidal zone.

Nature Hike, naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including September 7, 1 p.m. The three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and

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Park District center, 15027 Highway 79. 877-581-9904. (JULIAN)

Go Birding, docent-led bird walks are offered at Tijuana River National Estuarine Reserve every Sunday, including September 7, 3 p.m., at visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). 619-575-3613. Free. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Ven Explora la Naturaleza Conmigo, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts bilingual nature walk, Sunday, September 7, 1 p.m. Led by a Spanish-speaking interpretive guide, walks introduce visitors to Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and the nature center. Free. Find the center at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Fledgling Birdwatchers are invited to Audubon Society outing at Lake Murray, Monday, September 8, 8 to 11 a.m. Introductory program is designed to educate the novice. Bring binoculars, a small notebook, field guide.

Take I-8 to Lake Murray Boule-

vard, exit, proceed one mile to Baltimore. Turn left, go about one mile, and make a left on Jackson Drive. Proceed one-quarter mile and make a left onto Golfcrest. Drive about one mile to Mission Trails Park; meet in parking area near small bleachers. Easy hiking. 619-692-3246. Free. (LA MESA)

The Nearly Full Moon on Tuesday, September 9, rises a little before sunset, while Wednesday's full moon rises even more majestically from the eastern horizon as twilight gathers. You can witness this (weather permitting) by taking a twilight walk on Harbor Island or Shelter Island, or along the west shore of Mission Bay. September's full moon is often called the "harvest moon," because its rising time changes only a little for several consecutive days centered around the day of full moon. During harvest-moon periods of the past, farmers were able to work several late evenings in a row by the unfailing light of the full or nearly full moon. Because weather conditions in September often promote stagnant air and hazy skies, the rising harvest moon often appears pumpkin-like. Its light is often dimmed and filtered while skimming through Earth's atmosphere.



80th Anniversary Celebrations of Torrey Pines Lodge at Torrey Pines State Reserve, September 6 (see Special)

Explore Scripps Pier by the Light of a Full Moon when the pier, normally closed to the public, is open for exploration, Wednesday, September 10, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Participants learn of the structure's history, take water samples, collect plankton, observe ocean conditions, and study nocturnal habits of marine life.

Fee: \$20 for adults, \$15 for children. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

DANCE

Club Cleopatra, dancers Dondi, Vilia, Lucia present belly-dance "gala," Thursday, September 4,

7:30 p.m., Nagi's Bar and Grill (501 West Broadway). \$5 cover. 619-233-5933. (DOWNTOWN)

The Circulators Square Dance Club has beginners' class starting Friday, September 5, 6:30 p.m. at Recital Hall (2130 Pan-American Plaza). The first class is free; thereafter, pay \$3 per person. Classes are open to adults and children over ten (accompanied by an adult). 619-262-9550. Open enrollment continues through September 19. (BALBOA PARK)

Contradancin', Jump Fingers make the music, Graham Hempel calls for contradance, Friday, September 5, 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.

San Diego Dance Workshop Fundraiser for Salsa Suave Dance Company, a community outreach Latin dance team, Saturday, September 6, 1 to 7 p.m., at A Time to Dance Performing Arts Studio (3982 30th Street). Instructors and performers from New York, Los Angeles, and London on hand to teach a variety of styles. \$30 in advance, \$40 at door. 619-297-6401. (NORTH PARK)

"Belly-Dancing Fusion," Urban Tribal Dance Company performs Saturday, September 6, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., at Gargoyle Gallery (1845 India Street). Cover: \$5. 619-234-1344. (LITTLE ITALY)

Boots and Slippers Square Dance Club hosts beginning classes every Tuesday, including September 9, 7 to 9 p.m., at Fallbrook Community Center (341 Heald Lane), with calling and instruction by Ray Holmes. Fee: \$4 after first class. 760-723-0507.

Double SD Square Dance Club meets for advance level dancing every Tuesday, beginning September 9, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Vista Townsite Center (642 Vista Village Drive). Instructor and caller: Wil Eades. First class is free, then \$4. 858-673-7535, (VISTA)

Dance Argentine Tango every Wednesday night, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., at Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). Admission: \$5. Introductory dance lesson, 7:30 to 8:30 (\$5). 619-970-6620, (HILLCREST)

Cuban-Style Salsa and Casino de Rueda classes led by Sarita Streng, Wednesdays, September 10, 17, 24, 7:30 p.m., at Her Fitness and Day Spa (8650 Genesee Avenue #206). \$15 per class. 619-665-8497. (LA JOLLA)

"Interim," described as "duet evenings of dance, music, and visual art" choreographed and performed by Allyson Green and Ben Wright, September 11-13, 8 p.m., at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (320 11th Avenue), Tickets: \$15 general. 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

Sandpipers Square Dance Club hosts classes with calling/instruction by Jim Randall, Thursdays, beginning September 11, 7 to 9 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). Fee: \$54 for seven weeks. 760-631-3792. (ENCINITAS)

Mass Transit for Dance, Jean Isaacs' San Diego Dance Theater presents fifth annual "Trolley Dances." Featured choreographers include Allyson Green, Yolande Snaith, Victoria Marks, Faith











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FILM

Premiere of Surf Flick NaMotu 2003, which follows 24 California surfers to the South Pacific paradise, Thursday, September 4, 7 and 9 p.m., La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Tickets: \$7 general. 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

"The Long Cult Summer: The Adventure Continues," through September 26, at the Museum of Photographic Arts. California Split and Bob le Flambeur screen on Friday and Saturday, September 5 and 6. Tickets: \$5 general. Showtimes: 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

How About a "Feverish Lifestyle Collision"? See Lisa Cholodenko's Laurel Canyon starring Frances McDormand, Kate Beckinsale, Christian Bale



"Tina Modotti: Between Art and Revolution" at Casa del Libro, September 10 (see In Person)

when it screens for Sunday Matinee, September 7, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

InFact Documentary Showcase,

featuring 13 films eligible for Academy Awards this year, screens September 8-11 at UltraStar's Flower Hill Cinemas (Via de la Valle at I-5). Films include Sunset Story, Beach: A Black Woman Speaks, Cosmic Africa, Liberty: 3 Stories About Life and Death, Gabriel Orozco, The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill. Showtimes and tickets: 858-646-9425. (DEL MAR)

"He Loves Me. He Loves Me **Not.**" a romantic thriller with Audrey Tautou and Samuel Le Bihan, screens in French with English subtitles, Tuesday, September 9, 6:30 p.m., for Film Forum at Diego Public Library (820 E Street), 619-236-5800, Free, (DOWNTOWN)

'The Oscar Nominees Are..." It's the theme for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. See The Hours, starring Meryl Streep, Wednesday, September 10, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

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

First Fridays at the Fleet on September 5 features The Living Sea (6:05 p.m.), Mysteries of Egypt (7 p.m.), and two current IMAX hits at 8:30 and 9:30 p.m., Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"African Art of the Baule," African art specialist and guest curator Barbara Blackmun leads tour of "Partners of the Soul: African Art of the Baule," for Insight Gallery series, Thursday, September 4, 6 p.m.; and Sunday, September 7, 2 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Write Your Book Now! Fourweek writers' intensive workshop led by Vessa Rinehart, starting Thursday, September 4, 7:30 p.m., at Intuitive Insights Center (4305 Gesner Street, suite 200). Fee: \$35 per class, or \$120 if paid in full on first night. 858-715-9445. (CLAIREMONT)

"Turquoise and Turquoise Mines" discussed by Joe Dan Lowry, owner of Albuquerque Turquoise Museum, Saturday, September 6, 9 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Man. Talk in conjunction with opening of new exhibit "The Turquoise Path/El Camino Turquesa: The Story of Turquoise in the Native American Southwest." \$30 fee include reception and lecture. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Poetry Writing Workshop led by writer and poet minerva Saturday, September 6, 1 to 3 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Bring paper, pencil. Reg-619-236-5847. (DOWNTOWN)

"The 'Other' Begonias: New Begonias for San Diego Gardens" discussed by Chuck Ades of the Ades and Gish Nurseries, Monday, September 8, for San Diego Horticultural Society, at Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m. Plant forum follows. 858-756-2579. Free. (DEL

"Navigating the Roadmap to Peace" discussed by SDSU visiting Israeli professor Moshe Ma'oz for Lipinsky Institute for Judaic Studies. Lecture begins at 6 p.m. on Monday, September 8, in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

There Are No Stupid Questions? Author Debbie Ford divulges "The Right Questions: Ten Essential Questions to Guide You to an Extraordinary Life" for S.D. Professional Coaches Alliance, Monday, September 8, 10 a.m., in La Jolla Village Square Community Room (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). \$10. 760-414-9293. (LA

Performing Politics, physical theater class for actors, dancers, musicians, writers, and visual artists led by Michael Mufson starts Monday, September 8, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Eveoke Dance Theatre (644 Seventh Avenue). Concludes December 8, Free, 760-744-1150 x2453. (DOWNTOWN)

Sailing Fundamentals course taught by Flotilla 16-03 of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary starts Monday, September 8, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego County Mental Health building (3851 Rosecrans Street). Series concludes November 3. \$20 fee for text. Registration: 858-672-2660. (SAN DIEGO)

Omotesenke Tea Ceremony presented by Ayako Stott, Tuesday, September 9, 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Included in regular admission, 619-232-2721, (BALBOA PARK)

Mountain Bike Basics presented Tuesday, September 9, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Learn about fun trails and which bike to choose. Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Relax and Draw, artist Linda Luisi leads classes for all levels of those seeking "the artist within." Classes begin Tuesday, September 9, 1 p.m., Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). \$85. Register: 760-943-2260. (ENCINITAS)

Singing Workshop presented by Generations Choral Ensemble, Tuesday, September 9, 7 to 9:30 p.m., at La Mesa Presbyterian Church (4426 Harbinson). Part singing, harmonizing, theory, note

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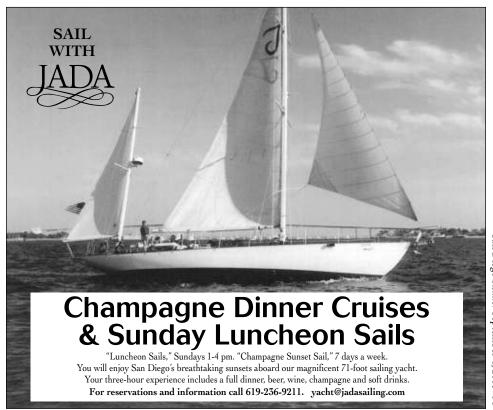
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Writing Fiction is the subject when David Grae leads workshop based on Writing Fiction: The Practical Guide from New York's Acclaimed Creative Writing School, Wednesday, September 10, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Modern Media - Diversified Enough for a Diversified Population?" It's the topic, Wednesday, September 10, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"September Flowers and Plants" examined by Susan Marchetti when Point Loma Garden Club meets Wednesday, September 10, 10 a.m., Point Loma Masonic Center (1711 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). Free. 619-276-0209. (POINT LOMA)

What Does "Going Bankrupt" Really Mean? Attorney Mark L. Miller conducts an educational seminar on many facets of bankruptcy, Wednesday, September 10, 7 p.m., Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

are promised when UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Association hosts this series of

"Knowing and Growing Southern California Native Plants" (10 a.m.); "Flower Arranging for the Holidays: Design and Creativity" (1 p.m.). Registration due by

7 p.m., learn about "Subtropical these classes by September 17.

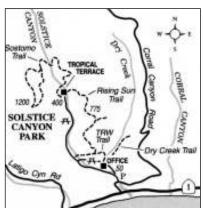
Registration: 858-694-2860. (LA JOLLA)

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Roam-O-Rama

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

Solstice Canyon Park, a unit of the sprawling Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, invites your attention, with superb oak woodland habitat to enjoy, and lessons in fire ecology to ponder. Since its unveiling in 1988, these 556 acres have turned into a hiker's showplace. Old buildings have been restored, junk has been hauled away, weedy plants have been replaced by native ones, trails have been cut, and old roads have been either revegetated or incorporated into the trail system. Except for the ruins of the architecturally noted "Tropical Terrace" home built by the previous owners of the property (the Roberts family), not much remains of the devastation wrought by a 1982 fire that burned large sections of Malibu.



The gateway for Solstice Canyon Park lies along Corral Canyon Road, 0.2 mile north of Pacific Coast Highway (Highway 1) in west Malibu. There are a few parking spaces at this gateway and more room for parking a short distance inside.

Several hikes are possible in the park, ranging from easy to moderately strenuous. The Dry Creek Trail heads north up an oak-shaded ravine for about 0.6 mile, offering a view of a 100+ foot precipice that on rare occasions becomes a spectacular waterfall. The mile-

long TRW Trail loops along a hillside containing a silo-shaped building formerly used by TRW Inc. as a test facility for satellite instrumentation.

The main route for visitors, however, is the paved Solstice Canyon Trail (suitable for bicycles and wheelchairs in addition to travel by foot), which leads straight up Solstice Canyon to the ruins of Tropical Terrace. All along the way you'll enjoy a fantastic woodland of sycamore, bay, and live oaks — the latter with trunks up to 18 feet in circumference.

You'll pass a circa 1865 stone cottage on the right, the oldest existing stone building in Malibu, now used as a staff residence. Next is a picnic area nestled alongside the melodious creek. The stream in Solstice Canyon occasionally supports



Oak Woodland, Solstice Canyon

steelhead trout runs.

After a distance of about 1.5 miles you arrive at the remains of Tropical Terrace. In a setting of palms and giant birds-of-paradise, curved flagstone steps sweep toward the roofless remains of what was for 26 years one of Malibu's grand homes. Beyond the house, crumbling stone steps and pathways lead to what used to be elaborately decorated rock grottoes, and a small waterfall. Large chunks of sandstone have cleaved from the canyon walls, adding to the rubble. For all its perfectly natural setting, Tropical Terrace's destiny was that of a temporary paradise, defenseless against both fire and flood. This was underscored yet again when a fire last January raged near here, chasing people from their homes and closing the park for several months.

Jazz Live, series continues when Latin jazz guitarist Juan Carlos Quintero performs Tuesday, September 9, 8 p.m., in San Diego City College Theater (1450 C Street). Free. Concert is simulcast on KSDS, 88.3 FM. Free. 619-388-3552, (DOWNTOWN)

"Tikkun" Magazine Editor Rabbi Michael Lerner discusses and signs Healing Israel/Palestine: A Path to Peace and Reconciliation, Wednesday, September 10, 7:30 p.m., Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Free. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

888-723-7464. Donations to Operation Homefront, (BALBOA PARK)

"Better Than Hope," this

Whackiob! event features readings

by poets Jesi Brubaker and Estela Eaton, Sunday, September 7, at

David's Coffeehouse (3766 Fifth

Avenue, at Robinson). Features at

5 p.m., open mike at 6 p.m. Free.

"Newsweek" Correspondent

Michael Hirsh visits Current Af-

fairs Bookstore to discuss and sign

At War With Ourselves: Why

America Is Squandering Its Chance

to Build a Better World. Monday,

September 8, 7:30 p.m., 2536 Uni-

versity Avenue. Free. 619-795-

Author Leonard Shlain signs and

discusses Sex, Time, and Power:

How Women's Sexuality Shaped

Human Evolution, Monday,

September 8, Warwick's Bookstore

(7812 Girard Avenue). Free.

Share Your Poetry or selections

by someone else during open poetry

reading, Monday, September 8, in

green room at Twiggs Tea and Cof-

fee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madi-

son). Sign-ups at 7:45 p.m., open

readings 8:10 to 9:30 p.m. Free.

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619-296-4173. (HILLCREST)

Magee Park Poets host poetry reading, Wednesday, September 10, 7 p.m., in community room at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-434-2881. Free, (CARLSBAD)

"Tina Modotti: Between Art and Revolution" discussed and signed by author Letizia Argenteri, Wednesday, September 10, 7 p.m., Casa del Libro (1735 University Avenue). Free. 619-299-9331. (HILLCREST)

Financial Thriller Author Christopher Reich signs The Devil's Banker, Wednesday, September 10, 7:30 p.m., Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Alaskan Mystery Author Dana ${\it Stabenow\ will\ sign\ A\ Grave\ Denied}$ at Mysterious Galaxy Books, Wednesday, September 10, 7 p.m. Find Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Open House, Open Mike, bring sheet music for accompanist Saif Eden, who will play for singers at Adams Avenue Studio of the Arts (2804 Adams Avenue), Wednesday, September 10, 7 to 10 p.m. (and every Wednesday night following). Reservations: 619-284-3593. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Sister of My Heart" and The Mistress of Spices author Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni signs and discusses her many books Wednesday, September 17, 7 p.m., at Book Works (in Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

materials. Registration: 760-721-IN PERSON

Tuskegee Airmen Lee Archer and Roscoe Brown speak about their World War II exploits for "Celebrating the Centennial of Flight" series at San Diego Aerospace Museum, 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)

Is There Life on Other Planets?

"Cerca Series" artist Adam Ross discusses the science-fiction inspiration for his large-scale, otherworldly paintings for Thursday Night Thing (TNT), Thursday, September 4. Also on hand: astrobiologists "providing extraterrestrial images, sound, action." Party starts at 7 p.m. at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Donation: \$3. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Super Diamond performs for final Four O'Clock Friday series at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Friday, September 5, 7 p.m. Post time for horse racing is 3:30 p.m. Concerts included in regular track admission, 858-755-1141, (DEL MAR)

Doc Severinsen and Doc's Latin Show closes San Diego Symphony's Summer Pops series

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with concerts on Friday and Saturday, September 5 and 6. 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)

North Park Vaudeville Shows presented Friday and Saturday, September 5 and 6, 8 p.m., North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Tickets: \$12 adults, \$6 for those under 12. Reservations: 619-647-4958, (NORTH PARK)

Music in the Park, smooth jazz by Fattburger, Saturday, September 6, 6 p.m., at Chula Vista Community Park. 619-585-5682. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

The Russians Are Coming... Again! Russian Orthodox church music and folk songs performed by the St. Petersburg Vocal Ouartet, Saturday, September 6, 7:30 p.m., Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Members of this a cappella ensemble include Irina Grinberg (soprano), Marina Chihatcheva (mezzo-soprano),

Maxim Mostovoy (tenor), and Kirill Sokolov (baritone). Offering. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Suspense Author Laura Lippman signs Every Secret Thing, Sundav, September 7, 2:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Music from the Kashmir Valley promised when Pandit Shivkumar Sharma and Rahul Sharma perform on santoor, accompanied by Shafaat Ahmed Khan on tabla, Sunday, September 7, 5 p.m., Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Tickets: \$20 to \$50. 858-537-9706 or 619-384-3639. (POWAY)

Coronado Community Swing Band takes the stage for final concert in Spreckels Park (at 7th and Orange Avenue), Sunday, September 7, 6 p.m. Free. 619-435-9260. (CORONADO)

"United We Sing" presented by barbershop quartets and musical groups in tribute to victims and families of September 11, 2001, tragedies. Concert starts at 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 7, in Spreckels Organ Pavilion.



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Timely Tips for Fall Gardeners leads class, Sunday, September 14, noon to 5 p.m., Oceanside Museum of Art, School of Art (219 North talks. Saturday, September 20, Coast Highway). Class explores sculptural forms of knotting using simple knots. Fees: \$55 plus \$10 for 2787. (OCEANSIDE) September 10. Thursday, September 25,

Fruit Trees" (register by September 15). "Plants That Attract Birds and Butterflies," Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m.; "Uncommon Flowering Trees for San Diego," 1 to 2:45 p.m. Register for

No day-of-event registration. Fee: \$10 per class. Classes are held in La Iolla Ballroom at Marriott La Jolla (4240 La Jolla Village Drive).

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Calendar Local Events

Join the Party! The 33rd annual Julian Bluegrass Festival runs September 20 and 21 at Frank Lane Park. Bands include Bluegrass Etc., Silverado Bluegrass Band, Virtual Strangers, Ronnie Bowman and his band, Ken Perlman and William Coulter, Steve Spurgin, the Walden Dahl Band.

Both days feature jamming, food, music workshops, and music-related vendors' booths. The festival runs from about 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Tickets: \$16 on Saturday (\$14 in advance), \$15 Sunday (\$13 in advance). 877-894-0008 or 909-678-0831. Bring ice chests, chairs, blankets; don't bring pets or glass bottles. (JULIAN)

The Unsinkable Debbie Reynolds — star of film, television, and Broadway — performs
Saturday, September 20, 8 p.m., at
California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido
Boulevard). Tickets to "Debbie
Reynolds — An Evening of Music
and Comedy" range from \$40 to
\$60. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

America's Leading High-Altitude Mountaineer, Ed Viesturs, who climbs without the use of supplemental oxygen, adding to the mental and physical difficulty of his climbs. Viesturs will show photography from his climbing career and pictures from his recent summits of Nanga Parbat and Broad Peak, Thursday, September 25, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Viesturs will also sign his new

book, *Himalayan Quest.* \$5. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Love the Sound of Bagpipes? Fifth annual G.S. McLennan Invitational Piping Competition features seven top solo pipers from Europe, North America, and New Zealand.

Reception/recital on Friday, October 3, 7:30 p.m. (\$35). *Piobaireachd* (classical bagpipe music) and MSR (march, strathspey, and reel) competition, Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (\$30). Awards banquet/concert October 4, 6:30 p.m. (\$75). Workshops on Sunday, October 5.

U.S. Grant Hotel, 625 Broadway. 619-583-8223. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

The Boys of Summer, the San Diego Padres host the Houston Astros September 5-7, with games at 7:05 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. The San Francisco Giants arrive for games in Qualcomm Stadium at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, September 9-11.

All of the games 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)

Supermodified Racing League, extreme motorcycles, WRA vintage race car competition, Saturday, September 6, 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.



Adopt-a-Crag Day 2003 in Mission Gorge climbing area, September 6 (see Outdoors)

Turn left, drive two blocks to Wing Street, then right one block to track entrance. Adult admission: \$9 (west side) and \$10 (east side); \$3 for those 6 to 12; free for kids under 6 with an adult. 619-448-8900. (EL CAJON)

Run or Walk, Fifty-Plus Fitness Association hosts a run/walk, Saturday, September 6. Four-mile outing starts 8:30 a.m. at 15th Street and Ocean Avenue, lasts one hour along the beach. Wear good running or walking shoes; all levels of ability welcome. 650-323-6160. (DEL MAR)

NSSA Surf Contest, Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7,

6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., at south jetty at Oceanside Harbor. 714-536-0445. Free for spectators. (OCEANSIDE)

Golf Demo Day, Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Carlsbad Golf Center (2711 Haymar Drive). New equipment from more than 20 manufacturers available to try. Admission is free. 760-720-4653. (CARLSBAD)

Black Belt Demonstrations offered Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m., during open house at Kung Fu Academy (3388 30th Street). Free. 619-297-0424. (NORTH PARK)

See Garibaldi, Lobsters, and octopuses when Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts snorkeling at La Jolla Cove, part of the La Jolla-San Diego Underwater Park and Ecological Reserve. Saturday, September 6, 8 to 10 a.m. Previous snorkeling experience required. \$30. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Family Tennis Day, Saturday, September 6, noon to 2 p.m., at Fallbrook Tennis Club (2141 South Mission Road). Bring a racquet. Tennis clinics, matches, games, food. Free. 760-809-8437 or 760-728-1100. (FALLBROOK)

The Season Begins! The San Diego Chargers are in Kansas City for a game against the Chiefs, Sunday, September 7, 10 a.m. Broadcast on KFMB. Tickets for future games: 877-CHARGERS.

Run along Batiquitos Lagoon Sunday, September 7, during Four Season 4-mile Run/Walk for Cancer. Registration for this run/walk and kids' kilometer at 7 a.m.; racing starts at Batiquitos Drive and Kingfisher Road, near Four Seasons Resort Aviara. 760-602-1011. (LA COSTA)

Rancho Valencia Cup Competition at San Diego Polo Club, Sunday, September 7. 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)

The Granddaddy of Rough-Water Swims, 73rd annual La Jolla Rough-Water Swim, Sunday, September 7, starting and finishing at La Jolla Cove. Junior, amateur, masters, and Gatorman divisions, with starts from 9 a.m. to 1:35 p.m. 858-456-2100. No raceday registration. (LA JOLLA)

Learn Snorkeling Basics and experience local marine life on a "face-to-face mask" adventure hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum, Sunday, September 7, 8 to 10 a.m. No previous experience required. Participants must bring their own snorkeling gear. \$30. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (MISSION BAY)

Tuesday Night Racing, summer bicycle racing series at San Diego Velodrome continues, Tuesday, September 9. Gates open for warm-ups 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)

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.

General admission is \$8 general, free for those 17 and under. Find Del Mar Racetrack at San



Leonard Shlain at Warwick's Bookstore, September 8 (see In Person)

Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle. 858-755-1141. (DEL MAR)

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Street Scene 2003 rocks Gaslamp Quarter September 5-7. Multiple stages with continuous live entertainment by a gazillion musical acts, food, "street happenings." Performers this year include the Goo Goo Dolls, Concrete Blonde, G. Love and Special Sauce, Buckwheat Zydeco, R.E.M., Wilco, Macy Gray, many, many others.

Hours: 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, 4 p.m. to midnight Saturday, 2 to 9 p.m. Sunday. Twenty-one and older on Friday and Saturday, all ages on Sunday. Tickets — single days or packages — available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). 800-260-9985. (GASLAMP OUARTER)

The Myriad Shapes and Sounds of the electric guitar, and first public West Coast showing of the Rickenbacker "Frying Pan" featured in "Eclectic Electric," opening Saturday, September 6, at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). The "Frying Pan" was created in 1931 and has only been on public display once before, at the Smithsonian Institute.

Rickenbacker president John Hall leads tour at 2 p.m. San Diego guitarist Jeff Snider performs at 4 p.m. Events included in regular museum admission. RSVP: 760-438-5996 x212. (CARLSBAD)

Have a Grape Day, Grape Day Festival, Saturday, September 6. Grape stomping, live entertainment, crafts, art show, children's games, food, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Grape Day Park (321 North Broadway). Grape Day Parade—themed "Grape Day Goes to the Movies" — at 10 a.m. Admission is free. 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural and Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail" up for discussion Saturday, September 6, by Great Books Reading and Discussion Group, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

The 25th Annual Greek Festival hosted by Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church (3459 Manchester Avenue), September 6 and 7. Church tours at 1 and 4 p.m.; interior is furnished with mosaics and marble by Bruno Salvatori.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. \$2 for adults, free for those under 12. 760-942-0920. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Torrey Pines Lodge Opened in 1923 and celebrates its 80th

anniversary with festivities, Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Events highlight the history of Torrey Pines Park with family oriented activities and games, educational talks, historic characters in period attire, guided trail hikes, art displays. \$4 parking fee: 12600 North Torrey Pines Road or 1800 McGonigle Road. Admission is free. 858-755-2063. (LA JOLLA)

Moon Festival, celebrating Vietnamese culture through music and dance, 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 6, outdoors at City Heights Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Free. 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Stomping in the Mountains, seventh annual Grape Stomp and Festa, Saturday, September 6, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Menghini Winery (1150 Julian Orchards Drive). Visitors squash grapes in wooden barrels, enjoy music by Roman Holliday, play bocce ball, picnic. Adults, \$7; children 6 to 12, \$4. 760-765-1857. (JULIAN)

"Behind the Scenes with the Soap Opera Digest Mall Tour," September 6 and 7, North County Fair (272 East Via Rancho Parkway). Kyle Lowder from Days of Our Lives appears on Saturday, Thad Luckinbill of The Young and the Restless shows up on Sunday; 1 to 4 p.m. Free. 760-489-2332.

Psychic Fair and metaphysical conference at Alexandra's Book-Store, noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7. 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 Austria hosts lawn program at International Cottages — with dance, music, and cultural costumes — Sunday, September 7, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Guided Meditation for World Peace during open house at Vajrarupini Buddhist Center (3300 Third Avenue), Sunday, September 7, 2 to 5 p.m. Free. 619-692-3676. (HILLCREST)

Saluting the Etch-A-Sketch! The Etch-A-Sketch is showcased in exhibit Monday, September 8, through Monday, October 13, in UCSD Arts Libraries, lower level of Geisel Library at UCSD. Loaner Etch-A-Sketches will be available for visitors to contribute to show, along with articles about the toy from scholarly journals. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Meditate and Eat! Nataraja Meditation and Yoga Center hosts open house, Monday, September 8. Yoga class (4:30 p.m.), guided meditation (6 p.m.), discussion and student graduation (7 p.m.), dessert (9 p.m.). Leader: Erhard Vogel. Free. Pioneer United Church, 2550 Fairfield Street. Reservations: 858-573-8646. (SOUTH CLAIREMONT)

"Enemy Alien Files: Hidden Stories of World War II," an exhibit on view through Wednesday, September 24, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), combines rare photographs, oral history excerpts, and documents to explore how wartime fears, anti-immigrant attitudes, and racism affected those against whom no charges of wrongdoing were ever brought. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)



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We must not be wrested from daily routines. We mustn't feel forced to account for your gestures with anything more than a single, prolonged syllable. If we feel like it. For example, "Hmm."

A Study of the Common Thing

Fluttering around the rooms on summer nights — those interminable loopings and spastic shifts, thrashing as though they're racked by random shocks — moths, in fact, hate to fly. It must be mad relief when a moth finally lands, resting until its curse sweeps it back up to be used by inefficient wings, and it crashes into screens, drawn to the air as it's drawn to light, unable to stay where it was composed and more secure.

"Tradition in New Forms" —

an exhibit of woodblock prints by Hiroshi, Toshi Yoshida, and Saito — is on display through Sunday, September 28, at Japanese Friendship Garden. Admission: \$3 general, \$2 for students, children 6 and under free. 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

"Seeing America — Through Children's Eyes," photographs of Vista and the Birch-Aquarium Museum by children from the Vista Townsite area, on exhibit through September at the Vista Library (700 Eucalyptus Avenue). 760-645-5100. (VISTA)

Loves, Lives, and Work of Latino Families in the United States and Latin America examined in bilingual book discussion series at Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Led by journalist Miriam Ruvinksis, series continues with Rosario Ferre's *House on the Lagoon*, Thursday, September 11, 7 p.m. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

"Book Arts" are described as works of art involving structure, graphics, and/or text in a limited edition. Members of San Diego Book Arts exhibit work through Tuesday, October 28, in Love Library at San Diego State University. Retrospective exhibit includes artworks offering modern interpretation of books in the library's special collection. 619-594-6721. Free. (SDSU)

"The Cool Stuff: Alternative Media, Comics, and 'Zines from Special Collections" are on exhibit through Monday, October 13, in

The House in Order

You wanted to build a house? I wanted to build a house. We should not have built a house. We built a house.

We should not have gone in the house. If you went inside, you left. If I went inside, I left. This was our arrangement.

You put dreams inside the house.

There was you in golden clothes and rosy colors in the dreams. Also in the house. You put changes also in the house, after I left. You left. I put changes and ways to look at changes in the house. We lived on different pages in the changes. Also in the house. We passed each other going to and coming from the house. We drew a line with two sides to it. If we touched hands, it was too much. We touched hands. It was not enough. We should not have found ourselves inside a house. We lost ourselves, we found a house. We found a house, we lost the house.

The Smith Family Trip

The Smith family loaded up the car, got in it, and set out for Florida. Across Connecticut they played word games and sang hymns. On the George Washington Bridge they talked about the weather and the scenery. Then the father Smith said something

and the mother one judged it. The children leaned into each other's space. It was two against two on the New Jersey Turnpike, and by Maryland it was one against three. For a moment in Virginia it swung to four against none, but one of them was asleep, and it didn't count.

In South Carolina, three were asleep, so the driver couldn't play the radio at an audible level. As it grew warmer, they fought about the windows, up or down. By Georgia, the Smiths

When they arrived, one swam, one slept, one walked, and one read in the sun. They were free to think better of each other, far apart in Florida together.

Geoff Bouvier was born in California in 1969 and grew up in Connecticut. He holds degrees from the University of Connecticut,



were completely silent.

where he won the Wallace Stevens Prize in 1993, and Bard College, which awarded him a fellowship to write in Provence in 1997. His chapbook, entitled *Everybody Had a Hat*, won the White Eagle Coffee Store Press Poetry Contest for 2000. His latest manuscript, *Whiteness*, was a finalist for six major book contests last year. He lives in San Diego and waits tables at Tapenade in La Jolla.

donor corridor of SDSU's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). Free. 619-594-6791. (SDSU)

"Flags Across the Nation," Spirals Gallery presents this showing of flags by local artists and children in commemoration of 9/11 through Thursday, September 11. Presentation of the colors, flagfolding demonstration, presentation of community-made flag to commanding general of MCAS Miramar, September 11, 6 p.m. Free. Spirals Gallery, 7906 Girard

Tourin' the Lap of Luxury, YachtFest '03 runs Thursday through Sunday, September 11-14, at Shelter Island Marina/Island Palms Hotel. Tours of more than 35 "super-yachts worth millions of dollars."

Avenue, 858-551-8199. (LA JOLLA)

Seminars: "Yachting: From Fantasy to Reality," Friday and Saturday, September 12 and 13, 2 p.m. "Your Career in Yachting — A Ticket Around the World," 9 a.m., September 14. Seminars included in regular admission fee.

Island Palms Hotel, 2051 Shelter Island Drive. Admission: \$50. 858-373-8700. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Wavecrest Weekend, described as "the largest of all woodie meets," starts with the Cruise-In for Woodies and Rods, Thursday, September 18, 5:30 p.m., on Highway 101 between D and G Streets.

The big event, a huge woodie show with 250 to 300 of the vehicles, runs 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 20, at Moonlight Beach (found at the foot of

Encinitas Boulevard).

On Sunday September 21, starting at 9 a.m., "Woodies on 101" will take part in police-escorted parade from Encinitas north to Oceanside, south to Del Mar, then back to start at Encinitas Civic Hall (505 South Vulcan Avenue, at E Street).

Wavecrest surfboard auction on the 21st, poolside at Best Western Inn and Suites (85 Encinitas Boulevard). Preview at 11 a.m., auction noon to 3 p.m.

Admission to all events: free. 760-945-9594. (ENCINITAS)

Sea Chantey Festival, Sunday, September 21, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., on board the *Star of India*. Performers include Tom Lewis, Ken Graydon, the Jackstraws, and others. Shipboard activity demonstra-

tions; visitors may set the sails of the *Star*. Included in museum admission. Find the ship berthed at 1306 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street). 619-234-9153 x101.

A Crazy Hunt is "part gimmick car rally, part treasure hunt, with plenty of crazy antics thrown in for good measure." It's a contest "consisting of gags and puzzles to challenge" and entertain. Two-person minimum per team; maximum number per team depends upon how many can legally fit into the vehicle.

Events begin at 1 p.m. at Boll Weevil (9330 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) on Sunday, September 21. \$15 per team. The end point is a mystery. 619-440-5035. (KEARNY MESA)

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Rails Across Time, the San Diego Railroad Museum hosts this living history program with historical reenactments of railroad vignettes of the past, Sunday, September 28, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Program included in regular museum admission, 858-696-1099. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

"Pepper's First Favorites" presented by Puppet Express, Wednesday through Sunday, September 10-14, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater, Performances at 10 and 11 a.m. Wednesday through Friday; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

Back to School with a Mouse, listen to If You Take a Mouse to School by Laura Numeroff and do an activity, Saturday, September 6, 12:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

Arts and Activities, kids three and older are invited to crafts and activity program, Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m., at shade structure at Kumeyaay Lake Campground (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Patterning Ganesh, study ornate patterning of Niki de Saint Phalle's sculpture Big Ganesh and design "skin" for sculpture using techniques of collage during Free-for-All Family Day activities, Sunday, September 7, 2 to 5 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Free. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

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.

Thank Him Personally for Captain Underpants! Meet author Dav Pilkey, creator of Paperboy and the Captain Underpants series, Thursday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. Pilkey will sign three books per customer. (LA JOLLA)

Bear in the Big Blue House **Live,** enjoy A First Time for Everything, October 9-12 at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street).

Bear and his sidekicks take the stage 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 9; 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Friday, October 10; 10:30 a.m., 2, and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 11; 1 and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 12. Tickets: \$14, \$18, \$24, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

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 horsepowered equipment related to agriculture and the general develop-

ment 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 his-

torical 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



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Almost from Scratch: 600 Recipes for the New Convenience Cuisine



Andrew Schloss

Simon & Schuster, 2003; 420 pages; \$25

FROM THE DUST JACKET: Jars of olive tapenade and capers, containers of hummus and readymade sauces; these days, grocery stores are full of ingredients that are one step away from becoming a meal. With Almost from Scratch: 600 Recipes for the New Convenience Cuisine, you can transform those gourmet products into gourmet meals with a few simple steps. From Andrew Schloss, the

author of Fifty Ways to Cook Most Everything, come 600 recipes for delicious and easy meals that use convenience foods without sacrificing taste.

Using prepared salsas, pestos, high-quality baking mixes, and other packaged items, recipes that once took a whole afternoon can now be assembled quickly and easily. Almost From Scratch makes the most of prepackaged foods to streamline the way home cooks prepare everything from soup to dessert, whether you're making a weeknight dinner for the family or entertaining on a Saturday night.

With recipes for appetizers, salads, soups, sauces, meat dishes, seafood, pasta, grains, stir-fries, vegetables, and desserts, Schloss shows you the never-ending possibilities of cooking with shortcuts.

Sumptuous starters such as Herbed Artichoke Dip, Parmesan Shortbread, Blue Cheese Quiche with Potato Crust, and Tomato Tarragon Tart will be the perfect start to any evening. For a light meal, try Three Corn Chowder, Pizza Rustica, Mango Brie Quesadillas, or Smoked Turkey and Chickpea Chili. For a more substantial dinner, sample recipes such as Deep Dark Pot Roast, Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagna, Dutch Country Chicken and Potato Dumplings, Grilled Salmon with Olive Vinaigrette, and Lemon Pork Chops on Artichoke Bruschetta that will keep your family — and your taste buds — happy.

Who knew that decadent, awe-inspiring desserts could be created in a flash using packaged ingredients? Dark Chocolate Soufflé, Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie, Blueberry Cornmeal Upside-Down Cake, and Chèvre Cheesecake with Fig Coulis are just some of the sweets that will wow your guests.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly:* After holding forth on the use of prepared ingredients, spice mixes, sauces, and salad bars to produce restaurant dishes at home, Schloss (*Using a Pot, a Spoon, and a Pan*) explains

the necessary ingredients to stock the convenience pantry and what to look for when shopping for groceries. Logically starting from appetizers and spur-of-the-moment snacks and soups, he covers sauces before continuing with meals in minutes and the more usual chapters on chicken, seafood, and desserts (he also offers a chapter on meatless dishes). The simple recipes run from the most basic of combinations, such as the innovative Salsa Hummus, which mixes an eight-ounce container of hummus with a quarter cup salsa, to the barely more complicated flavorful Udon Noodles with Peanut Sauce. Drawing on international inspiration and ingredients made readily available by the growing range of products in supermarket aisles — whether it's Hot and Sour Chicken Soup or Curried Rice and Lentils, redolent of the flavor of India — Schloss caters to the increasing familiarity with the variety of flavors and dishes experienced by the consumer who wants to provide quick, easy dishes. While this overly simple book is unlikely to appeal to the serious cook, it would make a suitable gift for those lacking culinary confidence or those who are time-driven and no longer wish to rely on take-out or eating at the nearest fast-food

Providence Journal-Bulletin: Andrew Schloss is a food writer and president of a food-product development company. But here he is a quintessential cookbook author. He begins with an informative explanation of all the many raw ingredients and convenience foods available. Some may not think wasabi peas are easy to find, but they are, and with them you can make great grilled tuna.

While he makes a definite turn into the gourmet category, he also turns his eye to things to make with canned soups. He is no food snob. His orange blossom green tea sorbet is made with Nestea Sweetened Iced Tea Concentrate, hardly a high-end item.

Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum

the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

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

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, ivory, 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. "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)

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)

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 Sunday, January 18, 2004.

Over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from

the Exploratorium in San Francisco are on display in "ExploraZone 4," on exhibit through Monday, May 31, 2004. The exhibition's themes are forces and structures, light, and rotation.

"Memory," opening Saturday, September 6, and closing Sunday, December 7, includes 38 interactive exhibits, artworks, and demonstrations exploring how memories are made, stored, retrieved, and forgotten. Ongoing exhibitions include "Technovation," "About Faces," "Smoke and Mirrors," and 'Skyscapes II." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Journey "To Worlds Beyond" in the planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Automotive Museum,

big engines and good looks unite in "Muscle Cars — Flexing Speed and Style," on view through Tuesday, September 30. Sixteen classic 1960s and '70s specimens are showcased, including a 1965 Chrysler 300L, 1966 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 informa-

tion. (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.

Also on view: "Filming San Diego: Hollywood's Backlot," through Thursday, December 9, 2004.

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 voyages, 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 ferrvboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark Star of India, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat Berkeley, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht Medea. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man,

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR: On the afternoon that we talked, Andrew Schloss was at home in Philadelphia. He told me that he was born in Philadelphia in 1951, one of two children. He grew up in the suburbs of Philadelphia. "My mother," he said, "did not really cook. She made dinner. I grew up in sort of a meat-and-potatoes house-hold. I got interested in cooking when I was a kid, I think mostly because of the magic of it. The first thing I remember cooking was white sauce. I was amazed that you could take milk and flour and butter and make something that had nothing to do with any of those ingredients. That was magical. I've always been interested in the science of food because of that white-sauce experience. I cooked as a teenager, just projects, and occasionally would make dinner for special occasions, but my mother made dinner on a regular basis."

At Carnegie-Mellon, where Mr. Schloss attended college, he said that he majored in art "but spent most of my time giving dinner parties. I ended up dropping out of art school. I went to Europe and was just hitchhiking around Europe, and I ended up going to a college in Denmark, a food school where I lived communally, and everybody worked in the kitchen, and everybody cleaned and went to classes. And because of my interest in cooking, I ended up doing a lot in the kitchen. One of my teachers said, 'You should do this for real and stop messing around.' It made

perfect sense as soon as she said that. I switched majors, and I got a degree in nutrition. I ended up running the kitchen, and that's really where I started cooking for large amounts of people in a serious way. In 1973 I came back to the United States and starting working in restaurants. I got a job being the chef at a Quaker retreat, outside Philadelphia, called Pendle Hill. George Fox [the founder, in the 17th Century, of the Quaker movement] had his vision on Pendle Hill [in England]. The retreat center has been there probably since the turn of the 1900s; people went to school there and also came for retreat. I was a chef there for two years."

"Was the food fairly simple?"
"Well, it was simpler before I got there and became somewhat complicated during my reign."

I asked Mr. Schloss to tell me about some monumental failure in his cooking while he was at Pendle Hill.

He answered at once. "I tried to make *feijoada* for 200 people. That's a Brazilian black bean stew, and you serve it with oranges and spinach. It's sort of the national peasant dish of Brazil. I had found it in some cookbook, and I didn't do it right, and it was like sludge. No one ate it."

'What did you feed them instead?"

"Eggs. But because one of the things at that place was you couldn't throw anything out, the next day at lunch I had to make it into something. I ended up making a plain black bean soup. But that's also something that I've done a lot in my cooking is saving failures, turning things around. I'm interested in that."

After his two-year stint at Pendle Hill Mr. Schloss went to the Restaurant School in Philadelphia. The school, he said, "was a professional cooking school for business. I did take cooking classes, but mostly I was there for business. One of the senior projects was to do a restaurant on paper, and you had to visit sites and make this project. When I was visiting sites I ended up renting the place I was looking at. I actually did a restaurant instead of a paper.

"Another guy who I met at the restaurant school was doing the project with me, and we opened a restaurant together three or four days after we graduated. That restaurant was called In Season. It opened on July 7, 1977.

"In Season was very successful. Philadelphia was going through a renaissance in restaurants. There were a lot of bou-

"I wrote the lyrics to '50 Ways to Love Your Liver,' and the article came out. Some disc jockey sang the song on the radio, so it became a hit."

tique kind of restaurants, and they were sort of homey, a lot of mismatched china, Victorian furniture, blackboard menus. In Season was an ultramodern, all-American restaurant doing gourmet American food with an all-American wine list. It was the first of its kind in Philadelphia. It was a small restaurant, so we didn't make a lot of money. But we were busy. I did that for six, almost seven years.

"I got married the same

year we opened the restaurant. Our daughter was born, and I never saw her because I was at the restaurant all the time. Then we got pregnant with twins. So I decided that I wanted to sell. The restaurant was still doing well, but I sold to my partner."

After In Season's sale Mr. Schloss began to teach at the Restaurant School. He also began to work as a freelance writer for (continued on page 86)

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 Milion 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)

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of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and

aerospace display. Find the 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)

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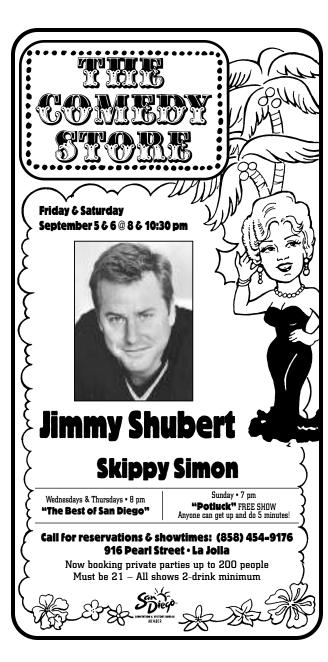
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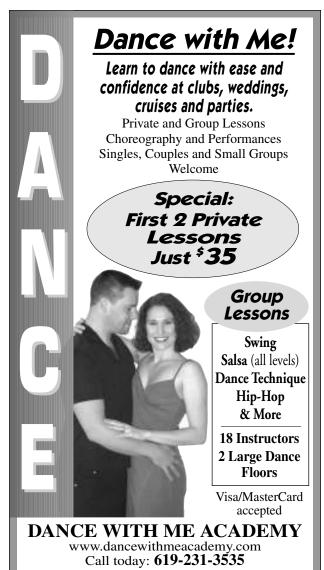
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The Philadelphia Inquirer's food section. "So," said Mr. Schloss, "within a month's time, I had switched careers."

For the next ten years, Mr. Schloss taught and wrote. "During that time," he said, "my editor, Ken Bookman, at The Inquirer called me and said, 'Someone just came up to me in the parking lot and gave me a headline that's funny, but I need an article to go with it.' And the headline was '50 Ways to Love Your Liver.' Ken said, 'The problem is vou need 50 liver recipes with it.' I thought for 15 minutes and came back to him with about 30 ideas for liver recipes. In order to get 50 recipes in a newspaper window, we couldn't do it in typical recipe format. So we did this paragraph format of 'Sauté 8 ounces of liver in two tablespoons olive oil, add blah, blah,'so that each recipe was three lines. And that's how we did 50 recipes.

"I wrote lyrics to '50 Ways to Love Your Liver,' and the article came out. And some disc jockey sang the song on the radio. So it became a hit. People liked the article and liked the idea of it. So we started doing these '50 Ways' articles. Chicken breast, pizza, pasta, grilled things, chocolate desserts, cakes, cookies. And over maybe three years, I did 15 to 20 of those articles. Ken and I decided that there was likely a book in it. And if we were going to do a book, it had to be 50 chapters. And 50 recipes. We ended up selling that proposal, and we started working on this book together."

The book was Fifty Ways to Cook Almost Everything. It did well and was followed by six more titles, also successful.

I asked how Mr. Schloss came to write this, his eighth cookbook.

"Visiting my wife's cousin in Atlanta. I woke up early to make pancakes for everyone, and when I went to the pantry to get flour I could not find any. My wife's cousin's wife got up and came out in the kitchen, and she said that she knew she bought flour. And indeed she had. She brought out this packet of flour that was a two-cup package. And it dawned on me that the world had changed. It made infinite sense that there was flour in this size pack. Because most

people don't bake anymore, and if somebody bakes once a year, what they need is two cups of

flour.

"After that I just started seeing more and more of this stuff. That was the very beginning of what I think has been a revolution in supermarkets in every single category, having this convenience, this added favor, and having products where the work is done for you already; is what's taken over. The quality varies, but it's very easy to find high-quality convenience items now."

One of the great revolutions, I said, had taken place in marinades and barbecue sauces.

Mr. Schloss agreed. "Salad dressings have morphed into marinades and barbecue sauces and glazes. Instant flavor is what they are about. They fit the way people cook now, which basically is sautéing and grilling."

"Why do you think people are grilling so much more often than they did, say, five years

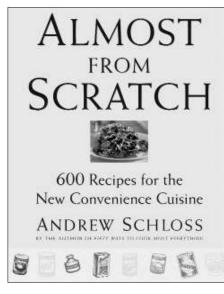
"I think people don't think of it as cooking is the reason I think they do it more. It's always struck me as being odd because I think actually working on an open fire is one of the most difficult things to do. It's so much easier to regulate a stove than it is to regulate a grill. I've never understood why people think of it as easy. I think there's a lot of bad grilling too. People think of grilling as easy, so they don't pay a lot of attention to it when they grill. There's a lot of burnt food. It's always been odd to me that people accept burnt food on a grill where they wouldn't accept burnt food from an oven."

"Canned tomatoes," I said, "now come in an amazing variety."

"Right. Tomatoes are one of the vegetables that have always canned the best. The big thing now is flavoring tomatoes. Also diced tomatoes have been an amazing thing. It's amazing that it took us so long to get to diced tomatoes because nobody has ever used a whole tomato anyway. I can't believe that we took so long to figure out that we just wanted them chopped up. Stewed tomatoes are a great convenience because they're a more natural cut than the diced. Since I wrote the book there have come on

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the market the little diced tomatoes — the petite diced. I've started using some. This whole business now is constantly evolving. I knew from the minute I started working on this book that given all of the products I was uncovering, there would be that many again once the book got in print.

I noted, I said, that Mr. Schloss was a fan of one of my favorites — V8 juice. I have always kept cans of this around to toss into soups or red sauces.

The remarkable thing about V8 is that it looks like it's tomato but the flavor of it actually isn't. In flavor it's much more celery-onion. And so it really gives a great savory quality to anything that you're cooking. I think it's the carrots, celery, and onion. The dominant flavor is definitely celery in V8. I think people taste it as tomato because it looks like tomato. But if you taste it with your eyes closed, tomato isn't as dominant. One of the good things, too, about V8 is that it comes in reduced-salt and no-salt versions.

How did Mr. Schloss test

his recipes?
"Different food writers do it differently. What I do, because I've been cooking a long time and I'm very adept at knowing how food works, I write the recipe before I cook it. I either write it out longhand or at the computer. Then I take it to the kitchen and cook from that recipe and then adjust that written thing."

"Like editing."

'Yes. And then I just tweak that. Then, whenever I'm doing it for a book or an article, I give that recipe to my assistant, who then cooks it. Sometimes, it depends on the project and the

timing, we will then give that to a third person who doesn't have any relationship to or has only a minimal relationship to my food - for books we always do this - and have them cook it and see how it turns out for them. That is one of the important things in testing recipes for books, in particular, is to have someone who has the skill level and the mindset of your reader actually use the recipe."

"Do you pay someone to do test the recipe?"

"I don't usually pay people to do that. My assistant I pay, obviously. But most of the time people want to do it. I have peo-

ple who come up to me, once they find out that I do that, and tell me, 'Oh, I'd love to do that.'

Does Mr. Schloss taste, mentally, what he is going to cook?

"Yes. I think anyone can do that. My example of that is when anyone goes to a restaurant, when they decide what to order, they in essence taste it in their head. When they're reading ingredients, their flavor library in their head is coming into action, and they put their flavors together in their head and decide whether it tastes good. So I think everyone has that ability. I don't think most people practice it. They don't know they can do it. And they may not do it terribly well because they don't practice it. But I think anyone could do that, and I think most cooks do it. With my cookbooks I am doing it in my mind before I actually cook

I said how much I admired Mr. Schloss's headnotes, like this for Feta Artichoke Pizza:

> The prebaked pizza round may be the ultimate vehicle for culinary self-expression. Top it with anything and have a complete meal in no time. For this pizza I've combined marinated artichoke hearts, flavored feta, pitted black olives, and walnuts. If the walnuts strike you as an odd addition, I beg you not to reject them outright. They toast as the pizza cooks, giving it a roasted sweetness that's a wonderful counterpoint to the saltiness of the olives and cheese.

"I do love writing headnotes," said Mr. Schloss. "I like bringing the user into the recipe. This book was also a challenge because from the very beginning I wanted a recipe to fit into a column. So I had to be pretty terse with both the recipe and with my headnotes. I knew from the beginning I wanted this to have a lot of recipes. So with 600 recipes there was no way that we were going to have a book that was $800~{\rm pages}$ long. So I knew from the beginning it was going to be in columns. I didn't want recipes to span columns because I thought it would look more complicated. To me a lot of the art of getting someone to try a recipe is to get it to look right on the page, and having my language be such that it could fit within that column became a goal for each recipe.'

Mr. Schloss explained how some of his recipes developed. "There were two ways the recipes developed. They could develop because I found an ingredient that was intriguing. I would think of ways to use it. But there were also ways where I had an idea for a dish and I wanted to know how could I take that and streamline it for what I knew was out there. So there's two directions that it would come.

"An example of finding something out there and using it is the halvah shortbread. I was standing at the deli buying something else, and there was this halvah in front of me. I said, 'Okay, what can I do with that?' And it dawned on me that what halvah was was sugar and fat and that all it needed was flour to become a cookie. So I bought some and brought it home and started working with it, and it just worked. That only took one retest. And that was just to get the flavor right. But the structure of it worked perfectly from the very beginning.

"There's that kind of thing where you'll see an ingredient and it'll just spark something else it could be. I love that halvah recipe because it's something you would never think of when you think of convenience ingredients — vou just don't think halvah is a convenience ingredient. One of the surprises that I liked, working on this project, was finding things that weren't technically convenience ingredients but using them as if they were. Like ricotta cheese. I made ice cream out of ricotta cheese. All you needed was sugar and vanilla and you froze it. And that was it. Because it was naturally

creamy and already somewhat coagulated. It just did what a custard does. The balsamic fig sorbet I knew I wanted some spice in it, and realized that Chai had all the right spices. If I just macerated the figs in the tea, that would be all the spice you would need. I wouldn't need to add any other flavoring. That's a really magical, wonderful thing. There are great flavors in that. The surprising thing, too, in that is that the figs, because of their pulpiness, make it almost like ice cream. It's not like an ice. It's more creamy.'

— Judith Moore

BALSAMIC FIG SORBET

This is without a doubt one of the best foods that will ever pass between your lips. The clove and cinnamon in the tea blend with the figs and the hint of balsamic vinegar into a creamy, spicy, fragrant frozen cloud. It is a gorgeous dessert, a refreshing snack, and an inspired palate cleanser.

Makes 11/2 pints or 6 servings 3 cups water

1 cup sugar

3 spice tea bags, such as Celestial Seasonings Bengal Spice or Oregon Chai 6 Calimyrna or other pale-colored figs, stems removed, quartered

2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar

Combine the water and sugar in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Add the tea bags, take off the heat, and steep for two minutes. Remove the tea bags, add the figs, and set aside until the figs are soft, about 20 minutes. Add the vinegar and purée the mixture in a blender or food processor. Pour into a shallow pan and freeze until solid, 4 hours or longer. Cut into cubes and purée in a food processor until creamy. Store in a tightly closed container in the freezer for up to 1 week. If the mixture becomes solid, purée it again before serving.

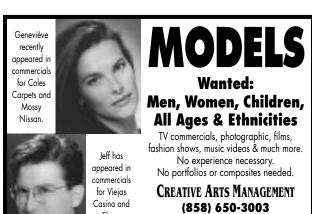
HALVAH SHORTBREAD

Halvah, the super-rich, oily sesame candy from the Middle East, is practically shortbread all by itself. Just add some flour to make it bankable and a little ginger to complement the flavor of sesame.

Makes 16 cookies 4 ounces halvah 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted but-

1 teaspoon ground ginger 1 cup flour

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Purée the halvah, butter, ginger, and flour in a food processor until smooth. Pack the mixture into an 8-inch baking pan and bake for 20 minutes, until firm and dry. Let cool for 10 minutes and cut into 16 thin wedges. Lift the wedges from the pan with a spatula.







Yes, but Did He Like It?

REVI

JONATHAN SAVILLE

Nothingness is all.

omposer Tan Dun was one of the stars of this year's SummerFest. He dominated two of the concerts labeled "East Meets West" — appropriately, since East meets West in his own person (he was born in China and now lives in

New York). Indeed, SummerFest's artistic director, Cho-Liang Lin, who has worked with the composer and deeply admires him, may have been inspired to choose this

theme for the festival by the central preoccupation of Tan Dun's aesthetics: the interaction between traditional Chinese and modern European music. In the first week of the festival, where the Asian-European elements were concentrated, Tan Dun was a commanding presence. Four of his works were performed. He staged one of them himself, and conducted two others, in one of which he was also a performer.

This curious composer's works fall into three categories. I would call the first "movie music." In the case of the well-known score for *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* it is literally that: lush, colorful, Romantic, and (to use the technical term) soupy, with music in a more-or-less Hollywood Chinese manner used for exotic effect and directed at a Western audience. The same style is used in the long, rhapsodic pieces he calls symphonies (although they have nothing in common with traditional symphonic form): his *Symphony 1997: Heaven, Earth, Mankind,* written in celebration (an unfortunate word) of the reunification of Hong Kong with mainland China, and 2000 Today: A World Celebration for the Millennium.

The first features the ripe cello sounds of Yo-Yo Ma (also heard throughout in Crouching Tiger), ancient Chinese bells, a Chinese love song re-borrowed from Turandot (along with the sound of Puccini's chorus), an evocation of the New Year's dragon dance, a tribute to the rape of Nanking, and a stupendously buffed-up concluding anthem to world peace. In 2000 Today (as also in the pop song that accompanies the final credits in Crouching Tiger), the composer reveals his eclectic interest in all sorts of popular and "world" music, including various sects of American rock, lavishly orchestrated; the African section sounds very much like Paul Simon's venture into the same area. The ideology behind such music is explicit: "everything in the world is One," classical and pop and folk, East

and West and North and South, the unification of all the world's cultures, can't we all just get along. If you like this kind of stuff, and if you go to the movies a lot, Tan Dun's for you.

vies a lot, Tan Dun's for you. A second category of his music is quite the op-

posite, belonging to the extreme European and American avantgarde, and certainly not suitable to a movie audience, although here too the crossover impulse often has

its say, and the spirit of John Cage is crowned with an East Asian garland. Falling in this category are such compositions as On Taoism with its extended vocal techniques; the two Orchestral Theatre pieces; the Boulezian-pointillist Silk Road for soprano and percussion; Snow in June for cello and percussion quartet (lots of percussion is an avant-garde signature); In Distance for piccolo, harp, and bass drum; the incomprehensible but intriguing (or incomprehensible and therefore intriguing) historical-philosophical-spiritual-cosmical "opera" Marco Polo (the characters are Marco [sic], Polo [sic], Kublai Khan, Li Po, Scheherazade, Mahler, Dante, Shakespeare, and Water, and the nonaction takes place in four "Timespaces"); and all but one of Tan Dun's works performed at SummerFest: Ghost Opera: Circle with Four Trios, Conductor, and Audience (in which the audience participated by breathvoicing "haaa" and "twittering, gossiping, shouting" at the command of the conductor high priest, who was the composer himself); and Concerto for Six ("constructed as a set of variations upon the number series 7-6-5-4-3-2-1," which numbers the musicians, including the very active percussionist, shouted from time to time — in

Finally, there are a few works that belong firmly in the tradition of European modernism, among which I would mention the Bergian violin concerto, *Out of Peking Opera;* the orchestral suite inspired by paintings of Paul Klee, *Death and Fire;* and the Concerto for Guitar and Orchestra (the last was very ill represented at one of the SummerFest concerts by the composer's arrangement for solo guitar — played by Sharon Isbin — that simply omitted the orchestral part).

All of these, I think, are masterpieces; and *Out of Peking Opera* is one of the great violin concertos of the 20th Century. (You may hear it on an Ondine recording, with none other than Cho-

Liang Lin playing breathtakingly in the violin concerto.) They reveal Tan Dun's real powers of musical invention, shorn of avant-garde pretensions and heavy *Welt-philosophie*. When he forgets about leading the world into an exalted era of love and everlasting harmony, this man can really write music!

I by no means feel as enthusiastic about the composer's works performed at SummerFest, and to tell you why I will concentrate on the biggest of them, *Ghost Opera*, which can serve as a paradigm for the others.

This is not in any sense an opera, but rather a theatrical performance with instruments: string quartet and pipa - although the pipa player, Wu Man, did sing a little Chinese folksong (in a touching, childlike voice). Many people in the audience at Mandeville Auditorium appeared to find Tan Dun's various theatrical and musical devices innovative and refreshing — at last, something new! In fact, virtually all the devices had been extensively used in the avant-garde music of the '60s and '70s: the theatricalization of the musical performance, in which the musicians do many things other than playing their instruments; the use of many parts of the concert hall in addition to the stage; the portentous and enigmatic atmosphere; all sorts of vocalization, such as whispering and shouting; sounds made by ordinary objects manipulated as though they were musical

instruments; the playing of traditional instruments in untraditional ways, sometimes intentionally grotesque; the recitation of literary texts, often in such a manner as to be unintelligible; the ironic quotation of great music from the past, fragmented and distorted; staging notable for bizarre actions, eerie lighting effects, and sudden dislocations of continuity.... The patrons of SummerFest are generally music lovers who are used to Mozart and Brahms. If they had been aficionados of the cutting edge, they could have encountered the same devices ad nauseam decades ago — indeed, right there in Mandeville Auditorium.

None of these devices (it might be added) has proved to be of any value in the art of music. They are all nonmusical; when their aim is to shock the audience's sensibilities by their novelty (as is usually the case), they are not extensions of the language of music, but merely tricks. And by this time, they have become clichés.



Tan Dun

SummerFest: works by Tan Dun Mandeville Auditorium and Sherwood Auditorium (La Jolla Music Society)

Ghost Opera; Circle with Four Trios, Conductor, and Audience; *Concerto for Six*; Seven Desires *for Guitar*

Tan Dun, however, seems to have employed them in the service of a higher vision. He was "inspired by childhood memories of the shamanistic 'ghost operas' of the Chinese peasant culture." He thinks of the work as "a reflection on human spirituality, which is too often buried in the bombardment of urban culture and the rapid advances of technology. It is a cross-temporal, cross-cultural, and cross-media dialogue which touches on the past, future and the eternal; employs elements from Chinese, Tibetan, English, and American cultures; and combines performance traditions of the European classical concert, Chinese shadow puppet theater, visual art installations, folk music, dramatic theater, and shamanistic ritual."

So I guess he knew what he was after. The question is whether the audience could have perceived any of these ideas without the aid of the program notes (which even included a concept diagram) — and whether they could perceive such ideas even





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with the aid of the notes. Why were the musicians initially placed in different parts of the auditorium? Why here, rather than there? What was the significance of their traveling about? The notes tell us that "the performers' movements among the seven positions reflect the back-and-forth movement between different time frames and spiritual realms." But did any member of the audience, when he or she observed violist Ori Kam sauntering down the aisle from a platform on the right side of the auditorium behind the front section, and finally climbing up to the stage (all the while playing God knows what on his viola), did any member of the audience (I ask you) think of this vigorous and talented young musician as moving between different time frames and spiritual realms?

And what was the meaning of Cho-Liang Lin dipping a big metal lid into a hemispherical bowl of water and drawing his bow across its edge to produce a piercing whine? Why did he whisper "Ya" and "Ya O Ya," then, and again and again later, and why did all the musicians start shouting "Ya O Ya," and what was "Ya O Ya" supposed to mean, and who were they supposed to be, and what were they supposed to be expressing? Why

did one of them tear paper? (As Mel Brooks said, in the role of a psychiatrist, "Don't tear paper! Go to a party! Go to a social occasion!") Why did the string players abandon the instruments they were trained to play and become a percussion quartet bashing little cymbals inside their mouths? I'm not making fun of this because of what it looked like — well ves, I am but mainly I'm asking what musical or dramatic or theatrical sense the audience was expected to make of such abnormal behavior.

I heard a member of the audience justify this obscurity by claiming that we expect things of the sort from ritual. It's an easy word to bandy about in our era of shapeless New-Age religions. But the point of a real ritual is not the theatrical hocus-pocus but the transcendent meanings embodied in the theatricality. A real ritual also presupposes a community of participants who know what is going on and who feel spiritually incomplete until the ritual is accomplished. No such circumstances accompanied the performance of Ghost Opera, which can only be described as an artificial simulacrum of a

And what about the Bach Prelude from the Well-Tempered Clavier, which the quartet played in an arrangement for strings now and then, a few phrases here and there, breaking off or morphing into some avant-garde phrase? It's very bad policy for any composer to quote Bach, because his own music necessarily sounds so inferior by comparison — and this is especially true of Tan Dun in Ghost Opera, where none of the musical content was of any interest or value (all the composer's creative energies having gone into the theatrical aspects of the work). What were we supposed to think when that ravishing music — at once logical, sensual, and profoundly moving — appeared for a precious instant in the midst of what seemed like random chaos?

Actually, Tan Dun had several points to make here. The Bach excerpt "acts as a seed from which grows a new counterpoint of different ages, different sound worlds and different cultures." When, toward the end, the Bach Prelude returns melded with the little Chinese folk song about the "little cabbage" (the little girl who has lost her parents), we suddenly become aware, deep in our souls, of the unity of everything, a pretty little folksong and an intricate composition by one of the greatest composers who ever lived. At least we are supposed to become aware of that. Did I? Nope. Did you, if you were there?

And do you really think it's so? Similarly: at another point, the first violinist vehemently conducts the other members of the quartet, who make the motions of playing loud chords, except without letting their bows touch the strings. It's the sort of device George Crumb liked to use in the '60s and '70s. But for Tan Dun, this "dynamics of silence" represents "the Taoist concept that the greatest sound, the deepest meaning, might be in silence, that nothingness is all." Did you grasp this meaning when you saw it happen? But beyond that, when you hear the phrase, "nothingness is all," do you get a frisson of the intense inane?

I must say that the performers (the ones I haven't mentioned so far were violinist Michael Shih and cellist Kristina Cooper) did a bang-up job in carrying out the composer's extramusical directions with a look and sound of conviction, as if they really believed in whatever it was he intended. He himself staged the production, and presumably he got what he wanted. But in the theater, it is almost always a mistake for the author to stage his own play. The author is so hypnotized by his own vision that he cannot appreciate that the play might be more effective if another artist's imagination went to work on it.

Attending this performance, someone I know who was sensitized to spooky, transcendent meanings by being high on Benadryl for a cold came up with an entirely different scenario to explain what he saw (he had not read the program notes). For him, the string quartet players were ghosts who came back from the dead to persuade the

living to renounce life and join them. Ultimately life, in the person of the "little girl" (the pipa-player), struck the magical gong that sent them back into their hell. This interpretation, coming from a man who obviously does not believe that nothingness is all (since if it were, what difference would there be between life and death?), may be quite contrary to what Tan Dun intended. But, carried out efficiently in the staging, it might have given the audience a through-line to hang on to, defined a conflict. created empathy for the actions of the players, and turned this avant-garde Eastern-Western pseudo-ritual into a real piece of theater.

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The Russians Are Coming... Again! Russian Orthodox church music and folk songs performed by the St. Petersburg Vocal Quartet, Saturday, September 6, 7:30 p.m., Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Members of this a cappella ensemble include Irina Grinberg (soprano), Marina Chihatcheva (mezzo-soprano), Maxim Mostovov (tenor), and Kirill Sokolov (baritone). Offering. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

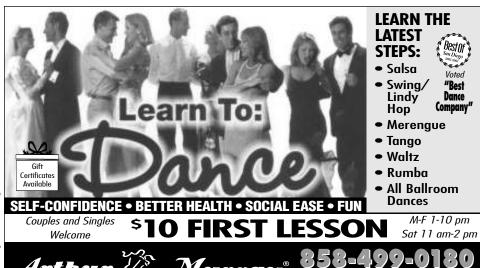
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"The Art of the Beatles" showwhen artist Ron cased Campbell — one of the co-creators of the Beatles' television series as well as Yellow Submarine visits Chuck Jones Studio Gallery of Old Town, Thursday, September 4. 5 p.m. Find the gallery at 2501 San Diego Avenue; 619-294-9880. Show closes Thursday, September 25. (OLD TOWN)

"Contemporary Contemplations on Society," an exhibit by figurative artist Julian Quintana, opens with reception Thursday, September 4, 5:30 p.m., at Artwalk Gallery (734 West Beech Street). 619-615-1090. Through Septem-

Considered a Painting Prodigy in Asia since 1979, Leigh Li-Yun Wen has paintings on exhibit in Gallery I at Scott White Contemporary Art, which also showcases collage drawings by Drew Beattie in Gallery II. Opening reception: Friday, September 5, 6 to 8 p.m., at Scott White (7661 Girard Avenue). 858-551-5821. Show closes Saturday, November 15. (LA JOLLA)

"New York" Photographs by Alvin Langdon Coburn, "An Introduction" by Bill Timmerman, and the group exhibit "Outside" open with reception, Friday, September 5, 6 p.m., at Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue). Timmerman will be on hand. See show through Tues-

day, November 4. 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

"Summer Stock 5." the annual summer group show at David Zapf Gallery starts with reception, Friday, September 5, 6 p.m. Featured artists include Gail Roberts, Nancy Kittredge, Hugo Crosthwaite, Paul Henry, Doris Bittar, Jeff Hanna, Ron Tatro. Find the gallery at 2400 Kettner Boulevard; 619-232-5004. Through Saturday, September 27. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Blending Borders: A New Consciousness/Matizando Fronteras: Una Nueva Conciencia" this art exhibit features "archetypal clay relief works" by Brad Burkhart and abstract expressionist acrylic paintings by Lizet Benrey. The show opens with receptions Friday, September 5, 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, September 6, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Tecate Cultural Center (400 Tlaloc Street). 619-521-0303. Show continues through September. (TECATE)

Art Exhibit by Ronald Allen Wickersham on view through Sunday, September 14, at Phantom Art Gallery (suite E in Artist's Alley, 212 East North Coast Highway) features reception, Friday, September 5, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Open house: 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7. 760-754-4512. (OCEANSIDE)

"Near and Far," an exhibit of new paintings by Arizona artist Robert D. Cocke opens with reception Friday, September 5, 6 p.m., at R.B. Stevenson Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite 103). Through Friday, October 10. 619-595-0558. (DOWNTOWN)

"Figure It Out," juried show at San Diego Watercolor Society features reception, Friday, September 5, 5 p.m., at Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror: Heidi Kendall. 619-338-0502. Show closes Saturday, September 20. (DOWNTOWN)

Bringing Fine Arts to Extreme Sports, "Spoto's Fine Art Show" — boasting six years of work including drawings, paintings, woodcut prints, and handpainted surfboards — on view Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7, 6 to 10 p.m., in Third Floor Gallery, Broker's Building Gallery (402 Market Street, at Fourth Avenue). $619\hbox{-}239\hbox{-}1639. \ (\text{GASLAMP QUARTER})$

"Surf Stories," featuring ceramic art by Doug Snider, on view through Sunday, October 5, at Nofufi Garden Gallery (90-C North Coast Highway 101). Meet artist

Social Dance

during reception, Saturday, September 6, 3 to 7 p.m. 760-635-0556. (ENCINITAS)

"Innovative Collage" by members of Olde Ramona Hotel Gallery on view through September. Reception: Saturday, September 6, 5 p.m. The gallery is located at 845 Main Street, 760-789-3682. (RAMONA)

"The Great Frame Up." an exhibit of serigraphs, prints, calligraphy by Susie Reneau, is on view through September at Many Hands Cooperative Gallery (302 Island Avenue, suite 101). Meet Reneau during reception, Sunday, September 7, 2 to 6 p.m. 619-557-8303. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"The 2003 Faculty Art Exhibit" in Southwestern College Art Gallery opens with reception Wednesday, September 10, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Showcases pieces in wide variety of styles such as ceramics, drawing, painting, sculpture, woodcarving, photography, printmaking, metalwork, more.

Show closes Wednesday, October 1. Southwestern College, 900 Otay Lakes Road. 619-421-6700 x5603 or x5895. (CHULA VISTA)

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.

"Origami Masterworks - Innovative Forms of the Art of Paper Folding," on view through Sunday, February 8, 2004, includes more than 150 pieces by 42 artists from across the globe. Most of the objects were created by folding single sheets of paper to make geometrical forms, flowers, trees, people, masks, and a menagerie of animals.

"Mingei of Japan — The Legacy of Its Founders — Soetsu Yanagi, Shoji Hamada, and Kanjiro Kawai," an exhibition of obiects 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, iewelry and other artifacts in silver

canvas, and silk. Los Angeles artist Adam Ross has created a new, large panoramic work for his "Cerca Series" exhibit, through Sunday, October 12. Ross envisions a future where digital and scientific developments have surprising outcomes; he paints and draws technological landscapes.

and gold, and paintings on paper,

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 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.

"The Discerning Eye: Southern California Collects," opening Sunday, September 7, celebrates 20 photography collectors to commemorate the museum's 20th anniversary; show closes Saturday, January 3, 2004. Also beginning on September 7, "Collector's Group Acquisitions," which concludes Sunday, December 14.

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

Oceanside Museum of Art. "John Edward Svenson: California Sculptor," opening Sunday, September 7, highlights the artist's legacy as an architectural sculptor and artist of public art commissions. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. See the show through Sunday, October 26. (OCEANSIDE)

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" includes 45 objects from the UCLA Fowler Mu-

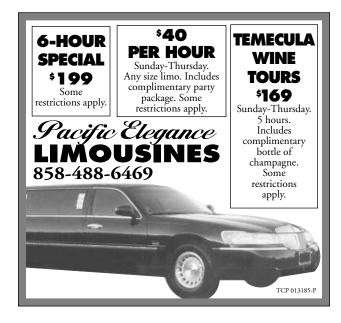
seum of Cultural History and private collectors. Show explores complex ways in which art functioned in Baule culture and society (Ivory Coast of West Africa) through a display of spirit spouse figures, portrait masks, miniature amulet figures, mouse oracles, wooden strikers. Through Sunday, January 4, 2004.

"Tradition and Innovation in European Modernist Drawings and Watercolors" 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.

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Male Dominance

Asked what he's carrying in a large bag, Buzz replies, "Gary Coleman."

eave it to Tim Irving to keep things current — and funny. I forget which show it was, just that it was one of the first in the year 2000. Irving, who directed, added a line for one of his actors: "Oh, you're just so...last century!"

Now starring in *Love! Valour!* Compassion!, which he co-directed with Sean Murray for Diversionary Theatre, Irving's up-

dated another line. His character, Buzz, joins seven other gay men on vacation. Although the play takes place in 1994, at a farmhouse two hours north of New York, Irving alludes to the California gubernatorial election. Asked what he's carrying in a large bag, Buzz replies, "Gary Coleman.

Love! Valour! Compassion! won Terrence Mc-Nally a Tony Award. It begins with an old theater formula: isolate a group of people, put them in close contact, and friction and revelations will occur. But McNally changes the device. The play takes place over three vacations — Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Labor Day. This gives the playwright time to raise larger questions.

McNally sidesteps another expectation. "I wanted to write about what it's like to be a gay man at this particular moment in our history. McNally says, "to tell everyone else who we are when they aren't around." Assemble gay men in 1994, and all conversations will turn to AIDS. Love! Valour!, however, starts with a rule: anyone

staying at Gregory Mitchell's Dutchess County farmhouse who mentions AIDS owes the group five dollars. In a way, the rule makes the condition even more present. AIDS haunts the play (Buzz and James have been stricken). But it also

has a positive effect. Amid overwhelming evidence of uncertain futures, McNally's people eat, drink, confess, and zing one-liners — especially Buzz: "Movies

are for people who have to eat popcorn while they're being entertained."

When Diversionary staged Love! Valour! in 1997, the show got caught in scheduling gridlock and had to close (San Diego still needs a place to move successful productions, a House of Hits, when they conflict with a season's regular programming). To celebrate its tenth anniversary, Diversionary remounted Love! Valour! Michelle Riel reprised her excellent minimalist set, and Chris Rynne brought back his nuanced lighting, and the results rank among the company's most polished, funny, and moving efforts.

Irving's Buzz, which McNally originally wrote for Nathan Lane, is an icon-drubbing delight (asked if Bob Dylan is gay, Buzz replies, "For his sake, I hope he's not. Would you date him?"). If he weren't such a giving ensemble actor, this could be *The Tim Irving Show*. But Irving shares the stage with a talented cast: Manuel J. Fernandes's Gregory, gracious host and creatively blocked choreographer; Joshua Harrell and Dan



Love! Valour! Compassion! by Terrence McNally

Diversionary Theatre, 4545 Park Boulevard, University Heights
Directed by Tim Irving and Sean Murray; cast: Manuel J. Fernandes, Joshua Harrell, Dan Gruber, Dennis J. Scott, Tim Irving, Vincent Smetana, Jeremiah M. Maestas; scenic design, Michelle Riel; costumes, Shulamit Nelson; lighting, Chris Rynne; sound, George Ye
Playing through October 11; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee

Sunday, September 21, 28, and October 5, at 2:00 p.m. (619-220-0097).

Phaedra in Delirium, by Susan Yankowitz

Sledgehammer Theatre, 1620 Sixth Avenue, downtown

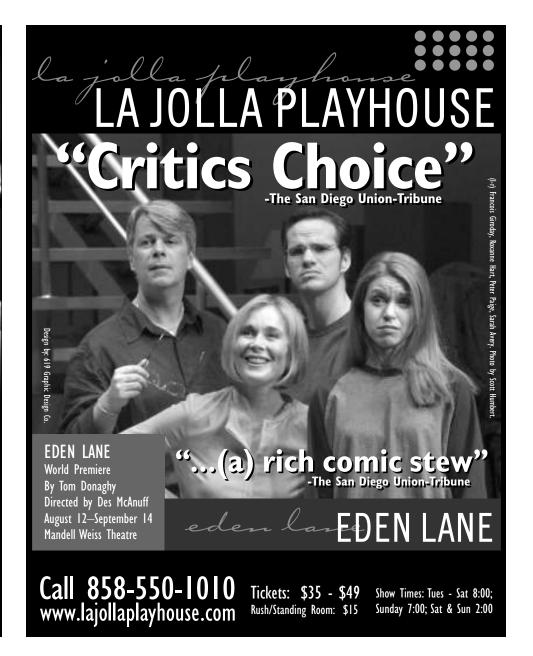
Directed by Kirsten Brandt and David Tierney; cast: Robin Christ, Monique Gaffney, David Stanbra, Ruff Yeager; scenic design, Mathilda de Luce; costumes, Mary Larson; lighting, David Lee Cuthbert

Playing through October 11; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Note: Phaedra in Delirium runs in repertory with Medea, Queen of Colchester (619-544-1484).

Gruber's Arthur and Perry (together so long, 14 years, they've become role models; "It's very stressful," says Arthur); Vincent Smetana's blind Bobby; and Jeremiah M. Maestas's Ramon (though he nudges toward stereotype).

In all his plays, from Lips Together, Teeth Apart to Lisbon Traviata and Master Class, Mc-Nally guides his audience with italicized emotions







Robin Christ, Ruff Yeager in Phaedra in Delirium

and spelled-out themes. Love! Valour! has it-should-go-with-out-saying lines like "All of us are walking on eggshells." Mc-Nally also has "good soul"/"bad soul" Jeckyll and Hyde twins, named — in case anyone misses the point — James and John Jeckyll. Credit to relative newcomer Dennis J. Scott for making each more than just Manichean bookends.

Love! Valour! has nude scenes, and you wonder if costume designers feel neglected on these occasions. Shulamit Nelson probably didn't have time, given the array of apparel the play calls for — including pink tutus and Irving's rainbow shorts, which make the

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September \$119 word garish seem inadequate.

Hippolytus's purity is so extreme it offends the gods. For sport, he sends hounds through the green woods of Troezen killing anything wild. He's renounced marriage, even sex, and prays to the virgin goddess Artemis. It's odd he'd worship any woman — he's such a bug-eyed misogynist. In Euripides' tragedy, Hippolytus's extreme renunciation of life angers Aphrodite. She curses him and, as collateral damage, his stepmother Phaedra.

In *Phaedra in Delirium*, Susan Yankowitz's take on *Hippolytus*, the gods are absent. Humans, locked in their own

psychology, must choose alone. Forty-plus Phaedra, much older than in the original, has been married to Theseus for six months. He's often away on business trips, in which he mixes pleasure. In a double-standard world, Theseus fools around, but Phaedra can't, even though she's fallen for young Hippolytus (in part because he reminds her of a much younger Theseus; also because his rejection accuses her of growing old and "invisible"). Phaedra's as obsessed with losing her youth as Hippolytus is his virginity.

The play's a mite reductive. Take the gods away, and it becomes more about personal vanity than an absurd universe ruled by dysfunctional deities who, Shakespeare wrote, "kill us for their sport." It's also talky. In the first two-thirds of Sledgehammer Theatre's production, the speeches last longer than the images and movements illustrating them.

The visuals arrest, however: white silks and linens bleached by steep shafts of light; Ruff Yeager's Theseus, a soft-spoken thug, tiptoeing in stealth mode; strings of thread, entwined and clipped, similar to the one Ariadne used to save Theseus from the labyrinth, and the one Atropos, the third Fate, snips to end a life.

Sledgehammer's production fires up in the last twenty minutes. In the male-dominated world of the play, Theseus, "in his prime," can philander. It's expected. But for Phaedra to think illicit thoughts is a mortal sin. She makes a second mistake: she confesses her love of Hippolytus, even touches him, which seals her fate.

Robin Christ's Phaedra alternates from openness and silence, strength and fragility (psychobabble urges us to be "in touch with our feelings," but you rarely hear anyone say to be in touch with *all* of them). In a well-modulated, honest, and deeply moving performance, Christ portrays the inexorable rending of a fractured heart.



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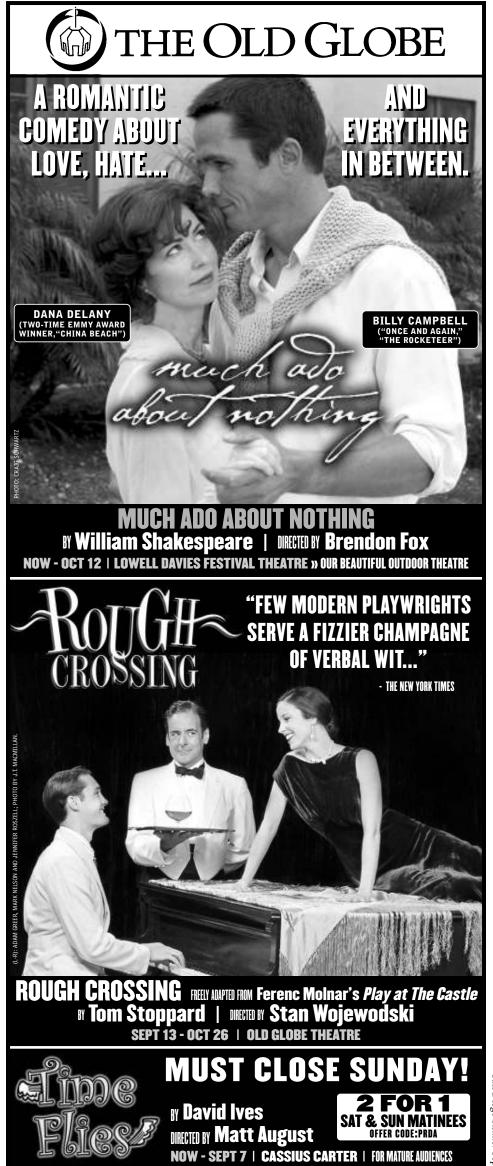
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Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. Beehive celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they

exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin' " back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. 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 cur-

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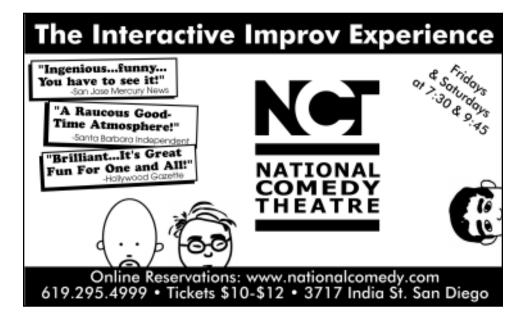
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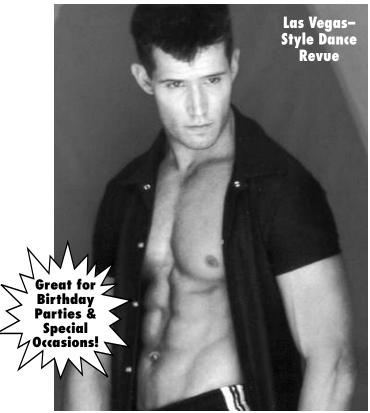
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Eden Lane

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and houseguest Timothy move to the country, seeking refuge, but bring their problems with them. In keeping with the times, and his themes, Donaghy hasn't written a well-made play. Instead, scenes unfold like long movie "takes," casual, rarely dramatic. And the dialogue's deliberately mundane, pass-the-salt stuff. Naturalism began, in the 19th Century, as a reaction to overly "performed" productions. At the La Jolla Playhouse, Des McAnuff gives the script a highly theatrical staging. The actors move balleti-

cally and jazz up simple activities. They give jokes sitcom emphases and freeze, every so often, in ornate tableaux. It's as if the director doesn't trust the text and wants to help it out. So he sculpts and polishes Donaghy's rough-hewn comedy-drama. The play and production work against each other, and the actors get caught in the middle. John Arnone's glorious set — a suburban "great room" under renovation in Act One, buffed and photo-shoot ready in Act Two, resembles the conflicting approaches

to *Eden Lane*: theatrical naturalism, like watching a David Mamet play directed by Noel Coward.

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An Evenin' With Billie

6th @ Penn Theater has made a home for the Ira Aldridge Players tribute to Billie Holiday. The show, which enjoyed a successful run at Caesar's Cafe, will be performed late night into November. It's the summer of 1958. We're in a Las Vegas jazz club, where Holiday's documenting her life and music before a live audience. She won't sing until she feels a song. Throughout Act One she recalls horrors (sexual abuse) and heartaches (the man who was "greasin' my runway to hell") and how they shaped her style. In Act Two, her music does the talking. Billie Holiday weighed 200 pounds.

Anasa Johnson doesn't — if you don't count her heart. Backed by top-shelf musicians, she began opening night tentatively, nudging her way through initial efforts (imagine the audacity of attempting those songs — everything from "Gimme a Pig's Foot" and "Fine and Mellow" to "God Bless the Child" and the tragic, haunted "Strange Fruit"). Once Johnson settled in, she was so special that a transformation occurred: you could close your eyes, time machine back to 1958, and spend an

"evenin' " with the amazing Lady Day.

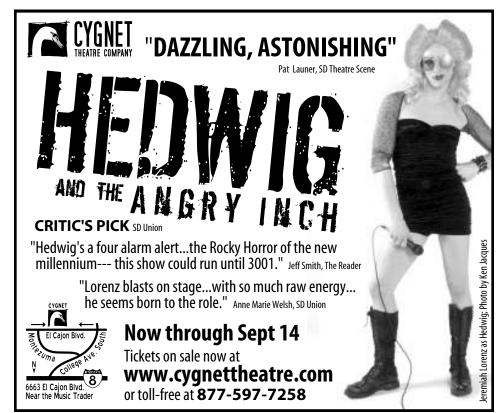
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Grassroots Greeks

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 emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free — though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations. Also: since space is limited, the theater recommends reservations in advance. Next reading: The Phoenician Women, Monday, September 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN. 619-622-9012.

Hedwig and the Angry Inch

Most often an inaugural show's a shakedown cruise, a modest comedy to get bugs out. Not the new Cygnet Theatre. Their opener's an actual rock concert, lit, staged, and performed with professional polish. Hedwig — née Hansel — had her gender mangled when a sexchange operation, from male to female, left an "angry inch" of her manhood. The rock star Tommy Gnossis stole her songs and iden-

tity. Hedwig, a human limbo, must find her way. As Tommy wows devotees next door, Hedwig sings, hassles 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!" His cresting waves of hair like Lily Tomlin's Ernestine, only blond, Jeremiah Lorenz captivates as Hedwig. As grubby Yitzak, Jenn Grinels looks like a smudge but has the voice of a rocket. Led by Iim 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 needs to work out sound kinks, and Lorenz needs to trim his pauses from middle on. But given the talent involved, these problems will get fixed and then Cygnet's first show will be much more

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY, 6663 EL CAION BOULEVARD COLLEGE AREA THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14; THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SAT-URDAY AT 6:30 P M AND 9:00 P M SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 877-597-7258.

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Isn't It Romantic

Poway Performing Arts Company presents Wendy Wasserstain's comedy about post-college careers

and parental dominance. Robert Hitchcox directed. POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, 13250 POWAY ROAD (UPSTAIRS IN THE LIVELY CENTER), POWAY, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater,' as Joey and Maria tie the knot. DAVE AND BUSTER'S, 2931 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, MISSION VALLEY, AND CLARION BAY VIEW HOTEL, 660 K STREET, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 800-944-5639

The Laramie Project

OnStage Playhouse offers Moises Kaufman's dramatized oral history of the Matthew Shepard hate crime. David Kelso directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AV-ENUE, CHULA VISTA, FRIDAY, SEPTEM-BER 5, THROUGH OCTOBER 4; THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P M MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Last Night of Ballyhoo

South Coast Repertory Theatre presents Alfred Uhry's comedydrama about Lela's debut at Bally hoo, a dance thrown by the elite of Jewish society in Atlanta. Warner Shook directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE SEGERSTROM STAGE, 655 TOWN CEN-TER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5. THROUGH OCTOBER 5: TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT

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Late-Night Catechism

Every Monday night, during summer, the Laguna Playhouse stages the popular "interactive adult cate-chism 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.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH OCTOBER 6: MONDAY AT

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Reviewed this issue DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 11: THURSDAY

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Man of La Mancha

Patio Playhouse offers the Joe Darion/Mitch Leigh musical, based on Cervantes' Don Quixote. Fred Tracey directed. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVENUE, SUITE 1D, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN-DAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-746-6669.

Medea, Queen of Colchester

Sledgehammer presents the world premiere of Marianne McDonald's translation, in which "Medea is a transvestite from Cape Town." Kirsten Brandt and David Tierney co-directed. SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, ST. CELIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE (AT CEDAR), DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTO-

BER 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P M SUNDAY AT 7:00 P M MATINEE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, OC-TOBER 5, AND OCTOBER 12 AT 2:00 P.M. (NOTE: MEDEA RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH PHAEDRA IN DELIR-

Much Ado About Nothing

The Old Globe Theatre presents Shakespeare's comedy about Beatrice and Benedick, the Bard's most MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-

rected.

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SI-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 12; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

reluctant lovers. Brendon Fox di-

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads velled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MAROUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-

Nick and Zita's Funny Fat **Greek Wedding**

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Private Lives

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 pretension-deflating flippancy. When married, Amanda and Elyot had a problem: they were "ridiculously over-in-love" — and became suspicious, jealous, and bickering. When they meet on double honeymoons (in one of dramatic literature's greatest coincidences — to which Coward would reply, "Sure, why not?"), they renegotiate feelings they can't repress. One reason Coward isn't performed in San Diego: his technical and stylistic demands are severe. Lamb's Players Theatre, thanks to Kerry Meads' expert direction, gets both. 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. As Victor and Sibyl, Nick Cordileone and Cynthia Gerber turn Coward's foils into funny human beings. And all create a world of pencil-thin moustaches, bulbous cocktails, and rampant narcissism (Coward confessed that the play is "psychologically unstable"), where the only regulations are when dinner's served and what to wear. WORTH A TRY.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21: TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 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, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN-DAY AT 3:30 P.M. 619-230-1869.

San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" - two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" - five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, . Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (Improv) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art. Worth a try.

SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. 619-465-7469.



Time Flies

The Scarlet Pimpernel

Starlight Theatre presents the regional theater premiere of the musical based on Baroness Orczy's novel. Just whose side is Marguerite St. Just on? STARLIGHT BOWL, 2005 PAN AMERICAN PLAZA, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, THROUGH SEPTEM-BER 14; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-7827

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 dig — a Pinteresque look at fame, self-deception, and loss that gets a fine staging at North Coast Rep. Under Ralph Elias's taut direction, on Marty Burnett's ingenious sets — a rustic English home revolves into abstract locales - and wearing Leslie Anne Malitz's expressive costumes, a trio of actors (and Jennifer Eve Kraus as a German interviewer with an agenda) probe to the heart of the matter, only to find there might not be one. Tim West's frumpy/crafty Nick sees more than meets the eye. As Waxman, David Ellenstein reveals internal layers his character may want to ignore. And Arielalert DeAnna Driscoll gives one of 2003's best performances as Patricia, a woman clogged by pain and compromise.

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-

The Sopranos' Last Supper

Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster fun."

CLARION BAY VIEW HOTEL, 660 K STREET, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 800-944-

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 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.

Worth a try.

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffee house 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.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE GASLAMP QUARTER OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURS-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

Vox Hellenic

Sledgehammer Theatre and Grassroots Greeks present staged readings of Greek plays, starting with Stephen Berkoff's translation of Aeschylus's Agamennon on Monday, September 8. SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE 1620 SIXTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, THROUGH SEPTEM BER 27: MONDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-544-1484.

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

La Jolla Stage Company offers the musical, by Clark Gesner, based on Charles M. Schulz's comic strip, "Peanuts."

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Non-Clear Channel stations aren't welcome at Street Scene. One of those unwelcome stations, FM-94/9, is presenting a series of free-admission shows at three bars on Fifth Avenue during Street Scene weekend.



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pay the bands. The Friday lineup includes Rocket From the Crypt at Dick's Last Resort, the Hatchet Brothers at 5ifth Qtr., and Tomorrow's Son at the Field. The Saturday lineup is Bad Credit at Dick's Last Resort, Ilva at 5ifth Qtr., and the Hatchet Brothers at the Field. The shows are free, but you must be 21.

I ask if this might be the worst year to throw an alternative Street Scene, since this year's lineup is one of the best ever (with R.E.M., Bad Religion, and Social Distortion).

"We're not going against it at all," said Goodin. "This is a chance for people to enjoy an event in the Gaslamp without spending money to get in. We think the Street Scene is a great event. By no means are we trying to disrupt it. Nor are we deluding ourselves into believing that we could disrupt it. Not everyone likes to stay inside the confines of the Street Scene for the entire evening. This is for people who want to bail out a little early and walk up and down Fifth. We just want them to spend part of their evening with us. The more the merrier."

— Ken Leighton



CHOI IS NOT CONNIE CHUNG

Jenny Choi admits her 'Asians in Rock" tour hasn't started a national movement. The Chicago resident enlisted local Asian-American singer/songwriters J Turtle and Dave's Son to play at her Twiggs stopover.

"We're not in a position to ask [the venues] for a guarantee. We rely on merchandise sales — CDs and T-shirts and stickers -

for gas money." Choi, 25, said, "Asians in Rock addresses the very strange tensions between being Asian and being American and trying to form a new identity for ourselves. We're not exactly Asian and we're not exactly American.... My husband is

my drummer.... He's Caucasian. After our show in [Washington,] D.C., I got a few hostile e-mails. One Asian guy was really upset. He accused me of having the Connie Chung syndrome."

Jason Yamaoka, 25, is a local singer/songwriter/ guitarist who performs as J Turtle. Though he played Choi's show, he says, "I don't want to get into the music business because of my ethnicity.... You never hear about a new Caucasian performer.'

J Turtle appears 8 p.m. tomorrow at Starbucks in downtown San Diego. Free admission, all ages.

Foro Jai Alai is the new name for the 73-year-old Jai Alai palace in Tijuana, which reopens September 19 as a concert venue.

With a capacity between 2100 and 3000 (depending on seat configuration), Foro Jai Alai (a name that may change depending upon the outcome of discussions concerning exclusive naming rights, says general manager Enrique von Borstel) has three shows booked at the former sportsand-betting facility on Revolución. Except for an

occasional wrestling match, the historic building has been dormant for the past seven

Traditional Mexican singer Pepé Aguilar headlines the grand-opening show September 19, 8:30 p.m. There are five different ticket prices for that grandopening show. "Seats in the orchestra section are \$85. Seats in the box suites are \$125 each. That includes alcohol service. Mexico is not as strict as the ABC. says von Borstel about California's alcohol control agency, "so we can tie in liquor with ticket sales. The middle-tier seats are \$60, the side-tier seats are \$50, and the top-tier seats are \$25.

All music events at Foro Jai Alai are for all ages.

Also booked is the Chippendale male dance revue September 23 (tickets are \$35 to \$75) and Latin singer José Luis Rodriguez ("El Puma") with pianist Raul Di Blasio, September 27 (tickets are \$35 to \$80).

Von Borstel said tickets are intentionally not sold in San Diego outlets.

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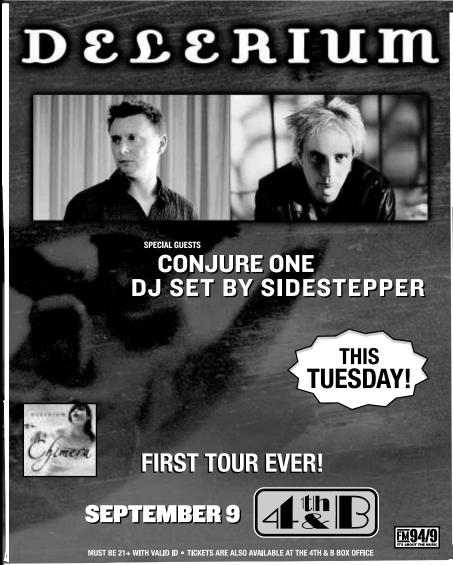
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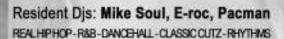
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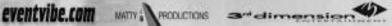
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90 percent done with the remodeling.'

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"WE HEAR THE BOOM. WE TAKE THE BOX. TURN IT

DOWN." Visitors to Coronado have found themselves greeted by this three-part message in luminescent orange letters as they head up Third Street toward Orange Avenue.

According to Sgt. Mike Lawton of the Coronado Police Department, residents along Third Avenue and Fourth Avenue have been complaining about thumping and reverberating music from car stereos in the early hours of the morning. Though Coronado purchased the radar sign trailer last year, the cautionary "boom and box" messages are new.

I ask Lawton if the sign is referring to boom boxes. "What we're talking about is stereos in cars, whether it's a boom box, portable, in-dash, whatever." Asked if officers would actually take a stereo or boom box away from a



CATCHY SAYINGS WORK FOR CORONADO

driver, Lawton says, "We have taken them on what we consider blatant violations or multiple violations by the same person. We take either the faceplate on an in-dash stereo or the speakers themselves as evidence until such time as the case is adjudicated. So when we go to court, we can show the court, 'Look, these are the speakers that were in the back of this vehicle.' We don't take it and it becomes ours; we take it as evidence.'

Lawton says music that can be heard outside a vehicle from a distance of 50 feet or more is a violation of section 27007 of the California Vehicle Code, and the fine is typically about \$100.

According to Lawton, the complaints have subsided since the signs were posted.

"We have found that using the radar sign trailer with creative, catchy sayings is a lot more effective than [posting] 27007 of the vehicle code.'

— Pat Sherman

Spotlight San Diego,

the Belly Up's longstanding local band night, is not exactly canceled, says new Belly Up owner Steve Goldberg. "It's changing.... It just didn't work the way it was set up.... We just have to come up with a different format. Right now we lose money with it."

Oliver Cornell says his band, Torpedo Betty, was just named best of the quarter.

"We were told the Belly Up was sold and all bets were off about what was going to happen to Spotlight San Diego," said Cornell. "Sure enough they canceled

But the band already got a gig out of the deal. "We get to show our stuff on September 18. The owners are going to be there. If they like what they see, we'll get more gigs.'

Torpedo Betty will play at 8:30 p.m.

— Ken Leighton

"There were 6000 people," said Rob Carona of Oceanside about his American Idol audition. He spent three days camping out



TORPEDO BETTY'S CORNELL SWALLOWS DISAPPOINTMENT in the Rose Bowl parking lot.

"The audition was on a Sunday. We showed up on Thursday. There were tons of cameras. I remember getting interviewed by a TV station from Kansas City. They asked us to sing."

Carona, 23, was one of the lucky ones.

"You have to go through two auditions before you even get to see them," said Carona, referring to the judges Simon Cowell, Paula Abdul, and Randy Jackson.

"The actual auditions began Sunday at 5 a.m. You stand in line, and they take you in five at a time to a little office cubicle. You sing a cappella for 30 seconds. You have to sing a cover song. That's one of the things I didn't like about it because

they didn't take into account anything other than your ability to sing other people's

Still, Carona, who plays guitar and keyboards and writes his own material, scored with his half-minute rendition of Edwin McCain's "I'll Be.'

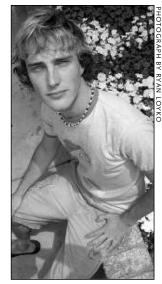
He said rapid-fire rejection was pretty standard. "Five would go in and five would come out. They wouldn't even get a second chance. The other people in my group [of five] were told, 'Thank you very much' after they sang and they had to leave. I was the only person in my group who was allowed to stay.

Carona said he got a piece of paper that allowed him to go upstairs to perform for an executive producer. He made the second cut, which then set him up for the third round at the Renaissance Hotel in Hollywood. "There were, like, 700 people left."

Carona estimates some 40 percent of those left for the third round were there so they could be dissed on camera.

"There were good people who didn't make the cut to make room for these crazy, stupid people who were there just to be cut down by Simon. None of the stupid people made it after the third round."

As for his final performance, "I walked in



CARONA DISSED BY SIMON AT ROSE BOWL

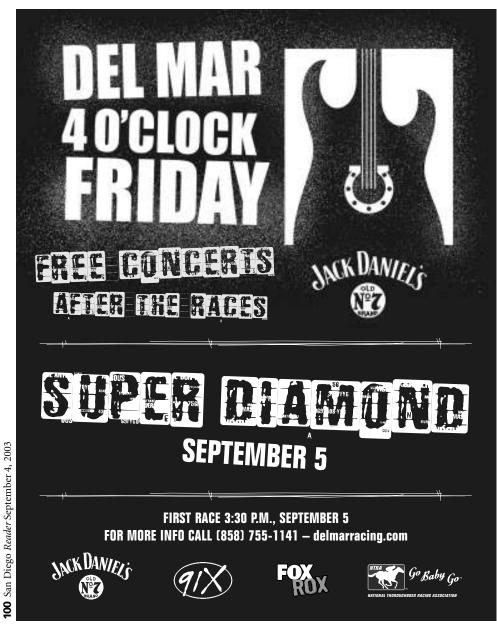
and Simon had his scowl on. Randy wasn't there. It was iust Simon and Paula. Simon didn't like me at all. He said I was too nasally and that I was straining for notes. Paula stuck up for me. She said something like, 'He has what it takes. He's just sick.' I got sick because of camping out. It's a two-out-of-three vote. Since Randy wasn't there, it was Simon's decision.'

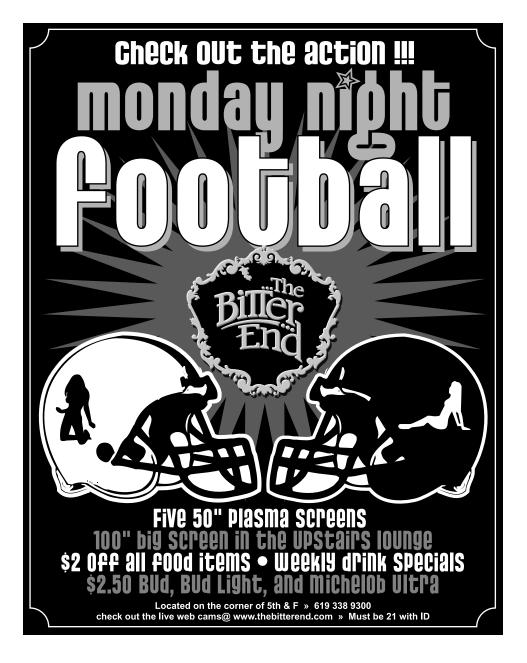
Rob Carona appears September 13, 8:30 p.m., at the M3 Espresso Café in Oceanside; \$3 admission. All ages.

- Ken Leighton

The Magic Kingdom

took on a shadowy aura Sunday, August 24, as about













1000 Southern California goth clubbers snuck up on Disnevland for the fifth annual "Bats Day." Word was circulated via flyers and the Internet in order to keep Disneyland in the dark about the event.

Not all were admitted to the Happiest Place on Earth. Some were sent back to their cars to remove "inappropriate" jewelry and T-shirts (daggers, a marijuana leaf necklace).

pentagrams, and, in one case, One teen male was asked to roll down the sleeves of his Tshirt because his "666" tattoo was visible on his bicep. Teen Maddy Daemon says she'd already been in the park several hours when a park employee noticed that her "Hello Kitty" T-shirt read,
"Hello Satan." She was asked to leave the park and says her entrance fee was not refunded.

Bats Day organizers arranged a special rate at the Anaheim Plaza Hotel and Suites across the street from the park's main entrance: \$58 for up to four people. Goth

parties quietly raved all night in various hotel rooms, which were easy to find — the Bibles were placed outside the

— Jay Allen Sanford

"I'm coming at this from a fan's perspective," admits filmmaker Jamie Dawson via telephone from his home on the outskirts of New York City. Pay Up Cheaters, Dawson's hour-long documentary about the Beat

Farmers, is currently in production and includes old concert footage, club gigs, and interviews with all of the band members, including footage of the late Country Dick Montana.

Dawson has taped interview segments for the film from Dwight Yoakam, Harry Shearer, and Dave Alvin.

"I made the decision to make a documentary about the band early in 1995," says Dawson. "Manifold had just been released," he says. "The band was touring. Country Dick called me and said, come on the road with us. You'll see things you've never seen before.... Three days later Dick was dead." The band and the film ground to a halt.

Seven years later, Dawson caught a Powerthud gig in San Diego featuring three members of the Beat Farmers, and the



film was revived. Now Dawson is working to include footage of the Farmers' appearance on Entertainment Tonight and The Late Show with David Letterman. Dawson expects to have Pay Up Cheaters ready for DVD release by Halloween.

– Dave Good

KPBS commentator Bruce Adolphe has been a composer in residence at

the annual La Jolla Summerfest for the past four years. For this year's Summerfest, Adolphe premiered his new piece, Oceanophony," on August 10, at the Birch Aquarium — a combination of orchestral music and

Speaking via phone from his Upper West Side Manhattan home hours after the power had returned to the East Coast, Adolphe says

thought looked like a dance," Adolphe recalls. "I just thought this would be a great thing to put to music.... Seahorses do dance

SEAHORSE DANCE MUSIC

he conceived of wedding the ocean to an orchestra after he visited the Birch Aquarium with his daughter. "I was actually watching these seahorses do what I

with each other when they

"Oceanophony" will be making its way back to town next May, for a performance at La Jolla's Sherwood

Auditorium. Adolphe will also be releasing a book and CD to coincide with the exhibit, including photographs from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Adolphe does a rap about parasitic fish to the boom of a kettledrum. "Parasite accumulation... you're flushing with anticipation...for some it's just an avocation...it's just a great bio-relation.

- Pat Sherman

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When I Say Hip, You Say Hop

Someone rhymes "cooking spaghetti" with "Serengeti."

HIP HOP MC

SARAH GORDON

small coffeehouse on a dead stretch of El Cajon Boulevard across the street from the EZ Cash Super Pawnshop wouldn't normally be your idea of a good time, yet at 10:00 on a Tuesday night, clusters of people are hang-

ing out in front of the Hot Monkey Love Café, talking and laughing in the glow of its red neon sign. If you were driving by, you might slow down to try to figure out what was happening.

The Cypher at the Hot Monkey Love Café is a hip-hop event that MC Pokey and DJ Willow started about a year ago. Before the Cypher, MCs and B-boys (break dancers) and girls learned of hip-hop events through fliers and word of mouth. Because the events were sporadic and decentralized, it was hard to pinpoint a San Diego hip-hop scene. But after a year of hosting MCs on the same night, in the same place, the Hot Monkey Love Café has become a hip-hop epicenter.

Tonight is the third time MC AOK has traveled from L.A. with his crew to take advantage of Hot Monkey Love's open mike. He explains why he makes the trip.

"L.A.'s so full of itself, so it's good to come here and find a place that's so pure. There it's like everybody's a rapper — there's no fans." He adds, "In L.A....there's not that many open-mike spots. People are in the studio; everyone wants to record their stuff and be the next hip-hop star, but nobody wants to be on the scene. That's why we like coming down here where there's actually an active, growing scene."

Like many a music scene, this one has its own uniform. Men and women alike sport oversized shirt, baggy pants, clean tennis shoes (Adidas or K-Swiss or Converse), and most importantly: a hat, a slightly silly one. There are fishing hats that hang over the eyes, exaggerated knit berets, and plenty of Kangaroo brand pancake caps. The hats look like parts of costumes, and the people under them look as if they're playing characters, crabby old men or scrappy eccentrics who don't give a damn what people think.

Only a couple of guys sport do-rags or bandanas. This may be because an increasing number of hip-hop MCs are keen to differentiate themselves from gangster rappers.

"It's hard for someone who doesn't listen to

the music all the time to know the difference," says B'bad, a local MC who's also the club's bouncer. "Rap is pretty thuggish; hip-hop is pretty wholesome.

Hip-hop lyrics can be about politics, space travel, different people's anatomy - anything. Rap is pretty much about depicting carjackings, robberies, drug-dealing — the gang life."

The café is Spartan: just two rooms painted red, all the light sockets filled with colored bulbs, and a lone disco ball. Half a dozen toy monkeys squeeze their Velcro-enhanced hands together, hugging speakers that flank the stage. In the back room, where a group of ten or so B-boys and girls spin on their backs and heads, a couple of ornate mirrors reflect the action. A big reason that the coffeehouse by day works as a club by night is its generous floor space for grooving.

When it's time for MCs to get on the mike — MC battles and open mikes happen about every half hour — MC Pokey, the real master of ceremonies, makes the audience crowd close to the stage. He commands them to "make some noise" and then leads a basic warm-up call and response of "When I say 'hip,' you say 'hop.' " It's hot and crowded, and within a minute, beads of sweat shine on backs of necks. The pressure's on, and there's a sense that anybody might grab the mike and go for it. And a new MC is born.

The first guy up rattles off a litany of comic boasts and taunts. "Everyone tryin' to look like me / be like me / MC like me..." Tall and athletic with a pencil-thin mustache and cocky smile, he resembles 50 Cent. You figure he must be one of the better performers here, getting up first, performing without faltering, but no one is afraid to follow his act. When he's done, at least 15 hands shoot out, asking for the mike.

It's hard to make out all the rhymes, because

the volume's so loud. Some-"cooking one rhymes spaghetti" with "Serengeti" and ends the verse with something about "Tom Petty." A man in camouflage fatigues with a Rastafarian cap points to a fellow MC and mocks his thick cornrows. "Look, he just climbed out of bed / got dressed / shit on his own head.'

The best MCs play with rhythm, unleashing words, as one rapper put it, "like a tornado," then slowing down to emphasize a lyric. When MCs insult one another, they wave their arms in fast, pugnacious gestures and move fighting-close to the object of their derision. But later, they may sip lattes together.

A group of three girlfriends get the mike. They perform with their purses hanging off their shoulders. When they're done, they step off the stage, unlike a lot of the guys who stay up there, waving their arms, hoping for another shot. It's as if they're saying, "What's the big deal; anyone can do this." Their cool gets a huge audience response. They're the only female MCs of the

night. Unfortunately, I did not catch enough of their lyrics to make any sense of them.

As one MC after another takes a turn, you're awestruck by how many people can flow with ease. No one chokes. You wonder: Are they really making up this stuff on the spot or do they spend all week rehearsing?

When it's freestyle, there's no premeditation. I just get up there and my first word could be 'sock.' It could be anything," says MC Cipher I, relaxing after a performance.

Cipher I earned his name for always being the first to jump in and rap in a cipher (which is to stand around while speaking in rhyme off-mike). This 20-year-old Caucasian has been hitting the mike at the Hot Monkey Love Café since the club opened. When he performs, his eyes open wide and his head wiggles as if he's loosening the words



Pokey, Cypher club hosi

Event: The Cypher — hip-hop open mike and MC battles **Venue:** The Hot Monkey Love Café, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area

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from his brain.

A native San Diegan who was bounced between foster homes as a teen, Cipher I started listening to rap when he was 11.

'It's almost the same as religion. People will go through a lot of shit, and they'll find God one day. I found a rap tape instead of God," says Ci-

When Cipher I was 15, a friend turned him on to underground hip-hop. "I discovered there were rappers I'd never heard of, who nobody had ever heard of, who were better than any of the famous rappers," Cipher I says. "That kind of ignited the fuse and got me thinking maybe I could be a part of the music I loved.

At age 18, he performed in public for the first time. Like many MCs, Cipher I weaves rhyming into his everyday life. "Just like skaters grab their



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boards in the morning and jocks grab their footballs; in the morning I'll grab a beat CD and head down to the boardwalk. I'll just hang out and bump beats, and if I run into someone who raps, we'll rap, and if not, I'll rap to myself. It's like a hobby, but it's deeper than that."

The same MCs return week after week to the Hot Monkey because they're building reputations, becoming small-scale stars.

"There's a lot of politics as far as battles and who's the better MC," says Cipher I. "Let's say I lost the battle one night, does that mean I'm wack, or does that mean I'm not tight anymore? Or sometimes I'll come here and I won't even feel like rappin', but they'll be yelling my name, and I'll have to go up there."



Cipher I (on right)

MC battles are usually the night's culmination. In the battles, MCs are paired off to rap against each other. Each rapper in the pair has two rounds of 45 seconds to prove his stuff and to take his opponent down. Crowd response decides

the winner. There are no prizes.

"There's, like, two kind of battlers," Cipher I says. "There's the funny one who says stuff about your mom or your shoes. And then there's the ones who don't just rely



Cipher I (on left) with unknown participant

on making fun of your clothes. They can pick up on a person's vibe and take it apart. Sometimes you can notice someone's nervous habit and use that. Like someone will rap jiggling their change or playing with their hair."

After a moment of reflec-

tion, Cipher I says, "I'd rather break someone down saying true shit than by saying their mom's a hooker on El Cajon Boulevard."

A few MCs start ribbing Cipher I for talking in prose so long. He smiles and says, "A'right, you haters. Just chill."

He ditches his cigarette,

walks over to the group, and without hesitation, gives them a piece of his mind:

I'm sick like sex germs — agony stickers

My raps hit like loser dads after swiggin' liquors.

Click the picture; freeze the moment; put the clock on ice

People watch for falling boulders the way I rock on mikes.

My thoughts have gone on flights, and one time

They left the radar.

You'll get bumps and bruises battling me

'Cause my rhymes play hard — truly portray art

And it's seen in my flawless technique.

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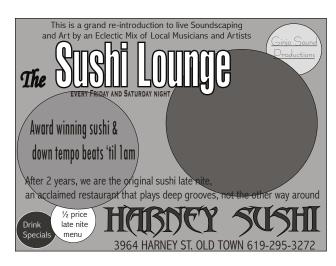
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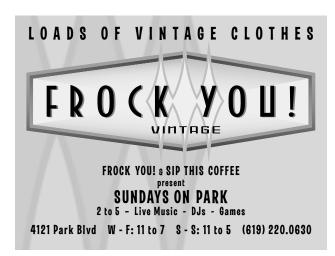
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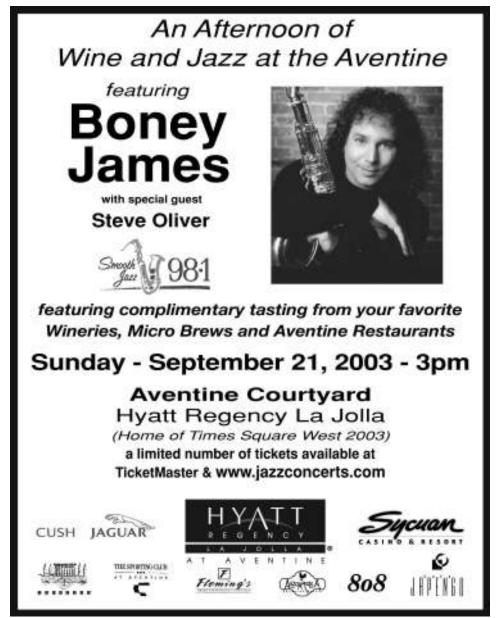
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Rough, Tough, and Rowdy, Baby

Little Willie John and James Brown were jumping up and down, doing splits, screaming their heads off.

play opened at Harlem's legendary Apollo Theater last April, not a usual venue for therical productions, called The Jackie Wilson Story. The show, which originated in Chicago, received a generally poor notice in the New York Times except for its star, Chester Gregory II, who gave what was, apparently, an extraordinarily acrobatic and electrifying performance as Jackie Wilson.

For baby boomers like me who danced their first dance to Motown and Atlantic soul music in the mid-'60s, Jackie Wilson is a somewhat remote figure, a name from the '50s and early '60s when R&B, soul, rock 'n' roll, and rockabilly were all mixed up and thrashing it out in an evolutionary scrum. It was an exciting time for popular music in America, even if most Americans were more interested in Your Hit Parade and tamer fare.

It's worth trying to sort out the principal elements in this musical cauldron and see where Mr. Jackie Wilson (b. 1934, Detroit, Michigan) was coming from and coming in. R&B, rhythm and blues,

"race music," "cat music," emerged from jazz, big band, and swing jazz, the popular dance music of the '30s and '40s and, of course, the blues. Coming to the fore in the later '40s

and through the '50s, R&B was loud music, making use of electrified instruments, especially the newly electrified bass, and leaning hard on particular components of the big-band sound: boogies, riffs, and vocals. The earliest manifestation of R&B, jump blues, took its chord structures from the blues and featured ample horn sections, laying out swing rhythms over the blues chords. The saxophone was given preeminence over the other horns. Louis Jordan was probably the most important performer of the jump blues ("Caledonia," "Let the Good Times Roll") and the bridge between swing, earlier jump blues, and what was to become early rock: Chuck Berry, Little Richard, and others with their paredproto-rock 'n' roll.

The audience for R&B and the earliest rock 'n' roll was almost exclusively African-American. The beat was intimidating to the middle-class white audience, as was the often overtly sexual content, with songs given titles like the Penguins' "Baby Let Me Bang Your Box" or Billy Ward's "Sixty-Minute Man." "Race" records did not generate nearly the

kind of revenue that white popular music was able to do.

The phenomenon of rock 'n' roll seems to have happened when DIs, in particular Alan Freed of Cleveland, began giving R&B airplay for white audiences and, not coincidentally, when white artists like Elvis began covering black R&B songs. In April of 1954, Bill Halev and the Comets (a white group) cut "Rock Around the Clock," That

changed things in the musical world, big time. The record sold 15 million copies worldwide and was a monster hit here in America.

Around the same time, New Orleans-REVIEW AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

by the mid-'50s, rock 'n' roll was a guitar-

sound, and accents on the offbeat. It was a stripped-

sort of love than the kind often encountered in blues or R&B. It was music designed for a racially mixed audience. The design worked.

It's not entirely unreasonable to suggest that Ray Charles, as early as 1954, was creating a prototype for soul. But the music didn't really get going full throttle until the 1960s with Stax/Volt, Atlantic, and Motown pumping out gold and platinum hits around the clock from artists like Aretha Franklin, Otis Redding, Wilson Pickett, the Supremes, the Four Tops, Sam and Dave, Martha and the Vandellas — I want to get up and dance just listing their names.

Jackie Wilson comes into the mix early, 1951, when discovered in a talent show at Detroit's Par-

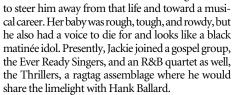
adise Theater by that most brilliant of talent scouts, Johnny Otis (b. John Veliotes of Greek-American parents in Berkeley, 1921), who would also discover Little Esther Philips, Little Willie John, Hank Ballard, and Etta

If Wilson arrived early, he would wind up staying rather late — as such careers go, especially for black pop artists - recording his last big hit in July of 1967, "(Your Love Keeps Lifting Me) Higher and Higher," which

rose to #1 on the R&B charts and #6 on the pop chart. Those of you who were 17 years old that summer will remember the song very well, and where you were — and perhaps who with — when you first

heard it.





After Johnny Otis discovered Wilson in 1951, the young singer was brought to the attention of Billy Ward of the Dominoes, who hired him as a backup singer. In April of 1953, lead singer Clyde

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McPhatter, then Jackie's musical idol, left the Dominoes to form the Drifters. Ward chose Wilson to replace McPhatter as lead tenor vocalist.

Wilson would stay with the Dominoes for three vears, but Ward was a stern overseer, and Wilson was frustrated throughout by the constraints of his role in a group format. (Although, he must not have been always so constrained, because we know that when Elvis Presley saw Wilson perform with the Dominoes in 1956 it blew the white rocker's mind.)

Wilson signed as a solo act with Brunswick in 1957, not the best choice of his career, and enjoyed a very modest success with a boogie number called "Reet Petite." His first real hit would come in 1958, "To Be Loved," penned by Wilson's cousin, Billy

Davis, and the young Berry Gordy Jr., who later was to become the force behind Motown. The songwriting team of Davis and Gordy wrote Wilson's next four hits, including "Lonely Teardrops," which made it to #1 on the R&B chart in 1959, selling over a million copies. Wilson was on his

Jackie Wilson hit the road at this stage, touring the country. Elvis was not exaggerating when

he flipped over Wilson's stage act. Jackie was the most sensational live performer of his time, which is saying a fair bit, given that Little Willie John and James Brown, among others, were around at the time — jumping up and down, doing splits, screaming their heads off. Wilson was not only a song-and-dance man, he was a magnificent athlete, poured into formfitting shiny costumes, loaded to the gills with attitude, and liking nothing better than to strut his stuff in the limelight. After concerts the women would line up, "stage-door Jennys," for his autograph and routinely pass out.

Rav Charles

Wilson continued to enjoy success after success in the black market, but it wasn't until a 1960 recording, "Night," that he really broke into the white pop market. One can hear why: It's simply awful material, real schmaltz on white bread with mayonnaise. He might as well be Enzio Pinza on this one instead of the primal R&B hip-shaker. "Night" was a quasioperatic version of a ballad based on Camille Saint-Saën's "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" from his Samson and Delilah. We're a long way from the Paradise Theater in Detroit, Dorothy...

More on Jackie next week. ■

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based R&B was pushing its way into the musical mainstream (Fats Domino's "Ain't That a Shame," etc.) and flavoring the mix. But

based sound, for the most part. It was around this time that the rockabilly sound was also coming in from Sun Records in Memphis with its frantic tempos, echoey

down sound: slap bass and lead guitar filling the holes behind the lead vocals of the usual suspects: Elvis, Jerry Lee, Eddie Cochran, Gene Vincent, Johnny Cash.

Soul music arrives with the '60s, a mixture of gospel underpinned by funk rhythms. Soul had the intensity of gospel but was more loosely constructed, often in ballad form, and its subject matter was decidedly secular, i.e., love, but a nicer, more romantic









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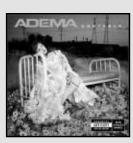
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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

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Hanson: The Scene, Thursday, September 4, 8 p.m., 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.

FRIDAY

Air Supply [573] and Christopher Cross [574]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 5, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Black Rebel Motorcycle Club: The Casbah, Friday, September 5, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

"Street Scene 2003" featuring R.E.M. [202], the Sex Pistols, Macy Gray [917], Social Distortion [405], the Goo Goo 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 & Spearhead, De La Soul [605], Ozomatli [228], Concrete Blonde Finch, the Reverend Horton 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, September 5; Saturday, September 6; and Sunday, September 7, Gaslamp. Info line, 800-260-9985.

SATURDAY

Bob Schneider [145] and Keri Noble: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, September 6, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

SUNDAY

Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band featuring John Waite, Paul Carrack, Colin Hay, Sheila E., and Mark Rivera: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 7,



BY DAVE GOOD

When **Jeff Tweedy** says a song is "drowsy" or "snoozin'," he means it rocks hard. Now you'll better understand lines like "I'm an American aquarium drinker," or "We've got solid-state technology / Tapes on the floor / Some songs we can't afford to play." In other words, Tweedy is not a literalist. He freely admits to writing verse with words based on how they sound. "But I don't really mind if I dream about you / I can't say what any of that means." He's like a thin-skinned Graham Parsons or Leonard Cohen in that he can *make* you feel what he wants you to feel better than he can just tell you.

Tweedy's music is out of the box these days, and if you're a **Wilco** fan, you've proba-

bly been around since Uncle Tupelo, Tweedy's alt-country rocker from Chicago. A few years ago, Tupelo ran its course, merged into Wilco. and took new direction. Through each of the succeeding Wilco albums and personnel changes, you can hear the country in the songwriting falling away like rusty parts off an old pickup truck. We end up at Yankee Hotel Foxtrot, a

recording stripped clean of most every influence, even of Wilco's earlier loose-jointed *Exile* on *Main Street* underlay. Practically all that remains the same is Tweedy's gritty voice.

Jeff Tweedy is a drowsy kind of guy himself, a chain-smoking singer/songwriter/guitarist in smelly clothes and perpetual need of a shave. He feigns a doper attitude, but I don't believe it. For one thing, he's gone through more than a few band members. I'd wager he's a sensitized, almost Type-A migraine personality. An example: when Reprise told him to lose Yankee Hotel Foxtrot or find himself a new



label, he claimed that his feelings were hurt. He took their production money, walked away, and released *Foxtrot* on his band's website. Later, he resold *Foxtrot* to Nonesuch for serious coin. It went on to become Wilco's biggest seller.

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7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

MONDAY

The Beach Boys [576]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 8, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

TUESDAY

Lucinda Williams [854] and **Mark Ford:** 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.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

SEPTEMBER

Cher [609]: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, September 12, 7:30 p.m., 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.

Natalie Cole [424]: East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, September 12, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Jo Dee Messina [778]: Palomar Starlight Theatre, Saturday, September 13, Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of 1-15 on Hwy 76, North County Inland. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

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 and **Kenna:** 4th & B, Wednesday, September 17, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497

Morris Day & the Time [610] and Rose Royce: 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.



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Neil Young & Crazy Horse: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., 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.

The Weakerthans, the Constantines, the Red West, and Roy: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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 [104], **Super Furry Animals**, and **Erlimart**: 4th & B, Saturday, September 20, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-221-4343 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, Chula 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.

The Doobie Brothers [466]: Palomar Starlight Theatre, Thursday, September 25, Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, North



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I played "Stop," the new **Black Rebel Motorcycle Club** single, for Corndog and she said, "Oh, Jesus and Mary Chain sound good." There it was: the comparison that has dogged BRMC since their first album came out two years ago. I said, "They don't sound that much like Jesus and Mary Chain." She said, "Are you high?"

She's right. It does sound like the JAMC. But that's not a bad thing in my book.

I spent a good part of my adolescence listening to the brothers Reid, and probably lost a good part of my hearing trying to replicate their feedback with my guitar and amp. Still, BRMC just released their second album, *Take Them On, On Your Own*, and now would be a good time for the California band to clear up those comparisons

once and for all and establish its own identity. If Corndog's reaction is any indication, that won't happen.

But I still say the comparison isn't fair. "Stop" is a really good song. It opens with a distorted bass line and a T. Rex guitar rhythm. That's joined by darker, overdubbed layers of guitar in harmony and counterpoint to each other. Maybe the T. Rex and the



music theory come in because BRMC is obsessed with British sounds the same way the JAMC was obsessed with American sounds. I could elaborate, but then I'd be comparing BRMC to JAMC again.

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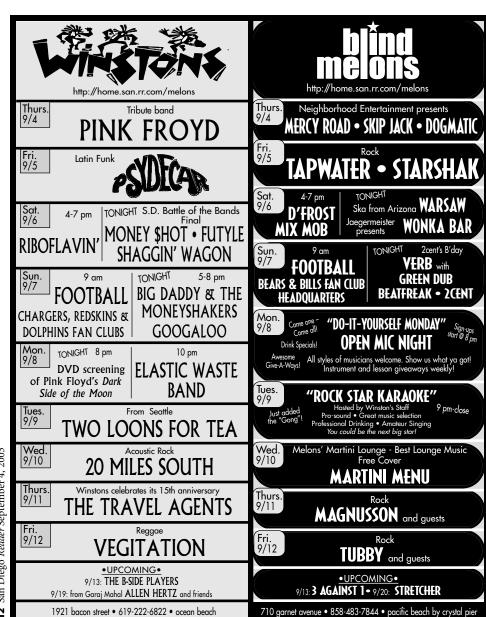
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Calendar **CONCERTS**

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Saba [822], Lisa Sanders [893], the San Diego Cajun Playboys [997], Chuck Schiele & Sven-Erik Seaholm [872], Aliah Selah, Shadowdogs, the Shambles [454], Jose Sinatra & the Troy Dante Inferno [861], Skelpin, Tikal, Trailer Park Queen, Tribe of Judah [733], Trophy Wife [555], the Truckee Brothers, the West Coast Pin-Ups [422], and Z-Bonics: Saturday. September 27, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, September 28, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-7833. For showtimes, visit www.gothere.com/ AdamsAve/StreetFair/index.htm.

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.

OCTOBER

Maná [117]: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, October 1, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Little Feat [523]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Wednesday, October 1, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002, x1139.

Cheap Trick [458] and Trash **Daddy:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 2, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Bobby Caldwell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 3, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Jesse Cook: 4th & B, Friday, October 3, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Acoustic Alchemy [864] and Gerald Albright [678]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 5, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Tom Jones [571]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, October 6, and Tuesday, October 7, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Jim Brickman [865]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 8, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Simply Red: 4th & B, Wednesday, October 8, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Soulive and Me'shell Ndegeocello: 4th & B, Thursday, October 9, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

LeAnn Rimes [779]: Palomar Starlight Theatre, Friday, October 10, Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, North County Inland. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Keali'i Reichel: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 10, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.





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CONCERTS

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

Joe Satriani [529], Steve Vai [532], and Yngwie
Malmsteen [541]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, October 11, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Aerosmith [591], Kiss, and Saliva: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, October 16, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

James Taylor [863]: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, October 17, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

John Prine [819]: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, October 18, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown, 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Candy Dulfer & Funky **Stuff** [647]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Sunday, October 26, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

The Queens of the Stone **Age** [521]: RIMAC Arena, Wednesday, October 29, 7:30 p.m. UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

NOVEMBER

Crystal Gayle [603]: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, November 1, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Echo & the Bunnymen: 4th & B, Tuesday, November 4, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Little Richard [533]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, November 6, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002, x1139.

Smokey Robinson [614]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, November 13, and Friday, November 14, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Bret Michaels: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, November 15, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Michael McDonald [588]: 4th & B, Tuesday, November 18, 345 B Street, downtown, 619-231-4343 or

Rov Clark [782]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Tuesday, November 18, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Cowboy Mouth [612] and Cracker [502]: 4th & B, Wednesday, November 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Slaver, Hatebreed [446], Arch Enemy, and OTEP: 4th & B, Friday, November 21, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Béla Fleck & the Flecktones [675]: Spreckels Theatre, Tuesday, November 25, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

DECEMBER

Willie Nelson [768]: 4th & B, Saturday, December 6, 345 B Street, downtown, 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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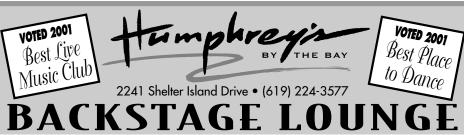
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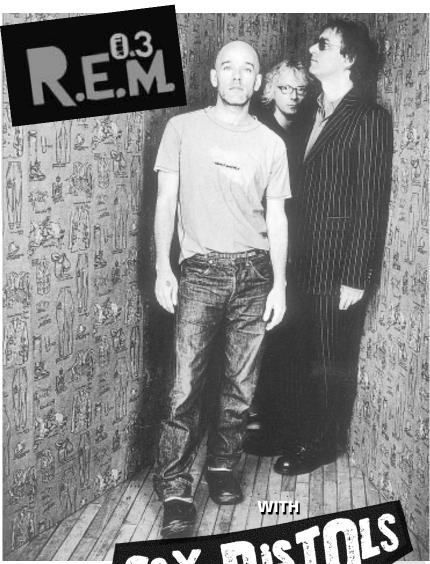
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Among Thousands: The Scene Armor for Sleep: Epicentre Arson for Profit: The Scene The Bitty Bums [223]: Lestat's

The Black Halos: The Casbah The Black Rebel Motorcycle

Bombskill: Epicentre

Carolina: Soma Causeway: The Casbah Chaotic Mess: Dream Street

Cheerleader 666: The Casbah Richard Cheese & Lounge Against the Machine: 'Canes

Tori Cobras: The Casbah

Cursor: Epicentre Decidely So: California Club Delerium: 4th & B The Devices: 'Canes d.fRost [389]: Blind Melons Dieradiodie: Epicentre

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DJ Bob One: Neimans Bar and Grill The Disco Pimps: 5ifth Otr.

Dogmatic [248]: Blind Melons Drag the River: The Kensington

Dragon Lounge: Brick By Brick Early November: Soma

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Fischerspooner: 4th & B For Sale: Surf N'Saddle

Free Confusion: Dream Street

The Golden Hill Ramblers: The

Hanson: The Scene Hev Mercedes: Soma

His Irate Life: Dream Street Homegrown [172]: Soma

Hot Like a Robot [146]: Soma The Israelites: California Club

Kamala 5: The Casbah Kulturwar: Dream Street

Kut-U-Up: Belly Up Tayern The Last Minute: Epicentre

Lower Definition: The Scene Lucero: The Kensington Club

Mae: The Scene

Maudlin: The Kensington Club Mercy Road: Blind Melons The Mix Mob [190]: Blind Melons

Motion City Soundtrack: The

Moving Pictures: 'Canes

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Keri Noble: Belly Up Tavern Nowheresville: The Scene

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COVER: varies depending on the act (free if you stay at the resort); I once paid \$5 to see Hollis Gentry, \$10 for Wild Child and \$15 to see Shana Morrison (Van's daughter)

HOURS: Monday–Friday 6:30 a.m.–2 a.m.; Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m.–2 a.m. (bands usually end at 1:30 a.m., some start as early as 4 p.m.)

DRINKS: on tap includes Bud Light, MGD. Coors Light: most bottled beers \$4.50; eight cognacs; variety of wines

FOOD: if you don't eat at their restaurant (which is expensive but delicious), you can get food in lounge until 11 p.m. on weekends and 10 p.m. on weekdays; appetizers average \$8 (oysters on the half shell, shrimp cocktail, crabstuffed mushrooms); a burger or club sandwich is also \$8

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DRESS: no dress code, but most were dressed in slacks, business attire, and it looked upper scale; I did see a few shorts, and a few sandals, and the usual handful of Hawaiian shirts

DANCE FLOOR: there's a very small area in front of stage where you can dance

FIRE EXITS: two from balcony plus the main entrance

BATHROOMS: men's had two stalls, two urinals, and two sinks; women's had two stalls and fulllength mirror; air conditioning, tissues on sink, soft music, clean and graffiti free

CAPACITY: 185

SPECIAL AREAS: smoking area is out on balcony overlooking the water and boats

FURNISHINGS: candles on each table; ATM and pay phone near bathrooms: the section that's off to the side has 20 tables with a view of the boats; up the five stairs, you have a better view of the stage, but not as great a view of the water (also with 20 tables); four poles block a few seats in the lower section

DECIBEL LEVEL: 115 when band Jump Start did a cover of "Walkin" the Dog": 98 last week at Café La Especial

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH: BOOGALOO

QUOTABLE: One guy told me, "It costs me more to see bands in the Backstage Lounge than the bigger names outside." When I asked why, he said, "Because I pay the cover and for the drinks here. When I saw the Doobie Brothers outside, it was from my boat. That was free, and I had my own beer in a cooler."

During the summer concert season, when Humphrey's gets the big names to play outside, they have local bands play inside starting an hour before Manager Michael Prichard tells me, "They [the local bands] take a break and go back on at 10:30 when the outdoor band ends [because of noise to nearby residents). Sometimes we get people coming in afterwards. Once Chris Isaak joined Eve Selis onstage after his outdoor show and played longer inside than he did outside."

-Josh Board

The Red Lights: Dream Street

Reward Drive System: Dream Rocket from the Crypt [237]:

Roxy Monoxide: Tio Leo's Lounge Rufio: The Scene

Sav From Charms: Soma Bob Schneider [145]: Belly Up

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Sevntimes: 'Canes Shade: Epicentre

Simply Complex [233]: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

Sixth Day: 'Canes Skipjack: Blind Melons Spell Toronto: The Casbah

The Starting Line: Soma Take Over Turn: 'Canes Taking Back Sunday: 4th & B

Tapwater: Blind Melons This Blessed Hope: The Scene 303: Pounder's

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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

The Abuse [441]: Cannibal Bar Across the Room: On The Rocks The Atomic Punks: 'Canes Bare Bones: Pounder's The Bastards of Glory [409]:

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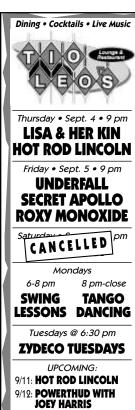
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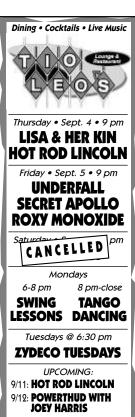
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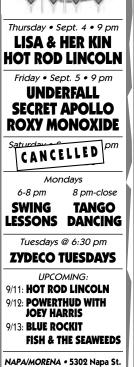


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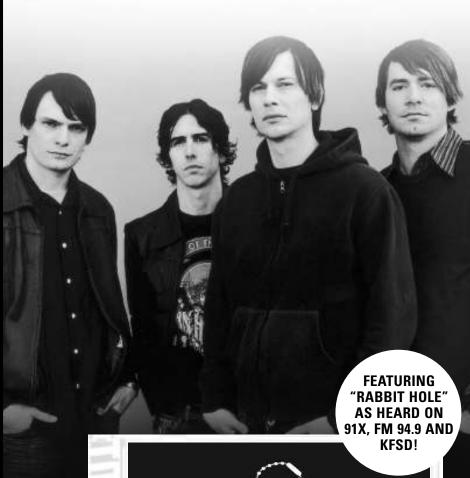
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ROCK

blink-182: 4th & B

Bordertown: Coyote Bar and Grill Brain Bucket: Tiki House

Cheap Date: Second Wind (Santee) Nick D'Virgilio: Victor's Restaurant

DA & Hitmen: Bub's Whiskey Dive DJ Beer: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

DJ Geoff: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp) DJ T: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

Doctor Strut: Carvers

The Will Edwards Band: Twiggs

Electrovibe: Tiki House Marty Friedman: 'Canes

The Fryday Band: Hennessey's

Gene Loves Jezebel [551]: Brick

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The Hit Men: I.B. Rockin' Beach Bar

The Hodads: The Calypso Cafe Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's

The Jackson 3: Island Sports &

The Jewel Tones: The Calypso Cafe

Latigo [506]: Soma

Los Ingratoz: Over the Border

Louis & Friends: JP's Pub

Myron & the Kyniptions: Jolt'n

Pink Froyd: Winstons

Chris Poland's OHM: 'Canes

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last

Rascalin: Tio Leo's Lounge

Riot House: Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa)

Rockola: Humphrey's R.O.K.: Dirk's Niteclub

Alex Scolnick Trio: 'Canes

Eve Selis [410]: The Calypso Cafe, Humphrey's

The Sensations: Di-mond Jim's

Serious Guise: Second Wind (San

The Shambles [454]: California

The Sound Doctors: Chuey's

Starshak: Blind Melons

Super Funk Fantasy: Iimmy Love's

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II Triple X: Jolt'n Joe's (Escondido)

Meagan Tubb: Dream Street Urban Evergreen [406]: Belly Up

Venice [432]: Belly Up Tavern Y3K: Boar Cross'n, Humphrey's

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise The Corvettes: Viejas Casino DJ Lenny: The Plum Loco Saloon Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel

Island Breeze: Humphrey's

Leviticus: La Valencia Hotel The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House Makai: Humphrey's

The New Breed Band: The Alley, Dick's Last Resort

NRG: Dick's Last Resort

The Players: Viejas Casino

Jack Pollack: Elario's Bistro & Sky

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X-Cel: Jimmy Love's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar The Ray Barrie Big Band: The

David Beldock: Coyote Bar and

Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

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Album Name: Groove Yard (2003)

Artist: Bradley Leighton Label: Pacific Coast Jazz

Songs: 1) Mojave 2) Groove Yard 3) Fotografia 4) Doña Maria

5) Bahia 6) Road Song

Price/Where Available: bradleyleighton.com for \$15 Band Members: Bradley Leighton (flute, alto flute), Bob Magnusson (bass), Duncan Moore (drums), Allan Phillips (percussion), Jaime Valle (guitar), Mike Wolford (piano)

Extra Info: After high school, Bradley Leighton played in the Army's 9th Infantry Division band at Ft. Lewis, Washington, where he served as musical director of the jazz ensemble. After finishing his tour in the service in Korea, Bradley remained in Seoul teaching and playing jazz in the country's only jazz bar at the time.

Website: www.bradleyleighton.com

Flutist (or flautist, if you prefer) Bradley Leighton renders a skillfully arranged album of instrumental jazz standards with his first solo release.

Leighton, new to San Diego from the Seattle area, has compiled six tracks of classics originally written by artists ranging from Carl Perkins to Antonio Carlos

Jobim (considered by many as the George Gershwin of Brazil). The notes emanating from Leighton's flute allude to something fresh and clear as they lead and complement a superb rhythm section. They stray from the softer, mellow tones that might be expected from a flute and burst into something crisp, lucid, and commanding. The softer "Mojave" opens

the album, and it's a great ride from there up until the closing notes of "Road Song." The tracks are lengthy, each over six minutes, and provide much stylistic contrast from one to the next as the album rolls through the whimsical and romantic "Fotografia," the lively Latin beat of "Doña Maria," and the meditative "Road Song." The uplifting, energetic "Groove Yard" is the album's standout track as a coolsounding, slow funk tune



Bradlev Leighton

that's loaded with percussion. Leighton's weightier harmonies on this track contrast with his usual sprightly tones found throughout most of the other tracks and reveal another side to his musical capabilities. This album truly delivers.

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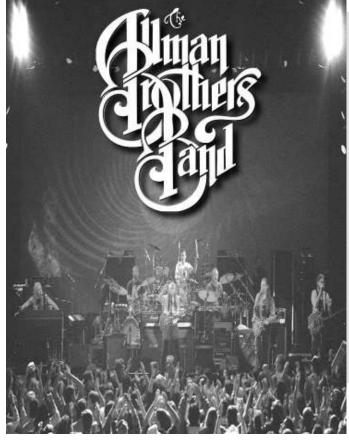
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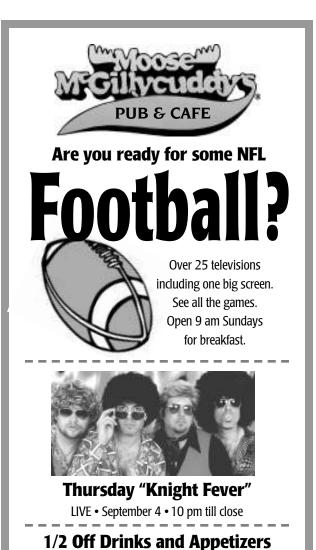
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Bottoms Up: Fridays, good vibes, house, breaks, drum 'n' bass, hip-hop. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tivolis, corner of Sixth Avenue and Island Street, Gaslamp. 619-232-6754.

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.

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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. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Red Circle Cafe, 420 E Street, downtown. 619-234-9211.

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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 'r 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 hiphop and R&B; DJ Battle spins Latin and house on the patio. Sunday, Labor Day Jam 2003. High school and college students admitted. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-9393.

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Ritual: Fridays, DJs Yosef, Matt Levine, Jon Sauter, and more spin hip-hop, breaks, house, progressive, trance, and tribal. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Catamaran Resort, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-488—1081.

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Margarita Lounge with DJs Maze and Lime, European grooves. All events until 2 a.m. Il 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.

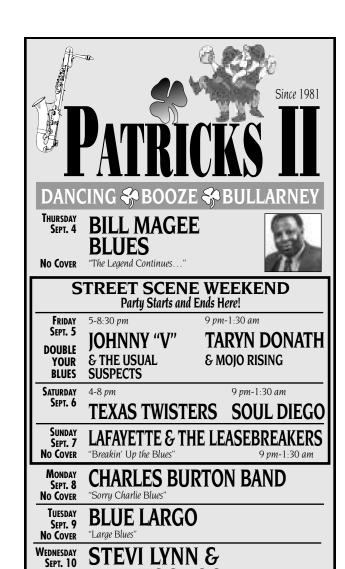
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Doubletree Hotel, 11915 El Camino Real, Del Mar. 619-481-5900. Sydney's Bar & Grill: Thursday, 6 pm to 9 pm, the Ron Siegrist Trio, jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Saturday, Simply Complex, alternative rock. Sunday, 3 pm to 7 pm, the Upstairs Jazz Club, jazz.

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Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-596-8350, Friday and Saturday, Cheap Date, rock, call club for information.

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We headed to Charlie's for a weekday lunch and lucked onto a table on the patio, which hugs the stones of the sea wall. Your in-meal entertainment is a view of kiddies learning to surf in the waters just below and seasoned surfers catching long rides some hundred yards north. A retired couple from Arizona were at the next table; from the nearby rocks, a half-dozen laidback seagulls placidly eyed the Yumans' lunch, as though asking, "You done with that yet?"

We started with a half-dozen pristine cold-

water oysters from British Columbia — the waitress identified them with a gulp that sounded like "Umpquah," but she couldn't spell their name, and neither can I. I've encountered them before (brought by another gulping waitperson at a different restaurant), and was delighted to enjoy them again. They arrived sea-fresh, rich, and delicious, albeit somewhat clumsily shucked, unleashing some grit into the juices. Accompanying the bivalves was a decent cocktail sauce, with lemon wedges and horseradish on the side for do-it-yourself editing (and hot sauce, yours for the asking).

I really enjoyed the exemplary New England clam chowder, its flavors balanced with a touch of tanginess, its lightly creamy broth aswim with crowds of large clam meats; fullflavored, unpeeled new potato chunks; and real bacon bits. For those of us raised on Boston chowder, it's an authentic treat — you could be slurping it at Durgin Park (assuming the latter has kept up its cooking standards). Even the packaged oyster crackers were fresh. Face it, most restaurant chowders in San Diego come with crackers dating back to the reign of George the First. (Was there some huge upsurge in cracker production then? If so, were they stored in some vault until now to "age" properly?)



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The menu offers a conventional California cheeseburger, of course, but I was drawn to the crazier "Bayou Burger," featuring a patty rubbed with Cajun seasoning powder and topped with crisp, fine honey-cured bacon and a little (actually, too little) Maytag blue cheese. The hefty burger arrives on a substantial kaiser roll, the beef

flaunting a good grill char and a hint (not a shout) of the complex seasoning. Firm, well-made chili fries" ride along, with a nice "puff" on their slightly spicy

surfaces. The accompanying pickles and cottony tomato slice, however, were flavorless flops.

The signature "Charlie's-by-the-Caesar' salad isn't bad, merely less august than it might be. You can get it garnished with chicken, fish, or (my choice) prosciutto-grilled prawns (which are also available as a dinner entrée, minus the rabbit food). The tender shrimp sported obis of translucent, salty prosciutto wrapped around their midsections, hiding fresh basil leaves tucked between the ham and the prawn flesh. The vegetation, though, included too many dark,

chopped-up outer leaves of romaine rather than just the hearts. The salad's dressing lacked any noticeable anchovy presence, and the Parmesan scattered on top was coarse-grated (not shaved) and tasted like a dull domestic brand.

Next door is the Beach House, an attractive restaurant sprawling over several rooms

and its own beachfront patio. It's a branch of a three-restaurant chain, all located in upscale seaside towns; the original opened in Laguna Beach in 1968, and a

new branch at Dana Point is the baby of the group. With its flat, open-beam wooden ceiling, wooden walls, and carpeted floor, the Cardiff restaurant looks rather romantic but doesn't require dress-up. Upstairs, via an elevator, the charming Top of the Beach Grill has the feel of a lighthouse — a favorite spot for locals entertaining out-of-town visitors.

The patio, like neighbor Charlie's, right on the breakwater, sports good-looking metal chairs with shell-design backs, colored the blackgreen hue of oxidized copper, matching the

Charlie's by the Sea

★★ (Good)

2565 South Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea; 760-942-1300; www.charliesbythesea.com.

HOURS: Dinner nightly from 5:00 p.m. until closing (about 10:00); lunch Monday-Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Sunday brunch 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

PRICES: Lunch appetizers, \$3-\$9; lunch entrées, \$8-\$13; brunch entrées, \$9-\$16 à la carte. Dinner appetizers same as lunch: entrées, \$16-\$25 (\$39 for lobster or king crab). Many items \$2 less at Happy Hour, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Steaks, seafood, and multicultural California cuisine. 100 wines, mainly Californian, plenty by the glass. Full bar. **NEED TO KNOW:** Reserve for a patio or window table at Sunday brunch or weekend dinner. Free valet parking.

Beach House

★ (Acceptable)

2530 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea; 760-753-1321; www.thebeachhouse.com.

HOURS: Lunch, 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday; Sunday Champagne Brunch, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Dinner until 10:00 weeknights, 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Upstairs "Top of the House Grill" 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. daily. PRICES: Sunday brunch/lunch entrées, \$10-\$16; regular lunch entrées, \$8-\$28. Dinner appetizers, \$3-\$16; entrées, \$15-\$30. "Early bird" dinners weeknights, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Steaks, seafood, and "Continental" classics. A dozen wines (mainly Californian upper-shelf supermarket brands) all available by the glass. Full bar.

NEED TO KNOW: Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Happy Hour live entertainment Thursday-Sunday, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at Top of the House; light pub grub and seafood menu. Upstairs club accessible by elevator; restroom stalls tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Free valet parking. Simplest dishes are best here.

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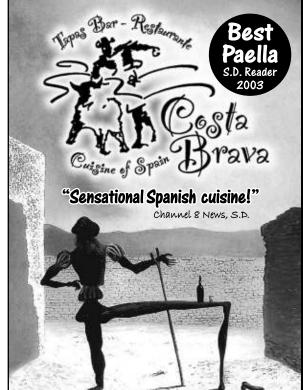
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table stands. The chairs are padded for comfort, the tables topped with poured marble.

The house breads-andspread were uneasy portents of things to come — klutzy white sourdough, doughy brown bread, and margarine. The latter may be a consideration for the community's large population of active, healthconscious retirees. I hope the latter rebel soon, now that the food police have pronounced transfats worse than butter.

Our first dish fulfilled the evil omen: The lobster bisque deserved a nomination to the Culinary Hall of Shame. It was a coral-colored alien substance as thick and jiggly as flan. It tasted like the sauce of Stouffer's macaroni and cheese (hold the mac), with some lobster-meat scree at the bottom. "I was expecting soup, not pudding," my boyfriend pronounced.

After that, the simple ordinariness of the Crab and Shrimp Louis came as a relief. The salad featured boiled salad shrimp and real (if rather bland) crabmeat served over spring greens with the standard Louis garnishes — including Hass avocado of such ripe perfection it told us that this kitchen really knows its veggies. We also gambled on a large artichoke, stuffed with the same insipid crabmeat of the salad, here mingling with copious quantities of well-dried crumbs of the brown house bread. The thistle itself was another splendid vegetable, sweet-flavored and perfectly steamed. Its official dip-duo offered melted margarine and an herbed vogurt-vinegar-sugar mixture. We pushed both aside, substituting the pitcher of Louis dressing, and happily nibbled the leaves and heart after shaking out the stodgy stuffing.

At both restaurants, the most popular meal is the Sunday champagne brunch. These brunches are menu driven, not buffets, with reasonable à la carte pricing — figure about \$20 per person all told. They're also nearly interchangeable in menu and execution, with the expected plethora of omelets, "Benedict" variations, and French toast. If you were led and fed blindfolded and did-

n't pay much attention to flavor, you'd be hard-pressed to guess where you were eating. At the Beach House, the Freixenet champagne starts flowing as soon as you sit down, while at Charlie's, you have to ask for the J. Roget bubbly — I guess they're shy about offering it to possible teetotalers. Neither brand exactly rivals Veuve Clicquot, but you can get endless refills with a nod or a wink. The coffee is decent American-style breakfast roast. also refilled with no limits (just like at Denny's). Both restaurants upgrade their bread baskets at this meal with muffins and sweet pastries.

Their brunch business is slamming (you don't need to reserve, but I recommend it — you'll probably get a better table). About 60 percent of the brunchers are retirees, arriving in couples, foursomes, and multigenerational family groupings. Hence, the food is very lightly seasoned (if at all), but that's why there are salt and pepper shakers on the table.

The "chef's special" at Charlie's offers two poached eggs and smoked salmon on puff paste with dill hollandaise. Our eggs arrived perfectly

poached, no mean feat. The sauce tastes as if it's pumped in from the Great Universal Hollandaise Factory, which pipelines it straight to the kitchens of all champagnebrunch restaurants plus Denny's, IHOP, and HoJo's. It's not bad (and certainly better than the canned hollandaise at the supermarket), but lacks, shall we say, distinctiveness. The smoked salmon tastes like Lasko or its restaurant-supply cousin — dryish, salty, gray along one edge. Alas, heat makes lox shrink into dry, salty nastiness, and here, the hot puff paste below and the eggs on top warm the fish until it shows signs of misery. The puff paste — croissant dough was rushed from the oven to the ravenous hordes still underbaked and slightly pallid.

The brioche French toast at Charlie's consists of a fallen Stonehenge of inch-thick, puffy monoliths of brioche, with soft surfaces but doughy interiors: They haven't soaked in nearly enough egg batter to moisten them all through. The oh-sosweet, syrup-packed surrounding strawberries look and taste like commercial frozen berries and swamp any hint of the promised

cinnamon-orange flavor.

At the Beach House, the Sunday midday menu is divided into "Champagne brunch" and "Champagne lunch," and the distinction between them isn't exactly clear, unless it involves the presence of a couple of eggs. From the brunch section, I chose a lobster Benedict, seeking a closer look at the extraterrestrial life form in the bisque. The menu describes the dish as puff pastry filled with Maine lobster. It's topped with nicely poached eggs and something called "orange hollandaise." The puff paste shells were slightly chewy, with no butter flavor, and the suave but insipid hollandaise was neither buttery nor citric. (Could it, too, be margarinebased?)

The lobster meat proved odd indeed: mushy-soft, tasteless squiggles colored coral all the way through. I have a hunch that it's produced by the same extrusion process that turns Alaskan pollack into sushi-bar "krab" — only in this case the stuff presumably started out as actual lobster meat. Maybe it should be given a different name: "lopster," anyone?

A broiled salmon steak

arrived as a small, thin, slightly burned fillet, moistened with a Hollandaise mixed with frozen orange juice concentrate. My sweetie actually loved its intense sweetness; I found it nearly disgusting and regretted that we hadn't just ordered a burger. Both these dishes came with O'Brien potatoes in need of salt, underripe fruit, and a purple orchid. Ûnsure which items were merely visual garnishes, we ate the potatoes, sampled the melon, and left with the flower in my hair.

I must qualify that I ate only brunch and lunch at this duo — given the views, daytime meals are probably the main events here. (Their dinner menus are lengthy, however, and include a scattering of ambitious dishes.) I'm not a morning person and wouldn't brunch again at either restaurant, but I'd enjoy another lunch at Charlie's or even try a dinner. Clearly, the kitchen can handle straightforward dishes quite well. As for the Beach House, one of these days I'll surely head upstairs to the "lighthouse" during Happy Hour, nibble some shellfish, catch some music, and see the shining sea. ■











I Want Breakfast

"What you need is a glass of cactus juice every day."

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nd no more street brawls!" calls Dr. Solorio, as I leave his dentist's office. Guy's always kidding. Just been getting final adjustments to my Mexican teeth. Out in the sun on Callejón del Travieso ("Mischief

Lane"), I'm feeling kind of like Mary Tyler Moore, what with this full rack. Guess I need to test these babies out.

I wander up Constitución and into the Foreign Club Passage. You can just hear the bar touts at the Revolución end. "Welcome. Hey, guys! This way!" But inside

the pasaje, everything's strangely quiet. You pass Olmec heads, Toltec carved columns, giant Aztec stone calendars, a strangely carved cross, big old trees. And a long, narrow, Aztec-looking structure that sits in the middle with, like, terra-cotta-red sloped sides and a green-tiled roof.

Nope. It's an eatery. Men on stools slouch over tile counters, munching away. Just what I need to initiate the new molars.

Then I notice something ahead of it. A glass frontage. "Museo," it says. Also, "Galería Amigos del Arte." Also, "Café Cantante." Singing café? Well, through the open door I see a big-eyed girl at a mike. "Baila esta cumbia," she sings. The Selena song. "Five pesos entrance, includes coffee or tea," says a sign. I see people inside framing pictures, others strumming guitars. Local art and old photos of the revolution hang around the walls. For sale.

I walk in. And something weird happens.

'Would you like to sing?" says this tall, ginger-bearded guy. He's speaking Spanish. At me. People sitting 'round look up. Like, for God's sake, man, you have to have one song in you,

don't you? "Uh, 'La Malagueña'?" "Great," the guy says in English, and hauls out a guitar.

"Que bonitos ojos tienes..." I start off, but that's it.

All I can remember is the punch line.

"¡Malagueña salerosa!"

The guy sings most of it. And here's the thing. Turns out he's a famous folksinger. American. Says he made "La Bamba" and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" popular. Was in the movies. Knows Pete Seeger. Knew Burl Ives, Marilyn Monroe. On and on. He gives guitar and singing lessons. Name's William Clauson.

So how does a guy like that end up teaching guitar in Tijuana?

"I love Tijuana," he says, half an hour later. We're sitting up to the counter now at the Azteclooking eatery. La Petite Café. "Tijuana saved my

I'm itching to eat, but he's not hungry. "Water's fine," he says. I order a bottle of Ciel water (60 cents). "Mineralizada," it says.

This place is funky. The clients are all men. Touts, office workers, racing fans from the Caliente betting place next door. Servers are all women, about five of them, from a real babe to

hobbling older gals, shuffling between the steaming pots of food.

María Luna hands me a slip of printed paper. The menu for today. Specials include Spanish chicken with rice and beans (\$2.50), pork chops in green sauce (\$2.50), and red enchiladas, also \$2.50. Boy, this seems a good deal. Regular items include steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, chicharrón (crisp, fried pork rind) in a red sauce (all \$2.50), and carne asada, a whopping three bucks. And they have tortas — like burgers but bigger — from \$1.50 to \$3.00.

But the fact is, I want breakfast. Had to rush out the door to get down here in time. And I see they have a \$2.50 breakfast special. Wow. Five items with a large coffee thrown in. I choose eggs and chorizo, rice, refried beans, corn tortillas, and an empanada (a triangular pastry stuffed with a sweet cream custard).

"Pay at the other end and come back," says María Luna. Says she's new. Only been here 12 years. I get up, head for a woman at a register. She's handing a couple of guys a cigarette each. They each give her a peso. This is María Cristina Fregoso. She and her family run this place. "Nothing much changes here in this pasaje," she says. "We've been serving this same home-style food for 20 years."

So I pay my money, take my coffee, and re-

turn to María Luna with my receipt and a tag like a movie ticket. She sizzles my eggs and chorizo, scoops up my beans and rice, heats some corn

I crunch in. Admittedly no great carne asada to test the new teeth on here, but way to go, Dr. Solorio: I can chew! I can crush. These danged teeth he's planted feel like they were born with me.

"Uh, TJ saved your life?" I say finally to Mr.

"Sure," he says. "I'd intended to come down to retire. I had late-onset diabetes, and I wasn't feeling good at all. So I arrived at the border, took a taxi, got talking. The driver said, 'What you need is a glass of cactus juice every day.' And guess what? I started it. And it worked! I'm 73 and the symptoms have all left. My doctor in Idaho was amazed when I went up. I still take a glass, every day. I feel great."

"¡Cambio!" yells one of the touts from the bar called Peanuts. Guess it's the end of a shift. Four o'clock.

Time for me to go too.

"Let me know if you want some singing lessons," says Willie. "We're there every afternoon, one to four or five.'

I'm almost ashamed to ask

"Could you teach me 'La Bamba'?" ■

The Place: La Petite Café, Avenida Constitución #720-O, in Foreign Club Passage off Revolución, between 3rd

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"Everyone will have a common aroma that they cannot smell; they just don't know it yet."

niffer One: "This wine smells like violets and plums and currants." Sniffer Two: "This wine smells like leather and horses." Sniffmaster: "You're both right!"

It's enough to put you in mind of the old Sat-

urday Night Live ad for Shimmer: "It's a floor wax. It's a dessert topping. No, wait; it's both!" And it's enough to make you think that the rumors are true: that the Emperor has no clothes, that this wine-tasting thing is all a bunch of subjective hooey. And yet, the affirmation ("You're both right!")

and the example are being put forth by Lisa Van de Water, a veteran wine consultant, a proper scientist (she founded the Wine Lab in 1975), and a firm believer in wine's ability to smell like violets, plums, currants, and, yes, horses.

"The thing about grapes," she says, "is that they don't have an overpowering aroma. They have a lot of little aromas. The reason they smell like other things is that they have small quantities of the same compounds. If it smells like bell pepper, it's got pyrazines. If it smells like a lemon, it's got lemonene."

Which is not to say that there is no truth to the "subjective" part of the rumor. "No one smells wine exactly the way you do," explains Van de Water. "You may think everybody smells the same, but it's not true. We are each more sensitive than average to some aromas and less sensitive to others. I know I'm less sensitive than average to black pepper and oak, and more sensitive to lemons and ethyl acetate." What's more, "Everyone will have a common aroma that they cannot smell; they just don't know it yet." Just because you can't smell it doesn't mean it's not there.

Here, subjectivity, so often supposed to reside in the more airy realms of taste and experience and blarney, has one foot planted firmly in the physical — specifically in the tiny patch of olfactory mucosa at the top of your nasal

passage. "That mucosa has an outrageous number of receptors. When an aroma molecule gets up there, it hits one of these receptors — they're nerves; they look like little hairs — and it creates an electrical charge. The nerve goes straight into the brain, into the olfactory bulb. Other impulses —

from sight and sound and the other senses — have to go through a sort of switching mechanism called the medulla oblongata and then get decoded by the brain. But smell just goes straight in. Different patterns of nerve hairs are reacted, and then that pattern is decoded by the brain. The brain realizes that all these particular receptors are firing and decodes the aroma: 'It must be such and such.'"

Besides the buzzing activity on the receiving end, matter also matters on the side of aroma production. Different aroma molecules will make their way upward depending on any number of things. Some aromas are more soluble in alcohol and will show up more strongly in higher-alcohol wines. Further, what floats up through your nose when you sniff may be different than what makes it through the retronasal passage at the back of your mouth "after the wine has been heated by your mouth and reacted with some of your salivary enzymes. Most of what we think of as flavor is actually aroma." In other words, there is a reason why a wine may smell like one thing and taste like quite another.

All of which is not to say that taste and experience (and blarney) have no part to play. If you don't know what violets, plums, currants, leather, or horses smell like, then you will have a hard time naming those aromas. And even if you do know, you may have a hard time picking them out if what you're focusing on is the sweetvanilla smell provided by oak. Says Van de Water, "We're not trained to describe complex aromas. Even those of us who have spent many years doing it may pay attention to one aroma. There may be another in the background, equally strong, but we just aren't used to paying attention to it, any more than most people listening to a symphony could pick out the melodic line of the sec-

ond violins. But if a concertmaster says, 'Oh, didn't you hear that little line in the background?' and we play it again, it's like, 'Well, of course.'"

Which brings us to the power of blarney er, suggestion. Any number of times, I have found myself content with my account of a wine's aroma, only to have someone (usually my wife) say something like, "This Syrah smells like grapefruit." Incredulous, I put the wine to my nose and — good heavens: grapefruit! Plain as the nose on my face. Van de Water, who was in town recently for a presentation on wine aromas, also gives a seminar called "Presenting Wine to the Public." Suggestion is an important theme. "I even teach tasting room people to prompt customers when they would like customers to notice a particular thing. Say, 'Notice the lovely blankety-blank.' They're primed. You know the old joke: 'Don't think of an elephant,' and all you can think of is elephants."

And even if you've got the taste and the experience and a suggestion-free atmosphere, you can still be fooled. "Once the receptor fires its message to the brain, it takes a little time for the molecule to get off the nasal hair, and also for

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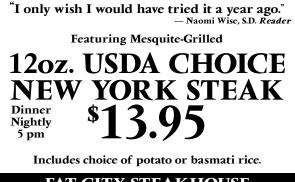
the brain to reset. During that time, the same receptors can't respond to the same aroma, and so you can't smell it. If you just keep sniffing, pretty soon it doesn't smell like anything. You have to do something else for a couple of minutes and come back."

"That's really important in wine judging. They line up a whole bunch of similar wines [to be judged]. The first one, you can smell pretty much everything that you're sensitive to in the wine. In the second, you can smell everything that wasn't in the first. The third, the fourth, and so on. Pretty soon, the wine that wins is the one that's most different, because it's the only one you can still smell. If you ever see judging results and wonder, 'How in the world did they come up with that?' that's probably why."

(Good judges, of course, know their limits and have ways of combating fatigue. Van de Water made this point about clogged aroma perception during her presentation, and when she did so, frequent wine judge Bob Foster leaned over and told me that regular switches between smelling and tasting is a great help in avoiding the problem.)

















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Bistro Soleil 641 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-9549. Most French food in Encinitas is of the weighty cream-and-demi-glace traditional genre. Soleil offers an alternative with a seasonal menu of light, herbal Provençal specialties. The emphasis is on seafood, and on olive products instead of dairy. Dinner, Mondays through Saturdays. Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to new-fangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as ahi pissaladière (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — N.W. (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, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that co-exist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back East are more traditional," say owner James, the ex-boxer, an old sparring buddy of the Bronx Pizza guys in Hillcrest. "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. But we do do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker'n one of James's right upper

cuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. -

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

Terivaki 101 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian terivaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "Es ist Wunderbar!" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse N.W. (10/01) in Carlsbad.

The Village Grill 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only "extra lean" meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

NORTH INLAND

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118, 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho*





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Bolsa on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows pho bo is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef ric moodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent pho bo, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with nuoc mam, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just pho bo. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Delicias 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-8000. The room is smashing and the menu offers excelent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat and chicken, gourmet pizzas. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

Dicrescenzo's 11625 Duenda Road, Westwood Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. Should you be in Rancho Bernardo and seeking great Italian sandwiches or pizzas to eat in or take out, keep this Chicago-style deli in mind. The Italian beef and Rocco's Imperial sub are knockouts. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

The French Market Grille 15717
Bernardo Heights Parkway at Pomerado Road, Ralphs Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055.
Don't miss this small but chic French restaurant. The chef/co-owner, originally from Brittany, produces superbnouvelle cuisine, with a menu of fresh dishes changing seasonally. Reservations strongly advised. Breakfast served Sunday; lunch and dinner served daily. Expensive. — E.W.

Miiki Japanese Restaurant And Sushi Bar 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (hotategai), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a mas-

ter chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Faire, Escondido, 760-738-7522. 160-foot Japanese seafood buffet, hot Japanese dishes, salads, desserts, all you can eat. Tons of fresh food. Seats 250. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — E.W.

GOLD COAST

Epazote Southwest Restaurant 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spitroasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. —

Hide Away Cafe 150 South Acacia Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-755-3388. The Hide Away is the classic forties California beach café. You have to look carefully down the tiny tree-shaded street to spot their big blue-and-yellow sign. It's a homey little place, with a corrugated iron roof, wooden porch, and a green mantle of gnarly old ivy. The sidewalk is under reconstruction right now, so it's doubly hidden away — you'll have to reach it through the back side. Flap through the swing doors. Inhale the good smells from the kitchen. Sit down at one of the intimate tables. Order the jalapeño and grilled red onion omelet with avocado and Jack cheese. Or the delicious "Kaleidoscope": scrambled eggs, cheese, bell peppers, onions, and home fries. Finish up with a slice of homemade pumpkin-nut bread. Breakfast and lunch only, open daily to 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-0113. The

What the Chef Eats

COPPER RIVER/WILD KING SALMON ON A BED OF CUCUMBER SPAGHETTI

BY ANTONIO FRISCIA

Executive Chef, Alfiere, Harbor Island

When I run the Copper River salmon everyone buys it. They go crazy for it.

It's a light, refreshing dish, especially during the summertime. The season for Copper River salmon goes in and out. The fish are always beautiful. They're wild fish, which means the meat is much firmer and tastier than your run-of-the-mill farm-raised salmon.

As for the preparation with the cucumber spaghetti, we cut the cucumbers on a mandoline and I use all different cucumbers from Chino's Ranch, the crispy, crunchy, lemon-flavored cucumbers. Armenian

cucumbers, and Japanese. We have those in the mix with some heirloom tomatoes. We use a little truffle ginger vinaigrette on the cucumber mixture.

The other thing that is served with the dish is *bagna*, a sun-dried tomato paste. It's part of the sauce and can be made at home or purchased bottled at Alfiere.

For seafood for me right now, I'm liking the Alsatian Riesling. It's phenomenal with seafood. It's got crisp acidity to it. Rieslings are fresh floral wines, great for summer. They're refreshing. They cleanse your palate of something fatty, like salmon. I also recommend

Grunerveltliner from
Austria. Another great
varietal is Moschofilero,
which is from Greece.
They stop the
fermentation naturally so
it has just a little bit of
bubble in the wine, and to
me it's like clean, crisp,
fresh lime juice. I've seen
the Moschofilero at
Harvest Ranch and the
San Diego Wine
Company.

HOW TO DO IT Season salmon filet with salt and pepper, set aside. (I prefer cooking the salmon with the skin on because it has so much flavor.)

Purée all *bagna* ingredients in a blender



or food processor, set aside.

Wash and peel cucumbers with a mandoline. If you don't have a mandoline, peel cucumbers, halve them, and extract the seeds by running a teaspoon down the middle of each side. Then julienne into long strips or cut on a bias. Marinate with bagna and extra-virgin olive oil for a few minutes. Toss them with the heirloom tomatoes, fennel, torpedo onions, and basil.

menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not ac-

cepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. Many dishes here are under \$10. Best bets: baby back ribs, fresh fish, and a variety of burgers served with salad and fries presented in a paper bag. Warm, casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think









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Blend ginger-truffle vinaigrette ingredients by mixing dry ingredients with vinegars and slowly adding oils with whisk or blender.

Pan-sear salmon, then place on a slightly oiled, preheated cast iron skillet and place in preheated 400-degree oven.

Cook seven minutes. Salmon should be moist inside. Do not overcook.

Place cucumber mixture on plate and set salmon on top.

Drizzle on vinaigrette and garnish with Meyer lemon, or just come to

Alfiere and we will make it for you. Have fun.

INGREDIENTS FOR ONE SERVING

8 ounces skin-on, scales removed, Copper River salmon or wild king salmon

6–8 ounces various cucumbers from Chino's or a grocery with a serious produce section (Whole Foods, Harvest Ranch, etc.) 3–5 ounces heirloom tomatoes

from Chino's or a good bagna (see ingredient list below)

2 ounces fresh fennel bulb (a.k.a. anise bulb), julienned

2 ounces torpedo onions from Chino's or a good grocery, very thinly sliced

1 teaspoon basil, julienned 2 ounces of the best extravirgin olive oil

1 Meyer lemon

2 spears wild asparagus (or thin regular asparagus), poached barely a minute to crisp-tender

Ginger Truffle Vinaigrette Ingredients:

½ teaspoon fresh ginger, grated 1/2 teaspoon pickled ginger,

chopped fine ½ teaspoon shallots, chopped fine

1/3 cup rice wine vinegar 1/3 cup sherry vinegar ½ cup olive oil ¼ cup truffle-infused olive oil

Bagna Ingredients:

salt & pepper to taste

4 ounces fresh garlic, chopped 2 ounces fresh basil 2 ounces fresh oregano

16 ounces aged balsamic

vinegar

1 ounce raw honey 4 ounces sun-dried tomatoes 1 ounce crushed red pepper

1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." Open seven days, but with a

gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

LA JOLLA

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterev Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarls

berg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 627 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Daily's Renaissance Towne Centre, Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Lunch and dinner (same menu) daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simbakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 4 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other pos-

sibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast a' l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — N.W. (5/02)

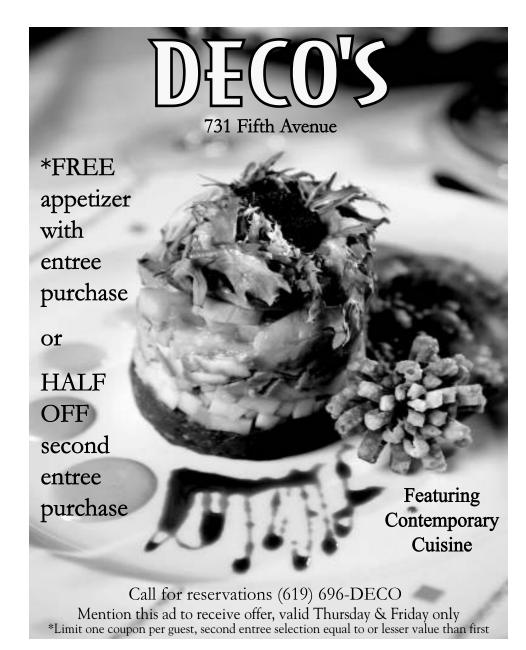
George's At The Cove 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The always-excellent George's, with its first-rate fish and meat menu, boasts three dining levels on its ocean-view site. The first level is the fine dining room, with full menu and gourmet lunch and dinners. Above is the Café, and on top is the Terrace, which is ro-mantic on balmy nights. The Café and Terrace offer identical menus: light meals for lunch, extensive menu for dinner. The Ocean View Room offers high-quality California regional cuisine, with higher prices. Food is well prepared and their famous roasted chicken, bean, and broccoli soup is still on the menu. Incomparable service. Call for exact hours. Expensive, George's gourmet room; moderate to expensive, other rooms. — *E.W.* (9/99)

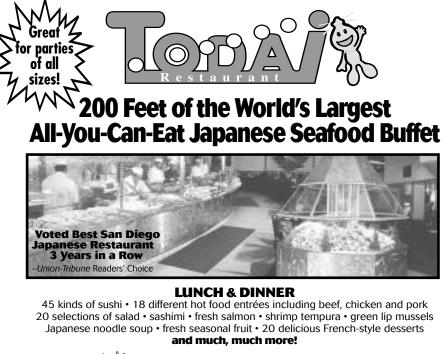
Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla - rich, poor Brahmins, and gardeners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been ted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between beenhere-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk

patio, too. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/03)

India Palace 7514 Girard Avenue (at Pearl, across parking lot from Vons), Suite 10, La Jolla, 858-551-5133. In one of the best (and prettiest) Indian restaurants in the area, the refined cui-sine of the north is served in a curvacious, serene room with a domed ceiling. Most dishes are gently spicy, but you can specify your preferred hotness. Stunningly tender tandoori sea bass (and a rich, slightly sweet stew made from it, fish masala) is a house specialty. Vegetable entrées are also outstanding, particularly the sprightly navrattan korma, mixed veggies in a luscious nutty, creamy yogurt sauce. Other fine choices include tandoori lamb dishes, stir-fried prawns karahi, lamb pasanda, and eleven house-made Indian breads. Fried appetizers, how-ever, tend to be greasy, and chicken in all preparations is overcooked dry breast meat. For dessert, don't miss the fresh, fruity house-made mango kulfi (Indian ice milk). Service is competent and cordial. Reserve for weekends. Open daily. Bargain-price buffet lunch (à la carte also available). Dinners inexpensive to low moderate, with a price-leap for tandoori meats. -N.W. (6/01)

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling break-fast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pannwiches' such as ham or tuna are fresh, gener-





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Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

Sushi On The Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back - draws a lively twenty-some thing crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" huge, creative futo-maki party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, daikon sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and to-biko wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well-conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. The one-time menu of cooked dinner entrées, however, is now minimal. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for Happy Hour specials. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/01)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crepes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This bricky, dark wood, clubby, businessconvention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. N.W. (11/00)

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 848-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall? Yes are the layer the Far the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center, among Oriental herbalists, man size-vase shops, even Feng Shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers,

Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious, but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried Three-Ingredients *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

The Good Egg 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy Street), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-4244. The menu offers omelets, gourmet pancakes, waffles, and several different kinds of frittatas. Freshly squeezed fruit juices are available, and for lunch there are burgers, salads, and a long list of sandwiches. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. —

New Shanghai 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder, the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

Shogun Kobe 5451 Kearny Villa Road, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-7399. This restaurant specializes in well-seasoned Japanese-style steaks, either by themselves or in combination with lobster, shrimp, or scallops. All entrées arrive with soup, salad, rice, and Japanese-style vegetables. Seating is communal at the teppan tables. There's also an attractive, well-stocked sushi bar. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

THE BEACHES

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Just like eating in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street's best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City "let the bon temps rouler" feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crabcakes, fried catfish - seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

China Inn 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. The enormous menu here offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties including especially good sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. The setting is simple but the food is outstanding. If chef-owner Andy Kam is present, ask his advice about the day's best dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this familyowned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-vou-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

Jared's 880 East Harbor Island Drive. Harbor Island, 619-291-1028. The house specialty is steak, offered in a room directly on the harbor. Presenta-tion, in the manner, of Morton's, is to show you the entrées raw. Price of entrée includes nothing else; vegetables, potatoes à la carte. Excellent appetizers, especially five-onion tart. First-rate bread and bread pudding. Dinner only,



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Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 825 Garnet Street (SeaCoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie The Beach, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes get-ting off on the coconut curries like gang ped, panang, and kang kari. Or noodle dishes like the famous pad thai. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The tom yum kung (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms. lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course nam pla, Thai fish sauce. and of course man pin, That hish sauce.

A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: pad talay, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in The Beach. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

Lotsa Pasta 1762 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-581-6777. The menu of this large, loud family restaurant offers a clever gimmick: You pick your noodles (from 9 flavors, 6 shapes, plus 7 stuffed pastas), then choose one of 17 sauces to dress them. For a little extra, you can add ingredients such as garlic shrimp, bread-heavy meatballs, or good spicy sausage, or create a pasta-combo. Entrées come with salad or soup (with 3 flavor choices either way) and garlic bread. But don't expect authentic Italian cooking, or even Italian American; the fare is more small-town American-Italian, with uniformly thick pastas, mainly weighty sauces, and copious wafts of oregano. (The vodka sauce and Thai peanut sauce aren't too bad.) The biggest deal here is *timpano*, a bread-shell enclosing a cornucopia of pastas, sauces, cheeses, and meats (made famous by the movie The Big Night). A retail counter offers most items for take-home do-it-yourself. Wines are cheap, and taste like it. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288, At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/01)

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

The Third Corner 2265 Bacon Street (at West Point Loma), Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Chef Derek Ridgeway (collaborating with owner Ed Moore, also of Thee Bungalow across the street) focuses here on Mediterranean-style seasonal seafood, with some meat and poultry entrées for dedicated carnivores. The fare is highly creative but rational — try the ethereal (not an oxy-

moron) cabbage-wrapped seafood "chartreuse" with sauce Nantua, the wild mushroom strudel, the potato-crusted salmon, or the lake whitefish in any preparation. A huge wine list offers food-friendly bottlings chosen to complement the cuisine at below-normal markups. To request a specific wine from Thee Bungalow's larger cellar, call ahead. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (4/03)

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Located directly on the boardwalk with an unobstructed view, this casual restaurant offers patio or indoor dining. Food preparation is straightforward — nothing fancy, but fresh, wholesome, and offering large portions. Thirty appetizers available in the bar. Combination dinners with steak and seafood are expensive. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday to 3 p.m.; breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

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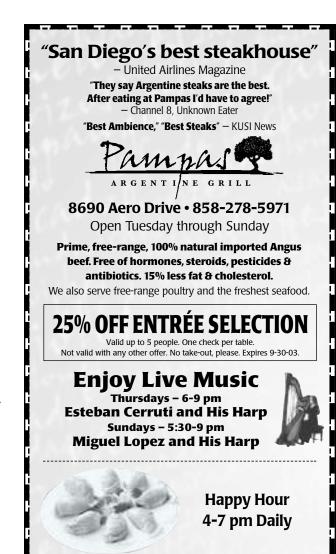
Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and bon mots like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

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). Breakfast through early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "Treno della Pace." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-thanfresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

La Campana Mexican Restaurant 2479-A Broadway (at 25th Steet), Golden Hill, 619-232-8756. Don't be fooled by the strip mall location. *Jefe* Arturo's wonderful specialties include *cochinita pibil*, roast suckling pig in sauce; a nice, thick *pozole*, pork and hominy soup; and tacos filled with various odd parts of the steer, including the sweet meat of the cheeks. Decor includes *campanas* (traditional bells) and old photos of Arturo's hometown, Tepic, the riverport capital of Nayarit. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday; closes early Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/01)

Mailo's Cafe 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-528-1602. OK, so Mailo's is



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a Greek café and Mailo and Blanca aren't Greek, they're Mexican-American. On the other hand, Mailo cooked in an OB Greek restaurant for 14 years before he opened here. Plus, the two have made Greek extremely affordable. Prices are definitely down there for their breakfast gyros, with eggs, lamb, tomatoes, and onion wrapped in a hot pita. And they have this great street-corner outside deck to eat on. There's also plenty of American standard fare. Mailo's cheeseburger, with avocado and bacon, is the most popular, with the half-pound steak burger close behind. American breakfasts are the old fashioned kind with three eggs any style, hash browns, and toast, plus ham or bacon or sausage or even chicken fried steak, at bargain prices. Same for their roast beef dinner, or the quarter chicken, Greek style, served with rice, salad, and pita bread. Open Tuesday through Saturday breakfast through dinner, Sunday and Monday till 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Mama's Bakery And Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and ease. Recommenda-tions include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made sajj, (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of fool mudamas, or slowcooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and baba ghanoush (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/99)

Vesuvio Gourmet 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-282-7040. Wonderful Southern and regional Italian food is served here. The interior is gorgeous, the service swift, and the servings huge and tempting. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W.

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Antonio's Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the décor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are userfriendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its baconwrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liquor in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buf-fet Sunday through Thursday. Inexpensive to low moderate.

A.M. (4/03)

Johnny B's 4738 Fourth Street (at La Mesa Boulevard), La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place, with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smokers' patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their 10-oz. New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily; lunch and dinners Monday through Thursday; three meals (until midnight) Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

Tyler's Taste Of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9297. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate

breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respec-tively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texasstyle barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpen sive to low moderate. — A.M. (2/02)

Woodstock's Pizza 6548 El Cajon Boulevard (at Rolando Boulevard), College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. (For that matter, the beers — local Stone Pale Ale, Karl Strauss, Arrogant Bastard Ale, and Wyder's Pear Cider, along with the usual Coors Light and Bud - aren't

exactly chug-suds.) Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Happy hour 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to mid-night — your 32-oz. Karl Strauss drops from \$4.25 to \$2.50. Inexpensive. — A.M. (4/02)

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Badlands Market/Cafe The Mall, 561 Palm Canyon Drive (south side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-4058. This is an epicure's oasis in the desert, a combination of gourmet deli and serious café where vou can find a lively breakfast, scrump tious picnic lunch, or (on weekends) a

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Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. They still make their own sausages, and grind their own burger meat, too. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly deli-cious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a but-termilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Open daily, break-

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Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-3311. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. the most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chi*laquiles. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate.

— N.W. (4/03)

Ramon's Smokehouse BBO 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fra-grant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of In**dia** 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tan-door-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in their daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy (though their sag paneer — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted pakoras (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken tikka, and if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu - say, a creamy tikka masala with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leathermouths, "tikhi." For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb samosas. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Open lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings. Moderate. — E.B. (4/03)

California Cuisine 1027 University Avenue (between 10th and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. This 20-yearold neighborhood favorite underwent an exciting total remake in February, 2003. The hard-edged, mirrored decor's the same, but a new chef, Justin Hoehn (coming from Laurel), has replaced the lengthy grazing menu with fewer but better-honed choices that the small kitchen can execute without a hitch. And the guy has a flawless palate Most appetizers are simple but devilishly clever, literally living up to their name, while entrées exhibit fresh, sophisticated combinations of exquisitely balanced, global flavors, with garnishes smartly chosen to complement the primary ingredient. But save room for a sweet: Dessert Chef Laurel Huffnagle produces the bold, thrilling endings that these meals deserve. The restaurant is very noisy when busy. Private garden-patio dining available in good weather. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tues-



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day through Sunday. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (4/03)

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The chef has cooked for the Siamese royal family, but more importantly, she hasn't made too many compromises in the cuisine on this side of the Pacific Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and very carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the "Chef's Specialty" items on the menu to find the best and rarest dishes. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup talay is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee* duck or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, Pineapple Fried

- N.W. (5/02) City Delicatessen 535 University nue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the blackand-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-andsour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner spe cials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Cottage Cafe & Garden Grill 2321 Fifth Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-696-0071. The Polish feel of this midtown café is palpa-ble. The owners vacation in Poland yearly to update the family recipes. But you can eat American if you want, with smidgeons of Russian, Italian, and Greek, too. The "Farmer's Breakfast" is a roundup of chopped ham or sausage, onions scrambled with two eggs, home fries, and toast. Or go Polish with a grilled Polish sausage sandwich stuffed with peppers, onions, and sauerkraut on rye. A full range of Polish specialties shows up on the weekend all-you-can-eat buffet, with stuffed cab-bage, beef stroganoff, sausages and cabbage, and chicken paprika. Try the Polish beer, "Okocim, 1845," but be careful—it's 8.1 percent alcohol. Great patio out back. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Ca-jon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush pup pies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to rest rooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday. brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (4/03)

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is

this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating ushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick udon noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One—that's what "ichi-ban" means. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive.—E.B. (11/00)

Jack And Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. This long-running, old-fashioned Italian favorite (formerly Giulio's in Pacific Beach) is a low-cost family restaurant with fresh, casual fare. The best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their famous scampi. Outdoor patio is a plus. Open daily, lunch and dinner; continuous service on weekends. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive chilpothe cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a picante marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle—sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. Despite the mixed ethnicities, the food brings few surprises, but is generally flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana Tres Leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Dinner reservations vital. Inte-

rior is vast and prone to loudness, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list.

— N.W. (12/00)

Sui Shin of Hillcrest 420 Robinson Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-692-9832. At Sui Shin ("Chic Spirit"), you can sit and sip tea for hours, between lunch and dinner. But early evening, make way for cool San Diego's lotus eaters and sake drinkers. The place has red walls, bamboo, a black sushi bar, and a gold-draped ceiling. There's a wild assortment of sushi and sashimi, from bluefin tuna to freshwater eel. Rice bowl dishes like Japanese curry are cheap and filling. Best bang for the buck? The bento box gives you miso soup, a California roll, edamame (soybean pods), tofu salad, rice and teriyaki chicken, and curry or sashimi. Tea? Go for the powerful Bin 923, Pu Erh black. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Trattoria Mamma Anna and Ristorante 228 Washington Street (at Albatross Street), Mission Hills, 619-220-7070. The food is Sicilian and the ambience is "neighborhood." "Mamma Anna" herself appears on and off at the eponymic restaurant, a popular Gaslamp spot before she retired and then, months later, revived the restaurant two miles north. The cooking, too, is somewhat on-and-off, but the best dishes can be marvelous. Look for dishes with the fresh, clean marinara sauce and the homemade sausages, and save room for cheesecake. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825
Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp,
619-238-0101. The best Persian food
in the city is prepared here. It's sensuous, low fat, and a blessing to the sight
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all three kinds of rice. Enchanting interior, wonderful service. Not to be
missed. Open daily, same menu lunch
and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate.

— E.W. **Bay Cafe** 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads.

The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, breakfast to pre-dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Eating's an adventure at this coolly minimalist urban bistro where chef A.J. Voytko does his magic with a seasonally changing menu of inventive "modern cuisine." Dishes alternate between high-risk global fusion and stringently simple combinations that place outstanding ingredients (including freerange chicken and veal) at center stage, accompanied by a revelatory repertory of exotic vegetables. The worldwide wine list offers over 50 choices by the glass. Reserve for weekend dinners, when a chic young crowd pours in. Full bar. No cell phone use inside. Dinner nightly, with weekend service to 11:30 p.m. Expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

Deco's 731 Fifth Avenue (between G and F), Gaslamp, 619-696-3326. Don't let Deco's' part-time job as a glitzy disco put you off. That's only at the witching hour on weekends. But food-ies come in on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, because when it's not rockin' and rollin', Deco's is a fine, fulfilling dinner house, offering sensuous "fusion" food in a spectacular setting. You step out of the elevator into a dream of a more light-hearted, gracious age — the gala nightclubs of the Depression Era. But Chef Jonathan Plum's fare is as forward as Deco's decor is retro, and definitely good enough to stand on its own modern, lightly adventurous California cuisine with Asian and Mediter-ranean touches featuring plenty of fine seafood (including sushi). Full bar, excellent wine list. On Thursdays through Saturdays, restaurant goes DJ at 9 p.m. with dress rules (no sneaks, shorts, tees). Nightclub free for patrons who order dinner first. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive to exorbitant. — N.W. (4/03)

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner nightly. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Downtown Fish Joint 407 C Street (at Fourth Avenue), downtown, 619-239-3506. Surprise: If you grab a shrimp taco at the Fish Joint and come sit outside at their sidewalk tables, you've found one of downtown's least-appreciated weekday lunch locations. With red trolleys, shady green trees, the old California Theater, and lunchtime foot traffic, the place feels positively swank. Most ask for fish and chips. But if "8 ounces of North Atlantic cod, 5-6 pieces" is too much, ask for the children's half-order. For a splurge, order the 8-ounce grilled salmon or the grilled seafood plate. Open weekdays, lunch Monday through Thursday, plus early dinner Friday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

Gargoyle Gallery & Cafe 1845 India Street (at Fir Street), Littly Italy, 619-234-1344. One of the hidden gems of Little Italy, but there's nothing Italian about it. The Moroccan decor with Turkish pillows, exotic lamps, tiles, inside tap fountain and a sunlit courtyard all combine to turn a meal - even though it's mostly modpanini ("small bread") sandwiches — into a really sexy feast. Lots of kalamata olives, feta cheese, mozzarella, ham, and tomatoes, Try "The Moroccan" with grilled eggplant, zucchini, roasted red peppers, raisins, spicy garlic chili oil, and mixed greens. Or "The Spanish" with grilled chicken, manchego cheese, sliced olives, mixed greens, and aïoli. The breakfast menu includes two-egg *panini* with grilled zucchini, marinated peppers, feta cheese, and orange slices. A must-have: French pressed coffee, a two-cup glass pot with a steel plunger. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Belly dancing, first Saturday of the month. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Grand Central Cafe YMCA, 500 West Broadway (at India Street), downtown, 619-234-2233. A nice Broadway surprise — who'd expect the "Y" to have terrific meals? But Grand Central tries hard. The breakfasts are big and filling, and the lunch chill with salad and cheese toast is a tasty bargain. So is the veggie-burger with fries, coleslaw, soup, or salad. Plus you can look down onto Broadway and check when your boss is returning to work. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

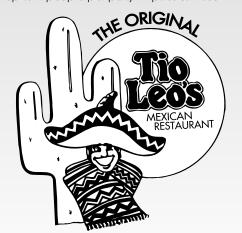
Morton's Of Chicago 285 J Street, Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — M.N. (9/99)



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Nagi's Bar and Grill 501 West Nagi Sekla comes from Egypt, via Paris. Before he took over the lease at the staid Kroll Center's bar-eatery, he insisted on creating a sidewalk patio slap-dab on Broadway. His lease is our gain. For the first time you can eat, drink, and be merry right on this main drag. And there's nothing like scarfing his eggs Benedict breakfast or his cheap breakfast specials while you watch lawyers, tourists, and office workers hustle by in the morning sun. At lunch or dinner, start off with his homemade soups, but the must-eat is his Spicy Santa Fe Chicken Salad — the magic's in the cranberries and Gorgonzola. Also great: BBQ chicken pizza. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. E.B. — E.B. (5/03)

Nutters 428 C Street, Suite 101, downtown, 619-239-7075. They say the kid in you never dies. Find out here, where they have invented a zillion varieties of peanut butter applications to turn into lunch. Peanut butter sandwiches, peanut butter salads... First, decide which peanut butter: creamy, crunchy, or "natural style"? Then, what flavor? Super honey crunch? White chocolate? Carob? German chocolate? Cinnamon raisin? Super honey infused with M&Ms? Then, which bread? (My favorite: *challah*, a big egg bread.) Then (sign) the sandwich itself. "Dad's Way" — peanut butter with crushed Oreos? "Mom's Way" — peanut butter and bananas? Or the "An Elvis Sighting" — grilled peanut butter topped with bananas, honey, and bacon. Lunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/03) (sigh) the sandwich itself, "Dad's

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you're here because Rainwater's is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of ice-berg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain't filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — A.M. (6/03)

Spice House Cafe 1401 Ninth Street (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-239-8510. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Original branch at 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028, also serves dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. -E.B. (11/00)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Cathie's Place Cafe Sharp Coronado Hospital, 250 Prospect Place, Coronado, 619-522-3634. Cathie's may look like a hospital cafeteria. It certainly serves patients, doctors, employees, the retirement home across the road, and the visiting public. But this place is run by a Marriott spin-off. And what meals! Beef burgundy with stuffed potatoes and seasonal vegetables, plantation pork loin with fruit and nut chutney, baked fish with lemon sauce.... Breakfasts are forgettable - lunch and dinner are where it's at. The menu changes daily, but you can call ahead or ask Cathie (she's real and she's Scottish) to fax you the weekly "take-out dinner"

menu. Weekdays only, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. E.B. (12/00)

Crown City Grille 926 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5822. If you thought Coronado had only fat-cat eateries, think again — the area crawls with burrito joints, pizza joints, rice joints, and burger joints. Yet this new burgery is doing fine. It could be the sheer variety, but mainly it's that they've got the burger basics right. The bun's crisp, the meat's lean and, especially with the bleu cheese model, the taste is to die for. Owners Dave and Jeanne Evans say the pattie's always part sirloin, part New York cut. Also, the jalapeño-bacon cheeseburger is ex-cellent, the Chicago-style hot dog with "sport peppers" is hot and messy, and the Icelandic cod fish and chips is generously portioned and tasty. Plus, beer and wine. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Da Kine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nec tar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an imu hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; open Mondays in summer only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/00)

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-thepremises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghettini. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. - E.B. (10/01)

Lydia's Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, Nestor, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like taquitos, cu-caracha (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open from early breakfast to early dinner Sunday through Wednesday, until midnight Thursday Friday. Inexpensive.

Marco's Fine Italian Food and **Pizza** 736 Palm Avenue (at 7th Street), Imperial Beach, 619-424-3636. You hardly notice it tucked into a row of TV repair shops, but Marco's is a jewel. Marco, Frank, and Rosa Palombo ran the place for 30 years. Now Alex Pacheco does, but nothing has changed. There are the classic red tablecloths, murals of Italian scenes, white trellises, dripping plastic grapes, and Chianti bottles. Try spaghetti, mostac-cioli, or rigatoni with meat sauce and

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meatballs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

McDini's 105 East 8th Street, National City, 619-474-6771. A historic, sprawling bar with a diverse, mellow family scene — all ages, all races, chating, playing pool, cozying up to the all-encompassing jukebox, or smoking under a roofed front "patio." Or chowing down on industrial-grade pub grub, made largely of restaurant-supply products (including the vaunted corn beef, bland as packaged ham). But the fresh vegetables are surprisingly good, so choose something that includes the luscious mashed potatoes and look upon the rest as garnish. No wheelchair bathroom. Open daily, serving to about midnight. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/01)

Primavera 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This standout in Coronado's culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious ossobuco, of which every detail is accomplished, admirable. For dessert, have one of their excellent espressos and the tiramisu or lemon ricotta cake. Primavera's accomplished staff takes unpretentious pride in their kitchen, the food and wine they serve, and rightfully so. Open daily. Expensive. — M.N. (11/98)

Stretch's Cafe 943 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-8886. Stretch got his name in World War II when he was 6'1" and 135 pounds. Now he wants to get back to that — and he wants you that way, too, so he serves strictly nuts and twigs. His menu includes veggie salad, chicken breast and beans over brown rice, or a plate frankly named "Steamed Veggies," featuring carrots, zucchini, broccoli, mushrooms, and melted cheese on brown rice. You'll come out feeling so proud that you resisted the greasy Slamburger at Danny's

bar next door. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Sushi Sushi 600 Palm Avenue, Suite 300, Seacoast Plaza, Imperial Beach, 619-429-4373. Imperial Beach's only sushi bar really tries hard. With its pine sushi bar with roto-polished steel back-board, its white paper lanterns and paper and wood screens, its water-rooted oamboo growing out in weird shape it feels like you've been teleported to the Ginza. Even the dishes are little pieces of art. Cheap but delish choices include katsudon (breaded pork onions and egg over rice) or *nabeyaki* udon (thick noodle soup with carrots, egg, chicken, fish cake and a side dish of deep-fried battered shrimp). Or tackle a combo bento tray (rice, soup, salad, plus two items from a list that includes squid teriyaki, *gyoza*, *sashimi*, and *panko* fried oysters). Or just go the "tapa" way, ordering sushi dishes one at a time. Your local honor-dish: the "I.B. Roll," filled with salmon egg, smelt egg, cream cheese, and avocado wrapped in salmon. Daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue (10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swadee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the satay, for instance, is classically bal-anced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender farang tastebuds. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

Tomatoes Plus: A California Bistro 4346 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-8494. If you blink between the Baskin-Robbins and the market in the

place. A mistake. Tomatoes charms you with an atmosphere somewhere be tween mumsy and whimsy. And it bulges with dishes that are healthy but not preachy. This is not thinly disguised rabbit food — not with dishes like chicken and eggplant salad, which comes with delicious roast eggplant and chicken strips bathed in tingling chipotle (mesquite-smoked jalepeño) vinaigrette. Or chicken Florentine (breaded chicken breast with tomatoes — of course — plus spinach, cheese, and sautéed mushrooms. To use up more tomatoes, they have lotsa pasta dishes too. And if you're feeling broke, the chili or clam chowder in an edible bread bowl will definitely fill you. Sunday champagne brunch usually has a surprise or two, and the everyday apple sausage omelet breakfast is a sweetsavory treat. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.B. (4/02)

Bonita Center, you could miss this

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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.

Acambaro Ave. Iturbide 580 (near Guadalupe Cathedral, between Juarez and calle 6), Ensenada, 646-176-5235. This friendly, family-run restaurant specializes in dishes of central Mexico. Breakfasts occupy half the menu, with lots of huevos cooked in various classic fashions — rancheros, Mexicanos, scrambled, or fried, with bacon or imitation-Danola ham, plus gringo favorites like hotcakes. The chilaquiles con queso y crema are especially toothsome: perfectly crisped tortilla pieces (neither mushy nor chewy) swathed in vibrant green tomatillo sauce served with great, lardy beans. Open daily, three meals; breakfast served until 1 p.m. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (4/03)

Big Boy Restaurant 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or friioles. toast, iuice, and end-

less coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Cafe la Especial 718 Avenida Rev-Care la Especial /18 Avenida Revolución (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-togringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to carne asada and histek ranchero, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

Cien Anos Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262, altacocina@cien-a.com. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredi-ents, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, alligator meat mini-tacos, pozole with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations (phone or e-mail) are strongly advised; ask for directions. N.W. (7/01) Low-moderate.

La Baguette Blvd. Lazaro Cardenas 1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero, opposite Sanborn's between Castillo and Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their java straight and strong, this is a good stop for a quick continental breakfast or dessert, with quite possibly the best French Roast coffee in town. Open daily during the day. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/03)

La Espadana 10813 Avenida Sanchez Taboada, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. Beautifully prepared meals that include appetizer, soup or salad, and entrée are available in this structure whose name means bell tower and whose exterior resembles a mission. Best bets here are filet steak on a skewer (brocheta de filete), baby back ribs (costillar de puerco), and leg of lamb (pierna de borrego). The portions are mammoth and the breakfast is excellent. Superb service, delightful atmosphere. Menus are printed in Spanish and English. Some English spoken. Open Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Moderate. — E.W.

La Fonda Km. 59, Baja Highway 1 (Alisio exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambiance, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Bajagrown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

La Vuelta 8210 Avenida Revolución (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly carretitas — nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at "the turn" ("la vuelta") where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a combinación mexicana (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or carne asada served in an olla de barro, an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding filete mignon with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent 10-piece mariachi band. (Ask for "en tu dia" if it's your birthday, or the beautiful la bikina.) Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/03)

Malecon de Puerto Nuevo Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with standard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is

astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lardfried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. — N.W. (11/02)

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Anthony's Fish Grotto For its fresh seafood salads, its fish and chips, and its daily fresh fish specials, Anthony's still goes to the head of the class for stability of product, good-sized portions, time-honored preparation, and low cost. Open daily, lunch through dinner. No reservations. Inexpensive to expensive. Locations: 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368; 11666 Avena Place (off Bernardo Center Drive), Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-2070. — E.W.

California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beach-walk Plaza, 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999: Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4708. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees. golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBO chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order "Hawaiian" pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

Joe's Crab Shack 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-233-7391. A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (5/01)











Calendar Movies

Make No Difference

No genius of fictional construction could have come up with a more potent mix.

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

o pick up from last week's postscript on the DVD release of Amen, and more generally on the increasing likelihood of a film reaching the DVD market before it can reach a provincial theater, I offer

Exhibit A in evidence. I think it is now safe to say that with the scheduled release of Steve James's *Stevie* on DVD

next Tuesday, I can quit scanning the horizon for its appearance at a local theater. That will not be happening. The *Amen* booking, it becomes clear, was a last-chance, last-gasp, last-stand sort of thing before the film transmigrated to another state. *Stevie* had no such stopover.

I first mentioned the film earlier in the summer at the time of the release of *Capturing the Friedmans* (they shared a theme of child molestation), when two months had already passed since its press-screening, but when I had not yet abandoned all hope of its own eventual release. I had thought after I saw it, way back last April, that it would immediately (or imminently)

become a touchstone in the field of documentary filmmaking, setting a new standard for personal involvement on the part of a filmmaker. But that view of it was harder and harder to cling to in its continued absence, which

could only be read as its apparent unworthiness of a showing an unworthiness perhaps demonstrated by

poor box-office performance elsewhere. A film doesn't get to be a touchstone without being seen.

This was all the more galling in light of the ongoing press hoopla to do with the current upswing in documentaries, centering mostly on *Rivers and Tides, Winged Migration*, and *Spellbound*, in addition to the aforementioned *Capturing the Friedmans:* two PBS-y documentaries and two blown-up *48 Hours* or *Dateline* segments. *Love and Diane*, which also appeared here this summer, albeit outside any national release pattern, was better than any of those four, but in stark contrast to *Stevie* was determinedly upbeat. Make no mistake. *Stevie* is not



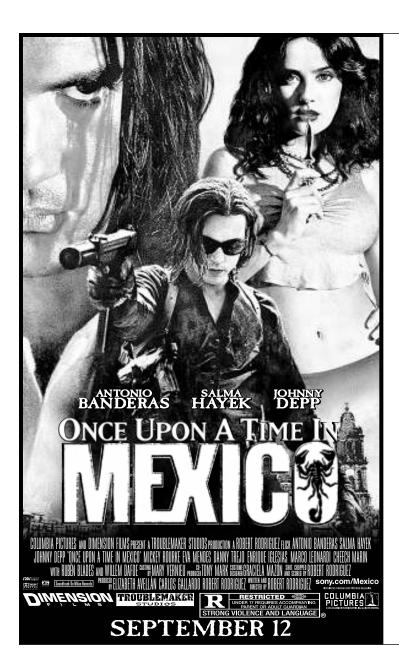
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at all what the doctor ordered for the Make-a-Difference age. It is for the deepest and darkest of passing moods: the make-no-difference one. More bluntly, it is not for wimps. Hence, or partly hence, its absence from our screens, its apparent unworthiness of a showing. From that angle, the purported boom in documentaries looks

more like a mere puff. Time may yet prove me right in my initial reaction to the film, but at the rate things are proceeding I can't expect to be around to see it.

To be writing about it as a DVD instead of as a first-run film takes away some of the incentive to write about it at all — until, anyhow, I arrive at the

point of conversion where DVDs wean me away from movie theaters altogether. (Can it ever really come to that? Or is the question simply how soon? A legitimate question to ask, certainly, at the end of a summer season in which the only mainstream Hollywood movie I actually wanted to see — and I do mean the *only* — was *Open Range*.)



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Besides which, my notes from last April are now yellowed and the ink faded, along with the memory.

Here are some of the basics. "The past is never dead. It's not even past," runs the ominous Faulkner quotation at the outset. In 1982, while a student at Southern Illinois, the future director of Hoop Dreams, Steve James, signed up to be the Big Brother of a troubled eleven-year-old in rural Pomona, Stephen "Stevie" Fielding, the illegitimate offspring of an alcoholic and brutal mother, handed over first to his stepgrandmother (living right next door), and then passed through a series of foster homes, in which somewhere along the line he was sexually abused: "He always seemed to be an accident waiting to happen." In 1995, guilt-ridden at having lost touch with Stevie, James sought him out again and brought along a camera crew, finding a childishly sulky adult who had come through a violent marriage and compiled an impressive rap sheet of petty crimes. The "waiting," in a sense, was over, but the worst was still to come. After a two-year hiatus time off to shoot the low-budget biopic, Prefontaine - James discovers that in the interim Stevie has been charged with molesting an eight-yearold cousin.

No genius of fictional construction could have come up with a more potent mix. James's wife happens to be a counselor for sex offenders. They have children of their own. And James himself is thrust in front of the camera as a major character, a member of the family, together with the recalcitrant Stevie ("I don't need no damn therapy"); the latter's reformed and churchified mother, toward whom Stevie maintains what once might have been called a love-hate relationship, emphasis on hate; his enfeebled stepgrandmother, who remains bitterly at war with the mother; his married but childless stepsister ("Some people have kids and throw 'em in trash cans, and here I want a child and can't have one"), who miraculously becomes pregnant in the course of filming; and Stevie's slightly handicapped fiancée, whose uncensored facial expressiveness more than makes up for any verbal deficiencies. Between them, what a world

With James as our point of identification, if not life raft, the film draws us ineluctably into its web, where we can't simply dismiss Stevie (as we so easily could, in the handy stereotypes of Poor White Trash, Inbred Hillbilly, Redneck Geek, and the like, if we had seen only his arraignment on the nightly news) and can't extricate ourselves from the awful futility of the situation. A new leaf will be turned over (Stevie accepts Jesus to appease his mother), and a gust of wind will blow back a whole sheaf (he gets fallingdown-drunk on camera), and just when you think you can't sink any lower you meet Stevie's white supremacist mentors, advising him on his looming prison term. And you watch in mingled despair and admiration as James tries to find a foothold in the discussion: better him than you.

As much as the film is a spectacle of bad teeth, bad hair, bad grammar, bad prospects, it is also a spectacle of the existential heroism of those who go on trying to help someone who is miles past helping. A spectacle, from another viewpoint, of family. (What a comfort it is, and what a brief one, to meet a couple of decent, caring foster parents from Stevie's boyhood: a little pastoral interlude on the grim march of destiny.) And though the image, too, is bad — I suspect that on DVD or VHS it will look, as Hoop Dreams looked, like taped TV — the badness is thoroughly offset by the alertness of the camerawork. (One of the cameramen, Peter Gilbert, worked on Barbara Kopple's American Dream, another intensely present-tense documentary, unfolding its events before your eyes.) I challenge anyone to find a scene, in any film fictional or nonfictional this entire year, to match in dramatic tension the scene where Stevie goes out for some air while his fiancée visits a comparably handicapped girlfriend in the hospital, and the topic of conversation swings around to the friend's childhood molestation just before Stevie re-enters the room. The cameraman is brilliantly on the ball.

I said when I mentioned it in passing last June that the film is hard to watch. This calls for some qualification. A lot of films, for a lot of different reasons, are hard to watch. More and more of them, I find. (2 Fast 2 Furious, etc.) Some of them are utterly unwatchable. (Bad Boys II, etc.) Watching any of these does not put you in line for a medal of honor. That's the difference. Stevie, to pay it a common compliment, is truly "involving," but to an uncommon degree. It "involves" every available scrap of your intelligence, your emotion, your empathy, your selfrecrimination, your perseverance, your humanity. Most moviegoers do not really care to get so deeply involved. My sadness about Stevie is therefore doubled (if you see what I mean) by my sadness about Stevie. One after the other they fell through the cracks. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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American Splendor — A chewable bone thrown to the famished fans of Ghost World, with a protagonist closely related to the latter's Steve Buscemi in his marginal existence, his menial job, his obliviousness or out-and-out resistance to fashion, his patronage of yard sales, his esoteric record collection, his congenital negativity. One difference, of course, is that the present protagonist is an actual living person, one Harvey Pekar, a 365-days-a-year sourpuss, sorehead, and bellvacher ("I don't know how to be positive"), and a lifelong file clerk at a V.A. hospital in Cleveland, who eventually became the protagonist of a series of autobiographical underground comics also titled American Splendor (illustrated by various hands, starting with R. Crumb), and who by that avenue became the sometime foil of David Letterman and the full-time husband of one Joyce Brabner, a "selfdiagnosed anemic" and all-around hypochondriac, who began as a fan of the comics and wound up as a character in them and a collaborator on them. Another difference from the Buscemi character is that this one, center-stage the entire time, must carry the whole load by himself. And even though Paul Giamatti, the very epitome of a supporting player, relishes his chance at a lead, he's a bit of a one-note, a bit of a stickler about always staying "in character." The danger of him thus seeming to be putting on an act is that he seems to be insinuating that Pekar too is putting on an act. Our respect for the man teeters in the balance. In covering the complete biographical arc at one sitting, the film inevitably deviates from the amorphous daily minutiae in which the comic books wallow. It comes to resemble instead a conventional American success story however modest or ironic or parodistic a one — with a suspiciously rosy ending after a climactic battle against cancer. The infiltration of the action with other likenesses of the hero - the real Harvey

Pekar behind the scenes and in voice-over, the real Pekar in archival clips from the Letterman show (major exception: his illtempered meltdown on the air must be reenacted by Giamatti and a silhouetted standin for Letterman), along with assorted comic-book incarnations of Pekar not so much artistically bold and daring and liberated as artistically casual, capricious, slovenly. Maybe, in smaller concentrations, there's something bold and daring and liberated inherent in those very qualities, and in any event they certainly suit the protagonist. With Hope Davis; written and directed by Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini. 2003.

 $\star\star\star$ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

And Now Ladies and Gentlemen –

Plainly, if only partially, Claude Lelouch's title echoes that of his 1974 And Now My Love. The film as a whole echoes the other more faintly: two destined lovers on distant paths, a debonair British jewel thief and a soulful French cabaret singer, each as gaunt and haunted as the other, each afflicted with a malady of the brain, crossing paths at last in Fez, Morocco, where one will seek the remedy of modern medicine while the other will go for a miracle cure at the desert tomb of Lalla Chafia, dead this century and a half. It would be possible and even reasonable to stress the positive. The wholeheartedness of the romanticism. The tasteful chasteness with regard to the carnal aspects of amour The connoisseurship of the workings of fate and chance. The rich, resplendent, yet never gaudy palette, an asset underscored by the occasional fade to black-and-white, as if turning down the color knob on an antique TV. The glamour of the far-flung locales. The wind-whipped excitement of the yacht at sea, a nice break from such vehicles of choice as the racing car, the motorcycle, the plane, the snow skis. The quotability of the script: "Doctors are for illnesses that go away on their own," or, if only as a cornerstone credo of the filmmaker, "I've always favored robbers over cops." The matchless atmosphere of comfort for the actors, so much so that Jeremy Irons can be rescued from stereotypical Brit villainy and restored to the human race, and so much so that you'd never guess that chanteuse Patricia Kaas had never acted before. The attentive, appreciative, individualizing eye for the ladies, of vastly differing types, such that the nominal star does not outshine her black singing partner, the ex-girlfriend, the jewelry-store clerks, the hotel maid, the prizefighter's wife, etc., etc. (Not even Lelouch's tender gaze, alas, can conceal the unkindness of time and/or cosmetic surgery to the legendary Claudia Cardinale.) But all of this is simply to list some of the established Lelouchian virtues. And all Lelouch films are not equal. Often cavalier about the details within his grand designs, he has never been more so than in the transparent disguises and ruses of the heist schemes here. And the incessant chansons of the leading lady, rife with references to Lelouch's past, amount almost to a Chinese

torture. 2003.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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;

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 Rhys Meyers, Anupam Kher, Archie Panjabi, Juliet Stevenson, 2003.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 9/4)

Bob le Flambeur — The first of Jean-Pierre Melville's many emulations of the American film noir, and much scragglier in appearance than the later Le Doulos, Second Breath, and The Samurai. The semidocumentary and lyrical evocations of Montmartre at night seem rather at odds, here, with the classical gangster-film iconography. But the idealization of Bob the Hero, with his endless chain of cigarettes, his trench coat, his silver hair, his steely glance. his Old World gallantry, gives a very full taste of things to come. Made in 1955, and not made available in America until 1982, it remains very much a movie of its time: i.e., an important prefigurement of Godard's Breathless. With Roger Duchesne and Isabel Corey; narrated by Melville. 1955.

** (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 9/5, 3:15 AND 9:15 P.M.; 9/6, 7 P.M.)

Buffalo Soldiers — Hellerish, or just plain hellish, view of an overseas Army base in the late-Eighties: "Soldiers with nothing to kill except time," and hence the blackmarketeering, the drug-manufacturing, the arms-dealing, and so on. The film's release was long postponed after 9/11, on the supposition that it wouldn't suit the nation's mood. But the mood it would suit in the best of times could only be a very nasty one, and hopefully a fleeting one. Based on a novel by Robert O'Connor. With Joaquin Phoenix, Anna Paquin, Scott Glenn, Ed Harris; directed by Gregor Jordan. 2003. ● (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 9/5)

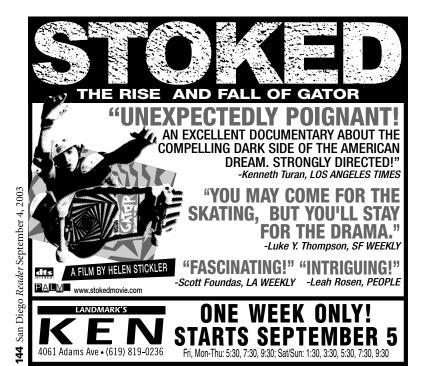
 $\textbf{California Split} \longrightarrow \text{In the professional}$ gamblers' circuit, from the Santa Anita track to the Reno casinos, Robert Altman has again selected a fortuitous stretch of terrain to survey. However, he seems unable to find much that interests or makes sense to him there, and he sweeps aside most of the gambling scene to make room for the offhand improvisations, or imitationimprovisations, of his facetious cast. George Segal looks slightly concerned about what he ought to do, or what is expected of him, and Elliott Gould outmaneuvers him in every episode by following a strategy of total relaxation and unconcern. 1974.

★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 9/5, 1 AND 7 P.M.; 9/6, 9 P.M.)

Camp — The Amateurville Horror, Gifted youths — girls and gays, plus one "honest-to-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.

● (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 9/5; HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 9/4)

Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle — What would probably like to be thought of as a big





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goof, or alternatively a big boner, must instead be regarded as a big botch. The bigger-headedness that results from the big hit of 2000 is not an attractive feature, and in truth none of the three Angels — Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz, Lucy Liu - is even flatteringly photographed. (The one thing that worked in the earlier go-round — Diaz dancing — amazingly works again.) Really it's more a video jukebox than a movie: if the Angels don disguises as nuns, we will get a selection from The Sound of Music in accompaniment; if they disguise themselves as welders, it will be Flashdance. Demi Moore, or an android double of Demi Moore, plays a former Angel turned demon, and her former real-life hubby Bruce Willis appears in a cameo as one of her victims. With Bernie Mac (in the Bill Murray role), Crispin Glover, Justin Theroux, and Robert Patrick: directed by McG. 2003.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Cremaster 3 — Incommunicative, nonverbal avant-gardism from New York artist Matthew Barney, with a madness-inducing "music" track and a great deal of tumid wide-angle imagery. It's actually the fifth of the *Cremaster* "cycle," numbered unchronologically, and by far the longest at three hours. 2002.

Dickie Roberts, Former Child Star - David Spade comedy directed by Sam

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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. The plaintiveness of the two principals stands unsurpassed on the streets of London 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. ★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; PALM PROMENADE 24: TOWN SOUARE 14)

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 jellyfish. And, although a trifle didactic, the eternal childrearing issues — how much protectiveness? how much permissiveness? - admit no easy answer. (Apart, anyway, from the allconquering, all-correcting power of fatherlove.) Visually, 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 DeGeneres. (The latter does, however, earn a laugh in her efforts to communicate with whales, running her plain old English through their warpedtape-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)

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 Jodie 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.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MISSION WALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not — Audrey Tatou, the jug-eared *gamine* of

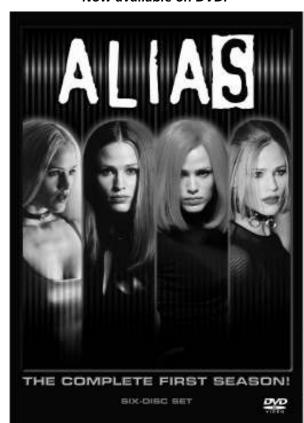
to have here a role to bring out all of her demented pertness: an over-the-moon loon patiently waiting for her adored cardiologist to dump his pregnant wife and give his heart to her alone. We soon begin to see that there is much more going on in her mind than in reality, and she seems to be heading round the bend too early in the movie: the pace seems rushed. (Where can we go from here?) But then we see why: the course is only about half as long as we thought it was. And when the heroine turns on the gas and lies down on the kitchen floor after just three-quarters of an hour, the movie goes abruptly into high-speed rewind all the way back to the beginning, and proceeds to cover the same ground again from the point of view of the cardiologist (Samuel Le Bihan). It is at that point that things really get interesting: we did not know, quite precisely, the half of it. But a movie — the first feature of Laetitia Colombani — that waits till the halfway point to become interesting is only half a movie. The fault is not in the structure; it's in the embellishment. Then again, half a movie is more of a movie than most. 2002.

Amélie, the new Geneviève Bujold, appears

★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 9/9, 6:30 P.M.)

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.





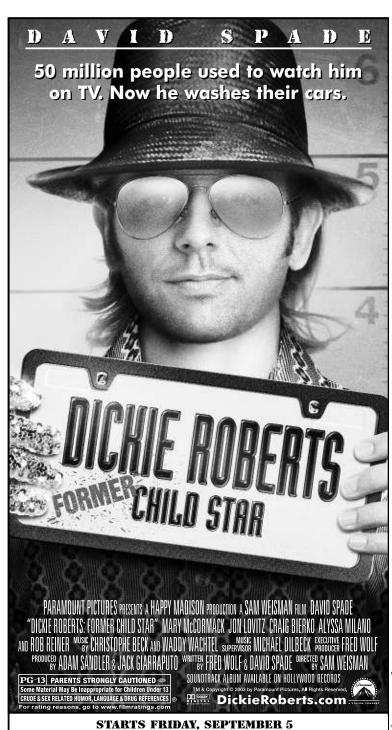
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Tawdry tale with earnest intent, including a nod at Mideast politics. The male actors consistently come up short. Oren Rehany, Tchelet Semel, Saul Stein; written and directed by Eitan Gorlin. 2001.

● (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 9/4)

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.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24 POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Jeepers Creepers 2 - Victor Salva, following his original Jeepers sleeper, has more time and money at his disposal, but no better an idea: a high-school basketball team, plus three cheerleaders, on an orange school bus in the middle of nowhere, under attack by the Winged Thing — officially The Creeper but better called The Swooper or The Flapper. A lot of care goes into the gore, but there's no real development. Jonathan Breck, Garikavi Mutambirwa, Eric Nenninger, Ray Wise. 2003.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9: TOWN SOUARE 14)

Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle

— The video-game adventuress, of Life 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, pole-vaulting 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, Djimon Hounsou; directed by Jan De Bont. 2003.

• (PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Laurel Canyon - A psychiatric internbrings his upper-crusty East Coast fiancée (at work on her dissertation on the reproductive activities of the fruit fly) to stay in his mother's house in the Hollywood Hills. But his mother, a free-as-the-breeze record producer, hasn't yet vacated the premises as agreed, along with the British rock band whose much younger lead singer is her current lover. ("She's really weird," the son draws upon his analytical training "Probably a developmental disorder.") Plot mechanics, character chemistry, and lighten-up philosophy -- "It's okay to leave the Ivory Tower and live a little" — are easy to imagine as a mainstream comedy, after appropriate casting changes, budget augmentations, and four or five re-writes to reduce the intervals between laugh lines and heighten the volume of the laughs. In fact, if it were a foreign film instead of a mere "indie" (from *High Art*'s Lisa Cholodenko), it would be ripe for a remake, possibly retailored for Meg Ryan and Jon Bon Jovi, and directed by Garry or Penny Marshall. As it is, we can be thankful there was a part in it for the inimitable Frances McDormand. (Not only a part, but a nude scene - or maybe not exactly a nude scene, but a nude frame or two - a Meryl Streepian Academy

Award-winner's dramatically justifiable nipple flash.) And Kate Beckinsale always has more to offer than just her good looks and flawless American accent. Meretriciousness nevertheless runs rampant. Christian Bale, Natascha McElhone, Alessandro Nivola. 2003.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 9/7, 2 P.M.)

The League of Extraordinary

Gentlemen — 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; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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

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(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. ★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; OCEANSIDE 16)

The Magdalene Sisters — Something more for the Catholic Church to endure: a crusading exposé of the workhouses for 'fallen women" run by Irish nuns. (Laundries, 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-Iane Noone, Dorothy Duffy, Eileen Walsh, and Geraldine McEwan; directed by Peter Mullan. 2003. ★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY: HILLCREST CINEMAS: PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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 whether it was a boast or an advance apology. 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 covered-with-volcanic-ash and strainedthrough-a-sieve 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

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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-three-year-old director, Robert Rodriguez. 1993.

• (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 9/4)

Masked and Anonymous - Starstudded 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 selfreferential script, but his assorted cryptic and gnomic 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, THROUGH 9/4)

The Medallion — "The Holy Grail of Eastern mythology" grants Jackie Chan a second life after drowning, in addition to superpowers even more super than his normal ones. British comedian Lee Evans bests him in the humor department, however, and the movie as a whole drains away between its widely separated moods. As a sign of its identity crisis, the clapboard in the $de\ rigueur$ out takes at the end indicates that the movie started out to be called Highbinders. With Claire Forlani and Julian Sands; directed by Gordon Chan. 2003.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Open Range — Kevin Costner, star and director both, renews his commitment to the Western. And one of the foremost things to be said about it, or for it, is that it's 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 halfcentury ago now appears flecked with gold dust. The narrative situation could scarcely be more simple and basic. "There's a fight coming" — between a powerful cattle baron and a pair of nomadic "free grazers" — and that's all there is to it. The simplicity in itself sees to it that this one manages to sidestep the pitfalls of the star's three previous $% \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}$ Westerns: the self-consciously "epic" scale of Dances with Wolves and Wyatt Earp at three hours apiece, and, notwithstanding the less cumbersome running time, the anthological "comprehensiveness" of *Silverado*. By far the biggest chunk of the action — or nonaction, as you like — is taken up with the interminable waiting period in preparation for the big shootout. (Curiously the Costner character's surname is Waite.) Sort of a High Noon without a time limit. 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 slow-motion 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 freezeframed an inch from their target. You can just sit back and relax. You had better. The poky 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. With Robert Duvall, Annette Bening, Michael Gambon, Michael Jeter, James Russo, Diego Luna. 2003.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4: GALAXY 6: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Order — Heath Ledger as a priest investigating a superior's death, written and directed by Brian Helgeland. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/5)

Passionada — Itinerant gambler out of England, now in New England, woos a Portuguese fisherman's widow and seafoodhouse *fado* singer. Bland and predictable, though the leading lady (Sofia Milos) is regally beautiful, and her teenage daughter (Emmy Rossum) cute as a button. With Jason Isaacs, Seymour Cassel, Theresa Russell, Lupe Ontiveros; directed by Dan Ireland, 2003.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7: HORTON PLAZA 14)

Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl — Now that the ʻride" — 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-aquarter-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 ghostsof 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 fiveyear-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 highstakes 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 Ionathan Pryce, 2003. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18: GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN

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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 back — it will be nearly an hour before the title figure makes his grand entrance from a fog bank — and 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 migration began," blah blah. (The authoritative voice of the narrator, complete with PBS credentials, is that of historian David McCullough.) 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



- 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 exciting. 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-is-more 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: GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

The Secret Lives of Dentists — ${\rm Alan}$ 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 extracurricular 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 Smiley 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.

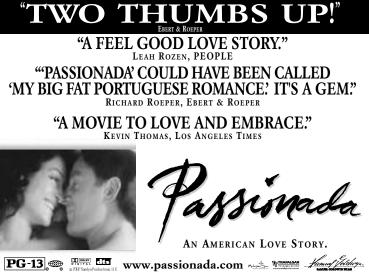
★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

Shanghai Ghetto — Historical documentary by Dana Janklowicz-Mann and Amir Mann, concerning refugees from Nazi Germany in the Far East. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 9/5)

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.

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Stoked: The Rise and Fall of Gator

Helen Stickler's documentary on professional skateboarder Mark Rogowski. (KEN, 9/5 THROUGH 11)

S.W.A.T. — Puff piece on the elite unit of the 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 paperpushing ballbuster, an out-and-out turn coat. 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 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.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10;

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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 vards 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)

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 organism") reprogrammed to serve as protector rather than terminator of humanity's future savior, and a more advanced, shape-shifting, "anti-Terminator Terminator" hot on their trail. That the good cyborg is a somewhat thickerset 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 replaced 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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Thirteen — Essentially an R-rated Afterschool Special about the junior-high perils of conformism, cliquism, peer pressure, piercings, thongs, drugs, and all the rest, but especially drugs. More

specifically: how a "nice" girl (Evan Rachel Wood, ever so nice in Little Secrets), a sensitive poet and a pal to the studious quiet Asian type, falls under the spell of the "hottest" girl in school (fifteen-year-old newcomer Nikki Reed, who collaborated on the script with first-time director Catherine Hardwicke). The visual style, with its grainy, jiggly, zoomy, zigzaggy image, is as trendconscious as any teenager, giving the film an air of complicity (or even of favor-currying), and sacrificing credibility. Holly Hunter is outstanding as the struggling mother, rising to her greatest heights at the climax: reeling in reaction to the evidence of her daughter's self-mutilation, then gathering her forces, going on the offensive, smothering all resistance, 2003.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/5)

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 Murphy) awakens from a coma to find himself in a completely deserted hospital and a depopulated 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 grossout, 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-manon-earth 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 location 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 endof-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

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Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:35, 7:35, 9:45; Sun. (1:45) 4:35, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:35) 7:15, 9:45; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:20, 7:25, 9:40; Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:25, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:25, 9:40; **The Italian Job** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50; Jeepers Creepers 2 (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; Sun. (2:00) 5:00, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:00) 7:35, 9:55; **The Medallion** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:05, 7:05, 9:30; Sun. (1:35) 4:05, 7:45, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:05) 7:45, 9:45; **Open Range** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 4:10, 7:15, 10:15; Sun. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 10:00 Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:10) 7:10, 10:00; The Order (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:05) 5:05, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (2:05) 5:05, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 5:05) 7:40, 10:05; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:30, 7:30, 10:25; Sun. (1:20) 4:30, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:30) 8:15; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:55, 7:50, 10:15; Sun. (1:50) 4:20, 7:05, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:20) 7:05, 9:35; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 10:05; Sun.-Thu. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 9:55

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) **Dirty Pretty Things** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:25)

5:35, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. (1:15, 3:25) 5:35, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:20) 6:35, 8:45; **Finding** Nemo (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:00); Mon.-Thu. (11:40); **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 12:55, 3:05) 5:20, 7:30, 9:40; Sun. (10:45, 12:55, 3:05) 5:20, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 1:45, 3:55) 6:10, 8:20; **Freddy vs. Jason** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:15, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50, 10:05; Sun. (11:10, 1:15, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50; 10:05, 3till: (11:10, 1:15, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 1:55, 4:10) 6:30, 8:40; **Le Divorce** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 1:20, 3:50) 7:25, 9:55; Sun. (10:50, 1:20, 3:50) 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:50, 5:30) 8:10; **The Magdalene Sis**ters (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 1:25, 3:55) 7:15, 9:45; Sun. (10:55, 1:25, 3:55) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40, 5:25) 8:00; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:20) 6:30, 9:35; Sun. (11:00, 1:55) 4:55, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 2:25, 5:20) 8:15; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05); Mon.-Thu. (12:10); **Uptown Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20, 9:25; Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:15) 6:25, 8:30; Whale **Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 7:05, 9:20; Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 7:05; Mon.-Thu. $(11:35,\,1:50,\,4:05)\;6:20,\,8:35$

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; Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50; **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; **The Italian Job** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:25, 5:05) 7:45, 10:25; **Jeep**ers Creepers 2 (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:25, 5:00) 7:35, 10:10; 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; **The Order** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55; **Pi**rates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri. Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15; S.W.A.T. (PG-13) Fri. Thu. (11:25, 2:15, 5:05) 7:15, 7:55, 10:05, 10:45; Seabiscuit (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:50) 7:00, 10:10; **Uptown Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:05) 7:30, 9:55

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Freaky Friday; Seabiscuit; S.W.A.T.; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

adway between H and I (619-338-4214)

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-year-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.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Whale Rider - Maori mysticism, from a



Thirteen

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-year-

old 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 COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Winged Migration — PBS-y nature documentary, French-made, following avian flight routes and disabusing you, along the

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 effects," 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 backdrop 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 eye of innocence has been forever narrowed. Directed by Jacques Perrin, Jacques Cluzaud, and Michel Debats. 2002. ★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA,

way, of all that free-as-a-bird baloney. Being

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Palm Promenade 24 770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262) Dirty Pretty Things; Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star; The Order; Jeepers Creepers 2; The Italian Job; Whale Rider; Charlie's Angels 2 Full Throttle; My Boss's Daughter; The Medallion; Freddy vs. Jason; Uptown Girls; Open Range; 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; The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl; 28 Days Later

Rancho Del Rey 16 East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) American Wedding (R) Fri.-Wed. (11:25, 2:10, 4:55) 7:25, 9:55; **Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (11:50, 2:40, 5:05) 7:35, 10:05; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 12:25) 7:00, 7:55, 10:25; **Freddy vs. Jason** (R) Fri.-Wed. (11:30, 2:05, 4:30) 7:00, 9:50; **Jeepers Creepers 2** (R) Fri.-Wed. 11:40, 12:05, 2:25, 3:20, 5:05, 6:50, 7:45, 9:40, 10:30; **The Medallion** (PG-13) 7:43, 9:40, 10:30; The Medallon (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40; **My Boss's Daughter** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; **Open Range** (R) Fri.-Wed. (11:35, 3:10) 6:55, 10:10; **The Order** (R) Fri.-Wed. (12:05, 3:30) 6:55, 9:50; **Pirates** of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (11:30, 2:55, 3:00) 7:05, 9:30, 10:00; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (11:55, 3:35) 7:30, 10:30; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (11:50, 3:05) 7:05, 10:20; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (12:20, 2:50, 5:00) 7:20, 9:35; **Uptown Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:15, 2:40, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10

226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436) Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 10:30; Seabiscuit (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 8:00; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 6:15

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NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In 32nd and D (619-477-1392) Call theater for program information

Sweetwater 9

Sweetwater 9
1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)
Bad Boys II (R) Fri.-Sun. 6:50, 9:50;
Mon.-Thu. 7:15; Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-Sun.
(12:20, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (3:40, 5:45) 7:50; Freddy vs. Jason (R) Fri.-Sun.
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NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6 *Hiehway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)* Freaky Friday (PG) Fri. 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:30, 5:00, 7:15; The Italian Job (PG-13) Fri. 2:00. 4:30, 7:00; Sat. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sun. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00; **The Medallion** (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **Open Range** (R) Fri. 2:30, 5:30, 8:30; Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:30, 5:30, 8:30; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri. 2:15, 5:15, 8:15; Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 5:15, 8:15; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; Sat.-Sun. 10:45, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)

Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:35, 5:45) 8:00, 10:05; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:30); Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15); **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:20) Heay Tiday (13) 111-3a. (12:00, 220) 4:50, 7:20, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:10, 5:15) 7:35, 9:40; Jeepers Creepers 2 (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:05) 5:35, 8:05, 10:30; Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:35, 7:55, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:10, 9:35; Le Divorce (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:35, 10:15; Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu

(1:25, 4:10) 7:00, 9:25; The Medallion (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 5:05, 7:10, 9:20; Sun. 5:05, 7:10, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (5:30) 7:30, 9:30; **My** 2.10, 97.10; Mon.-1 nu. (5:30) 7:30, 9:30; My Boss's Daughter (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 5:20, 7:25, 9:30; Sun. 5:20, 7:25, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (5:20) 7:25, 9:20; Open Range (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:45) 7:15, 10:10; Sun. (12:40, 3:45) 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:45) 8:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 75, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 5:25, 10:10; The Order (R) Eri. Sat. (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:15; Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu (1:10, 3:25, 5:40) 7:50, 10:00; **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, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:00) 8:15; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:40) 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:10, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:35) 7:20, 9:50; Seabiscuit (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 9:55; Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:10) 8:05; Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:15, 3:20); **Uptown Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:30, 5:35) 7:40, 9:55

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:45, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00; The Medallion (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; **My Boss's Daughter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:30, 4:45, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 4:45; **Open Range** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 7:30; **The Order** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Pirates of the** Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:15, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:15, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; **Seabiscuit** $\begin{array}{l} (PG\text{-}13) \; Fri.\text{-}Sun. \; 10:00, \; 1:00, \; 4:00, \; 7:00, \; 10:00; \\ Mon.\text{-}Thu. \; 10:00, \; 1:00, \; 4:00, \; 7:00; \; \textbf{Uptown} \\ \textbf{Girls} \; (PG\text{-}13) \; Fri.\text{-}Thu. \; 10:15, \; 2:30, \; 7:00 \end{array}$

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San Marcos 18

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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4 2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147) Finding Nemo (G) Fri.-Sat. 2:30, 4:40, 7:00, 9:10; Sun. 2:30, 4:40, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 4:05,

6:15, 8:30; Open Range (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:25; Sun. 10:15, 1:00, 3:50, 6:40; Mon.-Thu. 11:55, 2:45, 5:35, 8:30; **Pi**rates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the **Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:05, 1:00, 3:55, 6:45, 9:30; Sun. 10:05, 1:00, 3:55, 6:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:50, 5:45, 8:35; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 8:45; Sun. 10:45, 1:15, 3:45, 6:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:40, 12:35; Mon.-Thu. 12:15,

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Fri.-sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; The Italian Job (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30: Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Jeepers Creepers 2** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, Le Divorce (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30; The Medallion (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 3:45, 8:15; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 8:00; **Uptown** Girls (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 6:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 6:00

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) My Boss's Daughter (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30; **Open Range** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 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; **Step into Liquid** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) 220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5344)
Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star; The Order; Jeepers Creepers 2; The Italian Job;
Open Range; Freaky Friday; Seabiscuit; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the **Black Pearl**

La Paloma

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri. 12:00; The Shakedown (1959) (Not Rated) Mon. 8:00; Whale Rider (PG-13) Fri. 8:55; Sat. 4:25; Sun. 4:25, 8:55; Tue.-Thu. 8:55; Winged Migration (G) Fri. 6:40; Sat. 2:15; Sun. 2:15, 6:40; Tue.-Thu. 6:40

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La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

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OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

American Wedding (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 10:20; Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:50, 3:50, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 12:50, 3:50, 7:00, 9:50; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Freddy vs. Jason (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 1:15, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:15, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15; **Jeepers Creepers 2** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 10:30, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30; **The Medallion** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20; **My** Boss's Daughter (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:05; Open Range (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:50, 6:30, 10:00; The Order (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 1:15, 4:20, 7:45, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. 1:15, 4:20, 7:45, 10:40; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 3:30, 6:30, 10:05; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:10, 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:10, 4:50; **Uptown Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:10, 1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10

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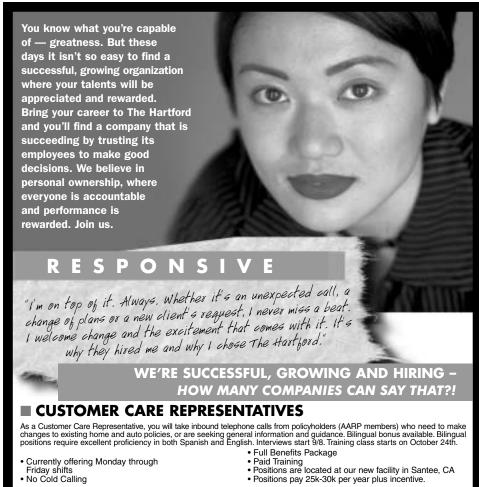
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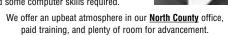
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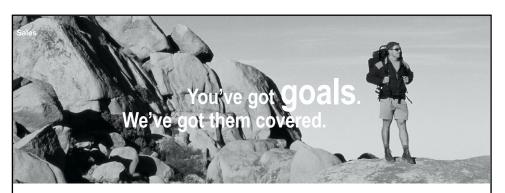
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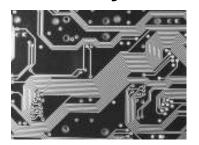
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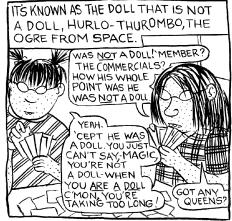
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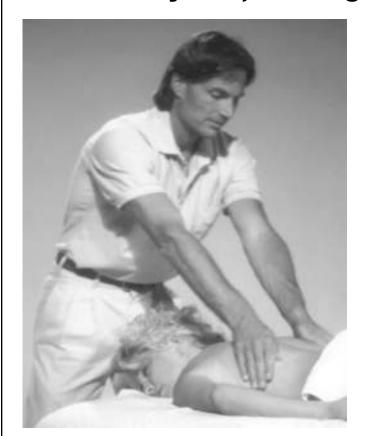
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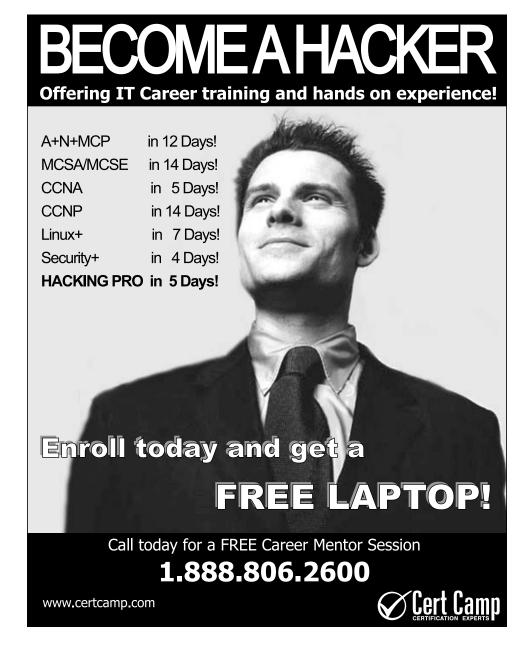
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- 24. "What I Did Last Summer," and others
- 25. Motherly type
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- 11. "Out of Africa" author Dinesen
- 12. Feel nostalgic about
- 13. A lot of fluff?
- 21. Last car?
- 22. Olympics chant
- 25. Comfortably inviting
- 26. U.K. news source
- 28. Moo ____ pork 29. Kind of damage
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- 31. Marinara alternative
- 34. Goofball
- 35. Bartenders? 36. Of the stars
- 39. Believer's suffix
- 40. Jazz singer Andy
- 45. Wood cutter
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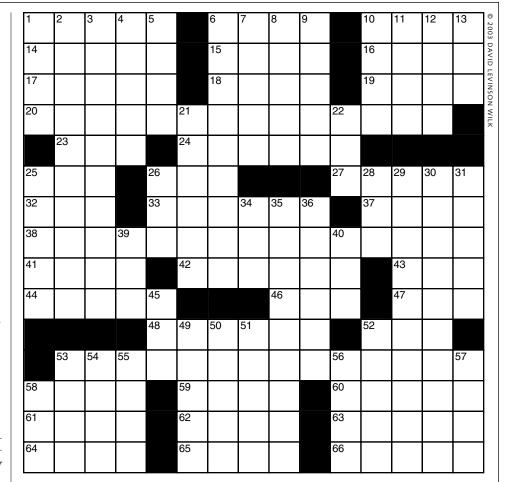
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 2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle
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- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.



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ASIAN FEMALE, 54, GOOD COOK, I like running, gardening, beach walks, outdoor activities. Seeking male, 55-60, who has similar interests, sharing, honest, clean, loving, caring. (9/17) \$\oldsymbol{\Phi}\$80764

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woman, loves to cook, loves sports, out-

woman, loves to cook, loves sports, outdoors. Seeking white male, 35-50. (9/10) \$\mathbf{x}\$80704

CHRISTIAN, ATTRACTIVE, single mom, 42, like walking, movies, mountains, dogs. You are a Christian man, 40-47, with strong faith. Call me. (9/10) \$\infty 80727\$

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Attractive musician, photographer, 5 11", fit, youthful 58, passionate heart, creative spirit, quick wit, easy smile. Enjoy the arts, nature, stimulating conversation. Seeking sophisticated woman for delicious romance. (9/10) \$\infty\$80491

COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE EYES, very aftractive, single, unencumbered, degreed professional, 39, 6'1", 218lbs., light/short brown hair, clean cut, conservative appearance, German-Irish Catholic. Seeking very attractive, warmhearted, unencumbered female, 24-32, possessing inner and outer beauty. (9/10) \$\overline{a}\$80473

Deauty. (9/10) \$\infty\$ 804/3 **TEACHER, AUTHOR**, caucasian, Jewish, 50's, metaphysical interests, 5'8", nature, music, dance, art, psychology, compassionate, languages. Seeking woman with similar interests. 40's woman with similar interests, 40's. Please, no cats (allergies). (9/17)

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fun. (9/17) \$\infty\$80518

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share life's lessons. (9/10) \$\tilde{7}80478\$ **BROWN-EYED WOMAN, 32-47,** sought by white male, 44, tall, dark, nice looking, responsible, witty, fun. Us: financially secure, nonsmoking, homeowners. Call me! (9/10) \$\tilde{7}80508\$

ITALIAN MAN, 40, 6'1", honest, sincere enjoy movies, walks on beach, easygo-ing, home oriented. Seeking slender, at-tractive woman for meaningful relation-ship. No drugs, smoking, games. (9/17)

HOMEOWNER, EMPLOYED, sincere, 53, need love and laughter in my life, time to need love and laughter in my life, time to enjoy life, open-minded, age not impor-tant, sincerity is. Let's enjoy life. (9/10)

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KEEP SMILING. Attractive, check. Playful, check. Fit, check. Down to earth, check. Friendship, possible relationship, check, check! Race open. Call me, smile. 51 years young. (9/10) ★80488

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56 AND FREE. It there not just one that wants to meet, have some fun, and is open to seeking if there is a connection? (9/10) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$80505

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snip. (9/17) \$28056

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attractive. (9/17) ☎80535

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DISTINGUISHED, HANDSOME gentle man, confident, personable, passionate, caring, 45, 6'2". Looking for that special lady who wants a committed relationship. Slim, pretty, healthy, affectionate, fun. Nonsmoker. (9/10) \$\frac{1}{2}\$80510

YOU ARE 5'-5'6", 49-50s, slender medium build, nonsmoker, nondrinker, sensuous, affectionate, cuddly. Me: same plus beaches, homeowner, humorous, lovable, educated, music, semi-retired teacher. (9/10) \$\oldsymbol{\text{T}}80461

FINAL COMMITMENT adventure partner wanted. Outdoorsy and curious, not manicured or religious. I'm 62, 5'6", trim, green eyes, simple, clean lifestyle, maybe can dance. (9/10) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$80456

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SEEKING SOUL MATE/play mate. Me 35, sensitive, cuddler, have loving parents, and family. Caring, good communicative skills, semi-intelligent, water sports, shopper. Seeking same. (9/10)

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SINCERELY SEEKING a quality relationship. Hove cats, music, the beach. I'm 55, 5'3", 160lbs., looking for women of any age, ideally my age. (9/10) \$\overline{\overline{\text{D}}} 80463\$

EXECUTIVE, ENGINEER, MBA, 41, 6'3" 1/5lbs., slim, fit, well dressed, handsome, Spanish descendant with accent, manners, personality. Please be slim and fit. (9/17) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$0530

SENSITIVE, PASSIONATE, humorous, 55, 6'1", 160lbs., romantic. Seeking tall, soul mate for possible long-term relationship. Smoker OK. If you are 35-50, call. (9/17) \$\overline{\textit{T}}80517

SAVES THE DAY! If you like music, we have common interests. 6'2', slim, brown/blue, professional. Surfing, sailing, travel, dining. Seeking slim, 35+, friends first. (9/10) \$\textbf{2}\)80489

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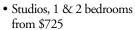




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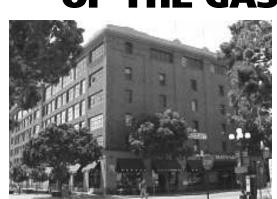
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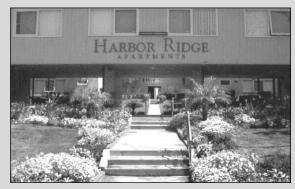
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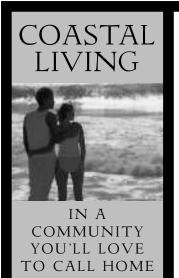
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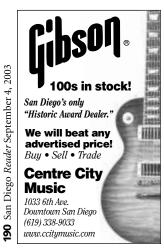
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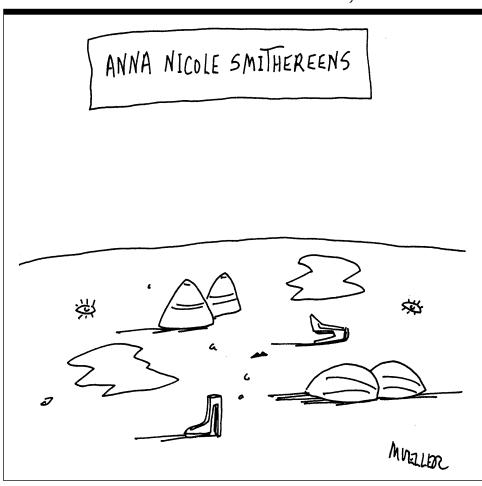
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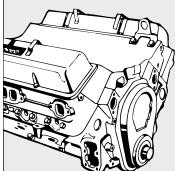
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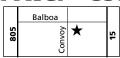
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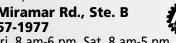
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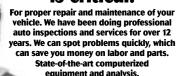
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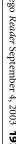
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CLAIREMONT. Plant sale. 8am-3pm, Sat-urday, 9/6. Roses, camna, ginger, bearded iris, iris, mums, succulents, calla lilies, cactus, lantana, pink ladies, etc. 3718 Aragon Drive (92115). CLAIREMONT. Garage sale. 6:30am, Sat-urday, 9/6. Furniture, kitchen table (cane/ glass top), 4 chairs, twin bed, espresso/ coffee makers, cookware, surf racks. 4883 Panla Place

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ENCINITAS. Huge moving sale. 7am 4pm, Saturday, 9/6. Furniture, appli ances, clothing, books, couch, mi-crowave, entertainment center, more. 234

HILLCREST. Moving sale. 8am-2am, Sat-urday/Sunday, 9/6-9/7. Dining room, clothes, chairs, tables, kitchen, glass, electronics, collectibles. 3536 First Avenue-alley garage between Brookes/Wal-nut. 619-260-8143.

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LEAD STORY

- Tension is brewing in the family of Zell Kravinsky, 48, and his psychiatrist-wife, Emily, over what she believes is his excessive altruism, according to an August profile in the New York Times. Kravinsky is not just a passionate philanthropist (from his fortune in commercial real estate), but such a strict utilitarian that he says he would sacrifice his one good kidney (he's already donated the other one) if it were needed by someone doing more social good than he. "No one should have two kidneys," he says, "until everyone has one." He said he cannot value his own kids more than anyone else's, a point that has angered his parents and caused Emily to threaten divorce and two friends to abandon him.

People With Issues

A 31-year-old Philadelphia government employee's surgery is a radical example of how obsessed some women are to wear painful, but fashionable, shoes, according to an August Wall Street Journal report. For about \$10,000, the woman had one toe shortened and another straightened so that now she can wear today's everpointier open-toed pumps. Among podiatrists other remedies: narrowing of the nails, collagen injections to pad the soles of the feet, and a \$225 "foot facial" scrub. But when a Moline, Ill., woman told her more traditional podiatrist that she needed corrective toe surgery, the doctor said, "No, you need different shoes."

More Things to Worry About

The New York Times reported that activists working to encourage organ donations deplored the recent shortage of superior young organs for transplant, in large part because murder and traffic fatality rates have come down (August). ... Texas public schools raided the budget to buy state flags for every classroom in order to comply with this month's inauguration of required student pledges of allegiance to Texas (August). ... One of the most pressing needs in Varallo, Italy, was addressed when the city council began subsidizing half the cost of Viagra tablets for its residents (August).

Oops!

- Broward County, which was one of the "ground

zeros" during Florida's 2000 presidential votecounting problems, mistakenly failed 6559 public middle-school students in June due to what it later called a computer error. A school official called the total count of students affected "a small number.

- Single-engine pilot Michael Grumbine flew at barely tree-top level over La Serna High School in Whittier, Calif., in May, to drop anti-abortion leaflets to students (containing a hip reference to the then-hot movie The Matrix: Reloaded), but in mid-flight he stuck his hand into the propeller blades, severing two fingers and sending the plane into a fall, where it crash-landed, injuring Grumbine.

Thinking Outside the Box

- Authorities in Phoenix decided to hold the city's loudest July 4 fireworks show this year adjacent to the complex that houses a Veterans Administration medical center and the state's military retirement home, even though some residents of the facilities still suffer battlefield-acquired posttraumatic stress disorders. The facilities reported no adverse incidents.
- Sewage-treatment officials in Pittsburgh, wanting to lure crowds to a June showing of their new facilities, thought the best way to attract people was to offer them a picnic of free hamburgers and hot dogs to accompany the demonstration of state-of-the-art raw sewage disposal. About 300 people attended.
- In March, the double life of wealthy Tampa construction magnate Douglas Cone, 74, began to surface. Following the death of his socialite wife, Jean Ann (with whom Cone lived Thursdays through Sundays and had three kids), he married his socialite paramour Hillary Carlson. Cone lived with Carlson in a second mansion 20 miles away as Donald Carlson, Mondays through Wednesdays, and had two kids. Cone's money (donated in both his names, though "Mr. Carlson" never appeared in public) and the women's community service made the "four" of them prominent figures in Tampa. The consensus among family members is that Hillary knew, Jean Ann might not have, and friends and associates did not.
- Wilbur Daniels, 67, faces sentencing in September in Washington, D.C., on his 2002 convic-

tion for defrauding the Dupont Park Seventh-Day Adventist Church of \$1.3 million. As church treasurer, Daniels might have taken the money in an attempt to invest it in what turned out to be a Nigerian Internet scam. Prosecutors said Daniels's earnestness was demonstrated by the fact that he also lost his own life savings in the deal.

Least Competent Criminals

 An inmate tried to escape in August from the parking garage of the jail in St. Charles County, Mo., by dashing through a fire exit door. He seemed unaware that immediately beyond the door was a brick wall, and after the collision, he was taken to a hospital with head injuries. ... In Tampa, Fla., in August, one man was arrested and several others sought in a labor-intensive burglary of a Sports Authority store. Police estimate that the crew spent a week digging a 40-foot-long tunnel underneath the store, and once they surfaced inside, they got about \$3500 in athletic shoes and Tampa Bay Bucs jerseys before an early-arriving employee called police.

Our Civilization in Decline

- The federal government settled with two prestigious Chicago hospitals in July (Northwestern University, University of Chicago) and filed a claim against another (University of Illinois) on charges that the three improperly moved their own patients up the national organ-transplant priority list; one UI official allegedly told a doctor that favoring its own patients was "the Chicago way." ... In August, the conviction of a Dallas bookstore manager became final for selling obscenity in the form of adult science-fiction comic books. The sales were to adults in an adultsonly section, but the prosecutor's main argument about the books' alleged "danger" was merely that comic books are an art form of general appeal to children.

Seniors Maneuvering Two-Ton Death Machines

 In July, a Los Angeles Times reporter, citing "scientists and others who study the problem," wrote that as many as 10,000 auto collisions since 1985 have been caused by "unintended acceleration" (e.g., hitting the gas pedal instead of the brake, accelerating in a mistaken gear). Recent news stories suggest this problem is particularly acute with (and perhaps even largely confined to) senior citizens. In July and August alone, at least nine seniors (aged 71 to 90) caused unintendedacceleration collisions in Florida, Georgia, California, Massachusetts, Illinois, and Tennessee, in addition to the July Santa Monica, Calif., farmer's market incident in which an 86-vearold man killed ten people because he was unable to move his foot to the brake while traveling nearly three blocks.

Update

Tony Martin (introduced in "News of the Weird" in 1999) is one of Britain's most prominent criminals, sentenced to six years in prison for defending his property by shooting one burglar to death and wounding another. He was turned down for early parole in 2002, and also for a trial home visit in July because, according to officials, he continued to pose a threat to burglars. However, he was granted parole by statute in August and now must prepare to defend a civil suit by the surviving, limping burglar, Brendon Fearon, who claims the gunshot permanently disabled him. In August, London's Sun newspaper surreptitiously videotaped Fearon walking without a limp and bicycling and climbing stairs.

In the Past Month...

- A judge in North Platte, Neb., willingly accepted the defense of a 45-year-old inmate on work-release that the reason he had alcohol on his breath was that he had eaten a homemade burrito whose ingredients had been dipped in beer. ... Jeremy Bamber, convicted years ago of killing five family members, filed a lawsuit against four surviving relatives for conspiring to deprive him of "his share" of the family estate (Wix, Essex, England). ... The Canadian Immigration and Refugee Board turned down the petition for asylum by a Venezuelan woman who claimed she needed to stay in Canada because back home she would be persecuted for being too fat.

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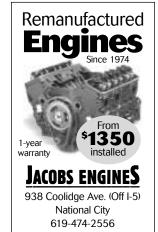
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<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

It was once pointed out to me by a friend who will, on occasion, read my column that "Jeez, you're turning into Andy Rooney. Bitching about this and that. 'Did you ever notice that you can't get the top off the aspirin bottle when you're the most hungover and really need it?' Or, 'I remember when Kurt Cobain aided the flow of oxygen to his brain by spattering his gray matter around the room with a shotgun.' Hey! I bet I know what you're going to write; 'Did you ever [and here he whines like Rooney | notice that these rock stars who make \$4,000,000,000 a year blow their brains out and you're supposed to feel sorry for them?" " I laughed along with him, gritting my teeth and fluffing eyebrow hairs into wild disarray, going for that Andy Rooney/Andrew Jackson effect.

But this I cannot resist, so imagine Rooney's voice (a cross between Roseanne Barr and a dachshund locked in a hot car for too long) saying, "Did you ever have to stand in line in Tijuana waiting to get through U.S. Customs and then stand in line at the DMV on the same day? Well, I did, and I should have brought War and Peace with me, or better yet, Waiting for Godot."

Yeah, it was a Friday, and the experience left me ill-equipped for any socializing that Friday night other than talking to my neighbor's cat on the front porch, feeding it tuna and all the while doing my Andy Rooney impression. The cat's name is Zappa because it looks like it has one of those black goatees and a kind of serious (but serious about what?) look about its eyes.

"Hey, Zappa. Walking the border from T.J. to San Ysidro since September 11, 2001 — let me tell you. The security has really gotten anal. The line is so slow and so long they've built plastic shade canopies along the sidewalk. Thing must stretch for half a mile. The idea is, I guess, to protect the margaritafried from sunstroke on foreign soil and save American tax dollars from being spent on unofficial fees that accompany the Death of an American Abroad. I bet the canopy was built with American money. Don't know for sure.

"Anyway, you do this slow Bataan Death March to American soil while broiling in the sun, listening to some moronic American complain; it's never a Mexican person bitching. It goes like this:

'Oh, they'll try to cheat you, all right. It's in their nature. See this gold crucifix with Elvis hangin' on it instead of the Lord? Son of a bitch wanted eight dollars for it. I got it for five.' As to how the negotiation went down, he goes into exhaustive detail that involves using the word Jew as a verb. They can't help it though; it's in their DNA or something. Give 'em an inch, they'll take a foot...

Then, there's inevitably someone cutting ahead of Mexican nationals with the cry, 'But I'm an American! Don't I get some consideration?' Or some Bubba from, invariably, the South — or Lakeside, trying buy his way ahead in line, usually with a fistful of coin pesos equal to about .08976 cents. When turned down, odds are they'll say, 'All right then, so how much you want in real damn money?'

You see, Zappa, the reason I even went down there (Friday morning, pretty early, thought I'd avoid a lot of the puking in line) was I've got this prescription for this stuff called Revia. My insurance won't pay a dime for it, and 30 of these cost \$149 at Rite-Aid. I wanted to see what they might cost in TJ. What is it for? Well, it was developed for junkies to ease off their craving for heroin. Later it was discovered that the stuff works on alcoholics. I'm thinking any edge I can get, you know? I mean, one time I was set off at D.Z. Akin's with a corned beef sandwich, and I remember thinking, 'Damn, a Heineken would be perfect with this,' so I ordered one. The next thing I know, I woke up three weeks later in a motel in Tempe, Arizona. Anyway, I couldn't find the stuff, and I didn't have all day to look for it because I had to get to the DMV to apply for a replacement driver's license I must have left in Tempe.

"When I walked in the door, the DMV on a Friday afternoon reminded me vaguely of...something...something I couldn't immediately put my finger on. It came to me while I was staring at a TV monitor waiting for my number to be called: old photographs of Ellis Island at the turn of the last century. That was it, just different haircuts and more shorts.

"I filled out a form incorrectly three times. Once, I put an incomplete street address because I had just moved, and I couldn't remember where, exactly, I lived. The second time, I couldn't remember my old driver's license number. And the third time, I signed the bottom of the thing before I saw the fine print, which read: Do not sign until proper authority figure instructs you to do so. Violation of this stipulation will result in new appointment in 2009, return to the end of the line, or verbal humiliation. The applicant's rights do not exist. We reserve the right to do whatever we feel like doing. We are the DMV.

"So, I'm telling you, Zappa, I lean over a counter because there is nowhere



A slow death at the DMV

to stand, sit, or lean anywhere else, and I ask this DMV guy what today's date is. He looks at me as if I had just puked on his computer. He waits several beats and, though he was doing absolutely nothing except stapling a few sheets of paper together, said with the disdain usually reserved for child molesters in courtrooms or jails, 'I will answer your questions as soon as I am finished here. I am in the middle of handling another case.'

"Meanwhile, I am watching the monitors for my number to come up and listening to a computerized voice announce numbers and window designations. I cannot read the book I brought, The Power and the Glory, because I'll miss the monitor numbers. Besides, a small child is writhing, whining, kicking, and rolling around on the floor very noisily. In fact, it is exactly the behavior I am repressing at the moment.

"Another weird thing, Zappa. The computer voice is calling all these numbers, like at a bakery or something. The monitors flash the numbers that sometimes jibe and sometimes don't. Meanwhile, nobody is getting up from the packed seats or floor to respond, and most of these windows remain unattended except for smiling DMV workers who really seem to be having some kind of secret fun, you know? Like they're making up these numbers just to mess with everybody. I was there three hours, man.

"Now, you tell me, Zappa. Do I not qualify for some patience award, a medal for the San Ysidro border-crossing wait and the DMV on the same day?"

Zappa's serious look seemed to get even more intense before he turned his back on me and walked away, situating himself under a tree where some nightbird was chirping. Zappa's whole demeanor said, "Forget it, man. You could not be cool ice-fishing in an air-conditioned igloo wearing a Speedo.'

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Uncle Rob came to visit. A very long time ago, when I was a lawyer, I worked at an old, prestigious downtown law firm. Our clients included some of San Diego's largest corporations, publications, and institutions. Every day, I wore a suit to work, or, at the most flambovant, a conservative, nicely cut dress. My one tiny point of rebellion, which I assumed no one in power would notice, was to wear a Mickey Mouse watch.

One day soon after I started working at the firm, one of the partners brought some other new lawyers by my office. A few associates had gathered around my desk to discuss an upcoming firm

event. The partner introduced us all around. One of the new lawyers had gone to Georgetown Law, the other to Harvard.

A few minutes later, the new associate who had gone to Georgetown poked his head back into my office. "Was I mistaken," he began, "or did I see someone in this office wearing a Mickey Mouse watch?"

I held up my wrist. The new associate held up his. The Mickey Mouse watch he wore was bigger than mine. We both laughed. "Rob Clarke," he said and shook my hand for a second time.

Rob and I toiled together through the early years of our careers. I got married. Rob got divorced. I got pregnant. Rob and two other good friends from work, Bill and Dave, watched my conservatively dressed waistline expand. On the morning after my daughter Rebecca was born, I lay in my hospital bed. I was tired and a little spacey. A nurse came into my room. "There are three gentlemen out in the hall," she told me. "They wanted me to tell you that the Three Uncles are here."

Rob and Bill and Dave came into the room. dressed in their business suits, bearing an enormous bouquet and some balloons. They all hugged me. They took turns holding tiny Rebecca. I couldn't have been happier if Rebecca's real uncles had shown up.

I stopped practicing law to stay home with Rebecca. I had my second daughter, Angela. Rob,

who had no children, kept pictures of Rebecca and Angela in his office. He came to all our birthday parties. He got married again. Bill climbed the legal ladder. Dave moved away. Rob moved away. I had three more children. Rob sent birthday presents and bought us all passes to the Zoo every year for Christmas. Rob had three sons. My husband Jack and I are godparents to all three.

Saturday, Rob was in town with his middle son Thomas. Jack and I loaded up the van and drove the kids to La Jolla Cove. Jack took the kids to swim while I waited on the grassy knoll where the divers and swimmers gather before they go down to the water. Rob and Tom met me there. Rob and I caught up for a few minutes and waited for Bill and his girlfriend, Monica. The last time I saw Bill, Rebecca was four, Angela was two, and Lucy was a babe in arms. When Bill arrived, I hugged him for a long time. He looked exactly the same as he did when we were summer clerks together 15 years ago. Standing on the grass above the Cove, I pointed the kids out to Bill and Monica. "There's Ben with the red hair. You haven't met him vet. He'll be three next month. Johnny is with Jack.

"He looks just like Jack," Bill said.
"Exactly," I agreed. "There's Lucy, on the rocks." Bill looked at the long-legged, red-haired girl scrambling over the Cove's tidepools. 'Angela's next to her in the blue. And Rebecca's on the beach next to Jack and the boys."

"Oh my gosh," Bill said. "When did they all get so big?

"Rebecca's almost as tall as I am," I told him. "She wears all my old clothes that I'm too fat to get into anymore."

We spent the rest of the afternoon swimming and talking and laughing. I felt split in two. One half the mother hen, round and soft, caring for her brood. The other half the smart, funny, accomplished person I used to be. I bragged about how well my three girls have done in school. "Well, they're just a chip off the old block," Bill said. "You were like that."

'When I still had a brain," I joked.

We finished the day with a picnic on the grass. Jack, who had spent most of his time at the beach playing with the kids, had a chance to talk to the grown-ups. I chased Ben when he ran down toward the fence that runs along the cliffs. I counted heads to make sure the girls and Johnny and Tom hadn't wandered away. I answered friendly questions from Monica about what it's like to take care of five kids.

As the sun set, we hugged good-bye and headed toward the car. A cool, salty breeze blew off the water. The world went all mauve and gold. Lucy walked beside me and said, "This is my favorite time of day, Mommy. It gives me a feeling.'

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