

Solid Interest

I usually ignore your cover articles, since they tend to ramble like a Southern Baptist preacher. However, the September 4 cover article on Marilyn Monroe ("The White Mask") compelled me to keep reading on, since I have a solid interest in this 1950s icon.

I commend you on shining some light on the fact that during the 1950s, Miami was demolishing its grand old hotels and that the Del was used in its stead. Since hardly anything in this article is new to me, at least you can confirm to the world that the movie Some Like *It Hot* had portions filmed here in San Diego. Even some of my San Diego friends and acquaintances found it hard to believe! Now I will send copies of this issue to my friends out of state, a first time for me in relation to the Reader.

I sincerely hope that you will run more articles such as this, even if you persist in your verbose ways.

David Root Downtown

Eats Dark Leaves

I was surprised that Naomi Wise in her review of Charlie's by the Sea (September 4) mentioned "too many dark, chopped-up outer leaves of romaine" in the signature Caesar salad she was eating, preferring instead the delicate heart. I had believed that nutritionists suggest eating the darker leaves of vegetables and lettuces because they are better for you nutritionally. So was I completely off, or could Ms. Wise explain to me?

> J. Taylor Serra Mesa

Naomi Wise responds: Indeed, the dark leaves are more nutritious and are fine in a normal dinner salad, but the classic Caesar is made with the hearts of romaine only.

Same Sleazetown

Re Don Bauder article about San Diego sleaze and new ball stadiums ("Sleaze Saga," "City Lights," September 4).

I well remember the San Diego sleaze saga Don Bauder reported. He could have gone on to describe Morris "Mo" Shenker's involvement in the Las Vegas Dunes Hotel, the mob money used to build La Costa and Rancho Peñasquitos, and Nixon's relationship with Teamster president and mobster Frank Fitzsimmons. As evidenced by San Diego government's involvement in stadiums, the corrupt practices of the C. Arnholdt Smith era seem to be alive and well. In addition to Padre owner John Moores's financial "dealings" with the city on the new stadium and Peregrine Systems, I am told that he is also financially involved in an SDSU sports complex for which about 600 usable 1957 dormitory rooms are being razed to make room for a sports complex expansion.

Maybe there should be an initiative creating two city governments, one financed through aboveboard taxes to take care of the needs of city taxpayers and the other financed by laundered money to take care of corrupt self-interests. At least in Las Vegas we can choose to lose money to finance a new structure. A couple years ago Minnesota governor Jesse Ventura said that if building a new stadium was such a good deal, the owners would not be asking San Diego taxpayers to pay for it.

Roger Newell San Diego

Several Errors

In your article "When I Say Hip, You Say Hop" (Pop Music, August 28), you mistakenly gave me credit for the photos. Sarah Erickson took the photos. Also, in the photo on page 107 that says "Cipher I (on left) with unknown participant," actually his name is Johaz of Urban Dynamics. And Cipher was established in 1997 — the article says it started about a year ago.

Pokey

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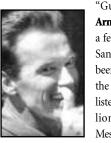
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That's rich Based on the personal financial disclosure statement he filed last month, Republican



Arnold Schwarzenegge

"Gubernator" candidate **Arnold Schwarzenegger** has a few more personal ties to San Diego than so far have been widely known. Among the muscleman's holdings is listed a greater-than-\$1 million interest in "Sorrento Mesa Real Estate Investors," a property investment said to generate between \$10,000

and \$100,000 in gross income each year for the bodybuilder turned actor. His wife, NBC reporter Maria Shriver, a Kennedy heir, owns between \$1000 and \$10,000 worth of stock in Sempra Energy, Inc. La Jolla's Tony Robbins, the wealthy motivational guru who has in the past tangled with such noted local Democrats as ex–state senator Steve Peace, now a close aide to Schwarzenegger foe Gray Davis, is listed as giving Schwarzenegger a box of cigars worth \$250 in July. Rancho Santa Fe's Dr. Marianne McDonald, a UCSD professor of classics and theater whose father founded the Zenith Radio Company and who created the McDonald Center for treatment of drug and alcohol abuse, gave Arnold a "gourmet basket" worth \$100 last December. Joe



Pete Wils



George Gorton

Biggers, executive director of the San Diego version of the candidate's "Inner City Games," gave him a single golf club worth \$360 last August. Schwarzenegger's close ties to the camp of ex—San Diego mayor and former GOP governor Pete Wilson are well known, with Wilson campaign chief George Gorton and Wilson chief of staff Bob White both play-

Gorton and Wilson chief of staff **Bob White** both playing key roles in the ongoing Schwarzenegger campaign. Gorton's California Group, now listed with an address in Topanga, billed the campaign for \$32,500. Records show the campaign owed White \$27,564. Longtime

Wilson operative **Marty Wilson** (no relation), who now lives in a Sacramento suburb, submitted a bill for \$25,000 in August, the records show. Ex-Wilson gubernatorial aide Ioe Rodota is listed as having been paid \$4398 in "campaign worker salary" on August 19. Bonita's Mitchell Mulanex drew \$3087. Wilson's old press aide, Sean Walsh, billed \$12,500. On the donor side, Coronado's Joe Dolphin, the retired ambulance operator, kicked in \$1000 last week, as did contractor R.E. Hazard. Rancho Santa Fe's David Herrington, president of North American Construction, gave \$10,000. Music publisher Neil Kjos Jr. of La Jolla gave \$2000. Fellow La Jollan John Peck contributed \$10,000. Other \$10,000 givers include La Jolla's Claire Reiss. Orange County billionaire Donald Bren, a longtime Wilson ally, maxed out at \$21,200, as did his wife. San Diegans giving the maximum include contractor Doug Barnhart and Barratt Mortgage Co. of Carlsbad.

Just your average felonious behavior In the wake of the Cheetahs bust,

many supporters of the three indicted city councilmen have been employing the "everybody does it" defense of using bundled campaign contributions to buy city hall influence. But in the case of one of the accused councilmembers, campaign-disclosure



Michael Zucche

mer are raising more than their fair share of eyebrows. Back in January of this year, according to reports by Councilman **Michael Zucchet**, 14 employees of Irving Hughes, the big downtown real estate broker which enjoys various exclusive leasing contracts for city

records filed over the sum-

offices, each lined up to give him the \$250 maximum individual contribution allowed by law. Two of the gifts came in on January 20; the rest were dated January 16. In April 2001, the county grand jury attacked a series of lucrative office-leasing deals between Irving Hughes and city hall, saying they were fraught with conflicts of interest, a charge denied at the time by city manager Mike Uberuaga, who told the *Union-Tribune* it was "'common practice in the commercial real estate industry' for building owners to pay commissions to both their own brokerages and brokerages representing tenants." The company hadn't disclosed the possible conflicts as required by law, Uberuaga said, "because it is not always clear what constitutes an economic interest that should be disclosed" ... Representatives of Padres owner John Moores, no stranger himself to past influence-peddling scandals at city hall, also gave the max to Zucchet, all in February. They included JMI Realty head John Kratzer, construction director Tom Sullivan, Padres honcho Charles Black. and aide Erik Judson ... Meanwhile, representatives of Bartell Hotels, which leases public land from both the city and the port district, have teamed up to funnel campaign funds to Mayor Dick Murphy. On June 4, records show, eight individuals listing various associations with Bartell anted up the maximum \$250 contribution to the mayor's on-again, off-again reelection campaign.

Family matters That mystery witness in the Cheetahs case who turned up dead in his Carmel Valley condo has become a coroner's case, cause of death yet to be revealed. **David Ruzumna**, sometime business partner of **John D'Intino**, the Cheetahs manager who has copped a felony plea to charges related to the city hall scandal, earlier had ducked a federal grand jury hearing before finally being corralled into testifying ... Assemblywoman **Chris Kehoe** is staging a \$125-per-plate "good-natured roast" of herself next week to raise money for her state senate bid. Sponsors include City of San Diego lobbyist **Andrew Poat**, Time Warner Cable, Bob Baker Auto Group, and the San Diego Pawn Brokers Association.

— Matt Potter

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Zoo parking loi

The Zoo May Seek Compromise

By Don Bauder

Believe it or not, the 800-pound gorilla may not sit down exactly where it pleases. In the middle of last week, there was

a sudden consensus shift indicating that the gorilla — the San Diego Zoo — would bow to some of the wishes of smaller attractions at Balboa Park, as well as to its neighbors in areas such as North Park and Golden Hill.

The zoo has been pushing for approval of an under-



Natural History Museum

ground parking garage for 4803 cars, along with a separate parking lot for its employees. The plan, called the Park Boulevard Promenade, would do many other things, such as expanding the zoo's footprint from 99.43 acres to 124.67 acres, as it takes over the surface land that is now

an above-ground parking lot.

But the zoo's plan enrages many other institutions at Balboa Park. The underground lot would impinge on other attrac-

tions' property, eliminating some current smaller parking facilities, thus impacting attendance.

The underground lot is intended to serve all park facilities. But if it were financed in part with a substantial parking fee, some of the attractions that are free, or low-priced, might not attract visitors who would have to shell out big bucks to park.

Also, a two-year period of construction disruption could damage attendance at such institutions as the nearby Natural History Museum, which, appealing to a more cerebral market, has had to battle economic squeezes.

Employees of the zoo, represented by a strong labor union, make more money

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Neighbor Battles Neighbor

By Ernie Grimm

n February of 1999, superior court judge Frank Brown purchased 73 acres of land along Boulder Creek near Descanso at a tax

auction. The property had been owned by a man named Otto Rollins, who hadn't paid property taxes on it in eight years. Rollins purchased the oak-studded plot in 1991 from the ownership group of the Double B Ranch, which consisted of his parcel and another of the same size immediately downstream. The Double B owners, a loose group of outdoorsmen and recreational miners, retained ownership of the downstream parcel after the sale. They also retained the "mineral rights" to the plot they sold to Rollins. One of the

manzanitas. It was beautiful."

Even after paying another \$20,000 in federal tax liens attached to the title, Brown felt that his land, which he dubbed Ranchita Margarita, was a bargain. "Therefore I felt comfortable investing more money," he says. "So I bought a modular home, and I had that dragged down Boulder Creek Road and bolted together on a foundation. Then I had a couple of trailer houses brought in for caretakers because I knew I had to have people there

Downstream, Mary Ann

tying one night. They were playing Mexican music and shooting. You could hear it reverberating off the canyon walls, and you hear ricochets, which was really scary. They stopped at 4:00 a.m."

The second time Dorman heard late-night partying and early-morning shooting, in September of 1999, "We went ahead and called the police because it was so noisy." It would be the first of many government agencies that Dorman would call regarding Brown's property, and the beginning of a nasty dispute between rural neighbors.

Months after the wild parties, Dorman could hear the sound of heavy machinery coming from Ranchita Margarita. Brown was bulldozing a road on his property. "I need to have a road to service my well, which is down at the bottom of the hill," Brown explains. "And that road was put in to bypass the road that Otto Rollins made by driving



Brown's gate, Ranchita Margarita

owners, Mary Ann Dorman, lived on the lower parcel.

In 1999, the county seized Rollins's land, on which he owed about \$25,000 in property taxes. That was the opening bid to buy the land at the tax auction Judge Brown attended. "I had never seen the property," Brown recalls. "But I had looked it up on a Thomas Brothers map, and based on that I said I would bid up over \$100,000 for it."

Brown won the bidding for the property at \$67,000. "Then I drove out to the land for the first time," he says. "I looked at it and went, 'Oh my God!' It had a stream going through it, it had oak trees,

Dorman was unaware that the property had been sold. "We were never notified of the [tax] sale," she says, "or that the taxes were due or anything like that. Later, the county told us that was because we didn't have an interest in the property. We also found out later that one of the neighbors, who happened to live about a block away from the judge and is a friend of his, took down the notice that had been put up at the post office and at the gate at Otto's ranch. He told us he did it to save Otto embarrassment."

"What clued us in [to the sale]," Dorman continues, 'was a whole bunch of para bulldozer straight down the

In addition to the road, Brown cleared a horse ring near the house. And he dug a "wildlife pond" in a muddy area — or marshland, depending on who describes it — fed by a small spring in the hillside above. He also added more stones to a couple of small dams in Boulder Creek, which had been started by Otto Rollins.

Alarmed by the amount of clearing, scraping, and excavating, Dorman contacted the County Department of Planning and Land Use to ascertain whether Brown had permits to grade. She found out

Ranchita Margarita and, though they couldn't gain admittance to the property, they, according to a letter they sent to Brown, were "able to observe from Boulder Creek land have been graded; 2. roads have been cut into the hillside that slopes to Boulder Creek; 3. Boulder Creek ap-



New road on Frank Brown's Boulder Creek property

that he had secured an agricultural permit that allowed some grading but not, she contended, the amount Brown had done. She also contacted the state Department of Fish and Game and Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Army Corps of Engineers regarding changes to the creek.

In early spring of 2001, Brown began receiving calls, correspondence, and visits from county, state, and federal government agencies. The County Department of Planning and Land Use was first on the scene. A notice of violation they sent to Brown, dated March 5, 2001, states that he was in violation of code due to "grading with cuts/fills in excess of 5' height [and] greater than 200 cubic yards' material moved," and "Discharge of contaminants, as a result of grading, into creek or stream in violation of County Stormwater Ordinance."

Brown says, "The straightdown-the-hill road that Otto Rollins made is where all my erosion problems came from."

On March 7, 2001, staff from the Regional Water Quality Control Board visited Road that: 1. large areas of pears to have been modified;

4. approximately 10-15 acres have been cleared."

On March 30, 2001, fish and game warden Shawn Pirtle showed up at Brown's gate. "He said," Brown recalls, "'I heard from your neighbor Mary Ann Dorman that you're ruining this place.' So I said, 'Come in, hop in my truck, let's take a drive around.' So I took him all around, showed him what I'd done. I showed him my duck pond, and he said, 'This is really nice. This is beautiful.' He was a happy camper. But he said, 'We'll have to send our biologist out here."

In early April of 2001, a Forest Service survey team visited Brown's ranch and directed him to realign his

On April 11, Brown received a visit from fish and game environmental specialist Christine Fritz and two colleagues. She sent a report, dated May 30, 2001, to Brown. In it, she states, "Although both Warden Pirtle and a biologist from the Forest Service led you to believe that your activities adjacent to the creek were not harmful to sensitive biological resources, [my colleagues] and I disagree."

Fritz went on to say Brown's wildlife pond was a continued on page 14



Zoo

than employees of other attractions. Thus, the proposed 450-space parking lot exclusively for zoo employees would exacerbate an already difficult situation.

The other attractions complain that the Park Boulevard Promenade may serve the zoo's purposes, but what's needed is a plan that serves all the attractions — a park-wide solution, not a zoo solution.

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park-wide solutions — particularly, distributed parking, or a number of lots that would be connected with a shuttle service that would transport visitors and employees to the park.

At a meeting of neighborappears willing to deal with its critics. "The zoo has expressed its willingness to work with all the entities at

That night, he talked of a

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ground lot and include a number of other lots strategically connected by a shuttle system, with an aboveground lot at Inspiration Point (north of Interstate 5,

where it makes an "S" curve and east of Park Boulevard). That lot would serve employees as well as visitors. Campos also proposed more community park land, or green space.

He thinks the zoo will buy

into a significant part of the plan. The zoo's board is made up of the elite of San Diego's establishment, but the institution is sensitive to public

Jay Hyde, spokesman for Preserve Our Park, which

represents neighborhoods, attended the evening planning session September 3. After hearing Campos and a representative of the city, Hyde was upbeat. "The zoo is seeing that, without drawing in the support of the community, it

isn't going anywhere," he says.

On the afternoon before that meeting, the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership, a group representing park attractions, held a meeting, attended by zoo officials. "It appears that a park-wide vision is emerging. Now on the table are other concerns, rather than just the zoo's project," says Michael W. Hager, executive director of the Natural History Museum.

Jeffrey Kirsch, executive director of the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center and president of the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership, is also optimistic. "I have seen it happening for quite a while: the zoo changing its position - seeing the importance of working collaboratively, not only with other cultural institutions, but with other Balboa Park stakeholders such as neighbors."

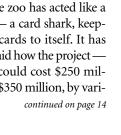
Kirsch believes the zoo will address problems raised by attorney Courtney Ann Coyle in her devastating critique of its preliminary environmental impact report. The Balboa Park Cultural Partnership and, separately, the Natural History Museum sent letters to the city sharply criticizing the zoo's proposals.

Coyle's report shows, among many things, that the zoo's proposal is sadly lacking in specifics, stealthily shifts major parking costs from the zoo to the city, and proposes that the zoo expand its space greatly without paying more rent. Also, "we need more green space," she says — a suggestion heartily endorsed by neighborhoods.

The Balboa Park Cultural Partnership will "support the Park Boulevard Promenade plan as an element of a larger park-wide plan," it said in a letter to the city. However, the group notes, the zoo wants the city council to amend the Balboa Park master plan before the Jones & Jones study comes out. That would be foolish.

Douglas W. Myers, executive director of the zoo, would not comment, but Christina Simmons, public relations manager, insists, "The zoo all along has been flexible." The plan has been developing over the past several years, and the zoo, which has suffered setbacks, has gathered and considered input from other groups, she says.

However, since early this year, the zoo has acted like a shark — a card shark, keeping its cards to itself. It has never said how the project which could cost \$250 million to \$350 million, by vari-





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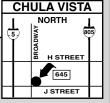
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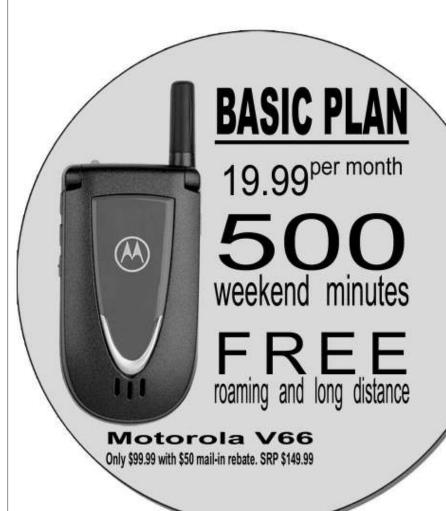


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"Financing options have not been discussed with Balboa Park institutions, and financial information has not

been shared," said Hager in his letter. "There has been no discussion of park-wide financing with the [other] institutions nor a discussion of who will maintain the parking structure, at what annual cost, and who will pay for it."

CITY LIGHTS

"How is this going to be paid for?" says Norman Roberts, a La Jolla investment banker who is on the board of the Natural History Museum but was also chairman of the committee that years ago proved the feasibility of

the zoo's Wild Animal Park in North County.

First, one thing is clear: There is nothing wrong with public money going into this project. Balboa Park and its zoo are perhaps San Diego's most precious assets. The park draws tourists and helps boost the economy.

But the city keeps wasting funds for pro-sports facilities. In the 1960s, Roberts was chairman of the committee to raise money to build the stadium that is now named

Qualcomm. However, "I go to a baseball game every two or three years, and I haven't been to a Chargers game in a decade," he says. "But I go to Balboa Park every week." The park draws 12 million people a year from across the economic spectrum for a wide variety of attractions.

But there are several financing questions. One option is for the city to sell revenue bonds based on a parking fee. But that parking fee would hurt other institutions. Another option is for the city to sell general obligation bonds. But if they were only for the zoo's project, other attractions would suffer, point out critics.

On one point there is unanimity: Lack of parking is a critical problem at Balboa Park. Public funds should provide some of the solution. But there is a big snag: the city is already in bad economic shape, facing a huge deficit and suffering with an eroding infrastructure and a woefully underfunded pension plan needing monetary infusions. But the people deserve the opportunity to choose how their funds will be

One critical issue that is barely being discussed is the cerebral quality of attractions. Many people believe that the zoo and other Balboa Park institutions have already dumbed down to attract visitors. Too much pressure to bring in visitors, particularly at a higher price, could ruin the flavor of Balboa Park, if it has not done so already. Roberts and others are concerned about what the zoo might do with its additional acreage. "I don't think the zoo should be a Disneyland," says Roberts. "Already, it is too interested in feeding children junk food."■

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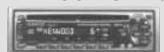
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Still smarting from that news from the state, Brown received a citation from the County Department of Planning and Land Use on June 4, 2001. The violation listed on the citation was grading without proper permits.

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"I was not doing illegal things," Brown insists. "What happened as far as the grading was concerned, I sent my wife down to the county and they said, 'If you have an agricultural permit, you don't have to get a grading permit.' We got that agricultural permit. I put one new road in, and I did clear some areas, and I put my pond in. That's

what I did. [Dorman] started screaming and I stopped it all, and I've been in the process with the county ever since. But we were told that we didn't need a permit. And that was the case at the time. But they subsequently changed

that."

Brown grows fruit trees and Christmas trees on his land, hence the agricultural permit. Before his July 2, 2001, court date, "The charge was dismissed by the district attorney's office in El Cajon."

The corrective action demanded by fish and game and the Water Quality Control Board was not dismissed, and Brown set about the restoration process which, he says, isn't cheap. Refilling the pond and replanting vegetation cost some money. But the big money, Brown explains, is spent on the people involved in the process. "I had to spend \$9400 to have my biologist tell the government there are no endangered butterflies on my property. Ninety-four hundred dollars! These environmentalists, they..." he pauses, as if searching for the right words, "their exuberance is unfettered on this stuff."

Brown has spent another \$20,000 on an engineer to straighten out the grading mess, "and before him, I had hired an engineer for another bunch of money, and he didn't do what he said he was going to do, and I got in trouble [with the county] for that. And I had to hire an archaeologist because she alleges that I've dug up Indian burial sites."

Another big cost for Brown has been lawyers to represent him in two lawsuits he has filed against Dorman. The suits stem from an incident that took place in March of 2001. Dorman's version: "They were doing what sounded like grading. And they had done it so much that I finally decided to go over to see if the workers had been told that they couldn't do this...and that they knew they were trespassing on our mineral rights. I got to the fence line, I yelled, and I knew that they had seen me, but they didn't react. So, like a dumb bunny, I crawled through the fence and called to them. And the guy who was doing the grading got out of his bulldozer and ran at me and came within two feet, just about to get to my neck. And out of fear, I pulled out a gun that I had in my waistband. We need to have a gun out there because there are mountain lions. As a matter of fact, our dog was just attacked about three months ago, and she still has big open wounds.... So when I crawled through the fence and he attacked me, I pulled out my gun. But I didn't point it at him; I held it across my chest and I told him, 'Stop! Don't

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do this!' And I very quickly backpedaled and then ran."

Brown's version: "She had to duck through some barbed wire and ignore a No Trespassing sign — all after me telling her half a dozen times to stay off my property. Then she marched 150 yards onto my property and approached three men who were using the bulldozer to move big concrete pipes. She approached these three men knowing that Bill Overman [the bulldozer driver] had a heart condition. She knew that because he lives just down the road, and she ad-

mitted it on the record. Now, if you believe what Joaquin Partida [my caretaker] and Bill Overman say, Bill got down off the bulldozer and walked up to within six to eight feet of her and said, 'Get out of here! You're trespassing, and you know you're trespassing.' She says, 'You have no business running that bulldozer.' He said, 'We're not doing anything illegal. Get out of here!' She says, 'I'm not leaving,' and she started taking pictures. He says, 'Get the fuck out of here!' Whereupon she turned and she started to walk away, then she pulled a .38 out of her pocket and pointed it at him."

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As to Dorman's con-

tention that Overman was reaching for her throat, Brown says, "Baloney! That's a brand-new story. The last version I heard was that he was chasing her with a bulldozer."

"When I learned about it," Brown says, "I called the sheriff immediately, and they went out there and took the gun away from her."

In August 2002, Dorman was convicted of trespassing and carrying a concealed weapon and given three years' probation and a \$3000 fine. As part of the probation, she can't come within 100 feet of Brown or his property. Because Boulder Creek runs through Brown's property, Dorman can't drive to her

property from the direction of Descanso but instead must come in from Julian, which adds an hour to the trip from her mother's La Jolla Shores home, where she lives.

While she was at the criminal court, Brown served Dorman with notice of a civil lawsuit he had filed against her, "for all kinds of things," he says, "such as intentional infliction of emotional distress and defamation. She had been defaming me by saying that I ride from my ranch to my office in downtown in a sheriff's helicopter, which has never happened."

Why the suit? "Because this woman wouldn't stop. She was like a Rottweiler on

The civil suit was settled, in February of this year, for \$75,000 or, if Dorman couldn't come up with the cash, she was to cede her interest in the Double B to Brown. But she had neither the money — she's on Social Security because of chronic poor health — nor the land. "She had deeded her interest in her property," Brown says, "to her mother's trust, of which she is the beneficiary."

Brown has sued Dorman again, alleging "fraudulent conveyance of her asset," he says. "Between being served the papers [last August] and when we had our settlement conference out in El Cajon [in February], she took her interest in the Double B and transferred it to her mother's trust. That was a fraudulent conveyance if it was done to avoid having it subject to settlement."

Dorman counters, "I had borrowed money from my mother in order to pay off lawyers. I couldn't pay her back, so I went ahead and gave her the property."

"I told her the last time I saw her," Brown says, "and our lawyers were there, 'Look, this has gone on too far, the stress level is way too high for you and for me. Why don't you and I reach an agreement? If you want some more money for [your interest in the land], fine.' Because I want her out of there. Or I want \$75,000."

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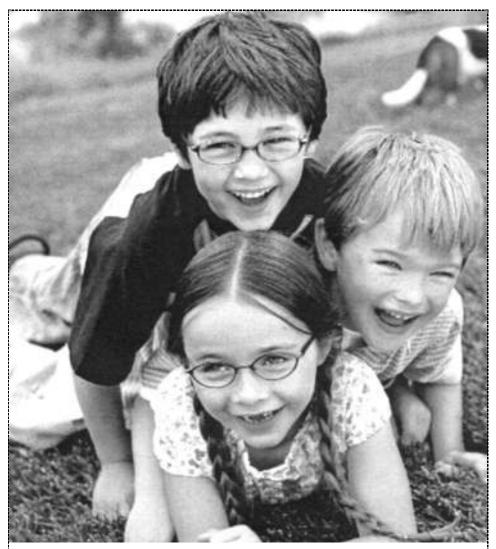
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My H disappeared off the trunk lid of my '93 Honda Civic coupe. All that's left are two small holes and some black rubber seal where my beloved H used to reside. Was this just crappy Japanese engineering or a more sinister act of treachery? And since I lost my emblem, I've noticed lots of Hondas missing their emblems. Does someone have a mountain of Hs in their back yard? Who's taking them, and what are they doing with them? GIVE ME BACK MY H!

- H-less in Mira Mesa

Old H? Try the swap meet or a box under the bed of some teenager in your nabe. Or on a chain around his neck. Pacific Honda's service manager says things were worse about five years ago, when they saw maybe ten cars a day for H replacement. Now they see two or three. It's a timekiller for bored adolescents, stealing logos and hood ornaments. A nationwide pastime. The good news? You don't drive a Cadillac or Mercedes — trophy hood ornaments; and the thieves didn't gouge your paint when they pried out the metal clips that hold the logo on. The bad news? Your shiny new H might go too, especially if the old one disappeared in a place you habitually park. It's like the thieves who steal your old carburetor, waiting for you to put in a new one so they can steal that.

Hevmatt:

If Gray Davis is recalled and Cruz Bustamante wins the election, could Bustamante appoint Gray Davis as Lt. Governor? Then could Bustamante resign and make Gray Davis governor again? Wouldn't that be a nice screw-you to the recall backers.

- Concerned Citizen, the net

Well, somehow the plot would come back to bite us voters in the butt. The only sure thing in politics these days. Not that your musical chairs scenario isn't possible. Theoretically. I repeat, theee-o-ret-ick-lee. Of course, musical chairs would turn into the Mad Hatter's tea party, and even Arnold Schwarzenegger would start looking like a reasonable alternative. But maybe that's what we need — a governor who can bench press six or seven energy execs.

Legally, Bustamante could appoint Davis as his lieutenant governor. Then he'd have to get the appointment past a majority vote of the legislature. Or, if the legislators dither around and don't make a decision in 90 days, Davis is automatically in. The 90-day deadline wouldn't include the legislators' Christmas break, which means things could drag on well into 2004.

Bob Stern of the Center for Governmental Studies in L.A. says your scenario might be legally possible but is so politically unlikely it isn't even worth the newsprint to discuss it. Bustamante abandon the governorship for the good of Davis (let alone to spite Issa and the Republicans)? HAH! Cruz and Gray aren't pals; Bustamante wouldn't appoint Davis lieutenant governor, noway nohow. Even if your revenge plot materializes, Stern predicts a flood of lawsuits ending with a federal judge saying, sorry, the voters ousted Davis; he can't come in again through the back door. Stern is delighted with this first-ever recall election. He's encouraged by the grassroots public involvement in voting and politics and the attendant media coverage. A good sign, he says. Shake things up. Clarify the law. But Bob's a glass-half-full kinda guy.

On a somewhat related topic...

What does it take for a state to secede from the U.S. of A.? I've been told that there is no constitutional requirement for a state not to secede, and it seems to me California would be better off without most of the rest of the country. Supposing we didn't get all violent and uppity like the South did in 1861, could we just peacefully vote on it and turn our backs to the East?

– Peter T, San Diego

Given our recent behavior, we'll be lucky if we don't get booted out on the grounds that we're embarrassing the other 49. And aside from making it necessary for Zonies to get passports and shots, I'm not sure what the benefits would be.

You're right, according to USD Law School professor Michael Ramsey. There is no wording in the U.S. Constitution that prohibits secession. It all just goes back to the basic arguments in the Civil War: the Confederacy saying that the states created the Union; therefore, any state has the right to withdraw; Lincoln saying the union created is greater than the sum of its parts, and it's illogical, impossible that any part could secede. We're still one nation indivisible because the North won the war, not because Lincoln had the stronger constitutional argument. States' rights is still a hot topic. And before anyone asks if San Diego can secede from California if we just can't take it anymore — nope. The California Constitution is very clear about that. Sacramento created us; Sacramento can wipe us out with a stroke of the pen. So I guess we'd better behave ourselves.

Got a question you need answered? Get it straight from the hip. Write to Matthew Alice c/o the Reader, P. O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or fax your questions to 619-231-0489, or e-mail to heymatt@cts.com via the Internet. A searchable archive of past columns is available at SanDiegoReader.com.

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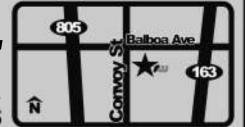




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After the contest, the Chargers head coach confided to reporters that he had, miraculously—indeed, magically — foretold how the big game would unfold. He said that he advised his players, "... 'We're going to take some body blows early, then it'll subside, and we've got to fight our way through it.' That's exactly what we did, but we didn't finish it off.

Say what? "Didn't finish it off." You mean,

like Serbia didn't finish off NATO? Or, the San Diego Stock Exchange didn't finish off the New York Stock Exchange? Or, Netscape didn't finish off Microsoft? What is this "finish off"? There is no finish off. There is no chance. This is not one chance. There is only grinding, bitter defeat. How can a sentient being say something that stupid? One wonders if the speaker shares the same planet as the one you and I inhabit.

And then it hit me. Obviously, he doesn't. It's clear that human eyes interpret events in one way, and the eyes of the being who made that statement organizes what we regard as visual data using processes that are

unknown to humankind. Frankly, the quote in question could not have come from a carbonbased life form. And, indeed, the Box was ready to bust the aforementioned Chargers head coach as an impostor and kingpin of an ongoing alien conspiracy meant to torture the citizens of San Diego unless said citizens agreed to built said aliens a half-billion dollar spaceship, with plenty of luxury boxes, ample parking, \$15 draft beer, delivered in smelly plastic cups, and throw in the world's largest JumboTron. Afterward, the aliens...well, you know what aliens do to humans once they're taken into alien spaceships and strapped onto alien operating tables.

We'll deal with anal probes later. It's damn

scary enough as it stands $\bar{\mathrm{right}}$ now, and this may well be only the tip of the alien iceberg.

As I said earlier, I was ready to name names and then, at the last moment, I decided to review the historical record one more time. Now, before I go ahead and announce the results of my fantastically interesting study, I am going to administer a pop quiz. The reason for this quiz will become hideously clear all too soon. If you

wish, you may run up to the second paragraph and reread the alien quote. We'll wait.

Hum-de-hum-hum. Okay? Ready? Here

we go. This pop quiz has one question. In two parts. Who said that, and when did he say it?

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- d. 1998. June Jones, after the Chargers lost to Seattle 38–17, on the way to a 5–11 season.
- e. 2000. Mike Riley, after the Chargers lost to Kansas City 42-10 on the way to a 1-15
- f. Marty Schottenheimer, after the Chargers lost to Kansas City, 27-14, on the way to nowhere at all.

The Vegas Line

NFL Week 2 (Home Team in CAPS)

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Sunday						
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BALTIMORE	-	-135	21/2	$40\frac{1}{2}$	Cleveland	+115
INDIANAPOL	.IS -	-135	2	$44\frac{1}{2}$	Tennessee	+115
GREEN BAY		-280	61/2	$46\frac{1}{2}$	Detroit	+248
ATLANTA	-	160	3	$39\frac{1}{2}$	Washington	+145
Buffalo		-139	3	$39\frac{1}{2}$	JACKSONVILL	E +127
NEW ORLEA	NS -	-358	81/2	$40\frac{1}{2}$	Houston	+308
ST. LOUIS	-	-148	3	$47\frac{1}{2}$	San Francisco	+136
KANSAS CITY	<i>'</i> .	-179	31/2	$47 \frac{1}{2}$	PITTSBURGH	l +155
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NY GIANTS	-	-318	$7\frac{1}{2}$	371/2	Dallas	+278

You see the problem. Each man could have voiced the same alien party line and probably did. You and I see a bottomfeeding team, a team that sucks year after year after year. Yet, the alien, or, more likely, aliens, see a team that, except for its inability to pass, run, block, catch, or tackle, is a playoff-bound rocket.

You want to know, how long has this been going on? I can tell you, after a close study of the record, it looks like the alien takeover occurred during the early 1980s. Who's involved? Well, the team's ridiculously rich owner says tens of thousands of strangers, many of whom struggle to pay their own rent, should give him hundreds of millions of dollars. Which brings me back to anal probes.

Housekeeping note. From now on the Vegas Line will include money lines. The minus (-) indicates the favorite and the amount you must bet to win \$100. The plus (+) indicates the underdog and the amount you win for every \$100 bet. The wager is straight up — that is, a bet on which team wins. Period. The point spread is

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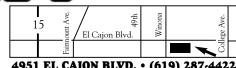
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

We used to live in a peaceful neighborhood until the people next door moved in. It still is a peaceful neighborhood except for next door. Now the day starts at 6:30 a.m. and goes on as late as midnight with horns beeping from their car alarms, and every time someone goes into the driveway or leaves, it's beep-beep at what sounds like megadecibels, as the driveway is close to most of the bedrooms in our home. Tried talking to the owner of the house about a more minor thing, but the owner was very arrogant with quite an attitude, and nothing really changed. So the other problems continue to exist and that courteous conversation was taken as an insult. We don't know how to talk to this owner and don't think it would do any good. We contend that although one can understand the need for car alarms, they could possibly be adjusted to lessen the noise, and certainly one does not need to engage them every time they pop in and out of the driveway. Mornings here are like a parking lot. The police are of no help in this matter, and it doesn't affect anyone else around here. Add to this blaring music from the open car windows, and it's gotten to the point where we're wondering if we're just going to have to sell our home, which we treasure, and move on. Don't think spending a fortune on noise-blocking devices that may or may not work is the answer. It's like our home has been ripped away from us.

> GRIEVING AND FUMING IN GRANITE HILLS

Dear Grieving.

When there's no peace at home because neighbors are making constant obnoxious noise, it can wear you down and fry your nerves. You feel like a prisoner in your own domicile. If the neighbors are not making enough noise to warrant calling the police because they're disturbing the peace — which in this case they apparently are not — and if vou have tried to reason with them and are met only with meanness, I think all you can do is physically insulate yourselves against the noise as best you can. Keep trying in calm and nonaggressive ways to remind these clods to please disarm their car alarms before opening the doors so they don't set up an earsplitting ruckus every time they enter and leave their vehicles. You can try leaving them "reminder" notes about this with little gifts on their doorstep, if you want to use the "honey works better than vinegar" approach. You may have to do this multiple times to get these ierks' attention. With people this thickheaded and defensive, it's hard to know what, if anything, will get through to them and how long you will have to keep trying. I have heard that some people have had good results addressing prob-

lems like yours by forming neighborhood associations, where those who live in the area band together to solve common difficulties as a group. Would that be something you could try? Are there any readers out there who are veterans of the noisyneighbor wars with ingenious advice for "Grieving and Fuming"?

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I teach journalism at a local college and have for over a dozen years. I enjoy my students and am proud of many who have gone on to have careers in the field. My problem is that lots of my students, after they graduate, send me articles they are working on or trying to place in various magazines, wanting my comments. While I applaud their efforts, I haven't the time or energy to read all I must to keep up with my current workload and read all these articles that former students send me wanting critiques. I am happy that past students keep in touch, but how can I get myself out from under this avalanche of writing they send me, which I am unable to read, without offending them?

> CROSS-EYED LAKESIDE PROFESSOR

Dear Cross-Eyed,

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'My dad was a Missouri farm boy," relates Mike Bibbey, manager/buyer for Bibbey's Shell Shop in Imperial Beach (619-423-5133). "When he was ten years old, he told his dad, 'I'm getting the hell off the farm.' He joined the Navy and got stationed in Guam. Someone turned him on to scuba diving, and since he didn't

have much money to go drinking and chasing girls, he went shell hunting.'

I had floated into Bibbey's in search of something eye-catching to send back to my own Missouri farm boy - my brother Ed. Bibbey's dad, a well-known buyer in the shell biz, was in the Philippines at the moment, so his son showed me around. My previous shell-shopping excursions had yielded disappointing results, but I was barraged by shells at Bibbey's. Bibbey stocks a fair range of California shells, including abalone

(\$3-\$45); the twisted cone wavy turban (\$3); and Bibbey's pick for the prettiest local shell, the Chestnut Cowrie (\$2). But the vast majority of his estimated 300 to 400 different sorts of shells hail from abroad: the Philippines, Australia, Indonesia, Mexico, Africa, and Florida.

'We get a lot of our shells from fishermen," says Bibbey. "They have the shells laying out with the animals in them, and we go in and wheel and deal. We tell them we just want the shell; they can keep the meat. (In Mexico, they have pink conch farms; the meat is very desirable.) The fishermen are happy, because they can sell the meat and still get money for the shells. We're happy, because when people give me a hard time about killing animals, I can say, 'Someone actually made a meal out of that." And because the Bibbeys buy direct (and because they buy in bulk and own the building in I.B.), they can keep the prices low. Further, "even if I can get more for a shell, I'd rather price it lower and sell more."

the price of a shell. First, a shell is best collected while the animal inside — most often a snail of some sort — is still alive. "When found alive, the shell is more pristine, and it has more color. Dead, it loses its luster and beauty, and it's been rolling around in the sand, which is like sandpaper — it just wears it down. It ruins the grade: shells can be number one quality, number two, or number three." The highly collectible, deep-water-dwelling Barclay

Several other factors help determine

cowrie only ever used to be found dead, washed on the beach after storms. Once divers began sinking deep enough to pull them up live, says Bibbey, the dead specimens lost almost all their value.

The difficulty in getting shells out of the deep also contributes to their value, in that they are usually rarer. The most expensive shell in Bibbey's shop is a Leucodon cowrie (\$1000). "They live in very deep waters, and there are trenches in those waters that are almost like underground river rapids. If you get caught in one, boom, you're gone. These cowries live on the edge of those trenches; a Filipino diver will almost

"We tell them we just want the

shell; they can keep the meat."

might feed his family for the next year. And I've seen these cowries go for \$3000 on websites. My aunt Elizabeth sent me this one with the animal still inside."

risk his life to get one undamaged. He'll

get a few hundred bucks for it, and that

Getting the animal out usually means boiling (some prefer freezing or burial). But in this case, Bibbey didn't want to risk draining off any of the shell's luster. "I let the animal rot. Then I took a high-pressure hose and blew it out. It's stinky and messy, and even if you bleach your hands, the smell doesn't go away.' In addition to boiling, less precious shells may be bleached or acid-dipped. Some, such as abalone, may have their outer shell taken off to reveal a shinier, more beauti-

ful interior. "They use a regular Dremmel or wire brush to take the outer shell off,

and polish it with a big polish brush." (Cowries, however, are naturally shiny, because "when the animal is crawling around,

he has a thin layer of skin that covers the shell.") And some need to be freed of hangers-on. 'Sometimes, the shells

will pick up neighbors. They'll have all kinds of stuff on them other animals, barnacles, worm shells. Sometimes they can be cleaned, but other times, the shell is eaten away so badly that you can't do anything with it." Other times, the shell does its own damage. Bibbey is especially proud of a former world-record 18³/₄-inch Atlantic Triton (\$500), because "it still has a lot of color, and the beak is intact. They often lose the beak because they get old and run into things.'

Bibbey packs lower grade and more abundant shells into bulk bags (\$2-\$3.50). "People who do arts-and-crafts such as candle-making buy them by the bag. For more decorative things, like picture frames, they'll pick them singly. Also, I have what I call my

Grandparents' Special. I tell them, 'Buy a pack of these for \$3.50. Go out to the beach ahead of the kids and throw them in the sand. Kids get so much fun out of finding their own shells.' People come back and tell me, 'The kids went nuts.'"

Many shells in the shop range from \$.50–\$5. Collectible specimens usually run from \$25-\$300, with a few high-priced exceptions. I bought a \$30 triton for my brother (most tritons sell for between \$25 and \$200), and was getting ready to leave when Bibbey pointed out one of his father's chief claims to fame: the Bibbey's murex (\$35). The shell was a delicate orange cone covered with fine, almost crystalline ridges. "My father discovered that shell. It was an unknown species, so he was able to name it after himself."

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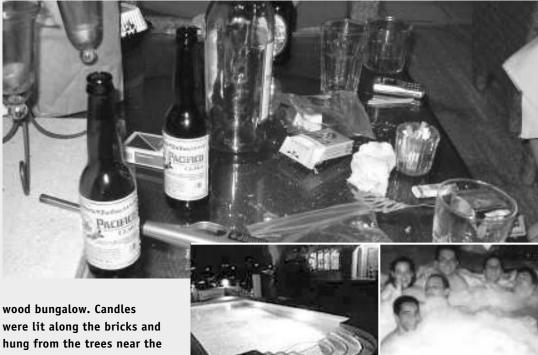
WHAM! YOU'RE ON VACATION

by Daniel Ridge

o one ever wants to claim responsibility at a party, for themselves or anyone else. Last time Clea house-sat her aunt's place in La Jolla, someone tracked dog poo through the upstairs bedroom. This time it was wet towels on the couch. Luckily we haven't done any permanent damage — that we know of.

But what could be more ideal than a pool party at the end of summer? Clea called me last Friday afternoon to tell me she had her aunt's place for the weekend, a large house overlooking the beach with a guesthouse, pool, and Jacuzzi. She said to pack my jammies and swim trunks. She also mentioned a case of beer that I would have to stop and pick up on the way. Oh, and milk for breakfast.

Funny how vacation can be just a state of mind — fix yourself a cocktail, pull up a lounge chair, light a cigarette, and — wham! — you're on vacation. When I showed up at the house late Friday night, everyone was doing just that. Between the main house and the guesthouse is a large patio and garden, just like at a Holly-



pool. The place looked like the set of an MTV dating show, evenly lit for balcony and pool shots. But my friends aren't really the kind to sit around shirtless (well, maybe Bernard, but he wasn't around this weekend) or in their skivvies. They also prefer candlelight around

slipping on the hardwood floors, eating junk food and ice cream, doing cannonballs into the pool. The only bummer was that there was no diving board and the pool

A house full of king-size beds is my kind of place.

the Jacuzzi, and please, no pictures, they tell me. I'm always one to accommodate, so I put my camera aside and fixed myself a drink.

It was like being a kid again, running through the house in a wet bathing suit, was only six feet deep.
Attached to a pole, though,
was a strap for swimming in
place. We took turns using it
as a slingshot to shoot each
other across the surface of
the water before hitting the
wall on the far side.

Throughout the evening, a steady stream of visitors dropped by, some for a dip, others just to hang out. They tried to get one guy in the pool with his clothes on, but somehow he got away. The stereo blared through the house as we sat outside, but unfortunately Clea had forgotten to bring CDs, so we were left only with the Smiths and Abba. You can learn a lot about someone from their music collection. We learned that next time we'd have to bring our own.

We stayed up most of the night Friday. A house

full of king-size beds is my kind of place. Six of us stayed the night, sleeping coolly beneath ceiling fans and open windows. It was heavenly.

Mimosas would have been perfect for breakfast, though we had neither champagne nor orange juice, just cocktails and beer. We held off a while on the drinks and climbed back into bed to watch a movie in the afternoon. We were still lethargic and some of us a little sick from the night before. One of my friends had smoked two packs of cigarettes and was quite ill. She said she'd never smoke again, though that promise lasted only a few hours. Once evening arrived, we were ready to do it all over again.

A different crowd of friends dropped by Saturday night, a little bit more on the mellow tip. We all squeezed into the Jacuzzi once more and then took cool dips in the pool. Unfortunately, we didn't have any floaties, but we did have big colored plastic cups for our drinks, so we could be careful not to have glass by the pool.

Now the doozy of our





Crasher

little pool party was the cleanup. By Sunday morning, bottles, cigarette butts, and trash were everywhere. It reminded me of a party I once had in high school. My parents went out of town for the weekend, and I had strict instructions to keep things quiet. But when it's the last month of your senior year, what are you going to do? So my friends came over and helped me move a bunch of furniture upstairs, roll up all the rugs, and take a few pictures off the walls. The party was a rager, and luckily my friends stuck around the next day to help me clean things up. We vacuumed and scrubbed and got everything put back together again just before my parents returned home. But we forgot one little thing. Upon the refrigerator

someone had posted the alcohol list with everyone's name on it and their corresponding drinks: rum, vodka, whiskey. We weren't fooling around. When my mom pulled out the list about an hour later. I turned as white as a sheet. I quess it wouldn't have been such a big deal if it weren't hard alcohol, or if we weren't all 17. That was the last time my parents left me alone for the weekend.

Sunday afternoon at Clea's aunt's house was a bit like that. We ran around picking things up, making beds, washing dishes. We wanted to make sure there was no trace left. Not that we would have gotten in trouble, but we wanted to leave on good terms. We plan on doing this again. **■**

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Who's got your Trash?

e squabble over recycling at my house. I see no reason why the pizza boxes can't go into the blue bin, but my husband says I'm wrong, that the melted cheese and grease stains make them unsalvageable. He frets that the plastic windows in his junk mail envelopes will contaminate the waste stream, so he withholds them. Plastic cherry-tomato cartons have to go into the landfill too, according to him. But, I retort, they bear a triangle with a "1" in it. What's that, if not proof they can be salvaged?

Sometimes, on cold Sunday nights, putting out the garbage, dark thoughts overtake both of us. What if it's all a sham? What if, we fantasize, the city really buries the old newspapers and empty cereal boxes and beer bottles and tin cans and egg cartons we hoard for the blue bin?

I resolve to see with my own eyes what, if anything, among my trash is being transmogrified. The trail begins in a large dispatching room in the city operations station located a half-block north of Miramar Road, just east of 805. Almost every City of San Diego truck that picks up residential garbage — recyclable and nonrecyclable — spends the night here, some 177 vehicles. Each day they fan out for neighborhoods that stretch from San Ysidro to Rancho Bernardo. Most of their drivers are men of African-American and Hispanic heritage, and when they surge through the doors at 6:30 a.m., they often emit comic "moos." These give way to a baritone rumble of joking and chitchat. The supervisor of the high-spirited herd on this morning is an unflappable woman named Phyllis; she's wearing a blue windbreaker over her gray polo shirt and slacks. A black felt beret trimmed in a leopard-print fabric protects her against the dawn chill. Many of the men wear baseball caps. The backs of their bright

Although most of the drivers know their routes by heart, each man picks up a route book every morning. This is fine with Wayne Allison, the veteran driver with whom I'll be riding. Allison likes being free of worry about misplacing the book. Not that he seems sloppy about any aspect of his pro-

orange sweatshirts proclaim, "Customer Satisfaction Our #1 Priority."



fessional life. Allison sets his alarm for 4:30 every workday so he can leave his home near 61st and Imperial by 5:00. That gets him to the yard by 5:25 — more than an hour before the morning's muster. He doesn't like to feel rushed when he's readying his truck for the day, reviewing the predrive checklist. "We try to make sure everything is working. To make sure we have a decent piece of equipment out on the street," he tells me. Often he drives his vehicle through the on-site truck wash to ensure it looks presentable. "Another reason I get here so early is because that way I don't have to mess with traffic," he adds. "Cause when you have to mess with traffic, you don't feel like going out and driving all day."

Allison has 6 children and 12 grandchildren, but he looks too young to be a patriarch. He moves with the quickness of a man younger than his 56 years. Deep-set eyes and a trim mus-

Allison has the option of reprimanding anyone who breaks the recycling rules ... anyone who's tagged gets a letter and a follow-up visit by a code enforcement officer.

tache are two strong features in his handsome face. He grew up on a farm near Columbus, Ohio, and first came to San Diego in 1966 for the Navy. He started working for the city in 1982. Ten years later, an entanglement with drugs stole two years of his life. But Allison says God gave him a second chance, and he started driving a recycling truck around 1994.

Today the city uses the same types of trucks to pick up both recyclable discards and trash bound for the landfill. Allison thinks most ant odors more than an arm's length away from the truck operator. Allison suggests that the automation is a mixed blessing. Years ago, when he worked on a two-man trash truck as a "swamper," the guy who jumps off and dumps the cans into the back of the vehicle, he loved the way he could interact with people along his route. Commanding an automated one-man truck is lonelier. But it's never boring, he tells me.

We're in the roomy cab of Allison's truck. The sun is climbing up the eastern quadrant of a cloudless sky, and Allison elaborates on this topic. "There's so many obstacles in a day. It's just like parking your car." You can do it a thousand times, and each time will be different. "The driver always has to be on the alert — for anything and everything," he continues. "There's always dangers. Driving down an alley or something, you've got to pay attention to the whole perimeter." Tree limbs, power lines, cars, even children's basketball hoops are potential targets for collision.

Allison's routes take him all over the city: to the South Bay, Barrio Logan, La Jolla, Tierrasanta. This morning we'll work in the section of



Allan Company sorting center (left and above)

drivers prefer the regular trash routes. They require more stops per street. ("Everybody puts out trash. Not everyone puts out recycling.") So the routes are more compact. Moreover, trash pickup is weekly, in contrast to the biweekly recycling pickup, so the trash drivers must learn their way around only half the number of neighborhoods.

Over the years, however, Allison has come to dislike the way the trash smells. Recycled items produce little stench. All the recycling trucks are automated, which keeps any unpleas-

Clairemont where the streets pay homage to mountains. Pausing near Mount Everest, Allison leaps out of the cab and opens up the top of his truck's hopper, secured during rides on the freeway to keep any contents from blowing out. Slipping behind the wheel again, he comments that he's never felt confused by the daily switch between the right-hand drive of the recycling truck and the left-hand drive of his personal vehicle. Allison demystifies for me the daunting array of instruments around the driver's seat. Many are redundant sets of buttons. A driver

What About Those Pizza Cartons?

They *can* go in the blue bin, according to recycling specialist Stephen Grealy. "As long as they don't have a coating of cheese baked onto them." But Grealy says a bit of grease is acceptable. Improvements at processing plants have made way for other previously verboten items, including:

Envelopes with plastic windows — Paper processors can now screen the plastic out.

Unwashed tin cans and bottles — Grealy advises scraping out large quantities of food that remain in cans and bottles. But no rinsing is necessary, he says.

Wet newspaper — This commands a lower price than the dry stuff, and city workers don't want to be handling noxious substances, such as cat feces. But clean, damp newspaper will pass muster, and papers that were wet but have since dried pose no problem at all.

Plastic containers, on the other hand, are more confusing. The city for several years has accepted narrow-necked, screw-top plastic bottles with a recycling "1" or "2" imprinted on their bottoms (e.g., juice, soda, and water bottles; milk and water jugs; and detergent, soap, and shampoo bottles). But in 2002, the California Department of Conservation ordered state municipalities to begin accepting other plastic bottles labeled with a "3," "4," "5," "6," or "7," and "CRV," "CA Redemption Value," or "CA Refund." Because of the small number of these types of containers in the recycling stream, the City of San Diego's processor is storing them until a large enough quantity has accumulated to warrant sending the plastics to a manufacturer.

Wide-mouthed plastic containers (blueberry baskets, margarine tubs, yogurt cups, and the like) are still shunted off to the dump, even if they bear a "1" or "2." The problem, Grealy explains, is that the market for such materials is still so small that it would cost the city a lot to have them processed. "And it's not just about maximizing diversion," Grealy says. "We're also trying to keep the program as economical as possible." (Waxed cardboard containers such as frozen dinner boxes and milk cartons are unwanted for the same reason.)

Plastic bags are unwanted too. It's difficult to tell which resins they're made from (something that's necessary before they can be processed). Moreover, the recycling specialists believe that if the city accepted plastic bags, people would fill them with all manner of items — further complicating the sorting and screening process.

also can use a joystick to perform the basic operations: extending the mechanical arm, grabbing the bin, raising and flipping it upside down over the hopper, returning it to the pavement, and releasing it. But Allison turns up his nose at the joystick. "I'm a button man."

When we stop next to our first bin, he warns me, "These trucks are very jumpy. When the arm goes up, the truck has a rhythm of its own." The motion reminds me of the rocking and jolting of an amusementride car as it returns to the passenger-loading area.

Every time Allison dumps a load, he glances at a compact monitor to his left. It shows what a camera at the top of the truck is revealing: whether each bin's contents have been expelled. (Sometimes people jam the recyclables too tightly, and they get

stuck.) Every time a load goes in the hopper, a mechanism pushes it toward the front. Allison says the recyclables don't compress as well as the regular trash; the newspapers and cardboard and bottles tend to be bulkier.

We roll down

Mount Acadia, a wide boulevard without much on-street parking. Allison points out that it's ideal for curbside recycling. "You can run right along the curb and pick [the bins] up in one sweep." Far more commonly, complex maneuvering is required. One of the biggest problems bedeviling the trashmen, it's quickly clear, is that most homeowners don't set their bins three feet apart, as they're supposed to do. So when the truck arm reaches out, it's easy to knock over an adjoining receptacle. "I do it myself!" Allison confesses with a shout of laughter. "When I put



Wayne Allison

my trash cans out, they're together." It's a normal human foible; not the sort of thing to rile Allison. He says

whichever driver trash or recycling works a given street first, he'll usually set his bins down so as to allow

more room for the man who will follow.

I note another common infraction: some people stuff their blue bins to the point of overflowing, so full the lids won't close. This increases the likelihood that the contents will spill out as the mechanical arm hoists the receptacle skyward and dumps it. Whenever this happens, Allison sets his emergency brake and leaps out to scoop up the fluttering newspaper inserts and empty 7UP bottles, an inconvenience he shrugs off. Still, he nods with appreciation at the whitehaired man on one long cul-de-sac who, instead of overfilling his receptacle, parks it across the street from his house, waits and watches for Allison to dump it, races across to retrieve it, fills it again, and repositions it for Allison to dump a second time as he makes his way back up the

street.

With the bin lids closed, Allison and I can't glimpse what items people are offering up for recycling, but Allison claims the contents vary from one neighborhood to another. "Barrio Logan people have a tendency to put anything and everything in the container," he says. "And it's often real junky." On the other hand, he says, he covers areas "where you can best believe it's all recyclables." Some of those people wash every container they discard, he marvels.

He hazards a guess that the items most often wrongly placed in the blue bins are plastic bags. People store their recyclables in them, then toss the entire package, even though the plastic bag isn't supposed to go in. Allison has the option of reprimanding anyone who breaks the recycling rules. There's an informal and a formal way to

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do this, the latter involving tagging the rulebreaker's bin. No fines are ever imposed, but anyone who's tagged gets a letter and a follow-up visit by a code enforcement officer. Allison says, "If a person steady does something that's wrong, I'll tag it and tell my supervisor." But Allison's more often inclined to cut the homeowner slack. Recycling is voluntary, and if people feel too hassled, he thinks, they'll get exasperated and quit.

By 11:30, Allison can tell from the action of his truck's compressor that the hopper is getting full, so he secures the cover and we head back north on 805. All the curbside-recycling items collected by the City of San Diego pass through one of two sorting centers. Our destination now is the one located on a frontage road off Miramar Road. Just inside the front

gates, Allison halts the truck on a scale, where the truck's loaded weight is recorded. Then he dumps the contents inside a gigantic warehouse and drives back to the scale. A receipt testifies that our morning rounds have gathered some 10,400 pounds of discards. After a brief stop back at the truck yard, Allison will return to the streets of Clairemont for a few more hours

Besides Allison's conscientiousness, what has impressed me most about the ride-along is how widespread recycling participation appears to be. It's obvious to me why most people want to jettison their garbage. It takes up space, it's unsightly, and it often stinks. But curbside recycling asks the average person to take several extra, optional steps in sorting and storing rubbish before the garbage truck arrives.



Allan Company sorting center

The hundreds of stops Allison and I made this morning seem to demonstrate that a whole lot of people find

this worth doing.

My subjective impression, I later learn, was confirmed by a survey conducted by the

city's Environmental Services Department. The department selected eight neighborhoods, four in higher-income areas (Point Loma, Sabre Springs, Tierrasanta, and University City) and four in low- to moderate-income ones (North Park, Paradise Hills, Skyline/Encanto, and South Crest). Two city recycling specialists then drove along selected streets in each community on its curbsiderecycling pickup day, recording how many homes had set out blue bins. After the first visit, the surveyors returned on two more consecutive pickup days.

They found that participation varied considerably between the neighborhoods. On any given day, an average of only 29 percent of the South Crest homes had a blue bin in front, compared with 76 percent of the homes in University City. But when the surveyors tallied the numbers from all three days, they found that 1603 of the 1969 households included in the study had set out their recycling containers at least once, an overall participation rate of 81 percent. (Again this rate varied from a low of 59 percent in South Crest to a high of 95 percent in Point Loma and University City.) The 81 percent rate is "one of the higher participation rates, compared to other communities," the study report states.

There's reason to believe it may climb still higher. When that study was conducted, in September 2000, curbside recycling was not being offered to every resident in the city. So, according to Stephen Grealy, a recycling supervisor in the Environmental Services Department, "We shied away from doing a lot of mass mailing and radio-type





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education." Grealy says every time the city staff encouraged use of the curbside-recycling services, residents in the areas that weren't served got upset. He says some years the number-one complaint recorded by city councilmembers was from constituents who didn't have curbside recycling but wanted it. In November 2001, the city finally finished expanding the service to all parts of the city, so now Grealy expects to see more promotion and an even higher participation rate. An amiable, candid

man, Grealy was born in Australia and worked as a farmer there and in Oregon before moving to San Diego in the 1980s. In 1988 he was hired to work as a project manager for a local recycling-consulting firm. Grealy says recycling seemed poised on the brink of huge growth back then. The first comprehensive curbside program in San Diego County had begun in Solana Beach in 1983, operated by a nonprofit enterprise called Solana Recyclers. In 1987, America became aware that

established landfills were filling up. The flash point for this explosion in environmental consciousness was the New York garbage barge that trash might face a similar fate. One forecast predicted that the Miramar Landfill would have to close by 1995, according to Grealy. To post-

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motored up and down the Eastern seaboard, unsuccessfully looking for a place to dump its load. Here in San Diego, fears ballooned that our pone that eventuality, the city in 1989 began to implement a curbsiderecycling program.

"The funding source for doing this was the

tipping fee at the landfill — what people pay when they bury their trash there," Grealy explains. In 1989, California state legislators also cranked up the pressure to recycle by passing the Integrated Waste Management Act (AB 939). This required every city and county in the state to come up with a plan to divert 25 percent of their solid waste from landfills by 1995. By the year 2000, the target figure was 50 percent. Violators would face a fine of up to \$10,000 per day, the state threatened.

Grealy, who joined the city's workforce in 1991, says San Diego's curbside-recycling program had reached the 82,000-home mark by then. Those were heady days, he recalls. "We were one of the leaders. The City of San Diego was on the cutting edge."

And then the money ran out. "What happened," Grealy explains, "was that private companies started to set up mega-landfills, as they called them, in places like Arizona and Utah, where the land's real cheap." Another key turn of events was the







County of San Diego's sale of all its local landfills in late 1997 to a private company called Allied Waste Industries. Allied is the secondlargest trash company in America, and its managers "became very aggressive in their pricing," Grealy says. As they competed with the city for the business of private haulers, a trash war erupted, and Grealy says the net effect was that, instead of climbing by the late 1990s to \$60 a ton, tipping fees at Miramar year after year remained frozen at

around \$40 to \$41 a ton (rising only in 2002 to \$43). "So we didn't have that additional revenue coming in [from the landfill fees] to expand the curbside program," he explains.

A law passed in 1919 (the "People's Ordinance") prohibits the City of San Diego from charging a direct fee for residential trash collection, shutting off a source of income that other municipalities have used to fund recycling programs. A breakthrough finally came three years ago, when the city won a \$6.8 million grant from the state Department of Conservation. Grealy says this money helped buy the additional trucks and bins needed to expand service. (The bins alone, at \$40 apiece, cost more than \$10 million.)

Grealy says that today more than 242,000 of the tough blue receptacles have been distributed. Although there were more than 440,000 housing units in the city limits in the year 2000, according to census figures, Grealy points out that a variety of factors

make almost half of those residences ineligible to receive the curbside service. Many, for example, are large apartment or condominium complexes that provide residents with Dumpsters. Access problems keep the city trucks out of other areas, such as gated communities and Mission Beach, where community leaders decided their alreadycongested streets couldn't accommodate yet more garbage bins. The city believes that the 242,000 bins are serving everyone who wants the

curbside pickup and is eligible for it.

All those bins look the same. Bright blue, they're designed to hold all kinds of recyclable items, rather than requiring the user to separate newspapers, mixed paper, and containers. The change from a "three-stream" to a "single-stream" system came at the beginning of 1999, along with the expectation that the new system would capture more recyclables per household, since householders would have to do less work. Grealy says

indeed that happened among homes already receiving curbside recycling, where the average monthly collection increased from about 46 pounds to more than 52. As the program expanded citywide, however, the average yield per household has been closer to 46 pounds. Grealy points out that the switch from threestream to single-stream also coincided with a change from weekly to biweekly collection, a schedule that saves the city money but also tends to decrease the

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amount collected.

"The move right now throughout the United States is to move toward single-stream," declares Mike Howard, vice president and general manager of IMS Recycling Services, one of the two firms the city has hired to sort and sell the stuff that's collected. "It's a lot more efficient," Howard argues. "There's a lot of benefits for both parties."

Howard may have a certain bias. In addition to IMS Recycling Services, his employers also own a San Diego company called CP Manu-

facturing, one of the largest makers of singlestream sorting equipment in the world. Both enterprises boast a long history in the waste-processing industry. The recycling arm started out almost 50 years ago, when a man named Charles M. Davis Jr. opened a scrap-metal operation on a small lot at the corner of 18th and Commercial Streets, southeast of downtown. There he purchased brass radiators, aluminum sheeting, and other nonferrous metallic discards to be loaded onto trucks, driven up

Highway 101, and sold to end users and other brokers in Los Angeles.

Over time the business grew, and Davis got a big break in the early 1970s when Alcoa Aluminum approached him. Beverage companies were just starting to use aluminum for their cans, but no one was yet recycling the new containers. Davis volunteered to set up a pilot program to see if this was worth doing. He wound up designing special equipment that separated, flattened, and loaded the cans. The first machinery of its kind in

the nation, "It made the recycling of cans economically feasible," according to a company handout. When other recycling operations clamored to buy the equipment, Davis formed the manufacturing arm. Today CP Manufacturing produces the majority of can-handling equipment in the United States and exports machinery to a number of foreign countries.

In 1991, CP Manufacturing began to automate the sorting of other recycled materials. Its single-stream sorting

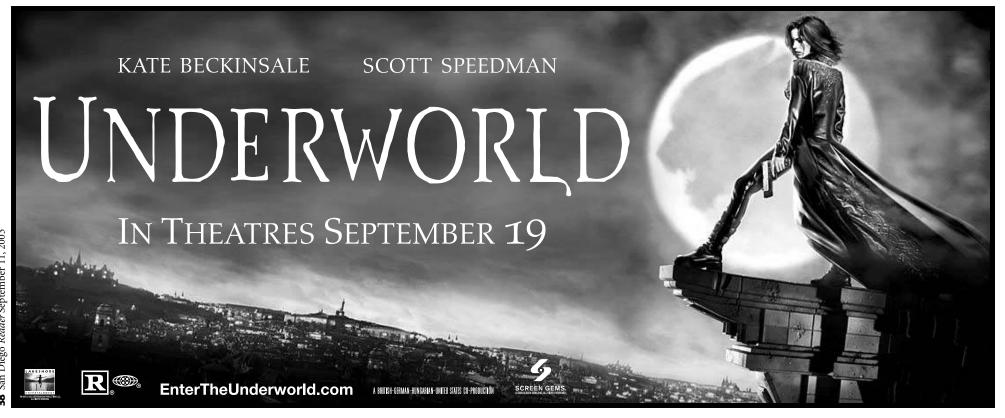
equipment has now been installed on four continents (North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia). The machines are built in a plant on Wilson Avenue in National City; a complete system can cost as much as \$3 million. Davis's son Robert, who now runs the company, tests his innovations at the IMS Recycling Services operation overseen by Howard at 27th and Main Streets. Trucks covering the areas south of I-8 dump their contents here.

The northern sorting center, off Miramar

Road, is operated by an enterprise called the Allan Company. Headquartered in Baldwin Park, it came into being in 1953 as a small recycler of computer punch cards, according to Jason Young, a son of the founder. Young says by 1973 the company had begun directly selling waste and scrap paper to paper mills overseas. Since then, through slow growth, "We've become one of the largest independent waste-paper dealers in the United States, and the largest independent dealer on the West Coast. By inde-







pendent, I mean nonmill-affiliated or not a public company." Young says the company also branched out beyond "fiber" products (old newspapers, mixed paper, and cardboard) beginning in the mid-1970s. "We started buying aluminum cans. Then the bottle bill came in around the mid-'80s, and we started buying plastic and glass." When curbside-pickup programs began to proliferate, Young says the Allan Company entered the business of sorting the items collected and delivering them to processors. He says at first all the paper and containers were simply dumped into two huge mounds. "The guys would go out and pick off the pile, without a conveyor belt."

Young says his family's company eventually wound up buying automated sorting equipment from CP Manufacturing. When the contract to sort and sell the material from San Diego's curbside program went out to bid, **IMS Recycling Services** and the Allan Company decided it made sense to team up. Both firms had unique strengths (IMS with its sorting technology and the Allan Company with its marketing prowess). They won the five-year contract in 1998, and it was just extended for another six

The Allan Company opened its Miramar plant in the summer of 2000. What you see toward the back of that property is a huge building that's open along one side. City employees like Wayne Allison drive right in and dump their truckloads on the concrete floor, creating a mess colossal in scale: hills up to 15 feet high of squashed Michelob cartons, Sunday newspaper supplements, Cap'n Crunch cereal boxes, Campbell's soup cans,

empty wine bottles, Wisk detergent containers, and so much more — the not-so-badsmelling daily detritus of a modern American city.

It's a great unruly herd of garbage, and the mechanical sheepdog that imposes the first order upon it is a little front-end loader that zooms in and out of the discards. The operator shoves portions of the mess toward the rearmost area of the plant, to the right of an elevated walkway. It's hard to see under all the trash, but a slow-moving conveyor has been built into the floor there, and this carries the unsorted refuse onto a slightly fastermoving conveyor belt that climbs from floor level up to a walkway about 15 feet off the ground.

By the time it reaches the men and women stationed at the top, the conveyor belt is traveling between 60 and 120 feet per minute, a brisk clip, but still slow enough for workers to spot items that should never have seen the inside of a blue bin: Styrofoam packing forms, discarded silk flowers, soiled stuffed animals, plastic bags, torn Tshirts. These they pluck off the line and pitch through an aperture at their feet, sending the rejected material into an open bay below. Later it will be hauled to the landfill for burial.

The workers also snatch cardboard off the line and consign it to one of two separate bays underneath the conveyor belt, later to be bundled and shipped to plants that specialize in processing it. The stream of stuff that continues along the conveyor belt meets up with a gargantuan machine designed to split it into two separate rivulets. Rotating disks arrayed in an interlocking pattern sweep junk mail, containers, and office paper downward while at the same time, blowers create a bed of air that floats newspapers above the disks and sends them into their own channel.

Similar action plays out a bit farther along the line. Another thundering, churning contraption sifts the containers onto one conveyor belt, while siphoning the mixed paper onto another to be further cleaned before being baled, deposited in a bunker, and loaded onto railcars. Meanwhile, the thrill ride for the containers continues. Steel cans get waylaid by a rotating drum that clasps them in its magnetic grip and then releases them into a chute. A stream of air separates the lightweight aluminum cans and plastic containers from the heavier glass objects. The plastic bottles roll by human workers, who grab and pitch them into different bins, depending upon their chemical composition. More humans sort the glass into brown, green, and clear varieties. Glass that's sorted by color commands a higher price than mixed chips, yet even the mixed-glass fragments are separated from any remaining scraps of landfill-bound trash by the time the conveyor belt reaches the end of the line.

Some contaminants do slip through, Young and Howard acknowledge. Those plastic windows on business envelopes that my husband frets about fall into this category, and larger items sometimes wind up in the wrong piles too, but Young and Howard say the businesses that process the recyclable items can tolerate a small amount of incoming garbage. "For newspapers, the percent allowable is 1 percent contamination," Young said. "For corrugated [cardboard], it's 2 percent." Systems at the processors' facilities screen out such small amounts of unwanted material.

The city says the unrecyclable trash that's caught by the two sorting centers amounts, on average, to between 6 and 9 percent of the total material deposited in the

blue bins. In other words, more than 90 percent of the items collected are the right stuff. In contrast, only about 80 percent of the items picked up in Los Angeles's curbside-recycling program are reusable. "Some cities go as high as 30 percent contamination," says the Allan Company's Young, who adds, "The City of San Diego has done an excellent job at education."

San Diego's legitimate recyclable items add up to roughly

12 million pounds every month, Young says, and in 2002, more than 83 percent of that consisted of fibrous material: newspaper accounted for 45.3 percent of the total weight, mixed paper was 23.8, and cardboard was 14.3. Glass was the next-highest category (11.1 percent), followed by plastics (3.6 percent), tin and other metals (1.4 percent), and aluminum cans (a measly half a percent, or roughly 60,000 pounds a month). That doesn't mean people aren't recycling their aluminum cans, according to Howard, but rather that many residents prefer to take those to neighbor-

hood recycling outlets

where they can reclaim

the state-imposed

deposit, along with something for the scrap value of the metal.

For the aluminum cans that do wind up in the blue bins, the Allan Company and IMS Recycling Services collect the deposit money, along with about 40 to 55 cents a pound for the aluminum. When I asked Jason Young about the prices of the other commodities, he sounded uncomfortable. "I don't know if you want to get into pricing," he suggested. "It changes very fast. Our prices change daily." Pressed, however, he sketched the following rough picture. The 40 to 55 cents a pound received for aluminum translates into \$800 to \$1100 per ton far and away the highest price for anything placed within a blue bin. Paper products fall into a distant second place. While newspapers were commanding roughly \$80 to \$85 per ton at the time we had this conversation, "It's been all over the map in the past five years," Young said, "as low as \$55 to \$60 and all the way up to, probably, \$120 [per ton]." Corrugated cardboard often fetches a price similar to that of newspapers, though it might be higher or lower by as much as \$20 a ton, he added.

Mixed paper commands the lowest price. "It's the least sorted grade of paper," Young explained. Unlike newspapers, which might go to one of a dozen or more paper mills in Southern California,

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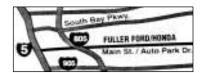
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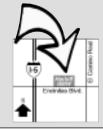


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Young. One is polyethylene terephthalate (PET, also known as #1 plastic), a form of polyester used to make strong, lightweight bottles for water, soft drinks, juice, liquor, and numerous other food and nonfood products, such as cough syrup, tennis balls, and cleaning products. The other type is high-density polyethylene (HDPE — a.k.a. #2 plastic), most commonly

manding "roughly \$20 to \$30 a ton — somewhere in that range," followed by green ("usually \$5 to \$10 a ton"), and finally mixed fragments.

"There was a time when I was getting \$15 [a ton] for three-mix glass," Mike Howard of **IMS Recycling Services** told me. But the market had changed, and at the time we talked, no one was willing to pay anything for the glass chips. "You can't just take this stuff and put it in the landfill," Howard continued. "You've got to prove that you're really recycling it." The city's agents were thus having to pay between \$20 and \$30 a ton to get someone to process the mixed glass.

At the same time, Howard pointed out

Most of the used laundry bottles and other colored HDPE plastic from San Diego was going to China, to be hand-sorted by color and made into everything from auto parts to new containers.

used to make bottles for milk, juice, and laundry products. One problem with any sort of plastic is "that it's a much harder item to process at the recycling facility," Young said. "It's very expansive, so when you bale it, it tends to push away from the bale." That drawback notwithstanding, the price for PET and HDPE had been ranging between about \$80 and \$220 a ton, "depending on what grade and where it's going."

That leaves tin and glass. Tin "is basically very, very cheap between \$10 and \$30 or \$40 a ton," according to Young, and glass is usually even cheaper. He explained that glass trades by color, with clear and brown comnia reimburses recyclers for turning in mixed (and other types) of glass because there's a California redemption value (CRV) deposit on many, though not all, glass containers. (There's none on wine bottles, for example, because "the wine industry has a good lobbyist," Howard told me.) Although for a ton of three-mix glass the state pays only 51 percent of what it would pay for a ton of beer bottles, the refund still makes glass collection profitable, according to Howard.

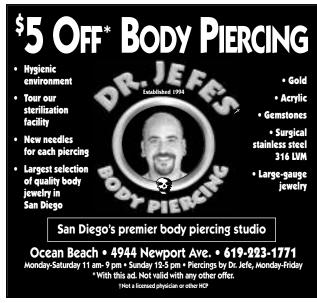
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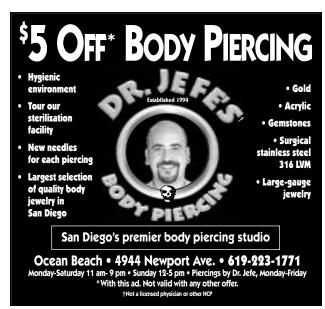








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Instead the financial arrangement works like this: The city gives its two partners the recyclable material they collect in exchange for a cut of whatever the Allan Company (the marketing expert) receives for the material. The Allan Company provides the city with monthly reports on the shifting jumble of market prices. Three times a year, the city samples what the trucks bring in from the blue bins in order to figure out its composition. "Then we build up an aggregate — how much a pound of our stuff is worth based on all the percentages and all these prices they got paid," explains Grealy, the recycling supervisor. According to the contract, if a ton of the recyclable

side program has varied widely. In 1995, when the program was serving only 82,000 homes, it brought in \$1,900,000 — the record amount to date. In calendar year 2000, even though more homes were participating, the revenue dropped to \$1,317,000, Grealy says, and in 2001, it fell still further to \$859,000. Last year, it climbed again to \$1,468,000.

The market for recyclable material is "like futures trading," Grealy declares. "It's like the commodities market. It goes up and down. Dramatically." Before Grealy joined the city's staff, he worked on an eye-opening market study for the County of San Diego. He says, "They had asked what makes the market

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material sells for \$90 or less, the city receives \$9 per ton as a flat rate, with the other two partners sharing whatever's left. Whenever the aggregate price surpasses \$90, the city still gets the \$9 per ton, but it also receives half of the additional amount. Thus if the price climbs to \$100 per ton, the city earns \$14 per ton (\$9 plus \$5) and the other partners divide \$86. At \$120, the split would be \$24/\$96, and so on.

Grealy says throughout the five years the city has contracted with IMS Recycling Services and the Allan Company, the aggregate price of the recyclable material has averaged \$114 per ton, and it has never fallen below \$90 a ton. Still, the amount of revenue generated by the curb-

prices [for recyclable material] jump around so much." Grealy says the study identified at least ten major variables that can impact prices. One, for example, was the availability of containers and ships on the West Coast, "because a big chunk of the market is overseas." And the availability of containers "has to do with the balance of trade between other Pacific Rim countries and the U.S. If Japan, for example, is exporting a lot, there'll be a lot of empty containers over here, waiting to go back to Japan. Then it's cheaper for us to go that way." World events might affect the price commanded by discarded Coke cans, Grealy points out. "When the Soviet Union started to fall apart, Russia was cash-strapped,



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and they had a lot of bauxite reserves. They flooded the world market for aluminum, and that drove down our aluminum prices." Even though aluminum is a tiny percent of the material collected by the city, "It's a real big percentage of the revenue because it's a very high-value commodity," Grealy says. Less comprehensible actions of foreign governments also come into play at times. For example, the Asian Pacific Rim countries tend to lack trees, so they

depend on recycled paper, according to Grealy. "But sometimes they stop buying. For whatever reason, from the top down, the government may say, no, we're not going to buy any [recovered fiber] from the U.S. for a while. So suddenly our prices fall apart."

If the revenue earned from recyclable material fluctuates a lot, the city's expenses for collecting the material are more stable. These include the cost of keeping trucks running, paying drivers, replacing equipment, and educating the public. Grealy says the costs added up to \$5.18 million in 2001, the year when revenues amounted to \$1.31 million. Last year, the cost was \$7.38 million — \$5.58 million more than the program brought in to the city.

The city subsidizes garbage collection too, of course. What I most wanted Grealy to tell me sounded simple to my ears: how does the cost of collecting and recycling discards at curbside compare to the cost of picking up garbage and burying it? But the question made Grealy sigh.

"There are just so many levels to that question," he told me. "Over the last few years, curbside recycling has been much cheaper than trash collection at times. Other years, it's been a little bit more, especially with [expanding the program] and buying a lot of equipment." Grealy dug out these figures for me: In fiscal year 2001, the net cost of the curbside program to the city was \$80.65 per ton, compared to \$84.77 per ton for trash collection.

I asked Grealy if those figures reflected the fact that recycled items don't use up space in the Miramar Landfill (which forecasters now expect to be full between 2011 and 2013). He said no and pointed out that calculating that impact can be tricky. You can take the current price of dumping at the landfill (\$42 a ton) and "grow it 4 percent a year and then say, 'Okay, in eight to ten years, the landfill space is going to be worth \$55 a ton' or whatever." By that measure, for every ton of stuff you divert from the landfill today, you're saving \$55, since that's space you'll eventually be able to sell to someone. In reality, however, "The value of the landfill

space will depend on the cost of landfilling when [Miramar] is full," Grealy said. And that will depend upon whatever other landfills become available to accept the city's discards by then. "For example, there's one on the drawing board for Gregory Canyon in North County. If that opens up, they might say, 'We need the trash. We're going to slash prices.' So ten years from now, the price might drop by \$20 a ton. Who knows? It's all market forces."

Also complicating the picture is the pressure on the city from the







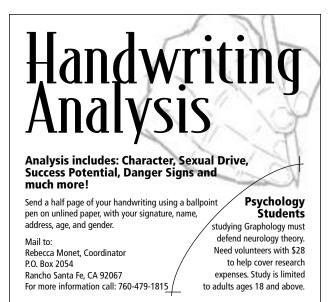












state's environmental bureaucrats. The 1989 law AB939, passed when everyone panicked about the specter of overflowing landfills, ordained that by the year 2000 every city and county in California had to "divert" at least 50 percent of its waste (that is, do something besides bury it). Although eight local municipalities met that goal (Carlsbad, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, National City, and Poway), the City of San Diego had reached only the 48 percent mark by the deadline.

The state then agreed to extend the deadline until December 31, 2004. Any municipality that hasn't reached the 50 percent diversion point by then is subject to the \$10,000-a-day fine. Avoiding the fine is also part of recycling's economics.

On the other hand, it's hard to argue that curbside recycling will make a critical difference, whether or not the city reaches the 50 percent mark. In the year 2000, close to 6.6 billion pounds of trash were



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generated in the City of San Diego. That's more than 5100 pounds for every person. Most of that is not household waste. Grealy says construction, demolition, and land-clearing generates a lot of it, and much of that is now being recycled. But in 2000, roughly 3.4 billion pounds of refuse were still being dumped into Miramar and other

landfills. The citywide curbside-recycling program currently collects only 140,000,000 to 145,000,000 pounds per year — less than 5 percent of what we're burying. Here's another way to look at those figures: If we had ten curbside programs, we would extend the life of the landfill by only six months.

Grealy sounded a

little sad when we talked about this, though he reaffirmed his belief that curbside recycling is a good thing. "As a general concept, landfill space is expensive and it's a resource," he reminded me. Furthermore, Grealy says when surveys have been done of San Diego residents' satisfaction with various city services, the curbside-recycling program has consistently shown up in the number-one or numbertwo spot. Grealy thinks it's so popular because "people really do recognize that the environment is not an unlimited resource. But everyone is so busy. There's very little they can incorporate into their lifestyle to have an impact." By recycling, most people feel they're at least doing something.

Economics aside, the remaking of garbage into something fresh and new can be bewitching. I learned this on the day I visited the Smurfit Newsprint Corporation's Pomona mill. I'd given up on trying to follow every type of item from the blue bin at my house to its final processing destination. The different paths lead too far and in too many direc-

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thing from auto parts to new containers. A lot of the #1 (PET) plastic was traveling to China too, though a company in Georgia was also buying plenty and transforming it into fiber for carpet. Lavigne said that almost all the aluminum cans recovered from San Diego were traveling to primary aluminum smelters operated by Alcan and Alcoa in the

Midwest and East. All the glass was going to one of two glass "beneficiating" plants in Los Angeles that turned it into "furnace-ready cullets," a raw material sold to buyers ranging from Gallo to mayonnaise-jar manufacturers.

Jason Young is one of the Allan Company's paper experts, and he told me paper "goes everywhere. We ship into Mexico, Canada, the Far East. And we have big customers in Los Angeles." But at that moment, most of the paper from the Allan Company's Miramar sorting plant was journeying by rail to an Albuquerque mill. In contrast, the IMS Recycling Services center, which lacks a rail siding, was sending about six trucks filled with old newspapers every day to

the Smurfit facility. I decided to make that trek, at least.

The drive took more than two hours, first north on 5, then angling northeast on 57. I couldn't help thinking about the gasoline those six trucks a day must burn, as well as their impact on Southern California's air quality.

But once I reached my destination, the nig-

gling reflections receded. The Pomona mill has been operating for 37 years, and my guide, a supervisor named Jim Lane, who's worked at the plant since 1970, told me the operation ranks as the biggest supplier of 100 percent recycled newsprint on the West Coast. Lane led me first into the production warehouse, a dim cavern that throbbed with the

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noise of a busy frontend loader. More than a million pounds of newspapers get dumped on the floor here every day, a vast sea of torn, stained, disheveled pages laden with billions of words that no one will ever lay an eye upon again. In this scruffy ocean, the front-end loader looked like a hyperkinetic tugboat. It shoved piles of the paper

into a huge floor-level bucket. When a digital scale announced that 9000 pounds had been deposited, the bucket rose into the air, then was carried away by an elevated monorail.

Lane directed me outside, where we walked past a machine ejecting junky glop into a garbage bin. "It's a little bit of everything," Lane said of this trash that came in

with the old newspapers and was caught by the plant's screens and centrifuges. Hurrying on to a large vat, we watched the bucket of papers arrive on the monorail overhead. Another mechanism dumped the dusty, fluttering contents into the vat, and Lane informed me that 18,000 gallons of (recycled) water were flowing in at the same time, along

with various de-inking chemicals. The vat looked like some giant's bowl of oatmeal, and after a mixer churned it for a while, the contents would flow into an even larger vat for more stirring.

After this, the paper stew was heated up and washed and spread out on a fast-moving mesh; then most of the water was sucked and

squeezed and evaporated out of it. It raced through deafening machines at speeds of close to 40 miles per hour, winding up on sixfoot-wide spools. At the end of the line, Lane ripped off a piece of the finished product and handed it over.

Its creamy whiteness startled me. The paper felt satiny under my fingertips. It looked soft

and pure enough to be made into a baptismal gown for a baby.

I knew this was an illusion, that it would soon bear inky reports of political scandal and war and environmental disaster, that it would vellow and begin to crumble. But it could be rejuvenated. I was witness to that, and the knowledge felt a little like a gift. ■

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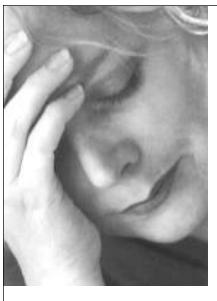
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School, says she doesn't have a favorite brand of
clothing. "I just buy what fits or what I think looks
like no one else has."

How long does it take to shower and groom before school?

"Well, I take my shower at night...I guess to save time. But I don't really take much time to groom myself. I just get dressed, brush my hair, eat, brush my teeth, and then leave."

Name the hair products you use. How much do they cost?

"I use shampoo; I guess that costs about five bucks. I use conditioner too, and that probably costs five bucks also."

What makeup do you apply before school?

"Makeup? I don't wear makeup. My mother wants me to, but I don't. Maybe concealer once or twice a month to cover up blemishes."

Do you wear makeup on the weekend?

"If there is a dance or a

party or anything that requires me to look nice."

Do you have a favorite garment of clothing?

"My old ratty gray zip-up sweatshirt-type thing. It's my favorite because it's just so comfortable. I mean, it's

worn down and soft and just has a lot of history to it. I wear it whenever I can, hot or cold. It's really thin because it's been worn so much, so I could wear it if it were hot and not really care. I also have this T-shirt that I got in ninth grade, a dark blue shirt with a Chinese/Japanese character on it in gold glitter."

How much of your allowance goes toward buying new clothes?

"I stopped getting an allowance. So...none."

How much do you spend each month on new clothes?

"Let's put it this way: I get clothes for school in the summer. I may get clothes for Christmas, and then I get clothes for the summer. It's not really monthly, but seasonally, I guess."

Is there any article of clothing that you wore years ago that you'd be embarrassed to wear today?

"This really tiny miniskirt made out of plastic-y material that had a design of...I don't even know what it was. But it is now a purse."

How do you feel about the competition to wear the most stylish apparel?

"I don't compete to wear the most stylish apparel; I just wear whatever I got in the summer or some old dress-up clothes I had when I was younger. Whatever I can find in my drawers that fits...and is clean."

Can you recall anyone being criticized at your school for the clothing they were wearing?

"I heard one of my old friends wore a shirt that said, 'Cannabis, It's Great!' or something like that. And the teachers made her cover it up. Also, there is a girl who wears the trendy flowy clothing and tries to act like everyone wants her, but people whistle at her as some kind of satiric thing to do."

How important is your appearance to you?

"It's important not to look sleazy or like I haven't taken a shower in a month. Other than that, I don't really care."

If someone criticizes your clothing, how likely are you to wear it again?

"It depends on what is said. If it is something like, 'Ugh, like, she isn't wearing what is in style,' I really wouldn't care. I don't take people's comments about what I wear personally because they're not wearing it. I am, so why should they care at all? I'm more likely to criticize people who wear slutty clothing."

Are you satisfied with the way you look?

"Sure, yeah, I am."

Are you on a diet, or have you gone on one before?

"My mom is putting me on a diet, but I don't think I need it. I do a sport anyway; I gain muscle and lose fat that way."

What would you like to change about your face or body?

"I'd like to be taller and have a clear face. A flatter stomach, too. Oh yeah, and change my god-awful ugly crooked nose."

What do you like about your face or body?

"I like my eyes and my arms, fingers and hands. And my feet — gotta love the feet."

my Croudip recently graduated from Madison High School. When she had a job, most of her paycheck went toward new clothes. She would "shop all the time and buy clothes very frequently."

How long does it take to shower and groom before school?

"About an hour and a half."

Name the hair products you use.

How much do they cost?

"For shampoo, Giovanni golden wheat shampoo and Organics lemon

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grass and clary sage shampoo. For conditioner, Shikai Henna Gold and Altima conditioner and Rusk Deep Shine Sea Kelp leave-in conditioner."

What makeup do you apply before school?

"Mascara, eye shadow, lipstick, foundation, and eyebrow liner."

Do you wear makeup on the weekend?

"If I'm going out, it's the same as a school day. If not, then usually only mascara, eyebrow liner, foundation, and lipstick, but with lighter applications."

Do you have a favorite brand of

"I'd have to say Abercrombie & Fitch, because the clothes there are simple and preppy. I like preppy clothes. I think it's a very cute brand."

Do you have a favorite garment of clothing?

"My favorite coat is my black peacoat from the Gap. It cost 98 dollars. I usually wear it to school when it's cold and when I go out at night. I love it because it's black and goes with everything and makes me look classy. Also, my black stretch pants from Brass Plum in Nordstrom. I wear them all the time because they make me look skinny. They cost about 36 bucks."

How much of your allowance goes toward buying new clothes?

"I don't get an allowance."

How much do you spend each month on new clothes?

"I used to spend about \$200 on clothes every month, but now I don't have a job. My

CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDY FOR

Millions of Americans suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, an anxiety disorder that can develop after experiencing or witnessing a terrifying, tragic or lifethreatening 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.

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mom sometimes buys me clothes every month, but usually it's about 100 dollars or so."

Is there any article of clothing that you wore years ago that you'd be embarrassed to wear today?

"I had these bright orange raver fat-pants. I used to think they were so different and cool at the time because I was into the whole raver scene. They looked like the orange outfit that prison inmates wear."

How do you feel about the competition to wear the most stylish apparel?

"I don't really try to keep up with the styles, because I don't like a lot of the styles. I wear what I want, whether or not it's popular. If I see someone wearing something I like, then I'll try and copy it."

Can you recall anyone being criticized at your school for the clothing they were wearing?

"Yes, a girl in my English class wore this magenta-and-black leopard shirt that was all shiny. A lot of girls at my table made fun of her behind her back, and I did too."

How important is your appearance to you?

"Appearance is very important to me. It's the first and last thing someone sees. I always want to look my best."

If someone criticizes your clothing, how likely are you to wear it again?

"I don't take their comments seriously because if they're criticizing my clothes, then they most likely have low self-esteem and have the need to bring someone down. If it's a close friend, then I think maybe that person has a point and I'll reevaluate my outfit choice."

Are you satisfied with the way you look?

"For the most part, yeah."

Are you on a diet, or have you gone on one before?

"If I want to lose weight, I eat really healthy and not as often during the day. When I do eat, my portions are smaller. I lower my servings of bread, pastas, starch.... I usually lose weight

quick from that (like in my stomach, legs, and butt), but I get hungry because my calories get cut quickly and I start to crave the foods I usually eat."

What would you like to change about your face or body?

"I wish I hadn't cut my hair because it would have been very long by now. And I wish I had better skin — no zits or shine."

What do you like about your face or body?

"I like my teeth a lot. They're very straight and I keep them whitened. Many people tell me I have nice teeth. I also like my eyes; they're blue and people tell me all the time what pretty eyes I have."



Julie Insinger

ulie Insinger is a junior at the Bishop's School. Though looking good is important, she says she's "not picky about hair or makeup [products] at all."

How long does it take to shower and groom before school?

"Forty-five minutes."

Name the hair products you use. How much do they cost?

"Suave coconutsmelling shampoo and conditioner, and after I get out of the shower, like, Bedhead product that costs about 20 dollars to calm frizzies."

What makeup do you apply before school?

"Makeup is hardly any now because I am very lazy. If my face is red or eyes black, I'll put on some MAC powder/foundation and often eyeliner, and I'll do it in the car."

Do you wear makeup on the weekend?

"Weekend day is minimal, probably even less than school days unless I go out that evening or am really bored at home."

Do you have a favorite brand of clothing?

RESEARCH STUDIES

OUTPATIENT SCHIZOPHRENIA STUDY

Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital is currently enrolling subjects in a new clinical research trial for people suffering from Schizophrenia or Schizoaffective disorders.

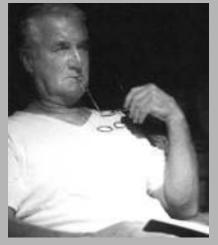
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For more information, call Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital's Clinical Research department at (858) 715-8709.





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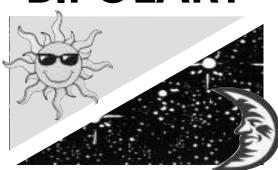
If you have felt this way for six months or more, or have been diagnosed with **Generalized Anxiety Disorder**, you may qualify for a CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDY.

Affiliated Research Institute in San Diego is evaluating an investigational medication for Generalized Anxiety Disorder. Participants will receive study-related medical care at no cost.

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BIPOLAR?



We're looking for men and women diagnosed with Bipolar I Disorder.
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For more information about this study, please contact:

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pain relief from standard

therapies (oral medications

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For more information about this study, please contact: **MEDICAL CENTER FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH** Annie at (619) 521-2884

"At the moment I don't have a favorite brand. I actually have gotten into shopping at funky thrift stores, like, in Hillcrest, because they have things no one else has, and a lot of the time it kinda goes with the 'peasant' look that's

Do you have a favorite garment of clothing?

in right now."

"All my PJs are my favorite, but other than that, I love my Ego jeans because they are ass-tight, really low cut, flattering, and about 200 dollars. I wear them on the weekends because I have to wear a uniform to school and they probably wouldn't be appropriate there anyway, and I wear them to parties/dances on the weekends."

How much of your allowance goes toward buying new clothes?

"None of my allowance goes to clothes — my parents buy my clothes...my allowance goes towards gas money."

How much do you spend each month on new clothes?

"Well, with having a uniform and all, I probably will spend 50 to 100 dollars on clothes a month."

Is there any article of clothing that you wore years ago that you'd be embarrassed to wear today?

"I'd be embarrassed to wear a lot of
my clothes, but there
are some I still wear all
the time and even like
better now that I'm
older than a few years
ago. It's easy to keep old
things, because I've
been about the same
size (five foot eight)
since fifth grade. I'd be
embarrassed to wear a
lot of my Limited Too
clothes."

How do you feel about the competition to wear the most stylish apparel?

"Hmm...I go to a very expensive private school with the majority of the students from Rancho Santa Fe and La Jolla, so fashion is to the nines every free-

Depression



If you are experiencing DEPRESSION but it has not impacted your SEXUAL FUNCTIONING, you may qualify to participate in a research study evaluating an investigational medication on the sexual functioning of individuals suffering from depression. Qualified volunteers will be compensated.

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- Needing help with simple daily tasks

Qualified participants will receive study-related medical evaluations and investigational medication at no cost. Qualified participants will receive compensation for time and travel.

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one being criticized at your school for the clothing they were wearing?

"Can't recall a particular instance, but, yes,

people will make fun of people's clothes sometimes; not to their faces, it's just a silent thing in people's heads: 'I look better than her and her...oh, so-and-so wore that skirt last month...I can't believe she's wearing that...what a slut,' etc."

How important is your appearance to you?

"Hmmm...well, appearance is important to everyone. To me, I'm kinda over the keepingup-with-the-latest-fashion thing. I think it's cooler not to care and to look nice without looking like you try too hard.... I do care about appearance, to a degree, as everyone in our society does. I want to look thin (which I luckily am naturally), tan, and I do like it when people say, 'Oh, she's pretty.'

If someone criticizes your clothing, how likely are you to wear it again?

"Depends on who says it."

Are you satisfied with the way you look?

"Yes, I am satisfied — more than

satisfied, and I think everyone should be. Of course, I'll complain and be self-conscious about some things, but everyone does."

Are you on a diet, or have you gone on one before?

"No diets. I have a high metabolism, which is nice, but I think diets are dumb for anyone unless one's weight is unhealthy."

What would you like to change about your face or body?

"I'd change the noticeable veins in my legs, ugly elbows, big butt...but I'm quite satisfied with my body. I'm not into the whole getdepressed-about-it-and-hurt-yourself-to-change thing."

inda O'Laughlin is in 12th grade at Bonita Vista High School. The only article of clothing she's embarrassed to have worn was "pink...I hate the color pink."

How long does it take to shower and groom before school?

"About an hour, give or take..."

Name the hair products you use. How much do they cost?

"BioSilk, about \$11.50, and it lasts forever, used about once a week. Asira shampoo and conditioner for an arm and a leg...umm...about 22



Linda O'Laughlin

bucks for both, if you can find them."

What makeup do you apply before school? "None."

Do you wear makeup on the weekend?

n the weekend?
"Not usually."

Do you have a favorite brand of clothing?

"Nothing in particular, but if I like it, then I will probably get it."

Do you have a favorite garment of clothing?

"My leopard-print bra, because it is really comfy. It was given to me. I wear it whenever it's clean and it won't show through my shirt."

How much of your allowance goes toward buying new clothes?

"I wish I had an allowance...normally I say 'that's cute' and parental unit number one decides to get it for me."

How much do you spend each month on new clothes?

"I don't go shopping very often, but I would guess on average about 10 to 20 dollars."

How do you feel about the competition to wear the most stylish apparel?

"I don't think style is a really big thing. I don't like it because I don't see the point in buying something just to wear it a few times before it is out of style and have to go buy something else again."

Can you recall anyone being criticized at your school for the clothing they were wearing?

"Nope."

How important is your appearance to you?

"Somewhat, but not extremely. You have to have good hygiene, but clothes that are in or out of style don't matter as long as you look decent."

If someone criticizes your clothing, how likely are you to wear it again?

"If I like the outfit, then I will probably wear it again, despite what they say."

Are you satisfied with the way you look?

"Not really, but I can't change genetics."

Are you on a diet, or have you gone on one before?

"Was once, but I'm not now."

What would you like to change about your face or body?

"Too much to list." What do you like about your face or body?

"The natural color of my hair."

eth Wilkinson, a recent graduate from Clairemont High School, says she wears more makeup on the weekends. "I'll put more effort into looking good because it's different than just going to school."

How long does it take to shower and groom before school? "It depends. If I'm



Beth Wilkinson

styling my hair, I wake up about an hour and 15 minutes before I leave. If I'm not doing my hair or if I shower the night before, I wake up 30 to 45 minutes before I leave."

Name the hair products you use. How much do they cost?

"Suave shampoo and conditioner, about 2 dollars a bottle. BioSilk leave-in stuff, about 13 dollars a bottle. Herbal Essences spray gel, 3 bucks."

What makeup do you apply before school?

"Tinted moisturizer."

Do you have a favorite brand of clothing?

"I don't have a favorite brand because I don't buy name-brand clothes. I buy whatever fits well and looks cute."

Do you have a favorite garment of clothing?

"My favorite pants are my red corduroy

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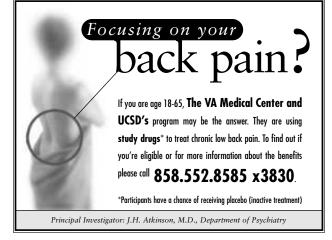
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A nationwide research study is currently underway to study an investigational medication for patients with insomnia.

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- You have trouble functioning during the day as a result of sleeplessness

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pants. It's my favorite pair because they fit well and red is the best color. I believe they cost 24 dollars, and I'd be most likely to wear them on the weekend because I feel confident in them."

How much of your allowance goes toward buying new clothes?

"Well, I don't get an allowance, but not much of my paycheck is invested in new clothes. I rarely buy clothes just for fun, but I go shopping when the seasons change or for a special occasion, like a dance."

How much do you spend each month on new clothes?

"Little to none, usually."

Is there any article of clothing that you wore years ago that you'd be embarrassed to wear today?

"Just the pants that I wore even a few years ago, I think. Those were the ones that went above the belly button, and they were just so uncomfortable! But as for embarrassment, I don't think I wore any really ridiculous clothing."

How do you feel about the competition to wear the most stylish apparel?

"Lots of people including some of my close friends — are extremely into the 'name brand' thing. My attitude is that I can't afford a 100-dollar pair of pants or 60-dollar shirts, so I just buy what I like. If it's in style, cool; if not, it's probably not in the stores I shop in, because they tend to stay up to date on current styles."

Can you recall anyone being criticized at your school for the clothing they were wearing?

"Probably not. Someone might say, 'All right, that doesn't match,' or 'She should've gotten one size bigger,' but no one is really looked down upon by how they dress...at least not that I know of."

How important is your appearance to you? "I like to look presentable."

If someone criticizes your clothing, how likely are you to wear it again?

"Since I don't usually buy things unless I'm in love with them, I'm not likely to care or think twice if someone says something. It's also very likely they wouldn't say that something directly to my face!"

Are you satisfied with the way you look?

"Yes. I'm gorgeous!"

Are you on a diet, or have you gone on one before?

"Never. Don't need

What would you like to change about your face or body?

"I'd like to tone my body more, but if I don't, I'm all right with that."

What do you like about your face or body?

"I like just about everything, but I'm partial to my smile or my complexion and coloring - skin, hair, eyes. I also like my feet and hands, which is kind of strange." ■

— Mariah MacCarthy, Clairemont H.S.

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I am an autobiographical poet. That is to say, what I write always begins with my life, my ideas, my experiences, my concerns, and, by extension, the poems are always about my family, my tribe, my people. My nation, my god. My, my, my, my, my. The challenge, then, is to write an autobiographical poetry that could trill on without boring myself or the reader. Although I can dress up in myriad ways and parade in front of the mirror, I love to garb myself in the varied baubles of two literary histories.

Here is a quintessential autobiographical "identity" poem. An identity poem is an American invention, born out of minority discourse. I must proclaim my identity, because the privileged majority, at best, has always misunderstood who I am and, at

worst, wished to wipe me out of my existence. Therefore, I must button down my ethnic pride and assert myself with a clear, loud voice and claim my place on this land:

How I Got That Name

an essay on assimilation

I am Marilyn Mei Ling Chin. Oh, how I love the resoluteness of that first person singular followed by that stalwart indicative of "be," without the uncertain i-n-g of "becoming." Of course, the name had been changed somewhere between Angel Island and the sea, when my father the paperson in the late 1950s obsessed with a bombshell blonde transliterated "Mei Ling" to "Marilyn." And nobody dared question his initial impulse for we all know lust drove men to greatness, not goodness, not decency.

My self, in this poem, is inextricably bound to my immigration history. The poem describes how the new immigrant arrived, noting Angel Island and my naming. How one is named is, of course, an important matter for anyone, but it was a real rite of passage in this case, as my name was changed from a quaint Chinese Mei Ling to the name of a bombshell American icon, Marilyn Monroe. Thus far in the poem I am carrying on the identity-poem convention; it is not until my father comes in, both reviled and lampooned in this passage (but with a light touch, in sync with the tone of the rest of the poem), that the confessional moment arrives. Then we can truly call this a contemporary American confessional lyric, obsessed with family secrets and transgressions.

I truly believe in identity poems. At one point or

another, an immigrant poet must tell the audience where she came from. But even though "How I Got That Name" is currently my most anthologized poem, it is the kind of poem I could only write once. I must move on to find other vessels to tell my story, which, since I am a Chinese-American woman, is complicated. So I love to take conventions from both the Eastern and Western side of my literary heritage and remake them into my own image (voilà, the mirror, again!). The process is an ever-evolving one. My challenge as a poet is to find interesting ways to tell my complex tale.

I love, for example, to use the Chinese lyric model. Chinese poetry is predominantly lyrical. That is to say, short lyrics dominate over narrative and dramatic poetry. The Chinese poet uses the lyric, in a variety of forms and hundreds of different meters, to evoke her deepest feelings and most serious thoughts. Like the best Western lyrics, the best Chinese lyrics are intensely personal, but can emanate from a universal context. In the strongest poems, the poet is always aware of historical and cosmic forces. Whereas most Western poets since the Romantics yearn to be "original" and somehow defy the past, the Chinese have deep respect for antiquity; therefore, their work can be simultaneously personal and highly traditional. Tu Fu may write about the death of his infant daughter, but at the same time he alludes to images and lines of a famous mourning poem from the Shih Ching, incorporating that work more as homage than reckless borrowing.

As a Chinese-American lyric poet, I feel that I have a lot of ammunition. For example, here is a simple Chinese-style poem, "Family Restaurant," from my forthcoming book Rhapsody in Plain Yellow.

Family Restaurant

Empty Lotus Room, no patrons Only a telephone rings and rings Muffled by an adjoining wall He murmurs to a distant lover

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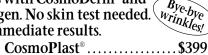
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His wife head-bent peeling shrimp Hums an ancient tune about magpies His daughter wide-eyed, little fists Vows to never forgive him His shadow enters the deep forest Blackening the shimmering moss

If one had to categorize, perhaps this would be considered as much a narrative as a personal lyric. The narration is third person. But the poem is really about the daughter and, by extension, about myself. Thus, it is in a real sense an autobiographical poem. It recounts a memory of an evening in 1966, in my uncle's restaurant in Roseburg, Oregon. Although the scene is self-explanatory, what's less apparent to a Western reader is that the poem alludes to a famous *chueh-chu* (quatrain) by Wang Wei:

Deer Park

Empty mountain no see man But hear man language sound Returning shadows enter deep forest Again shines green moss/lichen top

The place is in Wang Wei's country estate. Wang Wei was a wealthy, privileged court poet and very famous in his time. Westerners sometimes make the mistake of believing that his Buddhist hermit poems were written by a poor, ascetic poet. Let's just say that he was so rich that he owned a private retreat: I think of it as his own Yaddo, fraught with water holes and a forest and a few tamed Bambis.

Thus, my respectful poetic homage to Wang Wei as Chinese ancestor is immediately subverted by my contemporary American class awareness: "Empty Lotus Room, no patrons." The tranquility of Wang Wei's mountain turns into off-hours in a Chinese restaurant. The family restaurant as a busy, difficult immigrant occupation is part of a particularly American iconography. Yes, there are Chinese restaurants all over the globe. Yes, I've eaten in bad chop-suey joints in New Zealand as well as in Switzerland. But, the Chinese-American take-out restaurant is a cultural artifact seared into our American childhood memories. Every family in the United States has its favorite Chinese restaurant. Sweet and sour, fortune cookies, fried wontons are all Chinese-American, not Chinese inventions.

In Wang Wei's poem, any human voices are drowned out. Perhaps Wang Wei was "sitting" and achieving enlightenment, so there is finally only the poet's consciousness and nature. The light seeks through the forest and finds that clump of moss. He finds the moss mesmerizing in his state of sitting, of deep contemplation. This is a kind of Zen-ish Chinese poem that many Western poets love to imitate.

My replacement of the forest setting with an empty restaurant scene obviously subverts the high idea of the poet's contemplative moment. Wang Wei's moment of enlightenment, however profound, gives way to my telling part of my own story: this girl's father is talking to his lover while his wife is in the other room working hard for the restaurant. Thus, the theme of my father's betrayal takes over the "higher" theme of the poet's transcendent consciousness.

Reversals occur in the last two lines in my poem. Any enlightenment would be "blackened." The small child witnesses moral decay of the family, witnesses trouble, betrayal. This is an all-too-familiar and familial story in America. Already personal experience has tainted this child. Family secrets. Broken homes. Family problems trapped within these Chinese restaurant walls. All happy families are happy in the same way, each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way, as Tolstoy said.

And my way is Chinese-American, of course, not simply Chinese. Wang Wei's "Empty Mountain" is not a lonely place, just a place where pure thought

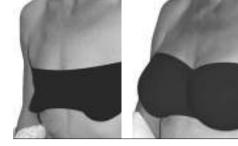


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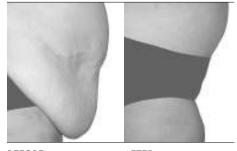
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occurs, far from the troubled hubbub of humanity. In contrast, the empty off-hours rooms in "Family Restaurant" are where my truth is played out with all the dirt, the grit of human relationships. The "tune about magpies" alludes to that Chinese love story, where once a year the magpies build a bridge for the herd boy and the spinning maiden, where they meet in the cosmos in a romantic tryst. The irony in my poem is that the mother sings this tune while her husband — my father — is in the midst of betraying her. Both poems are intensely personal and autobiographical.

I have written about my father's betrayals over and over again. Obviously, it is an issue that I have not resolved to this day. As I will show later, it permeates my poetic identity.

As a Chinese-American poet, I have always wanted to be in tune with both sides of my literary history. I am very aware of the history of the lyric in English, from Shakespeare to Donne to Keats to the contemporary lyrics by women poets. Early in my career, I wrote a lot of sonnets and sonnetish things with sometimes modern line breaks. For instance, I wrote a crown of postcolonial "unholy" sonnets subverting

Mother was the cross mulish woman, who scrubbed her house bald. Her floor, her child must be clean, clean to impress. Now the soap still sticks to the ceiling of my mouth; what I say leaks out of the small

of my heart. They are all dead, my mother's half. Who will marry me, the clean eyesore of spring?

Auntie Jade with the fat green face, the only one alive.

squats me in front of the mirror, winds my hair up into a beehive, "Be prepared to meet thy tall dark savior!" Grandmother, tomorrow I must anoint my head in white, the color of mourning, white, the pallor of the dead.

The Chin matriarchy made a fine trinity, an amulet against the institution of marriage and hegemonic Christian domination. Notice the line breaks after "cross," "apse," "ceiling," and "savior" for special effect.

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但聞人語響		
返晕入深林		
後晚青苔上		

Four Examples From The Poems Of River Wang DEER ENCLOSURE

		Wang Wei	
mountain	not	see	man
hear	man/'s	voice	sound
shadow	enter	deep	forest
flection)			
shine	green	moss	upon
	hear shadow flection)	hear man/'s shadow enter flection)	mountain not see hear man/'s voice shadow enter deep flection)

- 1. Empty mountain: no man.
- 2. But voices of men are heard.
- Sun's reflections reaches into the woods
- 4. And shines upon the green moss.

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From American women poets I learned psychological intensity. I learned the passion and fierceness that comes out of anger, outrage, dispossession, racism, repression, inconsolable angst, and sadness. I, along with many young women poets, was influenced by the confessional, over-the-top suicidal rage of Plath as well as the "witness" and social-protest lyrics of Adrienne Rich. For me, the two influences are not contradictory. "Daddy, I have had to kill you." I can relate to that. "There is a cop who is both prowler and father." Yes, I can learn from that. Hostility can be a fine art. The autobiographer in me wants to sing about the sins of my father; the political activist in me wants to tear down the patriarchy.

I claim the entire lyric tradition as my own. Just as I have adopted and adapted the forms and styles of Wang Wei to my own purposes, I have at times taken Keats as my model, or Shakespeare, or Plath. Often, I use the shake-and-bake method of composition, creating my own hybrid lyric by sampling echoes and references from both East and West. "Reggae Renga," for instance, is a tumultuous marriage between a Martialian, moralistic epigram with an Issan haiku and Marleyesque reggae guitar. The hair on the caterpillar references an Issa poem. "Man (pronounced mon) you are no good" is in Jamaican accent. The last line is a perverted Keats line. "White" in place of "wight" turns a personal love poem about an abusive relationship into a political anthem.

Reggae Renga

A man flat on his back can't go to the doctor. Let him die, woman, so that he will no longer beat

He says, "Meet me at the hallowed temple near the Buddha's topknot."

He is dying, dying fast. In his delirium he is ever so beautiful.

I am late and reach only as far as the earlobes where I hear he has gone.

There are trees on the mountains and branches on the trees.

My anger so clear — I can see the hairs on the caterpillar and the wind on the hairs.

I can tell the paths that he has violated by the bent lay of the grasses.

Within him is a worm that loves itself and forgets whom he is loving, his mouth or his

Near the tombstone is a plum tree; a cock crows upon it, saying, "Man, you are no good!"

The people of my country are baleful; they've sent me to accuse you!

What is your ailment, wretched white, your ailment, will no birds sing?

I also believe that it is important for me to pay homage to the African-American tradition. It makes sense that I, a Chinese-American poet, claim African-American artists as my masters. First of all, Asian-Americans owe a lot to the African-American civil rights movement. Martin Luther King and Malcolm X sacrificed their lives for all of us. I have always looked up to African-American leaders, intellectuals, and writers for instruction and inspiration. I learned from them that the self must represent a struggle that is larger than the self. I also learned that political protest is not anathema to the lyric; and indeed, together, they make a powerful art. A poem is not a place in which we negotiate with the oppressor, it's a place where we talk back. Nowhere will we find a chorus of voices more diverse and compelling than

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I make reference to Keats, Donne, and Shakespeare every time I write a sonnet, but the blues is a homegrown form with a rich history that is equally alive to me. If I bow to Keats and Wang Wei, I must also bow to Langston Hughes. To be true to the selves that I am, I must keep my muse versatile and diverse.

Blues on Yellow

The canary died in the gold mine, her dreams got lost in the sieve.

The canary died in the gold mine, her dreams got lost in the sieve.

Her husband the crow killed under the railroad, the spokes hath shorn his wings.

Something's cookin' in Chin's kitchen, ten thousand yellow bellied sap suckers baked in a pie. Something's cookin' in Chin's kitchen, ten thousand yellow bellied sap suckers baked in a pie. Something's cookin' in Chin's kitchen, die die yellow bird, die die.

O crack an egg on the griddle, yellow will ooze into white.

O crack an egg on the griddle, yellow will ooze into white.

Run, run, sweet little Puritan, yellow will ooze into white.

If you cut my yellow wrists, I'll teach my yellow toes to write.

If you cut my yellow wrists, I'll teach my yellow toes to write.

If you cut my yellow fists, I'll teach my yellow feet to fight.

Do not be afraid to perish, my mother, Buddha's compassion is nigh.

Do not be afraid to perish, my mother, our boat will sail tonight.

Your babies will reach the promiseland, the stars will be their guide.

I am so mellow yellow, mellow yellow, Buddha sings in my veins.

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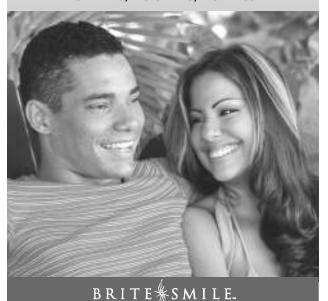
O take me to the land of the unreborn, there's no life on earth without pain.

This poem began as a dirge for my mother, who was very depressed in her later years. She stopped eating and died. The blues, above all, is about pain. I'm working with this particular American convention to write about my mother's suffering and my own pain at her passing. Somewhere along the line, the dirge becomes a dark political anthem.

Just adding that drop of "yellow" blood gives the blues song a new social context: the gold mine and the railroad, a hot restaurant kitchen, and traditional Chinese coolie jobs replace cotton fields, slave ships, and coal mines. I invoke "Buddha" instead of "the Lord" or "Jesus." Yes, I borrow the traditional 12-bar, three-line structure, just as I have learned from the wailing of Lightnin' Hopkins and others. But though I have heard the sliding bottlenecks, banjos, harmonicas, and scratchy emotive singing, in my mind I mix in a lute, an erhu, a butterfly harp, gongs, Chinese drums, and the screechy background falsetto of a Chinese operatic singer.

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"O crack an egg on the griddle, yellow will ooze into white" is a political conceit about miscegenation, mixbreeding, the melting pot. Yes, once again I am using a Chinese-American food trope. Food marks my immigrant beginnings as a daughter of a cookturned-restaurant-owner. I freely use a food motif in my lyrics because moogoogaipan is more familiar to me in fragrance and character than, let's say, a nosegay of spring flowers. "Crack an egg on the griddle, yellow will ooze into white" came out of a real experience as I used to stand on a stool and crack eggs on a greasy griddle for those 99-cent breakfast specials. Sunnyside up, over easy (my grandmother called an egg a purse because there's a gold coin in it), or scrambled. It is good artifice to take experience and turn it into a conceit. Donne must have been bitten by many fleas before he had the idea to use one as an argument for sex.

The image of "head-bent, peeling shrimp" (from "Family Restaurant") is also from experience. I used to sit on the steps in the back of the restaurant and peel hundreds of shrimp. My uncle, the miser, only gave me a dime for four hours of peeling. One day, my fingers blew up like sausages; and my grandmother chewed my uncle out; and I was prevented from doing that chore again. I am told that restaurants now order frozen shrimp already peeled, so this experience not only speaks to my heritage but dates me to the '60s, before the advanced processing of food.

Every image in my poems seems to fill with auto-

biography. The challenge for a lyric poet is not just harnessing the imagination to make things up, but being able to take ordinary experience and memories and make them radiate with meaning. To make the common egg become a political conceit, as a common flea can be a metaphysical one.

Both in form and content, then, my poetry draws freely from multiple traditions. Consider the following poem, which I loosely fashioned after anonymous English ballads of high chivalry and bawdy tales. (I squeezed in a "monk" for respect.)

Song of the Giant Calabash

At the market I bought a calabash to make my father stew. He spat and called it bitter, his sputum seeded the ground.

Out came a giant calabash shaped like Buddha's long head. I baked it with honey and jujubes to feed my father again.

"Useless girl! I said I hate calabash!" He slapped his bowl to the floor. The rains poured down from heaven, green mists and healing clouds blue.

Again another calabash

Rounder than Buddha's mighty torso, I mixed it with wild cat and agar and called it "A Monk's Mock Lamb."

"Dead girl! I said I hate calabash.," he burst into a thousand flames. His head smashed open — well, like a calabash. He perished, headlong into his bowl.

Faint light into a silent altar. Blue, blue, the mist of spring. The sun shone through her hardy trellis and danced on his empty bed.

This morning I cut my last calabash, carved a large bottle-gourd of dreams. I shall float her down the river Into Buddha's eternal dawn.

The poem is cast in loose ballad form, and, like most ballads, is a narrative. The food trope again provides a Chinese flavor. Only a calabash is not really edible. The calabash or gourd in Chinese motif is supposed to be filled with magic. It is either filled with good luck or the elixir of eternal life. This one is also in Buddha's image and serves as protection for the girl. In fact, since a gourd is not edible, it serves as a conceit for the girl's obstinacy and endurance, which drive her to finally kill her father. In the final twist, one might say

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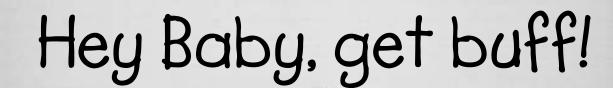






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that yes, it is a magical gourd that can fulfill one's wishes. The protagonist is half situated in Portland, Oregon, and half in some rural village lost in time.

Again the poem comes from autobiographical truth. One day, after work, my father was sitting at the table in his underwear. It was record-breaking heat, and we were all in our underwear. My grandmother ordered me to make him coffee. So, I did. The first cup I brought to him, he said, "Stupid girl, it's too hot, it almost burn my lip off." So, I brought the coffee back into the kitchen, thinking, of course, "Asshole." Nonetheless, I carefully blew on it and cooled it down. I brought it back to him, he sipped it and said, "Idiot girl, it's too weak, go brew me another cup." So, I went back to the kitchen and stuffed the pot with coffee and let it brew, again. Then, I brought it to him and he spat it out: "Dead girl, it's too bitter! Get out, get out of my sight!" (The curse "dead girl" is a common phrase in working-class homes.) My father hated his life and cursed us day and night; and I was "filial pious" and traditional enough not to talk back. But my hatred for him was already deep. Thus, in my poem, the daughter makes a pun of "to make my father stew" and continues to put weird things in his pottage in order to disguise the inedible, magic gourd; ultimately she makes him so angry that he has a heart attack and dies.

Writing poetry is about giving the powerless power, turning the tables so that the eater will be eaten, the oppressor oppressed, and the moral will have just retribution against the immoral.

My friends tell me, "Stop beating your father." Well, I can't and I won't. It's an obsession, but it feeds my poetry. And my poetry feeds into the larger historical banquet. I am writing against the patriarchy not as some feminist abstraction but as lived experience. My father's sins, my father's immoral behavior, constitute a small flea on the larger beast that has oppressed women for centuries and has almost destroyed the world.

In "Song of the Giant Calabash," Buddha becomes whole at the very end and gives the protagonist some peace. "The sun shone through her hardy trellis/ and danced on his empty bed." His death gives her salvation. This is an anti-Confucian idea of filial piety. The oppressor-father will stop his oppressive behavior only after he is dead. The more the oppressor spits on the ground, the more calabash. The "hardiness" of the gourd is, of course, metaphorical for the hardiness of this girl, and, by extension, for my own willfulness.

The truth is that we all do survive childhood traumas and float down the river with a large bottlegourd of dreams. These examples from my poems are, I believe, very different from another. We can get to autobiographical truth in myriad ways. How memory and experience are formalized into song is both the autobiographical poet's challenge and her ecstasy.

In short, Chinese-American writers who draw from two cultural histories must extract from multiple sources. Not only do we serve as cultural translators, we synthesize the form and content of the two great traditions that came before us. The result is a cross-fertilization of culture, creating new models to accurately portray Chinese-American identity. No one cultural style can adequately express my experiences. I must sample and draw from East and West, modern and ancient. As a lyric poet I must infuse my art with my own personal history and passions. This autobiographical means to proclaim identity is a reversal of the current postmodern criticism that declares that stylistic innovation is dead. The signifiers are not empty but allude to referents that hold generational and personal meaning because the Chinese-American poet must reclaim lost voices, simultaneously debunking and reconstructing the past to reflect her own mirror image. My task is to constantly reinvent my particular history through the truth of my experiences. ■

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Scuffles in the Dark, Flames in the Night

It looks bad: York, impersonating Cruz, impersonating Aparicio, meets a woman who wants to take a shower at his house. Only it's not his house (it's Emilio's; York's a guest) and this isn't just some woman he picked up in a bar — well, he did meet her in a bar, and she did ride on the back of his motorcycle from Ensenada to Rosarito but this is Mo...Moanna Reynolds, and sure, she was pretty (he especially liked the lines around her eyes), but she was smart, too. She was smart about things he needed to know, like where Walters's 80-foot Hatteras might be docked and where she might have seen such a yacht before. Sure, she was dirty, but that was engine-and-oil dirty; he had a feeling she cleaned up well...now if he just hadn't been hit over the head when he tried to break into Emilio's house through the bathroom skylight...

CHAPTER 11

The bathroom carpet tasted much the way you'd think a bathroom carpet might taste. A shoe, size 10 or 11 I'd say, was now on the back of my neck insisting that I eat more of it, breathe it, become one with the carpet. I reached up and grabbed an ankle in a thin silk sock, felt thin Italian shoe leather and a leg as hard and thick around as a truck tire. I tried twisting the ankle. That wasn't happening. I tried pushing straight up from the floor; I might as well have tried to fly. What I did was roll to the left toward the base of the toilet and did it fast so that the foot lost its hold for half a second. Then I twisted. I put everything I had into it, pulling the toe, pushing the heel like I was steering an 18-wheeler around a hairpin turn at 80 mph.

Whoever it was attached to the ankle lost his footing and fell back against the bathroom door. He was big Stuttering, strobing flames licked at the sides of Rancho Paz and backlit the banana tree. I could smell gasoline on the wind.

enough so that, when he hit it, I could hear the hinges pull away from the wood they were screwed into and the plywood snap against his shoulder like a muffled gunshot.

I got to one knee quickly, pushed off from the base of the toilet, head down and shoved into him just above the groin. I reached to put my arms around his legs and follow through with the tackle, but the bathroom door gave with a groaning creak and we were both going down in a shower of splinters.

Laying on the bedroom floor, on his back, with me on top of him, he brought his knee up into my groin and launched me up and over his head. His hands were on my belt, lifting me. I landed on my back, my calves pressed against the foot of the unmade bed. There was no air in my lungs, I couldn't speak, breathe, or think. My nuts were somewhere up in my throat playing tag with my Adam's apple.

From a great distance I heard a baritone voice, a little short of breath, say, "You aren't York, are you? Nathaniel York? Hey, are you

Just over his shoulder, behind him was a silhouette against the French doors that led to the garden. Backlit by the moon, I could see a woman's familiar shape.

No, no. Not now, Mo.

Aside from her other attributes, the woman was obviously telepathic. Her form disappeared from the doorway.

The shadow that towered over



"Big Wave Dave's trailer was rocking on its cinder blocks like a small boat in a high wind."

me was sure as hell not Maradon. It could have been Mount Soledad, but it wasn't anyone I knew.

"Hey," it said. "I'm talkin' to you?" The shadow moved and I felt a fistful of strong fingers entwine themselves in my hair. They pulled. I winced and followed the pain upward until I was on my feet.

We stood facing each other and I could smell beer on his breath. I brought my right knee up to his crotch, but too slowly. He sidestepped, still tugging at my hair. I swung my left fist around and connected with the side of his head as he turned to avoid the blow. He said, "Aaaa..." but he held on to my hair.

I brought my right fist up under his chin, my knees and shoulders went into the punch. It was like hitting concrete. The sound of his upper and lower set of teeth closing at maybe 40 miles an hour eased

my pain. He had let go of my hair. I was very happy about this for a moment, and then he hit me again in the face. I was staggering backward, trying to keep my feet under me and watching a hundred lights swim toward a point between my eyes on a wave of pain.

He hit me in the stomach before I could recover, and as I bent over, clutching myself, I tasted blood running from my nose onto my upper lip. I was hit hard enough to make me hate life for a minute, but I had the feeling he hadn't hit me as hard as he could have.

He lifted me by my jacket and shook me. "Are you the guy? Are you York? Yes or no?"

I put everything I had into a right cross, all my weight and all my pain. My fist seemed to ram his ear a foot into his head. He let go of me and said, "You son of a bitch!" as he clutched his head with one

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hand. He telegraphed a left hook and I ducked.

While my head was down I heard a sound like someone dropping a 50-pound sack of dry cement onto the sidewalk from two stories up. The shadow said, "aaahhh" again and then he was on his knees with his arms around my waist for support. The lights came on and Mo Westman stood two feet behind him in the bedroom doorway. She was holding a Louisville Slugger baseball bat. Her eyes were hard and flashing, her mouth set in anger, working her jaw.

"I hope I hit the right guy, Luis. Maybe I should have swung at you. What... is...going...on?"

Quick, go into the bathroom and get the gun. It's on the floor there somewhere."

"I'm not getting anything." She brandished the bat at me and the guy in the Stanford sweatshirt kneeling at my feet clutching his right kidney.

"Then I'll get it." I made a move away from the wall at my back and she made a quick arc in the air with the Louisville Slugger.

'You're not going anywhere until you tell me what this is all about, Luis."

"Where'd you get the bat?"

"In the garage."

"How did you get in?" "The front door," she

The big guy looked up at me with a face full of disappointment. He was Mexican or Chicano with a drooping mustache and Ringo Starr eyes. "Luis?" he said. "You're not Fernando Cruz? Nathaniel York?"

"What are you talking about?" Mo asked him. "His name is Luis Appa...what is it?"

"Luis Aparicio," I grinned down at Ringo.

"Looey Aparicio? Get the fuck out of here. You must be York."

"Who are you?" Mo demanded.

"Me?" He started to get up. "I'm Willie fucking Mays."



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"And I'm Reggie Jackson," Mo said pulling back with the bat.

"All right. Hold on now." He made staying motions with his open palms and remained kneeling. "I'm a friend of Emilio Paz. He owns this house. He brought me down here an hour ago."

"Oh no," I said. I remembered Paz talking about a bodyguard. "You're the pool table and condom machine guy?"

"That was a long time ago. He asked me to come down here and keep an eye on you, but I see you don't need any help." He looked at Mo. "My name is Gustavo. Gus Amado."

"Where's Paz?" I asked.

"There was a cop staking this place out when we got here. Emilio went with him to the police station."

"What happened to

"Dog?" Gus held his ear like he hadn't heard, but he was just in pain.

"What are you two talking about?" Mo shook the bat again.

"Relax," I said. "It's all right." To Gus, I repeated, "The dog. Did Emilio take

"I don't know what you're talking about either. I don't know anything about any dog."

"If Paz brought you here, why is the side bedroom window open? Emilio forget his keys?"

"No. He's got his keys. I opened the window because there's no goddamned air in here. Okay? I also opened the windows in front for the same reason. You mind?"

Mo let the bat down to a 45-degree angle to the floor. "What is your name? Looey? York? Fernando? What?"

"My name is York. Everybody else around here knows my name now. You might as well too. Would you put that thing down? I'll explain."

"That would be terrific." She put down the bat, leaning on it like a cane. I helped Gustavo Amado to his feet with one hand.



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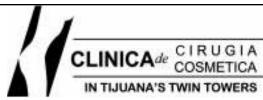
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Gus looked at me, still kind of sad looking. "You had a gun? I didn't have a gun."

"Some bodyguard." I found the Colt between the tub and the cabinet. I brought it out, pointing it toward the ceiling. "Safety's on. See?" I showed Mo and Gus.

"You call that a weapon?" Gus asked. "That's an antique."

"Well, they don't make 'em like they used to."

He snorted. "They never did."

"Let's go in the living room and chat," I suggested.

"I think I just want to leave, okay?" Mo started to shake, just a little, from the tension in her arms where she held the bat.

"You can still take a shower, and I owe you an explanation."

"All right...I guess. You'd better do something about your nose, there's blood running down your shirt."

I looked down. "Emilio's shirt," I mumbled, but I went into the bathroom again for a washrag.

We filed down the hallway to the living room. I turned on some lights. "You were sitting here in the dark?" I asked around the wash cloth, my nose in the air.

"I was waiting for bad guys trying to kill you. I didn't want anything to happen to you before we had a chance to talk." Gus sat heavily on the sofa nursing his back. I could see an empty bottle of Dos Equis sitting on the coffee table next to a 9mm Ruger.

"I thought you didn't have a gun?" Mo asked.

"I didn't bring it with me to the fucking bathroom. I was just going to take a leak when I heard this guy doing a rumba on the roof. I didn't have time to get it."

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"Some bodyguard," I repeated.

"Hey, I'll split — you don't want my help. This isn't my idea. I just want to know a few things."

"Who doesn't?" I said. "Any more of that beer?" Mo asked.

"In the reefer," Gus gestured.

"Mi casa es su casa," I looked at Mo and then pointedly at Gus. "Get us a couple," I said.

"Get your own beer!" Mo flashed. "I'm not waiting on anybody here. At least not until I get some answers."

"Fine. Fine. Forget it." I followed her into the kitchen, grabbed two beers, and held one against my nose. Gus took the other one from me and drank from it.

"Uh," I began eloquently, "Gus, this is Mo Westman. She's a sailor." If it sounded a little funny maybe I meant it to.

"She looks more like a grease monkey." When Mo stared at him a moment he added, "No offense. No offense."

"Enchanted," Mo said icily. "I'm sure." She sat on the sofa, crossed her legs, and drank. Looking at me she said, "Well, what's the deal here,...York?"

"Ahh, Gus first if you don't mind. What did Emilio say to you about me?"

Gus sat forward, still favoring his kidney, and looked at me with that hangdog expression of a choirboy who is told he can't sing. That was just the way he looked, I decided. His Stanford sweatshirt had some of my blood on it. His pants were grey, tapered, expensive. He wore a gold Rolex watch and on the other wrist a woven friendship bracelet in predominantly red threads. He massaged his knuckles, and I hoped that meant it had hurt him to

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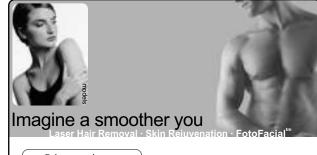


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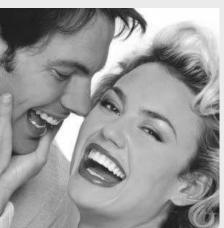
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"The Rosarito cops called him?" I asked.

"The D.A.'s office or whatever they call it down here."

"Aren't you Mexican?" "I was born and raised in Los Angeles. The Valley."

So Guernando had called Paz. "What about Javier?" I suddenly wanted to know. "Paz's son, Pelón?"

"I know who he is."

"Is he still in jail?"

"Yeah. Paz can't make the bail. The kid's in deep shit for sure. What does that have to do with it?"

"I don't know," I said as if I did.

"Well," Mo set her beer bottle on the table and clapped her hands together. "That sure clears things up for me. Thank you so

"Don't you want to take a shower?" I reminded

"More than life itself right now, but life itself is running second place to trying to figure out why you came into the Tortuga asking questions about a Hatteras as if your mother had been shanghaied aboard one, invite me over for a leisurely shower, drive that motorcycle up the coast like a madman with a gun in your pocket, climb into your own house or your friend's house, I gather — through the roof, start beating on this guy who would have killed you if I hadn't come along, then you both dust yourself off, sit down, and crack a couple of brews. This I would like an explanation for before I get on with my life and take a shower."

She had used up all her breath, and her words ran into each other softly with bridled rage.

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road and into the curved gravel driveway of Rancho Paz. Gus reached for his gun with one hand and the lamp next to him with another. "Wait a minute, it's okay," I said. Some bodyguard, I thought. I've got three lights on in here and they would have seen them for the past quarter mile. Besides, the cars had both

típica Mexican music and American rock and roll blaring from the radios at full bore. Madonna was pouting about how she was just like a virgin. One of the vehicles was Pescado's camper, and the other one belonged to Tonto, a red '75 Camaro. If this was a hit sent by Walters, it was a noisy, crude squad of kamikaze Mexican rock and rollers armed with tequila and Corona.

The cars pulled up in front of the house, music still pouring into the summer night along with the dust they kicked up. I heard Chorizo's yapping and then Pescado's voice.

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"Get down!" Gus shouted at me. I turned and saw he was pointing the Ruger at the window.

"Put that away, man. I said it's okay." Mo was on the floor holding her head. "Mo, get up. These guys live next door in the trailers."

"Avion! You okay?" I waved at him and gestured for him to come inside.

"There's safety in numbers," I explained to Mo and Gus. "I read that somewhere."

Pescado, Tonto, and Homeboy came lurching up the front stairs with Big Wave Dave and his girlfriend bringing up the rear. The girlfriend held the vapping Chorizo until he wiggled out of her arms like the bundle of slick muscle he

Gus put his gun under a sofa pillow, but mine was still on the coffee table. "Oh great, a party," Mo exclaimed happily. "Everybody bring guns and baseball bats?"

Pescado came over and drunkenly, gravely shook my hand. His other hand held a half-empty Corona. He noticed my nose, the blood on my shirt, and the blood on Gus. In a conspiratorial whisper he inquired, "Everything all right?" I nodded and made introductions all around.

Tonto was pretty wasted. He saw the gun on the table and said, "Hey!" moving toward it. A second later he registered the blood on me, the washrag, Gus, and he stopped. "Hey, did somebody shoot somebody?"

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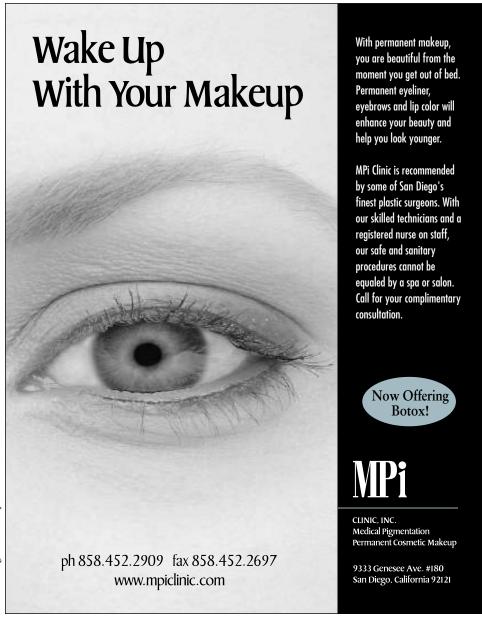
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"Sorry, man," Pescado said. "We got fucked up and we heard there was this wet T-shirt contest in TJ. So Aracelia here," he gestured to Big Wave Dave's girlfriend,"...says she want to go. Chorizo just jumped in the car with Tonto. I didn't know. Anyway we get there and Tonto has lipstick on, man, and two tennis balls under his shirt strapped down with duct tape, you know? And he's gonna get in the contest, right?..."

I turned to have a word with Mo, and Pescado went on regaling Gustavo with the story. Gus looked as if he were hearing a survivor talk about the Bataan Death March. It was just those sad, downturned eyebrows — swelling up nicely, I noticed. Tonto was seated on the arm of the sofa next to Mo. He still had mascara under his eyes and smeared lipstick around his mouth. He was saying to Mo, "You want to see my longboard, lady? It's real long, hard, and smooth."

"You seem like more of a short-stick surfer to me," Mo lit a cigarette without looking at him.

"Excuse me," I said. "Can I have a word with you, Mo?"

"I wish you would."

We walked into the kitchen, but Big Wave Dave was feeling up Aracelia, who had her tongue buried between his teeth. "Excuse us," I said and we edged past them into the hallway. "Look, I think it would be best if you just took your shower and I drove you back to Ensenada tonight. You'll miss some sleep, but you'll be out of this craziness. I'm sorry. I shouldn't have brought you here."

"Maybe you shouldn't have," she agreed. "I don't know. I still have no idea what's going on, and I still want that shower. But yeah, if you can drive me back I'd appreciate it. Then you can give me your explanation, right?"

"Look, I know I owe you an explanation." I tried to look harmless, innocent,

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and honest, but two out of three of those things I haven't managed well since I was nine. In fact, being honest has never been a day at the beach for me either. "But I wouldn't be doing you any favors by telling you about it. It would be information you have that might endanger you even more."

Mo looked pained. "You're not going to give me this 'I'm with the CIA' routine...'and I can't talk about it.' I must have met a dozen lonely guys in bars with some variation of that one."

I had to laugh. "No, I'm not with the CIA. I told you, someone is trying to kill me." Hearing myself say that choked the laughter right out of me.

"Uh-huh." Her look told me she took this as variation #3b of the Mysterious Lonely Guy.

"It's true. If you really want me to tell you about it, I will, but that's the main

fact, and if you don't learn anything more about it and forget it, it's probably healthier."

"I'm not taking you out to the Coronados without knowing who I'm taking and why."

"I'd already given up on that idea," I said surprised. "You mean you still

"If what you tell me makes sense. If you convince me it's necessary and that no one is going to get hurt doing it, I'm going there anyway, like I said." She shifted her weight, leaned against the wall, and sighed. "Look, whatever you're involved in, I don't have the feeling you're a...criminal of some kind. Or if you are, maybe there was a reason you did what they're after you for. I don't know why I'm saying this, but if you want me to trust you, you're going to have to trust me."

"All right," I said slowly. I needed a way to get a

closer look at that Hatteras if it was still there. I could only hope it would be a harmless sailboat ride and maybe it would be the wrong Hatteras. For her sake. She wasn't exactly a retiring little blossom in a tight corner anyway. "Take your shower. I think you know where it is."

She smiled. "Is there a bathtub in there?"

"Yep. Take your time." "Good. I want to luxuriate for a while."

"Luxuriate away. I'll see to the guests."

She followed me back to the living room and picked up her shoulder bag. It looked like there might have been a set of encyclopedias in there. The woman had to be part pack animal.

When she had retired to the bath, I joined Gus, Pescado, and Tonto for another beer. Aracelia and Big Wave Dave had left for more private quarters in his trailer.

"Nice lady," Tonto said. "Kind of dirty, though."

"She's taking a bath."

"What happened here?" Pescado wanted to know. He indicated the blood.

"I'll tell you later. Can I use your camper to drive Mo back to Ensenada?"

"Sure, I'm no going anywhere. Too drunk to drive."

"I'll drive her, man," Tonto volunteered with a smirk.

"I don't think she wants any more excitement tonight, buddy," I told him.

"Let's build a fire out there," Pescado suggested. "We can have a few drinks and you play some guitar, eh Avion?"

"Maybe later. I've got to talk to Gustavo here. You go ahead, maybe I'll join you later."

"Okay. Then maybe you sing that one about the wall."

"'Look Over Yonders Wall," I said. "Yeah, maybe I'll play that."

"Good. Good."

Tonto and Pescado went out the front door. Pescado, the Mexican, singing the chorus to an Elmore James song. Tonto, the American kid, clueless, looking at him like he was singing in Hebrew. Life is rich.

When Gus and I were alone listening to the sound of running water from down the hall, I said, "So why did you come down here? Just because Paz asked you to?"

"Two reasons. That's one of them. I owe Emilio a lot of money that I don't know if I'll be able to pay back. I was into somebody for big bucks at Del Mar a few years back. He was the wrong kind of guy to be into. Emilio helped me out. The other reason is I'm into somebody else for some big bucks right now, and he is also a wrong kind of guy to be into. I thought getting out of the country for a while was not the

worst way I could go. When Emilio called me, I automatically said I'd help. He didn't say anything about it until we were already driving down. He handed me the Reader article."

"Emilio's just all kinds of help." I leaned back on the sofa and closed my eyes. I ached everywhere, and I wanted to sleep for a week. "I told him not to do this."

"Well, there was something strange about Emilio asking me to come down here. I don't know if he just forgot or what, but whatever it is, it's not good news for you."

"What do you mean? What are you talking about?" I was still reclined with my eyes shut.

"Well, Emilio knows this guy Walters from way back. Did you know that?"

I sat up hard. "Say

"And he knows that *I* know he knows him. Unless he forgot. He never told you this?"

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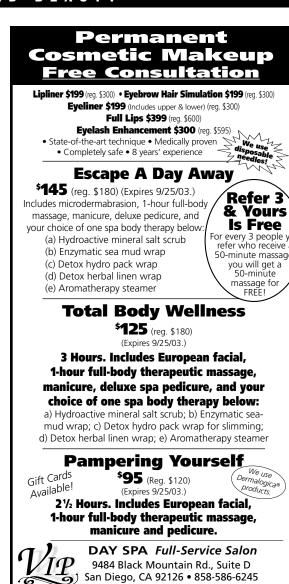


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I didn't say anything. The slack look on my face was probably pretty eloquent.

"Yeah, man. Back in the early '70s when Emilio was working for Westland Distributors. You know, they distribute restaurant supplies, linen, stuff like that"

I found my voice. "Also pool tables and rubber dispensers."

"All kinds of shit. They even had a diaper service in the old days. Before Pampers, you know?"

"Go on."

"Well, Emilio was manager for the one in Oceanside. We met at the track one summer, Santa Anita though, not Del Mar. I had dropped some money, which is the usual thing for me, and I'm cryin' in my beer about how I'm out of work, which was another thing I was good at back then. So he offers me a job driving for Westland. Now Westland is a mostly legitimate business, but it wasn't always so clean. Everybody knew there was a lot of wiseguys, a lot of family involved, you know?"

"Like organized crime and everything?"

Gustavo gave me a look that managed to be even sadder than usual. Then he figured I was being sarcastic. He smiled, "Well, they're pretty goddamned organized for a bunch of nasty monkeys. They were laying out hard money loans to restaurants and nightclubs, they were into major quantities of speed and smack back then, but I didn't see any of that shit. They were just getting into porno distribution and cocaine at the time. They used the trucks for these mobile cat houses for the guys at Pendleton in Oceanside. Half the backers for Westland at any given time were up on tax-evasion raps, some of them doing time, but still handing down policy from inside the joint.

"Anyway, I would drive, deliver shit, and pick up loan payments. Sometimes my job involved breaking up jukeboxes or cases of highball glasses. If the payments were late after that.



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well, one time I threw a guy out a window. It was just a first-floor window. And another time I stuck this guy's head in a toilet and tried to flush his ears down the pipes. After that I had a pretty good record. All the payments on time. Emilio and I got to be tight. We'd go to Bully's and Mister A's, the Butcher Shop, just hang out and get bagged, get laid, whatever. His main thing was he wanted his own restaurant, and there was only one way to do it, go to the Italians for the money.

"One night we were sitting in DeMario's where they used to run all the hookers, and he tells me about this renegade smack dealer from L.A. that's now down here in San Diego cleaning up. The wiseguys don't like this. They tried to enlist him, but he wasn't Italian or even Chicano. Real Anglo guy. He didn't go for it so they tried somehow to remove him from the picture, but they ended up with a couple of dead soldiers, and this guy was doing just fine. He wouldn't scare. They started calling him 'The Ghost' because they couldn't hit him. He was never where he was

supposed to be. Anyway, Emilio meets the guy one night in DeMario's. I was with him. He didn't introduce me or anything, they went to a table to talk. And I'm telling you, it was this guy Walters. The guy who is trying to croak you for the pollo thing."

"Wait a minute," I interrupted. "First of all, how do you know it was Walters. How long ago was this?"

"Well, it was about 13, 14 years ago, but I know it was the guy. I've seen him in Vegas a lot of times. He's very well connected. I've been in Vegas for the past five years, and I see Walters every couple of months up there. At the tables, at the shows. Not lately though. Now I know why. You fucked him up pretty good with the FBI and everybody."

"Not good enough," I said. "So Emilio borrowed money from Walters 14 years ago to start his restaurant?"

"No. He got Walters to front him a shitload of dope at a good price. Emilio, in those days, knew a lot of people in the barrio. He grew up in Logan Heights, and he had friends. He had

it all unloaded on the street in one summer. He made his fortune, man. And it was Walters's dope. Now, I don't know if Emilio forgets I was there that night in DeMario's when he was meeting some guy from L.A. to talk restaurant business, but I'm telling you this — he knows the fucking guy, all right."

Eugene Walters, the "ghost" and Emilio Paz, "my friend." Maybe they were having banana daiquiris together at the Balboa while I was driving Sufi's body across the border.

My heart seemed to simultaneously sink and rise into my throat. That can't happen, of course, but it can feel like it's happening.

"Did Emilio tell you back then that that was the guy he borrowed money from?"

"No, actually, he never discussed it with me, but I put it together. I know he didn't borrow from the Italians, and this guy Walters was the only way he could have gone. It was common gossip, you might say. As far as I know, though, I'm the only guy that ever saw the two of them

together. That I know of, naturally. He didn't win the money at the track, I can vouch for that."

"What kind of car was the cop in when you two got here?"

"A beat-to-shit Chevy covered in mud."

I stood and went to the window. Pescado and Tonto hadn't built their fire, they were inside the Airstream. Things were quiet in there, and my guess was that Pescado had passed out. I could see Chorizo asleep next to one of the blocks holding up the trailer. Big Wave Dave's trailer was darkened but rocking on its cinder blocks like a small boat in a high wind.

What was Paz doing? What was he talking about with Maradon? Would he tell him who I was? One thing was for sure, all that biographical fiction I handed Maradon and Guernando would be shown up for the guano it was no matter what Paz said. Somehow that didn't bother me as much, at the moment, as it might have.

I couldn't believe Paz had forgotten about that night in DeMario's with Gustavo Amado. Maybe he did, though, maybe he did. It happens. Time and memory. But what was he doing hiding me from Walters and not telling me he knew him? If he was setting me up, this was a damned drawn-out, clumsy way to do it. Maybe Emilio was ashamed of his onetime association with Walters and never mentioned it because I had told him all about Walters, Juana Villez, Rachel Cole, and the wirecutter thing — and then when the article came out, it was too late. No. He could have come to me and said, "Look, York. I knew this guy at one time, etc., etc." The fact that he didn't was, like Gus said, bad news for me. There was something going on.

Pelón was still in jail and Emilio needed cash. Maybe I was his hole card. Maybe he was going to deliver me to Walters for a price and was just keeping me in storage down here until he could make the deal. Maybe he sent Gus down here to keep an eye on me. Maybe Gus wasn't supposed to remember, or maybe the idea was that Gus would be dealt with

From the bathroom I could hear the sounds of splashing and Mo singing, "Heaven, I'm in heaven..."

Gus was staring at me forlornly. The fact that he had told me that there was, at least at one time, a connection between Emilio Paz and Eugene Walters was maybe an indication that I could trust him. But then again, maybe that's

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how it was supposed to appear. Trusting anyone was a mistake now...and probably always had been. I could feel my breathing come faster, my blood pound through my veins with a wild, paranoid urgency. I had to get out of the house. I had to disappear in a whole different way again, and I had to do

"It seems to me," Gustavo started to say, "there are three things you can do..." but he never finished. Chorizo started barking mightily like a rabid hyena or a hiccuping chainsaw. Standing there in the window, I could see him, pedaling his claws in the dust and gravel and bounding around the corner of the house, his teeth bared.

Behind me, Gustavo had stood up, his Ruger in his hand, his thumb on the

"Someone's outside," I said unnecessarily. Now I could hear Chorizo's barking through the side bedroom window Gus had opened earlier. "Come on." I picked up my Colt, and we were both through the front door and vaulting down the porch steps.

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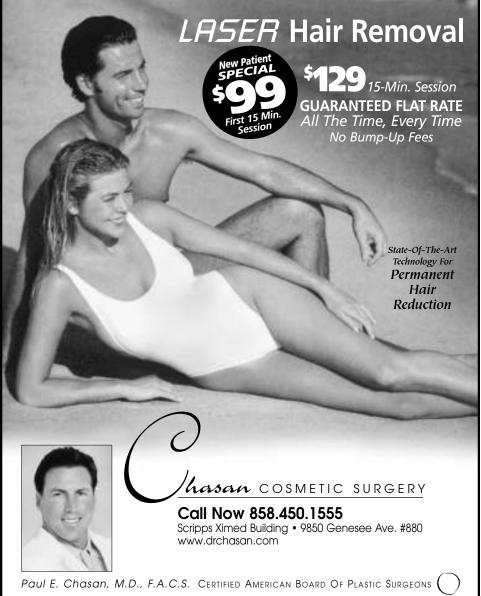
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where, I just remembered, I had left the Honda — was kicking up clouds of dust like ink under water. It took off with a high-rev whine toward Canta Mar. When I turned the corner looking after the dog and trying to peer into the blackness toward K-39, something caught my eye.

Stuttering, strobing flames licked at the side of Rancho Paz and backlit the banana tree. I could smell gasoline on the wind. I saw a long trail of smoldering devil weed and dried grass with a few low flames still flickering out. A fuse, a trail of gasoline in the dirt.

"Grab the hose!" Gus yelled, pointing at the spigot on the water tank and the 30-foot length of garden hose I used to rinse off the famous wetsuit. He started toward it.

"No!" I shouted and threw a flying body tackle at him. The flames were climbing, licking the roof and illuminating the undersides of oily, churning

Laying in the gravel in front of the house, Gus turned to look at me like I was crazy.

I said one word, "Propane!" and then the night became day for eternity.

In slow motion I could see the propane tank send pieces of itself flying up and out. A good 50-foot section of the wall of the house blew inward, sending splintered wood and pulverized glass inside at what must have been 200 miles an hour.

The banana tree bowed toward me, burst into flame, and shriveled. Two-by-fours from the roof were airborne and lit from below as they tumbled and climbed into the suddenly brilliant sky. Gravel from the driveway we laid in peppered us like buckshot, and we put our faces into our arms.

I shouted, "Mo!" into the dust, but the explosion was too loud for me to hear myself.

— John Brizzolara

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from Curt Bouterse (Letters, September 4). At the risk of turning this into a language

Yes, language evolves and all that, but that shouldn't be a license for laziness. A language pro should care about the craft.

And are you the Curt Bouterse whom I know as a mighty fine hammer dulcimer player? From way, way back?

Don Ridgway

Yes, he is the same Curtis Bouterse. — Editor

Paper Writer

In the article "San Diegans Abducted" (August 28) Donald McCullough took tabloidlike stories and beautifully illustrated the purpose that they serve as modern myths. I'm happy I picked up the Reader because I was able to use this article as a source for my term paper! Entertainment and education: what more

could a college student ask? My compliments to the

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writer.

Re "San Diegans Abducted" (August 28). Defining abduction stories as a preconditioned mental aberration to embrace a "myth" as a soothing answer seems more far out than the possibility of alien presence (verified by radar, pilots, police officers, military personnel, and a large contingent of the civilian population to boot) performing the very same contact that we would do were we to encounter less advanced beings on a distant planet or interdimensionally: take the subjects for our manipulation and study and return them to their environment in the least traumatic way possible. We do it today with animals.

P.S.: You don't send your ambassadors to the sheep.

Ed McBride Director of Media Relations MUFON San Diego

Hates Misologists

"Homophobia is not cool," you smell like "dog poo," and you "suck" ("Crasher," August 28). Is this what the philosophy of "acceptance and tolerance of all types of people" looks like? Looks more like the tyranny of tolerance: if you don't accept what I say, I won't tolerate you and you will be labeled intolerant. With this kind of misology, how can we tolerate ourselves?

> **Todd Billings** Clairemont Mesa

Get Another Job

Re "Soldier's Pay," August 21.

1. Not mentioned in the complaints about military pay is the availability of gasoline, auto service, food, clothing, appliances, etc., at prices dramatically lower than those paid by those of us outside the military and who support these benefits with our tax dollars.

2. Also excluded from the complaints is pro-pay, flight pay, hazardous-duty pay, and combat pay. Reenlistment bonuses need mentioning.

3. Generally, when one is dissatisfied with their working conditions or pay, one pursues other employment.

4. I am a veteran of WWII who volunteered in full knowledge of the pay and working environment. Currently, the armed forces are composed of volunteers. I assume they knew what they were doing when they signed up.

> Pete Kantor San Diego

Been There

This letter is in response to a response by E. Dixon (Letters, August 28) regarding the previous issue on the outpouring of care given to the families of our military who are trying to help those in need in another

For this effort they are being shot at, rocketed, being scared for life, wounded, and many of them dying. They are there to stop terrorists from being able to attack America again.

It is quite evident that Mr. Dixon has probably never served his country and known the real sacrifices they endure. Since I am assuming he has never served, and his letter speaks only about money and his getting by on only \$2000 a month, or \$500 a week, let me do some accounting for him.

Each night after a hard eight-hour day he goes home to family to sit down and watch his favorite TV show. If he happens to work overtime, he gets extra pay. I may be off a little here, but if Mr. Dixon should happen to work an 80-hour week, then take-home is \$500 plus \$1000 equals \$1500 per week. Now perchance he works three shifts per week (bet you see where this is going). He then takes home \$500 plus \$1000 and, being triple-time, another \$1500 for a total of \$3000 a week, or \$12,000 a month. We do realize that he probably wouldn't work a triple shift, so let's use the \$1500 figure, for \$6000 a month.

Now, about that serviceman. When out on a field exercise he is on duty 24/7 with no overtime or TVs or being able to hug his family. In combat, his stress level is high all the time since he has to be alert all the time to just stay alive. Yes, he gets a little more pay and doesn't have to pay taxes. Here I would like to ask Mr. Dixon how much is his patriotism worth? Is he willing to work 24 hours a day, seven days a week for months on end, praying all the time to get to hug his family one more time?

I may be wrong, but Mr. Dixon sounded a mite prejudiced when he mentioned all the foreign wives of our servicemen that are proliferating in our country. At least they're not on welfare. And who is Mr. Dixon to say who you can or can't fall in love with?

I could go on but enough said. Checkmate. Been there, done that.

P.S.: You did a great job on the wives article.

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pay ("Soldier's Pay," August 21). My husband is an active-duty first-class petty officer in the Navy and, with all the housing allowance and extras, takes home approximately \$4000 a month, not to mention over \$400 for uniform allowance, with (basically) free medical and dental insurance for the family. I am so sick and tired of wives that the media interviews for such articles, as they are very misleading. I believe the same wives that complain about the so-called low pay are the same ones that own the expensive SUVs and big-screen TVs and have debt up to their ears! We have three young children, own our home, and, yes, I do work outside the home. I do not have to work, but it helps me keep in touch with the real world, away from the whining military wives who do not want to help themselves by figuring other ways to make things work for their families.

Name Withheld

Freedom's Not Free

The "Soldier's Pay" article (August 21) and the responses on August 28 were really interesting.

I've been a military Marine wife for six years, and a very proud and dedicated one. I married at 18 and have three beautiful kids and a husband who's a very good father and hardworking soldier.

Pertaining to statements of military people whining; soldiers abusing the system; there's no draft, so all have some idea of what they are volunteering for; etc. that was really insensitive! Comparing civilian to military life — it's not the same. Saying we are compensated for base housing, medical, commissary-priced essentials, gas supplements, it's because our soldiers earned it! They work hard for every

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When military calls, they get up and go. They do not punch in and punch out, get overtime for the extra days or hours they work, being away from family. When I was a civilian, I used to think that military families got it made. I saw all these beautiful houses, cars, free theater accommodations. and more. But I was wrong. Now I'm in their shoes, and it's tough. These things are not free; neither is freedom. I was young, married early; first year, hubby was gone for ten months. I saw him two weeks within those months. He's been in three or four Westpacs and is always gone almost every month before the actual Westpac. He's also been in Iraq, was gone during the war, and I thank God every day that he's still in our lives.

A military soldier's earnings and benefits may be close to a police officer's. Duties are not exactly the same. Police officers get to come home almost every day and spend quality time with family. Play mother/father role, may be working late, then getting overtime plus pay. Military soldiers are limited to their rank pay and are only lucky to receive a little extra when away. Sometimes they're gone for one month, six months, ten months, one year. The sacrifice is priceless.

I know I married young, but I was not irresponsible. I couldn't be, and still with an E-5 pay grade, I cannot afford to be. I am one of the many who enroll in WIC. stood in line at the Cabrillo Food Ministry for bread, etc., take a pocketful of coupons to the commissary to budget my shopping, bought food at the Food Locker, etc. I had

to; there was no money to

I tried applying for food stamps; didn't qualify because my car was over \$4000. That's ridiculous! Should we buy cheap, low-priced, beatup cars just so that the transmission falls apart or we have car problems that will cost a fortune to fix? Or buy strong, reliable vehicles that will last? And we all know that they do not cost less than \$4000. I tried my best to survive

and raise my kids on my

husband's income. I cannot

work; my options are limited. But that's okay. Military families struggle and can manage with good support from our country. When my hubby was away at war, I remember on numerous occasions my five-year-old all of a sudden cries, "I miss Daddy, Mom. Why isn't he coming home? He don't love us anymore. He's been gone for a long time." My two-year-old son sees her and starts crying too. Here I am driving, trying so hard not to show any signs of weakness. I tell them, "Daddy loves you two very much. He's at work with his friends protecting our country, and he will be home soon." Then they'd say, "Okay, but Mamma, if I wake up tomorrow, he's going to surprise me coming home?" I tell her, "Pumpkin, it takes time, be patient and

Trying to be a father/ mother isn't easy. I cannot afford to be sick, so far from family. No one will take care of my kids. In 1999 I had a miscarriage, two and a half months pregnant. I fainted in front of the Balboa Naval Hospital while my church friend went to park my car. My hubby was on Westpac for six months. I couldn't

stand. I needed to be in bed rest to recover. I wasn't physically fit or ready to take care of my kids. So I requested the doctor to contact Red Cross and notify my husband about the miscarriage situation. They considered it a nonemergency. I cried, was devastated, blamed myself for doing too much while I was pregnant. My husband's absence multiplied my tasks. It was difficult.

All the soldiers work hard for what they have. Let's stop stereotyping but continue lifting each other up. I'm thankful for all policemen, soldiers, and all those who work hard to keep things going. To all soldiers: You volunteered because you wanted to, to make a difference, or for whatever reason. It's appreciated. Because if you had not volunteered, then who will? Then there will be a draft, taking those who complain now, right?

Sometimes we get to have eight hours' sleep, two days off, overtime pay when we work late, while military soldiers sometimes work 24/7, no sleep, limited to rank pay unless deployed, sometimes do not come home for months, sleep on the ground, keeping watch, so much more. Think of that. Think of how we are able to walk freely, eat at restaurants, going about our ordinary routine, knowing that we have freedom. Let's embrace these moments. Support our troops not only when they're in war but also when they are home. Thanks to the Military Parish Visitors, President Bush, and all those who are always lifting our spirits high. Be proud of our soldiers who joined the military under their own free will so that we can have our freedom.

A. Fugat

Sunset Cliffs Revisited

Due to numerous inaccuracies, I must respond to Julie Yen's "Let's Save Sunset Cliffs" ("City Lights") article in the August 21 Reader. The article states that "During the 1980s, Point Loma Nazarene University built a softball field on city land to comply with Title IX...." While PLNU made minor changes to the ball field (added basepaths, a screen, etc.) to accommodate Title IX-mandated activities, the ball field was originally built by Cal Western University, which previously owned the PLNU campus and today's Sunset Cliffs park. When Cal Western got into financial trouble and needed to relocate quickly, the property was split between Point Loma College (formerly Pasadena College) and the City of San Diego, which took ownership of the current parkland. Unfortunately, the boundaries were clearly botched as the sale was rushed and a major player from Pasadena College was tragically killed in an aircraft accident during the process. The result was the ball field and the Western Loop Road (an important part of the campus circulation system) ending up in the "park" and several pristine canyon areas ending up in the college campus. While these boundaries could be fixed, since the park is now dedicated parkland, it would take a ballot measure to complete.

Besides funding, the ball field has been the major issue on holding up the park's master plan from approval and implementation. While Councilmember Ron Roberts's appointed blue-ribbon committee voted to maintain the ball field as a green space, the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Recreation Council (SCNPRC) has opposed the master plan whenever it included the ball field or a green space. Obviously dedicated environmentalists, the SCNPRC has gone through master-planning documents with fine-tooth combs and has been able to literally overwhelm planners to make substantial facility and language changes.

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Since the ball field's foundation is potentially contaminated, removal costs are high and unknown. With tight budgets, less expensive drainage and erosion improvements have unfortunately been held hostage to the ball field's fate. While the community is split on the issue, many of the public enjoy using the PLNUmaintained ball field during the 80-plus percent of the time it is available for public use.

While the Sunset Cliffs

Natural Park Recreation Council has dedicated environmentalists, some of its decisions point toward a rogue agency that has (1) voted to oppose installation of french drains on the ball field (which would reduce runoff), (2) voted to turn off the ball field's irrigation system, which would make runoff more swift and damaging during the rainy season, (3) voted to close or barricade the Western Loop Road (invisible from the vast majority of the park), since

it is within the park's flawed boundaries.

Obviously, Ms. Swanson's biased opinion leads her to claim that any compromise cannot be "environmentally right." Ironically, this is the same person who's been on the city's park and recreation committee and let it be known that the peninsula is short of parks and fields. Now, she's apparently recommending expensive lighting be placed on neighborhood peninsula fields and that the PLNU-

maintained, shared-use green space be bulldozed.

The master plan has been held up for years by lack of funding, partly by PLNU, but more so by the SCN-PRC, who has scrutinized every word of the master plan and worked hard to modify language to their liking. While the park erodes, the SCNPRC uses PLNU and the ball field as scapegoats for erosion that could have been slowed or stopped with realistic compromises over the past 20 years. As

for the city council, many of the SCNPRC supporters and members worked actively for Michael Zucchet, who came out in favor of bulldozing the ball field during his campaign.

While Mr. Scatolini claims everyone is looking out for themselves on the use of Sunset Cliffs Natural Park, the SCNPRC has consistently held an uncompromising position on a number of issues at the park that would prohibit and/or limit public uses of its facilities

and amenities.

Paul Grimes Sunset Cliffs

Julie Yen responds: You were correct about the ball field's origin; Cal Western University deserves credit. However, I maintain that Point Loma Nazarene University's primary intent for the field was to accommodate Title IX regulations.

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The Other Chicago

Get the Dish on Style

t's a big book — 956 pages, with a two-inch-wide spine. Its jacket is bright orange. And, like its 14 predecessors, it contains the answers to questions you never thought anyone needed to know.

It's the 15th edition of *The Chicago Manual of Style*, which bills itself as "The Essential Guide for Writers, Editors, and Publishers." It's been ten years since the last edition was issued by the University of Chicago Press. The first one, published in 1906, was based on dogeared pages shared around the press's office. Much of the new material has

LOCAL EVENTS been generated by the electronic revolution and the impact it has had on

everyone who works with printed

"Style" here doesn't mean "writing" style. Chicago, as it's called for short, doesn't concern itself with whether an author's prose is florid or flowery. Its expertise is in "editing" style — i.e., consistency with capitals, hyphens, and the like. Chicago wastes no time with ironclad spellings. "Aficionado" is always spelled
"aficionado," and the plural of "graffito" is always "graffiti," as a dictionary will tell you. Chicago rules on things that could be written one way as easily as another — e.g., "one third," "one-third," "1/3," "1/3rd," or "1/3d." (*Chicago*'s preference? So-called simple fractions are spelled out and hyphenated: "She has read one-third of the book." Fractions used in scientific contexts and in mathematical copy have their own guidelines.)

"Editing nuts" is what Jackie
Estrada calls people who care about this
stuff. Actually, like herself, they are paid
to. A professional editor for 33 years,
Estrada will lead a discussion about the
new tome and its changes, some of them
controversial, at the next meeting of the
San Diego Professional Editors Network.

Speaking from her home office on Labor Day, where she was editing a book on oil drilling, Estrada said she was sorry that "Table 6.1" of chapter six in the previous edition had been scrapped. "Table 6.1 was about hyphenation. It was the Bible for us all. It had 'all-inclusive,' 'all-around,' 'all-powerful,' and 'all right.' And it had general remarks about when you use a hyphen with 'all' and when you don't. It did the same with other words, like 'cross,' 'full,' 'half,' 'under,' 'quasi,' and 'self.' It was always the most thumbed chapter. Now, instead of a table, there's a list, run-in



[as the above lists are], so things are harder to find. It's called 'Compounds Formed with Specific Terms,' and it's in chapter seven."

Estrada said she disagrees with how *Chicago* decided to write the word meaning "sites on the Web." It chose "Web site," rather than, say, "web site," or, Estrada's preference, "website." She predicted that in the next edition it will be expressed her way. "The trend in American style and usage is toward compounds and lower case. It makes it more readable. Anytime there's a capital it jumps out."

In their introduction *Chicago*'s editors warn, "The proofreader should watch for the kind of errors missed by computer spell checkers." Estrada said she was annoyed that her job has been made more difficult by the widely used spell-check program of Microsoft Word. "Word has a lot of stuff built into it that's wrong. For instance, unless you change the automatic settings, the program puts hyphens into words that shouldn't have them. Or it will say 'okay' to things that aren't. The people

who write programs are technicians; they're not experts on grammar, and they drive me nuts."

Chicago's editors acknowledge that "electronic publishing requires a special kind of editing and proofreading." But finding the answers to questions that have cropped up since the Internet was born is a chore, Estrada said, "because [the new edition] has the world's worst index." She is, however, grateful for the "straightforward" ruling on citing Internet sources in footnotes and bibliographies. "I've been editing a lot of books that contain those citations. And until now the authors were having to make it up as they went along. Some used regular brackets around the date of access; others used curly brackets. Or they put the date before the URL or after it. Now we have a format and an order in which to put things."

How to handle line breaks when writing URLs is addressed by *Chicago* in three places. Adding a hyphen would introduce error. There's trouble, too, with adding periods, which could be mistaken for dots. In each instance,

Chicago tells what to do.

It also supplies answers to questions even Estrada doesn't want to know. "There are now three different ways to write ellipses, using three periods and four. And to me, the third option, which is for the ultra stickler...forget it. I guess if you're doing really hard-core legal stuff, it's necessary. But the ultimate thing is, if you're an editor, ask yourself: Are you making it easier for the reader to read? And: Have you avoided distorting the original material?"

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BAJA

The Flavor of Mexico, the Tijuana Fair continues through Tuesday, September 16, with food, music, rodeo, circus acts, arts and

crafts, entertainment, at Parque Morelos. Admission to fair is \$4.50 for adults. \$1 for children.

At the Palenque, see Francis on Thursday, September 11 (\$10, \$20). Valentín and Joel Elizalde take the stage Friday, September 12 (\$10, \$20). Emmanual performs Saturday, September 13 (\$20, \$35). Enrique and Alejandra Guzmán, Sunday, September 14 (\$20, \$40). Ana Gabriel, Monday, September 15 (\$15, \$30). Jorge Falcón performs Tuesday, September 16 (\$10, \$20). All of the concerts begin at 11 p.m. 011-52-664-681-7084. (TIJUANA)

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Gala Concert by Guadalupe Pineda and Orchestra of Baja California, Saturday, September 13,

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Mexican Food Festival, many Baja California chefs will create various Mexican dishes for evaluation by judges and spectators during this festival. Saturday, September 13, noon to 6 p.m., on Avenida Revolución, between 7th and 8th Streets. Live music, ballet folklorico, regional cuisine. \$12 U.S. 011-52-664-682-8744. (TIJUANA)

Fiestas Patrias festivities planned Saturday through Tuesday, September 13-16, in Plaza de los Tres Poderes, Centro del Gobierno. Food, live music, fireworks. 011-52-686-552-3472. (MEXICALI)

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ber 14, 10 a.m., at Caliente Race Track (Boulevard Agua Caliente). Admission: \$1.50 U.S. (TIJUANA)

Fiestas Patrias, celebrate Mexico's Independence Day, Monday, September 15, 6 p.m. to midnight, at Tijuana City Hall. Live music, fireworks, ballet folklorico, traditional food and beverages. 011-52-664-684-8609. (TIJUANA)

Fiestas Patrias will be commemorated Tuesday, September 16, 6 p.m. to midnight, at Rancho la Tomatera. Fireworks, music, folkloric dancing, food. 011-52-661-612-6791. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Rodin in Mexico, sculptures on display through January 19, 2004, at Tijuana Cultural Center, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

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Fall Migrant Birds such as wood warblers can be seen at Cabrillo National Monument and its vicinity on Point Loma, Torrey Pines State Reserve, and other parks and open spaces near the San Diego coast. Cooper's or marsh hawks and even peregrine falcons may be seen following or pursuing these smaller birds.

The Chaparral, the tangled assortment of low-growing, droughtresistant native shrubs covering most of San Diego County's lower mountain slopes, has managed to remain fairly attractive this summer. Unlike many of the scrubby natives near the coast, chaparral plants tend to hang on to their leaves year round. This month, the coppery, sun-burnished remnants of last spring's flower clusters are still clinging to the tips of buckwheat and chamise plants. To enjoy the beauty of the chaparral landscape, explore the hillsides above Lake Morena and along Lyons Valley, Japatul, and Boulder Creek Roads in East County. Or head inland from Escondido toward Ramona or Valley Center.

The Planet Mars, which approached Earth virtually as close as it ever gets in late August, remains prominent in the eastern

sky after dark. In the next few weeks, however, this noticeably ruddy "star," shining with a steady gleam, will rapidly fade. Earth is racing along its orbit around the sun faster than Mars moves along its orbit. As a result, the Earth-Mars separation is widening.

Gathering Around Sunset on east side of Mission Trails Regional Park, members of San Diego Astronomy Association host public viewing with telescopes, Friday, September 12. Equipment remains set up until around 10 p.m. Meet in Kumeyaay Campground parking lot, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on the second Saturday of each month, including September 13. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Banish Invasive Plants, tend California natives, weed native plant gardens with Friends of Famosa Slough around treatment ponds at urban wetland, Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard with work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)



Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni at the Book Works, September 17 (see In Person)

Sky Hunters, Nancy Conney brings live birds of prey to Heise Park, Saturday, September 13, 6 p.m. She'll address their methods of nesting, hunting, and eating. William Heise County Park, 4945 Heise Park Road. Day-use fee: \$2, 858-694-3049, (JULIAN)

Star Party, check out the heavens when George Varga sets up a telescope for stargazing in Kumeyaay Campground, Mission Trails Regional Park (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail), Saturday, September 13, 7 to 9:30 p.m. 619-668-3275, Free, (MISSION GORGE)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, September 13, beginning at visitors' center at 10 a.m. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Hikin' Hounds, head out on Mule Hill trail with your leashed canine when Bobbi leads hike in San Dieguito River Park, Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m. Easy, five miles. Free. Required reservations: 858-6474-2275 x31. (ESCONDIDO)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk, Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Walk Through Wyatt Earp's Old Neighborhood when Patty Fares leads Urban Safari exploration through Gaslamp Quarter, Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-944-9255. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Walk Through Wooded Areas of "hidden La Jolla" with Walkabout adventurers, Saturday, September 13. Expect a fast-paced six-mile walk with some steep hills. Starts at 9 a.m. at North La Jolla Scenic and Woodford Drive. Free. 619-231-7463. (LA JOLLA)

"Blue Sky Potpourri" naturalist Julie Bennett-Smith leads hike in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve, Sunday, September 14, 9 a.m. Find Blue Sky Ecological Reserve on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. 858-679-5469. Free. (POWAY)

Enjoy Florida Canyon and hike through fields of chaparral broom. chamise, white sage, California sagebrush, and more with Canyoneers, Sunday, September 14. Walk starts at 1 p.m.; from Park Boulevard, go east on Morley Field Drive, crossing Florida Drive; at top of hill, turn right twice into the parking lot next to lawn. Free. 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Tricolored Blackbirds breed at Lindo Lake Park; explore area with Audubon Society birders, Wednesday, September 17, 8 to 11 a.m. Picnic tables, water, and restrooms are available. Easy hiking. Free. Directions: 619-692-3246. (LAKESIDE)

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Club Cleopatra, dancers Nadige, Dilek, Ana, Lucia present bellydance "gala," Thursday, September 11, 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 Friday, September 12, 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). 619-2629550. Open enrollment continues through September 19. (BALBOA PARK)

Contradance, JoAnn Koppany calls, Lime in the Harp makes the music for contradancing, Friday, September 12, 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.

Bellydancing Dinner Show $\ensuremath{\mathrm{b}} y$ Vilia and Zenaida, Friday, September 12, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8858 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover. 858-573-0155.

Maine Avenue Street Dance 2003, events begin at 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, September 12 and 13, between Parkside and Laurel. Live country music, Western "skits" by the Hole in the Wall

Gang, Winchester Widows; custom car and bike show, NHRA Junior Dragsters, more. Tickets: \$5 adults, free for those 12 and under. 619-390-2924. (LAKESIDE)

Swamp Romp, Bennie and the Swamp Gators perform for dance party hosted by Bon Temps Social Club, Saturday, September 13. Dance instruction at 6:20 p.m., followed by dancing from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Recital Hall is located on Presidents Way off Park Boulevard. \$12 for adults, kids free. 858-496-6655, (BALBOA PARK)

Bulgarian Dance Party with live music by Todor Kirov (gadulka professor from Plovdiv Academy) and Vili Kirov (tambura and vocals), Saturday, September 13, 8 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street), \$5, 858-638-1810. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Concert of Philippine Dances and Music, featuring colorful rural and Spanish-influenced dances with live rondalla and kulintang music, presented by Samahan Filipino-American Performing Arts, Saturday, September 13, 8 p.m. Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Performing Arts Theatre, 6611 University Avenue. Tickets: \$15 general, \$12 seniors and students, \$10 for kids 10 and under. 619-444-7528. (ROLANDO)

Shelle and Her Blues All-Stars plays for swing dancers Sunday, September 14. at Aubergine (500 Fourth Avenue, at Island and Fourth). Swing lesson, 7:45 p.m.; band plays 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Cover: \$10. 858-395-6060. For those 18 and older. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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FILM

"The Long Cult Summer: The Adventure Continues," through September 26, at the Museum of Photographic Arts. Young Mr. Lincoln and The Fugitive on Friday, September 12. Tickets: \$5 general. Showtimes: 619-238-7559, (BALBOA PARK)

"Echando Raices/Taking Root" screens for Activist San Diego, Saturday, September 13, 8 p.m., Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Donation: \$3. 858-635-1274. (NORTH PARK)

"Shouf: New Video from Middle Eastern America" is a program of video projects created by videomakers of Middle Eastern origin exploring themes of identity, immigration, language, life after 9/11. Titles include In Mv Own Skin.



Cellist Matt Haimovitz at the Playhouse, September 17 (see In Person) and/or (see Classical Music)

Strange Days, Hollywood Harem, I Call Myself Persian, more, Local filmmakers will be on hand when Shouf screens Sunday, September 14, 7 p.m., at Lestat's Coffeehouse (3343 Adams Avenue). \$5. 619-282-2557 x2. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"The Perfect You," starring Jenny McCarthy and Christopher Eigeman, screens for Film Forum, Monday, September 15, 6:30 p.m., at San 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 Far from Heaven, starring Julianne Moore and Dennis Quaid, Wednesday, September 17, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free, 760-602-2026, (LA COSTA)

"San Diego Film Festival — Hollywood South," events run Wednesday, September 17,

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Individual tickets: \$10; screening pass \$50, festival pass \$125. Details: 858-458-5834. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Families and Flowers," this 30-minute documentary about multigenerational flower growers in North San Diego County by Mark Freeman screens Wednesday, September 17, 6 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Freeman and artist Margaret Nee lead discussion. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

French Film Night — replete with café and croissants — features Gerard Depardieu in Cyrano de Bergerac, Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Discussion following film. Free, 760-602-2021, (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). Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Fame San Diego hosts performing arts workshops benefiting Christie's Place through Tuesday, September 30, at A Time to Dance, 3982 30th Street. Learn to dance, sing, act. Ages five and older. Fees: \$10 to \$12. 619-846-0190. (NORTH PARK)





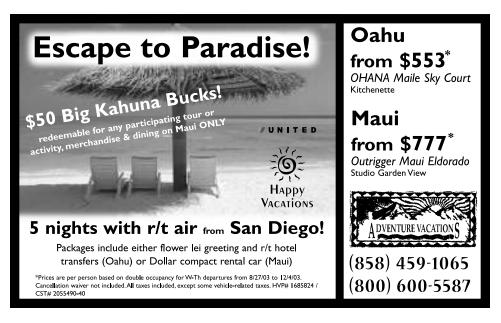




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Artist's Critique planned by Ken Goldman for Clairemont Art Guild meeting, Saturday, September 13, 12:15 p.m., at South Clairemont Recreation Center (3608 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

"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.

The World War II "enemy alien" experiences and the fragile nature of our constitutional and human rights in times of crises explored during panel discussion, Saturday, September 13, 2 to 4 p.m., in library auditorium.

Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

A "Very Special Day" on tap when San Diego Genealogical Society meets for catered pit-barbecue lunch and "Genealogy in the New Millennium: Where We've Been and Where We Are Going in Genealogy Research" by Henry Z. Jones Jr., Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 6556 Park Ridge Boulevard. \$10. Reservations: 619-298-2447. (SAN CARLOS)

Beginning Genealogy Course and refresher class offered by Margaret Read for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

Children's Author Sally Warner speaks for Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Saturday, September 13, 2 p.m., Manchester Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Fee: \$8. 858-673-1984. (LINDA VISTA)

Comprehensive Bike-Maintenance Class, Saturday, September 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Bring your bike for practice; tools and bike stands provided. Members, \$60; nonmembers \$75. Registration: 858-279-4400. Repeats September 27. (KEARNY MESA)

Advanced Hydroponics discussed by Bill Tall, owner of City Farmers Nursery, Saturday, September 13, 1 p.m., at Nate's Deli (3120 Euclid Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Age-Old Techniques of Knotting divulged when fiber artist Carol Lang leads class, Sunday, September 14, noon to 5 p.m., Oceanside Museum of Art, School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). Class explores sculptural forms of knotting using simple knots. Fees: \$55 plus \$10 for materials. Registration: 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

Experiment With Papier-Mâché when Shirley Rose Bahnsen leads bowl-making workshops, Sundays, September 14 and 21, 1 to 4 p.m., at Arts College International (840 G

Street). \$69. Registration: 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

"Birds of the Salton Sea" discussed and signed by authors Michael Patten, Guy McCaskie, Phil Unitt, and Ken Kurland, Monday, September 15, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$8, 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Digitally Enhanced Landscape Photography" subject for workshop Monday and Tuesday,
September 15 and 16, 6:30 p.m., at

San Diego Natural History Museum. Practical applications of the use of Adobe PhotoShop. \$65. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Gardening With Natives discussed by Greg Rubin when California Native Plant Society gathers, Tuesday, September 16, 7:30 p.m., Casa del Prado room 101. Learn to plan, install, irrigate, and maintain a native landscape. Free. 619-685-7321. Coast live oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*) will be

available; \$5 per one-gallon plant.

Distinguished Author Series at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center gets underway when Harold Kushner discusses his new book, *The Lord Is My Shepherd: The Healing Wisdom of the 23rd Psalm.* Tuesday, September 16, 7:30 p.m., at 4126 Executive Drive. \$16. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

"Latino Art" discussed by artists Gerald Bustamante and Rafael

Lopez in celebration of Mexican Independence Day, Tuesday, September 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saville Theatre, San Diego City College (at 15th and C Streets). Free. 619-388-3552. (DOWNTOWN)

ABCs of Starting and Growing a Business dispensed during seminar, Tuesday, September 16, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., at San Diego

Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-685-1390. (DOWNTOWN)

Get the Skinny on Car Camping—best spots to set up "base camp," gear, expert tips — on Tuesday, September 16, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). 858-279-4400. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

Perspectives on Ocean Science, lecture series at Birch Aquarium-

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Calendar Local Events

Museum features Charles Kennel discussing "Ocean Blues," Wednesday, September 17, 7:30 a.m. Kennel examines the crisis in marine ecosystems. \$8. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Environmental Issues discussed by Robert Nanninga of *Coast News* for North County Coalition for Peace and Justice, Wednesday, September 17, at Pilgrim United Church of Christ (2020 Chestnut Street). Social at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. 760-753-2654. Free. (CARLSBAD)

"Of Boundaries and Borderlands:

American Experimental Psychology and Spiritualism, 1880-1920" is topic when Deborah Coon speaks for San Diego Independent Scholars, Wednesday, September 17. Program begins in room 111 of the Chancellor's Complex at UCSD at 7:30 p.m. 760-431-6822. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Tackling Issues in Electronic Publishing and providing guidance for citing material from online journals and websites — it's time for the 15th edition of *The*

Chicago Manual of Style. Jackie Estrada discusses this reference for San Diego Professional Editors' Network, Wednesday, September 17, 6:30 p.m., in Clairemont Community Room at Clairemont Square Shopping Center (4731 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-451-3266. (CLAIREMONT)

"Fundamentalist Religions — Predictors or Cause of Apocalypse?" Discuss the question on Wednesday, September 17, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Special Speakers, series hosted by San Diego Zoo continues with a look at giant armadillos of Argentina by Eduardo Fernandez-Duque, Wednesday, September 17, 7 p.m. in zoo's Otto Center Auditorium. \$12. Required reservations: 619-557-3962. (BALBOA PARK)

Tune Up, REI shop technicians offer basic bicycle maintenance clinic Wednesday, September 17, 6 p.m. Essentials of fixing flats, brake and derailleur adjustment, more. Find REI at 5556 Copley Drive. Registration: 858-279-4400. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

Maintaining and Mounting Orchids is the topic when Harry Phillips speaks for San Diego

Faculty Art and Photography Exhibition at Boehm Gallery, September 12

County Cymbidium Society, Wednesday, September 17, 7 p.m., at Women's Club of Carlsbad (3320 Monroe Street). Culture class: 6:30 p.m. Free. 760-729-0469. (CARLSBAD)

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)

"Impressionism: Theory and Technique," explore the motives of the adherents of Impressionism — Monet, Manet, Degas,

Renoir — in developing new ways of rendering reality when Linda M. Blair presents this series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library.

"Theory and Technique" examined Thursday, September 18, 7:30 p.m. Athenaeum, 1008 Wall Street. Fee: \$52 for the series, \$15 per talk. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

The Sounds of Art, pianist and composer David Korevaar presents "The Degas Bronzes: Impressionism...Degas's Contemporaries," Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Korevaar will integrate commentary, slides, and performance into this lecture and concert series, featuring pieces by Gluck, Gounod, Fauré, Chabrier, Debussy, and Ravel. \$15

for nonmembers. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Timely Tips for Fall Gardeners are promised when UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Association hosts this series of talks.

Thursday, September 25, 7 p.m., learn about "Subtropical 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 these classes by September 17.

No day-of-event registration. Fee: \$10 per class. Classes are held in La Jolla Ballroom at Marriott La Jolla (4240 La Jolla Village Drive). Registration: 858-694-2860. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

Modern Jazz Program presented by Peter Sprague and Ivar Antonsen for Concert Hour series, Thursday, September 11, 12:30 p.m., Palomar College Performance Lab (D-10). Free. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

"Uplifting Memorial Concert" planned by singer/songwriter Aliah Selah, Thursday, September 11, 8 p.m., at Miracles Café (1953 San Elijo Avenue). 760-943-7924. Donation. (CARDIFF)

Local Author Marie Giordano reads, discusses, and signs her new novel, *I Love You Like a Tomato*, the first book in a trilogy on the lives of Italian immigrants, Friday, September 12, 5:30 p.m., Bay Books (1029 Orange Avenue). Free. 619-435-0070. (CORONADO)

Research That Went Into *The Passion of Artemisia* will be discussed by author Susan Vreeland, Friday, September 12, 7:30 p.m., in room 3601 at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Book tells the story of artist Artemisia Gentileschi (1593-1653); Vreeland will show slides of Gentileschi's paintings during discussion. 760-795-6612. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

"Oliver!" presented by Lyric Opera San Diego, September 12-21, at Casa del Prado Theater. Musical directed by J. Sherwood Montgomery, starring ten-year-old Morgan Hollingsworth, Leon Natker, James Lowe.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, September 12 and 13; 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 14; 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 18 (8 p.m. on September 19, 2 p.m. September 20 and 21). Tickets: \$17 to \$27 general, \$12 for those 3 to 12, \$15 for 13-to 18-year-olds, available at 619-239-8836 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (BALBOA PARK)

The Fallbrook Americana Music Series continues when Dave Stamey and Ken and Phee perform cowboy, Western, and range music, Saturday, September 13, 7:30 p.m., Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for those under 17, 760-723-7255. (FALLBROOK)

Author Cody Goodfellow signs *Ravenous Dusk*, Saturday, September 13, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore, Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

"New York Times" Columnist

Paul Krugman discusses his new book, *The Great Unraveling*, Saturday, September 13, 4 p.m., at the Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). UCSD professor Chalmers Johnson will introduce Krugman. 858-755-3735. Free. (DEL MAR)

Latin Harp Night hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, September 13, 7:30 p.m., San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Harpists José Smith, César Daniel López, and saxophonist Frank Lucio will perform. \$12. Reservations: 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Editor, Bookseller, and Author Jeff Mariotte signs and discusses *The Slab*, Saturday, September 13, 2:30 p.m., Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Local Author Erica Miner signs and discusses *Travels With My Lovers*, Saturday, September 13, noon to 3 p.m., Laguna Trends (1080 University Avenue, H-109). 619-298-2555. (HILLCREST)

Hispanic Authors' Panel, Irene Armenta DesGeorges, Raoul Lowery Contreras, and Patricia Santana read from and discuss their books, Saturday, September 13, 2 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Hazard Center, 7610 Hazard Center Drive). 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Tribute to 9/11 featuring the 60-member Palomar Pacific Music Men, Saturday, September 13, 7:30 p.m., at Hearth Theater, San Marcos Community Center (3 Civic Center Drive). Tickets: \$10-\$15.760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Original Work by Poet/Vocalist/ Musician Jahsun Olufemi featured during celebration of his birthday,

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Saturday, September 13, at Dizzy's Place (344 Seventh Avenue), Nommo Collective will perform, as will concert harpist Robin Edmonds, vocalist Neema Baraka. Doors open at 8 p.m. \$10. 619-203-1517. (DOWNTOWN)

Poetry Are Us, open mike for poetry and spoken word for all readers, Sundays, September 14 and 28, 4 to 6 p.m., at French Cafe (1005 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-729-5216. (CARLSBAD)

Solid Ground presents old gospel standards, new original songs, and sing-along, Sunday, September 14, 2 p.m., at Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church (1675 Garnet Avenue). Free. RSVP: 858-273-9312. (PACIFIC BEACH)

The Annual Tea hosted by Friends of the Escondido Library is Sunday, September 14, 2 p.m., in library's Turrentine Room, 239 South Kalmia Street, Author Donald F. Chmelka will discuss and sign his book Matej's Journey to America. Free. 760-839-4601. (ESCONDIDO)

Local Poet Teri Hertzler reads, discusses, and signs her book Sec-



Water Rocket Family Day at San Diego Aerospace Museum, September 13 (see For Kids)

ond Skin, Monday, September 15, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Hazard Center, 7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

Celebrate Mexican Independence Day on Tuesday, September 16, with concert by Symphonic Mariachi Champana Nevin, Ballet Folklorico Pacifico Dance Company, and Barrio Humilde, at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). 8 p.m. \$20, 619-445-6002 x1139, (EL CAJON)

Lawyer and Suspense Author Robert Tanenbaum discusses and signs Resolved at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard), Tuesday, September 16, 7 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

USF Professor and Author

Steven Zunes signs and discusses Tinderbox: U.S. Middle East Policy and the Roots of Terrorism, Tuesday, September 16, 7:30 p.m., Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 Uni-Avenue). 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

"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 the Book Works (in Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

"Cellist Without Borders"

Matt Haimovitz performs music from his new CD, Anthem (featuring a mix of solo cello works by a variety of living American composers), on Wednesday, September 17, 8 p.m., the Playhouse (4746 El Cajon Boulevard). \$15. 619-284-8802. (SAN DIEGO)

Texas Crime Author Ben Rehder (Bone Dry) and romance and suspense author Meg Chittenden (More Than You Know) visit Mvsterious Galaxy Books to sign their

books, Wednesday, September 17, 7 p.m. Find the galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Trader and Author Larry Williams signs The Right Stock at the Right Time, Wednesday, September 17, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free, 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

Author Larry Johnson signs Absolute Honesty, Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive; 619-667-2870). Free. (LA MESA)

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, Septem-

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ber 25, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Viesturs will also sign his new book, Himalayan Quest. \$5. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

SPORTS

The Boys of (Waning) Summer, the San Diego Padres host San Francisco Giants in Qualcomm Stadium, Thursday, September 11, 7:05 p.m.

Road trip to Los Angeles to meet up with Dodgers, September 12-14, at 7:10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:10 p.m. on Sunday. The Pads head north to San Francisco for games against the Giants September 15-18, at 7:10 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, and at 12:35 p.m. on Thursday.

All of the games (except on the 18th) are broadcast on Channel 4. Listen to games in English on KOGO-AM (600) and in Spanish on XEMO-AM (860). Tickets: \$6 to \$32, available by calling 877-374-2784. (MISSION VALLEY)

Speed Trucks, street stocks, Grand American modifieds, legends, factory stocks, and train races are promised Saturday, September 13, at Cajon Speedway. First race: 6:45 p.m., following qualifying runs at 5 p.m.

The 3/8-mile track is located next to Gillespie Field. Take I-8 to Highway 67, take Bradley exit. Turn left, drive two blocks to Wing Street, then right one block to track entrance. Adult admission: \$9 (west side) and \$10 (east side); \$3 for those 6 to 12; free for kids under 6 with an adult. 619-448-8900. (EL CAJON)

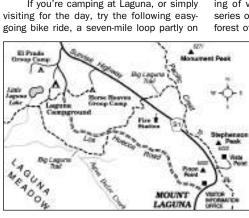
Semper Fit, Camp Pendleton Half-Marathon, Saturday, September 13, in main-side area on base. Registration at 6 a.m., racing at

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September temperatures remain warm on Mount Laguna, and both of the large national-forest campgrounds — Laguna and Burnt Rancheria — atop the 6000-foot mountain are winding down their busy summer season. During much of the day, when temperatures reach the 80s or even 90s, there's not much more to do than lift a beer or an iced drink to the lips and shoot the breeze. In the cool of evening or early morning, though, it isn't hard to summon up a little energy for a laid-back hike or bike ride.

If you're camping at Laguna, or simply visiting for the day, try the following easy-



dirt and partly on pavement. You can begin at the hilltop village of Mount Laguna (Burnt Rancheria Campground is nearby), or start from the south end of Laguna Campground. A fat-tired mountain bike isn't necessary. Even skinny-tired road bikes can negotiate the unpaved section, which is graded fairly smooth. Low gears help, though.

Assuming you head south out of Laguna Campground, you'll wend your way south on the lightly traveled, unpaved Los Huecos Road, which serves only a smattering of vacation cabins. Grind uphill on a series of moderate grades through a serene forest of Jeffrey pines and black oaks. Both

tree types look a little ill, largely due to the series of dry years we've been subjected to lately. Around sunset, bats appear like stealth fighters, and crazed flying beetles — perhaps pursued by the bats — blindly and noisily buzz your head.

Turn left when you reach Sunrise Highway, right next to the visitors' information office. Turn the cranks a few more times until you reach the Vista Point turnoff, then relax and enjoy a breezy and effortless



Cycling Sunrise Highway

glide down the long straightaway of Sunrise Highway. Watch for traffic, as the road is a bit narrow through here. When the road starts twisting a bit, watch for the left turn that will take you back to your starting point at Laguna Campground.

7:30 a.m. 760-725-6836. Civilians welcome. (OCEANSIDE)

Where Are the Toughest Five Miles in the Sweetwater Valley? Find out during eighth annual fall classic, Saturday, September 13, 8 a.m., at Sweetwater Park (3200 Summit Meadow Road), \$18 with shirt, \$15 with no shirt. 619-475-

Fire Up the Surf for Oceanside Firefighter's Association Team Surf Contest, Saturday, September 13, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., at south harbor jetty at Harbor Beach. Spectating is free. 760-809-7815.

Snorkel with the Sharks, Saturday, September 13, 8 to 10 a.m., hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Sharks in question are (harmless) leopard sharks, smooth hound sharks, and guitarfish. \$30. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA SHORES)

G'Day! The San Diego Lions take on Orange County Bombers in Australian rules football competition, Sunday, September 14, 1 p.m., at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). 858-829-9596. Free. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

The San Diego Chargers host the Denver Broncos in Qualcomm Stadium, Sunday, September 14, 1:15 p.m. Broadcast on KFMB. Tickets: 877-CHARGERS. (MISSION VALLEY)

Highs and Lows of San Diego, join Knickerbiker bicyclists for ride

from Balboa Park to Cabrillo Monument to the tidepools and back to the park, Sunday, September 14. This 51km ride starts at 9 a.m. at Presidents Way and Park Boulevard. Free. 619-787-7427. (BALBOA PARK)

Kavak the Calm Waters of La Jolla during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum, Sunday, September 14, 8 to 11 a.m. Scripps naturalists team with instructors from Ocean Enterprises Express to guide paddlers from La Iolla Shores to caves at La Jolla Cove. Beginners welcome. \$45. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Rancho Valencia Cup Finals at San Diego Polo Club, Sunday,

September 14. Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., featured polo match starts at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Tuesday Night Racing, summer bicycle racing series at San Diego Velodrome continues on Tuesday, September 16. 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)

Hole-in-One Shootout, golfers of all ages and skill levels pay \$1 per ball (to compete for \$1 million final shootout on September 29) in this Pacific Life Holiday Bowl fundraiser, running Wednesday, September 17, through Friday, September 26, at Stadium Golf Center (2990 Murphy Canyon Road). 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. 619-283-5808. (MISSION GORGE)

SPECIAL

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 iournalist Miriam Ruvinksis, series continues with Rosario Ferre's House on the Lagoon, Thursday, September 11, 7 p.m. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

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.'

Seminars: "Yachting: From Fantasy to Reality," Friday and Saturday, September 12 and 13, 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)

"Philadelphia Fire" by John Edgar Wideman discussed by Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group, Friday, September 12, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

Recovery Happens 2003, inobservance of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, festivities planned on Friday, September 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Entertainment (the Good China), speakers, resource fair. Free. 858-576-6919. (BALBOA PARK)

Yoga for Hope, Yoga One offers expanded schedule and donates all fees collected on Friday, September 12, to City of Hope. Suggested donation: \$15 per class. Find the studio at 1150 Seventh Avenue. 619-294-7461. (DOWNTOWN)

Surfin' Safari, third annual Ocean Beach Party on the Pier, Friday, September 12, 6 to 10 p.m. Music by the Devastators and the Ravens, performance by O.B. Geriatric Drill Team and Bridget Patrol, silent auction, \$15, 619-224-4906. (OCEAN BEACH)

Book Lovers and Bargain Hunters Beckoned, Athenaeum Music and Arts Library hosts book and craft sale, Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sheet music, books on a variety of subjects, CDs and LP albums, and art periodicals on offer. The Athenaeum is located at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Many Tribes, One People, 20th annual California American Indian Days Celebration, Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. California Indian dance groups, storytellers, demonstrations, food, arts and crafts vendors. Admission is free. 619-281-5964. (BALBOA PARK)

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Spanish rule — Saturday, September 13, 5 p.m., outdoors at City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Mariachi music, Ballet Folklorico Ouetzal, Iulian Briano v sus Hermanos, more. Free. 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Environmental Fest 2003, this Sierra Club scholarship fundraiser is Saturday, September 13, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Sunbelt Publications (1250 Fayette Street). Outings, picnic, educational seminars, book signings. Admission is free; lunch is \$5. Details: 760-747-1155.

Fiestas Patrias "Recordando a Mexico" Celebration, Saturday, September 13, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Sherman Heights Community Center (2258 Island Avenue, between 22nd and 24th Streets). Festival features traditional Mexican music and dance. Mexican consul Rudolfo Figueroa and others will present "El Grito de Independencia" at 5 p.m. Free. 619-232-5181 x13. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

Plumeria Show and Sale hosted by Southern California Plumeria Society, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14, in Casa del Prado, room 101. Many plants for sale. Experts on hand to answer questions and provide growing tips. Admission is free. 619-669-1990 or 760-451-1472. (BALBOA PARK)

Vista Street Fair, with arts and crafts, kids' art, food, music (by

THREE POEMS BY ROBERT LOWELL

History has to live with what was here, clutching and close to fumbling all we had it is so dull and gruesome how we die, unlike writing, life never finishes. Abel was finished: death is not remote. a flash-in-the-pan electrifies the skeptic. his cows crowding like skulls against high-voltage wire, his baby crying all night like a new machine. As in our Bibles, white-faced, predatory, the beautiful, mist-drunken hunter's moon ascends a child could give it a face: two holes, two holes, my eyes, my mouth, between them a skull's no-nose — O there's a terrifying innocence in my face drenched with the silver salvage of the mornfrost.

Reading Myself

Like thousands, I took just pride and more than just, struck matches that brought my blood to a boil; I memorized the tricks to set the river on fire somehow never wrote something to go back to. Can I suppose I am finished with wax flowers and have earned my grass on the minor slopes of Parnassus.... No honeycomb is built without a bee adding circle to circle, cell to cell, the wax and honey of a mausoleum this round dome proves its maker is alive; the corpse of the insect lives embalmed in honey, prays that its perishable work live long enough for the sweet-tooth bear to desecrate this open book...my open coffin.

Surf Kings, Michael Bliss Band, Blue Label), Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Main Street. Free. 760-758-5111. (VISTA)

Sleepover on the Star, sleep on the "tween deck" where immigrants slept during voyages when the Star of India hosts a sleepover, Saturday, September 13. Participants learn how to set sail, move cargo, stand night watch. \$65. Reservations: 619-234-9153 x124. The Star is berthed at 1306 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street). (DOWNTOWN)

Power of Stillness, learn the Chinese exercise wu chi, which "appears to consist of nothing

Epilogue

Those blessèd structures, plot and rhyme why are they no help to me now I want to make something imagined, not recalled? I hear the noise of my own voice: The painter's vision is not a lens, it trembles to caress the light. But sometimes everything I write with the threadbare art of my eye seems a snapshot, lurid, rapid, garish, grouped, heightened from life, yet paralyzed by fact. All's misalliance. Yet why not say what happened? Pray for the grace of accuracy Vermeer gave to the sun's illumination stealing like the tide across a map to his girl stolid with yearning. We are poor passing facts, warned by that to give

each figure in the photograph his living name.

Robert Lowell

Reprinted from The Vintage Book of Contemporary American Poetry, Second Edition; edited by J.D. McClatchy.

Robert Lowell was born in 1917 and died of a heart attack on September 12, 1977.

more than standing perfectly still," Saturday, September 12:15 p.m., Kung Fu Academy (3388 30th Street), \$30 fee includes video, 619-297-0424, (NORTH PARK)

House of Panama presents lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, September 14, 2 p.m. Regional foods offered for sale. Admission: free. free. 619-234-0739.

Celebrate History and Culture during Fiesta del Barrio Carlsbad 2003, Sunday, September 14, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Roosevelt Street and Walnut Avenue. Musical entertainment, arts and crafts, food

(for sale), more. 760-434-2191. Admission is free. (CARLSBAD)

El Festival del Grito, sights, tastes, and sounds of Mexico are promised by organizers of the Fiestas Patrias 2003, Mexican Independence Day festivities, Sunday, September 14, at Coors Amphitheatre (2050 Otay Valley Road). Doors open at 11 a.m. Live music, vendor booths, and more. Free. 619-744-4325. (CHULA VISTA)

Taste of Pacific Beach, Tuesday, September 16, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$7 for children (6-12). 858-273-3303, (PACIFIC BEACH)

"How to Live Happily Ever After...With Your Dog" teaches vital training secrets to prevent and manage unwanted dog behaviors. Participants learn basics of housetraining, nutrition, preventing destructive behaviors, encouraging calmness, socialization with people and other animals, how to communicate with their

Classes offered every Wednesday, 6 to 7:30 p.m., San Diego Humane Society (887 Sherman Street). \$10. Reservations: 619 - 299 - 7012. (LINDA VISTA)

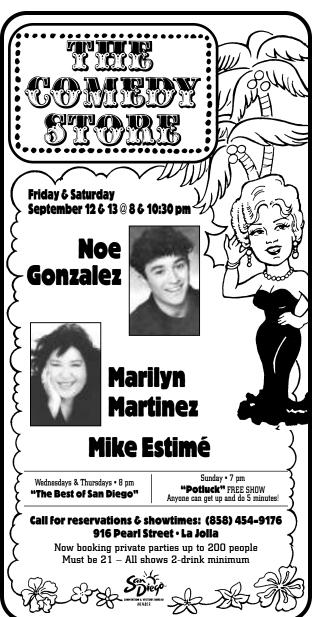
Taste of Downtown, cuisines of the world on offer during selfguided walking tour, Wednesday, September 17, 5 to 9 p.m. Participants may use shuttle busses or walk to 20 participating eateries ranging from Gaslamp Quarter to Little Italy. \$20. 619-233-5008. (DOWNTOWN)

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). Surf music by Duo Tones 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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)

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

Rarely Seen Pieces of Mata Ortiz pottery by master potter Juan Quezada and members of his extended family as well as works by other Mata Ortiz potters may be seen through 2003 at Wells Fargo Bank (401 B Street). Viewing: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Pieces are on loan from San Diego Museum of Man's collection. Free. 619-239-2001. (DOWNTOWN)

"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)

FOR KIDS

"Pepper's First Favorites" presented by Puppet Express through Sunday, September 14, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Sleeping Beauty presented by Weaver's Tales, September 17-21.

Performances at 10 and 11:30 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.

Create a Flying Saucer and listen to *The Soccer Mom from Outer Space* by Barney Saltzberg during story time, Tuesday, September 12, 11 a.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

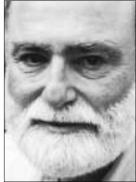
Choo Choo! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, noon to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14, Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 25 cents. 619-421-5227. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. (BONITA)

Rosh Hashanah Celebrations planned when San Diego Actors Theatre presents "Children's Classics," Saturday, September 13,



READING

The Art of Burning Bridges



Alfred A. Knopf, 2003; 373 pages; \$30

FROM THE DUST JACKET:An enigma of 20th-century literature—a writer accorded great importance in his time, if less than in his own mind—is here explored by one of our most versatile men of letters, a novelist and biographer ideally suited to the strange case of John O'Hara.

The accomplishments are undeniable: "The Region," the fictionalized coal-mining Pennsyl-

vania of O'Hara's youth, serving his work much as Yoknapatawpha County did Faulkner's; an acute vernacular gift and a narrative frankness shocking in his day; an intimate, combative relationship with The New Yorker for over four decades; and a handful of books, from Appointment in Samarra to Sermons and Soda Water, that justify their author's ambitious claims. Moreover, he cut a wide swath through a Manhattan demimonde whose fierce friendships and bitter feuds — fueled by oceans of booze — were played out at such institutions as the Stork Club, "21," and the Algonquin Round Table. But for all his best-sellers — one of which, Pal Joey, was a hit on Broadway, adapted by Rodgers and Hart — O'Hara had emerged in the wake of Fitzgerald and Hemingway, whose reputations buffeted his own. His preoccupations as a novelist of manners became dated as the world of speakeasies, the Social Register, Ivy League universities, and august clubs was inevitably undermined, while his prickly, status-obsessed outsider's personality failed to engage (and often enraged) changing fashions.

What Geoffrey Wolff reveals is not only the hugely complicated man in full but also his rightful place in our contemporary attention — a portrait of the artist that illuminates both the process of fiction and an era still vivid in our cultural history.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY: From *Publishers Weekly*: John O'Hara (1905–1970) was not a nice man. Fueled by alcohol and a lifelong inferiority complex, he bullied everyone in his path. His rages — against women, editors, and critics — have become the stuff of literary legend. While admitting his subject's character flaws, Wolff

believes they have obscured the quality of O'Hara's best work, particularly the novel Appointment in Samarra and several short stories. But in addition to restoring O'Hara's literary reputation, Wolff has a more personal motive: he details the many ways in which O'Hara reminds him of his own father (memorialized in his notable The Duke of Deception), and as much as he declines to reach any conclusions about their similarities, one cannot help thinking that the author's soft take on O'Hara's nasty behavior is informed by respect and compassion for his father's legacy. Wolff refuses to speculate on what drove O'Hara's emotional and artistic life, instead adhering to the facts as much as possible-not that the facts are dull. Wolff weaves an engrossing narrative, taking us from O'Hara's privileged but provincial beginnings as a doctor's son in Pottsville, Pa. (the model for his fictional Gibbsville), to his cocktail years among the New York literati and his stint as a Hollywood script doctor. Wolff offers a clear-eyed analysis of O'Hara's gifts as an acute observer of social manners, with an uncanny ability to illuminate the customs, morals, and hypocrisies of the rich and, more tragically, the arrivistes who never quite arrived. This ameliorating biography will go a long way toward mending bridges between O'Hara and his reading public.

From *The Sunday New York Times Book Review:* ...a biography that is both satisfying and pleasingly unconventional, and one that O'Hara would probably have hated. He would have wanted the full scholarly treatment, like Matthew J. Bruccoli's 1975 data dump, *The O'Hara Concern.* But *The Art of Burning Bridges* is from

11 a.m., L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). Program includes *Little Red Riding Hood, Green Eggs and Ham,* poetry, songs. 858-268-4494. \$4. (DEL MAR)

Play "Animal Olympics" and discover special talents during class Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Children will look at real animals and sculpt one to take home. Nonmember fee: \$22 per child/adult pair. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

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.

Build an Orange Crate Race Car (if you're 7 to 13 years old) with your parents and take part in the 24th annual Orange Crate Derby. Participants race downhill—reaching top speeds of 30 miles per hour—for trophies in three categories.

Trial racing is Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; opening ceremonies start at 8 a.m. on Sun-

day, September 14, on Rancho del Rey Parkway and Parkway Boulevard (off East H Street from I-805). \$20 for competitors, free for spectators. 619-427-9157. (CHULA VISTA)

Family Day with music-making activities on Sunday, September 14, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive. Reservations: 760-438-5996 x219. (CARLSBAD)

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., Wanrwick's Bookstore (7812 Gi-

rard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. Pilkey will sign three books per customer. (LA JOLLA)

Fishin' in the Pines, kids' fishing derby, Saturday, September 27, at Lake Cuyamaca. Lake will be stocked with 2000 pounds of Mojave trout and 1200 pounds of whitewater trout prior to the derby. Fishing begins at 6 a.m.; registration starts at 9 a.m. Prizes awarded for largest trout caught by kids divided into three age categories. Weigh-ins by 12:45 p.m.

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. (free). Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highway 79. 877-581-9904. Free. (JULIAN)

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.)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum

houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

California Surf Museum, "Early California Surfriders, 1900-1940" honors Doc John Heath Ball, the first surf documentarian, telling stories of those pioneering surfers in photographs by Ball and text.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Computer Museum of America,

'Secrets, Lies, and Teletypes: A History of Cryptology" explores the development of cryptology and code breaking from ancient times to the present, focusing on the role of machines and computers. The National Cryptologic Museum has loaned the German Air Force Enigma Machine; the three-rotor Enigma was used by the Nazis in World War II to secure messaging. Also on view, the M-209, a U.S. Army Signal Corps machine used by American troops to send and receive encrypted messages. Learn about the use of semaphore, punch card equipment, teletypes, and other

Ongoing exhibits include vintage video games like Pong and Space Invaders, punch cards, a rare "millionaire calculator," and a Hectotron, described as "a 1970s vacuum-tube, sound-responsive electronic kaleidoscope." Find the museum at 640 C Street (at Seventh Avenue). 619-235-8222.

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (1368-1644 A.D.) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, iades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C. to 221 A.D.), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)



beginning to end not a scholar's book but one by a fellow writer: it's conversational and opinionated — even autobiographical at times, with Wolff recounting his own experiences with rejection ("that particular pain, a stab of shame that something tended and tendered has been repulsed"), with editors and editing, with the indignities of writing for Hollywood. Sometimes Wolff relies on hunches instead of looking things up, and at a couple of moments he simply throws up his hands. Why did so many people find it pleasing to be in O'Hara's company? he asks. That's "the major mystery" of O'Hara's personality, and remains "unexplained."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Geoffrey Wolff was born in Los Angeles in 1937. He graduated summa cum laude in 1961 from Princeton, where he studied with R.P. Blackmur. He taught American literature at two colleges in Istanbul and won a Fulbright for study at Cambridge, where critics George Steiner and F.R. Leavis were his teachers. From 1964-69, he was book critic for The Washington Post; from 1969-71, he was Newsweek's literary critic. He has taught and served as writer-in-residence at Middlebury and Goddard Colleges and Columbia, Princeton, Brown, and Brandeis Universities. Since 1995 he has been at the University of California at Irvine, where he presides over the university's graduate writ-

Mr. Wolff has written more than one thousand book reviews, numerous critical and personal essays, biography, memoir, and fiction. His most recent novel is The Age of Consent. Wolff's biogra-

phy of expatriate publisher Harry Crosby (Black Sun: The Brief Transit and Violent Eclipse of Harry Crosby) and his memoir (The Duke of Deception: Memories of My Father, set in part in San Diego) have found a wide audience. Wolff and his wife Priscilla are par-

"I thought I knew how to ask questions. I thought I'd be repaid for the years I've worked on interviews. In fact, the interviewing was extremely unproductive."

interested in knowing more about Wolff might turn to "Introduction: An Apprentice" (Best American Essays 1989), where Wolff writes: "Age is on the personal writer's side, I hope. Writing about being a son, it helps to be a father. To have wrestled in novels with competing points of view is to have learned — oh so slowly — to see myself through the eyes of characters (mother, father, brother) I once regarded as bit players in my heroic drama. I'm less cocksure, I think, more socia-

ents to two grown sons. A reader

ble (on the page). I'm less fiercely alien, not so determined to be exotic. By inches, reality reveals its ruthless yardstick; a character at a time. The writer populates his personal world. If the personal writer gives up over time the sprightly energy of self-interest, he may win in its place a generosity that gives good work nothing but good service. Not Hallmark sentiment, of course, but a capacity - having been so many distinct and special cases — to regard others, too, as special cases.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: "The O'Hara," I said, on the afternoon that we talked, "was a long project."

Well, it wound up being. I checked the other day and found that I did my first interview in 1994. So it's been nine years that I've been working on it. At the time I thought it would be maybe a year and a half of research and maybe a year and a half to write it. Partly because I thought that I knew the ground so well.

"As I write in the preface, that didn't turn out to be at all so. For example, there were all the superficial characteristics or biographical facts that O'Hara shared with my father. I certainly didn't think I was going to find my father's twin, but I thought I would find the peculiar social anxieties that they both had."

"They were both social strivers."

"Yes, a striver, and very interested in surface and interested in the kind of standing that you can put in a curriculum vitae. The sort of facts of memberships and of relationships that were supposed to stand for something. What I learned was a kind of double-barreled chastening, because first of all, it turned out that they were not even approximately alike as people. Which threw into some doubt for me the assumptions I made also about my father — and how accurately I'd pinned my father's motives too. But they were

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La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Museum of History and Art, ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Museum of Making Music, the myriad shapes and sounds of the electric guitar, and the first public West Coast showing of the Rickenbacker "Frying Pan" featured in "Eclectic Electric." The "Frying Pan" was created in 1931 and has only been on public display once before, at the Smithsonian Institution.

The past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips,

and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996.~(CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the Spitfire and P-51

Mustang fighters; and a rare German Junkers Jumo 004, one of the world's

first operational jet engines. Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America"; and "P-51 Mustang," celebrating the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's Mustang is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS Yorktown, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the

original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Model Railroad **Museum,** the museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading.

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

San Diego Natural History Museum, also on view: "Natural Treasures: Past and Present" (ongoing). Current "giant-screen films" include Wolves and Ocean Oasis, exploring Mexico's Sea of

Cortés and the Baja California Desert, 619-232-3821, (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue: 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing ma-

rine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo Bank History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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about as unalike as two people can be. And I won't rehearse all the things they had in common.

"They were both doctors' sons, their fathers both had considerable standing in small cities. But not enough standing for their sons. They both had terrible tempers and were nasty drunks. They both were obsessed with the English; they both actually used the same tailors, even in England. They both carried blackthorn walking sticks, they both had 1948 MG TCs, red. They both were obsessed with Yale. Obsessed with it. I mean they just couldn't stop talking about Yale." (Wolff writes in his preface to The Art of Burning Bridges that "So powerful was Yale's pull on my father's affection [he owned several English bulldogs! that it never entered his mind not to claim to have gone there.")

"So," Mr. Wolff said, "I thought this book was going to be, certainly not a cakewalk, but I thought it was completely, completely doable and within my reach.

"The other thing I thought was that I knew how to ask questions. I'd learned how to ask questions. I thought that I'd be repaid for the years I've worked on interviews. In fact, the interviewing was extremely unproductive. One of the remarkable things is that I talked to people I knew well who had known O'Hara well. So I already had the advantage. One of them was Dean Lippincott from Princeton, who's a very garrulous and incredibly curious and charming man. When O'Hara lived in Princeton, and after O'Hara stopped drinking, the Dean would go over to O'Hara's house often, maybe as many as three times a week in the afternoons. They'd sit and talk. So Lasked the Dean. who's a friend. I said, 'What did you guys talk about?' And the Dean would say, 'Well, you know, we just shot the shit.' I said, 'Well, I mean, would you talk about sports, would you talk about politics, would you talk about girls, would you talk about clothes?' 'I don't know, Geoffrey, we'd just shoot the shit, the way people do.' And I said, 'Was he funny? Did he make you laugh?' The Dean said, 'I don't know. He was a good guy. I liked him a lot.'

This went on and on and on, and it was characteristic of a

great many interviews I had. Finally, finally the Dean was the first person who sort of said it out loud. He said, 'Jesus, I was drunk all the time.' Now O'Hara wasn't. But I was just sure that I was going to get these wonderful little accounts that would allow me to be able to say with authority what it was like to be liked by O'Hara, what it was like to be in his company.

"And so that — interviewing — took forever because I kept redoubling efforts. And I just thought, 'This is out there, I'm just not asking the right questions.

"Isn't it depressing to travel somewhere and spend a day like that," I said, "and come home and realize that you have just a heap of ashes?"

'Well, I didn't always realize it, because of that strange phenomenon that we all have is the excitement — the real excitement in the moment of the interview when you hear that thing that surprises you or that thing that has such wonderful specificity that you know it's God's truth, what you've just heard. But at the same time, you march forward to your interview, and you realize that you're making progress and filling out the blanks. 'Oh, that's what his apartment in New York was like.' Somebody finally describes that.

"So I just kept trying, and finally I ran out of people who had known him who were alive who were willing to talk to me. Almost everybody was willing to talk to me. All his friends were friends; they all liked him a lot. It was clear, the affection. But when people talk about his second wife, they were incredibly specific. They remember that she'd made her own clothes and what her dresses looked like and the timbre of her laughter and everything. But not with him. And I don't know whether he was guarded or what."

"I think he was guarded." "He was obviously guarded,

"I think he was always making up who he was.'

'That's more like my father. I don't think he was making up who he wanted to be — the one thing he wanted was to have a big long entry in Who's Who and a big, long entry in the Social Register. Everything was put to the service of that, except when he was writing, and then all that energy was put to the service of making the writing good. When he knew how to make it good, he did. But he just didn't always

know."

"When you came to make the decision that you would write about O'Hara, had you already read his work at least once?"

"Oh, yes. I had read everything. I'd read all the ones you'd imagine one might have read. As an adult I'd reread Appointment in Samarra, and I'd reread The Collected Short Stories, But I had not read since I was an adolescent From the Terrace and A Rage to Live. When I read them - and I may have been a faster reader then — I don't remember devoting a year of my life to reading that damn thing. I mean, after all, From the Terrace is the

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equivalent of ten Appointment in Samarras.

"I think what I probably did as an adolescent is that somebody had pre-read From the Terrace and A Rage to Live and had dog-eared the good parts. The gropings — it's always in the front seat with the huge stickshift gear lever between the two of them. I guess we used to get all hot about it. But I didn't know, I'd never encountered as good a writer who wrote as badly with the possible exception of Faulkner in books like Pvlon. But I'd never read anybody so good who could be so horrible a writer. And the horrible ones are all the long ones, what I call 'the tomes.' But the short work? *Appointment in* Samarra is up there in a class with The Great Gatsby for me. It's a beautifully made book."

I said that *Appointment in* Samarra, for me, bore similarities to Camus's The Stranger.

"Yes, but without that, without the distance from the principal character. The Stranger depends on the reader being distant from Meursault and Meursault insisting on a distance from the reader. There's no intimacy there. It's hard to imagine being Meursault. But there's so much intimacy in Appointment in Samarra. The scene I remember from The Stranger is Meursault

smoking by his mother's coffin. The scene that I think is the great scene in Appointment in Samarra is the scene in which Julian English has the second-string social reporter over to the house and she condescends to him. And after she leaves he stands up and accidentally breaks his favorite phonograph record. I think that scene does something that is almost unimaginable. I think it makes the suicide at the end of that book absolutely necessary and inevitable in the way that suicides are almost arbitrary; they're plot devices. But that scene, what's so vivid about it for me, is the personal shame, the feeling of just saying, 'My God, how could you continue to live after those things had just happened?' "

'Have you taught O'Hara?" "I teach him to writing students. And with enormous success, I must say. With Appointment in Samarra, I mean, all you've got to do is get them to read it. And they say, 'My God, who's this guy again?' "

One of the most pleasurable aspects of reading Geoffrey Wolff's O'Hara biography is the voice in which Mr. Wolff has chosen to tell O'Hara's life. I said to Mr. Wolff, "It's a confiding voice, as if we were on some country weekend, in the mid-1930s, before the start of World War II. We are sitting in comfortable lawn chairs, and the grass is perfect, and the drinks mildly chilled and you are telling me about this man O'Hara. How did you find this voice?"

"It wasn't calculated in advance. But what would happen is because those anecdotes about him were so easily told, they were so frozen. They all gathered around questions like social pretension, or pomposity, or naked ambition for a prize or a medal. And they were the things that are told over and over and over again. I resolved, first of all, to get those out of the way, or get that tone out of the way right away in the first chapter. Tell them all and get rid of them. The reason I wanted to do it was that where my voice began to become an instrument in the book is when I thought, 'Yes, but it's more complicated than that.'

"In fact, what was O'Hara's mistake was he put himself naked in the world. It was like he didn't even have any skin on him. So I wanted to tell, and I hoped it would resonate with other people, what it's like to get a bad review, what it's like to have

somebody tell you that you're writing in the wrong form, somebody you admire, somebody you revere — the way Lionel Trilling told O'Hara, 'You should be writing long novels,' and how those things happen."

"And," I said, "the cruel, condescending, almost catty letters The New Yorker's Katherine White sent O'Hara.'

"Yes. And the letters, and to get the goddamn letters, which all of us, anyone who has ever written certainly has gotten, and people in other callings have gotten too. But in order to say that it's more complicated than that, all I could do is say I've had some of these things happen to me.

"Then, I've always been irritated by readers, and, particularly by critics, who declare that some subjects, just in the most thematic way, are beneath consideration. I wanted to insist that what's fit to be written about is pain, human pain, wherever it's encountered, and it may be encountered in something Lionel Trilling says or in being snubbed on the sidewalk. But at the same time, pain is pain. So I wanted to find a way to say that without also making too large a claim for it. The only way I could find to do that was by speaking for myself. I couldn't speak for O'Hara."

"At least two things the narrative voice in this biography allows you to do," I said, "are to be an advocate for O'Hara and then just to be so funny. Sometimes, reading, I laughed and laughed."

"O'Hara was sometimes a comic character — as is someone who is outsized in his wants and in the offenses that they take. There is in this, of course, a kind of human comedy — I know it means something else. But it's a real thing to me, in its literal meaning. All of us sit around and say, at some point in our lives, 'I know what let's do.' And the rest is this wonderfully comic cataclysmic outcome of that proposition—'I know what I'm going to do.' And so I didn't, God knows, want to be solemn. but at the same time. I hope that I was doing a kind of a flanking attack on the kinds of biographies that come to a conclusion about whether someone's life was worth living. And then just array all the forces on one side or the other. I mean, yes it was or no it wasn't.

"Also, I was constantly aware, because of his daughter, that he had been as good a father to her as I've ever heard of any-

one being. So it seemed to me that if you can do that at all, if you just had the rudimentary skills to be that decent and understanding and wise about children, that you can't be all bad. It's not like Hitler being nice to his dog. There's a sort of human wisdom called for in that. Which O'Hara clearly had."

"The narrator," I said, "is compassionate in that way. Compassion is not something that you come across frequently anymore in biography.

"One of my anxieties about the way I told the story was not, certainly, that my current editor, Gary Fisketion, or Elizabeth Sifton [a former editor] would disapprove. But when my editor was Joe Fox, who edited Black Sun, the one thing I used to get in the margins all the time, over and over, was 'Too much Wolff.' So there was a real sense that if I was looking over my shoulder when I composed this, it was hearing Joe say, 'Shut up, shut up! Let O'Hara have this.' That's one of the reasons it took me so long. Because the early drafts, instead of being indulgent of myself, were too flat. I'd read them and I'd say, 'Whoa, whoa, whoa, I've got more to say about that.'

"Almost anyone who's a good researcher," I said, "can do that kind of uninflected biography. Matthew J. Bruccoli did it in that exceptionally tiresome, to me, O'Hara Concern.'

"Yes. But with O'Hara, that kind of biography would be incredibly flat because O'Hara, in his letters, seems to suppress the impulse to confide or be unguarded. Except in his letters to his daughter."

I said that from reading The Art of Burning Bridges I got the impression that O'Hara didn't read much in the way of fiction and that he rarely seemed to mention books he'd read.

"I verv rarely encountered a writer who seems to have read as little as O'Hara did. He read a lot of nonfiction, for research. Every once in a while he'd fasten onto somebody that he thought was really the cat's meow. Earlier he'd read Booth Tarkington and people like that, but vou won't find many references. say, to Twain, and none to Melville. He just didn't seem to ever do it. It's very unusual. There are actually very few writers I know that that's true of.

"I find that writers don't talk much about books with each other, but then, some people I know do talk a great deal about



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books. For example, Toby [Wolff's younger brother, Tobias Wolff], Ward Just, Richard Ford. Richard and I talk about fiction. With Toby usually I talk about history. We both are fascinated reading about little corners of history. So Toby will be up to speed on Peter the Great as a ghastly houseguest in England. He will have read something about the missionaries in Ouebec in the 18th Century. With Ward, it'll be the latest book on Churchill or Stalingrad, But with Richard, we talk about novels and stories.'

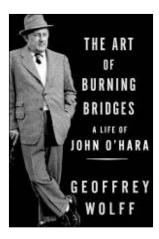
Where everyone talked about books, Mr. Wolff said, was that time when everybody was gathered at Goddard College in Vermont. "We were all employees of this little low-residency program. That's where I met Richard Ford, that's where I met Michael Ryan, that's where I met Tom Lux, that's where I met Stephen Dobyns, where I met Ray Carver, Louise Glück, Donald Hall. Frank Conroy, I already knew. He was there. Bob Hass was there. Craig Nova, John Irving, Philip Levine.

"And the way that worked is that there'd be a 12-day session when students were there. It was so grim. We lived in student dormitories on these ratty little mattresses, a quarter of an inch thick, and we'd all be walking down to use the can with our towels over our arms. We were getting \$2500 for six months. This was 1977. Eating cafeteria food, freezing our nuts off."

"And you were grownups." "We were grownups. God,

but the guy was going to come with a padlock and put it on my front door if I didn't get \$2500. So anyway, we had to amuse ourselves during the evenings, and the way we'd do it was to get drunk and read horrible passages or favorite great passages. People would sit around for hours and trade passages. It was as much fun as I can remember having. We had a 'stuffed owl night, when people would read the worst poems. But then you know one of my favorite passages in the world is the wonderful moment in Speak, Memory when Nabokov looks out the dining room window and sees his father flying past being tossed in a blanket by the peasants. And he keeps floating up and coming down and floating and is fully dressed. It's this extraordinary passage. So I'd read that or something from Henry IV, Part II.

'You just knew that these were people who were reading every minute. But I haven't heard among writers a lot of book talk in my life. I've heard contracts discussed. I've heard asshole critics discussed. But for some reason, it requires an enormous amount of concentration and intimacy to talk about books. It is one of the things I like about teaching graduate students, that I can assume that they're ambitious enough to want to know how to learn to write. And the way to learn to write, I mean for everybody, is to read. Every once in a while there's a natural. Maybe O'Hara is one. But teaching is a kind of formal intimacy. But there's an intimacy there. I've



got three hours to convince them about what they ought to be reading.'

O'Hara, I said, rarely talked about books and he rarely spoke intimately, from the heart. I added that I imagined he looked at this kind of talk as "sissy."

Mr. Wolff agreed. "I think he certainly looked down on it as sissy. For example, you never find, in his letters, even to people he's very close to, about something that has turned him on, some book that has turned him on. He'll write a third party that James Jones is about to be trashed by the critics and it's unfair because his book is wonderful. He's going to be trashed by the critics because his time has come in the great food chain to be eaten as opposed to eat. It's career talk. It's like going to any convention. I suppose a convention of undertakers or a convention of dentists or a convention of car dealers. They just talk shop instead of talking about what's under the hood.

"If one of your graduate students at Irvine had showed up and started writing Appointment in Samarra, would you have

recognized the great talent there?" "Oh golly. I can't believe that I wouldn't have known right away. I think that book is something of a freak in that way because I think that book, you just can't not know that that's good right from the start. I think you'd know right away. You would if you'd seen the story, 'The Doctor's Son,' You'd know right away. But O'Hara would have been the worst student anvone ever had because he would have been take it or leave it. If you don't like it, 'Fuck you.'

"He learned exactly the wrong lesson from bad editing. He learned that the editors really didn't mean him well. I think particularly about the response he got from the all-too-legendary Maxwell Perkins, that the things that he was writing about were unseemly. That's terrible."

That critics or editors criticize characters by saying they didn't like them, I said, always strikes me as odd.

"In my workshops when somebody says they don't like a character, I say, 'Do you mean that you don't like her because you wouldn't want to have dinner with her, or you don't like reading about her?' 'What's the difference?' I say, 'How do you feel about Iago?' Do you want to hang out with Iago on the page or in the theater?' 'Well, yeah,' they say. I ask, 'Do you want to have Iago for your best friend?' They say, 'No, no.' That confusion is just so primitive, but it's there. I mean, it's perfectly fair to say, 'I don't like this character.' What that means usually is that the writer has disapproved of the character. I mean, my God, people like Portnoy, as long as they don't, as they all say, have to shake his hand."

"Or," I suggested, "eat out of his refrigerator."

We talked more about O'Hara's relationship with editors. He sold his first short story to The New Yorker in 1928. He went on to sell them 224 more stories, more than any other writer. One of the editors with whom he got on best was the gentle and unassuming William Maxwell, himself also a writer. O'Hara's relationship with Maxwell, said Mr. Wolff, "was incredibly wholesome. Maxwell had his faults as an editor; I mean, it was Maxwell who turned down John Cheever's 'The Swimmer' because he thought it didn't make sense. But, Maxwell was an editor whom O'Hara completely trusted and could argue with if he wanted to, so it was a potentially perfect relationship. With Maxwell, O'Hara never believed that when a piece of work of his was being criticized that it was he who was being criticized. It was the piece of work that was being criticized. He really did understand that about Maxwell. They never really did quarrel. O'Hara could have learned a lot from Maxwell. Maxwell would have given him the time and the close reading and all the rest of it. Maxwell discovered about O'Hara — I mean, he didn't tell me this

but I learned this by reading their letters - that you either take it or you turn it down. And the way you take it, with the exception of correction of real errors, is the way it is. O'Hara, I don't think, had the patience to revise. I think he was one of those odd ducks - there are very few of them - who can't make a thing better by revising it."

"O'Hara," I said, "thought that everything he was doing at the time he was doing it was perfectly brilliant."

"That's the only way to write a first draft."

"That's the only way to write a first draft. You bet. And if you don't write a second one, or even read it, then you can maintain that illusion for quite a long time. And really that's what he did.

'What made him so good at writing women?"

This is something of a mystery to me. He was very, very close to his mother. There's plenty of suggestive evidence that his mother was irreverent. She liked to tell jokes and she liked to gossip. The sibling he was closest to was his sister Mary. But that only goes a really short distance toward explaining it. He never, never didn't seem to understand that women weren't any more mysterious than anyone else. He assumed that women shared the same ambition and erotic and self-destructive drives that he did. I think that in some ways, again, he extrapolated from himself about the entire world, and so he didn't want to miss out on half the world to extrapolate on."

'He dressed his women well, too. Which you guy writers don't always do."

'That was the time when the eye was trained, for men and women. But he could see the Peck & Peck woman as opposed to the Lord & Taylor woman. He understood that. And he was interested in women. I found very few women, very few women - Thurber's wife being almost alone among them and Katherine White being another one who said that they didn't like him or they thought he was a bore. He loved to talk to women.

"He's really sharp at the distinction between women and men where there are distinctions. There's a way that all Hemingway's women are just guys. But that's not true of O'Hara's women."

"The New Yorker," I said, "for all that they printed O'Hara's stories, never seemed to take him

"That's a very good way of putting it. I never put it that way. But I would certainly endorse saying that. I think that's exactly right. They never took him in. I think that's exactly right. There was something very, very peculiar about that. I think the place where you can really see it are in the The New Yorker's reviews of his books. From the beginning they were so condescending. He was always this problem. Except for Maxwell. Maxwell just thought of him as a writer.

"Of course, it is hard to take seriously a letter [like a letter O'Hara wrote to The New Yorker] that says, from your writer, 'I've added up the words, I've added up the numbers of stories, I've written for you more than anyone else, I deserve a gold watch. Right? So then, ha-ha, you go out and get him a gold watch or a brass watch in a pawn shop. And in a way that's exactly appropriate. But once you buy the brass watch in the pawn shop, that becomes the story that you tell out there in the world. And it's like telling a story that is contemptuous or mocking of your children.

"It is also true that as soon as he'd do something that they respected, he'd write one of those goddamn letters. As soon as he sensed he had any advantage, then all the resentments would be rehearsed. So there was never a moment of peace with him."

"Some days, when you were working on this, you must have felt beside yourself with frustration with O'Hara.'

"Yes. Well, there's even an outburst at the end of one chapter when I write, 'Sometimes it's very hard to like this guy.' It's true. There were times when he'd seem to be a particularly boor $ish\,houseguest, and\,I\,just\,wanted$ to get him out of my house. I would ask, 'Why in the world am I still doing this?'

"But," I said, "so many people who make things that are beautiful were or are, to this day, so unpleasant.'

"Oh. I mean, my God. It's almost, who wasn't — Frost, Hemingway, certainly Fitzgerald, and Faulkner could be mean as a snake.

"Maybe Eudora Welty was

"Eudora Welty was nice, and I think Flannery O'Connor was nice. On this subject, I had a little correspondence with John Gregory Dunne, and he said that in the end O'Hara was like those people that all of us have as friends about whom people say, 'How can you like that asshole?' And you just do. In the end you just do. Too, because we're less and less tolerant of bad behavior than they were then, they all seemed to behave badly half the time.'

"I think the young still behave badly. Do you?'

"Not cruelly, I think. General drunkenness and mayhem, though, that hasn't changed. But you don't hear of too many people getting in fights with midgets anymore [as O'Hara once did]."

Mr. Wolff writes:

Egregious episodes of bad judgment and cruelty marred O'Hara's life, especially when he was drinking too much; and certain of these outrages — uncontested in their hatefulness - threaten to discolor any valuation of O'Hara's nature. I can hardly deny or ignore that O'Hara punched a couple of women, or that he battled an actual midget after inquiring, down the bar at a New York nightspot, "What the fuck do you think you're staring at?" to someone perhaps even more sensitive than himself to offensive

"I must admit I loved that scene, when he got in the fight with the midget."

"I must admit I loved it too. I also love that it can't be always known in these fights who said what to whom, 'Who the fuck do you think you're looking at?' I mean, either you're looking at them or you're looking at their date or their wife or something, but it's always, 'Who the fuck do you think you're looking at?' Or, in its variant, the core of the sentence, which is, 'You know the thing that's wrong with you? The thing that's wrong with you is you're a silly-looking cocksucker.' That's the declarative, that's the expository and the descriptive bar fight as opposed to the interrogatory bar fight."

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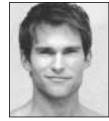
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Seventy-five. Is it possible? One always thinks of Fleisher as being a young man, the stupendous talent who erupted onto the musical scene in the late 1940s

and — in his performances of Beethoven, Brahms, Liszt, Rachmaninov, and contemporary American composers — dominated it for a decade and a half. The power, grandeur, and beauty of his playing — the largeness of concept, the brilliance of execution, the willingness to take risks — these defined a distinctive musical personality that, taken as a whole, was not like anyone else's.

Then misfortune struck. In 1965, a neurological condition deprived this great pianist of the use of his right hand. Throughout a period of more than three decades, the world was deprived of Fleisher's interpretations of his preferred repertoire (except for the recordings he made before the disaster). If his hand was impaired, however, his mind was not (that's where an artist's genius resides), and he continued to play, necessarily restricted to compositions for the left hand alone. He recorded a number of these, and they are as good as anything else he has done. But there aren't that many of them, and as a living musical presence Fleisher inevitably receded in the public's consciousness. So he grew older — invisibly, as it were; and that's how come he is now suddenly 75 years old.

That is, 75 by the clock. To assess his real age, one needs more of the story. In the late 1990s, Fleisher recovered the use of his right hand, and began playing the normal repertoire again. Very early during this comeback period, he appeared here in San Diego, at a SummerFest concert three years ago. Prominent on his program was the kind of music he was known for 40 years earlier — notably the Brahms C minor Piano

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Quartet; there was also a Mozart concerto. It was a dramatic event, because no one knew what to expect. What a relief, when it turned out that he could still play accurately and expressively, that his technique was unimpaired, and (although this

was never in doubt) that he retained his deep musical understanding and sensitivity.

But he was no longer the barnstormer he had been. He

played without flaws, but without fire. An atmosphere of caution smothered the old fearlessness. Hearing these performances without knowing who was playing, you would have said, "A very nice pianist. Of course, he's no Leon Fleisher." The audience gave him a big hand, but more in tribute to his reputation and his courage than to what he had actually done that evening. My own reaction was that it was good to have him back, and I wished him well, but that the great Leon Fleisher who had so thrilled me was gone forever. Probably.

Three years have passed since then, and in the interim — judging by his recent reappearance at SummerFest — Fleisher has found himself again. Once more we could hear the passionate, titanic quality of his playing, the irresistible driving force, the defiance of danger in reaching ever higher and farther. All of this was given extra vividness by the new Jacobs Steinway, which came fully into its own under the hands of a pianist who knew how to make it ring and bloom. But risktaking can exact its price. The price here seemed to be an occasional flub: the tendency, now and then, to hit an adjacent note along with the one aimed at.

At first, I flinched at this flaw in Fleisher's at one time dazzling technique. But otherwise the dazzling technique was still there, and the inner power of Fleisher's musical vision was so overwhelming that after a few minutes it swept away any worries about inadvertent major and minor seconds. One could still hear them, but they didn't matter. On a recording, they might become annoying. But in the living context of a

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concert on stage before an audience, they ceased to matter at all. I heard Artur Rubinstein make similar errors, but that never stopped me or anyone else from attending his concerts as often as we could. So welcome back the *real* Leon Fleisher!

I said this was an all-Brahms concert, but I was fudging a little. The opening work was Bach's Chaconne from the D minor Violin Partita — but it was arranged for piano by Brahms, and the arrangement was itself of considerable interest. When you hear this work on the piano, it is invariably in the version by Ferruccio Busoni, a masterful, grandiose transcription making use of all the modern piano's sonic resources. In a sense, it is one of the great works of the Romantic piano literature (comparable to Leopold Stokowski's orchestral transcriptions of Bach), and pianists play it as such.

On the other hand, Busoni's transcription is so rich and dense that it can give little idea of the texture and tone of Bach's violin work, although it is faithful to its ideas and its structure. Brahms was a fervent admirer of the Chaconne ("One of the most wonderful and incomprehensible pieces of music...a whole world of the deepest thoughts and most powerful feelings..."), and in 1877, some 20 years before Busoni had the same notion, he decided to compose a piano version of it, chiefly for his own use. In order to reproduce on the piano the extreme technical difficulty of the original — that is, the sense one

gets when hearing a good violinist play the Chaconne that he is doing the impossible with his instrument — Brahms resolved to limit his version to the pianist's left hand alone.

Fleisher presumably learned the piece during his long interregnum, when he was searching for anything that his impairment would not prevent him from playing. But having recovered his full physical powers, he has not given up this extraordinary composition — and a good thing, too, for scarcely anyone in the audience at Sherwood Auditorium had ever heard it or even heard of it (I certainly hadn't), and it proved to be well worth hearing. In spite of the extreme differences between the sounds (and the modes of sound production) of the two instruments, the Brahms version manages to convey the real nature of the violin score. No one could have been better suited



Leon Fleisher

SummerFest: Leon Fleisher's Birthday Sherwood Auditorium (La Jolla Music Society)

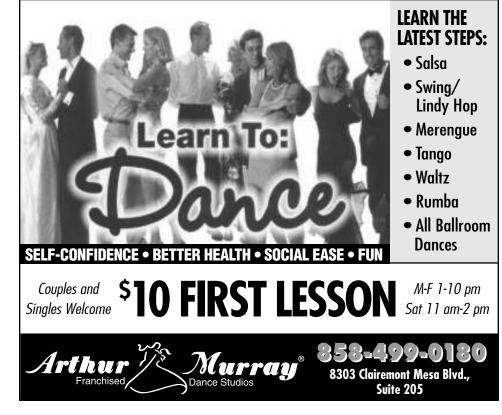
Bach, Chaconne from the Violin Partita No. 2 in D minor, BWV 1004, arranged for piano by Brahms; Brahms, Piano Trio No. 2 in C, Opus 87, and Piano Ouartet No. 2 in A, Opus 26

to bringing out its essential values than Leon Fleisher, with his ability to inflect a single melodic line so that it seems to sing, and to shape polyphonic textures so that the interrelationships are at once clearly logical and intensely exciting. By the end of his performance, the listener was totally caught up in the language and meaning of the music, the way one is when it is played on a violin, and the way one is when Leon Fleisher — in his youth and now again — plays anything.

The other two works on the program were Brahms unalloyed: the Piano Trio in C, Opus 87, and the Piano Quartet in A, Opus 26. For these performances, SummerFest had assembled a sensational group of colleagues eminently worthy of playing with Fleisher: for the Trio, violinist Gil Shaham and cellist Carter Brey; and for the Quartet, violinist Cho-Liang Lin, violist Paul



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Musicians like to play Brahms, who has always been a staple of SummerFest. His music permits them to do all the things their years of training have readied them for: to produce rich sounds; to display their technical prowess; to express deep feelings; to help to make an intelligible order in a world of chaos. After the "East Meets West" concerts, even Cho-Liang Lin seemed content merely to be playing the fiddle again, instead of dipping his hands in water or shouting "Ya O Ya" (although — perhaps to recall his previous shenanigans — he came dressed in an elegant white silk Chinese shirt). The SummerFest audience, too, had no complaints, including those who during the tumultuous final applause could be heard "twittering, gossiping, shouting" without instructions from a high priest conductor.

This concert was intended to honor Leon Fleisher on his birthday. Actually, the once-

again-great pianist honored us by consenting to celebrate his 75th here at SummerFest. And he honored us with his unmatchable artistry. ■

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"Folias Festivas!" The Belladonna baroque quartet presents lively themes and variations from Spain, Italy, and France for San Diego Early Music Society, Friday, September 12, 8 p.m. Performers: Clea Galhano (recorder), Margaret Humphrey (baroque violin), Rebecca Humphrey (cello), Barbara Weiss (harpsichord). \$18. Reservations: 619-291-8246. St. James by-the-Sea, 743 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

String Quartets by Classical and Modern Composers promised when Calder String

Quartet performs Saturday, September 13, 7:30 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego (4190 Front Street). Program includes pieces by Haydn, Christopher Rouse, Beethoven. \$10 donation. 619-298-9978. (HILLCREST)

"A Little Music of Little-Known Composers" may be heard when MiraCosta College faculty present concert, Saturday, September 13, 7:30 p.m., in Mira-Costa Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Program includes Venezuelan waltzes by Antonio Laurio and "Musique Concréte de Office" by Christy Coobatis and Dave and Don Megill. \$8. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Old Masters in Music and Art, USD professor Angela Yeung performs Renaissance and baroque compositions for baroque cello, Sunday, September 14, 2 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966, (BALBOA PARK)

Music by Mozart, Vivaldi, Handel, Rossini, Brahms, Puccini, Verdi, Ravel, Webber and others promised when soprano Sylvia Wen, tenor Jose Medina, and pianist Bryan Verhoye perform Sunday, September 14, 7 p.m., Linder Hall, First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). \$10. Child care by reservation. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Selections by Franck, Fauré, and Mendelssohn promised when violinist Hernan Constantino, cellist Tina Guo, and pianist Ronel Wishnuss perform Sunday, September 14, 2:30 p.m., in thirdfloor auditorium at San Diego

Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrating Ten Years of the Martin Ott Tracker Organ at St. Brigid's Church, organist Robert Plimpton plans a concert on Sunday, September 14, 7:30 p.m. Program includes works by Maurice Duruflé, I.S. Bach, Dan Locklair, John Knowles Paine, Guy Weitz, Adolphus Hailstork, Ramón Noble, and a new piece by local organist Jim Simonton.

St. Brigid's Church, 4735 Cass Street. Offering. 858-490-8294. (PA-CIFIC BEACH)

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, September 14, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Monday Mini-Concerts get underway for the season when UCSD Music Professors Susan Barrett (oboe) and Stefani Walens (piano) perform September 15, noon, Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Harps Through the Ages, harpist Melissa Morgan performs ancient African tunes, Bach, Mozart, Ravel, and Debussy for "World-Class HEAR at Home," Monday, September 15, 7:30 p.m., All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard, Chatsworth). Morgan will be joined by saxophonist Marcia Forman, harpist/organist Robert Thompson. Requested donation: \$5. 619-223-6394. (POINT LOMA)

"East West Windows." concert by John Kaizan Neptune (shakuhachi), Mary Oda Szanto (cello), and Reiko Obata (koto) sponsored by the Peace Resource

Center, Tuesday, September 16, 7 p.m., at First Church of the Brethren (3850 Westgate Place). \$15 sliding scale for adults, \$7 for kids under 12. 619-263-9301.

"Cellist Without Borders" Matt Haimovitz performs music from his new CD, Anthem (featuring a mix of solo cello works by a variety of living American composers), on Wednesday, September 17, 8 p.m., the Playhouse (4746 El Caion Boulevard). \$15.

"Journey in Time," classical guitarist Randy Pile performs Wednesday, September 17, 8 p.m., at La Jolla Congregational Church (1216 Cave Street). Donation: \$10, \$15. Reservations: 858-459-3459. (LA JOLLA)

619-284-8802. (SAN DIEGO)

Piano Works by Robert **Schumann** performed by Peter Gach for Concert Hour series, Thursday, September 18, 12:30 p.m., Palomar College Performance Lab

(D-10). Free. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road: 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

The Sounds of Art, pianist and composer David Korevaar presents "The Degas Bronzes: Impressionism...Degas's Contemporaries," Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Korevaar will integrate commentary, slides, and performance into this lecture and concert series, featuring pieces by Gluck, Gounod, Fauré, Chabrier, Debussy, and Ravel. \$15 for nonmembers. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Electric Counterpoint: Music for Guitar and Electroacoustic Tape" presented by guitarist Colin McAlister Thursday, September 18, 12:15 p.m., in French Parlor, in Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Pieces by Reich, Davidovsky, Stalvey. \$8. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

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GALLERIES

"The Annual Art and Photography Faculty Exhibition" at Boehm Gallery — showcasing over 100 original works in variety of media by more than 50 Palomar art and photography faculty members - begins with reception, Friday, September 12, 6:30 p.m. Show

closes Friday, October 3. Find the

gallery at Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road, 760-744-1150 x2304. (SAN MARCOS)

"San Diego Salon 2003" opens with reception for artists, Friday, September 12, 6 p.m., at Arts College International (840 G Street). 760-231-3900. Show closes Thursday, October 23. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrity Portraits by Laurel Collins and sheet metal art by Peter Avdulous go on view with reception, Friday, September 12, 5:30 p.m., at Gallery on Broadway (625 Broadway, suite 115). 619-239-5222. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Farmer, the Sage, and Guavasamin," a new series of paintings by Jacob Whitmore, closes with reception on Friday, September 12, 5:30 p.m., at Incidium (726 Ninth Avenue). 619-233-5883, (EAST VILLAGE)

"Per Chance Nature," a show of recent works by artist Lauren Jackson, opens with reception, Friday, September 12, 5:30 p.m., at Joseph David Gallery (760 Eighth Avenue). 619-702-6290. Through Saturday, September 20. (DOWNTOWN)

An All-Media Art Exhibit is promised for annual art faculty exhibit opening in MiraCosta College's Kruglak Gallery with a reception, Friday, September 12, p.m. Through Thursday, September 25. The gallery is located in student center, One

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Barnard Drive. 760-795-6657. (OCEANSIDE)

"Entre Sombres," showcasing recent works by Mary Ann Luera, go on exhibit with reception, Saturday, September 13, 6 p.m., at 4 Design Gallery (3813 Ray Street), in conjunction with Ray at Night. See the show through Wednesday, October 8, 619-501-0879, (NORTH PARK)

New and Old Ideas About Old and New Subjects examined in the "New Photography" by eight artists opening with reception, Saturday, September 13, 7 p.m., at Muse Gallery (2911 University Avenue). Continues through Sunday, October 5. 619-296-8539. (NORTH PARK)

"Sticks and Stones," an exhibit of work by Phil Vernau, Antonia Davis, and others, opens with reception, Saturday, September 13, 6 p.m., at GETM Gallery (Studio 3060, 3060 University Avenue), in conjunction with Ray at Night. 619-220-0135. (NORTH PARK)

The Art of Chinese Written Words, calligraphic works by Wu-Wen Peng are on exhibit through September at Taiwanese-American Community Center Gallery (7170 Convoy Court). Reception: Sunday, September 14, $3\ p.m.\ 858-560-8884.\ (LINDA\ VISTA)$

"Light Architecture: Southern California's Greenhouse Vernacular" explored in photo installation by Margaret Nee. Exhibit

opens with reception Wednesday, September 17, 3 p.m., at CSU San Marcos library (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). 760-750-4366. Continues through November.

"Still [79-03]" showcases skate photography of J. Grant Brittain, along with his abstracts, portraits, landscapes, and travel images. Exhibition opens with reception, Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m., at AIGA San Diego Center for Design (344 Seventh Avenue). \$15 general admission. 619-379-2090 or 619-469-9681. (DOWNTOWN)

"Under the Skin of Grace." an exhibit of work by photographer Suda House, opens with events on Thursday, September 18, in San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104). Concurrently, ceramic sculptor Cheryl Tall has work gathered in "Twins." Reception at 5 p.m., followed by artist lecture at

Find the campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. 619-388-2829. Show closes Thursday, October 2. (KEARNY MESA)

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.

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

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

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

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Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trollev transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Manny Farber: About Face," opening Sunday, September 14, celebrates the life and work of one of San Diego's most important visual artists, with work from the early 1960s to present. Farber has contributed to American cultural discourse for more than 50 years as both film and art critic and painter. Closes Sunday, January 4, 2004.

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, "The Discerning Eye: Southern California Collects" celebrates 20 photography collectors to commemorate the museum's 20th anniversary; show closes Saturday, January 3, 2004.

Also on view, "Collector's Group Acquisitions," concluding Sunday, December 14. Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

"Tradition and Innovation in European Modernist Drawings and Watercolors" 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, De-

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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In H.I.T. Productions' newest interactive mystery, everyone says Aunt Zelda electrocuted poor Uncle Vern while playing "Feelings" on the accordion. Don't be so sure. SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD LA MESA SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-561-8673.

Annie Get Your Gun

The Welk Resort Theatre presents Irving Berlin's popular musical about the famous sharpshooter who falls in love with her rival. Jon Engstrom directed and choreographed.

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Arsenic and Old Lace

Scripps Ranch Theatre stages Joseph Kesselring's "screwball comedy" about elderly sisters, lonely elder men, and elderberry wine laced with arsenic. George Flint directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455

POMERADO ROAD (ON THE CAMPUS OF ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY), SCRIPPS RANCH, THROUGH OCTO-BER 4; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-578-7728.

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 things all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

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THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN: THURSDAY THROUGH SAT URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-688-2494

Boy Gets Girl

Stone Soup Theatre Company presents the San Diego premiere of Rebecca Gilman's drama about a successful woman followed by an obsessed stalker. Caprice Woosley directed.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH OCTOBER 4: WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN DAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Butterflies Are Free

Korbett Kompany Productions presents Leonard Gershe's comedy about a free, and an unfree, spirit. Bob Korbett directed. ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS. 2804 ADAMS AVENUE (AT IDAHO), NORTH PARK, SATURDAY, SEPTEM-BER 13. THROUGH OCTOBER 5: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-584-3593.

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IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, BANKER'S HILL, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1664.

Eden Lane

Tom Donaghy has written a hypernaturalistic drama about life after 9/11. Philip, May, daughter Ruby, 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 balletically 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. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, UCSD, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT

2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

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.

Critic's pick.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH NOVEM-BER 2: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 10:30 P.M. SUNDAY AT 9:00 P.M. 619-283-4574

The Graduate

Broadway*San Diego hosts a touring production of the comedy based on the Dustin Hoffman/Anne Bancroft movie. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 202 C STREET, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 6:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUN-DAY AT 1:00 P.M. 619-570-1100.

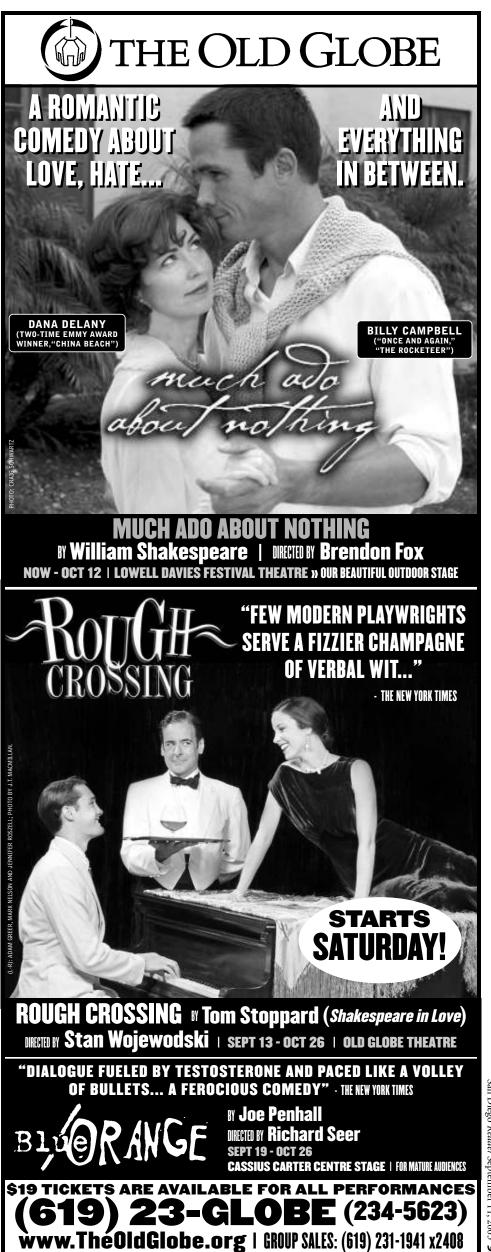
Grassroots Greeks

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 refresh ing. 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.

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 fe-



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male, left an "angry inch" of her manhood. The rock star Tommy Gnossis stole her songs and identity. 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 Jim Mooney (who talks like Frankenstein's Igor and plays guitar like Hendrix), the backup band could tour when the show closes. If it closes. Hedwig 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 than.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY, 6663 EL CAJON 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.

Hello, Dolly!

The First United Methodist Church of Chula Vista presents the Jerry Herman musical about the fa-

mous matchmaker. G. Scott Lacy directed and choreographed. FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 915 PASEO RANCHERO, CHULA VISTA FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P M 619-656-2525 OR 619-422-3002.

Irish Dance Cabaret

Dublin Square Irish Pub & Grille presents "San Diego's answer to the Celtic wave," an evening of contemporary and traditional Irish dancing, music, comedy, and song - and a three-course Irish dinner.

DUBLIN SQUARE IRISH PUB & GRILLE, 554 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY, DIN-NER AT 6:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 7:30 P.M. 619-239-5818.

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 Joev 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



Phaedra in Delirium

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 THROUGH OCTO-BER 4: THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

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, THROUGH OCTOBER 5: TUESDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

Late-Night Catechism

Every Monday night, during summer, the Laguna Playhouse stages the popular "interactive adult catechism class," taught by a sister from the old spare-not-the-rod school. The concept doesn't sound like much. The sister is substituting for the regular teacher (it's his poker night, don't tell a soul). She used to have the job but was deemed too strict for contempo rary 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 7:30 P.M. 949-497-2787.

Love! Valour! Compassion! When Diversionary first staged Terrence McNally's Tony Awardwinner, in 1997, the show got caught in scheduling gridlock and had to close. To celebrate its tenth anniversary, Diversionary remounted Love! Valour!, Michelle Riel reprised her excellent, minimalist set, Chris Rynne his nuanced lighting, and the results rank among the company's most polished, funny, and moving efforts. In 1994, when the play premiered, McNally said, "I wanted to write about what it's like to be a gay man at this particular moment in our history, to tell everyone else who we are when they aren't around." Amid overwhelming evidence of uncertain futures — the specter of AIDS is ever-present — McNally's people eat, drink, confess, gripe, and zing one-liners ("movies are

for people," says Buzz, a musical comedy/opera buff, "who have to eat popcorn while being entertained"). Tim Irving, who co-directed with Sean Murray, plays Buzz, the icon-drubber. If he weren't such a giving actor, this could be The Tim Irving Show (Mc-Nally wrote the part as a star vehicle for Nathan Lane). But Irving shares the stage with a talented cast and everyone — from Dan Gruber's Perry (for whom being a role model is "very stressful"), Manuel J. Fernandes' generous Gregory, and Dennis J. Scott's dual roles as the manichean Jeckvll brothers (McNally italicizes themes), good-souled James and evil-souled John. Critic's pick.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 11: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097

Man of La Mancha

Patio Plavhouse offers the Joe Darion/Mitch Leigh musical, based on Cervantes' Don Quixote. Fred Tracev 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

There have been all kinds of Medea remakes, but Sledgehammer's must be a first: Euripides' tragedy as a soft-hit musical. Composed by Jean-Claude Rideau, and performed with an amateurish sound system, the music is dull and monotonal. And even though Sledge tries to jazz things up with a Vegas locale, Marianne McDonald's pseudo-postmodernist script is also dreary. In a landfill's worth of exposition we learn that Medea's a black transvestite from South Africa (from Colchester, not Colchis). Her drug-dealing lover James betrayed her, and she will get Medea-style revenge on his two sons (she shouts, in a breathtaking non sequitur, "I've broken the shackles of your Western greed"). One of the script's many problems, the exposition never stops: everything is explained and externalized — and shallow. "Medea Divas" spell out her feelings into microphones while Medea (a statue-stiff George Alphonso Walker) parades about in a growing huff. Everything's surface. There is no tragic dimension. Medea's just a psychotic with such a penchant for cliches and stock phrases they'd make Euripides irate

SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, ST. CELIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE (AT

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-IUM.) 619-544-1484.

Much Ado About Nothing

The Old Globe Theatre presents Shakespeare's comedy about Beatrice and Benedick, the Bard's most reluctant lovers. Brendon Fox directed.

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE. SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 12: TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. 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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Dillstar Productions presents an interactive Greek wedding, à la the movie.

CLARION BAY VIEW HOTEL, 660 K STREET, DOWNTOWN: OPEN-ENDED RUN. 800-944-5939.

Phaedra in Delirium

In Susan Yankowitz's take on Euripides' tragedy, 40+ Phaedra'a as







(800) 944-5639







obsessed with losing her youth as Hippolytus is with losing his virginity. Extreme behavior angered the Greek gods. But in Yankowitz's version, the gods aren't around, so Phaedra, her philandering husband Theseus, and her stepson Hippolytus can shred each other on their own. In the male-dominated world, Theseus can fool around. It's expected. But for Phaedra even to think illicit thoughts is a mortal sin. And when she confesses them, she seals her fate. The play's a mite reductive (it's more about personal vanity than an absurd universe ruled by dysfunctional deities). It's also talky. In the first two-thirds of Sledgehammer's production, the speeches last longer than the images and movements illustrating them. The images arrest, however, especially white silks and linens bleached by steep shafts of light, and strings of thread, entwined and clipped (like the one Ariadne gave to Theseus in the labyrinth; and the one Atropos, the third Fate, snips to end a life). The production fires up coming home. Robin Christ's Phaedra alternates from openness to silence, strength and fragility. In a well-modulated, honest, and deeply moving performance, Christ portrays the inexorable rending of a fractured heart.

Worth a try.

SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, ST. CE-CILIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTOBER 12; 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.

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.

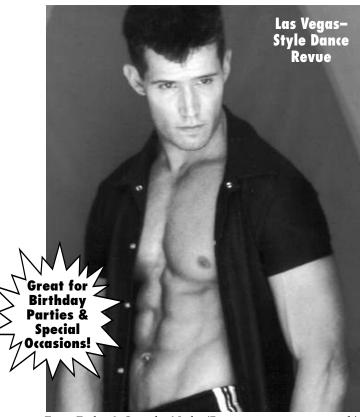
Worth a try.

AMB'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 SATURDAY 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.

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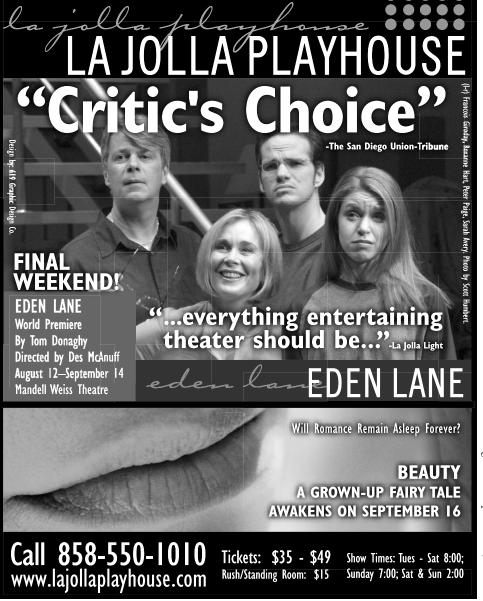
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San Diego Theatresports

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.

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 AMERI-CAN PLAZA, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14: THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-7827

Shakespeare Abridged

The Star Theatre presents "three men playing all characters in 37 plays in 97 minutes." STAR THEATRE, 402 NORTH COAST HIGHWAY, OCEANSIDE, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-721-9983.

Sight Unseen

Ionathan 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, PaSight Unseen

tricia, 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 — 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 eve-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

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The Sopranos' Last Supper

Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster

CLARION BAY VIEW HOTEL, 660 K STREET, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 800-944-5639.

Lamplighters presents the Agatha Christie mystery about an inevitable countdown. Mark Loveless directed.

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12 THROUGH OC-TOBER 5; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT

Towards Zero

2:00 P.M. 619-464-4598.

Triple Espresso: A Highly **Caffeinated Comedy** Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge

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

HORTON GRAND THEATRE 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, 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: this week's -Chuck Mee's translation of Euripides' The Trojan Women SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27; MONDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-544-1484.

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The Organ Mistress

"If you don't practice with the door down, you could go deaf."

ithin the first ten minutes of meeting Carol Williams, I learn that she's a bad cook. "You can ask my husband," she says. Her schedule is maxed out. "I work seven days a week," she tells me. She trav-

els a lot, and she performs organ concerts all over the world. "Here, you can bore yourself with these." She hands me a publicity photo and a résumé following

her Sunday-afternoon organ recital in Balboa

Williams made history a couple of years ago when a committee of park officials and members of the Spreckels Organ Society hired her to fill the position of San Diego civic organist. Robert Plimpton held the job before her. Up to that point, civic organists had always been men not just here, but across the country. Williams, who was born in England, is the first woman in the U.S. ever to hold the job.

'Basically," she says of organists, "it's a man's world.... In England, 90 percent of the people in choirs are boys, not girls. You'd sing in the church choir if you were a boy, and the natural progression was to study the organ next.'

Williams did not sing in the choir. She studied piano first, beginning at age five. "I could read music before I could read words." By the late '80s, she was an organ student at London's Royal Academy of Music. Williams attended Yale before moving to New York to earn a doctorate in musical arts. Williams says she answered an ad in American Organist magazine and won an audition that landed her the job in San Diego. "I didn't expect to get it," she says. "And it took me by surprise when it was pointed out that I was the first woman to hold the position.'

Not that there was a wealth of female pipe organists to choose from — earlier this year, Williams told the Hillcrest News that there were few women who were studying organ when she was in college. "Some of my instructors tried to persuade me to teach, but I was determined to become a performer. I'm stubborn, and if you're going to become a performer, you've got

to be stubborn."

DAVE GOOD

Was Williams reluctant to leave New York for a city where the arts take a backseat to Shamu? "Not at all. We get good crowds here," she says, referring to the organ pavilion. "It's

tremendous what we get here. We get the biggest crowds in the world. No organ concerts average these figures." On a recent Monday night, Spreckels Organ

Society historian Edward Barr says attendance topped the 3600 mark.

"It's a very unusual venue," she says of the 88-year-old Balboa Park pavilion. "You see people getting up and walking away, and you don't know why. And," she adds, "people always have a lovely knack of getting up when you say a few words. You don't know why they're getting up. They might be going to the restroom, for all you know.'

On an overcast June evening at the organ pavilion, Williams, wearing a black-and-white evening gown, opens the 16th Annual International Summer Organ Festival. She does not look like the matronly figure one might expect at the keyboards of such an instrument. She kicks off the evening with a real smoker written nearly a century ago by San Diego's first civic organist, Humphrey John Stewart. Like Williams, Stewart was a transplanted Brit. There's a photo of him, taken circa 1915, hanging in the pavilion's offices. In the picture, Stewart is standing near the lip of the then-new concrete stage, peering out as if the organ pavilion were a ship headed for God knows where. I have seen that same concert-stage gaze — on Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam.

Later, I remark on another piece Williams played at that concert, a powerful and neurotic masterwork where everything breaks loose for an instant and organ notes fly in a dizzy spiral. "That's a pretty good description," she says. A test of any organist's skills, Toccata, Op. 80 was composed by Max Reger and allowed Williams to showcase her talent. "They say he was like a composer who took a bottle of ink and threw it at the score," she says. "And he was so bad-tempered. So aggressive. And his music was deep.

But you have to program stuff like that really carefully," she says. "Not everybody wants to hear it. But there are some that do. And," she laughs, "I like to play."

Front row center, the pipe organ can blast one's ears on the loud passages and shake the ground. "Dangerous," Williams had remarked about the volume. "If you don't practice with the door down, you could go deaf." (A giant steel door protects the pipes from the elements.) "The organ didn't used to be quite so loud." Williams describes a renovation during which the amplification of the organ was increased to fit the times. "The park didn't used to be so loud either," she says. Aside from the jets crossing overhead on approach to Lindbergh Field, buses park and idle out in the street while waiting for tourists. "Just what you want during a quiet atmospheric piece,' she laughs. And then there are the birds. She says they gather in the trees around the pavilion and chatter, often to distraction.

When Williams needs a page of music turned during a performance, more often than not it is Lyle Blackinton who turns it. Blackinton repairs pipe organs. He has also served as curator of the Balboa Park organ for three decades, rebuilding the entire mechanism in 1980. He was on the committee that hired Carol Williams.

On a summer Sunday afternoon, we meet at the pavilion. "This organ," Blackinton says, "is responsible for getting me interested in pipe organs." More than 50 years earlier, on an outing to the park, Blackinton had been given a tour of the instrument. "It was all I could think about," he says, "from the age of 11 on." Blackinton's

Carol Williams and Lyle Blackinton

blue eves scan the horizon while he talks. He offers to show me the organ's inner workings, now off limits to the general public. We begin downstairs.

A 20-horsepower blower, which looks as though it were salvaged from the *Titanic*, serves as the organ's "lungs." Air is pumped three stories up from the basement through metal ducts into the organ's 4500-plus pipes. The bronzed pipes that are visible to the public, says Blackinton, are mainly there for show. "Only 15 out of those 61 pipes actually work." The organ's real pipes, he says, are in a loft directly behind and are fashioned of either metal or wood. They



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range in length from inches to dozens of feet.

We pass over a narrow catwalk through the forest of pipes. Down below, someone is practicing; this close to the pipes, the sound is deafening. Blackinton continues to point things out, but I can no longer hear what he is saying. Next, we pass through a series of narrow doors - airlocks and into a pressurized central chamber. My ears pop. It is sweltering inside, but the sound of the organ is muted. In this chamber, roughly the size of a modest bedroom, all of the organ's intricate working parts are visible.

The sound of the organ changes throughout the day," Blackinton says, "due to the weather. It sounds different in the morning than it does at night. The organ likes spring the best. And June gloom overcast, and without a lot of difference in nighttime-versus-davtime temperature. The organ can be played [when it's hot, or it can be played [when it's] cold," he says. "It just doesn't like getting from one place to the other."

Who does Blackinton call when something breaks? If he doesn't fabricate the part himself, he contacts the Austin Company, original builders of the park's instrument. "They're still building organs," he says, "so we rely on them."

In his book All the Stops, organist-author Craig Whitney says that, once a draw in major cities, the pipe organ has now fallen into the protective custody of civic and historical groups. Here, the Spreckels Organ Society (so named for John and Adolph Spreckels, the local philanthropists whose money built the pavilion) is a nonprofit group charged with overseeing all organ maintenance, performances, and operations.

"This was the cultural center of San Diego when it was built - no question," says society historian Barr at the pavilion one morning. "Anything that was important happened on this stage," he says. "We're in the process of reclaiming this as the cultural center of San Diego." And preserving it — the building still operates on 88-year-old wiring. "Of three original circuits, two of them are dead shorts," he says. "We're running on one circuit. I hope we don't burn the building down. Eighty percent of the pipes are wood, and 40 percent of them are metal. All those wooden pipes," he laments. "It would just be a torch." Barr says the city had plans to replace the organ pavilion's wiring at a cost of \$1.5 million. "Compare that to the cost to build the place," Barr chuckles. "Brand new, the whole thing only cost \$100,000." **■**



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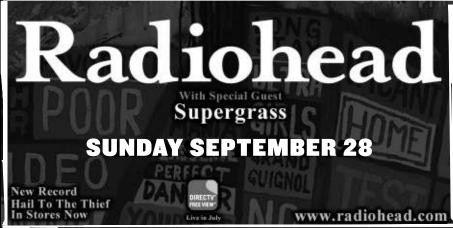


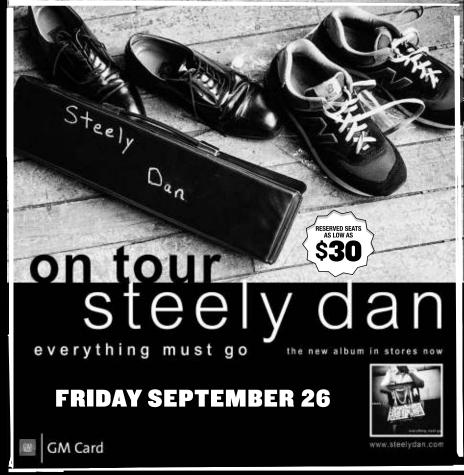


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Jackie Wilson Rocked On and On

"When they went too far, I'd stop them and stress, 'We gotta get back to the funk.'

e left Jackie Wilson last week on top of the world, with a huge crossover hit entitled "Night," a schlock ballad

sung in an ersatz Robert Goulet style. (White people in 1960 liked "negroes" who could sound white. We still do.) The flip side of this sugared slop was a lively R&B groover called "Doggin' Around," which made it all the way to number one on the mostly black R&B chart. So you see, Jackie was having it both ways. He wouldn't have known it at the time, but things were about to head south for him — like, all the way to the South Pole.

By 1960 Jackie Wilson enjoyed a large, loyal following

that ate up indiscriminately whatever he fed them: blues, R&B, light opera, you name it. He was merchandized as a "versatile" performer

and in 1961 recorded, among other things, a record entitled You Ain't Heard Nothing Yet, a tribute to one of Wilson's idols, Al Jolson (!). The following year,

Brunswick released an album by Wilson called The World's Greatest Melodies, a series of opera and classical themes rendered as pop numbers.

Meanwhile, Jackie — never immune to the charms of the opposite sex, nor indisposed to the occasional spot of sherry before supper, nor disinclined to poke anyone in the nose who got between him and his other inclinations — was leading the black R&B star's life, which, not surprisingly, wound up with Wilson being shot in the stomach by a jealous female fan who broke into his New York apartment in 1961. Well, as the bumper sticker says, "Shit Happens," especially if you're Jackie Wilson or Sam Cooke or any number of talented bad boys who should have been tucked under the covers by 11:00 p.m. so they could be fresh for their recording date the next morning.

The bullet lodged in Wilson's back and stayed there because it would have killed him to take it out. But Jackie rocked on, regardless, striking gold again in 1963 with "Baby Work Out," a hit on both the R&B and pop charts.

Unfortunately for Wilson, that would be it for a while. It would be 1967 before he scored bigtime again with perhaps his best-remembered

> single, "(Your Love Keeps Lifting Me) Higher and Higher." This was Wilson's third million-selling single and a pip — but more of note, it placed Wilson squarely in the soul camp, musically. Nor was this a fortuitous development: his sidemen on this disc were moonlighting Motown musicians. Had Jackie been properly managed, he would have made this transition, taken this direction, seven years earlier, but he had signed with a crummy label and taken on an obtuse, mob-

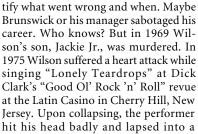
ster-tainted manager, the combination of which had bungled his career, leaving him hanging somewhere between outdated R&B and ersatz

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opera. Jackie was ready to unload himself from that particular burden and fire up his career in earnest. It's difficult to iden-



coma lasting four months, during which time he incurred serious brain damage. He recovered consciousness, but with all his faculties impaired.

During Wilson's hospitalization, Barry White, along with the Spinners and others, raised \$60,000 for Wilson's care by giving benefits. The IRS, owed \$300,000 by Wilson, took all of it. Wilson lay in a public facility in a semivegetative state for eight years, finally dying in 1984. His funeral was held at the Chrysler Drive Baptist Church in Detroit, where Wilson had sung gospel at the beginning of his musical ca-

reer. Attending the service were the Four Tops, Berry Gordy Jr., and the Spinners. In 1986, Wilson's first single, "Reet Petite,"

was reissued in the U.K. and topped the U.K.

pop charts for four weeks, selling over 700,000 copies. In 1987, Jackie Wilson was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

The moonlighting Motown musicians who backed Jackie Wilson on his 1967 hit "...Higher and Higher" are the subject of a recent documentary film (now available on video) called Standing in the Shadows of Motown. It's an informative and exciting look at Motown and Detroit from 1959 to the early '70s, when Berry Gordy Jr. moved his base of operations to L.A.

The Motown house band, which went by the name of the Funk Brothers, was responsible for more

number-one records than the Beatles, the Beach Boys, the Rolling Stones, and Elvis Presley combined. No one outside the industry ever really knew who they were or gave them anything like the credit they deserved for Motown's huge success. Nor did the Funk Brothers reap the monetary rewards that the label and its stars enjoyed, instead working for union scale, or Motown's rough equivalent.

These musicians were jazz, gospel, and blues

players from Detroit's musically rich post-WWII scene - fed, like Chicago, by an African-American exodus from the South. Detroit, more than Chicago, became a principal breeding ground for jazz musicians, but there was a more-than-vigorous blues, gospel, and R&B scene going on as well. Soul, an amalgam of all of the above.



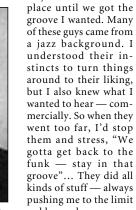
Barry White

would arrive later, circa 1960.

It was Berry Gordy Jr. who sought these particular instrumentalists out, got them together, and gave them enough room to develop their sound. Because of the jazz background of most of the players, it was a musically more sophisticated sound than what had been up to that point the standard R&B sound, but because of the nature of the music Gordy was after, first and foremost his band had to produce a deep groove.

Gordy describes his role as producer:

On my sessions we'd work from handwritten chord sheets. The "feel" was usually the first thing I'd go for. After locking in the drumbeat, I'd hum a line for each musician to start. Once we got going, we'd usually ad lib all over the



Berry Gordy, Ir.

and beyond. LaVern Baker (b. 1929, Chicago), like Jackie Wilson, was one of the major transitional figures between R&B and rock 'n' roll during the '50s and early '60s. Baker recorded a lively duet with Wilson in 1966 called "Think Twice." It's a hot number, full of juice and more raw than the Motown sound, which I find a little overcooked sometimes. Baker had been, up to that time, an Atlantic artist, a label that had cultivated a more basic grits-and-gravy sound. "Think Twice" was her final chart entry, after

What was clearly an outtake from the "Think Twice" session appears on a tasteless collection of R&B tunes called If It Ain'ta Hit, I'll Eat My... Baby: The Dirtiest of Dirty Blues. It is my alltime favorite Jackie Wilson number and, as regards the oeuvre of LaVern Baker, right up there with "Jim Dandy."

which, as Wilson experienced shortly thereafter,

she would suffer a decline in her career and,

also like Wilson, a tortured end.

The tune itself is an entertaining funk number, but the two artists keep interrupting the proceedings with mock antagonist asides that involve sexual challenges and insults of a very graphic and amusing nature. It's the funniest, if not the filthiest, track on a compendium of lewd, degrading, unspeakable depravity. Then again, we're talking Jackie Wilson and LaVern Baker here, two large livers and givers, not quite what one might expect from a duet by, say, Ricky Martin and Celine Dion, even in one of their most devil-may-care moments. ■

Jackie Wilson, Mr. Excitement, Rhino

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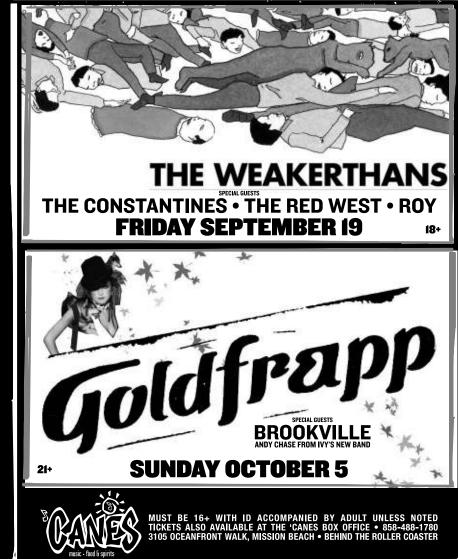
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Hell Freezes Over! "I'm glad the prices are coming down. Customers have been bitching about high prices for too long. They come in and

Twain, Eminem, blink-182, and New Found Glory. UMG is the largest U.S. record conglomerate, with 30 percent of the market. The other four major groups are expected to follow suit.

One staffer from an independent store pointed out the downsides. "We will be making less money for

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see \$18.98 and say, 'What the hell is going on?'

That's from a Tower Records employee who said he couldn't be named. He said he welcomes last week's announcement from UMG (Universal Music Group) that, beginning in October, they'll begin reducing the suggested retail price for CDs from \$16.98, \$17.98, and \$18.98 to an across-the-board \$12.98. UMG includes the Geffen, Interscope, and Def Jam labels, which issue music by such artists as Shania

selling the same amount of product." Also, UMG will no longer provide co-op ad dollars to help stores buy ads.

"The price drop is good, but how will the consumer know about the CDs going on sale without the ads?" said one Wherehouse employee. Most record-store print ads are subsidized by record companies.

Wholesale prices for UMG product will drop 25 percent; retailers currently paying \$12.02 per CD will buy discs for \$9.09 in October. But

another indie store employee said his store will initially get



SHANIA GETS CHEAPER

shafted by the change. He pointed out that he has to pay 75 cents per disc to his middleman distributor to get the discs in his store. So that means that for each Thrice disc in his store, he had to pay \$12.77. "In October, I will have to sell any remaining Thrice CDs I have left in store for the new \$12.98, even though I paid the old wholesale price. This means no profit. Î can't send the old product back."

Store manager Greg Horton of Off the Record in Hillcrest thinks the major labels had to cut prices or continue their decline. "You can't really blame people who say they download songs off the Internet because of the prices.... But [major label] music is not our bread and butter. We cater to the indie community.... This is going to allow the smaller stores to better compete with Best Buy. which sometimes sells CDs for below cost."

— Ken Leighton

"I still have punk but not the 'oi' punk bands.' Carolyn Tipton, owner of the Muse, dispelled a myth about her North Park CD-and-vinyl store. She says she usually has live bands for in-store concerts twice a week. Punk bands are okay. Skinheads

"I don't want a bunch of skinheads coming to the store. At the North Park Deli several months ago, they had a psychobilly band play, and all these skinheads came and started having a fight in front of their store. I don't want to have the same kind of stuff."

Tipton said the Muse hosts more live bands than any other local record store.

"I get calls from New York — from all over the country — from bands who want to play here. They think we're a venue, not a record store.

After five years in Oceanside, Tipton moved her record store to North Park last year. With two years left on a three-year lease, she said she would entertain an offer from someone who would like to buy the Muse, "I'm open to talking to anybody if they are serious.'

Upcoming local-band



TIPTON DOESN'T WANT FIGHTS

showcases at the Muse include Scaramanga on September 19. Black Bunny and Electrocrypt appear

September 26. All shows are free and start at 9 p.m.

Ken Leighton

"Mike [Halloran] has always stood for new music. Now he's at a radio station [FM-94/9] that isn't taking a lot of chances. I find it ironic that his station is crying about how we're [91X] the big cookie-cutter station, but Halloran is the one who actually sold out."

Bryan Schock is the program director at Clear Channel-owned 91X, which is facing its first major competitor in its 20-year history. The last Arbitron survey, covering March through June, showed FM-94/9 topped 91X in the 18-34 age group.

But at what price? ask its competitors.

They are doing great," admits Jeremy Pritchard, afternoon DJ and music director at the third local alternative station, 92/1. "It's an oldies alternative station. It's like [L.A.-based] KRTH-101 for the hip generation."

There is no question that FM-94/9 has achieved success by playing familiar hits by the Clash, Pearl Jam, and Nirvana instead of relying on music by new artists. Pritchard says he

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plays eight new songs per hour. "We play four or five per hour," says Schock. "They [FM-94/9] play one or two.'

Things were different 14 years ago when Halloran became music director for 91X. In one week during August 1989, Halloran added nine new cuts to the 91X playlist. The following week,

he added During one recent week, Halloran added no new artists to the FM-94/9 playlist. The following week he added one (by Radiohead).

"When he was a young pup, he was breaking all the hits," says 92/1's Pritchard about Halloran, who is credited with boosting the careers of Jewel and blink-182. "Now he plays that same music

What does Halloran say to charges he has become the oldies pied piper for the newwave nation? "I could tell you, but then I'd have to kill you" is all he would say.

Meanwhile, 92/1's Pritchard says he plays new tunes by "baby bands" like Goldfrapp and Super Furry Animals. Both are signed to independent labels. "We added Mars Volta. It's a noncommercial but very much listener-driven song."

Schock points out that 91X recently started playing Perfect Circle, Yellowcard, Year of the Rabbit, and local band Switchfoot. "One thing I'm really excited about is the band Jet from Australia. We were the first station in the country to play it."

"The angle of our station is not necessarily about adding new music," says former midday DJ Tommy Hough, who recently resigned from FM-94/9 to move to Washington state. "There's a lot of bad, runny, corporate rock out there right now, and maybe people don't want to hear it.... Some of these bands are not gonna be around in two weeks. So much of the music that is mass marketed now follows the blueprint of what we play [at FM 94/9]. Why would you go see the remake of The Manchurian Candidate who the original?" Candidate when you can see

— Ken Leighton

eBay sales of San Diego music memorabilia between July 20 and August 30:

Thirty copies of blink-182's 1990 "Flyswatter" demo cassette-tapes are known to exist. "It has come to my attention that these tracks were recorded in the basement of either Tom or Mark's house around 1990," said the seller, "consequently, the songs are not what I would refer to as 'good quality.' " An auction photo shows the cassette box to have hand-colored artwork, which, if this is one of the original cassettes, was decorated by blink and family members before they passed out the tapes to friends and record-



HALLORAN RESISTS RUNNY ROCK

company contacts.

Considered the holiest of grails among blink collectors, the eight-song tape includes early versions of several cuts that ended up on the Buddha album, as well as "The Longest Line," a cover of a NoFX song. Even though the seller's eBay history shows only one other completed auction, five dueling bidders took it on faith that this oftbootlegged cassette is the real deal and placed 27 bids (starting with \$1) until the auction closed at \$405.

A "Jewel Kilcher CD Collection" comprised six different imported European (i.e., bootleg) CD sets. One 16-track CD features an 8/17/01 concert at San Diego's Border Café. Another, Kiss the Flame, is a two-CD pack recorded on the second night of a two-evening stint at Humphrey's, 8/20/01. The set list includes both encores: "Angel Standing By" and "Chime Bells." Also included is a live version of "Hands," recorded at the local KPRI radio studio on 11/17/01. The collection sold for \$89 plus \$9.50 shipping.

In the early '80s, heavy metal hair-farmers Victim were among the house bands at Straita Head Sound, a longgone La Mesa club unique to its era due to its ability to serve alcohol to the 21-and-up crowd while still allowing minors in the door (thanks to a now-closed loophole in the "dinner theater" permit laws). In 1985, the four members of Victim self-recorded and released about 1000 copies of the vinyl LP *DMN* (said in the liner notes to stand for "Dirty, Mean & Nasty"). "Their sound leans heavily on glam metal, like Poison or Ratt, but

a little heavier," said the seller. Said to be in "near mint minus" condition with "some

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is betting a lot that U.S. music

"I agree some people are

honchos like Swift will bring

hesitant to go to Tijuana,'

Baja music fans would be

Theater. "Maybe it all

says Swift, who admits that

more likely to go to a show at

El Foro than SDSU's Open Air

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by Mexican singer Pepe

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light scuffs that don't effect [sic] the sound," the vinyl relic opened at \$5 and closed nine bids later at \$16.38.

When the Moody Blues played Starlight Bowl on 9/29/94 accompanied by the San Diego Symphony Orchestra, they had no idea their performance would someday appear on a CD from Germany's Ride the Tiger Records, one of the many overseas micro-labels currently flooding the U.S. with quasi-legal bootleg recordings of live performances

that fall under cloudy international copyright protection. Entitled Starlight Sojourn: Live San Diego 1994, the "import" CD features the entire 13-song/72minute set. including

their 1967 hit "Nights in White Satin," which on its original release featured the London Festival Orchestra (conducted by Peter Knight, one of rock's first classical crossovers). Ten bids were placed before eBay member Whitesatin713 got the Blues for \$81.09.

— Jay Allen Sanford

"The biggest issue that

we have is the uncertainty with taxation. The city of Tijuana taxes you, the state of Baja can tax you, and so can the federales." David Swift oversees House of Blues Concerts for San Diego, handling the shows at Coors Amphitheater, Open Air Theater, Cox Arena, and Viejas Casino. He says his company — the largest concert concern in San Diego — is open to the idea of bringing major-name acts to the new El Foro concert venue in Tijuana. But Swift savs he can do without the surprises that tend to accompany business dealings there. "It always seems to change," he

WILL THIS MAN'S PALACE LURE ROCK STARS?

balances out." From 1989 until 1994, Iguanas, a trilevel venue at Tijuana's Pueblo Amigo shopping center, presented Pearl Jam, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Nirvana, Tool, Rage Against the Machine, Nine Inch Nails, and the Ramones to sold-out crowds. San Diego fans were drawn to the nightspot that would serve alcohol to those under 21.

The popularity of Iguanas caused some anti-alcohol groups to consider the venue an attractive nuisance.

"We're not a nightclub," explains von Borstel. "Iguanas was operated as a nightclub. This has been designed specifically as a concert venue." von Borstel did say those over 18 would be served alcohol (it's legal in Baja).

"We want to produce our own shows and rent El Foro to promoters who can come in and use it as a turnkey operation." He gave a tour of the dressing rooms, backstage and production areas, hospitality rooms, and box

suites.

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The one problem that von Borstel admits must be addressed is the wait that has plagued border-crossers since 9/11. "We are working on that." He said a cross-border bus service is one possible

"Our country is going though major cultural and political changes. Why shouldn't those changes happen in the entertainment industry as well?"

– Ken Leighton

"I found myself in a situation where I wanted to make an album but I wasn't signed to a label and I didn't have a recording studio at my disposal.

Singer/guitarist David J released four albums with Bauhaus (1978–'83) and seven with Love & Rockets (1985-'98). His sixth solo album, Estranged, required creative

financing.
"I'd had some experiences with larger labels and control issues. I found it very constricting. The only way to avoid that was to be independent. That brought me around to the money issue." A plan to raise the funds came to the Encinitasbased goth godfather in "one of those light-bulb moments," he said.

"I had all this stuff in my garage — memorabilia, souvenirs, ephemera — going back to the late '70s. I tend to be an archivist. I thought, if I hock all this stuff, I might be able to get enough funds to get this thing going. I did and I did."

He said eBay auctions of old set lists, lyric sheets, and instruments netted over \$20,000.

"It paid for everything, including the [West Hollywood] recording studio. It paid for the mastering, my travel, my hotel, artwork...it even paid for the string quartet [used for recording]."

David I said old set lists went for \$20, while guitars and gold-record awards commanded \$1500 to \$2000. "I was very pleasantly

surprised by the whole [eBay] process. The most pleasant thing is I made such good friends. I got messages from people saying how much this stuff meant to them.... The most expensive thing was the original lyric sheets for 'Bela Legosi's Dead,' "Bauhaus's signature song. "They went for \$4000."

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

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J said he got stiffed once. "I had a bid for a bass guitar in the shape of a coffin,



"I WOULDN'T SELL THIS...

from my Bauhaus days, of course. I sold it for \$6000, but the guy didn't show up. I was actually happy it didn't sell. I wouldn't sell it for anything now."

Estranged was released on Tuesday. "It has a country tinge, but it's weird country." Collaborators include Stephen Perkins and Dave Navarro of Jane's Addiction, Bruce Kaphan of American Music Club, and Mark Kozelek of the Red House Painters.

David J said he has one day set aside for live shows an in-store at Amoeba Records on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood and a midnight show at the Parlour Club in West Hollywood. He said that yet-to-be-announced date would be in early October (www.davidjonline.com).

— Ken Leighton

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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

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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 erts 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.

SATURDAY

Jo Dee Messina [778]: Palomar Starlight Theatre, Saturday, September 13, 8 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, North County Inland. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

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.

TUESDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

Fischerspooner and **Kenna:** 4th & B, Wednesday, September 17, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING **CONCERTS**

SEPTEMBER

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.

Lee Ritenour [669] and Mindi **Abair:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Psychedelic Furs, Charlotte Martin, and AM Radio: 4th & B, Thursday, September 18, 345 B Street, downtown, 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Neil Young & Crazy Horse: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

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I favor musicians who can find obscure art

and infect it with so much of their own skill,

verve, and enthusiasm that they make it

almost new. Such is the case with England's

harmonica king, **Little George Sueref.** Born

40 years too late, he has become a craftsman of '50s and '60s deep Southern blues,

soul, and juke music, right down to the

threads and amplifiers. His sound is a needle

drop off of an old Jewell or Excello label

recording, and, as such, Sueref is keeping

so far removed from the Mississippi Delta

that any comparisons are ridiculous. When

critics say that Sueref knows the blues

because he never fit in as a kid, that hinges

A Greek-born British citizen. Sueref is

the blues museum open a little longer.

BY DAVE GOOD

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 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 oi 858-481-8140.

Debbie Reynolds: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, September 20, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Grandaddy [104], Super Furry Animals, and Erlimart: 4th & B. Saturday, September 20, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497

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Dashboard Confessional, Brand New, and MXPX [199]: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, September 21, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Martin Sexton [840]: The Casbah, Sunday, September 21, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Jimmy Buffett: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, September 23, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Chicago [617]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 23, and Wednesday, September 24, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

The Doobie Brothers [466]: Palomar Starlight Theatre, Thursday, September 25, 8 p.m., Pala Casino sort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, North County Inland. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

The White Stripes [359], the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, and the Soledad Brothers: RIMAC Arena, Thursday, September 25, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Maroon5: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, September 25, 6 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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Craig Chaquico [673] and **Keiko Matsui** [674]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 25, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or

Mya: 4th & B, Thursday, September 25, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Steely Dan [498]: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, September 26, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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Evan Dando: The Casbah, Friday, September 26, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or

Billy Idol [590] featuring **Steve Stevens:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, September 27, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

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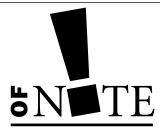
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Radiohead [183]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 28, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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.

George Clinton & Parliament: Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, September 29, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In one chapter of Songbook, a short reflection on some of his favorite songs, Nick Hornby writes about a mostly forgotten English band named the Bible. He followed the band's short career only because the singer was a friend of a friend, and yet one of the Bible's songs meant enough to Hornby to include it in a book many years later. Looking at the piles of promotional CDs he gets in the mail every day and will never get a chance to listen to, Hornby wonders, "Who knows how many great songs I've missed...songs written and performed by people who are your friends but not, unfortunately, mine?"

I'm sure I don't get as many CDs in the

mail as Hornby does, but I thought of his words when Love You Just the Same by Centro-matic arrived in my mailbox last month. One minute into the opening track, I knew that I would still want to listen to this album years from now. I looked at the press release and saw that this is the band's seventh long-player, and I wondered how there could be a band this good without me knowing about it. I love that feeling.

Centro-matic is the

brainchild of Will Johnson of Denton, Texas He started it as a home recording project and played shows as a solo act, just a cheap guitar and a cheaper amp and himself, nodding to an imaginary drummer, giving cues to an invisible piano player. Eventually, he recruited real people and they began touring with the likes of Ben Kweller, the Promise Ring, and

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Riders in the Sky: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, October 4, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 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, downto 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

LeAnn Rimes [779]: Palomar Starlight Theatre, Friday, October 10, 8 p.m., 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.

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.

Paul Weller: 4th & B, Saturday, October 11, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Godsmack: SOMA, Monday, October 13, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

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.

The Waifs: California Center for the Arts, Friday, October 17, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 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] and the Distillers: RIMAC Arena, Wednesday, October 29, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.



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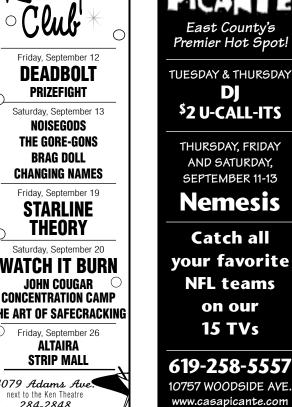
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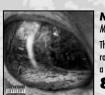
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EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

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 [145]: 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 Casin Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Rusted Root: 4th & B, Thursday, November 13, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Spiritualized and the Soledad Brothers: 4th & B, Saturday, November 15, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Michael McDonald [588]: 4th & B, Tuesday, November 18, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Roy Clark [782]: Sycuan Casino wcase 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.

Slayer [405], 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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EXTENSION 4002

ALTERNATIVE

Atreyu: The Scene

The Ballad Mongers [147]: Hooley's Irish Pub and Grill

Bedhead Blonde [197]: Cannibal

The Bitty Bums [223]: Lestat's

Bowling for Soup: The Scene

Brag Doll: California Club

Buford: Blind Melons

The Bushwalls: Twiggs Tea and

The Buzz Kill Romantics: California Club

The Cadillac Tramps: The Casbah

Chaotic Order: Dream Street

Damaged: The Jumping Turtle Bar

Deathstar: The Scene

The Disco Pimps: 5ifth Otr. DJ Bob One: Neimans Bar and Grill

Huey Lewis September 12

Julio Iglesias September 16

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The Dead September 18

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Chicago September 23, 24

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Rick Sprinafield September 26

John Hiatt September 29, 30

Dashboard Confessional

Billy Idol September 27 Al Jarreau September 28

Maná October 1 Bobby Caldwell October 3

Simply Red October 8

G3 – Joe Satriani, Steve Vai, Yngwie Malmsteen October

Aerosmith/Kiss October 16 *RADIOHEAD*

Countryfest October 12

Doc Martin: Martini Ranch

11th Hour: Dream Street

Ernest Rapture: Brick By Brick Etched in Red: Brick By Brick Faith & Disease: Brick By Brick

Fattburger [189]: Humphrey's

Fischerspooner: 4th & B5 a.m.: Dream Street

Five Foot Tuesday: Kelly's Pub The Free*Stars: California Club

Gasoline Chicken: Scolari's Office God Forbid: The Scene

Hamburger: Kelly's Pub Helious Creed: Brick By Brick **Tyler Hilton:** Belly Up Tavern The Husbands: The Casbah

Hyde: Brick By Brick Inside All of Us: The Jumping

Inure: California Club

Jiggawatt: Bub's Whiskey Dive

John Brown's Body: 'Canes Bar &

Johnny Love Sound: Dream Street

Just a Joke: 'Canes Bar & Grill Kaito: The Casbah

Kenna: 4th & B

Kensington Avenue: Epicentre Lighter: Surf N'Saddle, Tiki House

Lodus: Brick By Brick The Long Winters: The Casbah

Low Cloud Cover: California Club Mr. Orange Undercover: Dream

The Tim Mudd Band: The Tivoli

Murderous Red Glare: Brick By

Paluka: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp) The Paper Dolls: 'Canes Bar & Grill

Particle: Victor's Restaurant & Bar

The Perils of Being: Blind Melons

Tristan Prettyman: Belly Up Tavern Prize Fight: Epicentre, 'Canes Bar &

Purple Helmet: Dream Street

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Album Name: So Evolved...Inhuman (2003)

Artist: Vena Cava

Label: Don't Quit Your Day Job Records

Songs: 1) Zot 2) I Don't Belong 3) Skinner 4) Sturdy 5) Amethyst & Roses 6) Bitter Sue 7) Existence = Resistance 8) 3/4 9) Meter

Price/Where Available: www.venacavamusic.com for \$8 (plus shipping and handling)

Extra Info: Formed in 1999. Vena Cava has contributed to what is now being dubbed the "North Park scene." The band has booked shows in the area for touring bands of similar genres from

hearts out. Consisting of the brother-and-sister duo

Froschheuser and friend Patrick Murray, the band's sound has a heavy pop/punk edge to it with traces of emo and indie rock. While this sounds like an okay combination, the result is a trio that has way too much go-

Centromatic: The Casbah

Deadline Friday: Blind Melons

The Decoys: O'Connell's Pub and

Detroit Underground: Humphrey's

DJ Beer: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

DJ Jalil: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

DJ Tone Capone: Martini Ranch

DJ T: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

DJ Tony A: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

El Ten Seven: The Casbah

Film Noir [472]: Brick By Brick

Flock of 80's: Belly Up Tavern

The Fryday Band: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Gene's Pool: McP's Irish Pub and

DJ Frances: Martini Ranch

Cilantro: Blind Melons

comes across as hysteria. Corey Froschheuser's frenetic guitar strumming leads the confusion, as each loosely structured track is guitar driven. Melody lines are virtually nonexistent, and it's hard to say which is worse: Corey's detached vocal delivery or April's throaty shrieks. The call-and-response vocals between Corey and April that "somersaults into a full-on sibling rivalry" (according to the press release) adds to the noise, until it becomes two people trying to drown each other out. It's unfortunate that it is

almost impossible to decipher what is being shouted, because there is some solid lyricism hiding behind the clutter of inferior vocals and chaotic instrumentals, "Existence = Resistance's" "Take the good with the in between / indifference is weakness / don't stand for complacency' or "3/4's" "Cry out / spill the high life" and other sharply worded phrases are dispersed throughout the album. How-



ever, the only way to discern them is by reading the lyrics on the CD jacket.

Things improve with the lengthy guitar solo at the end of "Entrepreneur," but the band gets more lost than ever afterward as they return to short indie/punk uniformity. With their genre, it's easy to fall into the trap of mimicking an existing sound. Vena Cava isn't guilty of that.

(To hear a sample from "So Evolved...," call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4160.)

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The Jackson 3: North Bar Sports &

King Dub: On The Rocks

The Life & Times: The Casbah Magnusson: Blind Melons

The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and

Pink Froyd: Humphrey's Point Blank: Jolt'n Joe's (Escondido)

Power Thud [429]: Tio Leo's

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last

The Rad Bones: Tiki House

The Rhythm Method: Coyote Bar

Ricksha [450]: Cannibal Bar R.O.K.: I.B. Rockin' Beach Bar &

Rookie Card [539]: The Casbah Dan Sartain: The Casbah

Eve Selis [410]: Humphrey's The Sensations: Dirk's Niteclub

Serious Guise: The Kraken The Slip: Victor's Restaurant & Bar

Steal Dawn: Boar Cross'n **The Stepping Stones:** Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

The Stilettos: McP's Irish Pub and

Straight 6: Dick's Last Resort

Streetheart: Di-mond Jim's Super Funk Fantasy: Jimmy Love's

The Ben Taylor Band: $\operatorname{Belly} \operatorname{Up}$

3 Against 1 [456]: Blind Melons

Regenerator: Brick By Brick Darkest Hour: The Scene Deadbolt [114]: The Kensington Simply Complex [233]: Surf

Sublevel: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp) The Sultans: The Casbah Synygy: Bub's Whiskey Dive

EXTENSION 4003

Tritium: Brick By Brick

Underoath: The Scene

Vertibird [169]: Kelly's Pub

The Walkmen: The Casbah

A Virus Called Life: Dream Street

Verb: Blind Melons

Wick: Brick By Brick

ROCK

The Bastards of Glory [409]:

Bluefish: Pounder's Boobie Trap: The Casbah

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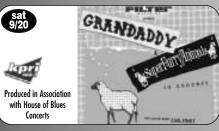
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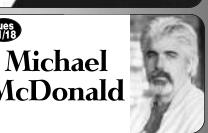


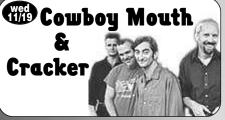














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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

3 Spot: Pounder's

Triple X: Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa)

Tubby: Blind Melons

The Valentine Fist: Epicentre,

The Ventilators: Coyote Bar and

The Kristy Wilson Band: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Carol Ames [619]: Humphrey's

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

DJ Lenny: The Plum Loco Saloon

The 80z Allstars: Rock Bottom

Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel

Holiday & the Adventures Pop Collective: The Jumping Turtle Bar

Jungle Boogie: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)

Koko Loco: Dick's Last Resort

Leviticus: La Valencia Hotel

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Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

The New Breed Band: The Alley,

NRG: Vieias Casino

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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

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The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies, Vieias

Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II

The Bop Mambo Combo: The

Breezin': Chuev's Numero Uno

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado

Cal-Son: The Calvoso Cafe

The Jorge Camberos Quintet:

Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Onyx

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Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra: 'Canes Bar & Grill

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The Jazz Allstars: Jimmy Love's

The Sam Johnson Jazz Trio: U.S.

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Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

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DRESS ➤ casual (which they proudly mention in their ads); I saw some shorts, jeans, T-shirts (Nike, And1, Fubu); there were a few people in dressier shirts and slacks, but most of the crowd was casual; at least 20 guys in baseball caps

DANCE FLOOR ➤ area right at entrance, about 30' by 20', in front of DJ booth

FIRE EXITS ➤ the main entrance and another exit at the opposite end of the club

BATHROOMS ➤ one for both men and women; one stall, one urinal, and one sink: sign on the stall said. "only one person in here at a time," but my date walked in as a guy was urinating and the bathroom

attendant didn't say anything (although when she was in the stall, he kept another guy from walking in the bathroom); the attendant had the usual combs. colognes, and mints (he was dressed casually too); liquid soap, paper towels, a trash can; clean and graffiti-free

CAPACITY ➤ 123

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to sit, but three couches, six small tables, two booths, and about ten seats at the bar: dimly lit, and the lights had red bulbs; lots of ceiling fans in first section of the club, but none near the back; some mirrors on the wall, a few abstract paintings, and some small, interesting holograph pictures along the walls surrounding the dance area: a small disco ball. ATM, and lots of trash cans; in area with most seating, they have some curtains (that are pulled back and don't block the view)

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 115 at around ten feet from the DI booth

WEIRDEST BAND NAME ➤ (DJ names) - Average Joe. Still-life. Skratchmark, and Rizzi

QUOTABLE ➤ "This is a dance club for people without money." I drove past this place at first because I didn't see a sign that read Red C Lounge. A black canopy with a letter C under it indicates the club's entrance (the C is lit up when the club opens). I commented to somebody there that it reminded me of the club/restaurant 33 at Disneyland, which has no signs to indicate what it is. A person overheard me and piped in, "Yeah, the cool clubs don't need no big signs that say 'On Broadway' or whatever, People know where to go and know how to find them. It's like that in New York and Frisco." I asked if he'd been to clubs in those cities, and he said. "Nah. man. But I know what the club scenes are like."

Some people don't mind paying a high cover and dressing up to go out. Those clubs have killer interiors, lighting, etc. Other people want to wear the clothes they're comfortable in to go dancing and spend their money on drinks, not a cover. This is the place for them. When I was leaving, the same guy I had talked to earlier said, "I guarantee you won't find a better dance club without a cover."

- By Josh Board

Jerry Melnick: Rancho Bernardo

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]:

Mr. Boogie Woogie: Dizzy's

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

David Negrete: Dizzy's

Mike Nelson: Lodge Torrey Pines

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John Opferkuch: Dizzv's

The Orbitz: Carvers Lisa Otev: Dizzv's

Sue Palmer [641]: Croce's Top Hat

Bar and Grille, The Calypso Cafe Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Jazz Bar

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Rob Rio: Dizzy's

Rick Ross: Elario's Bistro & Sky

Samba Jazz: The Calypso Cafe

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Brett Sanders: Dizzy's

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar Skybop: Mr. Joey's Cantina

Peter Sprague [643]: Dizzy's, Coyote Bar and Grill

Steam: South Park Bar & Grill Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald

Joe Tarrantino: The Wyndham

Trio du Jour: The Beach House The Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet: Tutto Mare, Coronado Island Marriott

Peter White: Thornton Winery Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

DJ Cisco: The Plum Loco Saloon DJ Rassie: The Plum Loco Saloon

DJ Winston: The Plum Loco Saloon The Jerry McCann Band: Coyote

Mikey Dread: Belly Up Tavern

NZ Rough: Moondoggies, Hennessey's Tavern (PB) Semisi & Fulabula [747]: The

The Tribe of Kings: Martini Ranch

Yellowman: Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's

Kennard & Miller: Don's Cocktail

Christian Simmons: Second Wind (Escondido)

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / **FOLK**

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

J.D. Brouchard: Princess Pub &

The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub (Clairemont)

John Foltz: Miracles Cafe

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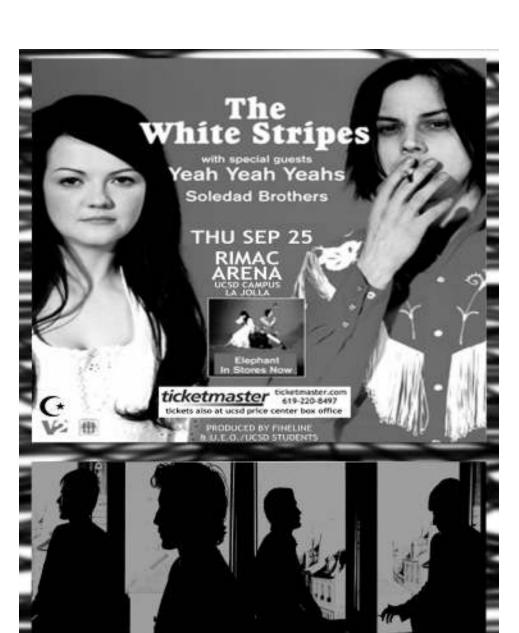
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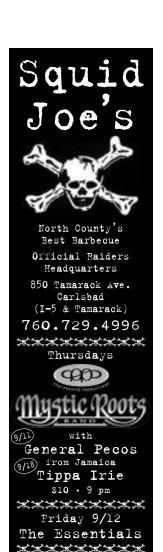
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Gary Rich: McP's Irish Pub and Grill **Ron's Garage:** Hotel del Coronado

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Skelpin: Humphrey's

The Leigh Taylor Band: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Gene Warren: The Ould Sod, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The Scott Wilson Band: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz: Patrick's II
The Backwater Blues Band:
Patrick's II

The Bayou Brothers [948]:

Blue Rockit [955]: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Blues Brokers: The Kraken

The Blues Pharaohs: Coyote Bar and Grill

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Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Chateau Orleans, Bayou Bar & Grill

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Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors

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The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

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Julio de la Huerta: The Westgate

Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant

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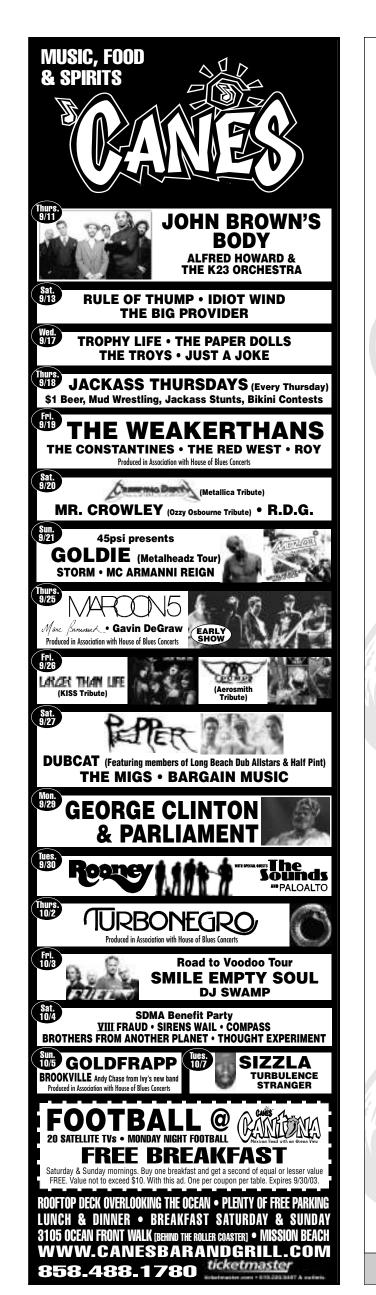
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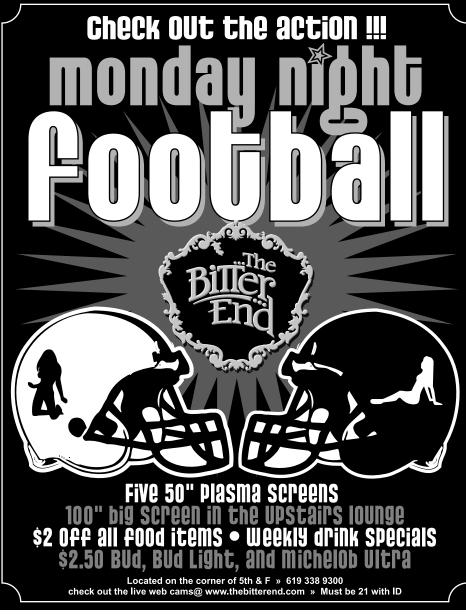
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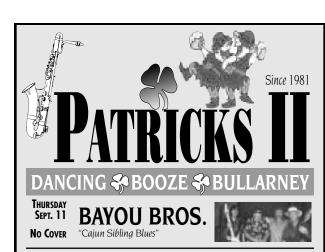
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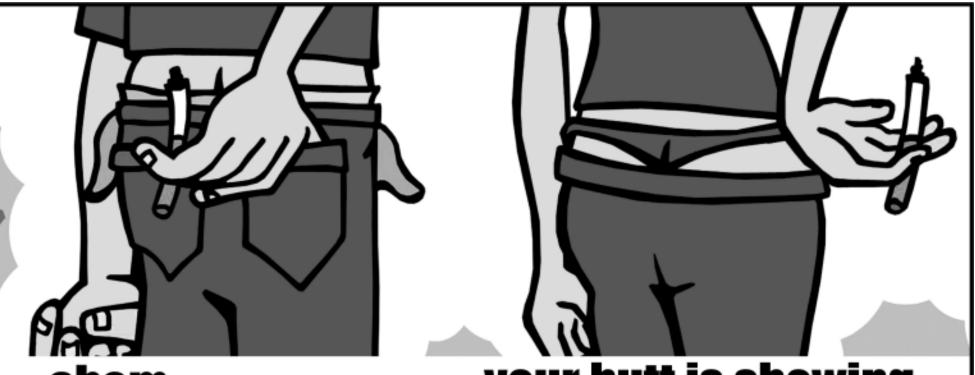
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The Red Room: Fridays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40 with DJs D-Skwiz and Enigma. No cover. Moondoggies, 909 Prospect Street, Suite 290 (upstairs), La Jolla. 858-454-9664.

Remix: Sundays, hip-hop with DJs Mike Czech and Myxzlplix. No cover; 21 and up. 1808 Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

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 858-488-1081.

The Room: Thursdays, *Martini Lounge* with DJ Maze and percussion by Atef. Fridays, Champagne Lounge with DJ Maze and Enigma, hip-hop and funk grooves. Saturdays, Margarita Lounge with DJs Maze and

Lime, European grooves. All events until 2 a.m. Il Forno Bistro, 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-459-5010.

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Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. Information,

Saturday Night Mix: Saturdays, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma, Nick, and Big Dude. No cover. Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Soul Cellar: Saturdays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath 5ifth Qtr., corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp.

619-236-1616. Information

Soul Sanctuary: Thursdays, hiphop, soul, rap, and house with resident DJs Felix Prince Jr., Meric, and Trevor Young. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-295-4163.

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Avenue, downtown. 619-232-2102. Remaining Fridays at the Flame, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-295-4163; 21 and up. Information, 619-465-5827. **Thrust:** First Friday of every month. Two rooms, Club '80s upstairs, Club Therapy downstairs; 21 and up. Hollywood Star, 1320 Fifth Avenue downtown. 619-232-2102. Information, 619-465-5827. Underworld: Sundays, pre-'99 gothic and industrial with DJs Bryan Pollard, Black, and Dekay; 21 and up.

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Friday, and Saturday, the Love Rangers, Top 40/pop. Wednesday, the New Breed Band, pop.

The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Thursday and Sunday, live jazz. Friday, *Trio du Jour*, jazz. Saturday, the *Justin Brothers*, acoustic pop rock. Wednesday, *Semisi & Fulabula*,

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 pm, the Ben Taylor Band, Tristan Prettyman and Tyler Hilton, rock, alternative. Friday, 9:15 pm, *Mikey Dread*, reggae. Saturday, 9:15 pm, *Flock of 80's*, rock. Tuesday, 9 pm, *Yellowman*, reggae.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue. Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *Donnie* Finnell & Co. East, jazz.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Steal Dawn*, classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, the Bop Mambo Combo,

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Jiggawatt*, alternative. Saturday, Synygy, alternative.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, Sue Palmer and Dijah Marie, jazz, blues. Friday, Cal-Son, salsa. Saturday, Jeff Moore and Dean Smith, blues. Sunday, Samba Jazz. Monday, *Richard Samuels*, blues. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, blues. Wednesday, Running Blue.

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Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, the Stepping Stones, rock. Saturday, the Kristy Wilson Band, rock.

Jolt'n Joe's, 717 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 760-743-7665

Friday and Saturday, Point Blank,

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The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors, blues. Friday and Saturday, Serious Guise, classic rock. Sunday, 4 pm to 9 pm, the Blues Brokers.

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M3 Espresso Cafe, 3910 Vista Way, Oceanside. 760-758-6363. Sunday, 3 pm to 5 pm, *Martin*

Christopher, progressive piano Wednesday, the Jared Mattson Trio,

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at "D" Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Friday, *DJ Frances*, rock. Saturday, DJ Tony A. Monday, DJ Jalil and DJ Tone Capone, rock.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, the California Rangers, country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse,

258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Friday, 8 pm, Center Aisle, classic rock. Saturday, Monster Movies.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *John* Foltz, acoustic rock.

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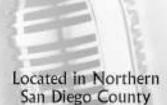
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Second Wind (Escondido), 1320 East Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-746-7408. Friday and Saturday, *Christian Simmons*, country.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 pm, open mike. Friday, *Simply Complex*, rock. Saturday,

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Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, Magnusson, rock. Friday, Deadline Friday and Tubby, rock, funk. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, Cilantro, rock, 9:30 pm, 3 Against 1, the Perils of Being, and Buford, alternative. Sunday, Verb, hip-hop. Monday, open mike.

'Canes Bar & Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, John Brown's Body and Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra. Wednesday, the Paper Dolls, Just a Joke, and Prize Fight. Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Saturday, 9 pm, Bottomline, rock and roll. Sunday, 2 pm, Bedhead Blonde, blues. Wednesday, 9 pm, the Valentine Fist and Ricksha. rock.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Tomcat* Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

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Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Saturday, NZ Rough, reggae. Wednesday, the Mike & Mike Show, acoustic.

I.B. Rockin' Beach Bar & Grill, 285 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach. 619-424-5373. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *R.O.K.*, classic rock.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday and Sunday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Leviticus*, pop, jazz.

Lodge Torrey Pines, 11480 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. The Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *Mike Nelson*, jazz.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, *NZ Rough*, reggae.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Mississippi Mudd*, blues. Friday, *Rad Bones*, rock. Saturday, *the Rockin' Blues Hounds*. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open-mike night. Wednesday, *Lighter*, alternative.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Friday and Saturday, 10 pm, the Slip, rock. Saturday, 5 pm, Walter Trout & the Radicals with Alan Iglesias & Crossfire, blues, rock. Sunday, 6 pm, Particle, alternative.

SAN DIEGO

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 pm. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Sunday, open nike. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, Helious Creed and Wick. Saturday, Tritium, Lodus, Hyde, and Etched in Red. Sunday, Faith & Disease, Regenerator, Murderous Red Glare, Film Noir, and Earnest Rapture.

California Club, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, the Free*Stars, the Buzz Kill Romantics, and Low Cloud Cover. Saturday, Rayleigh Scattering, Inure, and Brag Doll.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative. Friday, the Valentine Fist, Prize Fight, Irradio, and Kensington Avenue.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8:30 pm, Carol Ames, original rock. Friday, 9:30 pm, Eve Selis, roadhouse rock. Saturday, 4 pm to 8 pm, Little George Suref, blues, 9:30 pm, Detroit Underground, rock, soul. Sunday, 8 pm, Reel to Real, smooth jazz. Monday, 9 pm, Skelpin, Irish folk. Tuesday, 8 pm, Fattburger, jazz. Wednesday, 9 pm, Pink Froyd, rock.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, *Rick Lyon*, contemporary keyboard.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 pm to 10 pm, workshop/concert with *the San Diego* Concert Jazz Band.

Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Triple*

Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Friday, *Vertibird, Five Foot Tuesday*, and *Hamburger*, alternative.











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The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is alternative. Friday, Deadbolt.

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O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, the Rockin' Blues Hounds. Friday, the Decoys, classic rock.

The Ould Sod. 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gene Warren*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, the Hatchet Brothers, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday, Coupe de Ville, blues. Saturday, Nite Life, blues.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, Shirley Allen, piano. Sunday through Tuesday, Eddie Rossi New Directions.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues.

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternaitve/rock. Sunday, Atreyu, God Forbid, Darkest Hour, Underoath, and Deathstar Wednesday, Bowling for Soup.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Friday, 11:30 pm, Gasoline Chicken, alternative.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Caion Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Call club for information.

South Park Bar & Grill, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Sunday, 6 pm to 9 pm, Steve O'Connor and Steam, jazz trio.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, Hot Rod Lincoln, rockabilly. Friday, Power Thud, rock. Saturday, Blue Rockit with Fish & the Seaweeds, blues, funk. Monday, 8 pm, tango. Tuesday, 6:30 pm, zydeco blues.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 9 pm, the Jaime Valle/Bob Magn

Twiggs Tea and Coffee **Company,** 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Thursday, 8:30 pm, Gato Papacitos and Earon Rein, acoustic folk. Friday, 8:30 pm, Scott Wilson and the Leigh Taylor Band, acoustic. Saturday, 8:30 pm, Jose Sinatra & the Troy Dante Inferno with the Bushwalls, alternative. Sunday, 4 pm, the Celtic Ensemble, Irish folk. Wednesday, open mike.

DOWNTOWN

The Bayou Bar & Grill, 329 Market Street, downtown, 619-696-8747. All music is jazz. Thursday, 9 pm, and Friday, 5 pm, *Lady Dottie &* the Sliders. Saturday, 9 pm, and Sunday, 5:30 pm, Fred Heath & the Slidewinders. Wednesday, Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, Steve Brewer, acoustic.

Cafe 828, 828 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-8282. Thursday, live cabaret. Friday and Saturday, live

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Walkmen and Kaito. Saturday, the Sultans, the Husbands, and Dan Satrain, Sunday, the Cadillac Tramps and Boobie Trap. Monday, the Life & Times and El Ten Seven. Wednesday, Centromatic, the Long Winters, and Rookie Card.

Chuey's Numero Uno, $1894\,$ Main Street, downtown. 619-234-6937. Friday, *Breezin*', jazz, pop.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the David Patrone Jazz Quartet. Friday, Yavaz. Saturday, Primo. Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Camberos Quintet.

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619-233-4355, Friday, Sue Palmer, jazz. Saturday, BTO, rock.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll. Friday, *the New Breed Band*, pop. Saturday, Straight 6, rock. Sunday, Hera's Olive, rock. Tuesday, Koko Loco, pop. Wednesday, Private

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 pm, Jacques Lesure, Brett Sanders, and David Negrete. Friday, John Opferkuch, Peter Sprague, Dave Curtis, and Tim McMahon, jazz, Saturday, 8 pm, *Robin Edmonds* and *Neema Baraka*, jazz. Wednesday, 7:30 pm, Rob Rio, Mr. Boogie Woogie and Lisa Otey, jazz.

5ifth Qtr. (formerly Buffalo Joe's), 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown 619-236-1616. Saturday, the Disco Pimps.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Wednesday, 8 pm, Fischerspooner and Kenna, alternative.

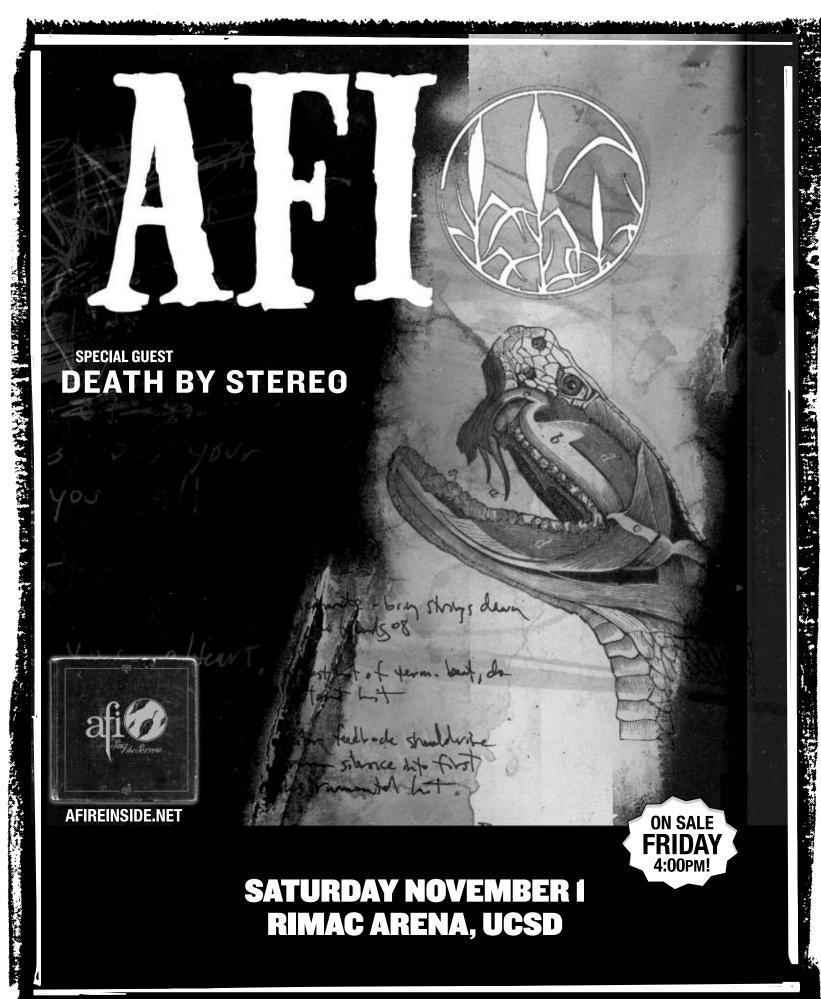
Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9:45 pm, live pop/disco. Sunday, 6:30 pm to 11 pm, Masterpiece, jazz. Monday, 6:30 pm to 11 pm, the Jazz Allstars. Tuesday, Mystique, jazz, funk, R&B. Wednesday, 7:30 pm, the Soul Revue.

The Latin Room, 560 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-237-7800. Thursday, 7 pm, the Ledesma Brothers,

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Thursday, Doc Martin, Sublevel, and Paluka, alternative. Sunday, the Tribe of Kings, reggae. Wednesday, the David Patrone uartet, jazz.

Onyx, 852 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-235-6699. Tuesday, Gilbert Castellanos, Latin jazz.

Patrick's II. 428 F Street. downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Bayou Brothers. Friday, Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz. Saturday, the Bill Magee Blues Band. Sunday, Red Lane. Monday, Johnny Vernazzo & the Usual Suspects. Tuesday, Blue Largo. Wednesday, the Backwater Blues Band.



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Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday, Jungle Boogie, pop. Saturday, the 80z Allstars, pop.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue downtown. 619-233-5979. Music is Latin. Thursday, *Orquesta Guarara*. Tuesday, Orauesta Tumbao. Wednesday, Primo.

The Tivoli Bar, 505 Fifth Street, downtown. 619-232-6754. Saturday, the Tim Mudd Band, alternative. Monday, open mike.

U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Lounge: Friday, 8 pm to midnight, *the Sam* Iohnson Jazz Trio.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238 1818. The Plaza Bar: Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Monday, 8 pm, *Julio de la* Huerta, guitar and vocals. Sunday, Julio & Fran.

The Wyndham Emerald Plaza, 400 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. The Sidebar Lounge: Thursday and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7:30 pm, Ioe Tarrantino, jazz piano, solo. Friday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Stellita* and Joe Tarrantino, pop.

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The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Ray Correa*, supper club entertainment.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, piano bar, featuring Sandy Chappel, Sammy Canonizado, and Burnett Anderson

Coronado Island Marriott (formerly Le Meridian), 2000 Second Street, Coronado. 619-435-3000. Friday, 6 pm to 9 pm, the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet.

Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Thursday, DI T and DI Beer, rock. Friday and Saturday, Streetheart, classic rock.

Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, Gordon Kohl, Kjell Holmes, or Vicki Eriqat, European and ethnic accordion.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm, *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Thursday, Friday and

Saturday, 8:30 pm, Barbara Jamerson,

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5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *John Cain*. Prince of Wales: Thursday and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Friday through Sunday, and Tuesday, 6:30 pm to 10 pm, *Daniel Jackson*, jazz. Crown Room: Sunday, 9:30 pm to

2:30 pm, Bill Harris, jazz.

Sun Deck: Saturday and Sunday, 2 pm to 6 pm, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic

La Villa Loca Sports Bar & Grill, 217 Third Street, Chula Vista. 619-585-1724. Friday, 8:30 pm, the

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435 5280. Thursday, Gene's Pool, rock. Friday, the Offheats, rock, Saturday, the Stilettos, rockabilly. Sunday, Gary

Rich, folk, Monday, Iim Moore, oustic. Tuesday, Gene Warren, Irish folk. Wednesday, Jim Moore.

The Plum Loco Saloon, 2511 Sweetwater Road, National City. 619-475-7313. Thursday, *DJ Rassie* and DJ Winston, reggae. Friday, DJ Lenny, old skool. Saturday, DJ Cisco, hip-hop, R&B.

EAST COUNTY

The Branded Oak, 9927 Main Avenue, Lakeside. 619-443-3038. Tuesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, Jackson &

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, the Sensations, classic

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, Kennard & Miller, country.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283.

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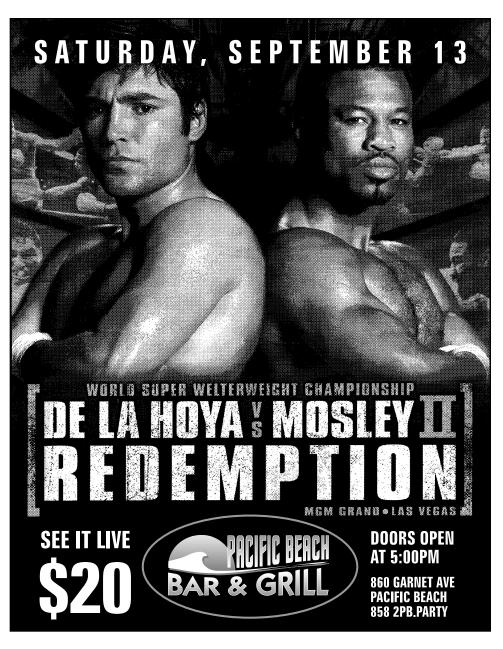


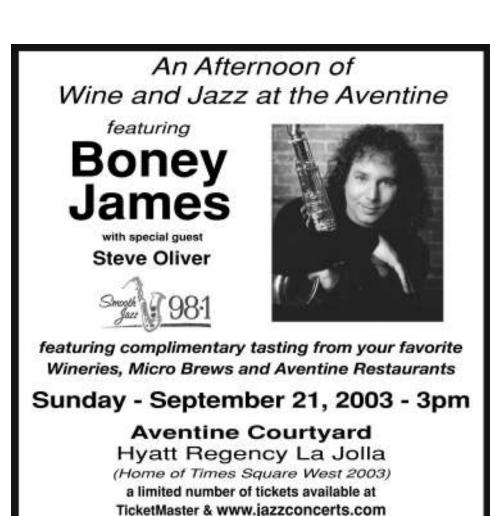


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Sweet Lettuce

"This is the best restaurant you've ever taken me to," declared my old friend Ianie as we finished our meal at Tapenade. She and her husband, Paul, were back in town for their annual escape from El Paso, where half the restaurants offer steaks and the rest feature fajitas. Our chat had previously turned to the topic of foie gras. "I have to confess," she had whispered, almost blushing, "we're virgins. We've never tasted it in our lives." Well, foie gras virginity isn't a condition I'll let good friends suffer gladly, and immediately I thought of the spectacular duck foie gras torchon (terrine) at Tapenade. It would prove to be just one of many new flavors they enjoyed at our dinner. Under the stewardship of classically trained French masterchef Jean-Michel Diot and his longtime chef de cuisine, Philippe Verpiand, the restaurant's cuisine combines an imaginative spirit with labor-intensive culinary techniques that spare no effort in the drive for perfection.

By happy coincidence, Tapenade's "amuse" that evening was a tiny puff of foie gras mousse, a rich-on-rich combination of the liver whipped with butter. We plunged immediately into more of the stuff — the renowned torchon. While most American chefs sauté foie gras, giving it the texture of a marshmallow (if they do it right) and then slather it with some species of fruit syrup, in France you're more likely to encounter the precious livers delicately baked in a terrine (with the chef's choice of additional fat), emerging with the heavy satin texture of semisoft butter. Here the terrine meets its match in a little pouf of fig-Port mousseline, with a melting pulpiness that holds up a mirror to the terrine's mouth-feel, while complementing the flavor with its gentle sweetness. The pairing is astonishingly clever. Alongside is a toasted slice of house-baked brown bread bejeweled with bright-colored panes of fig and apricot. You can spread the terrine on it, or just alternate bites to ground the extravagant richness.

But the terrine is merely Tapenade's bestknown dish, one masterpiece among many. It's easy to underestimate the restaurant's excellence because it's no haughty palace of haute cuisine, but a charmingly unpretentious Provençal-style bistro, surrounded by sidewalk patio tables on a side street behind Vons. The rooms are light and bright with well-spaced tables. The open kitchen looks out on the main dining room, and there are



more tables in the smaller bar. Your fellow diners may be dowagers in diamonds or teachers in T-shirts. But make no mistake, the food and the service are serious. The servers are the exact opposite of the usual clueless crew — they all seem to have memorized every ingredient in every dish and lovingly recite the contents as they place the plates in front of you.

For all its decadent glory, the foie gras is actu-

ally equaled by the light, lyrical purity of another appetizer, "Gambas a l'Orientale" — succulent tiger shrimp surrounded by a foam of coconut milk and lime juice, set

atop a ripe mango salad and topped with microgreens. The touch of tart citrus makes the mango taste all the sweeter, and the pungent little greens shock your tongue back to full attention. So, for that matter, does a millimeter-thin dark wafer with a flavor that mystified us. (It was a combination of saffron and black pepper.) Snappy arugula plays a similar role in a more conventional pairing of Maine lobster salad with avocado, surrounded by a thin "gazpacho" sauce that tasted like the very spirit of

September tomatoes.

We devised a dinner plan combining three sets of à la carte dishes with one "tasting menu." Since the tasting has extra courses, the waiter suggested an "intermezzo" dish for three to fill in during the tasting's second appetizer. One more course? Of course! It was the evening's trickiest dish — Verpiand's deceptively plain, off-menu combination of halved roasted figs topped with assertive melted

Stilton cheese. On the side were a few leaves of raw greenery in a light, sweet dressing — not sweet-sour, simply sweet — and a thin slice of robust walnut bread, which played

matchmaker to the other elements. Figs are often paired with Gorgonzola, a milder bleu; upping the ante to Stilton turned the fruit into the earthy element of the dish, while the sugared lettuce supplied the treble note. None of us were sure whether we actually liked the combination, but we all agreed it deserved an A for Adventure.

It's rare to find a restaurant where the entrées equal the appetizers. But here, a dish of wild King salmon, fresh from Alaskan waters, seemed the

Tapenade

★★★★½ (excellent to extraordinary)

7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla; 858-551-7500; www.tapenaderestaurant.com.

HOURS: Lunch, daily 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; dinner, 5:30–10:00 p.m., until 10:30 p.m. weekends.

PRICES: Dinner appetizers, \$8.50–\$12.50 (\$22.50 for foie gras); entrées, \$24–\$32; desserts, \$8.50. Chef's Tasting Dinner, \$58 (\$85 with matching wine flight). "Early-bird" prix fixe, 5:30–6:30 p.m., Sunday–Thursday, three courses for \$25. Bar menu of selected half-size items.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Highly creative French cooking, with sunny Provençal flavors and superb seasonal ingredients. In-depth French and Californian wine list, many great French bottles, but few choices under \$38; a dozen choices by the glass (most \$7–\$9.50). Full bar.

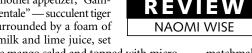
PICK HITS: Chef's Tasting Dinner; salmon; veal loin; apricot rissolés. Note that wild salmon season is ending in a few weeks, so you want to head there ASAP.

NEED TO KNOW: Fairly easy street parking. Bistro atmosphere, casual-dressy. Moderate noise from open kitchen and bar blenders. Reservations strongly advised. Outdoor patio dining available.

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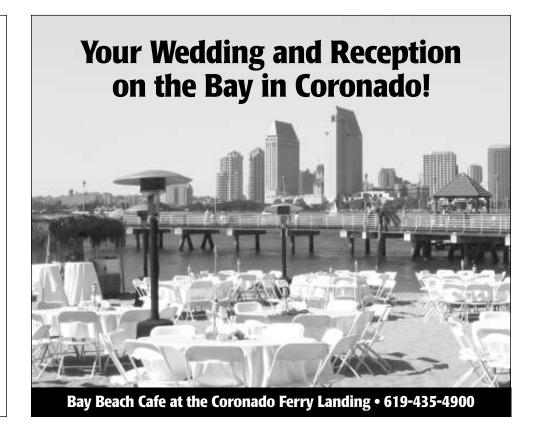
very quintessence of late summer. King salmon deserves its name — it's the largest member of its species (up to 100 pounds), swimming in the coldest waters; its appearance marks the finale of the year's sea-salmon run. Wild salmon live a hard life and taste all the better for it: Their flesh is dense





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and muscular (not mushy like farm-raised product), with no flab in taste or texture. The bigger they are, the firmer their meat, which is why King salmon rules the dinner plate. I hear that the run this year is going to be very short. In another two weeks, it'll be over - so if you want some, hop to it. (When the King catch is gone, Tapenade will switch to steelhead, the large red-striped river trout from British Columbia,) The unerringly cooked fish steak is surrounded by an ideal supporting cast: a scattering of snow peas, leeks, and tiny, thin-skinned herb ravioli squares filled with a purée of tarragon, parsley, and a little basil. They're bathed in a light, foamy garlic broth that picks up the faint anise notes of its chervil garnish. This has to be one of San Diego's greatest dishes.

On the red-meat side of the menu, the thriller is a freerange, milk-fed veal loin from a small Wisconsin farm. Veal that's reared like a real animal - gamboling on the grass, living the healthy life (no hormone shots) — tastes a world apart from its anemic "factory" cousins. The meat is rosy and juicy, like a milder, more tender form of top-grade beef. Here it's dressed with marvelous morels, perhaps the most enchanting of all mushrooms, in a bit of dark, slightly sweet sauce. Its plate pals are a scatter of peas and the smallest,

softest, lightest gnocchi you can imagine, fluffy bites made with sweet potatoes instead of the customary white spuds. The final touch is a chartreuse-colored streak of pea purée flaunting the dark, insinuating note of truffles.

A different cut goes into a southern French classic, joues de veau a l'ancienne — "oldfashioned veal cheeks." I didn't realize when I ordered the dish that this was going to be another illuminating discovery for my friends. "I've heard of fish cheeks." said Janie, "but veal cheeks? Uh, do they mean the rear cheeks?' "No, they're actually cow jowls," my sweetie told her. "All the little taquerias in our neighborhood serve mini tacos made with beef cheeks, called cabeza. We can even buy raw cheeks at the groceries in South Park. They're cheap, although you have to trim off a lot. But when you stew them for three or four hours, they're delicious."

Veal cheeks are the juvenile version of beef cheeks, and Tapenade slowly cooks the rich-flavored meat until it's fall-apart tender in a dark, reduced braising sauce, brightened up with a touch of orange and basil. The meat perches atop rounds of polenta, surrounded by sundried tomatoes, olives, snow pea strips, and delightful little chanterelle mushrooms, which have a firm, meaty texture but a delicate flavor. "We don't have

anything like this in El Paso," Janie commented enviously. "We just have steaks."

Because of the vagaries of the seafood catch, one entrée fell flat: Dayboat scallops in a light curry sauce with green-apple shreds were, like the great majority of this year's scallops, rather dull-flavored, no matter how brilliant the treatment. And a special of Dover sole became a topic for our table's deep discussion. The dear, rarely imported European fish was swathed in a Spanish-influenced "pili pili" sauce made of reduced fish stock with olive oil and a touch of Basque smoked red pepper (pimente d'esplette). It bathed a refined version of ratatouille. featuring small cubes of eggplant wrapped in zucchini and cooked quickly to maintain natural flavor and crispness. We all loved the pungent herb sauce but debated whether it might be too powerful for a mild white fish. I thought of substituting calamari, Paul imagined prawns, and Janie took a slice of baguette and mopped the plate.

A few months ago, Diot hired Rocio Siso Guaramán from Spain to serve as pastry chef and to bake the fruit-and-nut breads that garnish several dishes. She promptly set to work creating perfect endings for a Tapenade meal, sweets as fresh and inventive as the rest of the menu. Her warm apricot "dumplings" are

a carnival for the mouth, resembling an improved version of Italian *zeppoli*—airy little deepfried puffs filled with apricot purée, dusted with powdered sugar, accompanied by a scoop of caramel-pistachio gelato and by a few spring greens—also coated with powdered sugar. Sweet lettuce was odd enough with the figs, and no less unsettling on a dessert plate, but the taste is curiously appealing

taste is curiously appealing. A "special" that evening featured almond custard over poached pears, with rosemary syrup and vanilla ice cream one of those intriguing pairings of strong herbs with fruit that are now in vogue. (That's one food fad that delights me.) The effect of the rosemary was more like rosewater, fragrant and subtly aromatic. The meal ends with mignardises, the postprandial equivalent of the opening amusebouche. That evening's sweets consisted of tiny cookielike tart shells filled with pistachio whipped cream and little jewels of strawberry "gel" candies, soft and a bit

Most restaurant meals are merely for eating and enjoying. But there are also repasts, like this one, that tune the palate to really taste every flavor, to discover its very essence. It's not just food for the belly but for the mind, designed as much for meditation as for mastication. You end up relearning what the

ingredients actually taste like and how combinations can totally change their impact. And when you encounter such a feast, you know that you're in the hands of a master.

AROUT THE CHEF

Jean-Michel Diot was raised in Lyon, the culinary center of Southern France. "I was always interested in food when I was a young kid," he says. "I was not outside playing Cowboys and Indians; I was in the kitchen with my grandma, trying to help her and to get tastes of the food she was cooking. She cooked with love, and that's the best food." Inspired by those superb meals, at the age of 16 he apprenticed himself at a restaurant in Vienne that had received two stars (out of three) from the rigorous Michelin Guide. From there it was literally a short step to work at the legendary threestar La Pyramide, in the same town. Young chefs in training do a "Tour de France," and Diot went on to work with famed chefs all around his country, including Michel Guerard and Jacques Chibois. In 1987 he moved to New York to be executive chef at Maxim's de Paris, and at Arianna's in the toprated Peninsula Hotel.

"But being an executive chef was not my cup of tea," he recalls. "I don't like to be in an office facing a computer — I

wanted to be in the kitchen." He opened his own Park Bistro in Manhattan, the first bistro ever to receive three stars from the New York Times. The restaurant soon multiplied out into four, including another bistro, a bakery, and a brasserie. But when he married and had children. Diot decided it was time to leave the Big Apple. He discovered San Diego on vacation and fell in love with La Jolla, where the scenery resembled his native Provence. He decided to move here and open a single modest restaurant, so that he'd have time for his children as well as his kitchen. He named it Tapenade, after the black olive spread of southern France. Although he still works behind the stove alongside chef de cuisine Philippe Verpiand, he's kept his promise to himself and religiously takes Sundays and Mondays off to spend with his family while Verpiand ably runs the show.

His greatest current problem is the cost of California's regulated overhead and its effect on his menu. "The state has so many rules, which cost businesses so much — workers' compensation and so forth — it makes it very difficult for a small business to keep running. I never wanted to have to charge a lot for my food. I've always wanted my cooking to be available for everybody to enjoy."







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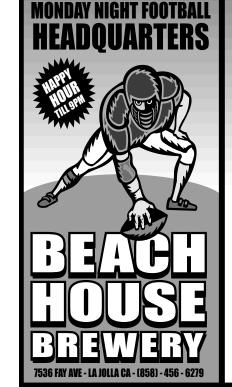
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op in," says Hank. "Where to?" Just the best waffles you've ever had, my son. Eaten breakfast?'

"Ha! Fat chance. Cook's on strike."

The cook? That's me, of course. Carla and I have this deal. I cook and make the bed in the morning and wash up; she takes care of the evening. It's a great system till work crosses with cooking. That's been happening a lot lately. Right now the whole system's cracking like mud in the

midday sun. This morning I yelled, "Okay, already! Each man for himself!" "And woman?!" she yelled back. When I left, she didn't even pucker her lips in that blow-kiss she does.

"Great," says Hank. "At least you're hungry. Stick with me, buddy."

He hauls us up Washington and into the ricosuave Mission Hills area. It's always a surprise to see how ordinary it looks up here. We're talking wide streets and 1950s low-rise row shops.

'Don't worry, my boy," says Hank. "Never judge a gift by its wrapping."

Except I am still worrying. It's past one already. "You sure they still do breakfasts?"

"Till three. No problemo."

He finds a parking space by the Starbucks. We mosey 20 yards along Washington, under a shop veranda, till Hank stops outside a place with windows open to catch what breeze there is.

He leads the way in. Uh-oh. Looks a bit sophisticated. We get to a table loaded with chocolate cookies shaped like horses' heads, when this gal pops up. Golden ringlets. Flashing toothy smile. Beautiful. "Gentlemen! Where would you like to

sit?" Her name's Alicia. This is her dad's place, she says.

We sit beside a huge green painting. Kind of mural-like. A bunch of sculpted golden horses gallop along across the green. "Bet they're made of baked biscuit," says Hank.

"You're right," says this guy in a Hawaiian shirt from behind the counter. "I made the mural. I do them all the time. I call this one Sea Biscuits." His name's François. He's Belgian. This is his place.

Manuel the waiter comes up loaded with water, a basket of bread, butter, and a strawberry-orange preserve. Boy. Looks as if you could fill up on that alone. And the napkins. I'm starting to worry. They're, like, top restaurant quality.

'Sure we're going to make it?" I ask Hank.

"Worry not, mon ami," he says. "These Belgians, they know value."

I dunno. Most folk around us look welldressed, sophisticated. The waiters have those long aprons they wear in fancy Gaslamp trattorias.

We open the big plastic menus. I see most items are not expensive, not cheap. Three-egg omelets "served with rosemary potatoes and a basket of bread," run about \$7.50 to \$8.00. The

Number One sure looks interesting, though. Shrimp, tomato, fresh basil, and green onion omelet, \$7.50. I can see it's not your greasy-pan mix with home fries here. Already sounds, well, continental. And, oh, man, they have a "fresh salmon, spinach, mushrooms, and green onion'

"You're looking in the wrong part," says Hank. "Look for 'Best In Town."

Ah. Thar she blows a little above. "Belgian waffle, topped with the choice of strawberries, bananas, whipped cream, and/or granola. \$6.00."

'Course we're both munching on the breads — and man, they're good. No, they're great. French bread, a kind of crispy toast, and croissant. Fresh. Plenty of butter. That strawberry-orange jam.

'Ready?" says Manuel. He pours me a second fill of coffee (\$1.50, with refills) and then more iced tea (\$1.75) for Hank.

'Sure," I say. "We're having Belgian waffles." "Uh, he's having the waffle. I'm having lunch," says Hank.

'What the...?'

"Hey, dude. I've been there, done that. Plus, I had breakfast, like, six hours ago?"

This changes everything. Suddenly I'm thinking savory too. I see interesting salads. Thai chicken or shrimp salad, over shredded jicama, cucumber, and carrots (\$7.50). Or Pear Cambozola salad, with strawberries and pecans (\$7.50). Cambozola is apparently, like, if you mixed Camembert and Gorgonzola cheeses. Or pastas like François's Famous Vegetarian Lasagna (\$7.25).

"Nope," says Hank. "I'm going soup and sandwich." He points to a special on a blackboard. Tortilla soup for \$2.75 a cup or \$4.25 a bowl. "Can I have that with half a grilled eggplant sandwich?" he asks.

The combo's worth \$6.95. "No problem," says Manuel. Now he looks back at me.

'Look," says Hank. "You'll never have a better Belgian waffle. François, the owner, he is Belgian. Don't waffle about, man!"

So, okay, I go waffle.

Fact is, by the time it comes, I'm kind of stuffed with the breads. So-o-o good. Hank reckons his tortilla soup's got the goods, including nice crisp tortilla bits. And his eggplant sandwich looks rich. But I'm happy to dabble in this big mess of a round waffle, oozing strawberries, bananas, granola, cream, and syrup. I like that it's on a big solid china plate. And the way Manuel keeps coming back with syrup refills, like he was topping up my coffee.

The only thing Belgians would say about this waffle," says François later, "is that it's the wrong shape. They're used to square, not round. And they eat it in the street more than sitting down."

I have one question.

"How much are the Seabiscuit cookies on the table?"

Turns out the little chocolate-covered horse heads come in two sizes, \$1.50 or \$2.50. Gonna take one home as a peace offering. Win back Carla. By a head, as they say. ■

The Place: Mission Hills Café, 808 West Washington, Mission Hills (619-296-8010)

Type of Food: French-American

Prices: Shrimp, tomato, basil, green onion three-egg omelet, with rosemary potatoes, basket of bread, \$7.50; salmon, spinach, mushroom, green onion omelet, \$8.00; Belgian waffle, with strawberries, bananas, whipped cream, granola, \$6.00; pear Cambozola salad, with strawberries, pecans, \$7.50; Thai chicken or shrimp salad, shredded jicama, cucumber, and carrots, \$7.50; François's Famous Vegetarian Lasagna, \$7.25; soup and half a grilled eggplant sandwich, \$6.95; tortilla soup, \$2.75 cup, \$4.25 bowl. Dinner, more expensive

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usan Ebeler, an associate professor of viticulture and enology at UC Davis, used to work as a flavor chemist for the Campbell's Soup Company. When the Davis job opened up, she jumped at it. "I didn't really have a lot of

background in wine, but wine is a perfect matrix to do flavor chemistry. Historically, it's one of the first foods or beverages where people understood what the compounds associated with flavor were, and there's lots more to

UC Davis researchers, seeking to bring stability to an industry still recovering from Prohibition, began this kind of research in the late '50s. "As long as there's been gas chromatography," there's been flavor chemistry research into wine. Initially, it was done with an eye towards quality control. "Because of the instrumentation, they were limited. It didn't allow for trace compound analysis, so mostly they were looking for compounds that were in high concentration and were associated with off flavors.'

Things have, of course, progressed over the past half-century. Trace compound analysis read: peeking at the teeny-weeny bits that make critics swoon over "leather, smoke, and spice" in their Cabernet — has become standard practice. so much so that even the relative layman (me) may brush up against it from time to time — say, while attending Wine Lab founder Lisa Van de Water's presentation on Wine Aroma Origins and Recognition. One diagram in particular caught my eye — six axes radiating out from a center point, with six oddly shaped hexagons connecting various points on those axes. When I asked Van de Water about it, she pointed me in

the direction of its source: an article in the book Chemistry of Wine Flavor, edited by Ebeler and fellow Professor Andrew Waterhouse. The article was entitled 'The Contribution of Glycoside Precursors to Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot Aroma: Sensory and Compositional Studies.

"The present work was undertaken," states the article, "to explore the contribution that glycosylated volatiles [read: volatile (and therefore smellable) compounds bound to sugar molecules] of black grapes can make to red wine aroma and to attempt to identify those compounds or classes of compounds which may be responsible for specific aroma attributes.

The diagram I saw was actually an illustration of sensory, not chemical, analysis, but it was still interesting (and more comprehensible to my untrained mind). The authors created concentrated samples of hydrolyzed (read: broken free from their sugary bonds) glycosides from unfermented juice, from post-crush grape skins, and from a finished wine. These concentrates were then added to a base wine, a Napa Chardonnay that would easily show the effects of red wine volatiles. A panel of 14 judges was employed to

evaluate the various samples.

Wine judging is a notoriously personal business. Even fans of noted critics such as Robert Parker Ir. will say that you have to understand Parker's palate and how it relates to your own in order to assess his assessment of this or that wine. (For my part, if I see any reference to oak – vanilla toast, smoke, oak, etc. — in a Parker blurb, I get on my guard. I find he has a higher threshold for it than I.) But Professor Waterhouse gave me some account of how researchers attempt to garner a scientific result from 14 distinct palates.

You have a training period. You collect your people and you ask them, 'What's different between these wines?' They have to come up with descriptors. Someone will say, 'I'm smelling a lot of tobacco in this wine and not much in the other.' Then the group will agree" - or, presumably, disagree — "that 'tobacco' is a term which in fact describes what they're smelling in some of these wines." Then the trainers develop a standard. (In the case of "tobacco," a few flakes of Camel cigarette tobacco were placed in a tea bag and soaked in the base wine for one minute.) Finally, the group will develop a scale, citing one wine as being very high in tobacco when compared to the standard, and another as being very low. "They'll be calibrating themselves against these standards, so that in theory, another group of people could [go through the same process and] get very similar results." When it comes time for judging, the samples are smelled (blind) and rated for each attribute at least twice. "They'll even alter the order of the wines — apparently, there's an order effect.

All the data is then tabulated and scored accordingly to the average value of that attribute. One of the results is a "spider diagram" such as the one I saw, which showed the difference in scores for the six attributes (tobacco, floral, honey, etc.) as they were found in the base wine, the Napa Cabernet juice, the Napa Cabernet Skin, and the Napa Cabernet wine. The four resultant polygons illustrated a swing away from the base

wine, which was high in floral and apple aromas; to the juice, which skewed toward honey and tobacco; to the skins, which brought in a heavy chocolate element; to the finished wine, full of dried fig and almost devoid of floral and apple aromas

A principal component analysis of the mean data was then performed to compare the aroma profiles of the samples chosen for study. The result showed that maceration — soaking the juice on the skins — "will be likely to impart flavor to wines due to extraction of glycosides from the skins, followed by hydrolysis upon storage.

Compositional analysis, when related to sensory analysis, gave the authors some sense of which sugar-bound substances were related to which flavor and pointed to particular compounds "which would be worthwhile investigating further by more detailed sensory studies." The piece then went on to pronounce the importance of glycosides to eventual wine flavor and to suggest that the glycosyl-glucose concentration of grapes or juice "may be a useful and objective means of predicting ultimate strength of wine flavor."
As Ebeler noted, "There's lots more to

learn," and it's not as simple a matter as finding out which acid makes wine smell like cigarettes. "Most of what flavor chemists have done throughout history is identify flavor compounds and determine their concentrations. But we can't really predict what something is going to taste like just based on concentration alone; there are also interactions within the matrix with nonvolatile compounds. When you take the fat out of ice cream, it tastes different because of solubility, because of the whole release rate of flavor compounds. It affects the flavor — not just the mouth-feel or the taste of the fat: it actually affects other compounds. So we're looking at how, in the wine matrix, the polyphenols and polysaccharides and alcohol affect the volatility and perception of volatile flavor compounds." ■













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NORTH COASTAL

Amici 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. Chef Monica Szepesy and her brother Michael (hosting) offer personalized, home-style renditions of diverse Latin American and Italian dishes, including house-made breads, pastas, and beverages. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. The bill of fare (about five choices for each course) changes nightly. (Groups of three or more can order sampler dinners with tastes of everything.) Be sure to try the house's chicha morada, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The signature dessert is a cloud-like Tres Leches cake. Reservations absolutely necessary. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; special wine dinners Fridays from 10 p.m. to midnight. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

Bird House Grill 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with birdcages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all over. The most popular order is the "Super Combo Plate" of charbroiled gyro meat, kofte (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and tzatziki, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill and a thick, luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable kebab or the house special Iskender kebab, dressed with tomato sauce and billows of the terrific yogurt. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

The Brasserie La Costa Resort & Spa, Costa Del Mar Road (off El Camino Real), Carlsbad, 760-438-9111, x4500. This hotel dining room offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and an all-you-can-eat Sunday buffet brunch with champagne. Seafood buffet Friday from 5:30 p.m. Outstanding service. Reservations recommended. Pisces Delicacies of the Sea is also located in this complex. Expensive. — E.W.

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna meli fi that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6800. The restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.) which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (7/00)

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast High-

What the Chef Eats

PRICKLY PEAR BBQ BABY BACK RIBS

BY PAUL MCCABE Star of the Sea

One of my favorite ways to cook is to barbecue. I was raised on barbecue. My father couldn't cook in the kitchen to save his life. One thing he could do is barbecue well. My mom did most of the cooking inside, but he'd barbecue all summer long. It was just the way I was raised. I love it, my children love it, so we're doing one of my favorites, Prickly Pear Barbecue Baby Back Ribs. With fresh tomatoes, maybe a cucumber salad, what more could you

need? Maybe a couple of

beers. It's all about the ribs.

For entertainment on a Sunday afternoon, my family and I will make this dish. My daughter loves it. My two-year-old son sucks on the bones. It's a family treat.

I developed this recipe over the years. This is a twist on a *barbacoa*. A *barbacoa* is a classic Spanish-style barbecue sauce. It's more rustic, chunkier than typical barbecue sauces. *Barbacoa* is more flavorful with just a little sweetness and a touch of tamarind.

I'm from Arizona, where prickly pears are everywhere. I love the sweetness and the color — the prickly pear's syrup is bright purple. Mixed with the ketchup and everything else that's in this recipe — the tomatoes, the poblanos, and the shallots — it leaves a nice color and a great

shine on top of the ribs.

You can purchase
some of the harder-to-find
ingredients online. You
can go to Google and type
in "prickly pear syrup"
and you'll find a source for
it. There is somebody out



there sitting in a garage selling prickly pear syrup that you can get direct-mailed to you. I do not know anyone locally. Whole Foods, Jonathan's in La Jolla, and Henry's are the three places locally that I would check.

HOW TO DO ITFor the barbecue sauce:

way 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little taqueria, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato salsita. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed gua-

camole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (9/01)

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild housemade macaroni salad, and a choice of

authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of imu-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from malasadas (Portuguese donuts) to musubi (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Neimans 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Set in a Victorian gingerbread mansion overlooking Highway 101, this hotel-restaurant's best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-anddrink champagne brunch, featuring made-to-order omelets, seafood creations, mimosas, etc., moderately priced for a day's worth of protein, calories, and buzz. No brunch reservations, so expect a wait. (Holiday brunch prices are much higher, but then they do take reservations.) After dark, the site is basically a nightclub, with a younger crowd scarfing up traditional American fare, priced high, until midnight or later. Open daily, lunch and dinner. — E.W.

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food.





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Brockton Villa Restaurant
1235 Coast Blvd., La Jolla (Overlooking La Jolla Cove)

Roast tomatoes, poblano pepper, and shallots on a cookie sheet at 400 degrees until black, about 15 to 20 minutes. Peel all of them and set aside.

In a hot saucepot, caramelize the chopped onion, and then add roasted tomatoes, pepper, shallots, tamarind paste, prickly pear syrup, ketchup, cider vinegar, and Worcestershire sauce. Bring BBQ sauce to a boil and purée with a submersible blender. (If

you don't have one, you can purée in a regular blender or food processor at the end of cooking.) Let simmer for one hour. Adjust to taste with salt and pepper. If making ahead, refrigerate until ready to use, then reheat.

For the ribs: In a large stockpot, boil ribs with onion, carrot, celery, bay leaves, and pickling spice in water to cover for about 40 minutes, until meat starts to pull away from the bone. Drain and

transfer ribs to a cookie sheet and cool in refrigerator.

While ribs are cooling, start up the grill and add mesquite chips. Place ribs on heated grill and drench in BBQ sauce. Cook until sauce starts to caramelize, just four to five minutes per side.

INGREDIENTS:

Barbecue Sauce:
12 Roma tomatoes
1 poblano pepper
2 shallots. whole and unpeeled

1½ cups yellow onions, chopped 2 ounces tamarind paste 1 cup prickly pear syrup 4 cups ketchup ½ cup cider vinegar 1½ tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

Ribs:

Full rack pork baby back ribs ½ cup onion, chopped ½ cup carrot, chopped ½ cup celery, chopped 2 bay leaves 1 tablespoon pickling spice Mesquite chips for grilling

Salt and pepper to taste

Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy glafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a wholewheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese

in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the cafe's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-eggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herbstrewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie

burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

St. Tropez 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love continental breakfast, this bright café with indoor-outdoor seating offers scores of house-baked pastries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream

sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or a chicken-filled vol-au-vent puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a pan bagnat (salade niçoise on a baguette) or one of the grilled panini. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Chieu-Anh Vietnamese Cuisine 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. Gourmet Vietnamese food is available here from a lengthy menu, including many items showing French influence. Good bets are chicken crepe, fresh fish with lemon grass, tangy-and-sour soup, egg rolls, and filet mignon beef. Chiéu Anh enhances the selection of fine dining rooms in Rancho Bernardo. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. —

El Bizcocho Rancho Bernardo Inn. 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. You get what you pay for at one of San Diego County's premiere dining destinations — stunning new French cuisine in a lovely, civilized room. The left side of the menu lists traditional golf-and-tennis-folk favorites (lobster bisque, filet mignon), but the right side is a daily changing array of creative dishes by chef Patrick Ponsaty, including a five-course tasting menu. These dishes are not merely luxurious, they're thrilling, with flavor combinations that are intense and balanced, audacious and refined. The wine list is awesome and pricey, with numerous half-bottles. Dress rules aside, the atmosphere is anything but stuffy: A charming room captain puts you at ease and servers are pleasantly attentive. It's ideal for a special night out — and the Sunday brunches are lavish, too. Jacket required, ties usual, women's attire chic or prosperously dowdy. Reservations es-sential. Dinner Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday. Very expensive. -N.W. (2/01)

El Taquito Mariscos 500 North Escondido Boulevard (Felix Plaza, next to Pool King), Escondido, 760-739-8204. Also 503 North Grande Avenue (Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-735-5819. At this sparkling, airy taqueria, a semi-open kitchen wafts out the alluring aroma of fresh corn tortillas. You can get breakfast right through lunch hour, fill up on huge combo plates,

or create your own assortment of Bajastyle mini-tacos (of asado, cabeza, pastor, carnitas, etc.) for pennies. The refriebeans are as good as they get. But seafood is the focus, occupying a whole menu page offering gargantuan cocktails, soups, salads, antojitos, and hot and cold platters featuring shrimp, langostinos, tilapia, snapper, crab, etc. They're beautifully seasoned, if a tad overcooked. Try the lively levanta muerta ("raise the dead") seafood soup and rise again. Open daily, breakfast until late. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (5/01)

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This morning treasurehouse is large but Swiss-style cute, its brick walls festooned with knicknacks (for sale), and silent wind chimes hanging from every wooden rafter. This is the place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, huge burgers and sandwiches, and a dozen-odd potato casseroles. Whatever you choose will carry you deliciously through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. Open daily, breakfast-lunch (until 2 p.m.). Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

GOLD COAST

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an oftenchanging menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cappucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

Ruth's Chris Steak House, Del Mar 11582 El Camino Real (exit







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Wild Note Cafe 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-259-7310. Located in the Cedros Design District next to the Belly Up Tavern, this uniquely decorated room offers excellent salads, pasta, fresh fish, grilled meats, and burgers in a casual atmosphere. Friendly, attentive service. Live music at dinner, Sunday jazz brunches Wednesday wine tastings. Lunch and dinner six days, lunch only on Mondays Moderate — E.W.

LA JOLLA

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast - down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying not to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. In-expensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

Donovan's Steak And Chop **House** 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (9/02)

Ocean Kitchen 5525 La Iolla Boule vard, La Jolla, 858-459-3993. The dishes at this Mandarin and Cantonese restaurant contain no MSG, nor are there starches in the sauces. Very lively cooking with many unique recipes. The dinner menu is available from opening to closing. This remains one of our best natural Chinese food restaurants. Oper daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or tapas, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the nicoise salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. -E.W. (12/99)

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La

Iolla, 858-455-1616, Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak um-brella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia*, "Kahana" *shutome* (swordfish), or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Todai 2828 Camino Del Rio South. Mission Valley, 619-299-8996. You'll find no dish "to die" for at this So-Calbased chain restaurant. It calls itself "The Mother of All Seafood Buffets" and has spawned branches in suburban malls all over the country. Our branch looks like a seafood Disney-– multicolor floors and pastel neon lights in fanciful shapes (moon, stars, fish) adorn three separate buffets. There's a huge array of seafood, sushi, teppanyaki, and assorted Asian nibbles — some pretty good, some pretty awful (e.g., "Dungeon" crab cooked to mush). They do rotate the dishes regularly until a half hour before serving, keeping most items reasonably fresh. Two vast, drab dining rooms (seating 500) feature strong, dingy lighting and utilitarian tables and chairs closely spaced to seat the crowded masses. Japanese beers, California jug wines, generic hot and cold sake available. Reservations for large groups only. Family atmosphere, very noisy. Arrive early to cover the territory. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate, with kiddie and senior discounts. — *N.W.* (10/02)

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. E.W. (8/99)

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921.
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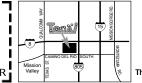
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Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate.

French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. This pleasant, airy dining room serves French food with California influences. It's light, good-tasting, and easy on your purse. Breakfast items and lunch are served simultaneously. Ravishing desserts and bakery at one end of the restaurant. Open daily. Moderate. -

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexi-can cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious camarones borrachos are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, foodfriendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/02)

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplaceheated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Af-fordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. - N.W. (2/03)

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard. Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, drift-wood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and twostory patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — A.M. (8/02)

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CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750, Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works' omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weedends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Chicken Pie Shop Of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and iicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. – *M.N.* (8/99)

Old Mill Cafe 3949 Ohio Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-294-3804. The best-kept secret in North Park looks like a Swiss chalet inside, but serves 1950s American eats in big platefuls. Breakfast buffs should check out the pork chops with two eggs, potatoes, and toast, or biscuits and gravy, or the famous pigs in a blanket (three sausage links rolled in hot cakes with powdered sugar). The lunch and dinner menu is also good and cheap — for instance, golden fried chicken with vegetables and rice or baked potato. wegetables and file of backed potator. They feature nightly prix fixe specials ("Meatloaf Mondays," etc.) just like Mom did in the 1950s. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Pekin Restaurant 2877 University Avenue (near 30th Street), North Park, 619-295-2610. This old-time Chinese eatery was founded in 1931 by an immigrant from Canton; his grandchildren now run it and it's hardly changed in 70 years. You'll find red-tasseled hanging lanterns with translucent pictures of songbirds, mother-of-pearl wall decorations, and big cushioned booths. The food is Gold Rush-era Cantonese-American: chop suey, chow mein, barbecued pork, bean cake with shrimp and rice—all for a song. Lunch

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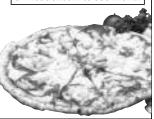
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Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarianfriendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (12/00)

Rib Masters Express 4297 Market Street (at 43rd Street), Chollas View. 619-262-7993. They split Hermie's Market to create this Chicago-style BBO, New Orleans-style Southern food joint. It started off short on facilities (like no tables), but long on great food. This is the baby of Tony Seales, the San Diego pro heavyweight boxer. Tony's originally from Chicago. He knows ribs, and he invented his own BBQ sauce recipe; even his employees don't know the formula. But try it on cheap deals like the BBQ chicken sandwich. Add other great deals like collard greens, red beans and rice, jambalaya, spicy spaghetti, sweet potato pie, mac-aroni and cheese, and that oh-so-delicious peach cobbler. Then, of course, there's the ribs themselves. Everything available "to go." Lunch to early dinner, seven days. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.B. (10/02)

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

Aswan 7404 University Avenue (at Lowell), La Mesa, 619-464-7100. Louisiana and East Africa share the menu at this spacious restaurant "where the Mississippi meets the Nile." Most dishes are made to order, so don't expect to eat and run. Start with a sam-pling of Maryam Suliman's Somalian sambussas (of chicken, beef, spinach, potato, lentils, shrimp, cheese, fruit) — each savory filling is differently seasoned. Then dive into a bowl of co-owner Vernon Sukumu's exemplary seafood gumbo. You can choose dishes from the Big Easy or opt for African specialties such as *tibsi*, *zigni*, Somalian spaghetti, or a vegetarian sampler. "All you can eat" weekend brunches offer items from both cuisines, including fried turkey. No alcohol, no pork, all meats *hallal* (butchered following Islamic sanitary rules). Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday, brunch and dinner weekends. Low moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

Jimmy's 9635 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this familyfriendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, Campus Plaza, College Area, 619-229-9050. You will find this Thai restaurant as charming as its owner. The menu is extensive, the service attentive. Try the spicy seafood combination or the Chinese specialties. A delightful, gastronomically satisfying experience. Open Monday through aturday for lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Inexpensive to low moderate. - E.W.

Sham Rocks Shack Bar & Grill 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, peo-ple know each other. As for the food yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburg-ers, jalepeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to "please don't steal the forks." But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) - it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamycrunchy interplay of sauce and vegeta-bles. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese en trées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/02)

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's ven: It's all Certified Black Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sun-day. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. Lunch and dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would of-fer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — schnitzel side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in al-ready knowing what they're going to or-der — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel 'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B.* (10/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

The Abbey Cafe 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pews, metal chalices, black iron sconces, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap — or the Ahi Tuna New Orleans style (half a pound of fish) if you're more loaded. Înexpensive to moderate. E.B. (12/01)

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel Street), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this for-merly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Fabrice Poigin's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inven-tions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, Expensive, but not bank-breaking. — N.W. (12/01)

Cafe W 3680 Sixth Avenue (south of Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-291-0200. Chef-owner Chris Walsh combines world-ranging ingredients into eclectic, fusion-y "tapas" to mix, match, and share around the table in a lively, casual ambience. Three plates per person make a reasonably filling meal, particularly if you include some starches (e.g., pizza, polenta). Unfortunately, though, the number of menu choices has grown to a length beyond what the kitchen can execute with any consistency. Numerous vegetarian choices. Can be very noisy. Dinner Wednesday through Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (4/02)

Chez Odette 3614 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-1000. The nearest thing to a drop-in French bistro in town, even if Odette (yes, she's real) comes from Belgium. Her place is small, slick, and smells of fresh French bread. She and her husband are usually slaving away in the kitchen preparing for the constant banquets they seem to cater. She has cooked for Julie Andrews, Governor Jerry Brown, and Linda Ronstadt. For you, she'll cook great breakfast omelets (the *Provençal*, with peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, and onions, or the smoked salmon are two good ones). They come with sautéed potatoes with the perfect tang of garlic. Lunchtime, the *salade niçoise* (with tuna, anchovies, olives, and potatoes on lettuce) is the real thing, and so is the quiche Lor-raine. But be like the French: have your main meal in the middle of the day. Weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

El Fandango 2734 Calhoun Street (next to Bazaar Del Mundo in the Plaza), Old Town Historic Park, 619-298-2860. This indoor-outdoor café sits right on the tourist-packed plaza. But come early, like 8 a.m., and you'll be practically alone. You're suddenly in a Mexican town, say 1840. Order up a chorizo (Mexican pork sausage) scrambled with eggs and rice and refried beans, or scrambled eggs mixed with nopalitos — cactus pads — and chile verde and frijoles, and maybe add breakfast champagne. Soon you'll be conjur-ing up all the fandangos — dances that happened here. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (12/01)

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s so-lidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole,

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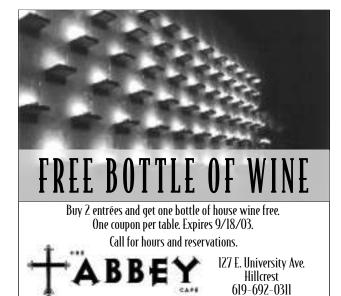
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El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, home-made, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/00)

Extraordinary Desserts 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-7001. The desserts here do live up to the name, whether you gobble them on the spot on the patio of this charming café or buy them to take home. Owner Karen Krasne's pastries are created with strict French techniques with flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the rice fields of Bali to the *souks* of Morocco. The white cakes are true food for angels — ethereal and not exces-sively sweet, vibrant with flavors of fresh ripe fruits — and some of the chocolate cakes (e.g., the "Caribe") follow suit, while others are rich and dense. Not your piece of cake? There are also tarts, cookies, chocolates, ice cream dishes, puddings, breakfast pas-tries, and fine teas and coffees, along with Krasne's own lines of honeys, jams, chutneys, syrups, and popcorn—plus a truly lovely assortment of international craft objects. Open for week-day breakfast, weekend brunch until late, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on week-ends. — N.W. (5/02)

The Gathering 902 Washington Street (at Goldfinch Street), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hours Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Live jazz on Friday nights. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunc E.B. (11/00) brunch. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills Cafe 808 Washington Street, Hillcrest, 619-296-8010. By day, your neighborhood breakfast-lunch café; by night, candles, napkins, higher prices! But François Goedhuys and his family soften the blow: with any entrée, you get an appetizer (try their delicious mussels sautéed in lemon butter, garlic, and cream) and dessert. Which en-trée? People swear by the "Duck Mis-sion Hills," lamb shank, or bouillabaisse. The cheapest? Meatloaf. Yet it's filling, with generous herby slabs, mashed potatoes, and crunchy flash-cooked veggies that burst with flavor. For dessert, try the house specialty: lemon crêpe wrapped around vanilla ice cream. Oh, that sauce. Well, François is from Belgium, where crêpes were invented. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (7/03)

Mixx Restaurant 3671 Fifth Ave nue (at Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. A meal here resembles an informal dinner party at the home of a good, well-traveled cook. Fitly, the dining room resembles a bohemian living room on steroids, with moody decor, rump-sprung Nau-gahyde banquettes, and witty paintings on the walls. The menu is an international hodgepodge of whatever chef-owner Deborah Helm and/or chef de cuisine Zhee Zhee Aguirre fancies cooking: touristic Fisherman's Wharf

crab-and-artichoke fondu in hollowed sourdough may cohabit with haute-Mex cremini mushroom quesadillas, "Indonesian" battered shrimp, or duck ragout with pasta sheets. Desserts (by Danielle Helm) carry through the "loving hands at home" theme — the most popular is a gooey peanut butter pie. A mainly California wine list is easy on both palate and wallet, with ample selections by the glass. Moderate. -N.W. (9/00)

Parallel 33 741 Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the suberb mango and ahi appetizer Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or sea bass sauced with sake lees show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Satur-Moderate to expensive. -M.N. (10/99)

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street, uptown, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) - all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

Trattoria Positano 142 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-by-the Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not

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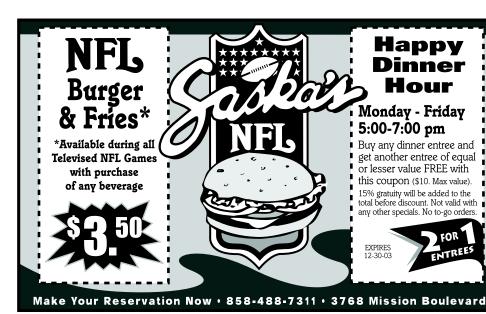
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DOWNTOWN

Bayou Bar and Grill 329 Market Street (at Third Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-696-8747. Bayou has the most expansive (and expensive) Louisianastyle menu in the Gaslamp. Their best dishes are terrific — for instance, their red beans and rice (the washday treat) is the area's sole authentic version, meaty and with a rich, deep heat. Eggplant dishes shine, too, as do seafood pastas and a huge pork chop with dressing. Alas, though, too many dishes are faux-Paul Prudhomme, with incoherent spicing and, at times, too much cayenne added too late in the cooking to cozy up to other flavors. Desserts are frankly, fabulously revisionist, includ-ing pecan pie and bread pudding half as heavy and twice and good as their Creole models. Reservations advisable. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/01)

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at 10th Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers good, no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches, portions are generous and filling. The sausage link sub (Louisiana-style hot sausage link, marinara sauce, and melted cheese) is great grub, but if you melted cheese) is great grub, but if you like a full dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread and salad. But the main thing is while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to to 3 a.m., seven

Cafe 828 828 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-8282. It's worth making your way past the construction project next door: Jay Greenfield (long-time chef at the celebrated Bernard'O in Rancho Bernardo) warmly presides at this "find," a small, civilized bistro serving almost homey Mediterranean dishes with some California touches. Everything's carefully cooked from scratch and presented without pretension. Don't miss the home-style fried calamari or the scallop on lobster risotto. Desserts alone are worth the trip the classic warm apple *tarte Tatin* on a crackly-thin crust... the pecan "cannoli" filled with a dense, satin-soft white chocolate mousse Full bar, below-average corkage for BYO wines. The "Sunset special" threecourse dinner is a bargain. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. on weekends when there's usually live jazz. -N.W. (6/02)

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, of-ten very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/98)

Faz 530 Broadway (at Sixth Avenue), Courtyard Marriott, Gaslamp, 619-446-3040. Persian-born Bay Area restaurateur Faz Poursohi présents Middle Eastern- and Mediterraneaninspired dishes interpreted in clean, streamlined Northern California style. Wood fire is the star of this show, ranging from kebabs on a rotisserie to a brined, smoked pork chop that's cooked to your "doneness" specifica-tions. There are stellar appetizers too, and an ethereal warm cheesecake. But the fabulous room (a converted Victorian bank) is too vast, ornate, and snooty-looking for the light-spirited cuisine and the servers, alas, are clue-less. Valet parking \$5 at hotel entrance (Sixth Avenue just north of Broadway). Full bar, affordable wine list. Moderate. - N.W. (6/02)

Feeding the Homeless Parking lot at 13th and Broadway, downtown. (Founders, St. Stephens Church of God in Christ, 5825 Imperial Avenue, 619-262-2671.) You may have to swallow your pride, but the food that St.

Stephens and other churches hand out — which members cook in their own homes and pay for from their own pockets — is easy to swallow. Companionship's good too. Usually 200 or more people arrive weeknights, especially towards the end of the month, so lines are long, but street-side sermons keep you thinking, spontaneous out-bursts of song may even get you clapping your hands, and the food is usually great. Chicken, stuffing, veggies, bagels, macaroni, fruit salad, cookies, bread, no questions asked. Weekdays 7 p.m.; weekends 3 p.m. Location may be shifting. Check with St. Stephens. Free. — E.B. (10/02)

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. -E.B. (11/00)

Lilo's New American Cuisine 1125 Sixth Avenue, downtown 619-231-1969. Swank little Art Deco retro-café with a menu that's homey in a sexy way. Something about the dark varnished wood, cream walls, sconces, mirrors, giant French posters and a mezzanine gallery makes you feel ritzy. The menu tries hard to be interesting. How about gingerbread pancakes (with molasses and candied ginger) or pear and walnut salad with bleu cheese and sherry walnut dressing? Or chomp into the Belport chicken with sautéed onions, peppers, cheese, and mustard on a bun, or salmon fillet with caper-anchovy butter, rice pilaf and a French baguette. Lunchtimes are speedy — secretaries and their bosses; evenings, it's theater-goers. Breakfast and lunch weekdays; dinner Thursday through Saturday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (6/02)

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate, and the moist, rotisserie-roasted chicken or pork. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying South ern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (3/00)

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. -E.W. (4/00)

Saffron Noodles And Sate 3737 India Street, Little Italy, 619-574-7737 Noted cookbook author Su-Mei Yu prepares casual Thai food — noodle dishes, soups, *saté* (grilled chicken, beef, pork) — to eat in or take out. There's gorgeous artwork to look at as you wait or chew. Open seven days, continuous service lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleansstyle cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big. round Italian bread. The mix-it-your

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self jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for chaurice or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/01)

Star of the Sea 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-7408. This is not your father's Star of the Sea. In a chic setting with a romantic view, the seafood is fresh off the boat, and so are chef Brian Johnson's superb flavor combinations. Menus change seasonally, but one constant is an always-ravishing chef's tasting menu and its optional matching wine flight. À la carte dishes are equally alluring, and wines are interesting, mainly affordable, and poured gener-ously into good, large goblets that show off their noses. Service is very considerate. Is this perfection? Quite possibly so. Somewhat dressy; reservations urged. Dinner nightly. Expensive to very expensive. — N.W. (2/01)

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cookit-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (11/02)



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Vida Cart Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new down towners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, politics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, sodas, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there's always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619- 435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pas-tas, grilled meats, a few sautée items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — from the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture to the "teriyaki" ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done sim-ply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. -N.W. (8/01)

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service does-n't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are sim-ply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Reservations advised for weekends, pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. N.W. (7/01)

South Bay Regional Center Cafeteria 500 Third Avenue (at C Street), Chula Vista, 619-691-4599.

Hey, this is a courthouse. You expect the cafeteria in its basement to be brown and anonymous. You know you'll be munching with worried groups of litigants and moms with custody-dispute kids. But here, it's all worth it. This cafeteria is one of bestkept county secrets. For years, concession-holder Ben Riddell has kept his prices stable and his portions big. Lunches like roast pork or meat loaf or roast turkey or chicken pot pie or lemon chicken are the comfort food that folks coming here need. Breakfast and lunch only, Monday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlakia chicken, marinated in tzatziki sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play gaucho and enjoy the most authentic Argentine parrillada (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-em-panadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge ortions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The oyster shooters, for instance, boast a sauce made from fresh diced tomatoes topped with horseradish. The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music on weekends, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to

the restaurant. Open daily, breakfast (to 10:30 a.m.) through early dinner. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, open daily lunch and early dinner, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Inexpensive to low moderate.

— N.W. (7/01)

BAJA

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Cafe Français La Belle Claude Calle Galeana, #8186-A (at 7th Street, two steps off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-3415. Maybe it's no surprise: the most French-like *patisserie* of all is in Tijuana. La Belle Claude, named after the owner's daughter, looks far too expensive, but it's not. Inside it's a light and airy place, full of beautifully var-nished wood, almost like a ship's saloon, with little Eiffel towers painted here and there, Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, and a counter of display cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as Le Croque Monsieur (open-faced sandwich on honey bread with ham, grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce), the Croque-Madame (same as the "Monsieur" but with an egg), and salade niçoise (tuna, anchovies, tomatoes, cucumber, potatoes, egg, onions, and black olives). You can even order a *Provençal* omelet (zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes, and onions). Unusual bonus: the round cheeses, Cornish hen eggs, fresh vegetables, and honey on display all come from the owner's own farm. Rancho El Eden, beyond the Rodriquez dam. Open every day. Inexpensive. —

El Cid Lopez Mateo 993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and chiles en nogada (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crepes with cajeta (caramel sauce) makes a very grand fi-nale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

E.B. (5/02)

El Faro De Mazatlan 9542 Boule vard Sanchez Taboada, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-2236, or 684-8883. This fish and seafood restaurant offers a gorgeous dining room, an extensive menu with English translations, and fresh fish and seafood items which include abalone, squid, crab, clams, shrimp, and lobster.

The atmosphere and service are lovely but the fish may be too dry. The style of cuisine will appeal to those who prefer simple preparations. The price of the main course includes an appetizer (fried fish plus ceviche), seafood soup and Mexican rolls. Open daily, 10 a.m to 11 p.m., same menu for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Moderate

El Galeon (Puerto Nuevo) One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there's a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jokev staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent – for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghastly local Kitchen Maid "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

La Lena 11191 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-2920. Don't miss the charming room, the open grill, and the tortilla maker who prepares fresh tortillas as the diners are seated. Dinners come with an appetizer and soup, and some of the entrées are extraordinary Try the *puños* ("fist"). Roasted quail and chicken do well here. Open daily, lunch to late dinner. Take Revolución to the left-hand bend where it becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers of the Grand Hotel. A large sign marks the restaurant (on the right side of the road). Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classi-cally trained chef-owners are pioneer-ing "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, localgrown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are fea-tured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Lit-tle wonder this has become *the* destination restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some waitstaff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W.* (1/03)

Mr. Fish 6000 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-3603. It's fun to eat in this restaurant with its thatched roof and wide variety of fish and seafood. Don't overlook the whole fish, either steamed or fried, the filet in garlic butter, or, for those who'd like a smorgasbord, the "Combination Mr. Fish," which supplies fresh lobster, shrimp, squid, and a filet of fish. The half-dozen prepara-tions of crêpes are wild — there's even a Mexican version of blintzes. Open Sunday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to

2:00 a.m. Follow Revolución until it bends to the left and becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin highrise towers. Mr. Fish is on the righthand side of the road, just before the country club. Moderate. - E.W.

Rica Torta Niños Heroes Avenue No. 890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avo-cado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

D'Lish Pizza And Pasta 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, piz-zas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broc-coli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell pep-pers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a *carne asada* burrito and other border-food choices Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 619-277-9977), Moderate. — E.B. (8/02)

Heidi and Bernie's German Bratwurst Tent North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. -

Hometown Buffet 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, College Area, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — E.W.

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza You have a vast choice of wood-fired pizzas here, including many exotic toppings. Salads are popular and are available as half-orders. Same menu lunch and dinner. Continuous service. Open daily. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Vall 619-298-8222. Inexpensive. — E.W.



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American Wedding — The American Pie saga continues, with Jason Biggs, Seann William Scott, et al., directed by Jesse Dylan. (PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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 bellyacher ("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,



And Now Ladies and Gentlemen

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 — feels 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.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 9/12; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS

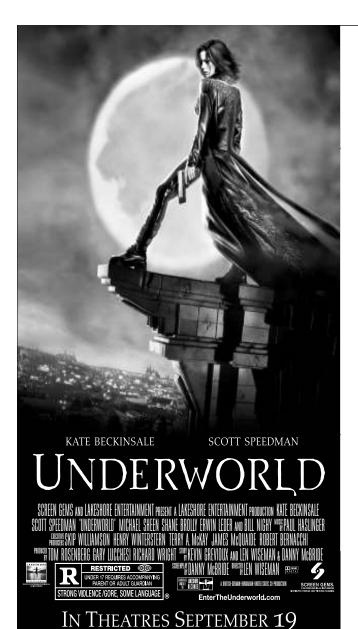
And Now Ladies and Gentlemen -

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



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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: PALM PROMENADE 24)

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)

Cabin Fever — Horror film featuring a no-name cast, directed by Eli Roth. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM

PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16; POWAY 10; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/12)

Camp — The Amateurville Horror. Gifted youths - girls and gays, plus one "honestto-God straight boy" — gather together at Camp Ovation for a summer of acting, singing, dancing, and self-affirmation. You could just scream. With a cast of unknowns, not counting an as-himself cameo by Stephen Sondheim. Written and directed by Todd Graff, 2003.

● (HAZARD CENTER 7)

Dickie Roberts. Former Child Star

David Spade comedy directed by Sam Weisman.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; 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)

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.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SOUARE 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 MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: SWEETWATER 9: TOWN SOUARE 14)

The Fugitive — John Ford's sanctification of a Mexican whisky priest, from the Graham Greene novel, *The Power and the* Glory. It is Ford's highest-striving movie, which for him will have to mean his most experimentally Expressionistic. (It is also, as he stubbornly maintained in the face of public and critical rejection, his personal favorite.) Seldom on screen has such intellectual naiveté been put across with such visual suavity. Not nearly the sacred object it was intended to be; but a fascinating artifact of religious kitsch nonetheless. With Henry Fonda, Dolores Del Rio, Pedro Armendariz, and Ward

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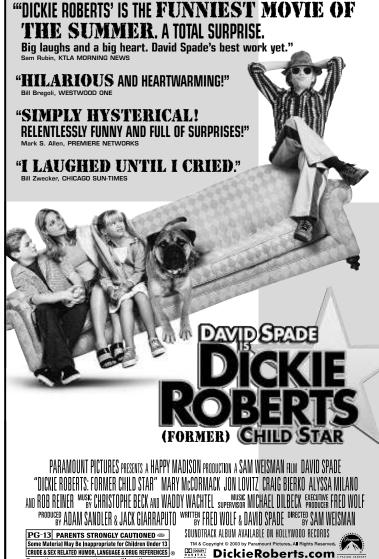
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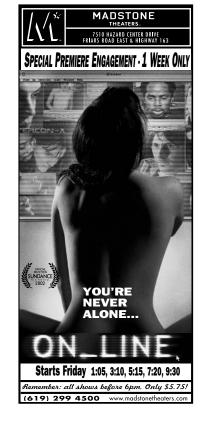
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The Italian Job — High-tech tale of betrayal and revenge, lighthearted to the point of self-contradictory and callous (Charlize Theron does, at least, haul off and sock the man who murdered her father: that sure felt good), mechanically directed by 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.

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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, Garikayi Mutambirwa, Eric Nenninger, Ray Wise. 2003.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Km. 0 — Multi-character Spanish comedy directed by Yolanda García Serrano and Juan Luis İborra.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/12)

Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle $\label{eq:continuous} \textbf{of Life} \ _\ \text{The video-game adventuress},$ back in action. Here she is, punching a computer-generated shark on the snout and hitching a ride on its dorsal fin; and here, sliding in slow-motion down the face of a cliff on a rope, upside down, while picking off would-be assassins all around her with her handgun; and here, doing the contemporary action hero's de rigueur

sideways dive, also in slow-motion, while firing two guns simultaneously; and here, 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)

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



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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)

Le Divorce — From James Ivory (by way of a Diane Johnson novel), a light, witty,

civilized divertissement about Americans abroad, living the high life and the heady life in present-day Paris. A lot has changed since Henry James and Edith Wharton were writing about this sort of thing: sooner to bed and quicker on the trigger. But a lot hasn't: old world and old money in opposition to the interloper and the upstart. Ivory's immediately preceding film was an adaptation of James's The Golden Bowl, and the continuity is plain to see. The characters here - even more than there - are numerous (the cast listed alphabetically instead of hierarchically), the storylines loosely tangled, and the cultural observations random and wide-ranging. The primary focus is on a pair of So-Cal sisters with a heap of blond hair between them, one of whom (Naomi Watts) is a struggling poet going through a marital split, in midpregnancy, from an artistic French aristocrat, while the other (Kate Hudson,

whose flashes of resemblance to her real-life mother, Goldie Hawn, can be a handicap) occupies herself, first, as the mistress of a middle-aged right-wing mouthpiece (Thierry Lhermitte) who happens to be the uncle of her errant brother-in-law, and second, as the amanuensis of a literary expatriate (Glenn Close, in a Lady Macbeth wig) who long ago had a fling herself with the right-winger. And the most engaging, if not the primary, plot thread has to do with the legal wrangling of the divided couple over ownership of a painting of Saint Ursula which may or may not be a genuine La Tour: Christie's says yes, the Louvre says no, the Getty is not of one mind. There is plenty of fun-poking in all directions, but with a gentility and an urbanity that bring to mind such transatlantic Hollywood immigrants as Lubitsch, Mamoulian, and (sometimes) Wilder. And the revelling in physical beauty, expensive clothes, buoyant colors, etc., maintains a balance of taste and vulgarity, elegance and exhibitionism, that recalls a time when Edith Head ruled the costume departments at Paramount and then Universal. The glamour days. With Sam Waterston, Stockard Channing,

Matthew Modine, Leslie Caron. 2003. ★★★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8)

The Magdalene Sisters 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-Jane Noone, Dorothy Duffy, Eileen Walsh, and Geraldine McEwan: directed by Peter Mullan, 2003. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12,

Matchstick Men — Nicolas Cage stars as a con artist and father, with Alison Lohman and Sam Rockwell, directed by Ridley Scott. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10;

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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* outtakes 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SOLIARE 14)

No Good Deed — Hostage drama starring Samuel L. Jackson, Milla Jovovich, and Stellan Skarsgård, directed by Bob Rafelson. (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24: RANCHO DEL REY 16: FROM 9/12)

Once upon a Time in Mexico — Robert Rodriguez resumes the saga of the mariachi gunman (Antonio Banderas), with Johnny Depp, Willem Dafoe, Eva Mendes. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN

Once upon a Time in the Midlands —

British relationship comedy with Robert Carlyle, Rhys Ifans, and Kathy Burke, directed by Shane Meadows. (LA JOLLA 12, FROM 9/12)

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Hamilton, Harold Perrineau, and Vanessa Ferlito.

(HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 9/12)

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 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: ENCINITAS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION

The Order — Heath Ledger as a priest investigating a superior's death, written and directed by Brian Helgeland. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10:

MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY

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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

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7: HORTON PLAZA 14)

Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl — Now that the "ride" — as in "wild ride," "thrill ride," "rollercoaster ride" — seems to be an accepted film category, if not quite a genre, it makes sense that a film would be modelled after, or at least named after, an actual amusement-park ride. But Pirates – not the first Disney movie to bring to the screen a Disneyland attraction, if you count The Country Bears — is more of a long ride than any other kind of ride, a two-and-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 ghosts

of pirates. (Trying to kill the already dead is

these pirates turning from flesh to bones as

marvelous to behold, as is the effect of their

floor. But director Gore Verbinski, fresh off

stealthy advance on foot across the ocean

a tedious business.) The visual effects of

they pass in and out of moonlight are

the throat-clutching frights of The Ring, cannot hope with this one to scare a five-year-old. Orlando Bloom, on the team of humans, looks as stoutheartedly heroic as in the *Lord of the Rings* films; and Keira Knightley nimbly makes the leap from proletarian jock in Bend It Like Beckham to cosseted, corseted aristocrat: or in more practical terms, from little "indie" to 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 Jonathan Pryce. 2003.

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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 men - owner, trainer, rider - who turned him into a winner. The viewer, in particular the old-fashioned viewer to whom the film

caters, could be forgiven for feeling a little less enlightened than insulted. And when he reminds himself that Ross's prior credit was Pleasantville, he could be forgiven again for wondering whether the filmmaker, in his bland nostalgia and bottled optimism, is not somehow a prisoner of the antiseptic fantasyland he therein satirized. The races, despite an overdose of slow-motion and of blustery billowy Randy Newman music in the mode of *The Natural*, are varied and exciting. And the principals — Jeff Bridges, Chris Cooper, Tobey Maguire as the aforesaid owner, trainer, rider — are



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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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8, FROM 9/12; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Secret Lives of Dentists — Alan Rudolph's middle-class midlife-crisis comedy covers similar ground to a Fifties women's picture": a devoted husband and father begins to suspect his wife of ten years, partner in his dental practice, and 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)

El Segundo Aire — Mexican romantic comedy on marriage and regret, directed by Fernando Sariñana. (CHULA VISTA 10; HAZARD CENTER 7; FROM 9/12)

So Close — Hong Kong martial-arts action from Corey Yuen, with Karen Mok, Shu Oi, and Zhao Wei. (KEN, 9/12 THROUGH 18)

Step into Liquid — Dana Brown, son of Bruce Brown (The Endless Summer and The Endless Summer II), has grabbed a camera and followed his father's footprints into the surf, assembling a workmanlike testimonial to the religion of riding the waves. Inspirational illustration is evenly balanced with interview and voice-over pearls of wisdom: "The cut-and-dried has no place in liquid." 2003

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 9/12)

Stoked: The Rise and Fall of Gator — Helen Stickler's documentary on professional skateboarder Mark Rogowski. (KEN, 9/11)

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 turncoat. No, the puffing-up is chiefly in the dimensions of the case (an international French criminal, jailed on a traffic violation, offers a hundred million to whoever will spring him) and the scale of the action (a

El Segundo Aire

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; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13, FROM 9/12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Swimming Pool — Slick commercial venture, from François Ozon, with a strong sense of place, weather, character, clothes, as

well as a strong sense of humor, several cheesy plot turns, and several square yards of female flesh. It concerns a dried-up British mystery novelist (Charlotte Rampling, whose square yards of flesh are now close to sixty years old) and a lusty young coquette (Ludivine Sagnier), alone together in a French country house, getting in each other's way, getting into each other's things. 2003.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA)

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









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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)

Uptown Girls — Formulaic if grotesque comedy about the bonding of two Poor Little Rich Girls of staggered ages, the senior of whom is reduced by circumstances to work as the junior's nanny. To be sure, any film starring Brittany Murphy is going to have a degree of grotesquerie — outsized lips, teeth, eyes, jumping out from the face almost to a point of free-floating detachment, as in some Surrealist painting. And nine-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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM

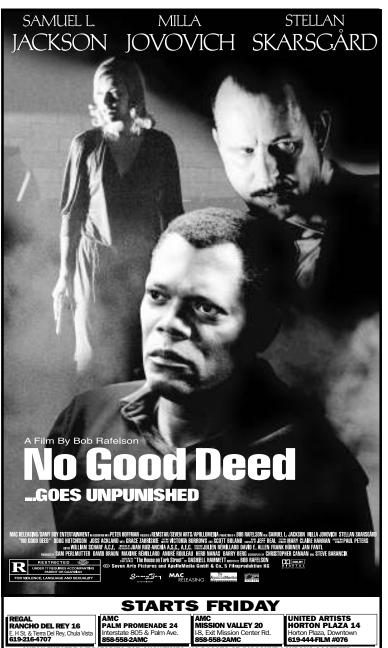
PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Whale Rider - Maori mysticism, from a novel by Witi Ihimaera, brought to the screen by writer-director Niki Caro in the bright rich color that seems to be indigenous to the New Zealand cinema. The storyline tells of a moribund modern-day tribe awaiting the arrival of a savior, and not recognizing the one right under their noses: a barrier-leaping, tradition-defying, taboobreaking little girl. It's a wonder they didn't notice sooner, because the girl, eleven-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.

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Winged Migration — PBS-y nature documentary, French-made, following avian flight routes and disabusing you, along the way, of all that free-as-a-bird baloney. Being 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

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(R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (1:05, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:30, 5:45) 8:00, 10:10; **Dickie Roberts: For**mer Child Star (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:05) 5:15, 7:40, 9:45; Sun. (12:50, 3:05) 5:15, 7:35, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:10, 5:15) 7:35, 9:45; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:00) 5:25; Sun. (12:30, 2:40); Mon.-Tue. (2:10, 5:00); Wed.-Thu. (2:10, 4:25); **Freddy vs. Jason** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:25; Sun. (12:55, 3:25) 5:35, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:25, 5:35) 7:40, 9:50; **Jeepers Creepers 2** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 5:00, 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (2:15) 4:45, 7:05, 9:35; Mon.-Wed. (2:15, 4:45) 7:05, 9:35; Thu. 7:05, 9:35; **Le Divorce** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:15, 9:40; Mon.-Thu, (1:40, 4:30) 7:15 4:30, 7:15, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:30) 7:15, 9:40; The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 7:35, 10:40; Sun.-Wed. 7:30, 9:55; Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 8:20, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 7:25, 9:30; Matchstick Men (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 2:30) 4:40, 5:30, 7:20, 8:10, 9:55, 10:45; Sun. (1:30, 2:30) 4:40, 5:30, 7:20, 8:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 2:30, 4:40, 5:30) 7:20, 8:10, 9:50; **Open Range** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:15, 7:10, 10:05; Mon.-Thu (1:10, 4:15) 7:10, 10:05; **The Order** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; Sun. (2:20) 5:20, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:20) 7:45, 10:00; **Shanghai Ghetto** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:50, 8:15, 10:25; Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:50, 7:55, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:20, 5:50) 7:55, 10:10; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 2:45) 4:50; Mon.-Wed. 12:55, 2:45, 4:50); Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:35, 10:35; Sun. 4:35, 10:00; Mon.-Wed. (4:35) 10:00; Winged Miggation (G) Fri.-Sun. (3:10) 7:25; Mon.-Thu.

Horton Plaza 14 457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) The Fighting Temptations (PG-13) Sneak Preview Sat. 7:30; Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:55, 5:30); The Italian Job (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:50, 5:35) 8:20; Sat. (1:00, 3:45) 10:05; Sun.-Thu. (12:05, 2:50, 5:35) 8:20; **The Medallion** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:45; **My Boss's Daughter** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (1:25, 4:25) 7:15, 10:00; Thu. (1:25, 4:25); **No Good Deed** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:25) 6:10, 9:05; Once Upon a Time in Mexico (R) Fri.-Wed. (11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 5:15, 5:45) 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 9:30; Thu. 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 5:15, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 9:30; Passionada (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:15) 6:55, 9:50; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 4:00) 7:10, 8:40; Sat. 12:30, 4:00, 8:40, 9:40; Sun.-Thu. (12:30, 4:00) 7:10, 8:40; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri. 12:20, 12:55, 3:05, 3:45, 6:05, 6:45, 9:00, 9:40; Sat. (12:20, 12:55, 3:05, 3:45) 6:05, 6:45, 9:00, 9:45; Sun. (12:55, 3:45) 6:45, 9:40; Mon. (12:20, 3:05); Tue.-Thu. (12:20, 3:05) 6:05, 9:00; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 4:05) 7:05, 10:10; **Swimming Pool** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:40, 5:25) 8:10; **Under the Tuscan** Sun (PG-13) Sneak Preview Sat. 7:10

La Jolla 12

Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) The Magdalene Sisters; Cabin Fever; Once Upon a Time in Mexico; Matchstick Men; Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star; The Order; The Italian Job; Open Range; Freaky Friday; American Wedding; Seabiscuit; Pi-rates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831) American Splendor (R) Fri. (1:55) 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 1:55, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:55) 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; **And Now** Ladies and Gentlemen (PG-13) Fri.-Thu (4:20) 7:00, 9:40; Once Upon a Time in the Midlands (R) Fri. (2:05) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 2:05, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:05) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; **Step Into** Liquid (Not Rated) Fri. (2:15) 5:05, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 2:15, 5:05, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15) 5:05, 7:30, 10:00; **Whale** Rider (PG-13) Fri. (1:45); Sat.-Sun. (11:00)

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Cabin Fever; Matchstick Men; Once Upon a Time in Mexico: Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star; The Order; Jeepers Creepers 2; My Boss's Daughter; The Medallion; Freddy vs. Jason; Uptown Girls; Open Range; S.W.A.T.; Freaky Friday; American Wedding; Seabiscuit; Bad Boys II; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl; Finding Nemo; The Italian Job

Hazard Center 7 7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500) **Buffalo Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30; **Camp** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:25; **Match**stick Men (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:25, 4:15, 7:05 9:45; On Line (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30; Open Range (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; **Passionada** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 3:15, 5:30, 7:35, 9:50; **The Secret Lives of Dentists** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:25, 9:40

Mission Valley 20 1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Cabin Fever; Matchstick Men; Once Upon Cabin Fever; Matchstick Men; Once Upon a Time in Mexico; No Good Deed; Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star; The Order; Jeepers Creepers 2; The Italian Job; The Medallion; Freddy vs. Jason; Uptown Girls; Open Range; Step into Liquid; S.W.A.T.; Freaky Friday; American Wedding; Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over; Seabiscuit; Bad Boys II; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) Cabin Fever (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:15) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05; Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 5:35, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:35) 7:50; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:05) 5:15, 7:30, 9:40; Sun. (12:50, 3:05) 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:15) 7:30; **Freddy vs. Jason** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55, 10:15; Sun. (1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:35, 5:45) 7:55; **Jeepers Creepers 2** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:00) 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:20, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:20) 7:45; **Once Upon a** Time in Mexico (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:40) 8:00; The Order (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40, 9:55; Sun (12:55, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:25) 7:40

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4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909) So Close (R) Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100) American Splendor (R) Fri. (1:55) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:55) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; **Dirty Pretty** Things (R) Fri. (2:05) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:05) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; **Km. 0** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:45) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:45) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **The Mag**dalene Sisters (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:35, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Mon. (1:35) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Tue. (1:35) 4:20, 9:45; Wed.-Thu. (1:35) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **Thirteen** (R) Fri. (2:15) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:15) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) Young Mr. Lincoln, Friday, 1 p.m.; The Fugi-

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)

Bugs! (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00; Kilimanjaro: To The Roof of Africa (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 2:00, 6:00, 8:00; To Worlds Beyond Sat. 10:00

EAST COUNTY

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Parkway Plaza 18 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)

Once Upon a Time in Mexico: Matchstick Men; Cabin Fever; My Boss's Daughter; Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over; Seabiscuit; S.W.A.T.; American Wedding; Finding Nemo; Freaky Friday; Freddy vs. Jason; The Order: Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl; Uptown Girls; The Medallion; Jeepers Creepers 2; Open Range

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)

Cabin Fever (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:55, 7:15, 9:45; Sun. (1:35) 4:55, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:55) 7:15, 9:30; Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (PG-13) Fri. (1:30) 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; Sat. (1:30) 4:10, 9:40; Sun. (1:30) 4:10, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:10) 7:00, 9:40 **The Fighting Temptations** (PG-13) Sneak Preview Sat. 7:00; **The Italian Job** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:50, 10:15; Sun. 4:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (4:50) 9:55; **Jeepers Creepers 2** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 7:55; Sun.-Thu. (1:50) 7:40; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:10; Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:10; Once Upon a Time in Mexico (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:45, 2:15) 4:30, 5:05, 7:35, 8:00, 9:50, 10:25; Sun. (1:45, 2:15) 4:30, 5:05, 7:35, 8:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:05) 7:35, 8:00, 9:50; **Open Range** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:15) 7:10, 10:00; The Order (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:55) 4:25, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (1:55) 4:25, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:55,

4:25) 7:30, 9:45: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:20, 7:25, 10:20; Sun. (1:00) 4:20, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:20) 8:15; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 4:05, 7:05, 10:05; Sun. (1:10) 7:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:05) 7:05, 10:05; **Secondhand Lions** (PG) Sneak Preview Sun. 5:00

Grossmont Trolley

Grossmont Trolley8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) **American Splendor** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55, 10:10; Sun. (11:10, 1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 1:40, 3:45, 5:50) 8:20; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:50); Mon.-Thu. (11:45); **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:35, 9:45; Sun. (11:00, 1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:35; Mon.-Thu (11:30, 1:35, 3:45, 5:55) 8:05; Le Divorce (11:30, 1:35, 3:45, 5:55) 8:05; Le Divorce (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:10, 3:40) 7:15, 9:55; Sun. (10:45, 1:10, 3:40) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:50, 5:35) 8:10; The Magdalene Sisters (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 1:15, 3:45) 7:10, 9:40; Sun. (10:50, 1:15, 3:45) 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40, 5:25) 8:00; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 1:20, 3:50) 7:00, 9:50; Sun (10:55, 1:20, 3:50) 7:00; Mon -Thu (12:10, 2:55, 5:40) 8:15; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:30) 6:30, 9:35; Sun. (11:00, 1:50) 4:45, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (11:40, 2:35, 5:30) 8:25; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 1:30, 3:55) 7:20, 10:00; Sun. (11:05, 1:30, 3:55) 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 3:00, 5:45) 8:30; Whale Rider (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00-3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05; Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:05) 6:20, 8:35

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15 2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460) **Cabin Fever** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:05) 7:30, 9:55; **Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:20, 4:30) 7:20, 9:50; Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:10, 5:30) 7:55, 10:20; Freddy vs. Jason (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:40; Jeepers Creepers 2 (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; Le Divorce (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:30) 7:35; Matchstick Men (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) 8:00, 10:50; **The Medallion** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20; Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20; **My Boss's Daughter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 5:15) 10:20; No Good Deed (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40; Once Upon a Time in Mexico (R) Fri.-Thu (11:55, 12:25, 2:25, 2:55, 4:55, 5:25) 7:25, 7:55 9:55, 10:25; **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; Pirates 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) 7:55, 10:45; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:50) 7:00, 10:10; Secondhand Lions (PG) Sneak Preview Sun. (5:00)

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-Thu. 7:45, 11:50; Once Upon a Time in Mexico (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:45, 11:40; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:25; S.W.A.T. (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:40

SOUTH BAY CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Cabin Fever (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (PG-13) Fri. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **The Fighting Temptations** (PG-13) Sneak Preview Sat.-Sun. 7:45; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **Freddy vs. Jason** (R) Fri. 12:15, 4:45, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 12:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 4:45, 9:30; **Jeepers Creepers 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; **The Medallion** (PG-13) Fri. 10:00, 2:30, 7:00; Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 2:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 2:30, 7:00; **Once Upon a Time in Mexico** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; The Order (R)

Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30

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Italian Job; My Boss's Daughter; The
Medallion: Freddy vs. Lasor: Lintown Gids Medallion; Freddy vs. Jason; Uptown Girls; Open Range; S.W.A.T.; Freaky Friday; American Wedding; Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life; Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over; Seabiscuit; Bad Boys II; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black

Rancho Del Rey 16 East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) American Wedding (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 4:55) 9:55; Cabin Fever (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25; Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:30, 5:05) 7:35, 10:05; Freaky Friday (PG) Fri. (11:40, 2:10, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; Sat. (11:40, 2:10, 4:45) 9:45; Sun.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; Jeepers Creepers 2 (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:20, 10:25; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:55) 7:00, 10:00; **The Medallion** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, (PG-15) Fri.-Thu. (17:45, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40; **My Boss's Daughter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:15) 7:25; **No Good Deed** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:25, 5:10) 7:55, 10:35; **Once Upon a Time in Mexico** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:45, 5:20) 8:00, 10:35; Fri. (12:25, 3:25) 7:00, 9:50; Sat. (12:00, 2:45, 5:20) 8:00, 10:35; Sat. (12:25, 3:25) 7:00, 9:50; Sun. (12:00, 2:45, 5:20) 8:00, 10:35; Sun. (12:25, 3:25) 7:00, 9:50; Mon. (12:00, 2:45, 5:20) 8:00, 10:35; Mon. (12:25, 3:25) 7:00, 9:50; Tue. (12:00, 2:45, 5:20) 8:00, 10:35; Tue. (12:25, 3:25) 7:00, 9:50; Wed. (12:00, 2:45, 5:20) 8:00, 10:35; Wed. (12:25, 3:25) 7:00, 9:50; Thu. (12:00, 2:45, 5:20) 8:00, 10:35; Thu. (12:25, 3:25) 7:00, 9:50; **Open Range** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 3:10) 6:55, 10:10; The Order (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:30) 6:50, 9:50; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 3:00) 7:05, 10:00; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:35) 7:30, 10:30; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 3:05) 7:10, 10:20; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50, 5:00); **Under the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13) Sneak Preview Sat. 7:00; **Uptown Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10

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IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)

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NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In 32nd and D (619-477-1392)

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Sweetwater 9

1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571) Cabin Fever (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 2:45) 4:50, 7:05, 9:20; Sun. (12:35, 2:45) 4:50, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:15) 7:20; **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:35) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Sun. (12:20, 2:35) 4:45, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:25, 5:30) 7:35; **Freddy vs. Jason** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 5:35, 10:00; Sun. (1:00) 5:35; Mon.-Thu. (3:40) 7:45; **Jeepers Creepers 2** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:50, 10:10; Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:45) 8:00; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:40) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:10, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:25) 7:50; **The Medallion** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:15) 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (5:50); Once Upon a Time in Mexico (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:10) 5:20, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:20, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:20) 7:30; **The Order** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:25, 9:40; Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (3:45, 5:55) 8:05; **Pi**-rates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the **Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:50) 7:10, 10:05; Sun. (12:55, 3:50) 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (4:00) 7:20; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 7:55, 10:15; Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:35) 7:55

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 PALOMA)

Young Mr. Lincoln — This is John Ford's America, so buttons burst and suspenders

stretch and you leave the theater enlarged all 'round. There are some lovely, studied scenic effects, brawnily sculpted or deftly draped, before Ford settles down, as he is prone to do, to a blustery courtroom carnival. With Henry Fonda as the wise,

canny, down-to-earth country lawyer, marked by destiny. 1939.

★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ART, 9/12, 3:10 P.M.)

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6

Cabin Fever (R) Fri. 1:15, 3:00, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 11:00, 1:15, 3:00, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 11:00, 1:15, 3:00, 5:45, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:15, 3:00, 5:45, 8:00; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri. 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun. 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 4:45, 7:30; **Once Upon** a **Time in Mexico** (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Sat. 11:15, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 4:30, 7:15; **Open Range** (R) Fri. 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sat. 10:30, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun. 10:30, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 4:45, 7:45; **Pirates** of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black **Pearl** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 5:00, 8:15; Sat.-Sun. 10:45, 2:00, 5:00, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 5:00, 8:15; Seabiscuit (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:30, 5:30,

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770) Cabin Fever (R) Fri. (2:10) 5:00, 7:30, 9:35; Sat. (12:25, 2:55) 5:05, 7:30, 9:40; Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:05, 7:30, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:40, 5:55) 8:05, 10:15: Dickie Roberts: Former **Child Star** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 3:50) 5:05, 7:35, 9:50; Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:05, 10:30; Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:35, 5:45) 8:00, 10:05; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri. (1:10); Sat.-Sun. (12:30); Mon.-Thu. (1:25); **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri. (1:50) 4:40, 7:50, 10:25; Sat. (12:00, 2:00) 4:50, 7:25, 9:50; Sun (12:00, 2:00) 4:50, 7:25, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 9:55; **The Magdalene Sisters** (R) Fri. (1:20) 4:25, 7:10, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:40) 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:10) 7:05, 9:40; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40) 4:30, 7:20, 10:20; Sat. (12:10, 2:50) 5:30, 8:10, 10:40; Sun. (12:10, 2:50) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:50) 7:15, 9:45; **Once Upon a Time in Mexico** (R) Fri. (1:05, 2:00, 3:15) 4:20, 5:30, 7:05, 8:00, 9:25, 10:30; Sat. (12:05, 1:00, 2:25, 3:20) 4:45, 5:40, 7:10, 8:00, 9:30, 10:25; Sun. (12:05, 1:00, 2:25, 3:20) 4:45, 5:40, 7:10, 8:00, 9:30, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 2:00, 3:20, 4:15, 5:35) 7:00, 7:55, 9:20, 10:10; **Open Range** (R) Fri. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; 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) Fri. (2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 9:45; Sat. (12:35, 3:05) 5:35, 7:55, 10:20; Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:35, 7:45, 9:55; 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. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 9:55; Sat. (12:50, 3:55) 7:00, 9:55; Sun. (12:50, 3:55) 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 5:00) 8:15; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55) 4:35, 7:40, 10:10; Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15: Sun (12:20, 2:45) 5:20, 7:50, 10:10: Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:35) 7:20, 9:50; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri. (3:30) 7:10, 10:05; Sat. (3:25) 7:05, 10:05; Sun. (3:25) 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (4:00) 8:05

POWAY

Powav 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Cabin Fever (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30; **Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15; Matchstick Men (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu, 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00; Once Upon a Time in Mexico (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:44, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Open Range** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **The Order** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; Seabiscuit (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **Whale Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)

American Splendor (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:05, 4:45) 7:20, 10:00; **American Wedding** (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:20) 7:40; **Cabin Fever** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:55) 5:30, 8:00, 10:35; Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:20; Sat. (11:40, 2:20, 4:55) 10:20; Sun.-Thu. (11:40, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:20; **The Fighting Temptations** (PG-13) Sat. 7:30; **Finding Nemo** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:15); **Freaky Friday** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00; Sat. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35); Sun.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00; **Freddy vs. Jason** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 5:00) 10:20; Sun. (11:45) 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 5:00) 10:20; The 10:20; Mon.-1 hu. (11:45, 5:00) 10:20; The Halian Job (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30) 10:10; Jeepers Creepers 2 (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:40, 4:15) 7:05, 9:50; The Magdalene Sisters (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:40) 7:10; Matchstick Men (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:00) (PG-13) Fri.-1 Int. (12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:00) 6:30, 7:05, 9:30, 9:55; **The Medallion** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:45; **My Boss's Daughter** (PG-13) Fri. 9:30; Sat. 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 9:30; **Once Upon a Time in Mex** ico (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 11:55, 2:05, 2:35, 4:45,

5:15) 7:25, 7:55, 10:00, 10:30; Open Range (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 4:05) 7:15, 10:30; **The Order** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:15, 4:50) 7:35, 10:25; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse** of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15; The R.M. (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 4:35) 10:05; S.W.A.T. (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:50, 4:40) 7:40, 10:35; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:20, 3:35) 6:50, 10:05; Tue.-Wed. 12:20, 3:35, 6:50, 10:05; Thu. 1uc.-Wed. 12:20, 3:35, 6:50, 10:05; 1nu. (12:20, 3:35) 6:50, 10:05; Secondhand Lions (PG) Sun. (5:00); Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30); Under the Tuscan Sun (PG-13) Sat. 7:00; Uptown Girls (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:10, 4:40) 7:20

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD Plaza Cinemas 4

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147) **Bend It Like Beckham** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:40, 3:05, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. 2:05, 6:45, 9:05; Finding Nemo (G) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 5:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:55, 4:35; Matchstick Men (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00; Sun. 10:00, 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. 11:45, 2:10, 4:35, 7:00, 9:25; **Once** Upon a Time in Mexico (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 12:55, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30; Sun. 10:45, 12:55, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 2:35, 4:45, 7:05, 9:10; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:05, 1:00, 3:55, 6:50, 9:40; Sun. 10:05, 1:00, 3:55, 6:50; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:50, 5:45, 8:35 **DEL MAR**

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Cabin Fever (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30; Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (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; Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30; The Italian Job (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 4:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 4:30; **Le Divorce** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:45, 7:15; Once Upon a Time in Mexico (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; Open Range (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:45, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:45; **Pirates of** the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:30,

10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:30; Seabiscuit (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) American Splendor (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Dirty Pretty Things** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00; **Step Into Liquid** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45

ENCINITAS

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) **Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40, 5:15) 7:45, 10:05; Sun. (1:40, 5:15) 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (5:30) 7:55; **The Italian Job** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 5:20) 7:55, 10:30;
Sun. (1:30, 5:20) 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (5:15) 7:50; Sun. (130, 3:20) 7:35; Mon.-1nd. (3:13) 7:30; Once Upon a Time In Mexico (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:50, 5:05) 7:40, 10:10; Sun. (1:50, 5:05) 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (5:35) 8:05; Open Range (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 4:05) 7:15, 10:20; Sun. (1:15, 4:05) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (5:00) 8:15; The Order (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (1:25, 5:00) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (5:20) 7:45; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black **Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 4:10) 7:20, 10:25; Sun. (1:05, 4:10) 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (5:05) 8:10; Seabiscuit (PG-13) Fri -Sat (1:00, 4:00) 7:10. 10:20; Sun. (1:00, 4:00) 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (5:10) 8:20

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) Whale Rider (PG-13) Fri. 8:55; Sat. 8:45; Sun. 4:15, 8:45; Mon.-Thu. 8:45; **Winged Migration** (G) Fri. 6:40; Sat. 6:30; Sun. 1:05, 6:30; Mon.-Thu. 6:30

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

Matchstick Men (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00; Once Upon a Time In Mexico (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Open Range (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; Whale Rider (PG-13) Fri -Sat 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45

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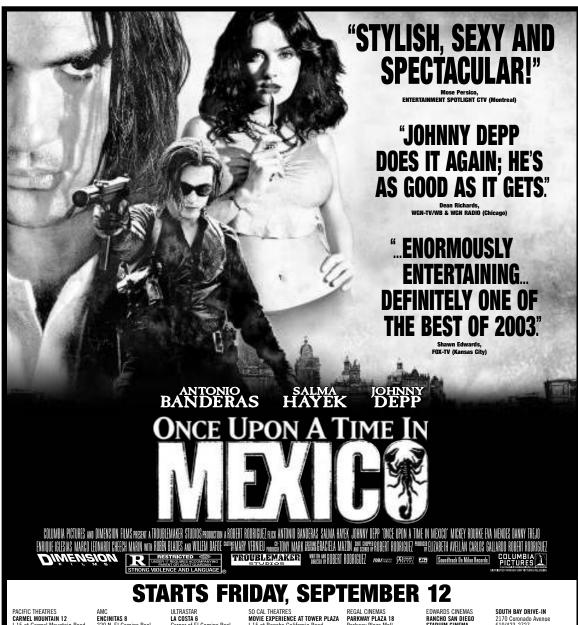
Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

Cabin Fever (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; Dickie Roberts: Former Child 7:40, 10:20; Dicke Robers: Former Cliffu Star (PG-13) Fri. 12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 8:00, 10:35; Sat. 12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 10:35; Sun.-Thu. 12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 8:00, 10:35; The Fighting Tempta-tions (PG-13) Sneak Preview Sat. 8:00; Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 10:20; Freddy vs. Jason (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:00, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15; Jeepers Creepers 2 (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10; Matchstick **Men** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:05, 7:50, 10:30; **The Medallion** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20; **Once Upon a** Time In Mexico (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:40, 2:10, 4:30, 5:00, 7:20, 7:50, 10:00, 10:30; Open Range (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 3:00, 6:20, 9:40; The Order (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30; **S.W.A.T.** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) Matchstick Men; Once upon a Time in Mexico; Cabin Fever; Freaky Friday; My Boss's Daughter; The Medallion; Seabiscuit; American Wedding; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl; Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star; Freddy vs. Jason; Step Into Liquid; Jeepers Creepers 2; S.W.A.T.; Open Range; The Or-



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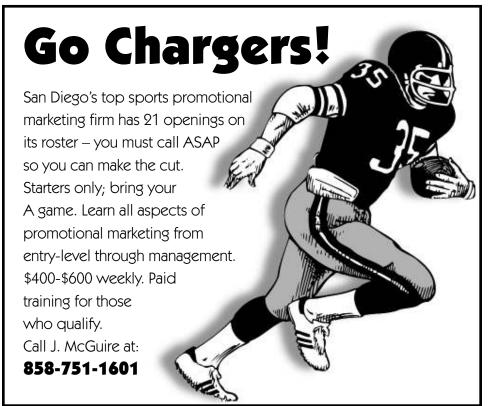
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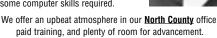
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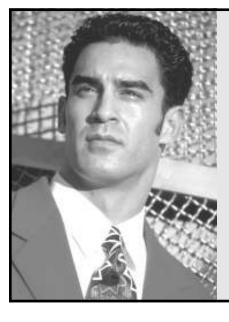
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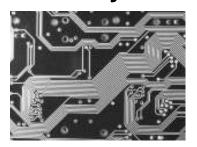
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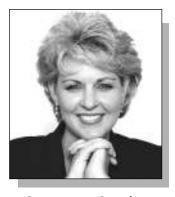
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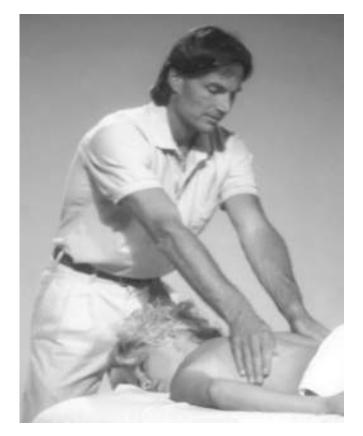
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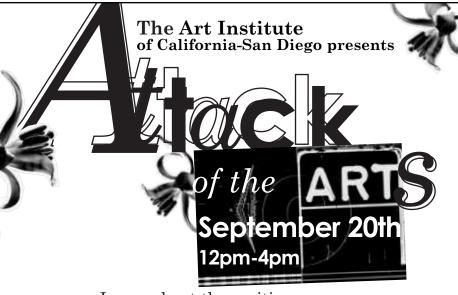








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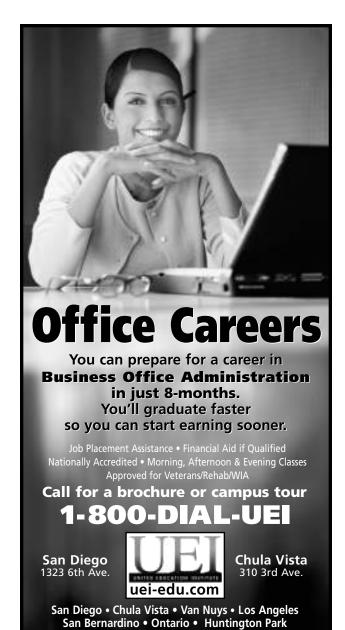
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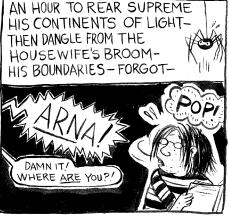
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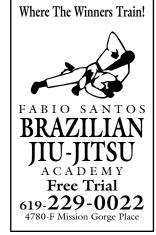
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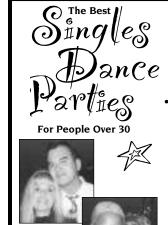
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THE OCEAN IS LOVELY, far away and out of focus behind two cups of coffee, somewhere dry, sand free, and shady. Classical musician, 52, 5'6", but allow for heels. (9/17) ☎80758

NATURAL, LOVING, CHRISTIAN woman loves to cook, loves sports, outdoors. Seeking white male, 35-50. (9/24)

SASSY REDHEAD, 40'S, outgoing, adventurous, movies, dining, sports, weekend getaways, comedy clubs. Seeking outgoing, professional, romantic, intelligent fun loving man for friendship, exploring the city. (9/24) \$280792 WHITE FEMALE SEEKS 58+ life partner

black or white male. I'm healthy emotionally, mentally, physically, spiritually. No baggage. Love life, all it has to offer. (9/24) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$80776 SENSATIONAL, SEXY, MORE. Energetic, spirited, romantic, compassionate woman, seeking sensitive, older, loyal man to share commitment, excitement,



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romance. Let's embrace the journey and experience life. (9/17) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$80763

DO YOU HAVE A BIG NOSE, a warm chest, a gentle nature, an educated mind, and a place in your heart for a younger woman? (9/24) \$\overline{\text{CR}}\end{a}\text{N0782}

FRIEND, PLAYMATE, lover wanted, for arefree good times. Laughs and plenty TLC if you are 55+, tall, classy, sexy, ithful. Pretty lady anxiously vaits. (9/24) 280787

BEAUTIFUL SOUL, 36, with a few extra pounds in all the right places. Intelligent, down to earth, funny, romantic, for friendship that blossoms, into more. (9/17)

STUNNING WOMAN OF COLOR, smooth caramel-colored skin, 40ish, master's degree, athletic. Seeking 40ish, handsome white male, 6', 200lbs. and professional for adventure. (9/17) \$\mathbf{2}\$80740

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on spiritual/metaphysical path. Seeking someone to travel, scuba dive, cycle, camping, movies, dining out, Starbucks, stay home and cuddle together. (9/17) 780748

CUTIE, BIG BROWN EYES, great smile

LOVING, ATTRACTIVE, caring an, seeks spirited man of character/ woman, seeks spirited man of character/ wit for weekend activities of dining, hik-ing, movies, beach walks, dancing. Bal-hoa Park area. (9/24) \$280,796

CLASSY, ATTRACTIVE, EUROPEAN, blonde, tall, slender, 38, lovely, playful, affectionate, caring, open minded, hu-morous. Seeking kind gentleman, secure, educated, fit, to share life's finest offer-

LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH. 32, cute, greeneyed brunette seeking special guy for friendship, laughter, romance, 33-37. Raw, dry, sarcastic sense of humor a plus! (9/17) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$80749

VOLUPTUOUS, BLONDE, ITALIAN, 45. seeks big, black teddy bear who is ready to put one woman at the top of his priority list. (9/24) \$\overline{\sigma} 80770

Isist. (9/24) \$80770 SNOW COVERED CABINS, firelight, his-home, military activities, historic towns, home, military activities, history, exotic Hawaiian beauty queen, integrity, never married, 39-59, military a plus. (9/24)

SEXY, EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous, petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, (com)passionate, monogamous, stylish man. Friendship, sportive, spiritual, non-religious, no previous kids/baggage, 37-48, 59"+. (9/17) 280760

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, 45, 5'6", medium funny (no scrubs) kind of guy, race open, 38-50 years old. (9/24) \$\infty\$80783

ATTRACTIVE, HISPANIC LADY, 47, 5'5" slim, intelligent. Seeking sincere, successful gentleman, nonsmoker, 40-48, 5'10"+, fit, ready for monogamous, lifetime relationship. Are you the one? (9/24)

49-YEAR-OLD. FUN-LOVING woman Looking for friendship, companionship and possibly more. I enjoy movies, most music, quiet dinners and long walks. Let's talk. (9/17) \$80752

WHAT AM I DOING? Divorced mom, 37

A Rare Find!

Attractive, color blind, black lady, 50ish, impeccably dressed, sterling character, gregarious personality, enjoy theater, restaurants, and Vegas. Seeking nonsmoking gentleman, 55-72, high integrity, financially and emotionally secure, mild mannered, generous heart. (9/17) \$20742

IS THERE ANY MAN OUT THERE who wants a normal, professional, romantic girlfriend? 50, plus-size brunette seeking passionate kisses from humorous, non-smoking, white male. (9/17) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$80756

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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) \$\mathbf{2}\$80764

WHERE ARE YOU? Attractive black female, great legs/smile, with personality, 40. Seeking man with special kid gloves, 6' or taller, kind, handsome, fun. (9/24) \$780767.

LAST LOVE. Widow, 59, smoker, loving,

LOVE TO LAUGH, EASILY amused. Live in North County, I'm 34 and unencumin North County, I'm 34 and unencumbered. You are intelligent and an insanely passionate man. (9/17) \$\infty\$80747

CUTIE SEEKS GREAT-LOOKING guy. Me: cute brunette, white, 5'8", weight proportionate. You: 21-30, 5'11"+, white, good looking. I love parties, cute firemen and paramedics. (9/17) \$20751

MARINES TO MOTORCYCLES. Unen cumbered, pretty, somewhat old fashioned, lady professional, likes confident, caring, passionate, spontaneous man, 38-50, without baggage. Latinos, Caucasians preferred. Keep it real. (9/17) \$\times\$80746.

MILITARY ONLY, 30-48, retired OK teaching liberals to think and hunt. (9/24)

READY FOR A COMMITTED relationship. The lady awaits, 45+, You are honest, sincere, stable, and anxious to please. Let's shoot the moon, my dear. (9/24)

ATTRACTIVE, PRETTY, PETITE, Hispanic 50-year old, lady, good sense of humor. Seeking fun loving, honest, trustworthy gentleman, for serious relationship. No drugs/alcohol. (9/17) \$\mathbb{\alpha}\$80759

TRUTH IN ADVERTISING. Attractive brunette, 37, 56°, 125lbs., very fit, great sense of humor. Seeking outdoorsy, athletic, positive professional, between 34-44. Relationship/family oriented. (9/17) \$\infty 80745\$ GROUNDED, INDEPENDENT, intelligent, 6, young Latina. Seeking movie com-anion, 39-58 year young. No deviants, b baldies. Me: 5'3", 135lbs., light inned, average good looks. Call. (9/17) \$80741

BLONDE, EUROPEAN BORN, blue/green eyes, very good looking, shapely, 5'6", eyes, very good looking, shapely, 5'6', passionate, creative spirit. Seeking tall, educated, quick wit, successful, quality male, 40-48. (9/24) \$\mathbf{T}\$80772

YOUTHFUL 50, 512", slim, vivacious. We are monogamous, communicative, spiritual, warmhearted, positive, healthy, hororous, nonreligious, romantic, hugable, and still believe in love. (9/24) 780785

SENSUAL, ATTRACTIVE, loving, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoy outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 55-65, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (9/17) \$\mathbf{T}\$80743

LOVING, NATURAL, CHRISTIAN woman, loves to cook, loves sports, outdoors. Seeking white male, 35-50. (9/17)

HANDYMAN WANTED TO MEND broken heart. Sense of humor, honest, 50-55, 5'8"-5'10". Filipina, petite, good looking, good cook. Wants walking, dancing, movies, and olining. (9/24) \$\overline{\text{CM}}\text{80790}\$

ONE OF A KIND, down to earth, educated professional, 39, nonsmoker, financially and emotionally secure, stable, spiritual, midwestern values, upbeat, sense of humor, and more. (9/24) ☎80788

SOMEONE TOLD ME TO come out of the rain, but I am looking for someone who will come out with me and play. 40-50. (9/17) \$280744

50. (9/17) **3**80744 **ATTRACTIVE DOCTOR,** 5'5", 126lbs., passionate, loving, never married, who likes traveling, jogging, dining, having fun, seeks successful, well educated, honest, loyal gentleman, 40-43, for relationship. (9/17) \$\mathbf{2}\mathbf{8}0757\$

LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus size brunette. Seeking long-term relationship. Nonsmoker. Very loving and sincere, romantic also. Let's go for it, big boy! (9/24) \$\mathbf{T}80774\$

MAN WANTED, SENSE OF HUMOR is a

comes down to chemistry. (9/24)

CAUCASIAN FEMALE, 57, working professional who likes theater, walks, beach, and someone to enjoy life's celebrations. Enjoy a good glass of wine and good conversation. (9/24) \$\alpha\$80798

life is about. 35, white female, wanting to meet tall, white male, 35-40, who feels the same. (9/17) \$\mathbb{\alpha}\$80762

Petite Blonde

bb, youthful, active, outdoorsy, professional, looking for secure, real man who puts energy into living. (9/24)

BLONDE, BLUE, 55-years young, nice, attractive, 57", 120lbs., mother of two college kids. I like gardening, dogs, beach, being in love, friendship. Seeking same. (9/24) \$\alpha\$80786

DATE? Me: blonde, 34, very pretty, toned, genuine. You: dark hair/skin, muscular, 29-37, homeowner. Both: spiritual, never wants kids, degreed, outgoing, prosperous. (9/24) \$280780

HUNKY BLACK MALE sought by slim, sensuous, white Raider fan. Team affiliasensuous, white Raider fan. Team affiliation unimportant. Humor, honesty, passion, playfulness a must. Let's watch some games! 30's-40's. (9/24) \$280781

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ASIAN WIDOW SEEKS ASSERTIVE, confident, fit, cosmopolitan white male. Spend time with this enchanting, unpredictable, picky, legs, beauty, Chinese. Strictly monogamous relationship columns of the control dictable, picky, legs Strictly monogamonly. (9/17) \$\frac{1}{2}\$80754

EBONY CUTIE LOOKING FOR Ivory hottie! I'm 34, brown hair/eyes, considerate. Love music, traveling and being a wine snob. You are 30-40, similar interests. (9/24) \$\infty\$80768

SECURE LATINA BEAUTY. Fit, sexy, fun loving, enjoy good conversations, rómantic evenings. Seeking compatible, lighthearted, 34-45, professional ready for a committed, bright future. (9/24) \$\oldsymbol{\Pi}\$80777

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

MALE, TALL, HAPPY, money, music, house. Seeking female, fun, talented, house. Seeking female, fun, talented, passionate, adventurous, creative, nature, slender, comedy, 30's-40's. (9/17)

From New York City

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. (9/24) \$280587

LANDLORDS NEED LOVE TOO! Coastal 44, 5'11", 170lbs., trim, athletic, childless, Kiefer Sutherland resemblance. Wish to meet thin, energetic, nonsmoking lady for friendship, maybe more. (9/24)

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) ☎80517

DESPERATELY NEEDED: Full-figured average looking, open-minded, sensual, real woman for companionship and physically/emotionally nurturing relationship. Race/age unimportant. I'm attracship. Race/age unimportant. I'm attractive, attentive, Caucasian. (9/24)

ARE YOU SINGLE, about 30-something ARE YOU SINGLE, about 30-something, Caucasian, Christian, physically fit, financially responsible, childless and ready to click with similar, yet older, mature, monogamous male? (9/17) \$20532 GOOD HEARTED BIKER look for pretty woman, fit, nonsmoker. Lets enjoy life together, call me. (9/24) \$280577

SUCCESSFUL, EUROPEAN, intellectual handsome, charming, and emotionally stable, wishes to make happy a sensitive, and educated lady in her 30's. (9/17)

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LATIN SEARCHING FOR long-term commitment. Mer stable, educated, fit, 41, acmitment. Me: stable, educated, fit, 41, active, cycling, reading, beach. You: 24-38, similar interests, stable, family values, childless. Serious only. (9/17) \$\infty\$80534

HANDSOME, 53, BLACK MALE. Looking for a sexy, fit, white female, nonsmoker, 42-50, for fun, intimate evenings, a good kisser, must laugh. Let's meet. (9/24)

WHITE MALE, 61, 6', 175LBS., enjoys lite, movies, mountains, short/long trips. Not rich nor poor, average. You: 45-62, medium build, not perfect, nice smile. (9/17) ☎80538

A CARING. SENIOR GENTLEMAN. seeks lady, for walks, Balboa Park, Seaport Village, and ethnic restaurants. (9/24)

LA MESA GENTLEMAN. Nice/fun guy. Caucasian, 56, 5'7", 150lbs. Sincere, ró-mantic, communicative. Seeking partner, possible relationship. Romantic dinners, dancing, movies, outdoors, more. Let's meet. (9/24) \$\Pi\$80565

CONFIDENT, HANDSOME, TALL, personable passionate caring, 45, 6'2". I beable, passionate, caring, 45, 6'2". I believe in working smart, having responsible fun. Seeking my soul mate. Pretty, slim, healthy, affectionate. Nonsmoker. (9/24)

AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monogamous, biracial, Āfrican-American/white male, 64, 6'4", 210lbs. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, more. (9/17) \$\mathbf{\alpha}\$80554

ADVENTUROUS SWEET GUY, degreed seeks very together relationship. Lots of playtime a must. 52, 5'9", college, fit. Wants slender, graceful, charming woman to spoil completely. (9/24)

42, ATRACTIVE, FIT, business owner, financially secure, kids OK. Seeks positive fun loving, attractive female, smart, kind, warm, passionate, sensual, honest, for fun, outdoors/indoors. (9/24) 280562

BLACK, HANDSOME PROFESSIONAL, 45, 5'8", 160lbs., sincere, youthful. Seek-ing attractive, affectionate, fit, loving fe-male. Christian values, jazz, church, com-mitment-minded, down to earth, traditional perspective. (9/17) ☎80520

ORGANIC GARDENING LOVER seeking same for fun and games at 10-acre ranch in Bonita. 40's, self employed, new age grounded artist. Fruit trees, music. (9/24) \$\tilde{\tau} 80579\$

thing to be desired of us all. Where? When? And how? That is the question? Just be available when it arrives. (9/24)

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LATINA, WHITE, PETITE, dark hair/eyes, 25 to 38, kid(s) OK, nonsmoker, light drinker. Most romantic, humorous, generous, 37, white, blond/hazel, 5'10' man. I'm discovering my Christianity. We enjoy family, beach, desert, Hawaii, Mexico, RVing, off roading and more. Call, you never know. (9/17) \$\mathbf{T}\$80537

KNOCK, KNOCK...WHO'S THERE? Noody...that's the problem! Open the door with open arms, and be pleasantly sur-orised. 37, tall, fit, stable, romantic, hope-ul. (9/17) \$\infty\$ 80529

TAKE ROAD LESS TRAVELED. Seeking

SEXY. MANHATTAN PHOTOGRAPHER. Artistic, eclectic interests, from the beach to the opera. Enjoy well appointed, open-minded woman, especially European, for dating, sharing. Age unimportant. (9/17)

ATHLETIC, YOUNG MAN, seeks playful, older woman. Me: 42, 6'1", blond, blue. oider woman. Me: 42, 6'1", blond, blue, intelligent, affectionate, emotionally available. You: 44-54, sweet, voluptuous hourglass figure. (9/24) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$80595

COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE EYES, German-Irish Catholic, very affectionate, attractive, single, unencumbered, degreed professional, 6'1", 218lbs., 39, medium build, clean-cut, light/short brown hair. Seeking very attractive, warmhearted, unencum-

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bered female, 22-32, possessing inner and outer beauty. (9/24) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$80602

COSMIC TOMBOY? Somewhat behaved dude, 8-14-50, craves long weekends, digs cool tunes. Seeking soulful, alluring "little" dudette that baits own hook, tolerates moderate vices/crowds. (9/17) \$\oldsymbol{\textit{T}}80552

GREAT CATCH! Down to earth, playful Jewish male, 33, enjoys movies, hiking, cats, '80s music. Seeking honest, sincere woman for friendship and possible relationship. (9/24) \$\overline{\text{T80578}}\)

TALIAN MAN, 40, 6"12", honest, sincere, enjoy movies, walks on beach, easygoing, home oriented. Seeking slender, attractive woman for meaningful relationship. No drugs, smoking, games. (9/17) 780542

SENSE OF HUMOR, spiritual minded, communicative, 52, blue/gray, 5'8", 170lbs. Enjoy coffeehouses, Zen philosophy, nature, rock music, movies, books, walks, psychology. Seeking friendship/relationship. (9/17) 280541

lationship. (9/17) \$\alpha\$80541 **LONELY IN RAMONA,** 61, seeks a lady for all occasions. Requirements are hugs for all occasions. Requirements are mugs, kissed, caring, quiet evenings, one-on-one relationship. Let's make plans. (9/17)

RESPECTFUL. 55-YEAR-OLD young looking. 5'8", 150lbs., like movies, dining out, dune bugging, Sunday drives. Easygoing and quiet. Seeking same in petite, cute lady. (9/17) ☎80546

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, FIT, 48, looking for same for relationship, dinners, movies, dancing, concerts, vacations. I'm educated, financially secure, honest, and open for romantic relationship. (9/24)

TALL, HANDSOME, FUN, FIT, firefighter musician, very financially secure, 40s. Seeking very attractive white female, 30s, for future commitment. Family minded. (9/24) \$\frac{1}{\sigma} 80573\$

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KNOW HOW TO TREAT A LADY! Let's build on our friendship and enjoy all that San Diego has to offer. Latin, 36, fit, fun. (9/17) \$\infty\$80518

ANGEL NEEDED BY RETIRED MAN. Stu

AEROSMITH ANYONE? White, 45, love concerts, dinners, movies, beach, football. You: 37-49, attractive, funny, openminded, any race. Plus for pierced belly button, dog owner! (9/24) \$\infty\$80592

button, dog owner! (9/24) \$30592

GOD COMMUNICATOR, SENSUAL, warm, intelligent, funny, responsible, accomplished. Also trim, toned, nice appearance, youthful, early 50's. You: 35-45, nice figure, childless. North County. (9/24) \$780558

ASIAN WOMAN. You: 45-55, slender, attractive, authentic, financially stable, healthy. Me: compassionate, communicator, educated, financially free, caucasian, good looking, fit, 5'10", 178lbs., 58, Del Mar. (9/17) \$280522

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EXECUTIVE, ENGINEER, MBA, 41, 6'3" 175lbs., slim, fit, well dressed, handsome, Spanish descendant with accent, manners, personality. Please be slim and fit. (9/17) \$\overline{\alpha}\$80530

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HANDSOME, TALL, affectionate, fun loving, warm, friendly, humorous, hardworking man. Seeking people-oriented, funloving woman. Adventure, romance, share good times with Mr. Enthusiasm, me! (9/17) \$\times 80551\$

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indwestern, enjoy nature, mountains, skiing, sports cars, RVing, travel. Seeking
spontaneous, adventurous gal, 38-50, for
Big Bear escapes, etc. (9/24) ☎80589

SAVES THE DAY. If you like the music, we
have common interests. Tall, 62", slift,
prown/blue, professional, enjoy surfing,
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friends first. (9/24) ☎80588

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CROSSROADS? Ready! Life's best half, monogamous relationship, witty, travelled, sensitive, spiritual, North County retired. You: tall, unencumbered, romantic doer in life. Experience the right road. (9/24) \$\overline{\Omega}\$ 80568

GOLF PARTNER/FRIEND WANTED to enjoy travel, fine dining. Be friendly, warm with great heart. Me: 50s, 6'3", 220lbs. Asian sexy a plus. Age unimportant. (9/24) ☎80606 FATHER, 44, TEACHER, attractive, left

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with. (9/24) \$\mathbb{T}80560\$

HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 59, trim, 5'10", blond/green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship, (9/24) \$\mathbb{T}80563\$

snip. (9/24) \$\tilde{\pi}\circ\$80563

VERY NICE PERSON, 53, open-minded, seeks companionship to enjoy each others company, dinners, movies, walks, quiet times. Life is more enjoyable as a couple. (9/24) \$\tilde{\pi}\circ\$80591 FULL-FIGURED. VOLUPTUOUS female

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ACTIVE, NONSMOKING, HEALTHY, afflu active, Nonsmoking, meatint, affluent, South Bay Jewish widower, 80's. Seeking lady counterpart, without excess baggage, 70's-80's, for companionship, long relationship, travel, tours, cruises, trips together. (9/24) ☎80586

RUBENESQUE LADY SOUGHT by happy, intelligent man. I love the ocean, music, and romance. (9/24) \$\infty\$80561

and romance. (9/24) \$\overline{\text{TEACHER, AUTHOR, }}\$ caucasian, Jewish 50's, metaphysical interests, 5'8", nature 50's, metaphysical interests, 5'8", nature, music, dance, art, psychology, compassionate, languages. Seeking woman with similar interests, 40's. Please, no cats (allergies). (9/17) 280527

ENTHUSIASTIC. TALL AND kind, avid Point Loma sailor is looking for an attractive, warm hearted adventurous lady, to share beach, movies, Balboa Park. (9/24)

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LOTS TO OFFER. Professional, balanced, unencumbered, athletic, solvent, attractive, romantic, 53, homeowner, spontaneous, midwest values, educated. Seeking compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (9/17) ■ 80523

MASCULINE-TYPE MALE, courteous, well adjusted professional, 6'2", 200lbs., 54, educated professional, 6'2", 200lbs., 54, offers TLC, attention, warmth, respect to strong, feminine, woman, who enjoys theater, conversation, sharing, laughter. (9/17) \$\mathbf{2}\$0353

FINE GENTLEMAN, good natured, outgoing, slim, 5'8". Seeking mature, senior woman, 69+, joyful in spirit, aging gracefully. (9/17) \$80525

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EASYGOING, HUMOROUS, intelligent, optimistic, 56, 6", Jewish professional, New York transplant. Seeking emotionally/financially secure, best friend/soulmate, for conversations, companionship, compatibility, cuddling, fantastic relationship, (9/17) ★80556

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YOU ARE TALL/SLENDER. Me professional Euro male with no baggage or dependents. Seeking younger, attractive female for companionship, fun, possibly more. See you soon! (9/24) - 201550 nionship, tun, poss on! (9/24) **2**80559

TALL, BLACK MALE, in search of the woman of my imagination that is nice, woman of my imagination that is nice, honest, funny, and adventurous. Drop a message and lets connect. (9/24)

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BLACK MALE, YOUNG 48, homeowner, South Bay, divorced, childless, retired South Bay, divorced, criticiess Marine, very romantic. Seeking attractive, slender lady, for rela

OUTDOORSMAN CAUCASIAN officer masculine, 50s, 5'10", passionate, honest, homeowner, enjoy beach, boating, cooking, movies, dining. Seeking intelligent, slender lady, 35-45. Race open. Committed, sincere relationship. (9/24)

28. 6'1". 175LBS.. brown hair/eves clean shaven, no tattoos, healthy, non-smoker, adventurous, romantic, intelli-gent, funny, enjoy dancing, guitar, out-doors. Seeking 18-? without kids. (9/24)

A TALL, WEALTHY, HANDSOME man I'm not. However, if you would seriously considered a 73-year old, good-hearted, active, fun gentleman, please call me. (9/24)

GROUNDED, SELECTIVE, easygoing, white male, '40s, tall, dark, nice looking, witty, fun, honest, communicative, nonsmoker. Seeking my princess/funny girl. Yes, personality counts! Call! (9/24) \$80607 PURRFECTIGGER FOR YOU. Attractive

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seeks intelligent redbone, single black female, for possible relationship. Must gifted in the art of conversation, college education a plus! (9/17) \$\mathbf{\alpha}\$80545

DOCTOR, HANDSOME, TALL, fit, 39, Jew ish, enjoy playing guitar, sunsets, and watching "The Crocodile Hunter." I'm sensitive, polite, humorous, and seek sensitive, intelligent, positive female. (9/24) \$\oldsymbol{\Pi}\$80601

laugh. Silly, playful, witty, devilish, liberal. Like indie music and films, educated, thoughtful, financially stable, 34, tall, fit, attractive. (9/17) \$\infty\$80535

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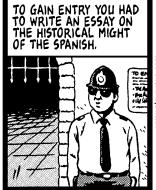
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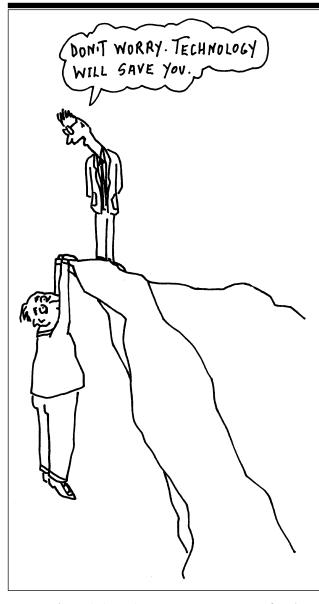
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COLLEGE AREA. \$1150/month. 2 bed-room, 2 bath condo, top floor. Pool/spa

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COLLEGE AREA. \$1125. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, central air, dishwasher, gated, new carpet/paint, laundry, 1 parking. No pets. 4828 Art Street. Agent, 619-298-7724.

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bedrooms, extra closets, kitchen pantry, on-site laundry, off-street parking, close to all. 6295 Stanley Avenue. Manager #4.

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4775 Seminole. Drive by then call agent

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Search at: www.sorentans.com.

COLLEGE AREA. New studios \$450 plus, 1 bedroom apartments from \$550-\$750. 2 bedrooms, \$995-\$1250. 3 bedrooms, \$1250-\$1650. Pets OK, Section 8. Quiet neighborhood. Fee. www.rentwave.com. 1-888-575-3179.

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COLLEGE AREA. \$725. 1 bedroom. New paint/campet. Security cated quiet clean.

paint/carpet. Security gated, quiet, clean Laundry. Parking. Ceiling fan. 4420 Es-trella Avenue. 619-253-2290; 619-281-

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COLLEGE AREA. \$950 and up. Large 2 bedroom apartments. Country kitchen. Very large. Appliances, newly refurbished. Laundry facilities. Off street parking. Near all. 858-455-5956.

COLLEGE AREA. \$700, utilities included. Detached studio house. Quaint, sunny, quiet. Gated yard and patio. No pets/smoking. Great location. 619-229-1858.

COLLEGE AREA. Large 1 bedroom and and 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Laundry, parking. No pets. 6725 Amherst Street. 858-483-5111

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COLLEGE/TALMADGE. \$1000. Large deluxe 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments, dishwasher, quiet. Residential area. Shel-tered patio. Gourmet kitchen. Air condi-tioning. Near all. Parking. 4546 52nd Street. 619-287-2386, 619-461-9415.

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NOWN PUNT. \$1100. 1 bedroom, 1 bath guest bungalow. Private entrance, wood paneling. 3719 Promontory. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

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1. Impolite soup eater's noise

- 6. Lumber jacket pattern
- 11. Dance in Dublin
- 14. Broadcaster
- 15. Kind of race
- 16. "____ you nuts?" 17. "Bravo!"
- 19. Line on an invoice
- 20. Ear: Prefix
- 21. Mantra sounds 22. TV host with bandleader
- Eubanks 23. Supposed sources of good fortune
- 27. They may play first
- 29. They help move things along
- 31. Detective played by Peter Lorre
- 32. Afore 33. Like mountains in winter
- 35. Screamer's necessity
- 38. Bausch &
- 40. Kind of artery
- "That was close!"
- 43. Provide ____ (save face)
 45. Instituted: Abbr.
- 47. Suffix with legal
- 48. Leader opposed by the Bolsheviks
- 50. Miss out in Mexico?
- 52. Bleep
- 55. Soldier, often 56. "Hold it right there!"
- 57. Call from a pen
- 59. Get an ____ (ace)
 60. McKellen of "The Lord of the
- 61. 2003 Disney movie (and the solver's task at 17-Across, 11-Down and 25-Down)
- 66. The Cavs and Mavs play in it
- 67. Kosher, so to speak
- 68. Verges on
- 69. First base target for Jackie and Pee Wee in Brooklyn
- 70. In unison
- 71. First name in swing

Down

- 1. Word in Brazilian place names
- 2. Architect Mava 3. Suffix with strict
- 4. Shape anew
- 5. Son of Oceanus
- 6. Historic leader? 7. Danes' co-star on "My So-
- 8. Out on ____ 9. 2001 Penn/Pfeiffer movie
- 10. Turn blue?

- 11. Up-and-coming jazz singer with the hit album "Come Dream With Me"
- 12. "Flashdance" singer Cara
- 13. Be friends (with)
- 18. Pasta choice 22. Abate
- 23. Amtrak's bullet train
- 24. Idiot
- 25. Lacking passion 26. Lifted
- 28. Acapulco sun
- 30. Like the shipwrecked Robinsons
- 34. Eastwood's "Rawhide" role
- 36. Old-style literary romance 37. Say "#@\$%!"
- 39. ___ gut (laugh hard)
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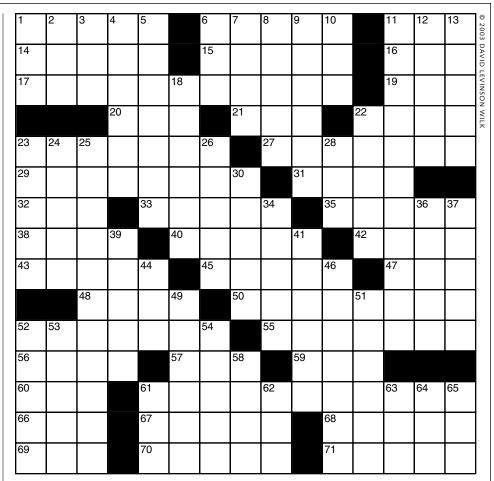
- 46. The stuff some heros are made of
- 49. July birthstones
- 51. Sled piece52. Center of Madison Square Garden for over a decade
- 53. Abu _
- 54. Dance in 2/4 time
- 58. Game point, in tennis
- 61. It has many keys: Abbr. 62. Wool finisher, commercially
- 63. "Mangia!"
- 64. Diagnostic scanner, briefly
- 65. Carbohydrate suffix

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- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.

 2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle
- contest must be received by the *Reader* (addressed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date.
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
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- immediate families are not eligible.

 5. In the event of disputes or ties,
- decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.





Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 9/4/03.

Of the 65 entrants, 63 were correct.

- 1. Chris Senungetuk, San Diego 2. Jay Tank, Carlsbad
- 3. Cleo W. Thomas, San Marcos
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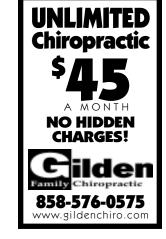












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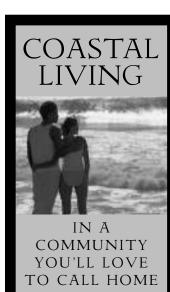
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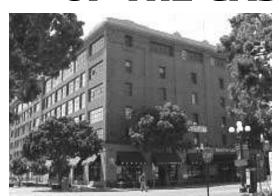
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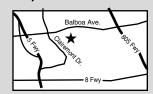


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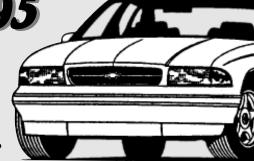
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— Females in tribes in Kenya and other African nations are rebelling against the ancient custom of requiring a newly widowed woman to pay to have sex with the village's "cleanser" to purify her soul sufficiently to be allowed to attend her husband's funeral, according to an August Washington Post dispatch. Said one particularly vulgar, besotted cleanser in Gangre, "It's not bad for me since I get to be with the beautiful ladies. The women like it because who else would be with them? They can't stay alone with the spirits. They need me." Cleansers are believed to be major HIV conveyers since a condom would not allow the spirits to pass.

Least Competent People

— In Charleston, S.C., in August, graduate student Mohammed Talha Shekhani, 23, was charged with assault and lewd conduct for what he told police was a sincere strategy for meeting women. After a friend told him to just walk up to a woman and start touching her, Shekhani said he initiated four public hugging incidents (with two adults and, almost directly in front of their mothers, two teenage girls). His lawyer said Shekhani's poor judgment was caused by the stress of an academic program that will earn him both a Ph.D. and an M.D. at Medical University of South Carolina.

Least Competent Animals

— In June, British Airways came to the rescue of Billy, the homing pigeon belonging to John and Maria Warren of Bootle, England, and flew him home; he was supposed to have flown home on his own from Fougeres, France, but he got sidetracked (probably on a ship) and wound up in New York City. ... In August, the Shanghai (China) Zoo shipped two Chinese tiger cubs (an endangered species) to a preserve in South Africa so that experts can teach them how to survive. The zoobred tigers instinctively chase prey but do not know how to kill it.

More Things to Worry About

— A car traveling on Interstate 77 north of Charlotte, N.C., was hit by a flying speedboat at 2:20 a.m. on Aug. 21. The boat had been dashing

across adjacent Lake Norman, became airborne, clipped the car, and landed in the median. The only casualties were the boaters. ... A 13-year-old girl was expelled from school in Beaver, Pa., in July for performing oral sex on a boy during a school-bus ride home in May. Her mother challenged the expulsion, unsuccessfully arguing that the school had never specified which activities were unacceptable.

Government in Action

- Outside auditors concluded in May that 16 Houston schools with much-publicized "zero" dropout totals had at least 3000. A whistleblower/principal told The New York Times that principals had been pressured to record their dropouts in some other, benign way. According to him, no one within the school district's culture (created by former superintendent Rod Paige, who is now U.S. Secretary of Education) realized that people would be suspicious if these schools reported "zero" when every other urban school district in America is plagued by dropouts. - Apparently there are few problems in the schools of Longmeadow, Mass., because Mary Ryan-Kusiak, chair of the school committee, abruptly adjourned the August 25 meeting solely because committee member Laura J. Bertelli refused to sit in her assigned seat. Bertelli said she was tired of Ryan-Kusiak moving her nameplate around, but Rvan-Kusiak said she'd cancel the next meeting, too, if Bertelli didn't sit where she was told. On the ballot in Denver in November will be a referendum calling on the city council to research various proposals on how to reduce residents' stress and to prove scientifically which methods might work. "The buildup of society-wide stress is like a new pollution in the environment," said activist Jeff Peckman, who collected the signatures to qualify the issue for the ballot. Said council member Charlie Brown, "What are we supposed to do, hand out incense sticks at Denver International Airport? Is that the image we want for our city?" The problem of housing for paroled sex offenders is severe in some states, according to an August report in the Los Angeles Times. Parolee Bruce Scott Erbs, unable to find any place to live in Oregon, stays in a government-supplied tent

behind the Linn County jail. In Polk County, Ore., five parolees live in a parking garage with the blessing of county commissioners, who like the idea that they can easily monitor the offenders. Wisconsin law requires the government to furnish quarters for released sexual predators if placement service fails, and it is about to purchase a \$100,000 home in West Allis to house predator Billy Lee Morford.

Non-Performing Performance Art

— In August at Scotland's Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the Sweet Productions company staged "Sweet FA," a "play" in which the audience members take their seats but then nothing happens on stage for the next hour, and then the house lights come back on, and any remaining patrons leave. ("News of the Weird" has previously mentioned the "musical" piece by the late American composer John Cage, whose "4'33" consists of exactly 273 seconds of silence, which "Sweet FA" beats by 55 minutes, 27 seconds.)

Fetishes on Parade

— Jason Glen Humphrey, 29, was charged with taking indecent liberties in what prosecutors said was a yearlong spree of leering at mothers as they changed infants' diapers in semi-public places or questioning women about their toddlers' bowel movements (Hillsborough, N.C., July). ... Jeffrey Bernard Fuller, 35, a medical technician working for insurance companies, was arrested after allegedly exceeding the scope of his work at least nine times by giving men gratuitous prostate and pelvic exams (Decatur, Ga., March).

Extreme Plumbers

— Julio Cesar Cu, 42, and his three diving partners work exclusively by touch because their fulltime job is in water so dark that flashlights are useless: unclogging and repairing the antiquated Mexico City sewers ("a sea of human waste and industrial chemicals," according to an April Los Angeles Times dispatch). The city itself is in a valley surrounded by mountains, with frequent flooding and poor drainage in its combined storm water—sewage system. Said one environmentalist, "You walk the streets, smell the stench of raw

sewage, and can only imagine what's happening underground."

Below the Fold

— (1) Ben Mann fell out of a tree while meditating, down a 30-foot ravine, and had to be rescued (Berkeley, Calif., June). (2) Rural Ottawa County, Mich., trying to stem the migration to the area by prissy urbanites, started handing out brochures that describe the atmosphere of farm communities and contain a scratch-and-sniff section of the odor of manure (August).

Recurring Themes

— Latest Suspect to Try to Chew His Fingertips Off to Avoid Identification: Nigerian Olugbemiga Olusajo, who initially failed to cooperate with police but finally pleaded guilty in May to identity theft (Philadelphia). ... Latest Person to Be Buried in a Pet Cemetery: Jean Birkenstein Washington, in June, who, according to her children, admired animals more than people (Aarrowood Park, Vernon Hills, Ill.). ... Latest Art Treasure to Be Misunderstood by a Maintenance Man: A \$300,000 art object with a flickering bulb (to create a seedy look), which was "repaired" by an earnest electrician in July (at Brunswick Lane in Glasgow, Scotland).

In the Past Month...

— Ingrid Nicholls, a black woman, was told by her hospital in Reading, England, that the only foot prosthesis she was entitled to from the National Health Service was a white one and that she'd have to pay extra for black (but two days later, NHS changed its mind). ... The city council in Duluth, Minn., tried to help a local community arts group by selling them the old National Guard armory for \$1, but then the group's check bounced. ... Canada's foreign ministry announced that, for "security" reasons, it would issue no more passports in which applicants' photos show them smiling.

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<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary describes a totem this way: "1a: An object (as an animal or plant) serving as the emblem of a family or clan and often as a reminder of its ancestry; also, a: usu. a carved or painted representation of such an object; b: a family or clan identified by a common totemic object. 2: Something that serves as an emblem or revered symbol." This definition will do, especially that second one, though I don't go so far as to revere a skull in a Viking cap or a cheap Ballantine massmarket edition of The Necronomicon. It all started as a joke.

Truth is, many writers will have totemic objects before them on their desks; even the most practical, skeptical, neat-freak, down-to-business hack will have something sitting on the altar, er, desk that is meant to invoke the muse. It could be just a cup of coffee with that special Dilbert caricature; it could be a racing form or the sports page; a muffin, a Slinky, a sand-filled stress ball to squeeze, a pinup of Jennifer Lopez over the computer screen or, as in the case of one friend, a novelist, a simple, hand-lettered sign across the bottom of the monitor that reads "DON'T THINK!"

The list is long and versatile. One

woman had a troll doll (whadja call 'em?) hanging from a noose on the pull cord of her Tiffany-style lamp. I've seen Barney, Barbie, Mr. T, and Dracula. One guy had a wall full of obscure journalism awards he had read about in a book called Getting Yours: The Complete Guide to Government Money. He learned that no one ever applies for the prizes, so he won them all. Movie posters. Oh, it goes on. But let me tell you about the totem just behind the screen of my iBook and how it came to be.

It is a miniature Aztec or Mayan temple made of plaster onto which I've glued a plastic skull with a metal hinge in its jaw. The little skull came off a cane meant as a Halloween prop for some kid no doubt with a black cape and a mustache painted on with Mom's eyebrow pencil. Directly behind that is the paperback of The Necronomicon. This book never existed until editors at some bottom-line, cheapjack paper house decided to compile heroin- and brandyinduced doggerel from Aleister Crowley and some bad gothic prose that reads as if it came off old Black Sabbath liner notes. Add to this a bit of thinly disguised homoerotic-sexual-panic references from (the title's, not the book's creator) H.P. Lovecraft in the throes of a vanilla ice cream rush, his most serious vice apparently. Then add pentagrams with "Find the Hidden Goat" exercises, like a "Where's Waldo?" Let's see — some sophomoric, shuddery poetry; an introduction by Anton LaVey, I think; and who knows what else...old Negro wisdom from the Caribbean gleaned from some Kingston Dumpster-diving crackhead plied with cane liquor and who the hell knows where they got this stuff. It's actually mediocre enough to have been composed by Satan. The book is on my desk because I quote from it when writing to creditors, ex-girlfriends, and editors of the horror magazines I submit to. Those nerds love the stuff.

Next in my totem is an artificial human skull, muddied and painted just right, to which is randomly glued pathetic and brittle human hairs. It once wore a cardboard crown painted in gold leaf — an exact replica of the one Sean Connery wore in The Man Who Would Be King. But that was torn during a hurried move, so Yorick now sports a metallic-looking plastic Viking helmet. It looks like something straight from the cover of a Robert E. Howard novel illustrated by Frank Frazetta. The skull itself was rendered theatrically realistic with painstaking effort (and possibly some glue sniffing) by Jose Sinatra, the man you want on cases like

The final item is selfexplanatory, I believe: a black plaster Maltese falcon. I bought it at Murder Ink, or a place with a name like it, in New York City 26 years ago. Pocked with white lesions where it has been bashed around here and there, it is still very much "the stuff dreams are made of." It makes me think of Dashiell Hammett and his heroic efforts to continue writing long after he was out of gas and running on gin fumes. Gin and the like no longer have any place in my totemic compilation of nonsensical and cheap arcana.



The author's totem collection

Do I need this junk to write? Of course not. But what gives one pause (I mean, of course, the royal One) is that I am right now sitting in an empty meeting room at a hotel with only my iBook, some coffee, and a digital camera with a picture of my desktop glowing dully on the playback screen. I keep glancing at it. Do I need this photo to remind me of what's usually there? No. I can list these things like I can list, uh, the back of my hand.

Do I need this in some other way? Doubtful, but it pleases me. And as Jerry Rubin once said (paraphrasing) about Howard Johnson's restaurant chain, it doesn't make me hungry passing them, it just gives me a sense of reassurance knowing they are there.

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DODGE VAN, 1979, refrigeration unit and refrigerated paneling inside, rebuilt 318 engine, good transmission, fair body with no damage history. \$800/best. Pager,

19-250-0532.
 DODGE, 1980, 1/2-ton longbed, 318, automatic, \$1200. 1990 Toyota Tercel, 1990, 4 cylinder, 1.5 liter, 4-speed, 86K miles, runs/looks good. \$1200. 619-469-1000.

FORD CROWN VICTORIA, 1986, automatic, 4-speed overdrive, one owner for 15 years, dependable, rides smooth, straight body, great transportation, \$695.619-766-9252.

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FORD ESCORT, 1994, 93K miles, bright blue, 4 door, automatic, air conditioning. Son went to college, we're selling his car. Good daily driver. \$1800. 619-574-1003.

FORD ESCORT X22, coupe, 4 cylinder, 5-speed, air conditioning, power locks, am/fm tape, new paint, silver color, excel-lent condition, runs great, 64,700 miles, \$4000. 619-299-2335.

FORD EXPEDITION, 2000, leather, rear air conditioning, CD changer. \$19,990.

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FORD EXPLORER, 1993, tows boat, V6, automatic, rack, power windows, excellent shape, highway mileage. 2003 DMV \$53. Impeccable maintenance records. \$4500. 619-464-6100; cell, 619-507-

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Every summer as the school year approaches, a thick manila envelope arrives from the small Catholic academy my children attend in San Marcos. Inside I find the Tuition Contract, the Parking Regulations, the Parent/Student Handbook, and, of course, the dreaded School Supply Lists. When I was in elementary school, back when Lyndon B. Johnson was president, we had no School Supply List. You showed up the first day of school. The teacher handed you your books, a pencil, some paper. You got crayons — big, thick ones — for coloring on the paper, which was beige with light-blue lines and had big hunks of wood still embedded

This year my son Johnny will be joining his three older sisters at school. We received four School Supply Lists — one for kindergarten, one for first grade, one for third grade, and one for sixth grade. The moment the big envelope arrived, Rebecca grabbed her sixth-grade supply list from the thick sheaf of papers. "Don't lose that," I told her. "I need to make my master list."

Rebecca rolled her eyes. "I won't lose it,

"What's the master list?" Lucy asked.

"Well," I explained, "there's a lot of duplication in the lists. For instance, just glancing at your list and Angela's, I can see that you both need crayons and erasers and pocket folders right off the bat. So instead of having to look back and forth at four different lists when we go shopping, I make one list that includes everything."
"Oh," Lucy said.

"When are we going school shopping?" Angela asked.

"Can we go today?" Rebecca wheedled. "No. It'll take me a little while to make the master list. We'll go closer to the start of school.'

The girls bugged me almost daily about school shopping. The Sunday before Labor Day weekend, I sat down at the coffee table with the four supply lists spread out before me. I checked off each item from each list as I progressed. I noted differences in the types of supplies required by the different teachers. Johnny's teacher asked for "Washable Markers, 1 set (thick)." Lucy and Angela's teachers wanted the kids to have "Washable Markers, 2 sets (1 thick/1thin)." Rebecca only needed to buy one set of thin markers.

When the kids woke up Monday morning, I announced, "We're going school shopping today.

"Really?" Angela asked as though I'd just announced we were returning to Disneyland.

"Where are we going?" Rebecca asked. "Wal-Mart.'

"I hate Wal-Mart," she complained. "Can't we go to Target?"

"I hate Wal-Mart, too," I agreed. "But it's the cheapest."

After breakfast, we headed to Wal-Mart. I hoisted two-year-old Ben into a cart. He whined and tried to writhe out of the cart's seat belt. "Don't wanna sit inna cart," Ben said. "Wanna walk.'

"Sorry, buddy," I told him. "I need you in the cart so you won't run away."

"MMMPPPHHHHH," Ben contorted his face and crossed his arms.

"All right, guys," I turned to the other four kids, who trailed me into the store. "We're here to get school supplies. Do not, I repeat, do not ask me for toys or candy or anything that's not on my list. Understood?

'Yes," they droned in chorus.

We wandered through the incomprehensible chaos that is the San Marcos Wal-Mart for five minutes before I stopped a redvested employee. "Where would I find the school supplies?" I asked.

The woman walked me up a few aisles, then pointed toward a dark, narrow chasm, filled with other shoppers. "See those really crowded aisles?" she asked. "That's it."

We waded into the crowd. I looked at my list and started tossing boxes of crayons into the cart. The aisle was barely wide enough for two carts to pass. Johnny insisted on standing beside my cart so no one else could go around us. "Johnny," I said and gently pulled him by the arm. "Stand behind me so other people can get by."

"Okay, Mom," Johnny said.

Benjamin leaned with all his might, like Hercules straining against a golden chain, and snatched a box of Play-Doh off the shelf. "Wanna get this," he said.

"We'll see," I answered.

"Do I need markers?" Lucy asked.

"Yes.

"Can I get these?" She held up some metallic gel markers that cost about \$15.

"Oh, no, sweetie. The list says you need one set of thick and one set of thin washable markers.'

Lucy's eyes welled with tears. "But those are boring. I want these."

"I'm sorry, Lucy. Put them back." I tossed three sets of thick markers and three sets of thin markers into the cart.

While Ben squirmed and Lucy cried and Johnny tried to stand beside my cart for the twentieth time. Rebecca ran reconnaissance for me. "The pens and pencils are on the next aisle, Mom," she told me.
"Great. We need three boxes of colored

pencils, four dozen #2 pencils, and 22 red pencils."

Ben grabbed a box of colored chalk off the shelf. "No buddy," I said. "We don't need that." I put the chalk back.

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