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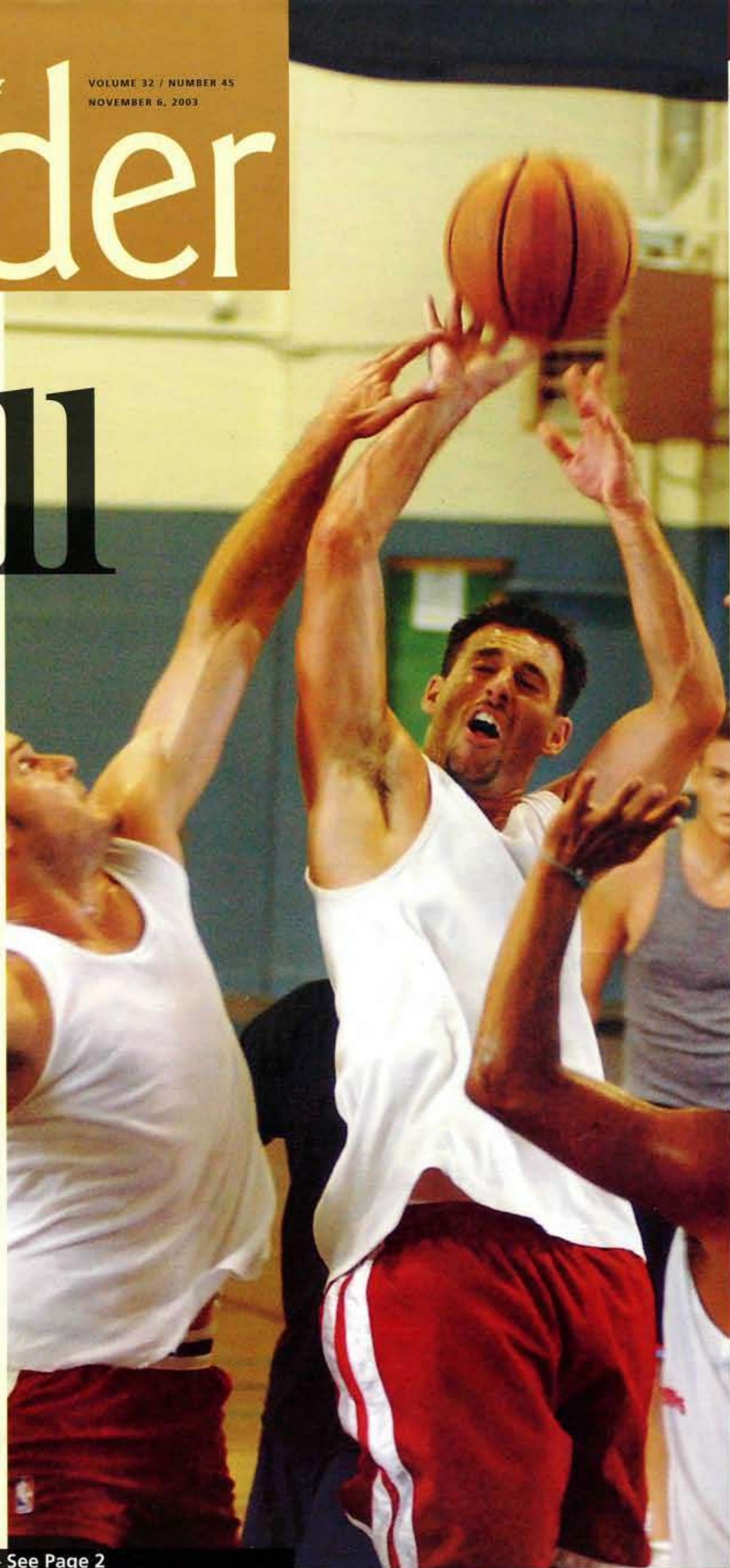
B-ball

COME AS YOU ARE
AND RUN TILL YOU LOSE

Listen. I'm a basketball extremist. Maybe it's the rhythmic, elastic *whump (ring)s, whump (ring)s* — thuds resounding echoing overtones — leading me into reverie every time, the odd expectant tempos, down the block, passing my street-side windows. Or perhaps it's the quickening squeaks of quicker shoes, erratic guttural grunts, and yells. But something makes me think I heard the trumpets of paradise in a soundtrack for the 21st Century.

I listen. So much the better! Those common clamors come from countless fenced-in blacktops, ordinary noise on

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Poetry Gone?

We just noticed that the "Poetry" column was missing from this week's edition (October 30). Will it be in future editions?

John Roeder

The "Poetry" column resumes this week. — Editor

Try To Carve A Turnip

I write to correct a slight misconception regarding the origins of Halloween in your recent cover article ("Disguise Masters," October 30). In the article, Jeannette De Wyze writes that the "tradition of asking for treats on the last day of October is a purebred American phenomenon." This is untrue. Halloween has its roots in the old Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced Sowane). By the 19th and 20th Centuries in Scotland and Northern Ireland, this had become a celebration where kids would get dressed up as witches, werewolves, ghosts, and ghouls and trot around to the neighbors, where they would perform a trick (sing a song, tell a joke, do a wee dance) and be rewarded with a penny. We called this "guising," and the kids were "guisers." At home we would "dook for apples" (I believe you call it bobbing for apples) and eat treacly scones hung from the ceiling. Also in Scotland we would carve lanterns out of neeps (rutabaga/turnips), which can reach a fair size in Scotland, easily as big as one foot across. I should add at this point that it is much easier to carve a pumpkin than a bloody turnip. Even today the smell of roasted turnip brings me back to my childhood on the northeast coast of Scotland.

To further add to the celebration, Halloween in Scotland became merged with Guy Fawkes Night (November 5), when bonfires were lit

and fireworks were set off. This celebrates the foiling of the Gunpowder Plot, which occurred during the reign of King James the I and VI, when a bunch of men (led by Guy Fawkes) tried to blow up Parliament. Guy Fawkes was caught and punished (I think by being burnt). The upshot was that as kids we would build a Guy (a stuffed effigy of a man, using old clothes and newspapers for stuffing) leading up to Halloween. Then on Halloween, we would wheel the Guy around in a bogie (cart) and knock on doors crying, "Penny for the Guy," and receive cold hard cash based on how good the Guy was. On November 5, the Guy would be burnt on a bonfire.

There are many strands merging here. Bonfires are an important part of both Beltaine and Samhain (the vernal and autumnal equinox); Samhain is a "thin" time, when the veil between worlds is easily broken and crossed, and the faerie folk (the Seelie and Unseelie Court) would stalk the land causing mischief.

The obvious reason to have a festival is the death of summer and the beginning of winter. These various strands all merged in Scotland and amongst the Protestant Irish in Ulster (the Scots-Irish) to become Halloween. The Church co-opted the festival, making the next day All Saints' Day (a day for any saint without a particular feast day); hence Halloween is All Hallowed (sainted) evening. And when these people immigrated to the New World, they took their traditions with them. Pumpkins replaced neeps, the Guy Fawkes aspect was lost (who cares for the king when you fought to get away from him?), but the disguises, the lanterns, and the guising remained. Cash was replaced with candy, and there you have the modern American Halloween.

I suspect the tradition was exported to England on the strength of the "trick-or-treating" scene in the movie *ET*. I was quite surprised when I found out that the English did not guise as we did in Scotland.

So there you have it. Halloween, another import from the Old World. Now, as for Thanksgiving, that is all yours, and I love it!

Steven Pirie-Shepherd
Cardiff

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Vice as a virtue The man who ran San Diego's vice squad during the Cheetahs undercover operation that netted this summer's indictment of three city councilmembers, along with guilty pleas from Cheetahs' owner **Mike Galardi** and manager **John D'Intino**, is heading back to the street, but officials insist the timing is only a coincidence. SDPD Lieutenant **Bob Kanaski** is one of four lieutenants to volunteer for patrol duty under an initiative fostered by new police chief **William Lansdowne**, according to police department spokesman **Dave Cohen**. Asked last year about persistent claims by competing clubs that a rogue cop was giving strippers at Cheetahs early warning of vice raids, Kanaski replied, "Not that I'm aware of." He went on to insist that inspections of strip clubs were randomly conducted. "It's not something that we do every day. We may do one or two nights a month...that's exactly what both our teams would do. Other than that, we've got other duties that have more of a priority than, say, going into an establishment of this nature to see if there are things that are going wrong." After the FBI raided city council offices in August, searching for evidence in their bribery case against the three councilmembers, it was revealed that a federal undercover agent had posed as a member of the vice squad during the two-year-long probe. Kanaski has been succeeded at vice by Lieutenant **Robb Hurt**.

Mike Galardi

Their daily bread 'Tis the season to be fundraising: Deputy City Attorney **Deborah Berger**, running to succeed her termed-out boss **Casey Gwinn**, is out with a money plea signed by former state Senator **Lucy Killea**, Jaguar dealer and **Susan Golding** intimate **Steve Cushman**, and ex-chief of police **Jerry Sanders**. Mike Madigan, forced out of his job as downtown ballpark czar in the wake of conflict-of-interest allegations, is listed as an endorser. "Two candidates have emerged as front runners," they write. "One is a well-known class-action lawyer with unlimited personal funds, who has cost us millions of dollars by his initiation of questionable lawsuits against both our city and county." That would be **Mike Aguirre**, who was cocounsel in **Bruce Henderson**'s unsuccessful 1998 legal battle to stop the Chargers ticket guarantee, which has since cost city taxpayers more than \$30 million ... In his pitch, Democratic Congressman **Bob Filner** pleads poverty ("Frankly, I have very little cash with which to begin my campaign") and then reminds liberal supporters, "I was outspoken against the war in Iraq and voted against it." San Diego councilman **Jim Madaffer**, who col-



Deborah Berger

lected big checks from Cheetahs' dancers and other strip-club insiders during his last race, is turning to downtown real estate mogul **Malin Burnham**, partner of Padres owner **John Moores**, who is hosting a soirée tomorrow in the 26th-floor Emerald Plaza penthouse of developer **Sandy Shapery**.

In big brother we trust Customers thinking of signing up for a new cable box from Cox Communications might consider the fine print found on the company's website. "In the future, Cox may develop the capability to capture certain additional information about actions performed by the digital set top, such as commands to record, pause or erase programming; however, this information capture will be done on an anonymous basis that does not identify any personal information about the subscriber or household that uses the digital set top." ... After a spate of rumors about the absence of *Union-Tribune* editor **Karin Winner** from the newsroom during the big fires, *Editor & Publisher* ran a blurb on its website saying Winner had "hitched a ride with a Mexican mail truck" back from a vacation in Tecate but was unable to return "immediately" because of fire-blocked roads. That provoked another round of in-house murmurs about Winner's purportedly leaving her car with another *U-T* editor who was with her at Tecate's Rancho La Puerta spa, and thus being unable to drive the long way home via Palm Springs. Winner did not respond to requests for comment ... The *U-T* set up a special "fire weblog" on its website. But one contributor isn't exactly a *U-T* staffer: a Monday entry on the blog said "San Diego City Councilman **Jim Madaffer** for-



Karin Winner

wards links to photographs he took, including aerial tours of damaged areas, and from behind the fire lines." Readers who clicked on the link found that the shots included one of a smiling Madaffer, currently up for re-election, happily seated in a helicopter and giving the thumbs-up.



Jim Madaffer

— Matt Potter

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1978 Ford brush rig

The Looting Was Done Long Before the Fire

By Don Bauder

The fire next time is likely to be more devastating than this time. Politically, culturally, and journalistically, San Diego appears incapable of rectifying the scandalous inadequacies that contributed so heavily to the recent inferno.

Where were the tankers? The helicopters? The fire trucks? It's significant that the state and the federal government share the blame, because San Diego is a mi-

crocosm of both. At all three levels of government, the fat is not in the fire: the corporate fat, or corporate welfare, is the fire — at least a third of a trillion dollars of annual corporate welfare, doled out because politicians are responsive to big bucks, not small voters.

For decades in San Diego,

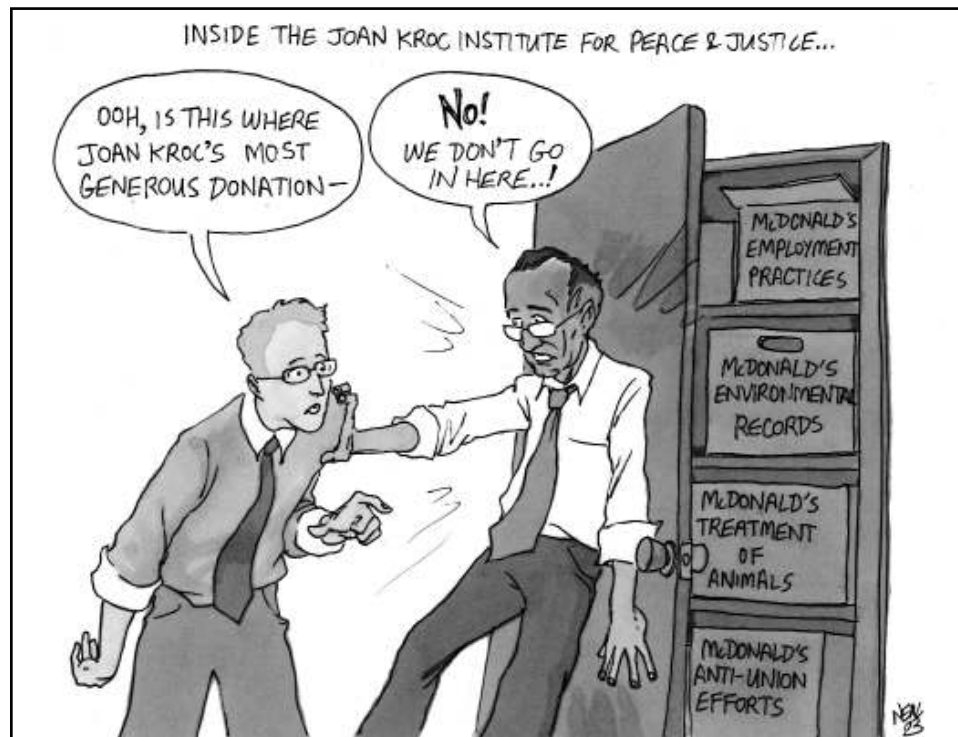
taxpayer funds that should have gone to infrastructure and fire/police services, among many things, have been shoveled to corporate welfare schemes such as the ballpark, Qualcomm Stadium conversion, convention center, hotel and shopping center subsidies, and corporate tax breaks.

Similarly, for decades, San Diego politicians have approved real estate developments without requiring adequate fire and police protection, street and sewer systems, schools and transportation. Why? Silly boy.

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Bathhouse Quagmire

By Ernie Grimm

Mercy Hospital in Hillcrest operates one of the largest AIDS clinics in San Diego County. On any given day, some of its patients can be seen milling about in green hospital gowns near the paths, fountain, and rose garden in front of the hospital, sometimes with IV racks in tow. Meanwhile, less than three blocks south, in the Club San Diego bathhouse at 3955 Fourth Avenue, some claim that the disease is being spread — intentionally and unintentionally — through anonymous, unprotected sex and intravenous drug use.

Though many large cities in the United States shut down their bathhouses, and though after on-site investigations in 1987, the military declared the city's three bathhouses to be off limits to all military personnel at all times because of "increased health risk of sexual diseases," San Diego has never banned bathhouses in the 22 years since the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention first issued a warning about a type of pneumonia — dubbed GRID for gay-related immune deficiency — occurring in the Los Angeles gay community. GRID later came to be called AIDS for acquired immune deficiency syndrome. And, as it became an international epidemic, many disease researchers concluded that it was being communicated in bathhouses. Still, it was only amid extreme controversy that San Francisco was able to shut down its bathhouses in 1984.

"I was in those San Francisco bathhouses in the late 1970s," says James Hartline, an HIV-positive Hillcrest man who is campaigning to get San Diego's three bathhouses shut down. "Those bathhouses were a big part of the generation of the gay scene in San Francisco. Bathhouses to the gay community are



Vulcan Baths

kind of what the Declaration of Independence is to the United States. They're part of the whole foundation from which these gay communities evolved because they represent everything that the gay community is about, which is sexual liberation with nobody telling you what you can and can't do. So when you

attack the bathhouses, you're attacking the gay agenda."

Hartline is a tall, thin, energetic man who speaks and moves more quickly than the average person. His opposition to bathhouses is fueled by his Christian faith and by his belief that he was infected with HIV in a local bath-

house in 1997, a claim he says he can document. "I was having weekly blood tests at the time," he explains, "as part of a medical study I was participating in. So I could pinpoint, almost exactly, when I contracted the disease."

For than more 20 years, beginning as a 17-year-old in Reno, Nevada, Hartline

was a frequent patron of bathhouses. As a youth, the State of Nevada had removed him from an abusive home and placed him in a halfway house. At night, Hartline says, "I was going to this park and these older men would cruise me...pick me up. Then one of them asked me if I liked

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Are You Current?

By Robert Kumpel

1. Rush Limbaugh resigned his position as a commentator on ESPN's *NFL Sunday Countdown* after making a statement that many interpreted as racist. Limbaugh questioned the ability of Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb, complaining that there was pressure from what group that was "very desirous to have a black quarterback do well?"

- A. The NFL
- B. The Philadelphia Eagles
- C. The media
- D. The NAACP

2. On Tuesday, October 7, Arnold Schwarzenegger was elected governor of California after incumbent Gray Davis was recalled.

What percentage of Latino voters cast their vote for Schwarzenegger?

- A. 20 percent
- B. 30 percent
- C. 41 percent
- D. 47 percent

3. Professors Clive Granger and Robert Engle were both awarded the Nobel Prize for economics. Both used to teach at which San Diego university?

- A. USD
- B. UCSD
- C. SDSU
- D. USIU

4. The Census Bureau has reported that one in five Americans speak a language other than English at home. The most common other language spoken is Spanish. Which language is most commonly spoken after Spanish?

- A. Russian
- B. Tagalog
- C. Farsi
- D. Chinese

5. Customers at Pat & Oscar's Restaurant recently got sick from food tainted with *E. coli* bacteria. What San Diego restaurant chain had an *E. coli* bacteria crisis in 1993?

- A. Jack in the Box
- B. Jimmy's
- C. Taco Bell
- D. Roberto's

6. The United Food and Commercial Workers Union



Rush Limbaugh



Arnold Schwarzenegger



Clint Eastwood



Pope John Paul II

went on strike on October 12 after failing to reach an agreement with three supermarket chains. Which grocery chain does not use union employees and was not affected by the strike?

- A. Ralphs
- B. Smart & Final
- C. Albertsons
- D. Safeway

7. On the same day as the recall election, at 10:35 a.m., a magnitude 3.6 earthquake

hit San Diego, the biggest quake recorded in the region since 1987. Where was the epicenter?

- A. Downtown
- B. Mission Bay
- C. Miramar
- D. Tijuana

8. After Arnold Schwarzenegger, which of the celebrity gubernatorial candidates got the most votes in the recall election?

- A. Gary Coleman, child actor

B. Mary Carey, porn star
C. Larry Flynt, pornographer
D. Angelyne, billboard model

9. What are the percentages of California-voter registration in the two major parties?

- A. Democrat 40 percent, Republican 29 percent
- B. Democrat 51 percent, Republican 40 percent
- C. Democrat 62 percent, Republican 38 percent

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Looting

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Escondido is a microcosm of San Diego, and "The Escondido city council is bought and paid for by developers," says June Rady, former councilmember there, who

was defeated for mayor last year when developer-financed "independent expenditure committees" spent \$100,000 to smear her.

"Politicians understand the power of independent-expenditure committees and

know developers form them," says Rady. Politicians spend more than half their time on land-use decisions. "Developers not only want their land-use projects approved, they want taxpayer subsidies to build their pro-

jects." They get both. Money talks.

With developments mushrooming up without adequate infrastructure, is it any surprise that fire has destroyed tract homes? With the city using ancient fire

equipment, is it any surprise that San Diegans stood in front of their fire-threatened residences and screamed that fire trucks were nowhere in sight?

It's a classic case of steal-

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ing from the poor to subsidize the rich. The county worries about post-fire looting, but the looting was done long before the fire. Unfortunately, voters don't elect

the establishment, but the establishment, with its money, elects almost all the politicians.

"Instead of the ballpark and stadium, we should have built up stronger infrastructure in the county," says La

Jolla investment banker Norman Roberts, who riles his fellow business executives by speaking for capitalism as Adam Smith conceived it, not as today's latter-day robber barons practice it. "I hope the people will do

something about it."

But the people won't rise up, and fire and police protection and transportation will remain short of funds, says Jim Mills, who for ten years was president pro tem of the California Senate.

With term limits, "None of the members of the city council has to look any distance into the future," he says. "Once they get elected, they are looking to get re-elected once." So corporate welfare queens shovel the

politicians money. The politicians either seek a higher political post or look for a job with their corporate benefactors.

It takes \$1 million to get elected mayor, adds former councilmember Bruce Henderson. "Ordinary citizens do not give the money. Nobody can get funded except by special interests, and special interests won't give money to anyone who will not cater to their desires." So it appears that San Diego in March will vote between manipulatable Mayor Dick Murphy and manipulative Peter Q. Davis, the former head of the Centre City Development Corp. whom Henderson accurately labels "Mr. Corporate Welfare."

Activist Mel Shapiro points out that Centre City Development owes \$100 million to the city's general fund, but the city would rather slash essential services than demand the funds.

For years, people have known that San Diego firefighters had grossly inadequate equipment. Earlier this year, Ron Saathoff, head of the San Diego City Firefighters Local 145 union, posted on his website: "City management has been using a variety of mechanisms to 'balance' the city budget. Cutbacks of approved budget items to provide carry-over to the next fiscal year, deferral of maintenance, reducing or eliminating equipment purchases, to name a few. Deferred maintenance citywide is now estimated to exceed \$100 million."

Firefighters must use equipment that is more than 20 years old, including equipment that was only intended for training, not front-line service, Saathoff complained. "We actually reached a point where if one more apparatus had gone down, we would have had no replacement or reserve vehicles for the crew to operate from," he wrote.

Saathoff is one of San Diego's most politically savvy power brokers. But what has he done? As a member of the Chargers task force, he voted in favor of the city subsidizing another stadium for the Chargers. The committee disingenuously made it sound as if it would not nick taxpay-

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ers. Previously, Saathoff's union had backed the ballpark giveaway and convention center subsidies.

As a member of the San Diego City Employees' Retirement Systems Board of Administration, he voted in favor of a deal in which the city would underfund pensions and raise benefits. He also supported a bill that cut him in on fat pensions as if he were a city employee. In recent decades, corporations begging for welfare or trade protectionism have used labor unions as stalking

horses. That way, both purportedly pro-business Republicans and purportedly pro-union Democrats are bought off.

But Saathoff isn't alone. The San Diego County Taxpayers Association pounces on excessive government spending — except when the largesse goes to fat-cat members of the association. It gives an annual Golden Fleece award for egregious misspending. Every year, it should give the award to itself. The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce complains of a massive infrastructure deficit,

but it supports corporate giveaways that inhibit the closing of that deficit. The chamber should understand that under the principle of economic opportunity costs, any money spent by government in one place is money that is not spent elsewhere.

To understand the San Diego mentality, the October 9 city manager's report is instructive. It was an explanation of the then-pending plan to ask voters in March to approve a hike in the hotel tax from 10.5 percent to 13 percent. The document explained that even if

all property and sales taxes, the two largest general-fund revenue sources, were dedicated only to police and fire services, "There would still be inadequate funding for the two departments."

Nonetheless, the business/labor group pushing for an increase in the tax asked for a funding increase of \$7 million next year for the convention center, two convention and visitor bureaus, and other promotional programs including the Holiday Bowl and San Diego International Sports Council. In view of the fire damage, the visitor bureaus

perhaps deserve a year of increased subsidies for promotion, but after that, their spending should be sliced. Ditto the convention center. The Holiday Bowl can now stand on its own feet. It is outrageous that the International Sports Council has been getting public funds.

If the measure passes, police and fire departments and infrastructure will get a significant but inadequate piece of the new tax revenues. But they won't get enough to make up for years of neglect.

The promoters of the transient-occupancy tax hike

want to freeze the spending increases in place. This gives the council no flexibility to spend the money where and when it is needed, points out councilmember Donna Frye, whom Mills calls "the only idealist on the council." Although the tax revenue is needed, voters should reject the proposal, because it locks too much corporate welfare in place.

"The fire was the culmination of a whole series of bad decisions," says attorney Mike Aguirre. "There were the repeated approvals of developments without the re-

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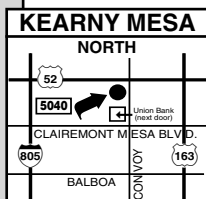
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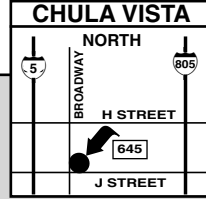
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quired firefighting infrastructure, along with the diversion of money from firefighting to things like the ballpark and Convention and Visitors Bureau. It has been the triumph of greed over need. Yet I saw councilmembers donning yellow firemen's jackets and treating it like a photo op."

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to dance and I said, 'Yeah, I love to dance,' so he took me to a bar. For the first time in my life I had adults who said they liked me, who actually paid attention to me, and said they were attracted to me, and that seduced me and locked me right in. Well, one of these men told me about this place where you could have all the sex you wanted, which was a gay bathhouse. So I went there, and I was only 17, and this older person that worked there would just let me in for free. So I began to have constant sex."

Hartline spent the late

'70s bouncing back and forth between Reno and San Francisco. "But, because I had no life skills, no job skills whatsoever, I started stealing to support myself. When I was 18, I got caught stealing, and they put me in the state penitentiary in Carson City. And the whole time that I was in prison, I was young, I was effeminate, and I didn't know anything so I got taken advantage of a lot sexually and got involved in homosexuality all the years I was locked in prison, which just fed this whole thing. So, what happened in 1982, when I had finished doing prison time in Nevada, I left the state

and came to California and worked my way down the coast from San Francisco to San Diego."

When Hartline got here, the gay community was in the midst of a migration from downtown to Hillcrest, so he settled in the latter area. "For the first time," he recalls, "I was exposed to methamphetamine, which was all over the gay community in those days. And I was able to get all the meth I wanted at the bathhouses because drugs and sex are married in these places. Methamphetamine allows people to have sex for two, three, four days without stopping. It causes a complete release of all the sex

hormones. That's why methamphetamine is oftentimes referred to as the gay drug. It's epidemic in the gay community. It allows people to live out, for days at a time, constant, nonstop sex."

Hartline says he earned the reputation in the bathhouses as being a "drug addict sex fiend" who would have passive anal sex in exchange for drugs. "If you are really young and attractive," he says, "they will give you all of the drugs you want for free to get you to have sex."

"Very seldom," he continues, "would a person use a condom with me before I was infected and even af-

ter I was infected. Their justification is that, if you're the recipient of anal intercourse, it's your responsibility to ask them to use a condom. And in my experience, the vast majority of people who have AIDS don't use condoms."

Hartline isn't alone in this view. In a June 2001 *Washington Monthly* article, San Diego freelance journalist (and professed homosexual) Andrew Webb blamed a resurgence in the rate of AIDS infection — a resurgence that is still underway — in part on a belief, in and out of the gay community, "that when a man has consen-

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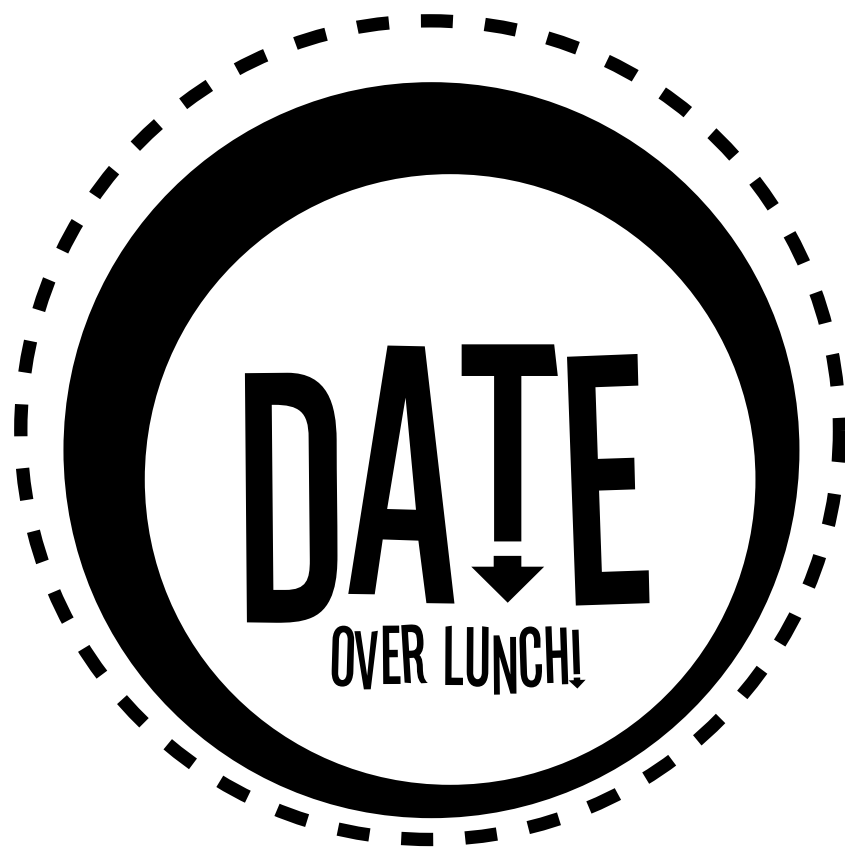
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sual sex with another man and gets infected, it's his own damn fault. (I admit I lean in this direction, and have long accepted that if I were to become infected, it would be no one's responsibility but my own.)"

Webb, who could not be reached for comment, went on to document a growing trend toward "barebacking" — having anal sex without condoms — and he related conversations he'd had with HIV-positive gay men who preferred it. "One of these men," Webb wrote, "said he preferred his partners to be HIV-negative because of the psychic thrill he got from knowing he might infect them. In addition, he said, he prefers that his sexual partner not know he is HIV-positive; he gets a kick out of possibly infecting someone who doesn't know he's getting infected. 'I think it's a power thing,' 19-year-old Zach told me. 'Normally, I like to be the one who is totally dominated, but when I'm topping a guy I like to know that what I'm doing is changing his life, especially if he doesn't want it to be.'"

Knowingly transmitting the AIDS virus is a felony, but so far, only heterosexual men have been convicted of it.

Hartline believes that the barebacking ethic is especially prevalent in the bathhouses, where, he says, anonymity and lack of consequences are part of the attraction. That, he believes, makes those establishments hotbeds for AIDS transmission. His belief would seem to be confirmed by recent studies in Los Angeles. "Men at gay bathhouses in [Los Angeles County]," stated an August 3, 2003, Associated Press report, "tested positive for the AIDS virus at a rate twice that of men tested in public clinics or community-based agencies...of 916 men tested at two Los Angeles bathhouses between May 2001 and December 2002, 102 of them were diagnosed with HIV."

Curiously, the immediate response from Los Angeles County health officials was not a move to

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shut down the bathhouses, but a proclamation that they wanted the bathhouses to stay open. "It's a great place to do more intervention and prevention work," explained Trista Bingham, an epidemiologist with the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services.

Terry Cunningham, director of San Diego County's Office of AIDS Coordination, agrees with his colleague to the north. "We have contracts with community organizations to do outreach into the bathhouses and to conduct risk-reduction workshops. We have a team of health educators and outreach workers who provide one-on-one, risk-reduction education sessions with the patrons as well as conducting outreach. The reason we're doing that is that we realize that it's a high-risk population that attends bathhouses and that there are men in [the bathhouses] who are on the down low, meaning they don't identify themselves as gay, but they are having sex with men. And the only way to reach these populations — who are definitely at risk for transmitting the disease to their heterosexual female partners — is by getting the education in the bathhouses."

Asked whether it would be simpler and more effective to shut down San Diego's three gay bathhouses — Club San Diego, the Mustang Spa at 2200 University Avenue in North Park, and the Vulcan Baths at 805 West Cedar (across Pacific Highway from the County Administration Building) — Cunningham answers, "When San Francisco shut down their bathhouses...one of the things that was the offshoot of that was that several private places opened where anything went. I mean, there were places that opened that were basically bathhouses in somebody's home. If they're underground like that, then you can't get in there and do any type of educational seminars or monitoring or one-on-one counseling or even handing out pamphlets. Because it's an anything-goes environment." ■

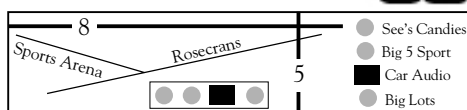
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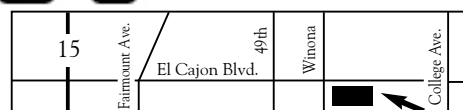
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publican 29 percent
D. Democrat 43 percent, Republican 35 percent

10. During the first week of October, the labor department reported that jobless claims dropped to their lowest level in eight months. In spite of the slow drop in unemployment, the economy has been recovering for some time. How many months has the economy been in recovery?

- A. 10
B. 13
C. 23
D. 28

11. Clint Eastwood directed the new hit film *Mystic River* but does not appear in it. What other Clint Eastwood film did he direct but not appear in?

- A. *Play Misty for Me*
B. *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*
C. *White Hunter, Black Heart*
D. *Absolute Power*

12. One of the most contentious issues in the grocery-workers strike was a proposal that workers would have to pay a portion of health insurance premiums as a part of their benefits package. According to the proposal, workers would be required to pay how much

per week from their salary for individual coverage?

- A. \$5
B. \$20
C. \$25
D. \$35

13. October 16 marked the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's becoming pope, making his reign one of the longest in the history of the Catholic Church. Which pope had the longest reign?

- A. Pope Pius XII, 20th Century
B. Pope Leo XIII, 19th Century
C. Pope St. ory the Great, 5th and 6th Century

D. St. Peter, the first pope

14. After Arnold Schwarzenegger's election success, other celebrities are considering running for public office. Which personality/entertainer had his/her name floated in the press as a possible Republican opponent to Senator Barbara Boxer?

- A. James Woods
B. Dr. Laura Schlessinger
C. Dennis Miller
D. Mel Gibson

15. Which group of three states has had no incidence of humans infected with the West Nile virus (so far)?

- A. Wyoming, Colorado, and

New Mexico

- B. Arizona, Nevada, and Utah
C. California, Nevada, and Utah
D. Washington, Oregon, and Idaho

16. Since 1997, how much has the City of San Diego been billed by the Chargers for the infamous ticket guarantee?

- A. \$10.8 million
B. \$15.4 million
C. \$27 million
D. \$34.7 million

17. Conjoined twins Ahmed and Mohamed Ibrahim were surgically separated in a 34-hour operation that was particularly difficult, since they were joined at the

head. The twins are from which country?

- A. Egypt
B. Algiers
C. Jordan
D. Kuwait

18. A recall election study by Edison Media Research concluded that "butterfly ballots" confused voters and that there were several mis-cast ballots in the election. How many miscast votes do they estimate took place?

- A. 2100
B. 3000
C. 5000
D. 10,800

19. The Rincon reservation

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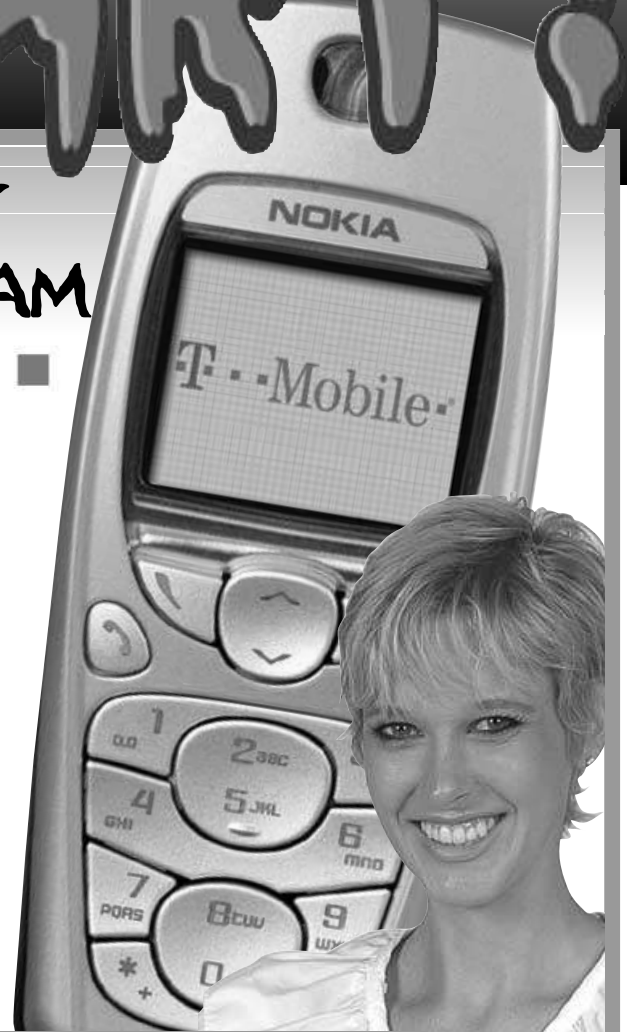
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B. MGM Mirage
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20. The Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla is hoping to create a sister facility on the East Coast. The designated site for the new facility is, tentatively:

A. Norfolk, Virginia
B. Annapolis, Maryland
C. Palm Beach, Florida
D. Jacksonville, Florida

21. The Chicago Cubs lost the National League Pen- nant to the Florida Marlins. The Cubs' hopes to win faded when, in game six, a Cubs fan deflected an eighth-inning foul ball that outfielder Moises Alou was set to catch, which could

have resulted in Chicago winning 3-0. Instead, Florida rallied that inning, scoring how many runs in one inning?

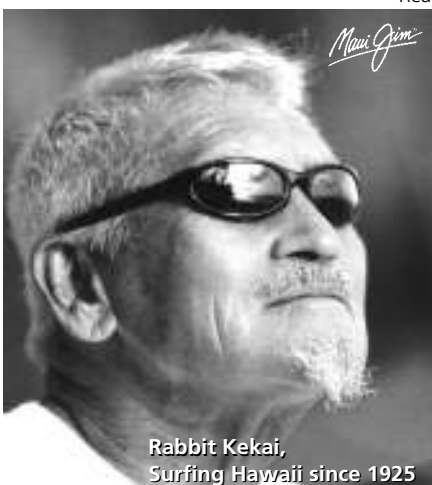
A. six
B. seven
C. eight
D. nine ■

ANSWERS:

1. C, the media
2. B, 30 percent
3. B, UCSD
4. D, Chinese
5. A, Jack in the Box
6. B, Smart & Final
7. D, Tijuana
8. C, Larry Flynt
9. D, Democrat 43 percent, Republican 35 percent
10. C, 23 months
11. B, *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*
12. A, \$5
13. D, St. Peter
14. C, Dennis Miller
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— Karlos, the net

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Heymatt:

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— Smokeless, the net

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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Rest Stop

Last week, the cruelties of life intervened, and I was unable to attend our weekly meeting. I see some of you were absent as well. And so, to mark, and therefore to acknowledge, that very hard week, I'll set sports aside and serve up a story from another time and place. I've heard travel restores the spirit.

A good while ago I worked at Point Barrow [Alaska] Station. Said outpost is an important, nay, critical appendage of the DEW Line, that's Distant Early Warning Line for civilians. The Line, built in the mid-50s, consists of a string of 58 radar stations running from Cape Lisburne, on the northwest coast of Alaska, to the eastern shore of Baffin Island, which is, for the geographically impaired, across the street from Greenland. The idea was to catch sight of a sneaky, over-the-North-Pole, Ruskie bomber/missile attack right off the bat. That way, we would have time to launch 12,000 nuclear bombs and fry every Karl Marx loving commie in Commieland.

Point Barrow Station had super-trained radar specialists and super-secret gear, secret rooms, secret gewgaws and secret handshakes. Still, everybody has to eat and somebody has to cook. Everybody has to sleep and somebody has to change the sheets. Somebody has to keep the heaters running, shovel the snow, fix the plumbing, replace broken windows, order and warehouse supplies, in short, somebody has to do the bullshit.

I should mention that DEW Line sites are called *camps* by their worker bees. The radar stuff is the least part of a camp's lay-out. There are dormitories to house workers, offices for staff, an industrial kitchen, large dining hall, recreation rooms, mechanic shops, warehouses, and blah-de-blah-blah, but most precious of all, and a DEW Line exclusive, was a magnificent full-service bar. This was frequently used to liquor-up town women (Barrow is dry), as warm-up for a late-night dormitory sneak followed by, one hopes, repeated sexual exploitation.

I was in Barrow by way of Laborers Local 942 of Fairbanks, Alaska, having squealed loudest when the job was announced at the dispatch window. Barrow was a crazy job, although, come to think of it, every job north of the Arctic Circle is crazy. Still, Barrow is unique (gather 6000 Inupiat Eskimos, give them political control, one billion dollars, and stand back). On this occasion, I was partially sheltered from Barrow lunacy since I was ensconced on fed-

eral property, where, in general, life was merely psychotic. My mission was to assist two environmental biologists as they rooted through the tundra adjacent to the station.

The area was littered with rusted, 55-gallon drums. No one knew what was in those drums as they had been resting there for decades, disposed of in simpler times when medical doctors recommended Lucky Strikes cigarettes for delicate nerves. It was known, as well as you can know these things, that many drums, at least those that hadn't leaked their contents into the ground, contained toxic liquids. The biologists were there to determine which barrels were toxic and needed to be tagged, so that, if funding and a great many other things happened in precisely the right sequence, said drums would be carried off to become someone else's problem. I was there to do what laborers do: lift that big, heavy thing and move it from point A to point B.

But, before I go further, I'm required to talk about the arctic and its perilous weather. Okay, here we go. In winter, the temperature gets down to 30, 40, 50 below zero. I've worked outside at 62-below zero, and that was in still air, bucko. I remember thinking, "Fuck, this is cold!" But, that ain't nothing; you ought a be there when the wind howls, the wind ceaselessly howls and that howling wind takes the wind-chill factor down to -130, maybe -190, maybe -475, or, more likely, -1000 degrees below zero and more. Oogie, Oogie, Oogie.

The arctic is cold and dark and all that, but they have the same percentage of stupid people living in Alaska as you'll find anywhere else. They make it through arctic winters, you can too; if you; a, had to; b, wanted to.

Now then, if you'll pan the camera to the right and zoom in, you'll see me standing on the back of a flatbed truck with six other partygoers. It's July. Craig, a cocaine-addled Teamster, is wheelman. We are making our way down the Barrow spit to a beach party and enjoying a heatwave, the ambient temperature topping out at a record-breaking 65 degrees above zero. The Arctic ice pack has retreated to a position a quarter-mile offshore, which leaves — here's the point — a stretch of open sea water; naked, muddy, gray, but indisputably liquid, available to the public for frolic and amusement.

It was one of the five or six happiest days of my life.

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

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Congregation: 2400 families
Staff: 12 full-time, 4 part-time
Annual budget: \$1 million
Weekly giving: \$19,000
Catechism enrollment: 600
Singles program: yes
Diversity: white, Hispanic, Asian
Dress: casual to dressy
Services: Sunday Mass, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

"Blasted out of the sky," said the newscaster on my car radio last Sunday morning. I was on my way to Saint Mary Star of the Sea in Oceanside. "Fifteen American soldiers, about to go on leave, died when their helicopter was shot down in Iraq."

Dozens of buckets of orange marigolds lined the street in front of St. Mary. Oceanside was celebrating its third annual Day of the Dead

Festival. Up and down the street, the city's residents from Oaxaca, Mexico, where the holiday is celebrated elaborately, were decorating *ofrendas*, altars honoring their dead, with marigolds, candles, tortillas, beer, tequila, bowls of salsa and mole, and ornate sugar-coated loaves of *pan de muerto*, Bread of the Dead. Inside St. Mary's narthex, someone had arranged stacks of pamphlets: *When Someone's Suffering or Death Makes You Question Your Faith*, *When a Death Comes Unexpectedly*, *What Everyone Should Know About Suicide and Older People*, *Grieving the Death of a Grown Son or Daughter*, *Using Hospice Care When a Loved One Is Terminally Ill*, and *Grieving as a Woman*.

Constructed in 1927, refurbished last year, St. Mary is Spanish-style, with a pale wood floor, very high pale white walls, and vaguely baroque beams that support the vaulted ceiling. This simplicity serves a purpose. The wall behind the high altar is painted lavender. Front and center on the high altar sits the Tabernacle, an unambiguous signal that St. Mary is a traditional parish.

The pastor, Reverend Patrick Mulcahy, a San Diego native and UCSD graduate, told me his parish has become at least half Spanish-speaking. "And we have a large number of military families. We've really reached out to them since the war began." One of last Sunday's announcements was for a special Mass to be held that coming Wednesday in honor of the Marine Corps. "We ask that the military please attend in Dress Blues."

At last Sunday's 9:00 a.m. Mass, ushers wedged more and more people into the already crowded pews. Families stood shoulder to shoulder in the narthex. Reverend Joseph Viet Hoang, St. Mary's associate priest, was celebrant. He thrust his chin forward, straining to make himself heard over rowdy toddlers at the nave's

rear. Reverend Hoang said he very much wanted us to understand what he was about to say in his homily.

"For me," he said, "All Souls is a *funeral* day. It is a day when all Roman Catholics remember their dead. The people who have gone before us and who are relying upon us to pray that God will forgive them their sins and receive them into his kingdom.

"Today I look out and I see many young faces. The young think that life is just for free. They don't worry about death. They think they are immortal. Those of us who are older will spend today confronting our own death. We realize that our own death is something real. We *all* shall die.

"And so on this day we especially remember to pray for those family members who have gone before us. All the self-confidence we might have, all our *freedom*, is the result of sacrifices they made for us. We understand this most clearly in the Holy Eucharist. Sacrificing one's own life, giving one's own life, so that others might live. This is what the Holy Eucharist calls us to do.

"We should welcome this opportunity to pray to God and ask his forgiveness for their sins. We do this as a demonstration of our gratitude for what they've done in our lives. We pray that they might be forgiven and received into the fullness of God's life everlasting."

After Mass, people flowed from the nave into the Day of the Dead Festival, where more than a few *ofrendas* displayed photos of Cesar Chavez. Middle-aged white matrons in a polite way quizzed dark-skinned Oaxacans about the Bread of the Dead, loaves of which were on sale for \$6.95. Before one *ofrenda*, I witnessed a cultural misunderstanding. A Oaxacan woman persisted in speaking Spanish to a very dark-skinned young man who'd just walked out of St. Mary.

"But I don't speak Spanish," the young man stuttered to the woman and the small crowd around him. "I'm Indian. I'm from Goa. In *India*. I was raised in Karachi, Pakistan. I'm Roman Catholic. But I've never been in Latin America in my life."

The young man told me that his name was Pedro Rodriguez.

"Goa in India was colonized by the Portuguese in the early 16th Century. We Goans all have Christian names. I'm from the Goan community in Karachi, Pakistan. There were quite a few of us there. But you can be sure that in Pakistan any Christians with any money have left. We're all over the world now. We Christians from Pakistan have great sympathy for the United States. We know what it's like to be hated by Muslim fanatics. We could never go to Christmas Mass because some fanatic always called in a bomb threat. The same for Easter. The Muslim fanatics didn't like Easter and Christmas because those holidays meant celebration. They left us alone only on All Saints and All Souls. They left us alone with our dead."

— Abe Opincar



REVEREND PATRICK MULCAHY

Saint Mary Star of the Sea Oceanside ★★★

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Dear Aunt Trudy,

Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming up fast, and my wife always gets depressed at this time of year because we have to spend time with her family. They are not the worst people in the world by any means, but they're not the nicest or most considerate either. My wife has some unresolved issues with a few of her family members and usually at least one of them acts up at these holiday get-togethers. They're a real chore neither of us looks forward to. I hate to see my lovely wife get so down in the dumps when November and December loom, so this year, half jokingly, I suggested that we go away for at least one of these holidays, just the two of us. I thought my wife would consider this heresy, but she actually jumped at the idea and now wants to skip her family celebration this Thanksgiving and take a little trip. She seems much happier now that we are discussing this as a real possibility. Her family is so darned touchy, though, I am wondering whether I shouldn't just wait till the last minute and tell them I got the flu, rather than that we're going to drive up the coast to Carmel. I don't want her to suffer their wrath. I feel guilty for having put the idea in her head that we could opt out of the family holiday, or I will feel guilty if her family gets all annoyed and punishes her. Should I tell a white lie about being sick, or let my wife tell them the truth about our plans? She is ready to tell them the truth, but I don't think she realizes how much they may get on her back if we are honest about how we're going to spend the holiday.

TORN CHULA VISTA HUSBAND

Dear Torn,

It's amazing how many of us live in fear of our families. Samuel Butler wrote, "I believe that more unhappiness comes from this source (one's family) than from any other — I mean from the attempt to prolong family connections unduly and to make people hang together artificially who would never naturally do so." His is admittedly a dim view of blood relations, which are a major source of brightness and joy in some lives. I think that you and your wife have a right to take a holiday to yourselves once in a while. I know you are considering fabricating an excuse because you want to spare your in-laws' feelings and shield your wife from their anger. But your wife favors being honest about your plans and that sounds best to me, too. Don't sully your relaxing vacation with the nervous worry that comes with telling fibs. Politely tell your relations that you and your wife will be out of town this Thanksgiving. Be considerate and give them some notice, rather than phoning in at the last moment with a fake cough. Maybe they'll surprise you and take the news gra-

ciously. If they behave too badly about your absence, then perhaps you'll have an excuse to skip Christmas as well.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I've read several letters in your column from people seeking ways to lessen the effects of annoying outside noises (caused by unruly neighbors) on their indoor home environment. Someone wrote to you suggesting that the people who were being bombarded by the din get an air-conditioner or air-cleaning machine that emits white noise as it works, to help block out the obnoxious racket. Maybe you aren't aware that these days there are machines designed specifically to create white noise or calming, pleasant sounds in order to mask nearby hubbub. I have such a machine, and it works quite well. The chain of stores called the Sharper Image sells them, though I'm sure there are cheaper brands. The Sharper Image calls theirs a "Sound Soother," and their catalog of products is available online. The folks who wrote to you could shop around and find such a machine. It might ease their sound pollution problem a bit. I'm pleased with mine and have had it for years.

F.X. IN NATIONAL CITY

Dear F.X.,

Thanks for your helpful message. I did look online, and there are, as you said, a range of machines advertised to perform the very functions you described. Some of them include AM/FM radios and/or CD players and/or sophisticated sound systems. Many stores that sell electronic appliances apparently stock versions of these items, and there's quite a wide price range. If the claims are true, these machines offer a choice of soothing sounds to mask disturbing noises and might be a real life saver for the besieged homeowner or apartment dweller who is weary of earplugs.

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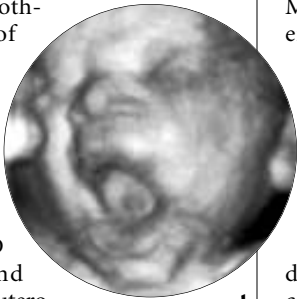
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-EVE KELLY

After years of fruitless effort, my friend Patricia has gotten pregnant. She's in her early 40s, and she figures this is her one shot at motherhood. Because of this, every new aspect of the experience is poignant for her — her first time is also her last. When I came across some ads for centers offering 3D and 4D ultrasound images of babies in utero, I thought I might have found the kind of gift that would resonate with my friend. The photos mesmerized me, offering remarkable detail and depth, especially when compared to the two-dimensional shots I received from my doctor at my 20-week screenings.



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I called Sam Gadalla of Babies First Ultrasound in Miramar (858-549-7666). He explained that, beyond the heightened clarity, depth, and color provided by a 3D image, the service also offered a fourth dimension — time. “The 3D image is the equivalent of a photograph,” explained Gadalla. “The 4D is the equivalent of a video.” But for all the service’s visual splendor, Gadalla stressed that “this is not meant to replace your normal obstetrical exams or sonograms. We do do a limited diagnostic where we take the baby’s measurements, but I assume the motivation for this technology was to create better bonding between patients and their unborn children.”

“In general,” continued Gadalla, “we like to see the client after their first formal ultrasound from their physician,” usually around 20 weeks. “If you come in soon after that, you can see more of the baby” in the images, “since the baby is smaller. If you come in later in the pregnancy, you can generally get better images of the facial features. We can usually determine gender any time after 16 weeks; if we’re not able to do so, we invite the client to come back in free of charge. Occasionally, the baby is in a bad position, and we’re not able to get good pictures,” which also qualifies for a free return visit.



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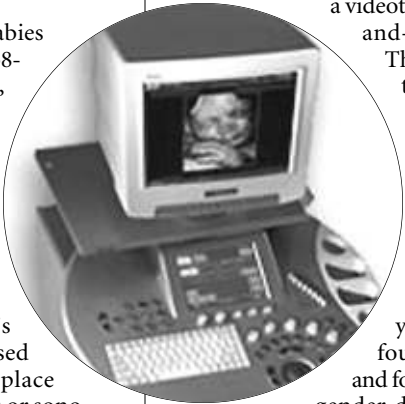
Babies First Ultrasound’s platinum package (\$149) includes the widest array: a limited fetal diagnostic in which measurements are taken, eight color and eight black-and-white 3D images, gender determination, a CD-ROM with 16 digital pictures, and a video. In addition, “patients can choose if they would like a DVD or additional pictures.” The mini package (\$99) offers the

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diagnostic, four pictures, gender determination, and a videotape.

The receptionist at Fetal Photos in Mission Valley (1-800-671-3686) also emphasized that “this does not replace your prenatal care. We’re very limited in terms of medical; we don’t do diagnostic or measurements. We really focus on images.” The company is currently offering a special (\$159), which includes a VHS tape, a CD-ROM with eight black-and-white photos (four 2D, four 3D), and four to nine color 3D images, depending on the size of the photos. Gift certificates are available.

“This is more of a keepsake” than a medical diagnosis, echoed the receptionist at Ultrasound Assistance and 4D Imaging in Vista (760-414-9419). “You can choose from the silver, gold, or platinum packages. The silver [\$140] includes a videotape and four black-and-white 3D images. The gold [\$185] contains a videotape, four black-and-white and four-color 3D images, a CD-ROM or an 8x10 photo, and gender determination. With the platinum [\$235], you get a videotape, four black-and-white and four color 3D images, gender determination, the CD-ROM, and the 8x10 photo.”



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Talk of doctors led me to call Dr. Larry Platt, member and past president of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine. Platt supports ultrasound, but he is not a fan of what he terms “entertainment” ultrasound. “While the AIUM states that there is no proven bioeffect — that is, harm that can be caused by ultrasound — it is an energy form, and we can never prove safety. We can only show bioeffects. We have a Prudent Use Statement, which basically says to use ultrasound prudently — when it’s clinically indicated.”

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Thirty Years Ago

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— PERSONALS, November 8, 1973

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Far from being a Renaissance man, your modern runner is likely to cram all of humanity's activities into a small, humid locker. They expatiate on running and being, running and God, running with Jesus, running and nihilism, running and persons, children running with single parents, preschool running, the golden age runner and his problems, running for number one, running without fear, running and madness. They discourse learnedly on treadmill times, age-weight-time ratios, pulse rates, vital capacities, cardiovascular endurance, blood in the urine, backache, hematoma, hamstring pulls, lactic acid buildup, metatarsals, Achilles tendon troubles, and bean sprouts.
— "RUNNING COMMENTARY," Robert Nordlie, November 9, 1978

Twenty Years Ago

The city council, city attorney, state courts, and a group of dedicated residents keep trying to make it impossible for Vine Miranda to show X-rated films at his Strand Theater in Ocean Beach, but Miranda continues, undeterred. Miranda bought the Newport Avenue movie house in 1982 and quickly changed its failing, repertory/art film lineup to the same adult-movie fare offered at his four local Pussycat theaters. Then came community protest in the form of picket lines and petitions, and a city attorney's lawsuit alleging that the Strand was in violation of a city ordinance prohibiting the showing of X-rated movies within 1000 feet of a residential zone.
— CITY LIGHTS, "PORN UNDER A BAD SIGN," Paul Krueger, November 10, 1983

Fifteen Years Ago

"Every once in a while, my dad would use the words 'nigger' or 'kike.' But he didn't make a fetish out of it. It was something he did when he got mad, when someone did him wrong. Just when he was really emotional, with a lot of work going on and stuff and someone did him wrong. He always had a reason. I mean, he never said, like, 'Hey, he was a Mexican' or a 'beaner' or 'He was a nigger.' It wasn't in the sense that they got a job he thought he could



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have got. But when, for example, some guy not caring and bumping into a lady and not even picking up the groceries after and Dad saw it, he'd say, 'Oh, stupid nigger' or something like that. Just like a lot of people do..."
— "WHITE ON WHITE" (INTERVIEW WITH JOHN METZGER), Abe Opincar, November 10, 1988

Ten Years Ago

Don't get me going on the Princess of Wales or you'll never hear the end of it. When she's out with her boyfriends on those Mediterranean islands or whatever they are, lolling around on the sand and showing off her female graces to photographers drunk with lust, I'll bet the songs she's listening to aren't the ones the Royal Regiments will be playing, like "Amazing Grace" and "The Saints"! More like saxophone music and French songs, I should think. But then I wonder about those Americans. They still go mad with ecstasy anytime a member of the royal family does anything at all. Never mind coronations, they'd kill for tickets to the Royal Divorce.
— "ALL THOSE BRAIDS AND SWORDS AND KILTS," A BRITISH MOTHER (name withheld by request), November 11, 1993

Five Years Ago

Poor Justin Wolff ("Sightseer," November 5). Not only is he balding, husky, and hairy, but he is way off the mark in terms of what wise women know about sexual attractiveness. Like most people, he is confusing what is fashionable and what is biologically a turn-on. Men with lots of testosterone are often bald, husky, and hairy — and very appealing to feminine women in touch with their own sexuality. Even though women may pine over the fashionably attractive movie idol or model (who may actually be gay), real women prefer real men with all of their so-called imperfections!
— LETTERS, "LADIES WHO LOVE TESTOSTERONE," Lindy Gentilcore, November 12, 1998

Crasher

I WENT POSTAL

by Josh Board

the men and women of the First Marine Expeditionary Force in Camp Pendleton were being given a welcome-home parade from the war in Iraq. At first, I was hot and miserable, having just gotten over a migraine the day before. But when I saw the flags and signs that said "Welcome Home," it made me feel patriotic. I saw couples kissing who could rival that famous photo of the sailor kissing the nurse. Marine helicopters were flying low, and cannons shot red, white, and blue confetti. It was loud and thrilling.

One couple, Barbara and Stephen, were having a big welcome-home party. Barbara told me, "When he's been away, usually the first thing we do is jump in the sack." Stephen laughed and said, "Does this really have to be in the *Reader*?" She said, "But this time, we invited our friends, neighbors, and family. We are having a big welcome-home party, with lots of food and drinks, as soon as we leave here." Stephen quickly added, "And then we'll jump in the sack." I asked if I could go to the party to write about it, but they didn't seem thrilled by the idea, so I didn't push the issue.



There were more than 20 war protesters who carried signs. The crowd let them know they didn't appreciate their presence. The police had to break up a few confrontations. One person yelled, "If you don't like living here, go to Iraq and live."

I left to start getting my Halloween costume ready for the party I had to attend that



tiger to attach to my neck, or a sequined shirt. Maybe that would've been in bad taste. The doctors did just remove part of his skull. Although I do

workers?) I wore a uniform covered in fake blood, with fake guns, knives, and nun-chakus dangling from my postal bag.

The house where a few of the guys from the *Stennis* lived was in Chula Vista. It was a big house with a scarecrow and pumpkins on the front lawn to greet you. Spider webs crossed the door, and as I walked in, a fog machine was making the living room hard to see. When the fog cleared, I saw candles and a woman reading tarot cards in the corner. The TV was showing an old horror movie in black and white. That brought

back horribly scary memories of my youth. Not being frightened by the films, but of listening to my stepdad explain in great detail why Lon Chaney Jr. was so great as the Wolf-man and why horror movies today suck.

The back yard was all dirt, which normally isn't the best look for a back yard. But when you have it turned into a graveyard, it's perfect. There were four graves, all with candles around them, and tombstones. One had a skeleton climbing out from the dirt.

I saw a couple of people dressed as priests. One had a sign that read "Bring Out Your Young," a funny play on the line "Bring Out Your Dead." I was told before attending this party that it was tradition for a lot of the guys to dress like women. But I only saw three: one dressed like a nurse, one in a Denver Broncos cheerleading outfit, and one guy who looked like Kid Rock but had angel wings and silver eye-lashes. I asked the cheerleader if he was a Bronco fan, and he said, "No way, man, I love the 49ers."

One guy was wearing an orange jail jumpsuit, and when he turned around, I noticed the fake beard and the swastika he

There were two cowgirls, three priests, and a few French maids.

night. It was for more military guys: the crew of the *USS Stennis*. They were leaving the next day for two months out to sea. And this was their second annual Halloween party. I was planning to dress up as Roy Horn, of Sigfried & Roy, but I couldn't find a stuffed white

remember, soon after the Jeffrey Dahmer thing, people dressed as him, with fake body parts in their pockets, or dressing like refrigerators with body parts in them.

I ended up going as a disgruntled postal worker. (Are there any "gruntled" postal

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Crasher

had on his forehead. He was supposed to be Charles Manson. Another guy at the party had the same wig and beard, but he was Jesus.

I saw two black guys who weren't dressed up and asked them why. One of them said, "Well, I wasn't even sure I was going to attend. But I work with all these guys, so I had to show up. It's a cool party." Since one of them was from Milwaukee, we ended up talking about the Bucks for half an hour. Two other African-Americans were wearing pimp outfits. I heard somebody say, "Those aren't even costumes. That's the regular shit you guys wear when you go out." One laughed and uttered something about "finding some ho's to slap around."

It was amusing to see people in the same type of costume. There were two devils, my favorite being the one with a red garter belt. There were two angels. It was funny seeing both of them with their wings off, leaning against a wall. There were two cowgirls, three priests, and a few French maids.

One quiet Vietnamese girl was sitting right next to the fog machine. I asked, "Isn't that dangerous, inhaling all that?" She said, "I live in L.A. I'm used to this type of smog." She told me she goes to Cal Poly and that her friend invited her to the party. Since she wanted to make a career out of being in the music industry, and I spent five

years at a radio station, we talked about that for a while. She was dressed like a fly and said, "These wings bother me. I wasn't going to wear a costume, but my friend had this at her place, so I threw it on at the last minute." She then asked, "Are you supposed to be a mailman that was attacked by a dog?" I said, "No, I'm supposed to be disgruntled. I shot people I work with. And people who didn't use their zip codes." She looked confused and said she's never heard of postal workers killing people. She said, "I just moved to Pomona from St. Paul, Minnesota. Is that common out here?" I would later meet a beautiful lady from Brazil who was going to college out here but getting ready to move back home. She said, "I thought somebody attacked you, but then they explained that you 'went postal.' I still don't think I understand what that means."

My friend finally showed up, and she was dressed as Rainbow Brite. Everyone knew who that was but me, although I did know what her husband was supposed to be. She said, "He spent hours building the costume with chicken wire. He wouldn't tell me what it was going to be."

Then he walked through the door. He was a gigantic penis. And he almost got circumcised when he walked near the ceiling fan — somebody had to yell for him to duck. When he was walking around later without the costume, somebody said, "What happened, dick-

head?" He said, "I took it off for a second, and somebody sat on it. Now it's cracked, and I think it's going to fall apart."

I saw a pirate talking to a Target employee. I said, "Did you just get off work and come here?" He said, "No, I worked at Target years ago. I couldn't think of a costume, so I just wore my old uniform. When I quit, I just walked out. I never gave the uniform back. The good thing is, it has my name tag on it, so everyone will know my name."

One guy was wearing a black suit and a tie. I asked if he was supposed to be a Mormon, and he said "No, I'm a teacher." I didn't understand that until an hour later, when he was dancing by a boom box in the living room. His girlfriend was a schoolgirl, with a plaid skirt and her shirt tied at the belly button. He was spanking her as she danced seductively.

I asked one lady if she was supposed to be Uma Thurman from *Pulp Fiction*. She said, "You're the only one who knew. My friend had this wig, and since I worked from 11:00 a.m. until almost 11:00 tonight, I didn't have time to do a big, elaborate costume. So I went with this. I either needed somebody to do the Travolta character, or Samuel L. Jackson, with that funky hair."

One of the ladies who lived there was a cowgirl who had blackened out one of her teeth. She was talking to another cowgirl, and I heard one guy say, "Why is it women look so much cuter when they are in costumes?"

I talked to some of the crew members of the USS *Stennis* about going away for two months. Most of them agreed that it sucked to go out on long deployments. One said, "It wouldn't be so bad if you did it continually. But just when you get used to being back here, then you go out again. Or when you are out there and enjoying things. Maybe it's a bunch

of us watching some sporting event on the ship. Or stopping somewhere like Australia. Then we seem to be returning too soon. This time, though, we're just going out around Mexico. Training some pilots on how to land. A few months isn't that big a deal."

I asked one of the ladies living there if the neighbors complained about the noise. She said, "No, because we keep the music on inside, and not very loud. In the back yard, there's a lot of people talking, but it's not that loud. And we only do this once a year. Well, sometimes we have other parties, but not this big."

The cops did show up. It was because of a fight in the front yard. I had seen two people arguing in the back yard and others telling them to break it up or leave. They apparently took it out front, and the cops were called. They stopped fighting right before the cops showed up, and one jumped the fence to leave the scene. A few others at the party were getting rid of their alcohol, since they were 19 or 20. It seems odd that we can have these kids defend our country and die for our country, but they can't have a few beers because they are a few months shy of 21.

The lady dressed as a cop, with tight black leather shorts and black stockings, went out to talk to the real police. I started going out there to take pictures, and someone said, "Come on, man. Don't take pictures of that. I hope you aren't going to write about the fight either." As I pleaded my case, I realized the nun-chakus I had are actually illegal. When I was ten, two cop cars pulled up to my house, since I was practicing with them outside. By the time I hid them and went outside, the police had bailed. ■

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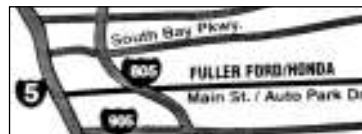
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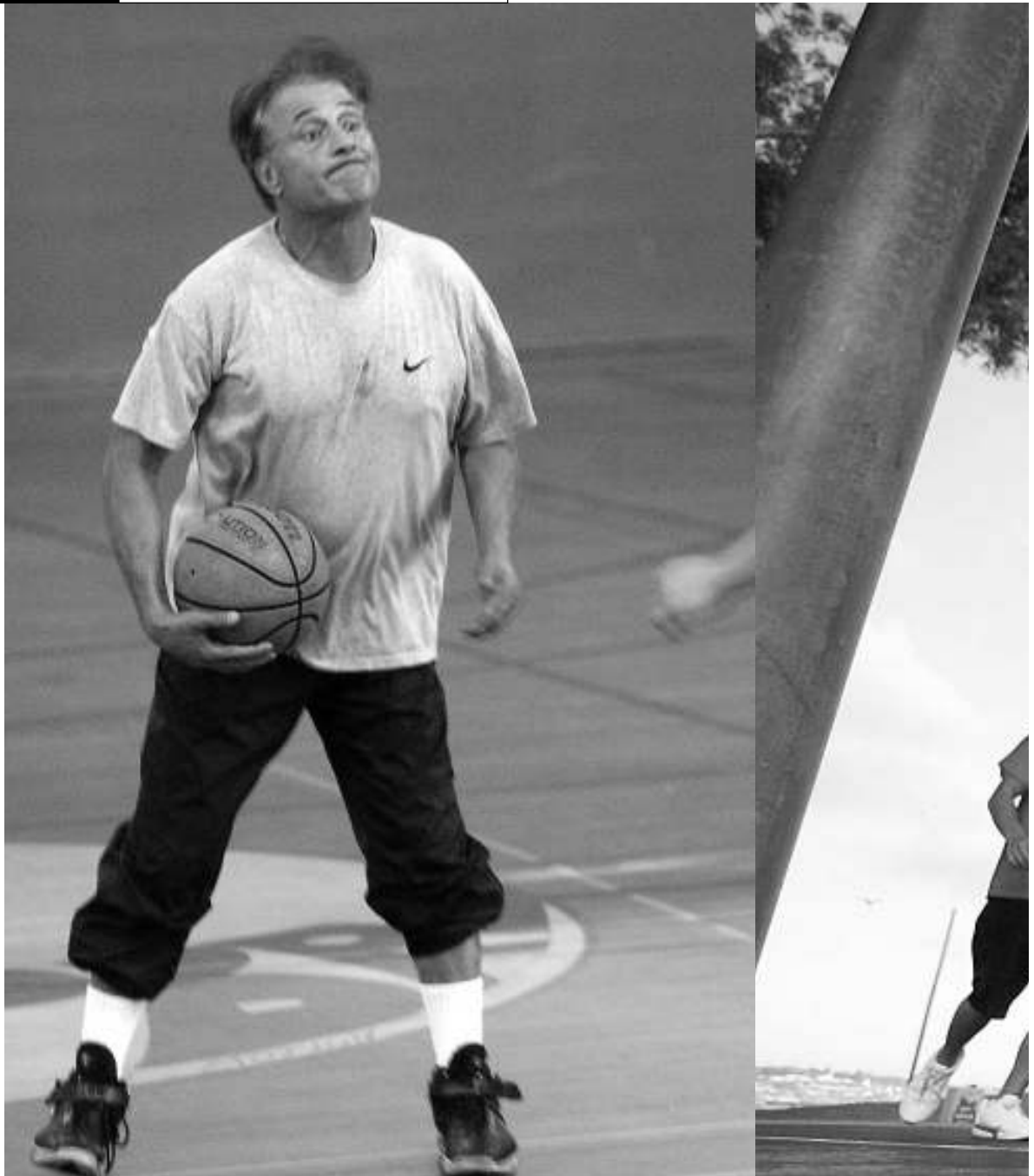
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given city corners, from hordes of outsized guys geared up in gaudy shoes and baggy shorts. Just look at 'em, dancing in feints and slants, passing and bouncing that spherical, orange, whumpringing thing, launching it, then leaping at the elevated facing stations. Ten towering Goliaths tilting to a special set of rules, competing between drawn arcs and outlines of otherworldly significance: the aliens have landed *here*.

And I've arrived as well. To join them at their wild game.

Hit the court, and your hands start to sweat, a Pavlovian response, no doubt, and the ability to use our mother tongue drops by grade levels. Perhaps my gift of expression's bestowed to the bouncing ball, exchanges of energy neither gained nor lost, my good words becoming blunt thumps. Whatever. Suddenly I too am grunting, reduced to that question of questions, "Who got next?" but I don't pronounce the *t*, it's "nex," jus "nex," and then, "Yo, I run wit you?", no extra syllables, yo, yo, what up kid?, got yer five?, foul,



Lenny

mine, face, brick, broke, glass, got it, switch, pick left, pick right, nice run...the vaunted litany of the game.

But this is *pickup* ball, yo. As in, pick up the players you can run with, and then run with them. (Games of B-ball are run, not played.) And it's "B-ball," or just ball, as though no other ball games exist. And when you run with the team you picked up, or the team that picked you up, you got to win to stay on.

It's no coaches, no whistles, no uniforms. Come as you are and run till you lose. Game's to 9, 11, 13, or 15. Depends on where you play. Back East is by-2, play a zone, showboat, talk trash, pass only when you can't just jack it up; in the Midwest it's old-school, pick-and-roll, pass-and-move, no flash, team-ball technique; in San Diego anything goes, Hollywood or Hoboken, dish and dash, beach-

bum-mellow hand-in-hand with steep-ski-slope severe.

Yes-s-s-s, this is *pickup* basketball, bayy-beee, and it's an established country. A language, a culture, and a territory, with the obligatory odd inhabitants commuting in. This is one nation, under sport, no social or economic or racial boundaries, where all the talent levels, ages, and even the sexes can come together, vastly different partners in a single common realm: the Game.

I live there.

For me, arriving in San Diego was an entrance unto heaven. (I really don't believe I'm overstating this.) I came here from the Bronx, vaguely the equivalent of going gourmet after years of charred meat. Sunshine, people who look you in the eye, broad smiles, wide spaces, I mean, it's novelty versus cliché. And not to mention, *indoor* pickup

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basketball. As in: soft, flat wooden courts instead of hard, cracked blacktop, and year-round day or night games unmolested by the seasons and the weather. You're lucky to run B-ball 50 times a year in the Boogie Down back East, unless you pay for it, ten bucks a pop, just to see the light of a gymnasium. Or you can shovel the courts, take off your mittens, and get some other fearless friends. How about this: just three years here in P.B. I've played maybe 700 afternoons. See what I mean? An f—ing dream.

The center of my heaven, ninth cloud and pearly gate, the perfect place for me to be is located at the corner of Diamond and Gresham, and its official designation runs something like "The Pacific Beach Recreation Center," though hereinafter I shall refer to it by its appropriate street tag, "P.B. Rec." Basketball at P.B. Rec begins most days around 1:30, and

the schedule's a veritable certitude around which I mold the rest of my life: basketball-time, then writing-time, then work-time, and now that I'm a newlywed, my home-time has to find time too. But it's basketball first and foremost, as I've had to make my editor, and then my boss, and now my good wife understand.

Early in our courtship I introduced my sweetheart to this old Wilson "Solution" of mine. I told them both, gently but firmly, that one could be my wife, and one could be my basketball, and they would have to reach an understanding for us to live together happily. You might think this is funny, or that I'm joking, and although I do mean it somewhat figuratively, in truth I'm as serious as the angle of a skunk's tail. By that I mean: basketball takes my *time*, I love it, and therefore it catches some of my best attention. That's how

it is, I'm sorry, so live with it. Of course my wife, with her characteristic wit and energy, suggested the three of us play together, a full courtship with no pun intended, a sort of one-on-one ménage à trois. Nice idea. Didn't work out. They couldn't get along with me there, you know, hogging each other's concentration, getting defensive, funny bounces, jealousy, and all that. Still, I'm glad we tried it. A little adversity makes any relationship stronger.

This is to say that, by now, my relationship with my own body should lift rivers and move mountains. It's been adversity after adversity ever since I turned 30. Playing all that B-ball again after my Bronx hiatus earned me, let's see: three twisted ankles (twice on the left and once right), a pulled groin, one strained abdomen (try sneezing, or standing up from a chair), and eight or nine

bouts of inflamed and blistered toes, including one blood-poisoning incident (contaminated through a toe blister — the doctor told me I was two days from “multiple organ failure”). And now that youth and quickness and dunking are the stuff of memory for me and my body, I’m become a shadow of what I was, no doubt about it.

But I wouldn’t change a thing. (Except for the part about the dunking. Being able to dunk a basketball on a ten-foot hoop — and, by the way, I’m a short-ish, 5-foot-10 white guy — lends one a kind of infallible authority, as in, “You didn’t listen to me before, but when I throw this fucker down, uh-huh, *now* I represent represent!”) It’s kind of funny, but the past four years or so, since I hit that mythic, hated 30, most older fellas I’ve seen I’ve thought: “Is

that me, maybe, 20, 25, even 30 years from now? Therefore go the vanity of I? Is that my slouch, the way I’ll negotiate a swinging door, or sit in a cozy chair, when I get there?” Seems as good a way as any to learn what my character has in store for me, the kind of old man I’m fast and soon to become. Once time has its way with my muscles and bones...

You know there’s this great moment at the beginning of a book I never read except in translation, and actually never finished reading at all, *The Divine Comedy*, by Dante Alighieri, or Dante, as in, just Dante, right there in its first part called *Hell*. On page one, Dante’s where I am, midway through his life, and he gets chased by all these crazy demons (actually, in his story the demons look like animals — a leopard, a lion, and a wolf — but in mine I think the



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demons are my bum ankles, busted toes, and aching back). These demons run him into despair, right through

the gates of hell, and just when everything starts to seem really desperate, Dante meets the older version of who he might

become, the hero he’s always emulated but hoped to surpass, who shows up in his time of need to guide him. It’s the ancient Roman poet, Virgil. As in, just Virgil. So the old poet leads the young poet through the underworld, up to purgatory, and then into heaven beyond.

This is my way of widening the scope somewhat. Saying, “This is about more than basketball, more than little old me.” (Hey, no one likes to be alone in celebration or in suffering.) And what I’m saying is...well...it’s like this. My first month or two in San Diego, I played outdoor pickup, on the beach, because, yo, I could, right? I just moved here from New York City, it’s December, and I *can* play basketball outdoors, so shouldn’t I? Not one to waste a privilege, I worked it, finding my game again where the waves roll in, but

also jumping and cutting and defending again for the first time in years. And that concrete, let me tell you. Every step you take counts for three strides against the lifetime-total your feet and ankles and knees and back were ever *meant* to take. That concrete’s hard *hard* stuff. And by the time I found P.B. Rec, with its softer wood floor, I was already well into my own personal hell, far on my way to 40 or 50 outdoor-basketball years. Yes, I discovered P.B. Rec, and there I met what very well may be a distinct older version of myself, my Virgil...Lenny. Just Lenny.

Now for all of you who haven’t written a newspaper article, I have to tell you something. It’s hard *hard* stuff too. It makes you look closely at the life you’ve been living, which can throw that life out of

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balance pretty quickly. It's like the difference between walking along, and trying to walk along *while you're thinking about walking*. Makes it tougher to take normal steps. Isn't easy being super-self-conscious.

I mention this because I'd been more or less anonymous on the courts of P.B. Rec for the better part of almost three years, just the big mouth with the up-and-down game; some guys knew me by my first name, and that was it. Fine with me. There's this distance a highly competitive person must maintain to compete. It's a kind of psychological edge, and you find it only if you really want to tear the heart out of your opponent and parade it around and keep it beating on your mantel. Because one great thing about sports is, if you're in the game, and you're not on my side, then you're def-

initely on the other. Not so in the business of being a writer. In writing, you have to get intimate, try to see things from both sides, from every side, if possible. It's a bitch, but it's what keeps you honest. And now I was going to have to cross my loyalties, to tell some of the P.B. Rec guys that I was writing this article, doing a story about the enemy, and about the gymnasium where we play. I would, in essence, have to admit that I can pronounce the word "gymnasium." Three syllables too many.

It did occur to me that I could conduct unofficial interviews and write an exposé, behind the scenes, “The Real P.B. Rec,” and do the whole thing under an assumed name, a *nom de basketball*, if you will. But that wouldn’t be fair. Another thing you learn when you write a newspaper article is that



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ize how I could pull off this writing thing, with all the requisite honesty, without shaking up too much of the rest of my life. There was only one interview I would have to do. The rest I could more or less assemble myself. And if I got enough dirt on Lenny, my lone interviewee, then he wouldn't be able to blow up my spot, not without me blowing up his spot too. Perfect. So I collected my tape recorder, and swallowed humble pie, and set out to admit my apprenticeship.

At this point I had never shared more than snatched words with Lenny, always on the court, usually negotiating. "So let me get this straight. You take the six-eight nimble giant, and I get the blocky, cumbersome klutz?" Never an extracurricular remark with Lenny, hardly a hello. All business, by my choice. But

now that I was writing a newspaper article, I'd have to learn Lenny's last name and admit to myself why I'd resisted getting to know him earlier in the, oh, 650 previous games that I'd played with and against him.

Which got to me only because, hey, I'm like any intensely competitive guy, giving myself over to the Game in the name of all else: it's not about camaraderie, or exercise, or diversion, or even winning. I mean, I just like to *play*, in italics. And I know how to, and I'm not afraid to tell you what the game's about, whether or not you want to hear it. Which does mean that I'm the asshole with the big mouth, and so what? Some of the guys understand me, or so I think, like Adam, who's so good he can afford to hear some critical words now and then, or Lenny,

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who turns a deaf ear to my talking because who cares if I think I'm the coach-on-the-court: Lenny's a coach-on-the-court too, but he's better at it than I am because he's a *quiet* coach. Leads by example.

Now you should realize that almost every observation I make about Lenny is going to apply to me as well, positive or negative, and whether I intend it or not. It's like what my mother always told me: we only notice those qualities in others that are already true about ourselves. Our own "alienated majesty," as Ralph Waldo Emerson called it, our talents coming back to us disguised as other people's talents, surprising us because we no longer recognize them as parts of ourselves.

I remember this stuff about Emerson and my mother because I was about to write that I don't dislike Lenny, but I really dislike his methods...he's just too much of a politician. But then I realize that I'm pretty scheming and sly as well. Of course, I respect Lenny, in that old-sportsman-to-old-sportsman, political-rival-type way. And because of my own recent travails with my body, I recognize the core of Lenny's significance for me: anyone so dedicated, who wills his body to do things it no longer wants to do, well, they are the people I got mad props for.

Lenny can't run much anymore, or jump at all, or even bend over very well, but he makes up for it in savvy ways that leave a fellow ex-alpha male at least a little spiteful. I mean, Lenny won't pick me for his team unless he has to. And he'll make everyone in the gym wait if he can't put together just exactly the squad he wants. He finagles. Works the forum,

like a wily senator. And I'd never tell him to his face, but I've learned a lot from him. And if I see, in Lenny, some version of the older man I'm to become, it's not by choice...just reminds me yet again that we

don't choose our parents, and they don't get to choose us either. The universe is the one who plays the best practical jokes.

So now I'm assigned this newspaper article, and I realize I'm going

to have to become really conscious about things; I'm going to have to look closer at Lenny and figure out what it is about him. I'm going to have to approach Lenny and we're going to have to become at least some-

what human to each other. I mean, I much preferred battling against him and his assembly of handpicked supergiants every afternoon and then sauntering off into the sunset, leaving the game where

it belongs, back there in the dim lights of the gym.

But perhaps I haven't been clear enough about this yet. I haven't mentioned *why*, pray tell, I will have to get to know Lenny. Why

is Lenny *the one*, the significant other upon whom my newspaper article must hinge? Well, it all comes down to one fundamental fact: Lenny is P.B. basketball. You can't run at P.B. Rec without confronting Lenny, and you can't write about it without interviewing him. Been that way for, like, 30 years now, ever since I was even born, and it's that way now. It's that way even if you're like me, if it still gives you pleasure to vanquish, and to score in the face of, an opponent who limps and is 20 years older than you are. But you still look to Lenny when it comes time to play that afternoon's first game, and you always let him be captain and pick the first team, if that's what he wants. The guy's the patriarch of the place. So

be it.

Lenny's always one of the first guys in the gym. He saunters in, this huge athletic-supply bag slung over his shoulder, heads for the same spot, at half-court, hangs his bag on a hook, and sits down underneath it on the wooden floor. Then he watches. You can see him, *feeling* the place. Later he tells me that he can sense when certain players are going to show up. He says he can intuit how the games are going to be that day.

His long polyester gym pants conceal three different kinds of braces and supports on his right knee, the one that's had the six surgeries. Eventually he'll change into a good pair of Nike basketball shoes. Usually he plays in some kind of faded old T-shirt. Not the best-dressed guy in the gym, but a man who

knows how to dress *usefully*, instead of dressing for show. Lenny understands what's important.

Not that I ever thought about any of this until now, but Lenny's rather good-looking, I guess, more or less: deep eyes, face wisely lined, good skin with that kind of half-grizzled, darkish, permanent tan. Really sort of *masculine*. (Not a big guy, though, my size, about 5'11", maybe 185 pounds.) And his hair's always messy in an unkempt way that says, "I didn't look in a mirror yet today because I know I don't have to." But after B-ball, after he showers, you can imagine he cleans up real well. Not that I know what I'm writing about. I mean, it's difficult to want to emasculate an opponent whom you've looked at closely enough

to notice that he probably cleans up well. The two concepts just don't fit together, when you think about it. But that's what writing a newspaper article starts to do to you.

When I sat down with Lenny, finally, a tape recorder between us, in one of the side rooms of P.B. Rec, after a Saturday that I rested and he played all morning, Lenny seemed more comfortable with the interview idea than I was. Almost as if he'd done this kind of thing before. Real easy with the spotlight on him, sort of. And sure enough, I found out that Lenny Thompson, ahem, Lenny, I mean, just Lenny, was an actor and a model in his previous life (that is, the life before this moment right now, before I was getting to know him).

The first thing Lenny tells me is that he's "the all-time leader in P.B. Rec history in scoring, rebounds, assists, and steals. Everything except turnovers." I don't tell him that I think he must be catching up in turnovers as well. He doesn't let me know exactly how old he is, disclosing, "I'm in my 50s." And I realize that this is precisely how I don't want to talk 20 years from now, clinging to my bygone vitality, but it's a way that I'm sure I probably will talk: less specific about the undesirable stuff, ready to toot my own horn with whatever air I can still muster in my wheezy lungs. Hell, I already do talk this way, somewhat.

But Lenny's got more of a storied past to protect than I'll ever have, at least athletically.

He tells me he played a couple of years in the '70s with the Denver Broncos. A defensive back. "I'm pretty much retired now. I actually made most of my money in acting and modeling." And that's about when I let myself realize that Lenny is a more or less attractive guy. (Not that I'd admit it unless I was writing a newspaper article. *Honesty*, I keep telling myself. *This is about honesty*.)

Lenny's got these far-off, grayish-blue eyes and dignified weathered features that make me believe he probably was a successful model in his day. He carries himself well, like a man who knows his own body, what it can and can't do.

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But enough about Lenny. What about P.B. Rec?

"Well," he says, "I started coming here, actually, when I was coming out here on vacations probably in about 1970, and then after I moved here to the beach area, oh, for about 30 years, I've been playing here ever since. The place was pretty old even then." (I'll eventually check the city records and discover that the land where P.B. Rec is located was acquired by the city on September 3, 1946, and the center itself was built in 1954.)

And then Lenny tells me that this old court's seen a veritable who's who of Southern California basketball players over the years. Swen Nater, who was a forward for the San Diego Clippers in the '70s; all of Bill Walton's kids; Jelani McCoy; Sean Rooks; Michael Cage; Mark Jackson; and a lot of NFL and ex-NFL play-

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ers: Craig Whelihan, Steve Grogan, Freddie Jones, and Tony Banks. And nowadays you'll be likely to run against Doug Flutie as well. Flutie's pretty good too, I can tell you: very athletic, of course, great big hands, and the heart of a winner inside that famous small body of his.

So we've got quite a list of celebrated players who've graced our humble gym. But is that what *makes* the place? How does a building get its ghosts, if it has them? It's an interesting question, and Lenny and I start to consider it. "I've played everywhere there is to play in the city," Lenny starts in, gazing through a high window nostalgically. "When I first came to San Diego I first lived in Ocean Beach, so I played over there, but the court is so small, you take the ball out, turn around, and you've got a three-pointer. I've played at Muni Gym, and up at State, and at all the park and beach courts. But this court, this P.B. court..." His voice is a slow baritone, and when it trails off it shifts keys, major to minor.

I'll try to describe this P.B. court for you. The activity rooms and offices of P.B. Rec rest adjacent to the main room, truly a Great Room, which accommodates one regulation basketball court. Two glass backboards with orange hoops and white nets drop down out of the rafters, and these backboards can be drawn upwards to convert the gym for non-basketball events. The court itself runs north-south. At the south end, four concrete steps climb to a low, indented stage area. That's where guys who got next can sit and watch.

The floor of the Great Room is a deeply lacquered wood. It shines a little, mostly

shades of brownish-gold, and gets refinished every summer. Its multi-colored lines suggest an alien geometry. And when it's damp, the floor conveys this melancholy, musty smell, like an ancient vault.

The concrete walls run light blue, and then, maybe seven feet up, they switch to off-white. Down here in the blue parts of the walls, the required protective gym cushions intermittently protrude. And four extra baskets, with wooden backboards, face east and west across the main court, up there where the walls turn white.

The ceiling's leaked some, over the years, but it doesn't now; they fixed it. And it's not too high, which is key. It drops through angular metal rafters, low enough to feel indoors, you know, that intimacy, but high enough that only very poor long passes hit the crossbeams. Among those crossbeams, 17 bell-shaped lights descend, only 14 or 15 of which usually work. A few of them buzz, faintly and persistently.

On the highest part of the west wall, below the white rafters, a simple modern scoreboard hangs, flanked by two big flags. The flags are inexplicably framed and under glass: one American and the other from the state of California. And running down from the ceiling, over each of the four doors, one in every corner of this Great Room, above the green "Exit" signs, silver heating ducts give way to suspended metal heating fans. When these fans are on, a few days maybe in the San Diego winter, they rumble complacently and make the corners of the gym the comfortable places to stand.

And now, even after I've looked at it closely

and done my best to describe it, to give the place over into words, still, I'm not at all sure what it is about this court, this P.B. court.

But Lenny finds a way to say it. "Every court I've ever gone to has a different atmosphere, a different personality. This court here has an atmosphere, you know," and on the word "atmosphere," I realize Lenny hardly uses his hands at all when he talks. I see this when he uses the word "atmosphere" because he

raises his palm off his leg and seems to lightly bat "atmosphere" out of the air. Then he's immediately kind of half-slumped again, comfortable enough on a fold-up municipal metal chair, hands on his thighs. "I don't know. It's probably like the old Celtic court, with the parquet floor; it just has a good feeling about it when you walk in, and it's always been competitive over the years. I've played in this gym for so long now, there's little things the average per-

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son doesn't notice, but I see them because I've seen this place renovated so many times."

Like what? I ask him. "I can tell what the floor condition's going to be, like right now, it rained a little today, so I know the baseline at the north end of the floor is going to be slippery. There's more light at the south end, and the rim's about two inches lower there. Plus, there's a few dead spots on the floor, where you shouldn't try to dribble the ball." And I feel what Lenny's saying, especially the part about the old Celtics gym in Boston. They used to whisper about leprechauns there, about little invisible people who could make even Larry Bird's toughest shots go in, that the leprechauns were the ones who helped the Celtics win all those championships. Maybe P.B. Rec's haunted in its own way as well. Maybe we've got our own versions of subtropical leprechauns here too. Call them Lakerchauns! Or no.

But it seems for all the haunted magic of the place, for all the history and majesty, there may be no saving the modern game from the young folks who abuse it. And Lenny and I aren't the only ones lamenting the recent directions taken by the game of basketball. Recently in the sports pages of the *Union-Tribune*, Nick Canepa wrote, "Today's basketball players play basketball. Far too much of it. When you play the game, you don't get nearly the number of touches you'd get working on your own. Fundamentals go right out the gym door."

You can see it everywhere. On TV. At the organized local levels. In the pickup gyms and outdoor courts. There aren't many people who seem to understand the

intricacies of the game anymore. Lenny says it this way: "My general thought about basketball is that the game has depreciated, because there's no more 15-foot shots anymore, it's all about dunking and three-pointers. So the game's changed a lot. Guys more in the days when I started playing, I think they loved the game a lot more than the guys who play now. Now it's more like a hobby: you've got to have the right shorts and the right shoes to play it. I remember when I started playing in junior high school, I paid about maybe eight bucks for a pair of Converse high tops and they'd last you all the way through the basketball season. Now they've got to have the new shoes that come out every other month. So it's more about show than go."

Which becomes especially frustrating to some aging fundamentalists like Lenny and me. "To the young guys, you know, anybody with gray hair doesn't know what he's talking about, you know, they think they're five times better than I am, so who cares if I have anything to teach them." Lenny sounds pretty matter-of-fact when he says this, almost as if he's resigned a bit: that's just the way it is.

But his tone grows a little more interested as he goes on. "If they could see film of me when I was their age, running and jumping. And what they don't realize is most of the coaches nowadays are old guys. Sure, a lot of them played once, but now they're old. It's hard to coach kids nowadays. It's like if you can't jump up and dunk it, then you can't tell me how to play. Kids today have so much talent and so many advantages, you know, places to play, but

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they've got no work ethic, you know, they just come and screw around for hours instead of working on their game. Back in my day you were always thinking about next year, working hard, trying to make the team and make your game better. It's just a lot of wasted talent."

My neck almost hurts from nodding in agreement. It's why I've got the reputation I do in the P.B. gym. Why I'm the big mouth, the coach-on-the-court. These kids are talented

as hell, but they don't have a clue what to do with it. They don't know how to play the game beautifully, how to play it *with each other*. And goddammit, someone's gotta teach 'em.

Lenny finishes this portion of our conversation by articulating the following: "That's what I wish for the people who play the game. I wish they wouldn't play unless they learn to really love the game of basketball. I wish they would learn respect for the people who maybe had the abilities but

maybe don't have them anymore. You'd like to have people recognize the athletic ability that was competitive once."

Yes, I would.
So I'm starting to warm up to Lenny by now; we've got all these ideas in common, you know, just like I guess I thought we would. I mean, I was afraid we'd get along like this. Now tomorrow I'll walk in the gym, game face on, and I'm going to have to say hello instead of grunt. I'm going to have to be competitive and yet cordial, an almost

impossible combination. Cordiality isn't sportsmanship, not really; I've got plenty of that sportsmanship stuff. But cordiality's for the tearoom, the dinner table, the parlor. I'm starting to fear that I'll never be able to distance myself competitively again.

So when Lenny starts to tell me how he's really good at assessing other people's talents, basically, that he can pretty much watch a guy come into the gym, dribble up and down the court once, and tell how good he is, "you know, by the way he car-

ries himself, shifts his weight, and so on," well, then I'm going to press the advantage and get the lowdown. So I ask him to assess the talents of some of the guys we play with, including Lenny's assessment of himself, but all I really want to hear is Lenny's assessment of me, of my game and my talents. Just being honest.

"You got good quickness," Lenny tells me. "There's a difference between being fast and being quick, and you're quick. You try a lot of low-percentage shots, but you pass the ball well. You're aware of

who's on the court. On your good days you're as good as anyone down here." So now I'm gratified. And because I've agreed with almost everything he's said about the other guys and himself, I figure he must be accurate about my game as well. Unless he's just blowing smoke up my ass.

One thing I can say about myself is I work hard. Always have. Practice as hard and as much as I play, always trying to improve what I can do on the court. And so I've learned a few things:

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3. Passing in the game of basketball is maybe 10 percent technique and 90 percent timing and vision. You have to be able to anticipate the trajectories of bodies in motion, to see how the game works and where a particular play is developing, and then you simply put the ball where it wants to be, precisely when it wants to be there. Style is nice (no-looks, behind-the-backs, alley-oops, and whatnot), but you should always remember that a basket's a basket, and it's best to do

what works.

4. To me, the true beauty of basketball lies in the fact that you must keep your opponent from scoring *without touching him*. It's a great concept, one of the most fundamental in the game, although of course it gets abused all the time. And how do you do it well? Hard labor. You've got to out-work your opponent, get

into his head, get in his way, see where he wants to go before he does and then beat him there, playing the angles, with good footwork and good anticipation. And then you keep him from scoring merely by crowding his space. Otherwise it's a foul. Beautiful.

5. If you're "feeling it" that day, if you can't miss, and the rhythm of

the game seems to find you and make you do something involuntary and wonderful at every turn, then you have entered what is commonly called the Zone. In the Zone, the game slows down and almost stops and you fly along, moving at the same blurred speed. Those movies about the "Matrix" had it just right.

6. Every day when you're going to the courts, it's important to do the same exact things to get ready. I stretch for 20 minutes on my living room floor. Same routine, every time. I fold my socks twice down. Lace my shoes and double-knot them. Next I chew a piece of the same flavor of gum (cinnamon). Hop on my bike and ride to the gym.

Then I run through these very specific dribbling and layup drills, loosening up and getting a feel. My vocabulary changes, and so does my accent. It's not that I'm superstitious. It's just a mindset. I'm telling every cell in my body to get ready, all ten trillion of them, because pretty soon, bayy-beee, we are going to *play*. ■

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RED CUPS OF VODKA

“I PUKED
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TUBES.”

I got drunk for the first time in ninth grade. It was late in September, after school. A lot of Mira Mesa High School students decided to get into a rumble with some students at Scripps Ranch. As this was my freshman year and I wanted to fit in, I decided to join my water-polo teammates in the destruction of our rivals.

One hundred teens from our school met up with about 75 students from Scripps, and we began fighting. Having greater numbers, we defeated Scripps easily. I returned home exhausted yet exhilarated; this was a sure-fire way to fit in with the high school crowd. I inspected my wounds, which consisted of a lump on my face and sore ribs from the impact of a metal baseball bat. The phone rang. I answered the call from a senior I had met that day; he invited me to attend a victory party that night. I accepted the invitation and prepared for my first party as a high school student.

Nighttime arrived. My friend Nick and I decided to go together to make sure we stayed safe. The party started at 10:00 p.m. This was beyond my curfew as well as Nick's. We decided that Nick should stay over at my house, and we would sneak out. My mother is no fool; sneaking out of my house would be a challenge. Nick and I stripped down to our pajamas and walked around the house for half an hour before pretending we were going to sleep. Around 9:50, we retreated to my room, turned out the lights, and sat in silence for ten minutes. Then we called Jim (the senior who invited me to the party) and told him to pick up me and Nick at

the end of my block. Nick and I slipped out my bedroom window and onto the street. We ran like hell to the end of my block, where Jim picked us up and drove us to the party.

Nick and I entered the house not knowing what to expect. I came to the party with a six-pack of Corona, and Nick had a pint of Bacardi Superior rum. Within an hour, I had drunk my six-pack and Nick was almost three-quarters of the way done with his bottle. This was when things started to get out of hand. Nick and I socialized for a while after I killed my six-pack and he his bottle of rum. During this time, we drank everything that was passed our way.

For some reason, once you start drinking, everything you drink after your first couple of drinks tastes like water. After half an hour of this heavy drinking, I felt my head spin and my stomach knot up. I was in the living room of the house doing breathing exercises as if I were pregnant. In and out, in and out, in and out, the air filled my lungs. This did nothing to help my situation, so I went outside. I stumbled to the side of the house, where I emptied the contents of my stomach into the bushes. This continued for five minutes, until Nick found me and got me a ride home...the longest ride across Mira Mesa that I've ever taken.

When the designated driver reached my house, Nick and I stumbled into my back yard and tried to climb in the window. With a little push from Nick, I fell through the window and collapsed on my bed. I went asleep and awoke in the morning with my mom clueless to the fact that we had snuck out. I felt triumphant for having

gotten away with it without anything horrible happening. But after an hour, my first hangover kicked in and that feeling of triumph morphed into a feeling of disgust; I couldn't move much for the following 24 hours.

— Nick Toft,
Mira Mesa H.S.
graduate, 2003

The first time I got drunk, I was standing in my kitchen. My three companions had turned off all the lamps except one, as if it were the light, and not our nervous voices, that threatened to wake my sleeping parents. We downed a few shots in silence, flooding our mouths with orange juice after each sip.

We poured shaky streams of vodka into red plastic party cups until the level had fallen below the bottom edge of the Smirnoff label. Alex urged me to replace the missing vodka with water, but I assured him that my parents would never notice the change, and they didn't. In fact, they never noticed, in the months and years afterward, any of the dozen or so times I bid them a belligerent good night or had a pile of teenagers drinking in the living room.

I had learned about alcoholism in health class, where my teachers told me that it ruins your relationships and triggers a downward spiral toward violence and despair. I believed them but had never seen it. To me, drinking was something for cool, attractive teenagers; something that, as a dorky, gap-toothed 12-year-old, I had dreamed of becoming without much optimism. Carefully screwing the cap back on the vodka bottle and replacing it in the pantry, I was no longer

RESEARCH STUDIES

Have you been worried because your child seems depressed, sad, irritable, cranky or hopeless?



The Research Division of Psychiatric Centers at San Diego is screening children ages 6 to 17 diagnosed with depression or exhibiting symptoms of depression in order to participate in a medically supervised research study of an investigational medication for pediatric depression.

Symptoms of Pediatric Depression may include:

- Loss of energy and concentration
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- Loss of interest in activities

For more information about this study, please call:

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DEPRESSED?



Symptoms include:

- **Difficulty concentrating**
- **Feelings of sadness, hopelessness**
- **Loss of appetite or weight**
- **Loss of interest or pleasure in activities**
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- **Decreased energy, fatigue**
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excluded.

Before long, Ashley (whose loud voice worried me) was lying on her back on top of Alex, who was watching TV on his stomach with his chin propped on his arms. “It’s a lawn chair! It’s a lawn chair!” she shrieked. My best friend Kevin was giving me a head massage.

Around midnight

we got sleepy, and I ended up curled on the couch with Kevin. This was no surprise; for weeks beforehand we’d been having late-night phone conversations about whether best friends can have romance. “Is it natural, or would it mess up the friendship?” we wondered, never mentioning our own names.

I kissed Kevin

from that night in December until the end of our freshman year. We were never boyfriend and girlfriend, I don’t think, and we didn’t have much of a romance, in part because we didn’t drive cars. But the main reason our relationship remained partially thwarted — the same reason that we couldn’t hold hands at school or

dance together at homecoming — was more unusual: Kevin and I kept our affair a secret. I think I was the one who suggested we not tell anyone, but only to keep him from saying anything first. It was simple: I was good enough for Kevin to make out with in the confines of my bedroom, but my braces and lopsided smile

rendered me unsuitable for official girlfriendhood.

One Thursday night that June, while I watched a black-and-white musical on the couch by myself, Kevin called and broke up with me. I went outside and sat down on the curb away from my house, away from the streetlight, and cried. I should have expected

heartbreak: Kevin and I began our relationship in an inebriated place where social rules dissolved, then we continued it in hiding, and when our tiny world of friends and parents finally discovered it, whatever it was we had could not withstand the weight of honesty. The six months of lies that clouded the latter part of my freshman

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Investigators:
John Mayer, Ph.D. and
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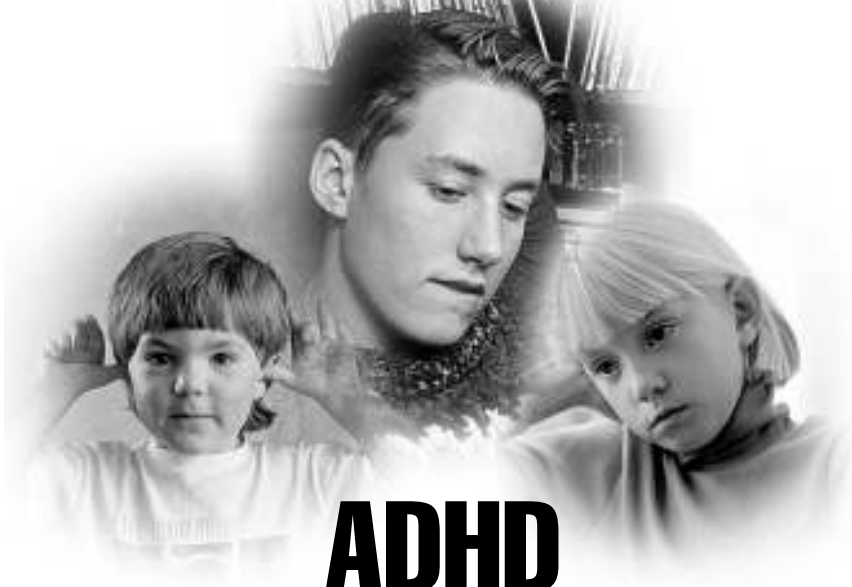
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year — lies I told to friends, lies Kevin whispered to me over the phone — began when our vodka-and-orange-juice cocktails let us take something we wanted but knew we should leave alone.

I hate the taste of alcohol. I hate how it breaks my usually coordinated movement into dangerous shards, how the physical stress of walking escalates until it forces me to sleep, how I wake up with leaden shoulders and gauzy thoughts and a dull thudding in my

stomach. It would be easy to resist, if I didn't want an excuse to distort things. I want to learn to deal with honesty before I grow up.

— Darla Krantz,
Torrey Pines H.S.
graduate, 2002

I tried to get drunk. I felt like a year in college of saying “no thanks” and “I don't drink” was enough. So, at a sake-bombing party, I persuaded myself into being the only girl to ask for a mug of my own. After two

rounds of yelling and chugging with the group (and finishing first), I waited to see how I felt. But nothing happened and, frustrated at my sobriety, I returned to the drinking table. By the time I had five rounds, the guy pouring drinks was so gone he had lost control of his motor skills, so I headed home ashamed at having drunk anything at all and feeling only the guilt of my attempt.

The next few times I tried to get

drunk, I'd pour a red plastic cup full of nothing but vodka and chug half in one breath. (It tastes like rubbing alcohol!) The rest I'd save for the next four breaths. So, within five minutes, I'd be awaiting my buzz; I never felt anything.

My only fruitful attempt thus far was the night before my 18th birthday, when I thought, “Fuck it all,” and my friends got me as much alcohol as they could. I hadn't eaten that night. I chugged half a bottle

of Bacardi rum and a third of a huge bottle of Smirnoff vodka within 20 minutes. My friends cheered me as “The Champion!” Swallowing that much hard alcohol in a few gulps worked. I can't remember a four-hour span from that night, so I don't know how much I had to drink. My friends tell me that I never passed out but sat in a chair mumbling for water every now and then and drooling a little, until I walked to the bathroom and threw

up twice in the trash can. I had the presence of mind to take it to the trash chute. The next morning, I couldn't remember how I'd gotten into my top bunk five and a half feet off the ground; I didn't feel any different, otherwise.

What have I learned from this experience? I can drink, I won't get a hangover, but I should stop myself when I lose count or black out. So why haven't I gotten drunk since then? Drooling

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If even happy things leave you down and blue, you may be suffering from a medical condition called depression.

Some other symptoms of depression may include:

- Hopelessness**
- Sadness**
- Loss of interest in daily activities**
- Loss of energy and**
- Difficulty concentrating**

If you or someone you know are between the ages of 18 and 65, have been experiencing the above symptoms for at least 6 weeks, have had previous episodes that have been treated by one or more antidepressants, or have been hospitalized during a previous episode, you may qualify for a research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of depression.

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is really embarrassing.
— *The Champion*,
Mt. Carmel H.S.
graduate, 2002

I got drunk for the first time during my sophomore year of high school. I was at a bonfire celebrating my birthday and that of my friend. I gave someone I knew money to buy alcohol (you still owe me 20 bucks, by the way, creep), and all I got was a bottle of something that was minty and potent. I shared it with my best friend, and in a matter of minutes I was buzzed. I started to walk around and talk to people, bringing up topics out of nowhere that made them laugh. I didn't know what was so funny; I felt that I was being coherent. I danced around, and I remember telling everyone I wanted to tell scary stories. I remember telling stories I thought were scary, but everyone just laughed at me.

I got tired and laid in the sand. I closed my eyes, and the drink made me feel pulled apart, like I was thousands of fiber strands drifting in the salty ocean wind. I opened my eyes, and I was covered with sand. Again, people were laughing at me. They didn't seem mean, just good-naturedly laughing. I stood up and turned around and realized I had been making snow angels in the sand. I collapsed into the arms of someone, a stranger, but he was kind and sat me down and stayed with me. I think I was talking, but I can't remember what I was saying. He sat next to me and seemed really quiet, not amused by my antics but not critical of them. I wish I could remember who this stranger was, because he took my bottle. In one sense, I feel I owe him because he kept me



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PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:

Eric Goodman, M.D.



from being dangerously drunk; at the same time, I feel he only wanted to steal my drink. When I got home, my eyes were bloodshot and I looked terrible. My skin was sort of puck-

ered and crimson and really moist. My hair was a mess and my lips were dry and rough. The next day, I got a call from my best friend, who told me I was a hit at the bonfire and that people

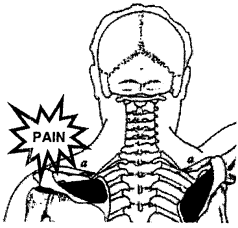
noticed me making the snow angel in the sand and thought it was fantastic. I don't remember having a hangover, but even without one I felt crummy, guilty, and bad. I believe it is

polite, social, and even glamorous to have a nice glass of something at parties and festive occasions or the sip at church on Sundays. But I was out of line that night; I had too much and I risked my health. I felt queasy. I was scared to take medication because I wasn't sure if the combination would eat me away

inside. I puked an acidic, bitter, sour, and clear fluid that frightened me because I was scared it would eat away at my tubes. I remember stuffing myself with bread, rice, and pasta in an effort to soak up the alcohol. Three years later, I drink wisely if at all.
— Marcel Reyes,
University City H.S.
graduate, 2002

kind of excited to see many people from school; some I knew, some I didn't. But everybody felt so comfortable around everybody else and it was the first time in a long time that everybody's main concern was just having a good time.
That night, I didn't set out to become "wasted." Drinking, for me, is more of a social activity, not some contest for dorky adolescents to see how fast they can get buzzed. So when we got to the bonfire, I decided to have a couple of drinks, eat some chips, hang out, and talk. They had Bacardi "alcoholic beverages" at this party, and a friend of mine had told me that there

RESEARCH STUDIES



CHRONIC SHOULDER PAIN

A clinical research study is currently recruiting for patient participation. If you are one of thousands suffering from chronic shoulder pain for at least 6 months but less than 5 years, are over the age of 35, and have failed to obtain adequate or sustained pain relief from standard physical therapy, oral medications, and steroid injections, then you may want to consider participating in this clinical study.

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The first time I got drunk was this past summer. My friend invited me to go to a coworker's party, and my other friend had invited me to go to her bonfire in Mission Beach. The night seemed to last minutes. When my friend and I found the site of the bonfire, I was

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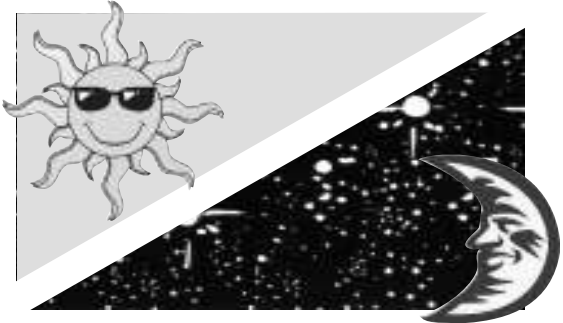
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wasn't much alcohol in them; I'd probably be fine if I downed a couple. Well, as I found out later, they were not as impotent as I had thought. During the course of the evening, I had approximately four of them and was tipsy. I was unbalanced, uncoordinated, and giggly to the extent that I wanted to punch myself in the face. My friends assured me that I was amusing to watch and that they had no hostile feelings toward me. I laughed at everything that was said to me, stumbled everywhere, and felt an unusual degree of heat. After those four Bacardis, a few of my other friends and I went to another party.

The second party I went to that night was a kegger, and they charged all males five dollars at the door to get in, which was the first thing that made me uncomfortable. I'd never gone to a party where they charged people to get in, and while that is a common practice at parties, it was new to me. That party was short-lived because there were so many people there, I only knew the people that I came with, and it was so loud, I could barely hear my own drunken ramblings.

My friends and I weren't into it, so we decided to call it a night. As I entered my friend's house, I walked up to the bathroom and let the good times roll...I barfed. The next morning, I didn't have any type of hangover, not even a faint headache.

— Yen Nguyen,
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I was staying at my best friend Clarissa's house in Arizona. Clarissa had taken it upon herself to see that I experience drunkenness. We went out with her

boyfriend and another couple with the intention of getting plastered. The alcohol was acquired through some drunk old bum outside of a convenience store.

We parked in front of a house where I gulped down flavored malt beverages. I was stumbling around in no time, enjoying myself. But around the time I had my drinking privileges revoked by the group (because I'd fallen down while sitting still), I perceived something amiss; drama had arisen within the group as both the couples were experiencing tensions that I wasn't able to handle. I began to feel it was my fault, since I was the only one there who couldn't walk straight. I handled this by apologizing every two seconds and begging them to tell me I was pretty.

The fun had disintegrated, and my friend Clarissa told me to go to bed. I was bummed that nobody wanted to have fun, so I sulked away. I began to feel nauseous and sought Clarissa for comfort. Thinking she was still out front, I collapsed in front of a car that I'd thought held everyone, including Clarissa. Then I puked in the bushes. I sat there for a moment collecting myself. After deciding that I felt better, I got up and went toward the car. I found only Suzie and Matt in the car. Not knowing what the hell was happening but feeling guilty, I cried, "I'm so sorry" and left to find Clarissa. I passed out on the bed, repeating to myself, "I will not have a hangover."

I felt fine the next morning...even after finding out that Suzie and Matt had been engaged in sexual activities while I called for Clarissa and puked in front of their car. ■

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Dave Dickinson and the author in the street of Manerplaw

Don and Dave's (Excellent) Revolution

When I took up with Ava, she laid down some conditions. The first was that I put all forms of international intrigue behind me. No soldiers of fortune, no guerrilla movements. No "Dogs of War," as she calls them. To this I readily agreed. (I lied.)

Her second condition, sealed with a written agreement, was that to protect her privacy, I not write about her.

Since none of my actions in this story make any sense without the presence of this beautiful, brilliant, eccentric woman, you will have to accept a blank where there should

be characterization. I am not going to lose this one over a feature story.

All clear? Then we begin.

When Jared Chandler and I arrived in Thailand — Ava joined us two weeks later — the first thing I did was call Dave Dickinson. Dave's mother is Thai and his father is Canadian. He and his older brother Don are fluent in Thai, and both have served in the Canadian and Thai armies.

Dave agreed that he and Don would meet Jared and me in Mae Hong Son on the Thai-Burma — "Myanmar,"

if you like — border, in Shan country.

It was Christmas of 1994. Jared and I had come to Thailand as military technical advisors for the film *Operation Dumbo Drop* (1995), which was based on one of my stories. Jared is an actor and an NCO in a Special Operations reserve unit; he was also technical advisor on the film *Clear and Present Danger* (1994). He has since gone on to be TA on many other films.

Three days after we arrived in Mae Hong Son, Jared and I walked into the spacious, open lobby of the Imperial Tara Hotel to find Don and Dave — long-legged, bespectacled, in cammo pants and sneakers, sharing a scholarly air and a finely honed comic sense — deeply immersed in a story in the *Bangkok Post* about the Karen tribal rebels in Burma. They were devoted to the Karen cause and had fought in and reported on every major Karen/Burmese campaign for the past six years. (The Karen — accent on the second syllable — are a tribe in Burma, one of a large group of tribes including the Shan, the Wa, the Karenni, and many others.)

They looked up and grinned as we entered. We quickly got them drunk on Singha beer and convinced them to command our bad guys, the Asian horde of actors and extras playing the North Vietnamese, who were to set ambushes and conduct night attacks against our American actors in training: Danny Glover, Ray Liotta, Denis Leary, Doug E. Doug, and Corin Nemec.

It was not an easy sell; Don and Dave are not starstruck. What they really wanted was to take Jared and me over the border and see if we could get in some firefights.

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Dave leaned back in his seat and smiled sardonically as he told us about the the State Law and Order Restoration Council, the illegal military government of Burma. I'd seen pictures of them on Thai television. They all look like Oddjob, the James Bond villain, and dress like Nazi bus drivers.

The guiding light of SLORC, General Ne Win, was then about 85. "He had been the dictator, back in the '60s," Dave told us. "His most noteworthy act then was to kick the American ambassador square in the balls when his car stalled and blocked Ne Win's driveway."

I grinned when Dave told me that. Who has not wanted to kick an American ambassador in the balls?

Dave went on to describe the Burmese custom of burying a slave alive under the cornerstone of a pagoda as it is being built, "So that the spirit of the slave will protect the pagoda."

"Seems to me the spirit would rather see that sucker torn to the ground with not a stone left standing," I said, assuming this quaint practice had been discontinued about a thousand years ago. "When was the last time they did it?"

"Nineteen ninety-two," he replied. "They rebuilt a couple of old pagodas on Sleeping Dog Hill when they recaptured it from the Karen. They buried two Karen girls who had been impressed as porters." (Porters, in this instance, are usually ethnic civilians coerced into carrying supplies and ammunition for the Burmese army.)

Going in with the Karen was something both Jared and I had wanted to do for years. But the reserves would court-martial him for fighting in an unauthorized war, and I had to consider that Ava was coming. She was, as earlier indicated, profoundly allergic to armed ground combat.

When Ava arrived, almost the first words out of my mouth were, "Wanna go to Burma for Christmas?"

"Yeah!"

I described the trip as a few days at a charming guesthouse in a lovely little community beside the Moei River. I convinced myself that once we got

there, she would love it.

Just before we started filming, one of our rented Royal Thai Army helicopters, painted with U.S. Army markings for the film, strayed briefly into the Shan state of

Burma, Myanmar...what-ever. Thai customs agents subsequently discovered a shipment of Stinger shoulder-fired ground-to-air missiles that Khun Sa, the opium warlord, had ordered to

repel the feared American invasion.

He wasn't real thrilled when we began running small patrols of movie stars and maniacs on his infiltration routes either.

A Town Full of Spies

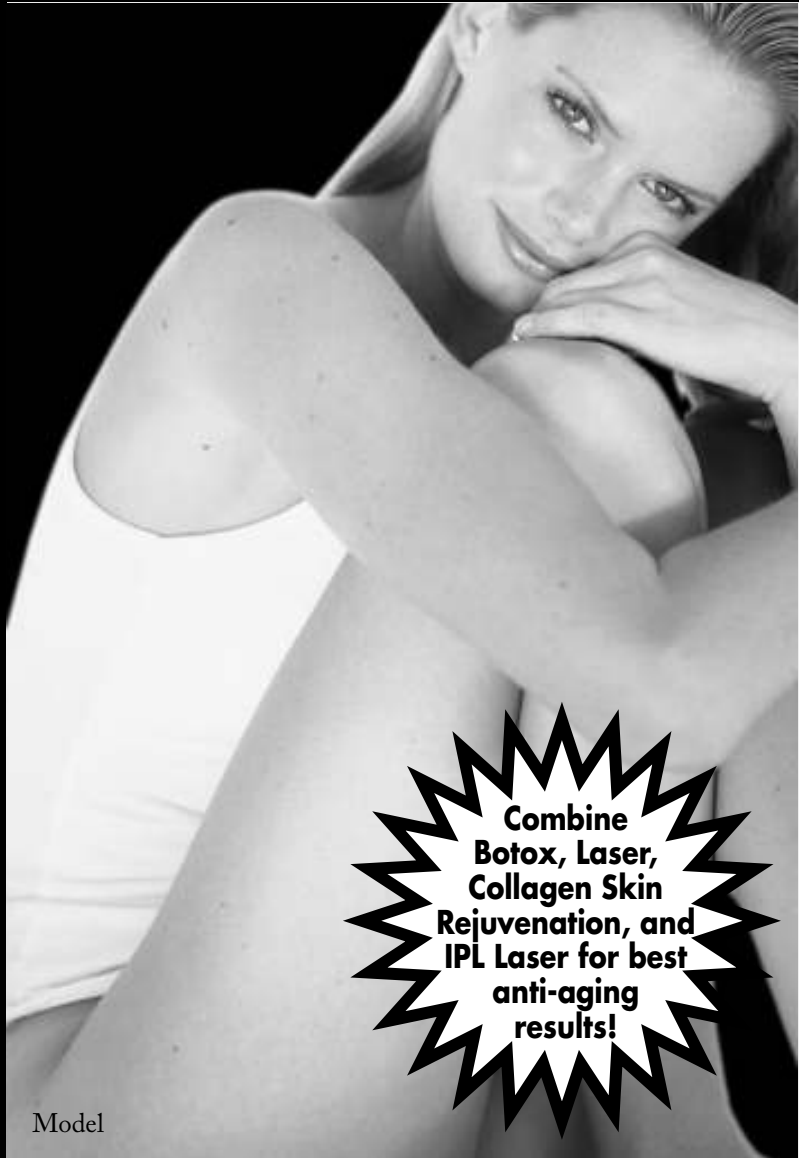
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was right. The town was just opposite the Karen state and was a center for gem smuggling as well.

"Why do you say that?" I asked, innocently.

"Antennas," she replied.

I looked out the window. Within the forest of TV aerials on the surrounding roofs were whip and inverted-L antennas, designed to serve powerful two-way radios. They were very obvious, and the Thai

aren't stupid about these things.

If all the spies working Thailand's borders were jailed, the agents would be quickly replaced by people the Thai didn't know. Better — far better — for all the spies from every side to sit in cafés, sipping tea, and keeping notes on each other.

The next morning a pickup carrying supplies to the rebels — 100-kilo bags of rice and chickens in

cages — drew up in front of the hotel. We put Ava in the cab, and Dave and I arranged the rice bags to make a fairly comfortable seat, facing the rear.

Except for the occasional temple, white with red trim and a shimmering blue-and-gold Chinese roof, or a pagoda that resembled a 50-foot-tall bishop in a gigantic chess set, the country around us looked like the Ozark Mountains.

That lasted until we turned off the paved road and all but dived toward a creek at the bottom of the hill, a long roostertail of reddish dust rising behind. At intervals there were thatch-roofed hill-tribe villages on stilts and small brown people lining the side of the road, children jumping and shouting.

Sir Piss-Me-Off and the Longtailed Boats
Forty minutes later we

coasted down the last hill, round the last bend, and came to Klecherloo, a cluster of thatch-roofed open-front stores by the riverbank. There were a couple of pickups and a motorbike parked on the open sandy bank. A few smugglers sat at the wooden tables in front of the stores, eating soup or drinking beer.

Don and two of his friends stepped from the shade of a thatch-roofed

store. One was a Karen sniper whose name I never got. The other was a young Karen civil official, in shorts and a polo shirt, named Pat Boon. The shooter was a nice enough guy and very quiet. His rifle was a scoped M-16. Not a good sniper weapon, but probably the best available in Karen country.

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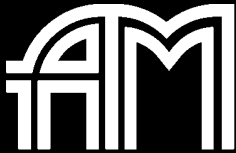
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the boatman to prepare for departure.

The river was wide and beautiful, with jungled mountains rising on either side. A young woman in a sarong stood in water to her hips, a few feet into the river, bending to wash her long hair, glistening black in the sun.

About an hour later we boarded. In the past few years the riverboats in Thailand have revolutionized

commerce on the waterways. They were the principal reason our journey was half a day, rather than ten full ones.

The boats are maybe 30 feet long and 5 wide at their widest. They are powered by used six-cylinder automobile engines mounted on a long shaft that trails the boat, turning a tiny propeller at a high rate of speed. To steer, the boatman raises, lowers, and

turns the long shaft, with the engine, unmuffled and roaring, mounted on it as a counterbalance.

Dave said the long-tailed boat, as we know it today, was the invention of Saw Lay Wee, a manic-depressive, half-Chinese Karen known to all, because of his surly disposition, as Sir Piss-Me-Off. Sir Piss-Me-Off had been Minister of Trade of the Karen National Union and had

invented the powered long-tailed boat as a means to further the Karen rebels' teak smuggling, their most lucrative business until the Burmese took over most of it. Which is why the Karen army is neither as large nor as well supplied as that of Khun Sa, the opium warlord.

Sir Piss-Me-Off came to a bad end. He grew physically abusive during one of his manic periods and was confined to wait for his

mood to improve. Unfortunately, the bamboo jail was not secure and the guerrilla guards were not professional. Sir Piss-Me-Off wrested an M-16 from one of his guards, killed them both, and was himself wasted as he exited the building.

The long-tailed boats are a great ride, long and narrow, low in the water, and plenty powerful enough to batter their way upstream against rapids. As waves hit

the boat, spray and sometimes bucketloads of warm water splashed over the side, much of it into my lap.

I'd never been to Burma. All I really knew about the Burmese was that their government had been overthrown by a dictatorship that had brutally repressed its own people, drafted its citizens into slave-labor work gangs, and tried, thus far unsuccessfully, to subdue its ethnic minorities,

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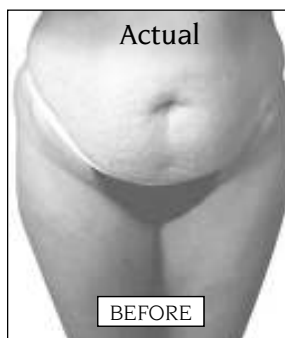
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in violation of the treaty that freed Burma from the British in 1948.

Since then, most of those minorities have maintained a degree of autonomy by force of arms. For years the Burmese mounted an annual dry-season offensive, which would destroy every village it encountered, then bog down as casualties mounted the further they got into the interior.

The Burmese have a conscript army. Soldiers' pay is routinely stolen by their officers; their wounded are routinely executed. Their perks are rape and pillage and to impress porters to do the heavy work.

They advance as scavengers.

Snake of Fire

For the first time the Karen represented a potential threat to the survival of the regime in Rangoon — Yangon, if

to bury it 6 feet deep. The junta advised 20. General Bo Mya, the Karen commander, vowed to turn it into a "snake of fire."

Finally we spotted Manerplaw on a high bluff, a ramshackle collection of bamboo, lath, and thatch structures. The boatman cut his engine, and we coasted to the shore. I shouldered my pack and some of Ava's bags of medicine and field-sanitation equipment. We started up the steep, winding dirt path to the guesthouse at the top of the bluff.

Aside from Ava, Dave, Don, and me, the guests were three young Caucasian women. Chris, a gorgeous Belgian backpacker, had gotten the fever and apprenticed herself to a Canadian human-rights worker who was trying to help the Karen. She was in that first flush of doing for others, and her

In some of these villages nobody from the central government had been out to check on the people for a decade.

you prefer. It did not appear that the hated junta (SLORC) could retain power for more than a few more years. Burmese military officers were scrambling to set themselves up in lucrative business ventures. Hence the impressment of slave-labor gangs to build up the infrastructure.

At the highest level the Burmese officers attached themselves to big-business ventures. Unocal, for instance, was cooperating with Total, the French firm, to build a gigantic gas pipeline from Burma to Thailand, across the Karen's northern border. (The Unocal/Total pipeline venture started in 1993, was completed in 1998, and is still in place, pumping natural gas to Thailand.) No sabotage target is so vulnerable as a gas pipeline, especially one running through the jungle. The consortium planned

eyes burned with it.

Carmella, a gamine blonde Aussie in cammie pants and Keith Haring T-shirt, was just in for a couple of days from her usual post with the rebels' 6th Brigade. Her reason for being in this dangerous, uncomfortable place was that she was "thinking about writing a book about it."

Minka, a Dutch journalist, actually *was* writing a book, but not about Burma or the Karen. She was in Manerplaw "visiting friends."

The guesthouse dining room was spacious and had a great view — unimpeded by glass, screen, or shutters — of the river, the Thai jungle on the other side, and the long-tail boat traffic. The river and the jungle were peaceful, but the racket from those unmuffled six-cylinder automobile engines made the place sound like Indianapolis



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on Memorial Day.

Lunch consisted of rice and something else. I don't know what it was and don't want to. I do know it was considered a delicacy and was served in our honor. On the other hand, Dave

had recently been so honored by stewed monkey brains.

The Vegetarian Revolt

The fighting units were all out, and the soldiers left in

camp were kids, the youngest maybe 12, none older than 16. The soldiers we met wore flip-flops, sarongs, fatigue shirts, an AK-47 slung barrel down on their shoulders, and usually a flower in their hair. They gave us

either suspicious glances or big smiles. I think the looks were directed at Ava, who stands a shade under six feet.

Don and Dave briefed me on the current situation. Having failed in their

1992 offensive, the Burmese had gotten smart. The Karen state holds only about half the Karen in Burma, about two million people. The other two million have become the underclass of the Burmese underclass.

Some are in the army.

One of those was a Buddhist monk, Myaing Gyi Ngu Sayadaw, who served as brigade chaplain to one of the Burmese units. The Burmese sent him to exploit divisions within the Karen

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If you want a career in the Karen National Liberation Army the best thing you can be is a Seventh Day Adventist and the next best thing is a Baptist. It's hard for a Buddhist to make it past captain. Bo Mya himself converted from Buddhism to Christianity, probably for career purposes.

The monk Myaing Gyi Ngu Sayadaw came into Karen country and organized a following of Karen Buddhists. Then he convinced them to revolt against the revolution. Don and Dave called it the Vegetarian Revolt.

The revolting Buddhist Karen had set up their headquarters in a monastery, Cher Moei Cha, on Sleeping Dog Hill, about ten kilometers north of Manerplaw, at the intersection of the Salween and Moei Rivers. All the movers and shakers of

They were on the current merc (mercenary) circuit; Bosnia in the summertime; Burma in winter.

I don't usually see auras, but these guys' auras were black holes. I didn't want to talk to them, and I didn't want to shake their hands. I had met the Frogs of War.

Quite a few volunteers have come to fight with the Karen over the years, and a goodly percentage of them have been killed. One was a French captain, a St. Cyr graduate who had organized the first Karen commando company. Their camp was named for him, Camp Guillaume, although Don and Dave usually called it Camp Hitler, because the Frogs of War gave the camp commander a picture of *der Führer*, which he displayed on a wall behind his desk.

Another foreign volunteer who got himself killed was Lance Motley, a West

The idea is that when the Burmese came along the trail these kids zing a couple of rounds at them, and then scamper off.

Manerplaw had gone up there for a parlay.

With the Christian and Buddhist Karen forces split, the Karen National Union headquarters — which is where we were — was a sitting duck for the Burmese, and they were just on the other side of Sleeping Dog Hill.

Camp Hitler and the Frogs of War

As we were coming back to the guesthouse, a Land Rover drove up with two French mercenaries and a couple of Karen henchmen standing upright in the open back, in camouflage jungle kit, weapons ready, faces grim. Don and Dave had told me about these guys, Jean-Luc and Jean-Phillippe. They were former French commandos who believed in some weird Valhalla religion and were said to eschew the company of women.

Pointer who came as a reporter for *Soldier of Fortune*.

At dinner, all talk, always, was about the Karen/Burmese war. Don told us the ability of the Karen to react swiftly to a breaking situation was hindered by their reverence for age. The old guys ran everything, and they intended to keep it that way, regardless of changes in the situation — tactical, strategic, political, or psychological.

For instance, the central command ran the villages through the village headman, who was of the village but was appointed by the central command — and reported to it — by hiking in for instructions. In some of these villages, nobody from the central government had been out to check on the people for a decade. The villages were taxed, their young men were

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drafted through the headman, and the results in terms of favoritism were what you would expect.

We spent the better part of a week hanging out with journalists and refugee workers. I dropped a few hints about going up to the fighting.

Ava said, "Sure, let's all go."

She wasn't bluffing, and there was no point in going if I had to be her escort. This was supposed to be

our vacation. I dropped it.

I was beginning to wonder what in the hell we were there for. Ava was delighted with the place and the people, but the incessant roar of unmuffled engines from the river kept her from getting the rest she needed. I wasn't going to see any fighting or even talk to high-level people.

We spent Christmas in the company of Vivien Morgan, a BBC correspondent, and a bottle of Jim Beam

I'd brought for the absent high officials.

Pat Boon

On the evening of the 26th, Don and Dave took me to a meeting with the civil official, Pat Boon. He had asked their opinion about how the Karen could re-establish good relations with their people. Don and Dave had told him about my description of village liaison cadre teams in my book *War Story*. He wanted to know all about

them.

We met over a guttering candle in a small general store filled with natural foods and Chinese remedies. We sat at a small table and drank tea. For three hours I laid out every detail of the Vietcong cadre team: selection, training, employment, security, communications, and logistics.

The version I taught had been adapted by my first commanding officer in Vietnam, Captain Crews McCulloch. We had been unable to bring remote tribal villages, controlled by the Vietcong through their cadre teams, into the Strategic Hamlet program. (The pro-

gram, adopted by the American and South Vietnamese governments in South Vietnam in the early '60s, in imitation of a similar program used successfully by the Brits in Malaya in the late '50s, relocated villages into more defensible positions, with defensive perimeters and local militia guards.)

Crews's idea was that we could counter this with teams of our own. Because we had more stuff and more money, we'd be able to do more for the villagers, especially in the medical area.

The idea was to find bright, dedicated young people, then give them a sense of mission and high

morale. The teams were six people: a leader, a medic, an agricultural advisor, an engineering advisor, a security guy, and an intelligence specialist.

The security specialist's main job was to organize a system of trail watchers, groups of three kids with one old weapon and a couple of rounds. The idea was that when the Burmese came along the trail, these kids would zing a couple of rounds at them and then scamper off. When the village heard the shots, they would grab what they could and head for the hills. The village usually was burned out, but nobody was killed

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or kidnapped, and you could rebuild a bamboo and rattan village in about six weeks.

When I finished, Pat Boon shook my hand warmly. "Other advisors come to teach us to march and shoot," he said. "But you teach a way we can win our revolution."

"Yeah," I replied. "If you can get it approved."

"I will try," he said. "Not now, but soon."

I may have accomplished more in that one three-hour conversation than in the lifetime of soldiering that preceded it. And I may never know whether that is true or not.

When we returned to the film location, the atmosphere had changed. Many of our Vietnamese actors were not professionals, and one of them was a DEA agent in real life. On one of his days off from the movie, he busted five of Khun Sa's top henchmen. Khun Sa was threatening retaliation against all Americans, and it was not lost on our producers that the most prominent Americans in northern Thailand at the time were our movie's stars.

We shot the firebase sequence in two weeks and wrapped in Thailand, to shoot the remaining aerial sequence in Florida. Having missed Manerplaw, Jared stuck around for a week to jump with the Royal Thai Army Sport Parachute Team, then the current world champs.

The Lighter that Burned Manerplaw

A few months later, Ava and I arrived in Bangkok and checked into our hotel just in time to see, over the BBC World Service, that Manerplaw had fallen. The Karen National Liberation Army had burned it to the ground and abandoned it, just ahead of the advancing Burmese. They burned the city and, of course, their headquarters and evacuated. Refugees were pouring over the river into Thailand; the conventional wisdom was that the Karen were all washed up.

So it was with an anxious heart that I waited for Don and Dave in the lobby

of the Oriental Hotel the evening before we left. It is impossible to exaggerate the opulence of that lobby. I sat nursing my discouragement with single-malt scotch, listening to a formally attired string quartet, wondering if Don and Dave had gotten my message and would show before we left.

Far from looking dejected, Don and Dave entered, still in cammies and sneaks, wearing big grins. Dave fired up a filtertip and said, "This is the lighter that burned Manerplaw. When it runs out of fluid, I'm going to have it bronzed."

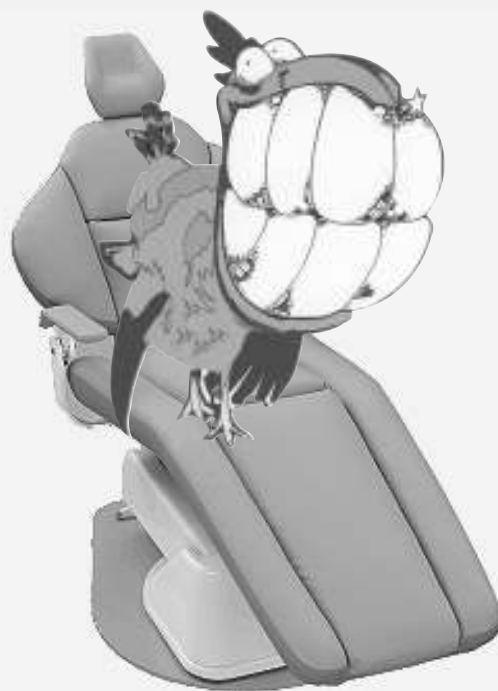
Over dinner that night they confirmed what I had hoped. The fall of Manerplaw had, in fact, solved a lot of problems. The ancient leadership had gone into exile in Thailand, removing one stumbling block. The new young leadership would have to be mobile in the jungle, would have to stay in contact with the people, and would have to promote on merit, rather than religion and family. Losing the capital had cleaned out a lot of deadwood.

In the years since, not a lot has changed. Bo Mya has retired and been replaced by a younger general. The Karen have continued to fight, but if they inaugurated my VC cadre teams, word has not reached my informants. The pipeline is complete, and the Karen have blown a spur line, but not the main one.

On the 15th of July, 2003, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 418 to 2 in favor of increased sanctions on Burma; no more teak imports, etc. The bill was passed by the Senate, 49 to 1; Bush signed it into law. Unocal is now the last "major" U.S. joint venture in Burma. ■

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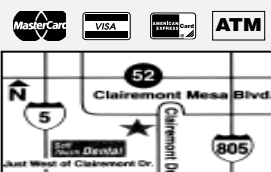
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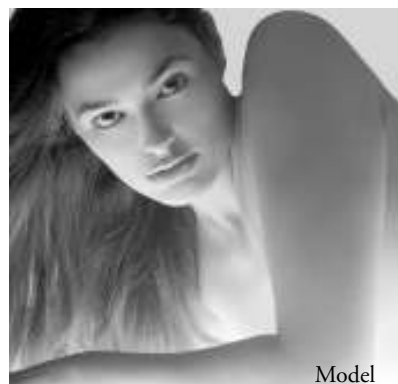
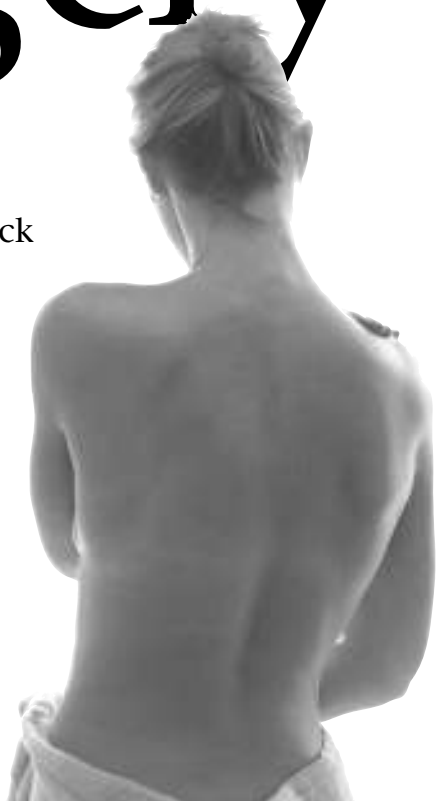
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The tables were turned: hostage-holding York and Dick had gone from top dogs to underdogs, and who would be holding the gun but York's old buddy Paz. The traitor had stashed a gun in the couch, so even with Walters and Kaliman wounded, there was still a chance the bad guys would win. But this wasn't the OK Corral; it was a shoot-out on the high seas, and they were surrounded by something more uncertain than the cavalry: all that water.

CHAPTER 20

Dick and I both looked at Paz. Paz looked at me for a fraction of a second to see where I had my gun pointed. It was still pointed straight ahead of me at Walters. Paz was about three feet behind my left shoulder. I would never make it trying to bring the MAC around.

Paz wasn't in such a good position either. He had to swing the gun back and forth between Dick and me. Dick was in the middle of the salon at the edge of the coffee table, and I was on Paz's other side, sitting at the bar. We were far enough apart that Paz had to swing his head a little, too, in order to take us both in. He was doing this very quickly. Back and forth.

Dick and I looked at each other. He would be exhausted before long with that routine. "You're going to get a crick in your neck doing that," Dick said.

"Just drop the gun, man. Now! You too, York." Paz was flinging sweat off his face as he rotated. "I can't get you both, but I can get one of you. You guys will have to guess which one."

"Let me guess first," I said.

"No, no. Me first!" Dick said.

"Hey, York. We're just here to kill these people. You don't need to make a scene."

"Cut it out!" Paz screamed. "I'm not fucking around here!" He had to make a choice. He stopped swinging his head and the gun and pointed it at Dick. That was my cue.

I brought the MAC around and was about to blow Paz into the sofa when Morelos let out a cry and lifted the glass coffee table with both feet under one of its legs. Bottles and glasses, the gram scale, and the ice bucket slid toward Paz. Walters shouted in agony, because his foot had been propped on the table.

Dick's MAC went off, and coffee table glass flew around the room like deadly confetti. I heard Paz scream out and I heard his pistol go off twice. I heard Dick say, "Shit!" but I didn't see any of this because I was falling off my barstool with my arm up over my face protecting my eyes from flying glass.

When I opened my eyes, I was laying on my back. Morelos stood over me. His hands and feet were still bound, but he was on his feet and had reached the sawed-off on the bar. He wedged the stock against his thigh and pumped a shell into the chamber.

When I tried to pull the Ingram up and shoot him, my hand met with resistance, and I felt a jagged piece of broken glass go into the base of my palm, just beneath the thumb. My gun was wedged beneath the coffee table frame and Paz's foot. Paz was pressing down hard.



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"Do you want me to talk to the police? They can hold me for questioning for a while, and I don't mind."

Morelos brought the shotgun down, and a second before I could see the muzzle, I let go of the MAC and rolled away. I rolled out the starboard salon door, rolled again and then again, and I had my back up against the gunwale. The shotgun went off, and pieces of fiberglass and aluminum exploded behind me like shrapnel. Pieces found their way into the back of my neck, and blood ran over my collar and onto my chin. There was now a hole in the gunwale I could have climbed through. I thought about it.

I got on my hands and knees and scrambled backwards, toward the bow, because a bulwark separating the bridge from the salon would hide me from Morelos. He was still tied up so he couldn't chase me far. I wanted to call for Dick, see if he was okay, but I

didn't want to give Morelos any help in finding me.

I saw Morelos stick his head out the hatch. He had undone the bonds on his wrists, or maybe Walters or Paz had done it for him. I didn't know if Dick was alive or not. Or Paz. I scrambled onto the foredeck, and I could hear Morelos limping after me, jacking another shell into the barrel and ejecting the old one. I heard the shell roll for maybe ten feet as the boat pitched and yawed. He stopped and cursed, and I slid down off the foredeck on the port side.

Then I heard a splash. A moment later I heard Dick's voice. "York! You all right? Swim for it, man. Fuck it! I'm hit!"

I couldn't answer because I still didn't want to advertise my position. I crawled toward the

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stern a little and stuck my head up to the Plexiglas just behind where Walters was sitting a minute ago. I couldn't see Walters, he was probably cowering on the floor. But I saw Emilio Paz.

He was sitting where I had left him. He was bleeding all over from his torso. He had the MAC in his still-tied hands. The muzzle was in his mouth.

When he pulled the trigger I heard a very muted clacking sound. Three rounds. The third one was a little louder, and I saw the muzzle flash from that one because there was less of his head to suppress it. The window behind him darkened with blood and cracked into a cobweb pattern.

Morelos had rolled across the foredeck the way I had. I had probably left a blood smear behind me. So he saw where I went. He fell painfully and before he saw me, I took off my jacket. It was wet with blood.

I stood, vaulted over the gunwale, and landed in the water feet first. I dove down a ways and kicked out, letting the air from my lungs slowly to keep me down. Something in the darkness above me barked, and I heard the hundreds of ball bearing-like pellets that made up the shot load, hissing through the water behind me.

When I finally surfaced — after a record two or three hours underwater, I figured — I was only about 20 yards from the Hatteras but in complete darkness. Morelos couldn't see me. This didn't keep him from jacking shells into the sawed-off, cursing the night and firing blindly into the swells. None of the shots came any closer than ten feet from me. I went down again, kicked, exhaled, stroked. Adrenaline propelled me like crystal methedrine. I broke the surface again, and I could make out the darkened hull of *Thunder Moon* to my left and maybe 50 yards

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ahead of me. I swam toward her, fighting the swells. The way to do this seemed to be with high elbow action.

Dick was climbing aboard. Mo was dragging him up by the collar of his wetsuit, and while I couldn't see them clearly, I could hear Dick cursing, "Fuck! Easy! Christ! My arm! Shit!"

"Dick! Mo!"

"York! You okay?"

"Yeh... Yes!"

"Swim, mother-fucker!" That was Dick.

"Swim, York!" That was Mo. What did they think I was doing?

* * *

I lay on the deck of *Thunder Moon* panting. Mo examined me. "You're okay. Cuts on your neck and head. Not bad, a lot of blood."

"Dick?"

"He was shot through the bottom of his left bicep, and the bullet grazed his ribs just under his armpit, but he's okay too. What happened?"

I got up. "What were the gunshots we heard from the dinghy?"

"The girl, Tracy, tried to get the gun away from me. The shots went in the air. I hit her pretty hard. She's, like, dazed, but not unconscious."

I heard the anchor motor whining and growling. Dick was at the bow. "Start the engines, Mo!"

"I'll give the orders!" she said.

"Jesus, Mo!"

"All right, I'll start them. Let's get the hell out of here." She paused for a moment as she helped me to my feet. "You didn't kill them, did you?"

"No. Paz shot himself. Morelos is still alive, the ugly one. I don't know about Walters."

"York!" Dick was calling me. "Can you use the rifle?"

"I'm coming."

Mo looked at me. "I'm glad you're okay, York. I'm really glad."

"Me too, let's go."

I ran to the bow, and Dick was breaking out the

Bullpup and the Sauer S-90. Just before our engines started I could hear the Hatteras start up in the distance. Dick handed me the rifle and a handful of ammunition. Blood ran down his wetsuit from his armpit. "What happened?" I asked him.

"Paz shot me. I think it was a .22 he had. I'm all right. I should have looked under the fucking cushions. I should have known they'd have guns stashed. Why didn't you think of that?"

Mo started *Thunder Moon's* engines. The deck vibrated beneath us.

"I hope she's not going to turn on the running lights," Dick said. "You think we should ask her if it would please be all right if she doesn't turn on the fucking running lights?"

"Take it easy. What happened after Morelos kicked over the table? I

My gunfire seemed to have no effect.

I couldn't tell if I was hitting the boat anywhere or not, much less the bridge.

heard your gun go off and Paz's, but it was a long time after that you dived in the water."

"I played dead. I hit Paz a few times, but I didn't kill him."

I told him about Paz.

"Did the right thing.

Anyway. Morelos looked at me for a minute but figured I was dead. He had Walters undo his hands and took off after you. As soon as he left the salon, I got up and ran for the side. I saw Paz holding the MAC, but he looked kind of dreamy and far away." Dick was handing me boxes of ammunition for the S-90. I had just my pants pockets. I filled them. Dick loaded six deer slugs into the Bullpup.

The anchor was up and Mo brought us about. We took some swells broadside, and I lost some bullets on the deck. The Hatteras was underway,

coming for us.

"We gonna outrun the *Rachel*?" I asked Dick. "I don't think so."

"That engine room is shot to shit. There's bullet holes everywhere. If the generator is hit, which I think it must be, they're fucked. Their fuel tanks are in the stern. Three of them. If they get close, which they will, I'll put some holes in her at the water line. They'll start sucking water through the fuel lines and the engine will stop dead."

"That's your plan?"

He rounded on me. "Yes, you got another one?"

"No. Take it easy."

"Sorry, I just hate getting shot. Ruins everything, you know?"

"We're not going to have a shot at their fuel lines if we're running ahead of them," I pointed out.

"That's true. We need

a field of fire at their stern."

"Wait here," I said and made my way quickly back to the cockpit.

Dick called out at my back. "Wait here? I don't know, I was thinking about going to a movie or something."

When I got to Mo, she was still in her wetsuit top, her hair was plastered with salt water, and her face was running with tears. "I almost killed that girl."

"Where is she?"

"Down below, sleeping. She might have a concussion, and she shouldn't be sleeping. That's dangerous, but it's more dangerous to have her up and around. God, I hope she doesn't die."

"She won't. The boy?"

"Right there."

She jerked her chin at the Avon, which was riding on the foredeck where Mo had secured it. I hadn't seen him up to

now. Francisco sat wrapped in his blanket watching everything with eyes that glinted in the moonlight like shards of ebony. "Get below! *¡Vamonos, Francisco! ¡Peligroso aquí!*" He sluggishly got up and made his way down the hatchway.

"They are going to kill you. Me too. Everybody here." He announced this flatly. "He's angry. You make him angry. You are York."

"He won't hurt us," I said. "He's done hurting anyone." As I said it, I tried to sound certain, but I guess it didn't come off.

"Not him. Not that guy." Francisco disappeared in the hatchway.

"Mo," I said. "You've got to run the ketch out a half mile east and then come about broadside or behind the Hatteras if we can. Let her pass us and come up on her stern. There's only Morelos and Walters onboard. They don't know how to run her. They can't maneuver."

"Don't they have a captain?"

"Not anymore. Will you do it?" I explained Dick's idea about the fuel tanks.

"Look, they're on fire." She pointed.

The Hatteras was bearing down on us as Mo used the tiller, came about, and took us on an eastward heading. Smoke, lit by moonlight, streamed from her stern. "All right! Dick said the generator had to be hit. Their generator is shot up. Thank Tracy for that."

"I'm taking a land heading on those lights." She gestured at the electrical towers north of Rosarito. "It's a chance, I suppose. We can't outrun that thing."

"No."

The *Rachel* couldn't see us. Their searchlight was blown away, and they continued on a course that we had abandoned. When they finally noticed we weren't running ahead of them, they seemed to sit in the water indecisively for a long time.

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Mo brought *Thunder Moon* around, and we were now motoring up their ass but making slower time because of the seas. Running uphill again. "Tell Dick to break out the jenny!"

She started cranking the mainsail, running up to the foredeck to loosen the clamps. I shouted to Dick, and he gave me a thumbs up and dug out the Genoa jib.

I hoisted the mizzen and we caught traction with the wind, cleaving the swells bow on. Fully rigged like this, in the moonlight, the *Rachel* would make us out any minute, coming up on their starboard stern quarter. We were maybe less than a mile from her, a kilometer, one click. She still sat there smoking and burning and rocking in the seas like a smoldering barge. The seas caught her bow and turned her nicely away from us.

Dick ran down from the bow to tell me, "Get up here, start firing rounds at their bridge." He gestured towards.

"We're too far away. I'm not that accurate, man."

"The gun is accurate, man. Do it. Just lay rounds on them, keep their heads down, keep 'em nervous. They're probably trying to find second gear or something."

He took off forward, and I picked up the rifle, trailing him, muttering, "Sure, just hit the bridge, keep their heads down. We're a click away, I can't shoot, and I'm standing on a rolling deck. Just do it. Fine. Fuck you, Dick."

When I got to the bow, tried to steady the rifle on the railing, worked the bolt and squeezed off a round — I waited for a report. The round hitting something, anything. Nothing.

"Fire!" Dick shouted.

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"You want me to do it?"
 "Sure, here." I handed him the rifle. He took it and he let off three shots. They went into the night. Nobody aboard the Hatteras, which seemed far away, could possibly have noticed they were being shot at.

"Piece of shit!" Dick handed the rifle back to me.

As we closed on the *Rachel* I worked the bolt and squeezed the trigger. I could make out a single shape on the flying bridge. I didn't know if it was Walters or Morelos, but I figured it had to be Kaliman. Walters was barely able to walk. My gunfire seemed to have no effect. I couldn't tell if I was hitting the boat anywhere or not, much less the bridge.

Return gunfire sounded from the Hatteras. A small machine gun, maybe one of the MACs. The bullets stitched up the water ahead

of us, and none of them came closer than 20 yards. "Those guns cost me \$1200," Dick moaned.

"This boat cost Mo a lot more." I was sighting through the scope. Morelos was definitely at the helm, and so it must have been Walters shooting at us. Dick had the Bullpup aimed but was holding his fire until we got closer.

Half a click now. Something like that.

The *Rachel's* engines roared in the night, whining with pent-up rage. The boat lurched forward a few yards at high speed and then glided to a stop as the engines died. Morelos turned the engine over again and started moving forward more slowly. The Ingram sounded again from the *Rachel*, but the bullets went wild somewhere. If it was my MAC he had, the one Emilio used, there wouldn't be many more bullets left in it. I asked

Dick about his gun. He said there was most of that second clip in it. Still, there must have been a few more guns stashed around the magazine racks and wet bars onboard.

My rounds were finding the target now. I was putting small holes in the bulkheads, gunwale, Plex-

He fired, I fired... his gun went up and discharged into the sky. He tumbled backwards over the rail on the flying bridge.

iglas, and canvas seat covers.

Next to me, Dick's Bullpup coughed a deer slug into the night, and it found its way into the hull of the Hatteras: just above the waterline and almost dead amidships. He was aiming high, leading the boat like I was, and trying to correct for

Thunder Moon's dipping and rising. The *Rachel* was burning badly now. The whole main salon was filled with smoke, and flames lit the hatchways that I knew were on either side of the bar and Mino-taur painting.

Morelos was having trouble with the controls.

fire. I was getting them in within feet of him. I almost hit him twice, and he gave me the finger. The MAC spit out a final ten rounds that mostly went over our heads, though the jenny was now ventilated in a half dozen places. I stopped firing and, at Mo's request, reefed in the jib.

Dick kept pumping the handgrip on the weird-looking shotgun. He put four slugs into the waterline at the stern and along the starboard aft. He reloaded, but I don't think he had to. The engine on the Hatteras died and flames were now dancing through the salon. Smoke poured from the forepeak and from a hatch on the stern cockpit. Morelos was furiously working the throttle, but nothing was happening.

Within 30 yards of *Rachel* Mo cut the engines and struck the mizzen. Since we had been sailing north again for the

past 20 minutes, we had to fight the seas, but the Hatteras had worse problems.

Morelos gave up on the engine controls. He brought up the sawed-off and fired at us. The shot kicked up spray maybe a foot from our bow. Some of it would be in the wood hull too, but not enough to hurt. He was in my sights. I had three rounds in the rifle. He dipped out of my sights, our bow rose again from the trough, and Morelos fired again. Buckshot peppered the deck. I ducked.

"Everybody okay?" I called out as our bow rose again.

"Shoot the fucker!" Dick called.

"I'm all right, York!" Mo shouted.

Morelos was leveling the sawed-off again. We were maybe ten yards away. In my sights; he fired, I fired. His gun went up and discharged into

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the sky. He tumbled backwards over the rail on the flying bridge. I think I shot him in the throat. A lucky shot, though not too lucky for "Kaliman." I heard him hit the water.

"Come about, Mo!"

Dick ordered.

"I know what to do!"

She answered him and the main boom swung portside. We came about broadside to the *Rachel*, and I saw Walters dive over the side. The aluminum deck must have been very hot by now. The rear engine compartment of the *Hatteras* erupted in flame, smoke, wood, aluminum shrapnel, glass, and diesel fuel.

The *Rachel* started to sink rapidly. Debris had been flung in a hundred-foot radius when the engine room went up. Burning diesel covered the ocean. I never saw a boat that size sink. It spun from port to starboard on an axis amidships, then followed its aft section into the water with a roiling, steam-and-smoke series of death throes, as if it were some lumbering sea animal settling into a watery bed for the night with fitful, tantrum-like thrashings. I figured that was weight in the stern being reapportioned by the tons of water being taken on suddenly.

I saw Walters in the water. He was maybe 40 feet from me and swimming away from burning oil and diesel on the water. His hair was singed, gone. His arms were blistered. He wasn't swimming well. He said, "Help, York, help!"

Thunder Moon was "in irons," the mizzen caught no air and luffed against the mast.

I looked at Dick. He was watching Walters go down. He didn't say anything. Mo shouted to me, "York!"

But I was already over the side. Stunned by cold water, breaking the surface, I was making for the spot I had last seen him. I kept hearing him say, "Help, York, help!" and I thought, not for the first

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time, *He's nuts. He's calling me for help?* And then I was thinking, *Who's crazy? I'm in the water trying to get to him. Why?*

I couldn't find him. I held my breath and went down. The flames on the surface of the water provided a stuttering, murky kind of psychedelic lighting overhead. *Where the hell did he go? He couldn't have sunk that fast.* I went to the surface again and blinked into the firelight. My lungs and face burned. I went down again.

Nothing. I kicked out. Groping, flailing. Let the air out and went deeper. I could only go so deep. I thought I might feel him any moment. Nothing.

I broke the surface pretty much where I had gone down before. I looked around me; all I could see was fire and smoke and five-foot swells now. I went down again.

Came up again.
Down.

My arms and legs were numb from exertion. My chest heaved. I swallowed a quart of brine, inhaled smoke.

I couldn't find Walters. He was gone.

CHAPTER 21

It was dawn when we tied up at Shelter Island. We had sailed back in silence except for the conversation necessary to steer *Thunder Moon* toward the beacon on Point Loma. Mo had reserved a slip for July 1 back when she had first planned her trip a year ago. It took us a while to find it; all of us were slow and grim with exhaustion. Fortunately it was an end slip and easy to approach. The three of us went below and joined Francisco and Tracy in sleep. Mo and I in the bow and Dick on the fold-out settee.

During the day, around noon, maybe, I woke in the airless heat of the bow com-

partment to the sounds of engines, the shouts of holiday sailors, air horns, radios, and Harbor Patrol incomprehensibilities mumbled into loud hailer. At first I thought they must be addressing us, and so I stuck my head through the hatch and looked out.

She took a cab the next day to Lindbergh Field and told me I could stay on the boat, keep an eye on it. I said I would stay long enough to get the bullet holes repaired and I would take off.

The Harbor Patrol had more on their minds than us: San Diego Bay was jammed with Fourth of July weekend boaters: power boats and sailboats, windsurfers and Sabots, Hobie Cats, rowboats, and rented paddle wheelers. Some of them plowed into

each other or the hulls of docked vessels. Dick, Mo, and Francisco were dead asleep, and I didn't know how they could manage it in this heat and racket.

I was dead tired too, but my nerves were still singing too far into the upper octaves to get any

real rest. I'd close my eyes, doze off, and then a parade of images would stutter past my eyelids like some speed-freak slide show: muzzle flashes from guns, Gus Amado's head disappearing at the stern of the *Rachel*, Sufi flying backward off his surf-

board, Bevilaqua waving a pistol in the air and pushing his way through the crowd at the bullring chasing me, Emilio Paz's house exploding into the Mexican night, flotation cushions, toilet articles, the bodies of men, plastic bags and cups all rising and falling through the clouds of smoke and moonlight on the indifferent waves. Finally, I kept seeing the hypnotic, weird light of burning fuel on the black surface of the ocean as I dove beneath it, gulping oily water, looking for Eugene Walters.

I remembered, too, what Mo had said when I climbed back aboard the ketch, about why she had been calling my name so desperately while I was in the water, though I hadn't heard her at the time. "Didn't you see the sharks, York?" she had said. "The water is full of sharks!"

Before I climbed back into the bow to make

another attempt at sleep, I noticed Tracy was gone. Maybe she'd get her head examined. Hoped so. I wondered what she had stolen when she left. If it was Mo's, I'd replace it, somehow. I put a pillow over my head and knew I wouldn't sleep for a long time, but that was the last thing I remember thinking until waking up at 1:00 a.m. the next morning.

Mo had a cup of tea and handed me one. Dick wasn't there. He had been picked up by Sheila, a.k.a. "Suzy Creamcheese," earlier that night and had left a message for me to give a call. Francisco was watching a small Sony television up in the cockpit. "What day is it?" I asked Mo.

She toasted me with her cranberry tea. "Independence Day," she said.

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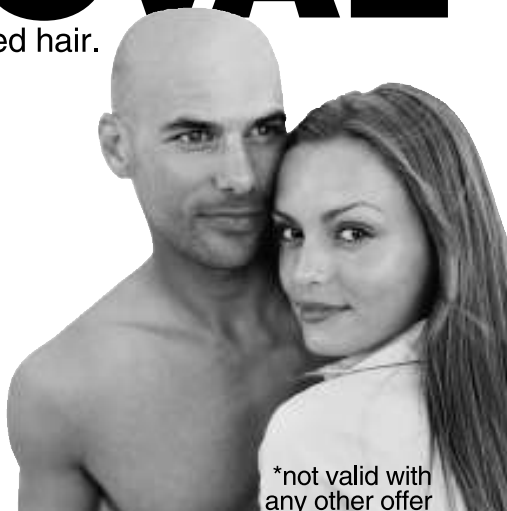


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later that I had most of the bullet holes in the hull, rail, and mast sanded, caulked, sealed, resanded, and either repainted or re-urethaned. The Genoa was being stitched at the yards at Knight & Carver on Mission Bay, and I would pick it in a few days. On the suggestion of Dave McGraw from the Reader, I had taken Francisco downtown to the Catholic Community Services Refugee Resettlement House. I left him there along with \$100 and wished there was something else I could do, but there wasn't. Not really.

On the phone, McGraw told me he was recovering nicely and had stopped getting threatening calls concerning my whereabouts. No more Ginsu knives in parking lots. Nothing except a call from Roger Powell and Edna Campbell about what had happened to me. McGraw had no news. "What gives?" he wanted to know.

"Walters is gone. Disappeared for good this time."

"Jesus, you got him. How did you do it?"

"I didn't do it."

"Somebody else did him?"

"Actually, I think a shark might have ate him, tell you the truth." And that was all I would say to McGraw about it. He whined, pleaded, threatened me, promised he wouldn't print a word, he just wanted to know. "Sorry, Dave. How about you find some homeless wino with a Ph.D. living in a dumpster at Horton Plaza? Do a feature like that. I've got no story for you."

"York, you're a prick. Let's have a drink one night."

"Sure."

* * *

I phoned Edna Campbell on July 7 and arranged to come up and speak to her and Roger about what had happened. I had put off calling her out of guilt and depression, but I

DEAR DR. TAYLOR,

It's with great pleasure that I write this letter of appreciation. I don't know quite how to pen this elation that I feel. More words could not do my gratituted justice. However I will attempt to do so for the sake of giving credit where credit is due, honor where honor is due, respect where respect is due, homage where homage is due. All of this and so much more which is not within my grasp belongs to you Dr. Taylor. For your professionalism, your skill, no your gift, your invaluable years of experience, your humanness, your humor and your magic touch.

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finally snapped out of it with a galvanizing attack of self-loathing.

They met me at Union Station in downtown L.A., and we ate lunch at a Marie Callender's. Edna was dressed in another pink floral-print dress with a high Victorian lacy collar. Her gray hair was tied back and tucked beneath a wide-brimmed sunbonnet. Her blue eyes, much like her son's, were clear and dry behind smoky rose glasses. She folded and unfolded a napkin and didn't eat much of a seafood salad.

Roger had a white golf shirt on and tan slacks. He held Edna's hand and listened to me tell them about Walters. His eyes were hard and suspicious, but as I spoke, they kept looking away, at Edna or toward a man eating lunch across the room alone who had been reading the same page of a newspaper for half an hour. He said,

"My God," a few times. I told them everything except the names of the people who helped me.

When I was finished, Edna said, "We're supposed to notify the police if you contacted us again."

"Uh-huh," I said. "Is that a cop over there?" I looked toward the balding man with a cup of cold coffee in front of him, still studying the *L.A. Times* business page.

"No," Roger told me. "He's a private investigator. I called him yesterday, just before you called. I was going to have him find you. He came with us today in case I didn't like what I heard from you."

"Well, I can't imagine you're crazy about what you heard." I drank some of my Heineken and tried to stack french fries in a pile with my fork.

"No," Edna said and took a sip of water. "No, I'm not crazy about what I heard, but I think it's

the truth. It's too awful to be anything else."

"How about you, Mr. Powell? Do you want me to talk to the police? They can hold me for questioning for a while, and I don't mind. But Sufi's... Terry's death is out of their jurisdiction. And they won't learn anything more from me than what I've told you. They won't learn anything more from any Mex-

ican cops or the Rosarito D.A.'s office either. Everyone will jerk everyone around a little bit until they get tired of it. They will soon, too, because it won't go anywhere. It will cost me some time, but it cost Terry more. I've got nothing terribly urgent to do."

"If there's anything else I can do..."

"No," Edna said. "Services were held last Saturday. Just family. We should all just get on now."

"Yes," I said and got up, putting \$30 down for the check. I said I'd take

in the first place. Even if you did, I think you would have handed us a better tale, some happy crap or other."

a cab back to the train station. Roger handed the money back to me. "Thanks for coming," he said.

Edna nodded. She didn't thank me for anything this time. In the club car on the Amtrak, I drank five Jack Daniel's and five Coors.

Mo and I had shared the settee bed the night before, but neither of us could do anything but hold each other, drink tea, smoke a little grass, cry, and massage the tension and bruises from each other. We fought a little too.

Mo wanted to know the reason for everything that had happened. Not why Walters wanted me dead or why I wanted him dead, but the *big* reason, the *cosmic* reason: why your life can go along for

a while in an ordinary way and then suddenly hurl you into a maelstrom of craziness, pain, fear, and death. She waxed philosophical on some Thai weed she had been saving for a special occasion and quoted Victor Frankl, Alan Watts, and Gregory Bateson.

I quoted the closing lyrics to Dire Straits' "Walk of Life," and she thought I was being flippant. I wasn't. I told her I didn't see the world that way, with reasons for things that happened. Things happened, that's all, and what you're left with are choices as to how you'll react. Choices, not reasons. You can tell yourself the reasons later and it still doesn't make any difference. This was insensitive, macho, unenlightened.

She asked me if I felt better now that Walters was dead. I said I didn't know if he was or not. "You know he's dead." "Nope." "Assume he's dead." "Okay."

"Do you feel good about it?"

"No." "Do you feel bad about it?" "No." "You're not saying anything." "I guess not."

We went into a bad hour or two after that about men and how they never said anything, maybe didn't feel anything. She told me about getting pregnant with her husband's child, only by that time she had been having the affair with the bogus publisher and her husband figured it wasn't his kid. She knew it was, she said. Her husband wanted her to abort the pregnancy, and she did it to try and save her marriage. It would have been a boy, she *knew* this. Her husband always wanted a boy. The marriage went belly-up anyway. There was more. Her father had alternately adored her, or, later, as a teenager, treated her like a whore.

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and hurtful in this life. No matter what I did. I was sorry I screwed up her trip so badly. Sorry I couldn't get closer to her and make us both feel easier about the world. That was a fourth thing I felt — all tied in with the others — sorry.

So my plan was to fix up *Thunder Moon* a little, think for a couple of weeks, and then go see Dana, the singer, up in L.A. See how the band was doing and find out if she still could put away vodka and cocaine like we used to do.

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Just before I ran out of money, I drove down to K-38 with Dick. I wanted to see Pescado and Maradón, tell them I was okay. Thank them.

Maradón was sleeping in his mother's house behind the police station, but he didn't mind waking up and having some coffee at the Rosarito Beach Hotel. Maradón was surprised to see me and not unhappy about it, though I'm sure he didn't want to think he let this show. We drank coffee out by the glassed-in area overlooking the beach. We talked about how the Baja coppers had stopped looking real hard for me a week earlier. "I figured payday came around and nobody showed up with any money from your man's people. Walters's people. They lost enthusiasm in their hunt for the dangerous Fernando Cruz."

We toasted Cruz with coffee.

"Something must have happened to the guy, huh?" Maradón sounded vaguely curious.

"Cruz?" I asked.

"Yeah, him and Walters too."

"I'll tell you about it. First, I want to find Pescado, fill him in."

We drove south. Rancho Paz was still a ruin. No one had done anything about it, and no one was likely to for a while. The house was half there, more

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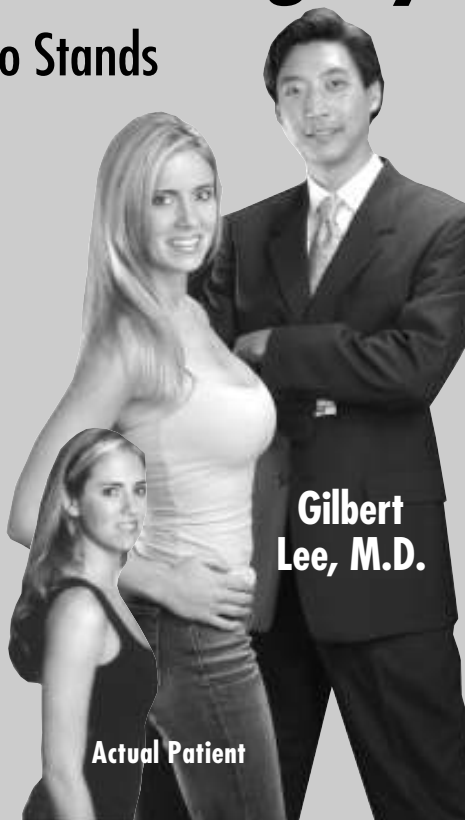
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or less. Like I had last seen it, only the smoke had cleared. It smelled like burning garbage, but a lot of northern Baja does anyway. The koi were all dead in the pond. The birds weren't in their cages anymore. Chorizo came around from somewhere and started barking at us as we stood at the cliffs, looking out to sea. Dick snarled at him, and the dog took off for the shade under Pescado's Airstream.

Pescado, Big Wave Dave, Tonto, and Homeboy were all out in the water. Sets of *perfecto* swells advanced, curled, broke, and retreated for a kilometer along the expanse of shoreline. Pescado saw us first, waved, and paddled in. The others followed him.

I greeted Homeboy, Big Wave, and Tonto, said I had to talk with Pescado, and they all shook my hand and went back out in the water. "You can tell them what you want to later," I said to Pescado.

For the next hour we sat or leaned on the white-washed fence at the lip of the cliffs and drank Coronas. When I got around to telling Pescado and Maradón what had happened, Dick adding his bits here and there and making it sound as if he were just watching my back during all of it, everyone let their empty Coronas sit; no one went for a

refill.

"I just thought I should tell you about it, man. I owed you that," I said to the big ugly friend I had made over the summer.

Pescado laughed. "Sounds like a goddamned pirate movie. You know, broadsides back and forth on the high seas, like that."

"Yeah," I said. "It was just like Captain Blood."

When we got out of the sun, into the shade of Pescado's trailer, he brought out the San Matias tequila and the limes. Maradón said he had to be going. "I don't drink tequila. I gotta work in a couple hours." He punched me very lightly on the arm. "Come around sometime, say hello to my kid. Pay my brother for those tacos and Pepsis you never paid him for."

"I owe your brother money?"

"Oh yeah, man. When all this Fernando Cruz/Walters shit is old stuff, then you come back and pay it. He'll hold your tab. It's a few bucks, no big deal. Don't come back too soon, though. Wait till all the summer dust has settled down, after Labor Day."

"After Labor Day, when the dust has settled down," I echoed him.

"Yeah, 'course there's always dust blowing around down here, eh?"

"Right. Thanks."

He started walking back to his car and stopped. He tossed me a key. It fit into the ignition of Javier Paz's Honda 750. I wondered what was going to happen to Pelón. I figured he'd be on probation by Labor Day. Maybe not. I didn't really care. Speaking of dust, the wind kicked up a wall of it from the parking lot to the north, brought it whipping our way, scouring the trailers and the ruins of Emilio Paz's house where I had eaten, worried,

packed with my things. Underwear, T-shirts, two pair of socks. The toothbrush was Mo's. I suppose I could have taken it, but I didn't want to. I was torn between the backpack or renting a U-Haul.

I smoked a Marlboro Light while reclining in the Avon on the deck of *Thunder Moon*. I had a can of Dr Pepper in the other hand, enough money for bus fare to L.A., a fair start at a beard, and a damned nice suntan. The sail had been patched,

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read, slept, sweat, laughed, and almost died.

Maradón shouted, "Fucking dust, man! Always blowing around down here. Someday it's gonna just blow me away."

I grinned at him and squinted against the sandy wind.

"I let the birds go," Pescado said.

"What?"

"The birds, in the cage, in the garden. I let 'em go."

"That's good."

We drank some more tequila.

the bullet holes were an invisible memory to anyone who hadn't been onboard when they were put there. I was listening to Stevie Ray Vaughan singing "Cold Shot" on the radio. I had a few hours before I would get a taxi downtown and leave San Diego indefinitely. Different ways of phrasing a note to Mo were going through my mind, like, "Time to mosey on, miss..." or, "Jesus, I'm sorry, Mo. I'd like to talk to you..." or just, "I'll call you in a couple of weeks. Thank you, etc. etc." The thing was, I couldn't see writing anything down.

Luck came striding back toward me so I didn't have to. Luck was clacking down the dock on a pair of low-heeled pumps. She whistled at me. "Hey, sailor! Got a match?"

Mo was dressed in a burgundy skirt and white blouse with a bolo tie. The shoes matched the skirt. The tie was fixed at the throat with a pair of gold wings sprouting from an onyx yin yang symbol. She was carrying about 580 pounds of shit in shopping bags, suitcases, boxes, and garment containers.

"Jesus, you look like a flight attendant for Zen Texas Airlines," I said getting up.

"You look like the old man and the sea. Nice beard."

"Let me help you."

I went to take some of her stuff at the rail, but she hauled it all aboard without effort.

We stood together on the deck of *Thunder Moon*, and I held her lightly around the waist. "I meant, you look great."

"I won this tie from a guy on the flight down. Drew cards. I got a jack. He pulled a nine. I wanted it. I got it. Little equations like that make me happy."

I removed her sunglasses because I wanted to see her eyes. She looked tired, but behind that was life, sexy joy, some new clarity, and a little craziness, lots of things. I liked everything I saw there.

"Why did you come back?"

She kissed me. It didn't last long, but it answered the question.

"You," she said. "I really didn't have to be there. I'll go back before long. Meanwhile..."

"Meanwhile, what?"

She looked over my shoulder at the wafer of moon riding the northeastern afternoon sky. Almost full.

"Thunder Moon," I said.

"No," she answered me and kissed me again, a little longer this time. "That's gone. History. New moon now."

"How long will you stay?"

"A while, maybe longer."

Her tie came off in my hand. Her shoes were on the deck. All of her bags lay there where we had left them and we were below on the settee then, and I didn't know where I had left my shirt or my belt.

When we broke away from each other for a moment, I asked. "So, what do you call this new moon now, I mean, if it's not Thunder Moon anymore?"

She grabbed my Levi's at the hip. "Satyr's Moon," she said.

"Does that last for a whole month too?"


She breathed her answer into my face and she smelled like summer and wine, sunlight on skin, everything that you ever wanted to smell. "We'll see," she said, getting in the last word. ■

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North Park Vaudeville

Summer Golden pronounces the word theater the old-fashioned way, thee-ATE-er. She and her boyfriend, Jeff Bushnell, started one about a year ago. In May, they moved it into a North Park storefront. There, every two months, they put on a variety show — a vaudeville — and sell “vintage candy” during the intermission.

“We’ve had magicians, dancers, musicians, including a saw player,” said Golden, who performs a comedy routine with Bushnell that’s an impersonation of George Burns and

Gracie Allen, a vaudeville team of the 1920s. Burns (1896–1996) and Allen

(1895–1964) were a classic matchup of a dumb female and a straight man. When vaudeville’s popularity ended in the 1930s, they moved to radio, then television.

Unlike, say, a musical, a vaudeville is composed of unrelated acts. This time in North Park there will be a belly dancer, several comedians, and a woman in her 80s who yodels.

Opal McCracken is the yodeler’s name. By phone from her home/real-estate office in La Mesa, McCracken discussed her upcoming performance. “They want me to sing ‘I Want to Be a Cowboy’s Sweetheart,’ ” she said. “It’s a song made famous in the ’20s and ’30s and ’40s by Patsy Montana. I grew up in Saskatchewan, Canada, and she lived just across the border, in Montana. There’s one other I might do instead. It’s called ‘He Taught Me to Yodel,’ and that’s a better yodeling song, because there’s more yodeling in it.”

McCracken couldn’t explain how she had come to learn yodeling. “It’s been part of me all my life. I grew up on a homestead — 160 acres. It was a rural community. We were way out on a farm.” McCracken’s mother died at age 30, leaving behind eight children. McCracken was the oldest girl, and her father, a 31-year-old widower, didn’t remarry. “So I raised that family. We were all very close, and all of our youth we sang. We had a little family orchestra. All the neighbors sang too. We’d get together, and everybody would learn everybody else’s songs. I’ll bet you I could sing 200 songs off the top of my head without ever looking at a note.”

McCracken often performs with a partner, who has to be elsewhere this weekend. He is Ted Theodore, a retired engineer who sings and plays the



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Opal McCracken and Ted Theodore

Dobro, an acoustic guitar with a metal resonator built into the body. McCracken and Theodore met at a function for widows and widowers four years ago. “We’ve been singing and playing together ever since,” said McCracken. “We see each other every day. We’ve built a new life.”

Robert Handen, a 42-year-old financial planner with a major national investment firm, lives around the corner from the building where the vaudeville takes place. One day, he noticed the sign about auditions. He tried out as a stand-up comedian and has performed twice now as a character he calls “Uncle Bob.”

“I’d been told by friends that I’m quite humorous at times,” he said by phone from his office one morning last week. “But as far as stage experience goes, I’d had almost none. You’d have to go back to, possibly, elementary school. But I think comedy was something I’ve always wanted to do but never got around to, maybe because I never really saw the opportunity until

now.”

The material he presented at his audition was a nostalgic story about his childhood in Riverside. Golden and Bushnell made some suggestions, Handen said. “Apparently I was moving too much, and you’re not supposed to. I was moving out of the spotlight, but having the spotlight focused on me was a new experience.” They also suggested the use of props. Handen practiced and improved. Since creating the Uncle Bob character, he has also joined Golden and Bushnell’s comedy-improvisation team.

Others who may want to audition should know that Golden and Bushnell are open to anything entertaining except humor that’s “a little too off-color — it’s a family show.” Loud music won’t make it, either. “We don’t have rock bands and rap music and that sort of thing.” If you call Golden, she will give you a specific appointment. “That way I can see if you’re reliable.” Also, Bushnell works as a pilot and auditions are worked into his flying

schedule. The couple is happy to coach people, as they coached Handen. “We don’t just tell them they’re no good.”

All sorts of people attend the show, Golden said, but not too many at once. “If we’re sold out, that’s 35 people.” One kind of person in particular is favored. “We give a free ticket to anyone in the audience over 100. And we do have a man over 100 who has made his reservation. This will be the second time that he has come to the show.”

— Jeanne Schinto

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BAJA

“Días de Hierro and Malaquita,” María Eugenia Bonifaz signs and reads from her historical novel, Thursday, November 6, 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

¿Covet Camarónes? Chefs strut their culinary stuff during San Fe-

lipe Shrimp Festival, Thursday through Sunday, November 6-9. Live music, dancing, art exhibits. 011-52-686-577-2300. (SAN FELIPE)

The Hispanic-American Guitar Festival underway at the Tijuana Cultural Center includes performances by Los Romeros from Spain, Thursday, November 6, and Costas Cotsiolis from Greece, Friday, November 7. Sol de México and Reyna de los Angeles mariachi bands take the stage on Saturday, November 8

On Sunday, November 9, Antonio Esparza from México presents show for children at 1 p.m., followed by Silfredo Pérez from Venezuela at 6 p.m.

From the U.S., Anderson and Fader perform Monday, November 10. Hailing from Japan, Kato Msayuki presents concert Tuesday, November 11. Judicael Perroy from France performs Wednesday, November 12. Alvaro Pierri (Uruguay) plays guitar on Thursday, November 13.

Except where noted, concerts begin at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$15 to \$20 U.S. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Juanes performs in concert Thursday, November 6, 9 p.m., at Balak, Pueblo Amigo Mall, Zona Río. Tickets: \$50, \$100, \$200 U.S. 011-52-664-682-9350. (TIJUANA)

Mana in concert, Friday, November 7, 9 p.m., in Monumental Bull-



Lobster Lunch Tour in Puerto Nuevo, November 13 (see Baja)

ring by the Sea. 011-52-664-688-1080. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

It Takes Talent, Not Speed, to participate in the Young Tijuana Municipal Rally, starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 8, on Avenida Revolución and 1st Street. 011-52-664-634-7619. (DOWNTOWN)

¿Langosta for Lunch? Head to Puerto Nuevo for “Lunch in Lobster Village” hosted by Baja California Tours, Thursday, November 13. Fee: \$56, includes transportation, lobster feast at El Patio de Langosta, shopping in Rosarito Beach, Tijuana. Reservations: 858-454-7166 or 800-336-5454. (PUERTO NUEVO, TIJUANA)

Tijuana Cultural Center, center (CECUT) offers guided tours in Spanish and English of exhibit on history of Baja peninsula, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cultural and artistic exhibits. Entrance fee is approximately \$2 (two-for-one entrance on Tuesdays).

Anillo de Fuego, Shackleton’s Antarctic Adventure, Stomp: Odisea del Ritmo, screen at the CECUT Omnimax. Also screening at various times: *Cuevas, Ocean Oasis,* and *Mystery of the Mayas.*

The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río. Showtimes and information: 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Local Temperatures should be declining most rapidly during this time of year, according to more than a century of local meteorological records. With every successive week, daily maximum temperatures are declining by about 3/4° Fahrenheit, and daily minimum temperatures are plummeting by about 1° Fahrenheit. (This gradual onset of fall/winter chill is probably all but unnoticed by

most newcomers from harsher climates.) By January, our mean temperature will have fallen to about 55°, from an average temperature of about 70° in August.

November’s and December’s Picturesque Sunsets and sunrises are no accident. This is the time of year when high cirrus clouds, often the precursors of storms, sweep through our area with some regularity. When cirrus or other lofty clouds are present, low-angle sunlight bathes the undersides of these clouds in a crimson luminescence. This effect is most noticeable a half hour to a few minutes before the sun rises and a few minutes to a half hour after the sun sets.

A Total Lunar Eclipse graces the early-evening sky for the second time this year on Saturday, November 8. Very similar circumstances occurred last May 15. On November 8, the prospects for clear weather along the coast are better. Start your vigil at dusk, when the rising full moon low in the eastern sky will already be fully immersed in the Earth’s shadow. As darkness gathers, the pale grayish or reddish fully eclipsed moon will appear increasingly prominent. At 5:31 p.m. the moon begins to exit Earth’s shadow, and the bright, white, sun-illuminated portion of the moon will grow from a thin crescent toward a full disk over the next hour and a half. By 7:04 p.m., the partial phases are over and the moon will appear “whole” again.

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on the second Saturday of each month, including

November 8. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Rediscover Old Escondido East during historic walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m., at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-739-8703 or 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Banish Invasive Plants, tend California natives, weed native plant gardens with Friends of Famosa Slough around treatment ponds at urban wetland, Saturday, November 8, 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)

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Carlsbad Capers, take a seven-mile, moderate-plus walk through town of Carlsbad and up into hills with Walkabout explorers, Sunday, November 9. Outing starts at 8:30 a.m. in Tamarack Beach parking lot (take Tamarack exit from I-5, head west). Free. 619-231-7463. (CARLSBAD)

Carrizo Badlands Overlook 4 x 4 Adventure, hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Sunday, November 9, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Participants head through Canyon Sin Nombre, take short hike into a slot canyon, end at Palm Spring Oasis. \$32. Reservations: 619-255-0219. (CARRIZO BADLANDS)

DANCE

Club Cleopatra, dancers Ana, Zahira, Dhakirah, Heidi present bellydance “gala” Thursday, November 6, 7:30 p.m., Nagi’s Bar and Grill (501 West Broadway). \$5. 619-405-2308. (DOWNTOWN)

Fiesta de la Cuadrilla, 53rd annual fiesta, Friday through Sunday, November 7-9, at venues in Balboa Park. Festival boasts a variety of styles and levels of dancing. Featured callers include Randy Dougherty, Larry Ingber, Jerry Jestin, Dave Rensberger; cuing by Chuck and Doreene Ball, Bob

Malthouse, Rey Garza, Radka and Steve Sandeman; line dancing led by Diana Costantino.

The three-day package price: \$30 at door. Times, locations: 619-235-8151. (BALBOA PARK)

Urban Bush Women perform Friday, November 7, 7:30 p.m., in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: \$25 general, available by calling 858-534-8497 or Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

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“Jewels of the Night,” Middle Eastern dance gala with live music by Andy and Emad, Friday and Saturday, November 7 and 8, 8-10 p.m., at Caesar’s Cafe (801 C Street). \$10 cover. 619-234-8141. (DOWNTOWN)

Contradance, Old Twine String Band makes the music, Graham Hempel calls for contradancing, Friday, November 7, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners’ instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Little Bit of Yoga and Whole Lotta Dance promised during Kripalu DansKinetics, “for all shapes, sizes, ages (kids welcome),



Diane Schuur for Winter Pops at Copley Symphony Hall, November 7 and 8 (see In Person)

and genders,” Friday, November 7, 8:15 p.m., at Ginseng Yoga Studio (2985 Beech Street). You’ll “dance alone and in a group.” \$10. 619-338-9642. (SOUTH PARK)

Calling All Jitterbugs, swing dance on first and third Friday each month, including November 7, at Firehouse YMCA Community Center (7877 Herschel Avenue). Swing lesson at 8:15 p.m., open dancing 9 p.m. to midnight. Cover: \$8. 858-395-6060. (LA JOLLA)

Malashock: Sacred and Profane, 15th anniversary season continues with performances in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla. Program includes *Blessings and Curses, Love and Murder, I and Thou*, and *The Soul of Saturday Night*.

Showtimes: 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 9. Tickets: \$30 general.

619-260-1622. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Dance-Jam Weekend, over 300 hip-hop dancers expected to participate in events, Saturday, November 8, at Culture Shock Dance Center (2110 Hancock Street, suite 200). Eight-class series begins at 11:30 a.m. Fee: \$10 per class, or \$35 for day pass. 619-299-2110. (OLD TOWN)

Culture Shock San Diego and JALAN Productions present fourth annual Choreographers Showcase, Sunday, November 9, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Performances by ten Culture Shock dance troupes, as well as local guest dance companies. Preshow at 6 p.m.; showcase at 7 p.m. \$18 at door. 619-299-2110 or 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

“Bellydancing Fusion,” Urban Tribal Dance Company performs Saturday, November 8, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., at Gargoyle Gallery (1845 India Street). Cover: \$5. 619-234-1344. (LITTLE ITALY)

Latin and Ballroom Mix Dance Party, Pattie Wells Dancetime Center hosts party Saturday, November 8, for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays music for open dancing 7:30 to 10 p.m.; dance lesson at 8 p.m. Find center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$5; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

Flamenco Olivar en Familia, original flamenco choreographies and solo numbers promised, 2 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 9, at Westminster Theater (3598 Talbot

Street). \$15. Reservations: 858-535-9454. (POINT LOMA)

Ballet Nacional de Cuba presents *Don Quixote* Wednesday, November 12, hosted by La Jolla Music Society.

The troupe returns to present mixed-repertory program including *Les Sylphides, Canto Vital, Blood Wedding*, Thursday, November 13. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. both nights at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Tickets: \$35 to \$105. 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

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tice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Film followed by panel discussion with Megan Mylan, Dr. Randa Hassan, Robert Montgomery, Joyce Neu. Free. Reservations required by November 4. 619-260-7509. (LINDA VISTA)

Busy on Thursday? *Lost Boys* will also be shown for Film Forum, Monday, November 10, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Automatic Filming: Surrealism and Images of Desire" continues at Museum of Photographic Arts. See *Diary of a Chambermaid* and *The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie* on Thursday and Friday, November 6 and 7. *El: This Strange Passion* and *Heart of Glass* may be seen Thursday and Friday, November 13 and 14. \$7 general. Showtimes: 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

The French Film *Brotherhood of the Wolf* screens for Fall 2003 International Film Series at Mira-Costa College, Friday, November 7, 7 p.m., room 3601 on campus (One Barnard Drive).

760-757-2121 x6284. Free. In French with English subtitles. (OCEANSIDE)

Korean Cinema Showcase, hosted by San Diego Asian Film Foundation, features *Musa*, a historical epic about Korean envoys rescuing a Ming princess in 14th-Century China. Featured films include *Libera Me*, *Art Museum by the Zoo*, *A Day*, *Butterfly*, and *The Isle*.

Films screen Friday through Thursday, November 7-13, at Madstone Theaters Hazard Center (7510 Hazard Center Drive). Tickets: \$6.50 before 5 p.m., \$7.50 after. 858-650-3459. (MISSION VALLEY)

"To Kill a Mockingbird" screens Saturday, November 8, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue), reflecting the themes of the Gospel reading for next day at services. Discussion of insights and implications of film and Gospel themes follows. 619-298-7261. Free. (MIDTOWN)

The Original Parent Trap (1961) starring Hayley Mills, Maureen O'Hara, Brian Keith, screens Saturday, November 8, 7 p.m., in Santee Trolley Square Amphitheater (at Mission Gorge and Cuyamaca). Free. 619-596-5677. (SANTEE)

"Food Fest II," Carlsbad Library film series continues with *Dinner*



San Diego Potters' Guild Sale at Spanish Village, November 8 and 9 (see Special)

Rush (2002), Wednesday, November 12, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

"Il Gattopardo," directed by Luchino Visconti in 1963, screens in Italian *without* English subtitles, Thursday, November 13, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

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

First Fridays at the Fleet on November 7 features *The Living Sea* (6:05 p.m.), *Mysteries of Egypt*

(7 p.m.), and two current IMAX hits at 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Things Are Heating Up: The Science and Politics of Global Warming" discussed by Stephen H. Schneider — co-director of Center for Environmental Science and Policy and Stanford University biological science professor — Thursday, November 6, 4 p.m., in Don Powell Theatre at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-0580. (SDSU)

"Massive Change: The Future of Design Culture" discussed by Toronto-based designer Bruce Mau, for "inSite_05 Conversations" dialogue series, Thursday, November 6, 7:30 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Mau will explore "paradigm-shifting events and ideas, ethical dilemmas, future of design." \$7. 619-544-1482. (LA JOLLA)

Wine Talks, Robert Mondavi Winery and wine expert John Conaway host "Wines That Love Turkey," Thursday, November 6, 4 p.m., at Beverages and More (8410 Center Drive).

John Kunde of Kunde Winery reveals "insider secrets" from his Sonoma Valley winery, Saturday, November 8, noon, at the same spot. Free. Participants must be 21. 619-235-0184. (LA MESA)

Finding Peace, Health, Happiness in Your Garden discussed by Eva Shaw when she speaks for Carlsbad Garden Club, Friday, November 7, 1 p.m., in Heritage Hall at Magee Park (2650 Garfield Street). Shaw is described as "an expert on recovery after life-changing ordeals." 760-729-5989. Free. (CARLSBAD)

"It's About the Journey: 25 Years of Art Making" presented by artist Stuart Burton for Fridays at Six series, November 7, 6 p.m., at Arts

College International (840 G Street). Free. 619-231-3900. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Can You Read African Art?" Mesa College professor emerita Barbara W. Blackmun poses this question for docent guest lecture series, Friday, November 7, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Blackmun curated the current "Partners of the Soul: African Art of the Baule" exhibit. \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

"Relax and Draw: Create Holiday Gifts" presented by *trompe l'oeil* artist Linda Luisi, Friday, November 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Novices welcome. \$50. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

"Chinese Artists (Digitally) Facing the Globalizing World" is subject when Paris-based writer Hou Hanru speaks in conjunction with opening of "Zooming Into Focus: Contemporary Chinese Photography from the Haudenschild Collection" in University Art Gallery. Saturday, November 8, 2:30 p.m., in room 100 of Nasatir Hall at SDSU. 619-594-5171. Free. (SDSU)

Hou Hanru makes presentation in Mandarin, Sunday, November 9, 2:30 p.m., at San Diego Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). Reception follows until 4 p.m. 619-594-5171. (DOWNTOWN)

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"Becoming Human," detailed presentation by physical anthropologist Ian Tattersall, Saturday, November 8, 2 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Man. Tattersall will trace major events in human, physical, and cognitive evolution over a four-million-year time span. How and when did we become fully human? \$20.

Tattersall returns for "Meet the Scientist" family program at 5 p.m. (same day). \$6 general, \$5 students, free for those under six. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Beginning Genealogy Course offered by Margaret Read for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Saturday, November 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

"Sarcocaulons and Pelargoniums" discussed by Rudy Lime when San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society meets, Saturday, November 8, 1 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Also on tap: Pam Badger focusing on rhipsalis. Free. 858-270-5544. (BALBOA PARK)

"Festival Fall Dishes," class conducted by Shirley's Kitchen n' Pantry, Saturday, November 8, 11 a.m., at Tabloid Coffee (9225 Carlton Hills Boulevard #27). Samples and recipes. \$10. 619-562-1240. (SANTEE)



"Spirits in Stone: The New Face of African Art" at San Diego Natural History Museum, through November 9 (see Museums)

Comprehensive Bike-Maintenance Class, Saturday, November 8, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at REI. Bring your bike for practice; tools and bike stands provided. Members, \$60; nonmembers \$75. REI, 5556 Copley Drive. Registration: 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"Las Dos Amigas Artists: Icons, Tributes, and Milagros," the exhibition includes workshop on personal shrines made from fabric led by Jane LaFazio, Saturday,

November 8, at Studio of Art and Design (616 Stevens Avenue, suite B). Helen Shafer Garcia discusses personal altars created from cigar boxes, Sunday, November 9. Workshops run 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee: \$50 per class. 858-755-6202. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Prose in Motion: Does Black Women's Poetry Rhyme With Democracy?" A.L. Anderson continues the "Women Who Dared" series with lecture, Saturday, November 8, 5 p.m., at Women's History Reclamation Project (2323 Broadway, suite 107). The daring include Chief Sarah Winnemucca, Dolores Huerta, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Rigoberta Menchu, Shirley Chisholm, others. Free. 619-233-7963. (GOLDEN HILL)

Art Talk, David Shirk, director of Trans-Border Institute at USD, leads discussion on borderland issues and photography by Alex Webb, Sunday, November 9, 2 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Free. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

"Basic Source Documentation" discussed by Jill Meyer Kle when Jewish Historical Society meets on Sunday, November 9, 1 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). \$3. 619-583-0826. (LA JOLLA)

"Isaac Babel: The King of Odessa" is topic when California Institute of Technology professor Robert Rosenstone speaks for New Perspectives in Judaic Studies lecture series, Sunday, November 9, at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Free. 619-594-5338. (LA JOLLA)

"The Bible and the Environment" discussed by college professor and environmental expert Tom English, Sunday, November 9, 10 a.m., at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church (120 Stevens Avenue, at Lomas Santa Fe Drive). What does the big bang have to do with creation and our current environmental situation? Free. 760-918-9963. Continues on November 16. (SOLANA BEACH)

"The Loyal and Lethal Ladies of Espionage — Female Spies and Intelligence Operatives from Biblical Times Through Present Day" — it's the topic when "former spy and intelligence operative with the Secret Service" Tom Moon speaks for People to People International, Sunday, November 9. Lecture begins at 3 p.m. in Green Hall at Alliant International

University, 10455 Pomerado Road. 858-484-6069. Free. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"Enemy Aliens and American Freedoms: Why Sacrificing Immigrants' Rights in the War on Terrorism Undermines Both Our Security and Our Liberty" — talk by Georgetown University Law Center professor David Cole, Monday, November 10, 7 p.m., in UCSD's Price Center Theater. Free. 858-534-1704. (LA JOLLA)

"Great Ideas from Great Rose Gardens of England and France" imparted by plantsman Gary Jones when San Diego Horticultural Society meets on Monday, November 10, at Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m. Jones is editor of *California Gardener* magazine. Plant forum follows. 858-756-2579. Free. (DEL MAR)

"Human Rights — Chile, 2003," brown-bag lecture by Elizabeth Lira, Monday, November 10, noon, in Storm Hall 146 at San Diego State University. In

Spanish; questions may be asked in English. Free. 619-594-1104. (SDSU)

"Historic Maps on the Internet" discussed by Jerry Young for Computer Genealogy Group of the North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Monday, November 10, 10 a.m., Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-744-7530. Free. (CARLSBAD)

"Animal Rights in a Consumer's World," Dr. Nancy Harrison of Physicians' Committee for Responsible Medicine asks, "Are Animals in Labs a Necessary Evil?" for the series, Monday, November 10, 7 p.m., at Summit Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (6062 Lake Murray Boulevard, suite 110). Free. Registration: 619-442-5195. (LA MESA)

"Voices of Freedom: Poets Speak Out!" Guest poets Sharon Elise, Steve Kowitz, Jihmye Collins, Theresa F., Jim Moreno, Sylvia

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Telafaro turn out for “Matters of Controversy” dialogue series, Tuesday, November 11, 7 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). 858-459-4650. Free. (HILLCREST)

“The Noh Theater of Japan” presented by UC Berkeley Japanese literature professor Mack Horton, Tuesday, November 11, at San Diego Museum of Art. Lectures begin at 11 a.m. (\$20 for nonmembers, or \$38 with lunch) and 6 p.m. (\$20 for nonmembers). Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

“Music in Society,” classical guitarist and music historian Claudia Tornsäuer presents series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). “Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy — On Wings of Song,” Tuesday, November 11, 7:30 p.m. \$17. Recommended reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“Bringing Human Dignity to the Hungry” discussed by Karen Holmgren of Heifer International for North County Coalition for Peace and Justice, Wednesday, November 12, 7 p.m., at Pilgrim United Church of Christ (2020 Chestnut Street). 760-753-2654. Free. (CARLSBAD)

“Gravestone Resources for Ireland” discussed by Mary Russell for England-Ireland Interest Class hosted by British Isles Genealogical Research Association, Wednesday, November 12, 10 a.m., at LDS Church Family History Center (4195 Camino del



To Kill a Mockingbird at Saint Paul’s Cathedral, November 8 (see Film)

Rio South). Free. 858-453-9053. (MISSION VALLEY)

“Making of the Modern World: The Short Version” explored during lecture series at UCSD Institute of the Americas, Copley International Conference Center. UCSD literature professor Arthur Droge examines “Christianity and the New Testament,” Wednesday, November 12, 7 p.m. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

Perspectives on Ocean Science, lecture series at Birch Aquarium-Museum continues when Richard Norris presents “Exploration of Time in the Tropical Atlantic: Deep Ocean Drilling,” Wednesday, November 12, 7:30 a.m. \$8. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Five Unique Flower Arrangements demonstrated by floral designer Carvill Veech for Point Loma Garden Club, Wednesday, November 12, 10 a.m., Point Loma Masonic Center (1711 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). The resulting arrangements will be raffled or

auctioned. Admission: free. 619-276-0209. (POINT LOMA)

Tune Up, REI shop technicians offer basic bicycle maintenance clinic Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m. Essentials of fixing flats, brake and derailleur adjustment, more. Find REI at 5556 Copley Drive. Registration: 858-279-4400. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

“Kayaking Ellesmere Island in the Canadian Arctic” is the subject when Jeff Cooper speaks on his experiences, Wednesday, November 12, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$8. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Liberating Adventures in Writing Stuff, “muse-inspired triggers to creative writing” workshop led by author, humorist, and creativity coach Jill Badonsky, Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m., at Grove Bookstore (at 30th and Juniper) \$12. Registration: 760-414-1949. (SOUTH PARK)

“Mythologies: The Private Good and the Public Realm” is subject when essayist, critic, political activist Rebecca Solnit speaks for

“Dialogues in Art and Architecture” series, Thursday, November 13, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“New Discoveries of the Inca” presented by photojournalist and “explorer” Payne Johnson for Latin American Arts Committee of San Diego Museum of Art and House of Peru, Thursday, November 13, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Free. 619-660-9545 or 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

International Climber Gary Scott shares stories, slides, and lessons from over 30 trips to Himalayas when he visits REI, Thursday, November 6, 7 p.m. Scott will sign Summit Strategies: Conquering the Everest in Your Life. REI, 5556 Copley Drive. Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Dublin-Born Poet Trevor Joyce reads from his work for Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series, Thursday, November 6, 7 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Joyce is author of nine volumes of poetry and cofounder of The New Writers’ Press. Free. 619-594-5318. (SDSU)

“Dancing at Lughnasa” — a tale of the five unmarried Mundy sisters in a small Donegal town in 1936 — presented at Rancho Buena Vista High School Performing Arts Center (1601 Longhorn Drive). Performances start at 7:30 p.m. November 6-8, 14, and 15. Tickets: \$7 general. 760-727-7284 x3412. (VISTA)



“Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy — On Wings of Song” at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, November 11 (see Lectures)

“A Frame of Mime,” San Diego Pantomime Theater presents two-act “journey through the world of art and pantomime,” November 7-9, at San Diego Museum of Art. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. \$10. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Steiff North America President Martin Frechen signs Steiff animals and talks about “how the teddy bear was born,” Friday, November 7, 4 to 7 p.m., at Gepetto’s Fashion Valley (Fashion Valley shopping center, 7007 Friars Road, suite 950). Admission is free. 619-294-8878. (MISSION VALLEY)

Hollywood Scriptwriters and Authors Lee Goldberg and William Rabkin discuss and sign Successful Television Writing, Friday, November 7, 7 p.m., at Mys-

terious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Reservations suggested: 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

“Hinabing Himig — Tapestry of Songs,” choral concert by 35-member University of Philippines Concert Chorus, Friday, November 7, 8 p.m., in Don Powell Theatre at San Diego State University. \$15 general at door. 619-470-6024. (SDSU)

Winter Pops, Grammy award-winning vocalist Diane Schuur joins San Diego Symphony and conductor Matthew Garbutt for concerts, November 7 and 8, Friday and Saturday. Music begins at 8 p.m. each night in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$15 to \$60. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

King of Deadpan, comedian Steven Wright performs Friday, November 7, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$28 and \$34. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Poetry and Music Promised when poet Jim Moreno and guitarist Victor Patton collaborate, along with Alaf Kawana on blues harp, Friday, November 7, 8 p.m., at R. Spot Barber and Books (3013 University Avenue). \$5. 760-802-2449. (NORTH PARK)

Historical Mystery Author Bruce Alexander signs and discusses The Price of Murder, Saturday, November 8, 2:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

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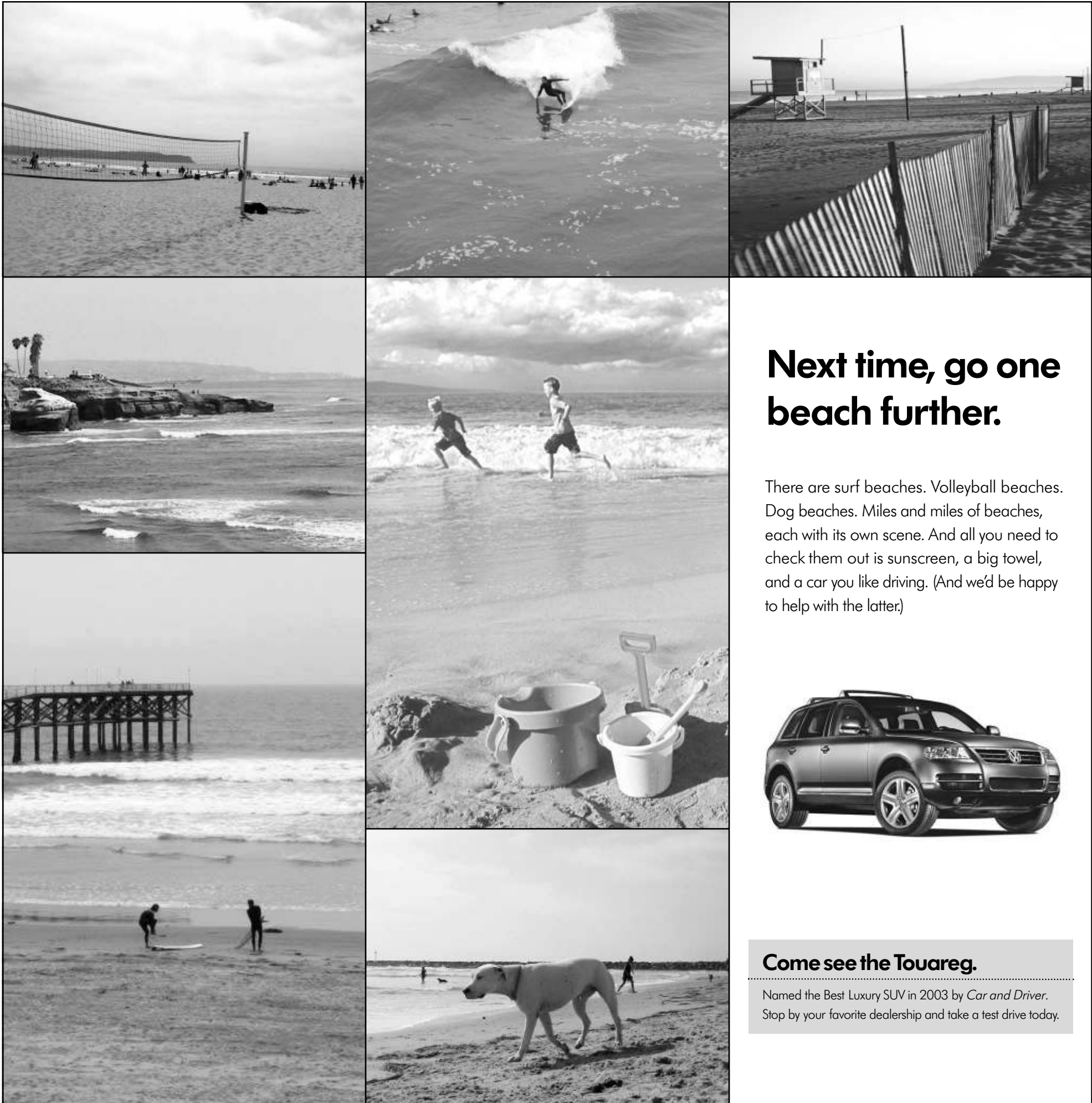
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Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

from violins, arrives at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, Saturday, November 8, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$35, \$40. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

“Wall Street Journal” Writer John Emshwiller signs *24 Days: How Two Wall Street Journal Reporters Uncovered the Lies that Destroyed Faith in Corporate America*, Saturday, November 8, 3 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Free. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

“From Miserable to Wonderful?” This 14-scene play — described as a “modern Cinderella exposé” written by Teatro Cosmos members (aged 8-12) — may be seen on Saturday and Sunday, November 8 and 9, at 4 p.m., at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2125 Park Boulevard). \$5 general, \$3 for children 5-8 and seniors. 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Jewish Book Fair opens with appearance by actor and activist Theodore Bikel, Saturday, November 8, 8 p.m. \$16 general.

Family Day is Sunday, November 9, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with author signings, J*Company performances, “Scooby Doo Hanukkah Time” (2:30 p.m.), photo memoir creation for preteens, more.

Author and journalist Anita Diamant discusses her latest book, *Pitching My Tent: On Marriage, Motherhood, Friendship, and Other Leaps of Faith*, Tuesday, November 11, at noon. Diamant is best known for *The Red Tent*. \$14.

Photojournalist and author Ruth Gruber shares *Inside of Time: My Journey from Alaska to Israel*, Wednesday, November 12, 7:30 p.m. \$16.

The book fair offers thousands of titles for sale November 8-12. Hours: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday; 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on weekdays.

There are *many* other events scheduled, such as breakfast, lunch, and evening lectures, followed by book signings. The festi-

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For half a year now, rainbows have been conspicuously absent from San Diego skies. This will surely change within a few weeks as we encounter the first of several winter storms spinning out of the Pacific Ocean. Rainbows thrive on two necessary ingredients: rain and sunshine. Therefore, you can expect to see — or even seek out, if you're willing to travel around a bit — a rainbow wherever sunlight is shining on raindrops.

Rainbows seem magical, yet their true nature has been recognized since the 17th Century. In a treatise published in the year 1637, René Descartes elucidated the optical mechanism by which sunlight can refract and internally reflect through a spherical water droplet so as to emerge in different directions. One internal reflection results in light that exits, for the most part, at about 42 degrees from the antisolar point (the direction opposite the sun). Two internal reflections result in light that concentrates at an angle of about 51 degrees from the antisolar point, creating a fainter, secondary bow outside the curve of the 42-degree primary bow.

Dispersion — a separation of colors — always occurs when white light is refracted. Sunlight passing through a rain droplet separates into narrow bands of color — violet, blue, green, yellow, orange, and red. Within each color band, we're seeing light rays of a particular color following symmetrical paths through many rain droplets. Asymmetric light rays through rain droplets result in a diffuse, white glow that makes the area of the sky inside the curve

of the primary bow appear brighter than the area just outside it.

Each rainbow is unique to you, the observer, because you see a unique set of raindrops sending particular colors of sunlight your way. With a little forethought and the ability to move around, it is possible to purposefully “create” your own rainbow in the sky. To chase and catch a rainbow, place yourself between the sun, in one part of the sky, and clouds shedding rain in the opposite part of the sky.

If the sun lies very near the horizon, look for the “red rainbow.” The scattering of sunlight through the atmosphere removes nearly all colors but red in the sunlight and from the rainbow that that same light produces. Here's yet another rainbow oddity: when the bright full moon shines on rain clouds, there's the slim chance of seeing a “moonbow.” This pale arc appears colorless in the sky — but only because human night vision, which operates in low-light situations, is insensitive to color.

A full moon occurs this Saturday night, November 8 — but let's hope that rain clouds do not gather on that evening. For the second time this calendar year, a total lunar eclipse graces the sky at dusk. As



Rainbow over Lake Murray

darkness falls (around 5:15 p.m.), it should be possible to spot the pale, reddish gray moon — fully within Earth's shadow at that time — slowly rising in the east. The reddish color on the moon's face is the result of sunlight passing through Earth's murky atmosphere and refracting into Earth's shadow. At 5:31 p.m. the moon will start to exit from the shadow. A series of partial-eclipse stages will ensue, resulting in the return of the round “full” moon by 7:04 p.m.

Early November usually brings clear early-evening skies to San Diego, except possibly for areas very near the coast. Inland, toward the mountains and desert, there's an excellent chance of cloud-free viewing. Seize the moment, and enjoy one of nature's predictable spectacles this Saturday night!

val concludes on November 12. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center at 4126 Executive Drive. 858-362-1365 or 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Author Barbara Morris signs *Put Old on Hold*, Saturday, November 8, 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

One of the Loveliest Voices in Town? Peggy Watson and friends perform for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, November 8, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). The “friends” include Robin Adler, Dave Curtis, Gregory

Page. \$15. Reservations: 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Vampire Maven Anne Rice signs her newest, *Blood Canticle*, Saturday, November 8, 7 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Books must be purchased from Warwick's, which includes ticket for event. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

“African Rhythms” provide topic when Omar Ernest Moore presents lecture in conjunction with “Spirits in Stone” exhibit at San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, November 8. Moore will demonstrate variety of instruments used in traditional Senegalese music.

African storyteller Alyce Smith-Cooper, dressed in tradi-

tional African attire, presents the story “Grandmother Crane,” based on a piece of Shona art, Sunday, November 9. Performances start at 1 p.m., included in museum admission. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

The Tarang Ensemble from India performs Saturday, November 8, 7 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Presented by Raag and Taal Academy. \$20. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Vaudeville Shows featuring dancers, comics, musicians, singers, specialty acts, Saturday, November 8, 8 p.m., and Sunday, November 9, 7 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe

(2031 El Cajon Boulevard). \$12. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

Performance Premiere of *Super Angel* by Shi Yong, Saturday, November 8, 4 p.m., in room 412 of School of Art, Design, and History at San Diego State University. In conjunction with “Zooming Into Focus: Contemporary Chinese Photography from the Haudenschild Collection” in University Art Gallery. Free. 619-594-5171. (SDSU)

Local Speculative Fiction Author David Brin visits Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign the graphic novel adaptation of his novella *Thor Meets Captain America*, Sunday, November 9, 1 p.m. Find Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa

Boulevard; 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Poetry Are Us, open mike for poetry and spoken word for all readers, Sunday, November 9, 4 to 6 p.m., at French Cafe (1005 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-729-5216. (CARLSBAD)

Som'ma — Persian Underground Experiment, Sunday, November 9, 4 to 7 p.m., at Dizzy's Place (344 Seventh Avenue). Tickets to see the San Francisco ensemble: \$15 in advance. 858-270-7467. (DOWNTOWN)

“Poemectomy,” this Whackjob! event features San Diego poet Michael Nieman and Tijuana poet Olga Garcia, Sunday, November 9, 7 p.m., at Recognize (4746 El Cajon Boulevard). Donation. 619-521-4747. 21 and older. (SAN DIEGO)

Fantasy Author Orson Scott Card signs *The Crystal City*, Monday, November 10, 6:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Ticketed event. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Read Your Poetry or selections by someone else during open poetry reading, Monday, November 10, in Green Room at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Sign-ups at 7:45 p.m., open readings 8:10 to 9:30 p.m. Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Local Author James Blinn discusses “Tabloid War: Death Is the Filler Between the Ads” and signs his Gulf War novel *The Aardvark Is Ready for War*, Tuesday, November 11, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive; 858-618-1814). Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Foot-Stomping Music promised when Bayou Brothers perform Wednesday, November 12, 7:30 p.m., at Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5286. (CHULA VISTA)

Magee Park Poets host poetry reading, Wednesday, November 12, 7 p.m., in community room at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-434-2881. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Novelist John L. Nunes signs and discusses *DreamCatcher Games*, Wednesday, November 12, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072

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Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Jazz and Improvisation on tap when guitarist Peter Sprague and bassist Bob Magnusson perform for Friends of the Pacific Beach Library Concert Series, Wednesday, November 12, 7 p.m. Donation. Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library), 4275 Cass Street. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Discover the Power of Meditation when Buddhist nun Gen Kelsang Tubpa discusses Tibetan Lama Geshe Kelsang Gyatso's book *The New Meditation Handbook: Meditations to Make Our Life Happy and Meaningful*, Wednesday, November 12, 7 p.m., Borders Books and Music (668 Sixth Avenue; 619-702-7420). Free. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Magia: Mis Canciones," lecture and music by Jorge Espinoza, Thursday, November 13, 7 p.m., at Casa del Libro (1735 University Avenue). Free. 619-299-9331. (HILLCREST)

"Mathematical Conversation Starters" signed and discussed by author John de Pellis, Thursday, November 13, at noon, at UCSD Bookstore. Free. Bookstore is found in Price Center on UCSD campus. 858-534-3149. (LA JOLLA)

Mark Twain Tonight! Hal Holbrook presents 50th anniversary tour in this role he inhabits, Saturday, November 15, 8 p.m., at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Holbrook is considered an authority on Twain's life, work, and writings. Tickets: \$23-\$68, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Training Ground for Comedic World's Best and Brightest, the alumni list for Second City, Chicago's comedy theater, includes Dan Aykroyd, Alan Arkin, John Belushi, Peter Boyle, John Candy, Chris Farley, Mike Meyers, Elaine May, Gilda Radner, Martin Short, and many others.

The current Second City ensemble performs satire and improvisation, Saturday, November 15, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$25 to \$35. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Sitar Maestro Ravi Shankar and daughter Anoushka Shankar perform in concert, Friday, November 21, 7:30 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$12 to \$52. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"Thwak," described as "a high-octane mix of choreographed mayhem and live audio acrobatics," is presented by the Umbilical Brothers (a.k.a. David Collins and Shane Dundas), Saturday and Sunday, November 22 and 23, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets range from \$23 to \$33. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"One Man, One Wife," starring Mickey Rooney and Jan Chamberlin Rooney, presented by the duo on Sunday, November 30, at Avo Playhouse (303 Main Street). Show includes dancing, signing, film clips. \$35. 760-726-1122. (VISTA)

Adventure Fiction Author Clive Cussler signs his upcoming Dirk Pitt book, *Trojan Odyssey*, Monday, December 1, 6 p.m., aboard the *Berkeley* steam ferry



Urban Bush Women at Mandeville Auditorium, November 7 (see Dance)

(1306 North Harbor Drive). Free. 619-234-9153 x101. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

The San Diego Sockers host Dallas Sidekicks, Thursday, November 6, 6 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. The Kansas City Comets arrive for game Sunday, November 9, 5 p.m. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). Listen to the games on KSDO (1130 AM). (SPORTS ARENA)

Greater San Diego Hunter-Jumper Association Show continues through Sunday, November 9, Del Mar Arena at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free, parking is \$7. 760-945-9278. (DEL MAR)

Gulls vs. Everblades, the team from Florida arrives for matchups against the San Diego Gulls on November 7 and 8, at San Diego Sports Arena. Games start at 7:35 p.m. on Friday, 7:05 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. Games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

Slouching towards Swami's, take a fast-paced six-mile walk from the fab surf and tidepooling spot in Encinitas to Leucadia and back, Saturday, November 8. Walk starts at 9 a.m. at corner of Third and K Streets (three blocks west of Highway 101). Free. 858-453-3340. (ENCINITAS)

Bolt Meets Vikings, the San Diego Chargers host the Minnesota Vikings, Sunday, November 9, 1:05 p.m., in Qualcomm Stadium. Tickets: 877-CHARGERS. (MISSION VALLEY)

Free Lunch Mit Bier? Join Knickerbikers bicyclists for 35-mile ride on Sunday, November 9. Ride suitable for novices starts at 9 a.m. at Tip Top Meats (6118 Paseo del Norte). Bring money for food. 760-632-8210. (CARLSBAD)

IFMA Freestyle Motocross FMX competition, November 14 and 15, at San Diego Sports Arena. Competitors include Kenny Bartram, Nate Adams, Adam Jones,

Beau Bamburg, Andy Jones, Dustin Miller, Myles Richmond, many others.

Competition starts at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with doors opening at 7 p.m. Pit party on Saturday, 6 p.m. Tickets: \$17 to \$37, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

SPECIAL

Traveling Demonstration of Microsoft 1903 Wright Flyer Simulator, Thursday through Sunday, November 6-9, at San Diego Aerospace Museum. Visitors "experience the flight that changed the world" and learn "how difficult the first powered aircraft" was to fly. Guests operate the simulator using hand-lever and shifting hip mechanism. Included in regular museum admission. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

From Tin to Tiffany, over 300 antique dealers exhibit and offer wares at Del Mar Antique Show and Sale, November 7-9, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Glass, crystal, jewelry, art, silver, furniture, more. Appraisal booth: \$5 per item; repair and restoration experts on hand.

Show opens at 11 a.m. each morning, closing at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8, free for children with adults. 800-943-7501. (DEL MAR)

Conserve Resources Now for a Better Tomorrow, Enviro Fair 2003 at Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, November 7, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Exhibitors with recycled-content products and environmental services, lectures, recycled art exhibit, more. Admission is free. 858-792-4298. (DEL MAR)

Discuss The Rime of the Ancient Mariner by Coleridge with Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group, Friday, November 7, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

Nomadic Juggling Festival, November 7-9, at Imperial Beach Boys and Girls Club (847 Encina Avenue). Open juggling all weekend, instruction by Loose Association of San Diego Jugglers members, show on Saturday (7 p.m.).

Hours: 4 to 11 p.m. on Friday;

11 a.m. to midnight on Saturday; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$5 per day. 760-613-1822. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Last Public Bus Tour of Liberty Station community (located on former Naval Training Center) offered Saturday, November 8. The 45-minute tours start hourly from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Waterfront Market (off Lytton Street). Free; first-come, first-served. 619-224-1302. (POINT LOMA)

Powpex 2003, stamp show hosted by Poway Stamp Club November 8 and 9 at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Show opens at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. on Sunday; closes at 5 p.m. both days. Exhibits, auction, appraisals, Merit Badge workshops for Boy and Girl Scouts. Admission is free. 858-484-8010. (KEARNY MESA)

Fall Pottery Sale hosted by San Diego Potters' Guild, Saturday and Sunday, November 8 and 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Spanish Village Art Center. Organizers say, "Sale features thousands of handmade ceramics" by some of the area's finest potters. 619-239-0507. (BALBOA PARK)

Put 140 Candles on the Cake during the *Star of India* birthday celebrations, Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Birthday cake, party hats, music by Jackstraws, appearance by Abraham Lincoln. Regular museum admission. Find the ship berthed at 1306 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street). 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

Viking Festival, Saturday, November 8, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Norway Hall (2006 East Vista Way). Log tossing, axe-throwing competition (noon, 2:15); coin striking, folk dancing, crafts, music, games, archery, marshmallow catapulting, trolls and troll tales. \$2.

Day's festivities followed by dinner "by torch light under the stars," 7:30 p.m. Dinner: \$24, subject to space availability. 760-726-1160. (VISTA)

"Coral Conservation: The Cutting Edge," find out what's cool about coral when Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts this event — featuring live coral displays, new exhibits on reef-related research, information on how corals are raised in captivity — Saturday, November 8, 6 p.m. \$12. For space availability, dial 858-534-5771. Find the Birch at 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Holiday Showcase hosted by Fine Living Home and Garden Boutique, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 8; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 9. Professionally designed trees, floral arrangements, fireplace mantles displayed in holiday atmosphere. Free. Fine Living, 3938 Adams Avenue; 619-528-8138. (KENSINGTON)

Pansy Festival, Saturday and Sunday, November 8 and 9, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Weidners Gardens (695 Normandy Road, at Piraesus). Pansy digging, kids' activities, "tank of free fertilizer for festivals" (bring a gallon jug for semi-diluted liquid Weidners Good Stuff Fertilizer). 760-436-2194. (ENCINITAS)

San Diego Pet Expo 2003 — with vendor booths, seminars on emergency situations for pet owners, dog exhibitions, "pet fashion show" —opening at 10 a.m. on November 8 and 9 at Del Mar

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Fairgrounds. Show closes at 7 p.m. on Saturday, 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. \$5. 619-328-5576. (DEL MAR)

Castles of Carlsbad, the 2003 “Royal Home Tour” showcasing six abodes is Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donation: \$25, benefiting Carlsbad Library. Tickets and locations: 760-602-2060. (CARLSBAD)

Wienerschnitzel Wiener Nationals 2003, the top ten fastest dachshunds from an expected 300 wiener dog competitors will advance to finals, following qualifying heats on Saturday, November 8, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Dog Beach. Free. 619-283-5808. (OCEAN BEACH)

Veteran’s Day Program — with music by San Diego City Guard Band, dance, food — at International Cottages, Sunday, November 9, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Poway Street Fair, on Midland Road between Poway Road and Hilleary Place, Sunday, November 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendor booths, food court, kids’ zone, Air Bud (son of the “movie star”), live entertainment. Admission is free. 858-748-0016. (POWAY)

Fall Bicycling Swap Meet, Sunday, November 9, 9 a.m., at San Diego Velodrome (2221 Morley Field Drive). Admission for buyers: \$3. 760-703-6280. (BALBOA PARK)

Veterans Day Parade, Tuesday, November 11, starting at 11 a.m. at County Administration Center and ending at Seaport Village. Free. 619-239-2300. (DOWNTOWN)

Veterans Day Program, Tuesday, November 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at amphitheater and beach recreation center at Oceanside Pier (foot of Mission Boulevard). 760-435-5541. (OCEANSIDE)

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(Phi Beta Kappa Poem, Columbia, 1947)

Orchestras have so long been speaking
This universal language that the Greek
And the Barbarian have both mastered
Its enigmatic grammar which at last
Says all things well. But who is worthy?
What is sweet? What is sound? Much of the earth
Is austere, her temperate regions
Swarming with cops and robbers; germs besiege
The walled towns and among the living
The captured outnumber the fugitive.
Where silence is coldest and darkest,
Among those staring blemishes that mark
War’s havocking slot, it is easy
To guess what dreams such vaulting cries release:
The un-American survivor
Hears angels drinking fruit-juice with their wives
Or making money in an open
Unpoliced air. But what is our hope,
As with an ostentatious rightness
These gratuitous sounds like water and light
Bless the Republic? Do they sponsor
In us the mornes and motted mammelons,
The sharp streams and sottering springs of
A commuter’s wish, where each frescade rings
With melodious boeing and hooing
As some elegant lovejoy deigns to woo
And nothing dreadful ever happened?
Probably yes. We are easy to trap,
Being Adam’s children, as thirsty
For mere illusion still as when the first
Comfortable heresy crooned to
The proud flesh founded on the self-made wound,
And what we find rousing or touching
Tells us little and confuses us much.
As Shaw said — Music is the brandy
Of the damned. It was from the good old grand
Composers the progressive kind of

Tyrant learned how to melt the legal mind
With a visceral A-ha; fill a
Dwarf’s ears with sforzandos and the dwarf will
Believe he’s a giant; the orchestral
Metaphor bamboozles the most oppressed
— As a trombone the clerk will bravely
Go oompah-oompah to his minor grave —,
So that today one recognizes
The Machiavel by the hair in his eyes,
His conductor’s hands. Yet the jussive
Elohim are here too, asking for us
Through the noise. To forgive is not so
Simple as it is made to sound; a lot
Of time will be quite wasted, many
Promising days end badly, and again
We shall offend: but let us listen
To the song which seems to absorb all this,
For these halcyon structures are useful
As structures go — though not to be confused
With anything really important
Like feeding strays or looking pleased when caught
By a bore or a hideola;
Deserving nothing, the sensible soul
Will rejoice at the sudden mansion
Of any joy; besides, there is a chance
We may some day need very much to
Remember when we were happy — one such
Future would be the exile’s ending
With no graves to visit, no socks to mend,
Another to be short of breath yet



Staying on to oblige, postponing
death —
Listen! Even the dinner waltz in
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Sad, soiled prosopon of our ageing
Present the perdition of all her rage.
— W.H. Auden, June, 1947

Non-English Language Book Fair, Thursday, November 13, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at National City Public Library (200 East 12th Street). Current materials from nationwide, non-English-language book-sellers; fiction, nonfiction, and children’s materials in Spanish, European, Arabic, and Asian lan-

guages. Admission: free. 619-336-4350. (NATIONAL CITY)

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Korean War Veterans honored during event commemorating 50th anniversary of end of Korean War, Tuesday, November 11, 2 to 3:30 p.m., at top of Mt. Soledad. Marine Corps Recruit Depot color guard, Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band, keynote speech by Jerry Coleman. Free. 619-437-8987. (LA JOLLA)

Grand Avenue Writers’ Collective gathers for fiction/prose critique every second and third Wednesday of the month, including November 12, 7 p.m., in Fountain Estates Apartments Clubhouse (1315 East Grand Avenue). Free. 760-233-0848. (ESCONDIDO)

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by Rudolfo Anaya, Thursday, November 13, 7 p.m. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

“SDSU from A to Z: Highlights of Campus History from the University Archives” is on display through Friday, November 14, in donor corridor of San Diego State University’s Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). Free. 619-594-6791. (SDSU)

The Annual Sailing of the *Star of India* takes place on Saturday and Sunday, November 15 and 16. View the ship from vantage points along Point Loma, Shelter Island, Harbor Island, and spots along the San Diego coast. Ship leaves berth at 9 a.m., returns approximately 4 p.m. 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

“Americanos: Latino Life in the United States” continues through Sunday, November 23, at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2004 Park Boulevard). The exhibit includes 114 photographs by 30 photojournalists exploring “the breadth and variety of American Latino experience.” 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

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 Monday, December 29, at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Featured artist is Sara Rosenbluth, “whose intriguing artworks are based on idioms, random numbers, and nature.” 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

Rare Books and Unique Art Showcased through January 2004, in Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Exhibits focus on early 20th-Century photographs of American Indians by Edward S. Curtis, 18th- and 19th-Century exploration of Pacific Ocean, and colorful prints of North American bird species by Andrew Jackson Grayson (1818-69). Free. Hours: 1:30 t 4:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

“Rumplestiltskin Versus Millersdaughter.com: A Timely Tale from the Brothers Grimm” presented by Icarus Puppet Company through Sunday, November 9. Original play with puppets exploring traditional roles and “importance of being true to yourself” starts at 11 a.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, at Kensington Community Church (4773 Marlborough Drive). 619-563-5252. \$6. (KENSINGTON)

Old Italy Comes to Life in musical version of classic tale *Pinocchio*, coming to the stage when San Diego Junior Theatre presents the play through November 9. Adaptation and lyrics by Jim Eiler, music by Eiler and Jeanne Bargy.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday, at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in Casa del Prado Theater. November 8 performance is

READING

The Serenity Prayer: Faith and Politics in Times of Peace and War



Elisabeth Sifton

W.W. Norton, 2003; 352 pages; \$24.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: A landmark work on the liberal ideals of the progressive American tradition, reaffirming their relevance for today. In 1943, the renowned theologian Reinhold Niebuhr wrote a prayer for a church service in a New England village. Its appeal for grace, courage, and wisdom soon became famous the world over. Here, Elisabeth Sifton, Niebuhr's daughter, reclaims the true history of the Serenity Prayer

and, in a poignant narrative, tells of efforts made by the brave men and women who, like Niebuhr, devoted their lives to the causes of social justice, racial equality, and religious freedom in a world spiraling into and out of economic depression and war. Recalling her father's efforts to warn the clergy of the dangers of fascism, and of America's own social and spiritual crises, Sifton reminds us of what is possible when liberal, open-minded lead-

ers — not zealous fundamentalists or hawkish plutocrats — shape the conscience of the nation. The Serenity Prayer is itself a meditation on the power of prayer in morally compromised, unstable times.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY: From Arthur Schlesinger Jr.: "Filled with perceptive insights and wry humor...a major contribution to the intellectual history of modernity." From *Publishers Weekly*: "Theologian Reinhold Niebuhr's famous prayer...has, Sifton notes, the distinction of being the world's most misattributed text.... [The] eminent book editor and currently senior vice-president of Farrar, Straus & Giroux sets the prayer in the context of her father's life and work. She traces the prayer's birth to its origins during summer services in a New England village church in 1943. The prayer clearly reveals Niebuhr's Christian realism, which asserts that every human effort is tainted with sin or the inevitable human failure to be perfect. Drawing on her memories of her father and her reading of his books, letters, sermons, and prayers, Sifton chronicles her father's development as a theologian who courageously challenged the facile liberalism of American churches, the complicity of German churches with the Nazis, and the simplistic solutions of Marxism and socialism. Sifton reminisces about many of the major political, theological, and intellectual figures who were a part of her upbringing (Paul Tillich, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, W.H. Auden, Felix Frankfurter, R.H. Tawney, Isaiah Berlin) and with whom her father moved shoulder to shoulder in the world.... Sifton offers an intimate portrait of growing up with one of America's most important theologians and demonstrates the timelessness of Niebuhr's struggle for justice and mercy in the world."

ABOUT REINHOLD NIEBUHR: Widely regarded as the greatest American theologian of the 20th Century, Niebuhr began his ministry as pastor of Bethel Evangelical Church in Detroit, where from 1915 to 1928 he not only led his congregation but became an advocate on behalf of the auto workers. This marriage of Christianity and social justice continued throughout his varied life as a preacher,

teacher, political organizer, ecumenical leader, and public intellectual. In 1928 he joined the faculty of Union Theological Seminary, New York, as Professor of Christian Ethics, where he remained until his retirement in 1960. His most well-known books are *Moral Man and Immoral Society*, and *The Nature and Destiny of Man*. He was given the Presidential Freedom Award for Distinguished Service in 1964.

THE SERENITY PRAYER

God, give us grace
to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed,
courage to change the things that should be changed,
and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.

— Reinhold Niebuhr

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Elisabeth Sifton was born in New York City in 1939. She was graduated from Radcliffe College and attended the University of Paris. After brief service with the U.S. State Department, she returned to New York to begin a career in editing, which ultimately led to several distinguished positions, including editor-in-chief at the Viking Press, executive vice president of Alfred A. Knopf, and her current role as senior vice president of Farrar, Straus & Giroux. She is the mother of three sons and is married to the historian Fritz Stern.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Almost 30 years ago, when trying to learn how to lead a congregation, I came across a book written by Reinhold Niebuhr titled *Leaves from the Notebook of a Tamed Cynic*. He wrote it when he, too, was a young pastor, and what he said spoke directly to my mind and heart. So I continued to read his books, carrying on a dialogue with him in my imagination, sometimes arguing with him and always learning from him. But for many of my parishioners it was not his theological and ethical tomes that meant the most, but a few brief lines — the Serenity Prayer. They often recited it and expressed gratitude for

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American Sign Language interpreted. Tickets: \$9 to \$12 adults, \$7 to \$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

"Rumplestiltskin" presented by Tears of Joy Theatre from Vancouver, Washington, on Friday, November 7, at 10 and 11:45 a.m., at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue). Sponsored by Puppetry Center of San Diego. Children: \$5, adults \$7. Suggested reservations: 800-954-6696. (ROLANDO)

Choo Choo! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, noon to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, November 8 and 9, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 25 cents. 619-421-5227. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. (BONITA)

"Turkey for Thanksgiving" served up when San Diego Actors Theatre presents "Children's Classics," Saturday, November 8, 11 a.m., L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). Program includes *Hansel and Gretel*, Thanksgiving poetry, songs. 858-268-4494. \$4. (DEL MAR)

Fairy and Elf Magic Abounds at the Magic Wand (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle), Saturday, November 8, 10:30 a.m. Sparkle Fairy tells tales, followed by fairy craft (\$3 per craft). 858-755-9263. (DEL MAR)

Meet Some Real Insects and Arachnids — courtesy of the San Diego Natural History Museum and Terminex — during program on Saturday, November 8, 1 to 3 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center.

Author Janell Cannon will be on hand to read and sign her *Crickwing* from 1 to 2 p.m. Events are included in museum admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Who's Quick-Legged, Strong Clawed, and Armored? Learn

about "Crabs, Scuttlers, and Pinchers" during class for kids five and six years old, Saturday, November 8, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Participants meet live animals and make a craft. \$20. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Make Eagle Gliders when San Diego Aerospace Museum hosts Family Day workshops, Saturday, November 8, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

"Mother Holly" presented by Weaver's Tales, Wednesday through Sunday, November 12-16, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet. 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. (BALBOA PARK)

MUSEUMS

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

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts,

tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

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Chinese Historical Society and Museum, view artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include

a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. Find the museum at 404 Third

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

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

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it. It seemed to articulate what they, because of pain and confusion and emotional upheaval, could not articulate for themselves; it summarized what they, in their best moments, really wanted from God. For this reason, I eagerly read Elisabeth Sifton's book, and I looked forward to my conversation with her.

"Why did you write this book?" I asked her. "And why now?"

"This is a book that grew by increments. I first wrote a three-page explanation of why there is a German misattribution of the Prayer. German friends of mine and German readers of these brief pages, which were never published, said, 'That's a really interesting story! I didn't know that your father, a German-American, had written this prayer during the war. You should write more about this.'

"This was about ten years ago. In my spare time, which I don't have much of, I enjoyed learning more about where the Prayer really came from and how it had come to be. I published an essay about it in 1998. As a consequence, a German publisher said to me, 'Elisabeth, this material is fascinating. If you double the length of this essay, I'll publish it as a small book in Germany.'

"Well, I wrote more than double but not quite as much as three times the length of the essay, and that was published in Germany in 2001. I wasn't completely satisfied with the text I gave to the German translator; it was too much a story about German-American relations, or about my father's relations with Germany. I felt the Prayer was an American prayer and that the American background could be more fully developed. When Norton asked me to do just that, I did. So the book grew from a few pages, then to an essay, then to a book for the German market, then to the book you have read. It evolved."

"To be honest," I said, "I found it an unusual book. It's not easy to categorize. Is it a memoir? Not really, because you were not even born during much of it. Is it a biography? Not exactly, though certainly there are biographical elements in it. Is it a work of spirituality or self-help psychology? Not at all. So I imagined myself a bookseller, wondering where in my store I'd put it."

"As a writer, I wanted to evade all the genre rules. I worked at making it a book that could not be easily categorized, because I felt the political and spiritual lives of my protagonists were also more or less unclassifiable according to today's categories. As an editor and publisher I've been worried by, and sometimes bored by, and certainly exhausted by, what I think of as an overabundance of first-person singular narratives, which seem to have hegemony in much of American writing today.

"I strenuously did not want this to be a memoir since, as you rightly point out, just about everything in it happened before I was born or when I was too little to understand it. However, it is true that it's about people, some of whom I remember very vividly, so it has a tone, or a style, that people might possibly think of as memoiristic. Many people have said to me, 'Oh, I read your memoir,' and I shudder a little bit because it isn't that at all. I have jovially said to friends that maybe what I've done is written a spurious memoir. But as to the matter of where you put it in the stores, it's being sold as history, which is probably the category."

I continued, "Although your book has interesting things to say about the Serenity Prayer, I'm not sure that's what it's really about. After all, you don't devote many pages to speaking directly about it. I wonder if it isn't first of all a daughter's tribute to her father."

"I never intended it to be that. I intended it to be about the origins of this very famous text, which my father wrote. As I researched it, getting into background of the political and social and ecclesiastical struggles of the time, I came to have an enormous admiration for my father's colleagues, some of them less well known than he. My father is the author of the Prayer, so there's a lot about him in the book, but to me, Felix Frankfurter and Bishop William Scarlett and Archbishop Temple and Stafford Cripps are just as important, and I did feel an active sense of tribute to them when I was composing it.

"When I wrote the first little essay that was published, I got many letters from people saying, 'Oh, thank you for describing these Americans. We never hear about these kinds of people anymore. We never knew about such characters. You've saved these

people from oblivion. It's marvelous that you're talking about them.' Well, if I've done that I'm grateful. These were gigantically significant people. I was surprised that my father's world, or the world he came out of, had so completely disappeared by the 1990s that nobody knew anything about it. So I did have the intention of paying tribute to this generation of Christian socialists, or social activists.

"I also meant this as much for my secular friends, which are 95 percent of my friends, as well as to believing Christians or Jews or devout people of whatever faith, and I realized that I could not write a book about a prayer without somehow addressing the ques-

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knew before?"

"Oh, yeah. Sure."

"What stands out?"

"I was never particularly well acquainted with the intricacies of the doctrinal debate between him and other theologians or other political activists, and I naturally became better acquainted with some of that. I became more fully acquainted with the actual texts of letters and conversations between him and other Christians, some of whom accused him of not really being a believing Christian. Some

tion of what prayer is and what prayer is for. The more you think about that, the more difficult it is to do. So I wrote into the text stuff about other prayers and other modes of praying which differ from one Protestant denomination to the next, not to mention differing from Protestantism to Catholicism to Judaism. So I think the book becomes a meditation about prayer in general, even though it may be, as you rightly say, specifically about this one prayer."

"Did you discover things about your father you never

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

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

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

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House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages open on fourth Tuesday of the month. *Children Around the World* videos are shown in Hall of Nations, fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression

of auto technology from 1886-1915, with "some classics and a concept car."

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Founding Parents: From the Kumeyaay to the Lee House" traces community history from the late Stone Age (12,000 B.C.) when the Kumeyaay first inhabited the area, to 1928 and the building of the H. Lee House. Exhibit includes murals, century-old woven baskets and pottery, fossils, pictographs, more. Continues through June 2004.

Concurrently, see "A Sea of Lemon Trees," showcasing the city's agricultural heyday, when millions of tons of fruit were harvested and shipped to the Midwest and Eastern U.S. Ongoing exhibits include "Gorgeous Bounty: Fruit Labels of the Golden State," "The Story of Lemon Grove," "The Parson's Study." Find the museum at

3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, retrospective exhibit "Reaching for the Stars: The Fleet's First 30 Years" documents the history of the Fleet. Each decade of the past 30 years is highlighted through graphics, photographs, and artifacts taking visitors on a visual journey of the center's accomplishments. Through Sunday, January 18, 2004.

Over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from the Exploratorium in San Francisco are on display in "ExploraZone 4," on exhibit through Monday, May 31, 2004. The exhibition's themes are forces and structures, light, and rotation.

"Memory" includes 38 interactive exhibits, artworks, and demonstrations exploring how memories are made, stored, retrieved, and forgotten (through Sunday, December 7). Ongoing exhibitions include "Technovation," "About Faces," "Smoke and Mirrors," and "Skyscapes II." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Journey "To

Worlds Beyond" in the planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Automotive Museum, "On the Wild Side: Exotics" continues through Tuesday, November 25. More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

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

San Diego Historical Society Museum, through costumes and ephemera, the "Wedding Belles: Traditions and Attire" exhibition chronicles San Diego wedding fashions from the 1850s through the mid-20th Century. "Belles" showcases examples of the evolution and style and of "proper attire." Show includes an 1848 Viennese wedding dress to a tulle and lace garment from the 1950s. Through May 2004.

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

Also on view: "Filming San Diego: Hollywood's Backlot," through Thursday, December 9, 2004. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the

building of the West Coast by sea, including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.


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

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


"Inuit: People of the Midnight Sun," continuing through April 2004, brings to life the *iliquisiq* or "ways and habits" of the Inuit (previously known as Eskimo). Artifacts include tools for hunting and sewing, handmade games, clothing, masks, and kayaks, offering an in-depth look at aspects of modern and ancient Inuit culture.

Ongoing exhibits: "Inquisition: Torture and Intolerance," focusing on reality of torture in world today, including an interactive video and stories of modern-day torture survivors. Collection features dozens of macabre devices gathered from throughout Europe, some extremely rare, primarily used from 1400s up to early 1800s. Pieces on display are originals, including an iron maiden, a guillotine, chain flails, a knee splitter, and more. Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred

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said, ‘Oh, Reinhold isn’t really a Christian, he thinks the whole thing is a big metaphor. He doesn’t really believe.’ And I read again his responses.

“I came across details of his life that I hadn’t known. For example, I didn’t know that he had met Karl Barth in Geneva in 1946 or ’47.

“Maybe the thing that surprised me most, which I knew but never really thought about, was how amazing it was to become a minister when you’re only 21 years old and walk up into the pulpit to take over your father’s church. And what kind of a person do you become if you’ve done it successfully? I’d never really thought about this before.”

“Did your view of your father change in any way?”
“Not fundamentally. He died 31, 32 years ago, and I’ve had a long time to think.”

“The Serenity Prayer has been used in many different contexts, perhaps the most famous being Alcoholics Anonymous. Do you think it’s too often been reduced to a plea for personal help? I get the impression, from your book, that you want us to understand that ‘the courage to change,’ as your father understood it, has to do with social concerns, with politics, with economics, with a whole lot more than just the personal dimension. Is that a fair reading of your book?”

“That is certainly fair. I did want to rescue it from the first-person singular and re-establish it as a first-person plural prayer; that is true. I think the singular and plural versions of it are related, however, because you can’t engage in the social action that I think my father had in mind unless your heart changes in a deep, personal, and singular way. So the prayer is rightly thought of in both ways. But I do think it gets simplified and made banal.

“I also wanted to establish the relative complexity of the opening phrase of the prayer, ‘God give us grace to accept with serenity that which we cannot change.’ This is a more complicated thing than just asking for serenity. The prayer is about very deep and demanding psychological and spiritual effort.”

“I was interested in the evolution of the wording of the prayer,

particularly the way the phrase ‘should be changed’ was modified, over time, to ‘can be changed.’

“Well, that strikes me as just plain stupid, if I may say so. As I say in the book, if you can change something that should be changed, do it! I mean, that’s not a big issue. That’s plainly a mistake, a dumbing down of the prayer. On the Web you can find it in God knows how many different ways.”

“In your book you seem to stress the second part of the Prayer, the need for courage to change the things that should be changed. You put this in the context of your father’s life and his fight for social changes. But don’t you think that sometimes the first part of the prayer is more difficult — to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed? To know when to leave well enough alone?”

“It’s tremendously difficult. And I would say over and over and over again, if I could, that it’s important to maintain the balance of the three sections of the Prayer.

“One of the hardest things to accept with serenity is loss and death and pain. In 1943 when he wrote this — when there was no assurance the Allies would win, and millions of men and women had already died in a titanic conflict, the worst the world had ever known — one first had to pray for grace to accept with serenity these terrible and unchangeable facts. Yes, that’s fantastically difficult.

“But the hardest thing, of course, is the third: when it’s the one and when it’s the other. Every single day one has to think, *Is this something that I should accept with serenity, or is this something I should try to change?* That’s the deep conundrum that serious people think about all the time.”

“You seem to think most pastors and church leaders don’t wrestle with this enough. In fact, you’re pretty hard on pastors and church leaders.”

“Yes, I am.”

“In one passage about pastors, you say, ‘Little changed in their privileged lives; they pussyfooted around feel-good preachers like Norman Vincent Peale or Billy Graham — who never risked their tremendous personal popularity by broaching a difficult spiritual subject, and rarely lifted a finger to help the social cause; they

checked up on their pension funds and ignored their parishioners’ lives.’ That’s pretty, uh...”

“Harsh.”

“Is it overstated? There are other parts of the book where you say similar things, and I’m wondering about the anger. Did you feel your father was a lone voice crying in the wilderness, or is this something he felt and expressed?”

“It’s not anger. It’s a certain scorn and contempt. If you study the history of the American Protestant church in this century — let’s leave aside the Catholic church — I think you will always find men and women of enormous bravery and spiritual depth who are doing splendid work, who are laboring in God’s vineyard in the best possible way. You will always find such people. But all too often, especially in positions of power and prestige within each of the denominations, you’ll find very self-satisfied and pompous and self-congratulatory ‘spiritual leaders’ who must be indicted as I indict them. I’ve spent a lot of my adult life in the company of completely secularized people, most of whom have been so repelled by that tone of smug sanctimony that they no longer attend church.”

“I find it surprising that you question whether your father and Paul Tillich were really major church leaders, whether they had significant influence. I want to hear you talk more about this, because most people today would say your father was the single most influential American theologian in the 20th Century.”

“Ah! That’s a different category, and I would not take it away from him or Uncle Paulus. But ‘church leader’ implies leading churches, and here I insist on my generally bleak view. After he left his parish in Detroit and came to New York City, my father became, as it were, an itinerant preacher. He was then considered one of the most exciting preachers in America. However, I can list on the fingers of one hand the churches that invited him to preach! I would never have enough digits to list those who did not want to have anything to do with him because they regarded him as much too rabbleroising, left-wing, probably communist, certainly socialist, destabilizing, overly politicized. He preached regularly at Harvard, Yale,

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touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine).” 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, “The Endurance: Shackleton’s Legendary Antarctic Expedition,” on view through Tuesday,

January 6, 2004, documents the epic story of Sir Ernest Shackleton’s 1914 *Endurance* expedition. Includes more than 150 awe-inspiring photographs of the expedition’s ordeal taken by ship photographer Frank Hurley, video, sextants, and replica of the *James Caird*, the

lifeboat used to rescue the crew.

“Spirits in Stone: The New Face of African Art” features sculpture by Shona stone sculptors from Zimbabwe, as well as masks, jewelry, and baskets, gathered in “Masks, Magic, and Meaning.” Shona sculpture is steeped in legends and traditions of

an ancient African culture, using indigenous serpentine, granite, and verdite. The exhibition functions as a fundraiser for the museum, continuing through Sunday, November 9.

“Images of Nature: The Photography of Thomas D. Man-

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Also on view: “Natural Treasures: Past and Present” (ongoing). Current “giant-screen films” in-

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Princeton, and Chicago, in university chapels, which may account for some of his influence, because a great many students heard him and remembered him in their adult years, their post-college years. But churches? No. He was not at all popular; he was not liked in churches; he was not approved of; he was not respected.”

“But isn’t that the burden of the prophetic voice? To be out there on the edge?”

“Well, yes. Yes, indeed. I do think it is.”

“I can’t tell you how many church meetings I’ve been in where the name of Reinhold Niebuhr was invoked. I have a hard time imagining anyone who was more influential in the later half of the 20th Century, especially with regard to social and economic and political problems.”

“Well, I think we’re both right. You’re right that he influenced his students and subsequent generations, perhaps more than any other teacher of his ilk. But I’m right to say that while he was working in the ’30s and ’40s and ’50s, he was not a church leader. He was a kind of prophetic voice; that is certainly right. Only a minority of American churches paid attention to him, while the majority did not approve of him. They didn’t approve of his politics or his theology.”

“Well, let’s be candid: most of them weren’t as smart as he was.”

“But you didn’t have to be smart. It was not an issue of intelligence; it was an issue of moral decision about the relationship of Christian life to political life.”

“Yes, but my point is that he had a rare mind. He could bring together different sides of an issue and see the intersection. So it’s not surprising he was a lone voice. But I’m shocked when you say that only a few churches would invite him to preach.”

“Literally, less than five. I was talking to my brother about this. I can actually remember only three, one of which was St. George’s Church in New York, and there was one in Philadelphia and one in Chicago. Let’s say there’s two more that I don’t know about. That makes five, but there were certainly no more than that. My brother, who has a much better memory for these details, can’t

remember any more either. Also, I have been through my father’s correspondence in the Library of Congress. You have no idea the hate mail he got! An immense amount of angry letters from big-wigs with important stationery, with big positions in denominational organizations.”

“In addition to having a first-rate mind, your father must have had a tremendous capacity for friendship. I’m thinking of the constant conversations he had with various people, the walks with Rabbi Heschel. Am I correct?”

“I think it was the case, expressed differently in different parts of his life. In his early years, his capacity for friendship, as you call it, was a pastoral capacity, which I don’t believe he ever lost, even when he gave up his church in Detroit. I never knew him as a working pastor of a parish, but I don’t believe he ever lost his sense of how to approach people and deal with people.

“After his death I learned from some of his former students things he had never mentioned because he never violated the confidentiality of pastoral exchanges. But these people would say, ‘Your father was such a help to me when x-y-z happened and I didn’t know what to do, and I went to talk to him even though it had been ten years since I’d been in his classroom, and he helped me tremendously through this terrible crisis.’ I learned all this after his death.

“I learned a lot about his friendships after his death. Marion Pauck, the widow of Wilhelm Pauck, whose book on Tillich I mention in my book, told me about his friendship with Tillich and with Pauck. He didn’t really talk about his friendships or make a big deal about them, but he certainly had them. Those are the plusses.

“The minuses are that he was a driven workaholic, and he worked too hard and stressed himself too much in ways that affected his judgment about people in politics, often adversely. I also know about instances when his closest colleagues, who were his friends at Union, would say, ‘Reinhold, slow down. Cool off. Back off. You’re driving yourself too much.’ And I think in the period of his most intense work, which would be roughly 1935 to ’52, he certainly had plenty of friends, but he was also driving himself non-stop, day in and day out, in a way that didn’t allow for the ampli-

tude of time to develop friendships. Then, after 1952, when he became very ill, he was very depressed, and he was forced by medical difficulties into a slower schedule that allowed the ripening of friendship, like the one he had with Rabbi Heschel.”

“The conversation he had with Karl Barth is one I would have liked to overhear.”

“Yes!”

“The most important American theologian of the 20th Century having a discussion with the most important European theologian of the 20th Century. I gather they had great respect for each other, but at the same time, had a kind of wariness with each other.”

“I don’t know if they had a personal wariness.”

“Not personal, no. I mean with each other’s theology. I’m interested in the differences and the disagreements between them because I believe it’s significant as the church tries to find its way today. Perhaps Barth’s insistence on proclaiming the word of God alone, clearly and distinctly, sometimes abstracted the Gospel from its social environment, left it disembodied, disconnected from the world of politics and economics. On the other hand, I wonder if the opposite problem could be said of your father’s position — that applying the Gospel to our messy world, which involves inevitable compromises, can diminish the central message itself?”

“That’s always the danger. I suppose you could say that both of them overdid it, overstated their position. I don’t really have anything to add to what you say. But to me, there’s another issue that’s also tied up, as it were, in the Prayer. That is the question of the timing of one’s actions or inaction. I mention this because I think Barth’s insistence on the pure, uncontaminated church community was, for my father, unfortunate. It was late to be arguing about the purity of the church in 1934 vis-à-vis Hitler. I tried to make this point. When you recognize the danger that is about to destroy this church, and when you insist upon the pure church community — the timing is important. There is no question that Barth, when he spoke this way during World War I, was superb. But to say it in 1934 is another matter.”

clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided

tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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

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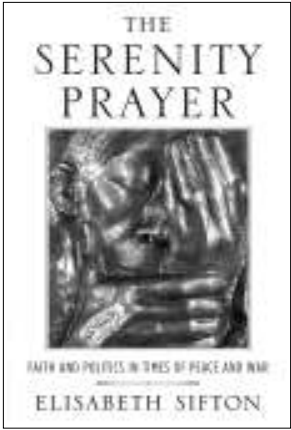
“But in 1934 the Confessing Church issued the Barmen Declaration, largely written by Barth. In its first affirmation, it insisted that Jesus Christ alone is Lord — with the not-too-subtle implication that Hitler was not.”

“Oh, sure. It was terrific as far as it went. It just went nowhere far enough. In terms of what it said, it was superb. You could say that not enough German pastors signed it, although it’s true that many more pastors took a stand than did professors or other professionals. This was the only big declaration against Hitler of this kind. It was splendid as far as it went, but it was concerned only with the defense of the church community against Hitler. It evaded the issue of converted Jews in the church; it evaded the issue of what Hitler was doing to the social fabric of the churches that these pastors represented.”

“Back to the Serenity Prayer, your special focus was on its authorship and the dispute about its origins. Richard Fox, in his biography of your father’s life, suggests that your father himself began to question whether he really wrote the Prayer, or whether he had perhaps unconsciously quoted someone else. Do you think there’s anything to that?”

“No, I don’t. I’ve seen the evidence Fox used. As I say in my book, in the years he was being beleaguered with questions about the authorship, he was suffering from sometimes quite severe clinical depression, and he just got sick of the whole thing. So there are plenty of letters in which he’d write back saying, ‘I don’t know, maybe I didn’t write it.’ Perhaps he didn’t literally say that, but you know what I mean. He would write back saying, ‘Well, whatever.’ That’s a 1990s or 2003 phrase, which one did not use in the 1960s, but he used whatever the equivalent of that was to say, ‘I don’t know, maybe I didn’t write it.’ But he knew he wrote it! I think he was just depressed and fatigued with these constant question, and he also had a genuine spiritual modesty that prevented him from making a big claim about it.”

“After all, this is a prayer, as you pointed out.”



“Also, as I tried to suggest, the idea of the Prayer is embedded in many other prayers, some of them written by him, some of them found in *The Book of Common Prayer*. So he didn’t want to make a big deal about it.”

“Isn’t it ironic, considering his significance as a thinker and social activist, that he’s perhaps most well known for this little prayer?”

“Yes, indeed.”
“As meaningful as the Prayer might be, it’s actually a minor part of Reinhold Niebuhr’s overall contribution.”

“Well, irony was a mode he was familiar with and comfortable in!”

“How would you describe your own relationship with him? He was a busy man — look at the students he taught, the books he wrote, the committees he organized, the heads of state he counseled, the church leaders he guided. Was there much time for his family? Would you say you were close to him? Or am I prying?”

“No, it’s a fair question. I, like my brother and his friends, felt close to him. He conveyed his love for his family very steadily.”

“He could express it? Germans are often quite reserved.”

“He was not a demonstrative person, but he was unfailingly friendly and courteous, and he always seemed to me a trustworthy and loving parent. However, until he became ill in 1952, I really didn’t see very much of him. I felt close to him because I felt safe in his surroundings, which I think some children don’t with their parents, at least in my generation.”

“Was he an awe-inspiring figure around the house?”

“No, he was not. And nobody who knew him thought

he was. His students didn’t find him awe-inspiring. If they liked him, they loved him. He was a friendly, approachable person. He didn’t walk into a room like a big shot, you know what I mean? He was modest and straightforward. I didn’t find him awe-inspiring, no.”

“What about your mother? At the end of your book, I wanted to know more about her.”

“Ah, she was interesting!”
“She must have been formidable. I mean, here’s a woman who maintained her own Anglican loyalties, in contrast to your father’s Nonconformist tradition. Will you say more about her?”

“She was extremely intelligent and lively, a strong person. She outlived him, dying 5 or 6 years ago. Well, she was 17 years younger than he; she was 23 when they got married. Through the ’30s she was sick. I don’t mention this in the book. She had several miscarriages, so she was bedridden for good parts of the ’30s. However, she was a strong and lively person and more than held her own with him. They were an amazing couple. They just adored each other; they really loved each other, and they had a happy, happy time together. Their personal styles were hilariously different: my mother was extremely English in a high Oxonian way, and my father was this, as he put it, yahoo from Missouri. They had different table manners and different accents, and they came from different worlds, but they got along splendidly.”

“That’s a tribute to both of them.”

“It is a tribute to both of them. She was also difficult in ways that he was not. I said to you that I always felt safe with him. I never felt safe with my mother. She was a difficult, edgy person. She was brave to come to America on her own and lived this rather unusual life, but I think she was always edgy with herself and, therefore, made other people edgy. One of the things I learned — you asked me if I learned things about my father in doing the research for this book, and I did, but I also learned a lot about my mother — was that many, many people didn’t like her. My father’s closest friends all liked her because they understood the way this amazing cou-

ple functioned. They all certainly admired the way she took care of him when he became so ill. But she had many...not enemies, but people who were not fond of her. She was very snobbish. I don’t mean socially snobbish; Americans think snobs are always social snobs. She was an intellectual snob, and she didn’t tolerate easily people who were not as bright as she or as interesting as her husband.”

“But people like Auden enjoyed her?”

“Ah, yes, but they came out of the same neck of the woods and were interested in the same things: poetry and music and theology. So they bonded immediately. They were very close.”

“Your brother, I take it, is still alive?”

“Yes, he is, and he lives in Massachusetts.”

“If it’s not putting you too much on the spot, may I ask whether you are a practicing Christian?”

“Well, you are putting me on the spot, but I don’t mind that. I do not regularly attend church, and I haven’t for decades. At the moment, my life is such that I actually go back and forth between Princeton and New York City — Princeton, where I am mostly on the weekends, and New York, where I really live, which is my spiritual home. If I were to return to the church, I would want it to be in New York, but Princeton is where I am on Sundays. So, I’m not defending myself, but because I am divided I have not come to know any one church community well enough to feel comfortable in it.

“I say in the book that I declared to my parents when I was 17 years old that I was not a believer, and I stopped going to church regularly. I never completely returned. However, when my children were growing up and one of them began singing in the choir of our local Episcopal church in Brooklyn Heights — the rector was, in fact, an old student of my father’s — I returned and felt comfortable and happy. As I say in my book,

I am vividly aware of the benefits and also the requirements of communal worship for the true Christian life. But I have failed in that and I don’t, myself, go much to church.

“I think of myself, frankly, as a believing Christian, but that brings up a much bigger issue than we can possibly discuss in this interview, which is, what does it mean to believe? My cousin, Gus Niebuhr, who was, for a number of years, a religion reporter...”

“Yes, and a very good one.”

“A very good one. And a dear friend and somebody I adore. I used to say to him — when he would be reporting controversies in the church about such things as people believing or not believing in the Virgin Birth, or believing or not believing in the Ascension, or whatever — ‘Gus! You never ask them, what do they mean by believe? What does it mean to believe?’ And in the book I quoted my mother as saying, ‘Belief. What a weasel word.’”

“I have often asked myself what your father, if he were alive, would say about our present situation. What do you think would be the central issues he’d be most passionate about?”

“Right now, since the advent of the Bush administration, he would be shocked and dismayed and grief-stricken — shocked by the unilateralism and the militarism and the pride. And he

would be distressed beyond measure at the fact that this kind of behavior in the world is accompanied by a gross disregard for social justice in the United States, so that the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. There doesn’t seem to be a feeling of community, that we are in this together and should be helping each other, and there seems to be a complete disregard of the basic moral imperatives of a democratic life. What more can I say?

“All you have to do is read what he wrote right after the war in 1945, or what he wrote in *Irony of American History* a few years later, to know that he wondered what would happen when America became the one hegemonic power and if it could behave with any kind of virtue or humility. But we’re not behaving with virtue or humility now, and it would break his heart.

“May I add that, even worse, this lack of virtue and moral compass and humility is accompanied by the most sanctimonious ‘God is on my side’ talk, which would revolt him. He never liked this, even with less extravagant examples, and he would just hate the present situation. I know what he wrote in the ’30s, ’40s, and ’50s, and I know what he thought about extreme, right-wing Republicans in the ’40s. What would he think now that they’re in power? God!”
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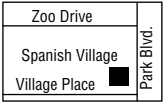
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The superlative vocal group La Venexiana returned to St. James by-the-Sea for a program of Monteverdi madrigals.

Was this the wisest programming choice? Monteverdi is without doubt the greatest of the composers of Italian madrigals in the 16th and 17th Centuries, and La Venexiana (which has recorded his Third and Seventh Books) has proved itself an incomparable advocate of his music: lucid, imaginative, flawlessly balanced, and with a vivid understanding of the texts. Still, Monteverdi does not stand alone in the late Renaissance and early Baroque. La Venexiana itself has made marvelous recordings of Luca Marenzio, Luzzasco Luzzaschi, Carlo Gesualdo, Sigismondo d'India, and Barbara Strozzi, and there are plenty of other superb vocal composers in the period of their specialization. So there might have been good reasons for focusing on music by some of these others, since on their appearance here only two years ago (then as now under the auspices of the San Diego Early Music Society) the group offered a similar all-Monteverdi program.

They even repeated two items from the earlier concert, in spite of the fact that they had some 190 others to choose from. The two were the touching *Lamento della ninfa* and the at once fanciful and horrifying *Gira il nemico insidioso*, both from the Eighth Book. This collection, *Madrigali guerrieri et amorosi*, is the most dramatic of the composer's madrigal books, and at their 2001 concert La Venexiana made the most of the theatrical opportunities the pieces offer: they actually staged several of the madrigals (including the *Lamento* and *Gira il nemico*), with blocking, impersonations, dramatic gestures, and stage action.

The poignant lament of the nymph, abandoned by her lover, and expressively commiserated with by a trio of male singers, remained much as it was before: exquisitely graceful in both the singing and the acting. But the group's well-deserved success with their previous staging of *Gira il nemico* seems to have gone to their head. This extravagant extended metaphor (the text is by Giulio Strozzi) presents the process of falling in love as a murderous attack by pitiless enemies on a defenseless town. In Monteverdi's late manner, the metaphor is colorfully illustrated by the music: the calls to arms, the pacing of horsemen

in defense of the besieged heart, the desperate efforts to escape the invader on foot, the disastrous fall of the town to the tyrant, and the victor's furious shouts to burn the buildings and massacre the inhabitants. Well, that's love.

Last time, La Venexiana singers added a good deal of comedy to this material by their stage antics: for example, searching for the murdered heart of the victim of love and finally locating it under the harpsichord. Meanwhile, they stopped singing, and the audience's attention was monopolized by what (in my review at the time) I called charming horseplay. Yes, I found the innovations in that performance lots of fun. But now I wonder whether I made a mistake back then.

In any case, this time there was a lot more shtik, much more exaggerated, and with a much more self-consciously farcical tone. To give one example among many: in three of the six stanzas, there is a peremptory call to rise and defend the besieged heart. "*Su presto*" means "Get up quick!" But at each instance of the word "*su*," which means "up," one of the singers would point up into the air, as though he had just spotted a bird, a plane, or Superman, and the other singers would look in the direction of his finger, searching for whatever it was. While these antics went on, the music would stop completely, each time for a longer interval. Only after the gratuitous joke had garnered the audience's amusement (it was gratuitous because the text doesn't refer to any flying object) did the singer return to the text and the score, with the full "*Su presto*" line.

The result was that Monteverdi's effects of tone painting, already quite large, were inflated to the point of vulgarity by superfluous stage comedy; and also that the integrity of the music — its form, its continuity, its wholeness — was to a large extent obliterated. The ebullience of the Venexiana singers is attractive, but I think they might do better, after all, by letting Monteverdi's quite remarkable sense of humor speak for itself.

That is precisely what they did, for example, in another madrigal from the Eighth Book, *Ardo e scoprir*. This is a confession by an ardent lover who is afraid to declare his love. When he is alone, he prepares melodramatic speeches begging the beloved to relieve the torture that is killing him.

But in her presence he is struck dumb: he turns pale and casts his eyes on the ground.

It is an excellent poem, one of those inventive variations on Petrarchan love that manage to find something new and refreshing in the hoary conventions. Monteverdi goes the poet one better, however, because he has at his disposal not only the text (which he sets so that the audience — if they know Italian! — will perceive every word) but also the brilliant resources of his style of vocal composition, which can illustrate every minute vicissitude of the emotional life with a delectably appropriate musical device.

In this case, the wonderful setting for bass and tenor (with keyboard accompaniment) has the two voices — in imitation — wailing the lover's laments, trumpeting his bold resolutions, and pathetically rendering his pallors and tremors in a hesitating *sotto voce*. In the final lines — and how exactly right the singers' performance was, with the effects given full value but in no way inflated — we hear how, when the lover's tongue wants to communicate his feelings, "*si troncan su le labbra le parole*" ("the words are cut short on the lips"), with the verse hopelessly fragmented into isolated, stuttering syllables: a perfect musical representation of the event the words are describing.

Monteverdi's style and La Venexiana's admirable way with it (virtually all the time) were exemplified with special panache in *Si, ch'io vorrei morire* ("Yes, I would wish to die"), which the group sang in replacement of another madrigal for which they had forgotten to bring the score. The conceit here is the venerable equation of loving and dying. When the lover kisses his beloved's beautiful mouth or is pressed against her white breast, he would be glad to die, overwhelmed by the sweetness of it all.

It is more than a little ridiculous (although no less true to the real experience of passion), and Maurizio Moro's poem is no great masterpiece, merely repeating the same extravagant image several times, with varied (but basically identical) phraseology. Still, this bit of third-rate verse gave the composer just what he needed to create an indubitable masterpiece of his own. He, too, repeats the simple musical devices that correspond to the verbal imagery. The passion is expressed through ecstatically rising sequences (in one instance go-



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ing through all the notes of the diatonic scale); the longing for death-in-love is expressed through luminous falling sequences and a tranquilly descending line, in no way tragic or even sad.

What could be more obvious or more elementary? But while a poet repeating the same device several times sounds inept and his poem seems stuck in place, a composer's repetitions are the stuff of which musical architecture is con-



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Enrolled full-time at Grossmont and City Colleges, 24-year-old Martin Lomatayo will transfer next year to UCSD as an economics m



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structed, and Monteverdi handles his medium with such a powerful imagination that the obvious and the elementary become magnificently rich and deep. By the end of this short madrigal (about three minutes long), when the initial line returns after the five voices have vied with each other in the frenzy of their passion ("O mouth! O kisses! O tongue!"), we can actually empathize with the experience Moro was trying to depict, and which Monteverdi's music totally embodies: the radical nature of *post coitum* fulfillment (for of course this *Liebestod* is about a lot more than kissing), a contented bliss that negates everything else in the world, to the point where life itself seems nugatory.

It need hardly be said that La Venexiana performed Monteverdi's incomparable little piece as intensely and elegantly as it could be performed — and with their voices alone: no shtik necessary. The fine and utterly idiomatic voices belonged to soprano Valentina Coladonato; countertenor Claudio Cavina; tenors Sandro Naglia and Giuseppe Maletto; and bass Matteo Bellotto (even their names are pure music — but then everything in Italian is). In the works requiring keyboard, Andrea Perugi was the stylish harpsichordist.

In sum, a glorious concert — but next time, La Venexiana, let's have some Luca Marenzio! ■

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Musical Treasures of Scandinavia performed by vocalist Viola Rohling and pianist John Danke for Escondido Library's First Thursday series, in Turrentine Room of library (239 South Kalmia Street), November 6, 7 p.m. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

The Sounds of Art, pianist and composer David Korevaar presents "Of Earth and Sky: Elements in Abstraction," Thursday, November 6, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Korevaar will integrate commentary, slides, and performance into lecture and concert, featuring pieces by Liebermann, Schoenberg, Brahms, J.S. Bach, and Korevaar. \$15. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

The Miró Quartet presents selections by Haydn, Prokofiev, and Schubert, Friday, November 7, for Revelle Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society. Concert starts at 8 p.m. in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. Tickets: \$25 to \$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Festival Hispanoamericano de Guitarra hits South Chula Vista Library with concert by maestro Martin Madrigal from Mexico, Friday, November 7, 7 p.m. Find library at 389 Orange Avenue. Free. 619-585-5755. (CHULA VISTA)

Winter Pops, Grammy award-winning vocalist Diane Schuur joins San Diego Symphony and conductor Matthew Garbutt for concerts, November 7 and 8, Friday and Saturday. Music begins at 8 p.m. each night in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$15 to \$60. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

An Evening With Alessio Averone, Saturday, November 8,

at Timken Museum of Art. Reception at 6 p.m., recital at 7 p.m. Program includes works by Scarlatti, Mozart, Schubert, Chopin, Balakirev. \$40. 619-239-5548 x10. (BALBOA PARK)

Music from Bach to Mendelssohn performed by organist Robert Thompson on newly renovated pipe organ at First Unitarian Universalist Church, Saturday, November 8, 7:30 p.m. Organist Kenneth Herman plays single-manual pipe organ for a concerto, and the New City Sinfonia joins him in another. \$10. Find church at 4190 Front Street; 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

"Romantic Music and Poetry," pianist Karen Follingstad presents concert Sunday, November 9, 7 p.m., for Clairemont Lutheran Vesper Concert Series (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). 858-273-7423. Nursery care available. Offering. (CLAIREMONT)

Complete Beethoven Sonatas for Violin and Piano are being presented by violinist Alyze Dreil-

ing and pianist/composer Myron Fink. Next concert is Sunday, November 9, 2 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). \$12 general. 858-592-9790. (POINT LOMA)

Organ and Strings, listen for selections by Albinoni, Grieg, J.S. Bach, G.F. Handel, Langlais, Alain during concert with organist Tom Leonard, violinist Philip Tyler, and Point Loma Nazarene University String Consort, Sunday, November 9, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street). Offering. 619-232-7513. (DOWNTOWN)

"Four x Four," four singers perform in four different musical styles — sacred music, opera selections, art songs, musical theater — Sunday, November 9, 2:30 p.m., Village Community Presbyterian Church (6225 Paseo Delicias). Performers include soprano Juliette Singler, mezzo Katherine Lundeen, tenor Tom Oberjat, bass David Marshamn, accompanied by pi-

anist Ines Irawati. Free. 858-756-2441. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Music at Lee, Lemon Grove Historical Society hosts this music series with barbershop quartet concert by California Note Catchers and La Mesa City Limits, Sunday, November 9, 2 p.m., at Lee House (3205 Olive Street). \$12. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Old Masters in Music and Art, Renaissance, Celtic, and original music performed by Amy Lynn Kanner on Irish harp, Sunday, November 9, 2 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Opus Melodious performs pieces by J.S. Bach, Stephen Foster, Rachmaninoff, and selections from their CD *A Pocketful of Christmas*, Sunday, November 9, 2 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). \$12. 858-592-9790. (POINT LOMA)

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Choral Works by Mozart and Fine, folk music from Brazil, solos, and holiday music on tap when SDSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers perform Sunday, November 9, 5 p.m., at Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church (2128 Chatsworth Boulevard). 619-795-6557. Offering. (POINT LOMA)

"Love American Style," soprano Debra McLaren and pianist Janie Prim perform works by American composers and poets regarding love, Sunday, November 9, 2:30 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, November 9, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

The Mother-Daughter Duo of eight-year-old Rossina Grieco (piano) and Molly Grieco (clarinet) perform chamber music and piano solos for mini-concert, Monday, November 10, noon, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Beethoven for Two Guitars, concert by Victoria Guitar Duo from Canada, Wednesday, November 12, 8 p.m., at Congregational Church of La Jolla (1216 Cave Street). Donation: \$15. 858-459-3459. (LA JOLLA)

UCSD's "Premiere Percussion Ensemble," red fish blue fish, performs works by Edgar Varèse, John Cage, and George Lewis, Wednesday, November 12, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"Bring on the Bass" with Palomar music instructor Sean Reusch, Thursday, November 13, 12:30 p.m., for Concert Hour series, in Palomar College Performance Lab (D-10). Free. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

Holst's "Planets" and "Symphony No. 41 in C Major (Jupiter)" by Mozart may be heard when San Diego Symphony and conductor Sergiu Commissiona perform Thursday, November 13, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Preconcert talk: 7:15 p.m. Tickets: \$29, \$39, \$49. Reservations: 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

The Charles Ives "Concord Sonata" (Piano Sonata No. 2) will be "improvisationally interpreted in homage to the composer" by pianist Scott Walton, Thursday, November 13, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Also on program: Beethoven's "Piano Sonata No. 30." Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

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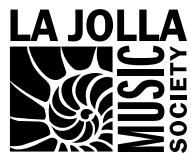
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GALLERIES

“The Shadows” by Debbie Fleming Caffery, Michael Mulno’s “Moving Closer: Recent Pictures of Heather,” and “Gesture” by Han Nguyen opens with reception for all three artists on Friday, November 7, 6 p.m., at Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue). Show closes Saturday, January 3, 2004. 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

“Art Spirituality,” exhibition of work by artists Mary McDermott, Larry Caveney, Lizet Benrey opens with reception, Friday, November 7, 6 p.m., at Art Institute of California-San Diego (7650 Mission Valley Road). Through Friday, December 5. 858-598-1200. (MISSION VALLEY)

Exploring Ancestral Memories with “meticulous virtualism,” an exhibition by Schmidt opens with reception, Friday, November 7, 5:30 p.m., at Galerie d’Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Continues through Thursday, January 15, 2004. 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

“Annual Members Only Juried Award Show” at San Diego Watercolor Society’s Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard) includes reception on Friday, November 7, 5 p.m. Juror: Annette Paquet. 619-338-0502. Continues through Saturday, November 29. (DOWNTOWN)

“Clear Visions,” a group show in which “artists come together to give an expression of their view of life” at 101 Artists’ Colony opens with reception, Saturday, November 8, 6 p.m. Artist’s “art and chat” on the 8th, 3-6 p.m. Find gallery at 25 East E Street; 760-632-9074. Through November. (ENCINITAS)

“The Texture of Imagination,” this exhibition of work by Digital Art Guild opens with reception Saturday, November 8, 6 p.m., at Avalon Gallery (3803 Ray Street). Show continues through November. 619-297-4908. (NORTH PARK)

“Kaleidoscope of Expression II,” exhibition of “unbound work” of artists, musicians, and poets opens with reception, Saturday, November 8, 6 p.m., Gallery DX, in Caffè Calabria (3933 30th Street). Closes Friday, December 12. 619-757-8680. (NORTH PARK)

“Tomorrow, Today, Yesterday,” this retrospective painting exhibit of works by Mary-Eve

Humphrey continues through Saturday, November 29, at Grand Galleria (413 West Grand Avenue). Reception and conversation: Saturday, November 8, 1 to 5 p.m. 760-489-1898. (ESCONDIDO)

“Small Works” by many artists are on view through Saturday, January 3, 2004, at Muse Gallery (2911 University Avenue). Reception on Saturday, November 8, 7 p.m., includes musical by Silver Wizard and Turing Test. 619-296-8539. (NORTH PARK)

Watercolor Paintings by students of Lola Juris go on exhibit with reception on Saturday, November 8, 2-4 p.m., at Olde Ramona Hotel Gallery (845 Main Street). Continues through November. 760-789-3682. (RAMONA)

“Zooming Into Focus: Contemporary Chinese Photography from the Haudenschild Collection” is on view through Saturday, December 6, in University Art Gallery at San Diego State University. Keynote lecture (2:30 p.m.), performance premiere (4 p.m.), and reception (4:30 p.m.) for artists, Saturday, November 8. 619-594-5171. (SDSU)

“The Colors of Pastel Art Show” is on view through Sunday, November 16, at La Jolla Art Association Gallery, boasting work by members of Pastel Society of San Diego. Reception: Sunday, November 9, 5 p.m. Find gallery at 7917 Girard Avenue; 858-459-3001. (LA JOLLA)

Original Works by Kinsey go on exhibit with reception, Sunday, November 9, 4 p.m., at Travis Parker (7843 Girard Avenue, suite

C). Through Friday, January 9, 2004. 858-456-0092. (LA JOLLA)

“On Your Own Time: The National Arts Program at Carlsbad,” an exhibition and art contest featuring artwork by City of Carlsbad employees and their relatives, opens with awards ceremony on Monday, November 10, 4 p.m., in William D. Cannon Art Gallery. Through Wednesday, November 26. Gallery is at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

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California Center for the Arts Museum, time for Eloy Tarcisio’s eighth annual site-specific installation *Muerte de todos ofrenda de participación*/Death Comes to Everyone: A Participatory Offering. The installation consists of more than 100 wooden crosses, clay bowls — filled with grains, beans, and other organic materials symbolic of Mexico’s pre-Hispanic past — and votive candles, which viewers are invited to light. Through November.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, “Origami Masterworks — Innovative Forms of the Art of Paper Folding,” on view through Sunday, February 8, 2004, includes more than 150 pieces by 42 artists from across the globe. Most of the objects were created by folding single sheets of paper to make geometrical forms, flowers,

trees, people, masks, and a menagerie of animals.

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

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, photographer Alex Webb has spent more than 25 years covering the Mexican border. “Alex Webb: Crossings — Photographs from the U.S.-Mexico Border,” includes 40 photographs documenting Webb’s coverage of border life since the 1970s. Closes Sunday, December 7.

Pasha Rafat explores the natural and artificial properties of light in the photography and sculpture he presents for his “Cerca Series” exhibit, continuing through Tuesday, November 11. The exhibition is built around the installation of RGB, three monumental photographs taken at different times of day in the same bar in Las Vegas.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, “Manny Farber: About Face” 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.

“Self-Help Graphics and Art: Building Community Through Art,” on display through Tuesday, January 6, 2004, includes a group of monoprints exploring a wide range of imagery. The works explore “the limitations of print media and techniques.”

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, “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, December 14.

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

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

Timken Museum of Art, “Portraiture in Paris Around 1800: Cooper Penrose by Jacques-Louis David” explores “the profound influence” of the French painter (1748-1825). The exhibit features works on loan from L.A. and New York, along with paintings from Paris-based collections “that have never before been seen in the United States.” Through Sunday, February 15, 2004.

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Act 2: HOMICIDE

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.

All the Great Books (abridged)

Reduced Shakespeare Company's sprint through the literary canon clobbers sacred cows, especially of the Dead European White Male variety: Dante's *Divine Comedy* "is not funny"; blind Homer's *Illiad* and *Odyssey* become the "Idioticy"; and Marcel Proust's seven-volume *A La Recherche Du Temps Perdu* gets three words, "I like cookies." Ostensibly *All the Great Books* is a crash course for remedial students. The test is in an hour and 45 minutes (class is in the theater because it's the only schoolroom big enough for so large a group). Doing instantaneous costume changes, flying through doors faster than farce, Austin Tichenor, Matthew Croke, and Reed Martin slam and shave — and sometimes revere — 89 famous texts in ways that make *Cliff's Notes* read like sculpted prose. Odysseus becomes Captain Kirk, and Molly Bloom's a

spat between male and female inner monologists, the male getting the final "yes." *Great Books* is goofy, irreverent fun. You get the sense that the trio's performed it many times (a shopworn drop of bookshelves suggests as much). Thus the show's funniest moments, which also freshen things up for the cast, happen when one of them goes "up," forgets his place, and must ad lib back into rhythm.

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SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, LYCEUM SPACE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, NOVEMBER 23; TUESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

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.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH NOVEMBER 8; THURSDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE THURSDAY AND SATURDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3348 OR 1-888-802-7469.

Another American: Asking and Telling

Diversionary Theatre stages Marc Wolf's one-person piece, which asks, "Could you choose between your country and the truth?" Rosina Reynolds directed.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, THROUGH DECEMBER 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.



All the Great Books

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.

Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, THROUGH JANUARY 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

The Boys Next Door

Tom Griffin's "boys," Lucian and Norman, have developmental disabilities: Arnold is a marginal depressive and Barry is a "grade A schizophrenic." Jack Palmer, their service coordinator, may have been on the job — which resembles raising quadruplets — far too long. It cost him a marriage and now may steal his only real family. Many years ago, Lamb's Players staged Tom Griffin's comedy-drama at

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their National City theater. It was a signature show. Although there are times when their current restaging verges on cartoon, or threatens to stratosphere, there are also moments of magic. As when Robert Smyth's rotund, smitten Norman dances with Deborah Gilmour Smyth's mentally challenged, spiritually radiant Sheila. When they dance we see from their perspective: embraced by swirling stars, they feel like Fred and Ginger. Jack said earlier that chaperoned dances are either the happiest or saddest places on earth. For the most part, the Kerry Meads-directed show captures this duality. Much of it's sitcom, coming from the dreamlike logic of the characters (to hide an accident in the men's room, Arnold pours water all over himself). At the same time, without ever using the patronizing word “special,” *Boys* depicts the terrors and elations of unconditional innocence, which may indeed be the most bipolar condition of all.

Worth a try.

But Can He Dance?
San Diego Asian American Repertory Theatre opens its eighth season with Dorinne Kondo's comedy about “SHE,” a thirtysomething Asian-American “Everywoman” in search of love and the perfect dancing partner. Anne Tran directed. PLAYHOUSE ON THE PLAZA, 500 EAST PLAZA BOULEVARD, NATIONAL CITY; THROUGH NOVEMBER 15; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 888-568-2278.

Chalk It Up to Murder
In H.I.T. Productions' dinner-theater mystery, a terrible fire scorched the Cactus Gulch schoolhouse eight years ago. The culprit just broke out of jail. THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY, 275 FIFTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.; SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 619-561-8673.

Comedy of Errors
Aquila Theatre, company-in-residence at NYU (and earning an international rep for staging the classics), wads up Shakespeare's text, and punts it out the door. Director Robert Richmond and his cast offer visual, athletic correlatives for emotion. Heads snap, bodies twist, hearts beat on sleeves, all in sync, and the timing is stopwatch exact. And though there are times when you'd wish Aquila hadn't wadded up the more serious parts of the text — a brisk comic attack has sole priority — the show is a circus of precise, choreographed antics. The goys from Syracuse, Antipholus and his bondsman Dromio, have come to Ephesus to find long-lost twin brothers. Luckily for the foreigners they resemble two locals, with the same names. This “awkward fallacy” saves their lives — since the two cities are mortal enemies — but almost drives them loopy. The actors cartoon Shakespeare's steeplechase of mixed identities with verve. They're so expert they do kind of in-joke showing-off: Lindsay Rae Taylor, for example, leaps, dances, and shuffles with gymnastic agility — all pig-geon-toed. The program says two sets of twins play the sets of twin brothers. All four have bios in the program. In fact, Louis Butelli is both Dromios and Richard Willis is both Antipholuses. The actors perform with such dexterity it's easier

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Grassroots Greeks
6th @ Penn's former "Seven Weeks of Greeks" has become so popular it's a regular series. And what a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, Linda Castro and David Cohen offer staged readings. The approach is refreshing. There's no attempt at polished work or choices set in granite. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal, the threshold of exploration. They read in a semicircle. There's some

movement, a suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free — though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations. Also: since space is limited, the theater recommends reservations in advance. Next reading: Euripides' *Ion*, Monday, November 24, at 7:30 p.m.
Worth a try.
6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN. 619-622-9012.

Hamlet
Poor Players Theatre stages Shakespeare's tragedy of revenge. Richard Baird, one of San Diego's finest young actors, plays the dilatory Dane.
ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, THROUGH NOVEMBER 28; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. (NOTE: NO PERFORMANCES SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 13, 14, OR 15.) 619-287-2406.

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Every Monday night, during summer, the Laguna Playhouse stages

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Worth a try.
LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH NOVEMBER 17; MONDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 949-497-2787.

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 AstroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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This could be the start of a new, physical vocabulary for Sledgehammer Theatre. At the same time these “plays without words” are just a start, and often balky. Three pieces, *Mr. Phosphorescent* (office politics), *Echoes Traveling* (a woman tries to shed a chrysalis-like past), and *Wintering* (from Sylvia Plath’s *Ariel*) use gesture, movement, and music in ways resembling Meyerhold’s “biomechanics” and Anne Bogart. The body talks. Overall, however, the work doesn’t feel fully realized, the most arresting moments occurring in tableaux, when David Lee Cuthbert’s expert lighting zones in on stillness. Too often, they have a lag factor: performed by a cast of varying skill, physicality’s at the mercy of the music (which makes for slow stretches — got 16 more bars to fill — and more repeated stage business than the story needs; movement should dictate music). At times the stage flashes with voiceless communication. At many others, the production is in a nether realm, not dance or theater, just movements unequal to powerful music upstaging them. Focus, surprisingly, is also a problem (in *Wintering*, for example, the man in white, like the sun creeping imperceptibly across the sky, steals the eye; one follows his feet inching ahead rather than the angst below). For such an important project, you wish directors Kirstin Brandt and Jessa Watson and their cast had world enough and time to forge their theatrical lexicon in some Grotowskian retreat. SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-544-1484.

Nuts

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Orphans

New Village Arts Theatre presents Lyle Kessler’s seriocomical drama about orphaned brothers who kidnap a wealthy businessman. Kristianne Kurner directed. THE STUDIO SPACE AT JAZZERCISE, INC., 2460 IMPALA DRIVE, CARLSBAD, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 760-633-1130.

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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.”

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to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and
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"Sometimes a station has to do" what a station has to do.

According to 92/1 program director Rand

midnight to 6 a.m. Because 92/1 announces the arrangement, it is legal. If the station didn't announce it, it would be illegal.

According to DeWitt, it is a commercial because of the disclaimer before and after the song is played: "That was '12:51' by the Strokes, presented by RCA Records."

buy time can buy time," said DeWitt. "If somebody wanted us to play three minutes of polka music, we'd do it."

Jim Richards, program director of 91X, agrees the practice is legal. But he thinks it speaks volumes about his alternative rock competitor.

"It says that [92/1] can be bought. It brings into question just how independent they are. They are independent except when they are being bought."

But Richards admits if he owned 92/1, which has lower ratings than its competitors, he might do the same thing.

"I understand [92/1] doesn't have a lot of national and local commercials; therefore, they see this as their only true revenue stream."

DeWitt insists that it be known that the pay-for-play arrangement his station has during the overnight hours

has no bearing on what songs he allows to be played on 92/1 during the day.

"We only add the music we decide we want to play."



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DEWITT WOULD SELL SOUL FOR POLKA

92/1 sales manager Peri Corso was asked how much it costs to get songs played as commercials on 92/1. She said she didn't know and only vice president Susan Burke could answer that question. Burke never responded to the question.

— Ken Leighton

Ugly Bob won't give his real name, and he won't say exactly where the studio for Free Radio San Diego is housed ("say it's in Golden Hill"), but last Wednesday night Bob held a meeting at the Golden Hill Recreation Center explaining to 25

members of his all-volunteer staff why the station went off the air last Friday, after a year of transmission.

"If you talk to any station like ours, the number-one problem is a location to operate from." He said the home that houses the station's one-room studio has been sold, and the new owners aren't hip to the idea of dealing with unhappy agents from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

"We do have a new place, and we will be back by January 1."

Until then Free Radio San Diego will be available sporadically via webcasting at www.pirate969.org. The frequency where the station illegally broadcasts is 96.9 FM.

Amateur DJs (who are told not to use their real name on the air) program their own punk rock, hip-hop, Latin, techno, and Americana music shows. Bob says a rooftop antenna and a 92-watt transmitter smaller than a shoebox allows them to cover most of the area from the harbor to Mission Valley to I-15.

At the Golden Hill meeting Bob showed a letter from U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein written to the FCC saying that she was concerned over charges that the FCC attempted to conduct an illegal search of Free Radio San Diego on May 9.

At the meeting Bob also lashed out at Clear Channel. "In Florida, Clear Channel gave FCC [specially equipped] vans to help bust pirate stations."

Bob said he thinks the



PIRATE 96.9 RETURNS IN JANUARY

FCC will eventually raid their studio with a search warrant and confiscate equipment.

"It will be like what they do at a rave. They just take everything.... That's why we keep a backup for all our

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DeWitt, that means playing the same song four times in two hours.

On Sunday morning October 26, KFSD-FM (92/1) played the Strokes' current hit "12:51" four times between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. It wasn't a mistake. It was for money.

DeWitt says the song was played each time as a "commercial." He says three nights a week (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday) 92/1 allows record companies to pay for airplay from

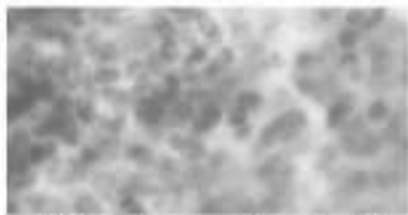
Airplay for singles by Alien Ant Farm and Cold were also "sponsored."

The reason that companies like RCA would be interested in paying 92/1 to play songs during the "graveyard" hours is that stations are monitored round the clock by BDS [Broadcast Data Systems]. The more plays or "spins" a station gives a song per week, the higher that song could appear on the *Billboard* magazine charts.

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equipment, stashed away at a different location."

Bob said the station's normal operating budget is \$400 a month. He said three live band benefits helped raise almost \$3000. He said one nonprofit group, San Diego Foundation for Change, has given the station a \$500 grant.

"We've got two attorneys who have a lot of experience with federal defense," said Bob. "They agreed to volunteer to help us. We'll be back.... Pirates are hard to kill."

— Ken Leighton

"The blankets on the balcony where we used to sit were scorched. Two 30-foot pine trees...in front of the house went up in flames. The Buddha statue in the garden made it, but four acres in the back of the house went up. The fire crept its way up the driveway and stopped about two feet from the propane tank that sits right in front of the garage where our equipment is stored."

Allison (with no last name), bassist/keyboardist for the Velvet Tongue, rehearses in one of the few houses that remain standing on Puetz (pronounced "pits") Valley Road at the west end of Alpine. The house is inhabited by Allison's two bandmates, singer/guitarist Jude Travis and drummer Andrew Jones. The home is owned by Jones's parents.

"The house is on four acres," said Andrew Jones. "There was a ton of ice plant in front of the house. That really slowed down the fire." He said seven neighborhood houses survived.

"About half of the houses made it."

Jones said electricity at the house and at his job, a coffeehouse in Alpine, will be out for at least a week. "We have a well at the house, but the pump needs electricity."

Jones said he left for work early Sunday morning. "By 11 a.m. they wouldn't let anybody up. There is only one road up here. They didn't do a lot of reports on the news about Alpine. They mostly talked about Scripps Ranch." He said he didn't know the house was okay

until his father drove up on Tuesday.

"He [Andrew's father] is a border patrol agent, so he got to go up before anybody else," said Allison.

"When he got there, telephone poles were on the ground on fire," said the younger Jones. "I was just thinking about the stuff that was hard to replace. All the musical equipment and my



VELVET TONGUE AT THE NEIGHBORS

drums, you can reorder. But I have a lot of records from the '50s and '70s. And I wished I had grabbed my photographs before I went to work. I didn't want to lose my shirts. Shopping is a pain in the ass."

Travis was the last one to leave on Sunday.

"We didn't get any evacuation order. I was there with my girlfriend. We started feeling light-headed because of the smoke. We pretty much knew we had to get out of there right away. I was left with that horrible decision of 'If I had two

minutes, what would I take?' For me that was my Marshall amp head, my guitars, my Rolling Stones vinyl, and my Italian silk pants. When I grabbed the pants, my girlfriend looked at me like I was psychotic. I was, like, 'These are irreplaceable. I would have to go back to Italy to get pants like that.' They have perfect tailoring.... We feel very lucky, but at the same time we feel awful guilty when you look around and see other people's houses are gone and ours is still standing."

The Velvet Tongue appears 9 p.m. tomorrow at the Hard Rock Café in La Jolla (\$5 admission) and 9 p.m. November 15 at the Alibi in Hillcrest. Both are 21 and over. Allison promotes a jungle and breakbeat night at Kadan in North Park on Tuesdays.

— Ken Leighton

"Do you have any money?" I need to get inside, I need to see Juliette Lewis because we haven't seen each other in years, and she probably doesn't even know I moved down here. Oh please; it's just nine bucks to get in; I need nine bucks."

The woman, in her late

20s, was outside the Casbah on Sunday, October 19, as people made their way in to



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see Juliette Lewis and the Licks.

This woman asking for money had long, dirty red hair and wore a stained white tank top, ripped jeans, and no shoes. Her feet were filthy.

"I have three bucks!" she said with glee, counting the quarters and dimes in her hand. "Six more and I'm good to go!"

Someone said, "I don't think they'll let you in without shoes, girl."

"No shoes, no shirt, no service, huh? Well, I can go no shirt too! I'll take my shirt off to get inside! Juliette will like that!"

"You don't know her," someone else said, accusingly.

"We were best friends; we were lovers! Like a long time ago, in L.A. Before she got big! We was in love, and I was

going to have her baby!"

Laughter, and then, "Yeah? How?"

"Facist pig!" the woman cried. "Fucking Nazis!"

There were some who suggested she go home and not cause any trouble.

"I wanted to kill Bobby DeNiro when I saw what he was doing to her! That goddamn child molester should be executed! But he got his in the end, didn't he?"

"Hey, lady, that was a frickin' movie, get it? A mo-o-o-ovie."

"Tell Juliette Rhonda the Red is out here waiting for her!" she yelled at the night. "Tell her lovely Rhonda the Red wants to kiss her sweet lips again!"

— Michael Hemmingson

"If someone walks up and offers a whole lot of money, I'll take it, but I have not listed and am not actively looking for a buyer."

So said 4th & B principal owner Bob Speth in March of 2002 over speculation that the imminent arrival of a House of Blues nightclub downtown would force him to sell his 1500-seat venue.

Plans to build a House of Blues in San Diego are off, but according to many insiders close to 4th & B, Speth is about to sell his downtown nightspot to the operators of Margarita Rocks. Efforts to contact Margarita Rocks owners Eric Cicalese

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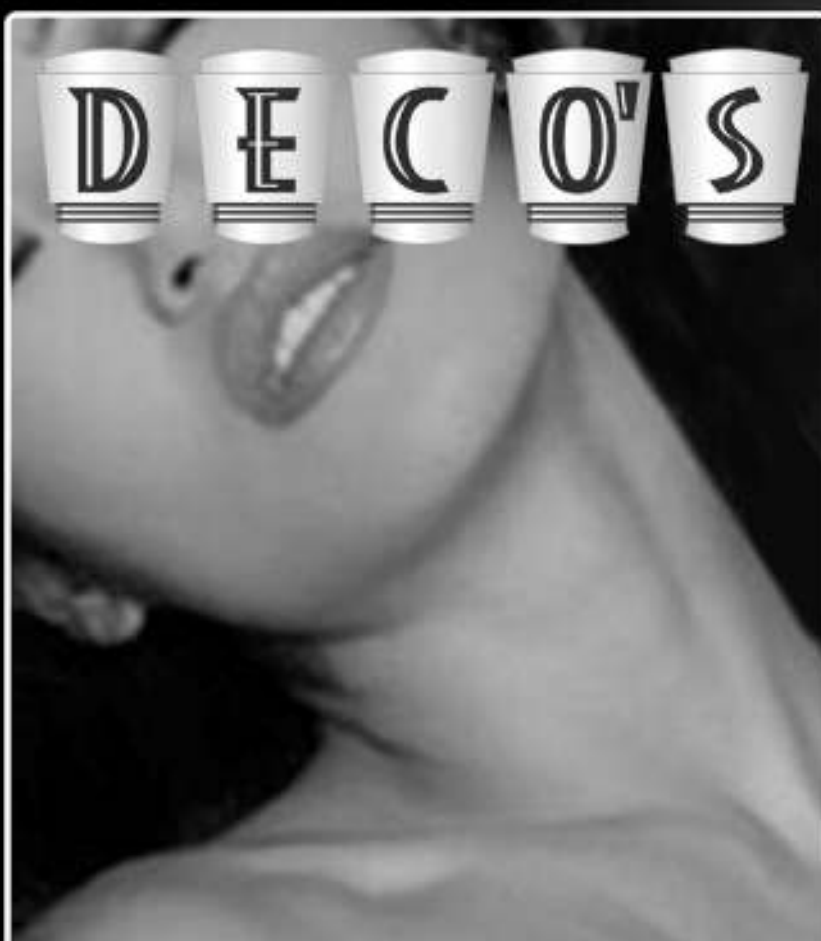
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and Brett Carr were not successful.

Last weekend Speth said, "It's not sold at this time. Until I get papers signed, there is no deal. I am contemplating it, but I'm sure in your life you contemplate a number of things."

Speth noted that rumors of the sale of the Belly Up circulated for years before Dave Hodges finally sold his Solana Beach venue three months ago.

Speth currently holds a "multiyear" lease on 4th & B, which is housed in a former First Interstate Bank.

It is unclear what the status would become of principal talent buyer Jeff Gaulton, who books artists at 4th & B from his home in Eugene, Oregon. Speth and Gaulton worked together at the 500-seat Bacchanal, which, along with the Belly Up Tavern, dominated the local nightclub scene in the 1980s. Speth sold the Bacchanal in 1989. After three different owners, it went dark after a year.

—Ken Leighton

Popular local DJ Marc Brueland lost his battle with cancer on Saturday, October 25.

A spokeswoman for the San Diego Coroner's Office in Kearny Mesa said Brueland died from complications related to a rare form of liver cancer. He'd been confined to a wheelchair over the past several months.

Brueland most recently deejayed at Club Sabbat, a goth/industrial gathering held Saturday nights at Shooterz in North Park. Brueland also cofounded and wrote for a



DJ MARC BRUELAND

local independent comic book publisher, Invincible Studios.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Rapper Master P, whose real name is Percy

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Miller, played for the San Diego Stingrays basketball team during its only year in existence, from 2000 through 2001. On September 13, P's new sitcom *Romeo!* debuted on the Nickelodeon network. P costarred with his son Lil' Romeo, a recording artist. Lil' Romeo turned 14 on August 19 and is the youngest solo artist to top the *Billboard* Hot 100 Singles chart with his first single ("My Baby"), a title previously held by Michael Jackson. Released in summer 2001, "My Baby" held onto the number one position on the *Billboard* R&B/hip-hop sales chart for ten straight weeks.

Nickelodeon still plans on promoting *Romeo!* to the "tween" market despite the

fact that sitcom dad Master P was arrested just as shooting began for the new series. Few newspapers reported it at the time, but the rapper was arrested June 3 at Newark International Airport in New Jersey for having a handgun magazine clip with eight hollow-point bullets (known as "cop killers") in his luggage. The bullets are illegal in most states, including New Jersey.

Contacted by phone, Marjorie Cohn, senior vice president of production at Nickelodeon, downplays any potential controversy. "First of all, the case hasn't even reached the courts, and most newspaper reports fail to mention that Master P was legally checking his guns in at airport security when he

was detained. But that has nothing to do with the TV show, and we're still committed to doing at least 20 episodes. The show is about family.... People who watch *Home Improvement* don't do so with [Tim Allen's] cocaine conviction in the back of their minds."

Romeo! is being touted by Nickelodeon as a sort of urban Partridge Family — a musical family headed up by single dad Master P. The family also includes a 16-year-old perfectionist sister, a 6-year-old little brother, an 11-year-old foster brother, and an absent-minded nanny played by Victoria Jackson (formerly a cast member of *Saturday Night Live*).

— Jay Allen Sanford

Little Richard, scheduled to play Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre tonight, clearly hasn't been around lately because he thinks San Diego is "too darned pretty! You heard me, everywhere you look out there, everything's just too dang pretty! I'm usually the prettiest thing. I swear that city wants to compete with me or upstage me or something. So I gots to show her I AM the prettiest, don't I?"

Maybe he set the fire.

— Jay Allen Sanford

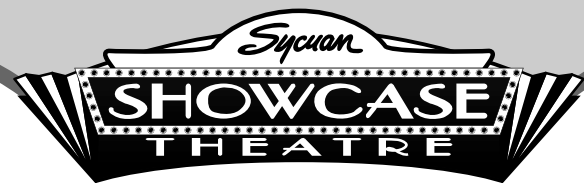
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"I travel around the world with my iPod [Stouffer is a veteran snowboarder]. This thing's been on three continents with me. So many international hotels have high-speed Internet now that it doesn't really matter where you are. I have some external speakers that I take on a lot of trips with me. We were on

a snowboarding trip with about 40 other people, and at least half of them had iPods. So we decided to rate each other's music selections. It was pretty much unanimous that [pro skater] Tony Hawk had some of the lamest music on his iPod — that '80s kind of punk or new wave...."

"There are some new snowboarding products just coming out this year. Burton Snowboards came out with a Gortex jacket that has an iPod pocket with soft-touch control buttons on the sleeve just up from the cuff so you can be skiing and work the iPod with a touch of your sleeve. Giro helmets is making a new line of ski and snowboard helmets with speakers in the earflaps. You can plug your iPod directly into the helmet. Beautiful! You don't have to use headphones. With my iPod jacket and iPod helmet, it's all interconnected. The downside? It doesn't make my

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John Stouffer

girlfriend happy when I'm on the slopes listening to music and not to her."

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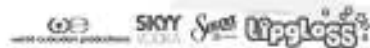
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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

THURSDAY

Little Richard: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, November 6, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

FRIDAY

Blue Öyster Cult: Pechanga Showroom, Friday, November 7, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

Switchfoot [103], Sleeping at Last, and **Blue:** SOMA, Friday, November 7, 6 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

Sheena Easton: Grand Cabaret, Saturday, November 8, 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

The Young Dubliners [438]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, November 8, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Bowfire: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, November 8, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

matchbox twenty [284] and **Fountains of Wayne [285]:** Cox Arena, Sunday, November 9, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

MONDAY

RZA: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, November 10, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

WEDNESDAY

Twiztid: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Wednesday, November 12, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

NOVEMBER

Rusted Root [202]: 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.

Seal [296]: Pechanga Theater, Friday, November 14, Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

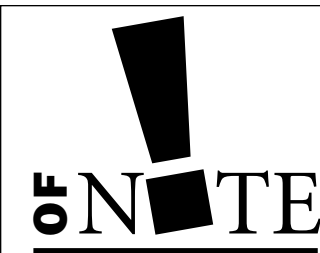
Simon & Garfunkel: Cox Arena, Saturday, November 15, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Todd Rundgren: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, November 15, 9 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

WAR [310]: Grand Cabaret, Saturday, November 15, 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

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 [203] and the **Soledad Brothers:** 4th & B, Saturday, November 15, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.



BY DAVE GOOD

It was the hardest of phone calls to make. As my future brother-in-law lay dying in an L.A. hospital, my sister and I had to weed through his client list and inform all that his law practice was finished. Arthur Pollock represented high-profile musicians — when they got the bad news, their responses were guarded and varied. **Little Richard's** was the kindest, the most believable, and the most dramatic. But then, what would you expect from the man who shrieked, "These are not my shoes!" in a cell phone commercial and meant it, or who turned a child's ditty like "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" into a potent rock performance?

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Boone actually made a good living covering Little Richard songs for white radio, but no matter. Little Richard's "Tutti-Frutti" sold half a million copies and built an audience of both blacks and whites. For a couple of years after, Little Richard owned the world with singles like "Jenny, Jenny," "Good Golly Miss Molly," and "Long Tall Sally." Then in 1957, it all came to a halt when he stepped



LITTLE RICHARD

off a plane in Australia and announced that he was quitting rock and roll for Bible college. Little Richard stayed gone for nearly a decade. He eventually returned to secular music following the British Invasion, but he never was able to regain the status he once held.

LITTLE RICHARD, Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, November 6, 8 p.m. 619-445-6002, x1139. \$40.

Sunday, November 23, 7:30 p.m., 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach. 619-222-0365.

The Alkaline Trio [345], Reggie & the Full Effect, and **No Motiv [341]:** SOMA, Monday, November 24, 6 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 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.

Good Charlotte, Goldfinger, and **Eve 6 [317]:** Cox Arena, Wednesday, November 26, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Los Lobos [303]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, November 28, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Eek-A-Mouse [734]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, November 29, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Davy Jones: Grand Cabaret, Saturday, November 29, 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Duran Duran [286]: 4th & B, Sunday, November 30, 345 B Street,

Junior Senior: The Casbah, Saturday, November 15, 8 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Chava Alberstein: Mandeville Auditorium, Sunday, November 16, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 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 Showcase Theatre, Tuesday, November 18, two shows, 2 p.m. and 7 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.

Cesaria Evora [283]: UCSD Price Center, Wednesday, November 19, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

"MTV Headbangers Ball": 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, November 20, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

blink-182 [324], Bubbba Sparxxx, and the **Kinison:** SOMA, Friday, November 21, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Slayer [405], Hatebreed [446], Arch Enemy [313], and **OTEP [323]:** 4th & B, Friday, November 21, 7 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Patti Austin: East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, November 21, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Slightly Stoopid, Agent 51, and **Burning Star:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, November 21, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Damien Rice [312]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, November 21, 8:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Peter Dinklage and Gilbert Castellanos [667]: 4th & B, Saturday, November 22, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Jewel [175]: Pechanga Theater, Sunday, November 23, Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

Indigenous: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Sunday, November 23, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Susan McKeown [280], Johnny Cunningham, and **Aidan Brennan:** Holy Trinity Episcopal Church,



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Willie Nelson [768]: 4th & B,
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The Boys Choir of Harlem:
California Center for the Arts,
Saturday, December 6, 340 N.
Escondido Boulevard, Escondido.
800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Chris Cagle: Sycuan Casino
Showcase Theatre, Thursday,
December 11, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino
Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Boney James [288]: Pechanga
Showroom, Friday, December 12,
8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino,
45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula.
888-732-4264.

Rancid [163], **F-Minus**, and **Tiger
Army:** SOMA, Monday, December
15, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San
Diego. 619-226-7662 or
619-220-8497.

The Blind Boys of Alabama [282]:
California Center for the Arts,
Tuesday, December 16, 340 N.
Escondido Boulevard, Escondido.
800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Wayne Newton: Sycuan Casino
Showcase Theatre, Friday, December
19, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa.
619-445-6002, x1139.

Peter White [297] and **Mindi
Abair:** 4th & B, Friday, December 19,
345 B Street, downtown.
619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli [228]: Belly Up Tavern,
Friday, December 19, and Saturday,
December 20, 9:15 p.m., 143 South
Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
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JANUARY

**"Dave Matthews &
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Anastasio**, **Brady Blade**, **Tony
Hall**, **Ray Paczkowski**, **Tim
Reynolds**, **Emmylou Harris** [145],
and **Spyboy:** Cox Arena, Wednesday,
January 14, SDSU campus, College
Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Paco de Lucía: California Center for
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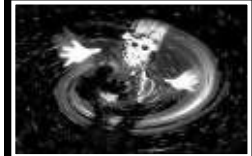
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Acts of Aggression [292]: Dream Street
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Arlo: 'Canes Bar & Grill
Bad Wizard: The Casbah
The Big Dame Hunters: Brick By Brick
The Bitty Bums [223]: Lestat's Coffeehouse
The Black Halos: The Kensington Club
The Black Letter Days: Brick By Brick
Bleu: Soma
Boys Night Out: The Scene
Broadcast: The Casbah
Campaign for Quiet: California Club
Catch 22: The Scene
Champagne Kiss: The Casbah
Chanting Cope: The Kensington Club
Richard Cheese and Lounge Against the Machine: 'Canes Bar & Grill

Cherrywine: The Casbah
China Town: The Kensington Club
Das EFX: Belly Up Tavern
The David Patrone Quartet [274]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)
Dead Poetic: Soma
Deafred: Dream Street
The Death Ray Davies: 'Canes Bar & Grill
Decibully: The Casbah
Devices & Hostility: 'Canes Bar & Grill
The Disco Pimps: 5fth Qtr.
Dragon Lounge: Brick By Brick
Drunk Horse: The Casbah
Early Times: Soma
Earthless: The Casbah
Electrelene: The Casbah
ESO: Soma
Every Time I Die: Soma
Foil: Brick By Brick
Glu: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)
Goodbye, Blue Monday: The Kensington Club, The Casbah
Gudamunkas: Brick By Brick
Hotwire: Soma

Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra: The Casbah
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Murder by Death: Epicentre
Nebula: The Casbah
The New Amsterdams: Epicentre
No Vacancy: Soma
None More Black: Soma
Opiate for the Masses: Squid Joe's
Ozma [111]: 'Canes Bar & Grill
Gregory Page [186]: The Ould Sod
Jamison Parker: Epicentre
Pensive: The Scene
Tristan Prettyman: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Project 86: Soma
Rambis: Brick By Brick
Rise Against Me: Soma
The Rollin' Blackouts: Dream Street
The Roots of Orchis: The Casbah
Rule of Thump: Tiki House
RZA: Belly Up Tavern
The Scarlett Symphony: The Casbah
Senses Fail: Soma
The Seratonins: Brick By Brick
Skinlab: 'Canes Bar & Grill

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The terrorist threat, the Bush administration, the lousy economy, and the popularity of reality television can make it easy to forget this, but we live in pretty good times. For example, one morning last week, I used my new high-speed Internet connection (which, due to a pricing battle in the industry, costs only \$20 a month) to visit the iTunes Music Store and download a really good album by a modern power pop band. It took only a few minutes and cost less than the regular price of a new CD. And, as if that weren't proof enough that some things in this world are getting better, the band in question currently has the most popular video on VH-1's request show and the most popular single on iTunes Music Store.

The band is **Fountains of Wayne**, and the single is "Stacy's Mom," a catchy, uptempo number about having a crush on a friend's mother. It's the kind of clever, slightly subversive power-pop song that lonely rock critics have been swooning over since the days of Big Star. This time, they won't have to lament that the masses will never hear it.

The success of "Stacy's Mom" isn't a complete surprise; Fountains of Wayne are not the New Pornographers or the Apples in Stereo. The Fountains have always been on major labels, and their albums have always sounded exceedingly professional. Still, **Adam Schlesinger** and **Chris Collingwood's** lyrics, full of jokes and references to pop culture and life in New Jersey and suburban New York, are smarter than what you might expect from a hit record. That can only be a good thing.



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Switchfoot [103]: Soma
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Tall Midget: Dream Street
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Tomorrow's Son: The Casbah
Twiztid: 'Canes Bar & Grill
Undeafed: Dream Street
Vena Cava [160]: The Kensington Club
Via Satellite: The Casbah
Worthless United: The Scene
The Zendogs: Surf N'Saddle

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Avocado Moon: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

Blank Space: Bub's Whiskey Dive
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The Evil Twins: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
The Flat Out Liars: The Kraken
Footloose: The Del Dios Country Store
4-Sale: Surf N'Saddle
427: Hennessy's Tavern (Carlsbad)
Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort
Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's Lounge, The Gordon Biersch Brewery
Kemosabe: On The Rocks
Laguna: Carvers
Trace Palos: Hennessy's Tavern (Carlsbad)

Pop Rocks: Tio Leo's Lounge
Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort
R.O.K.: Dirk's Niteclub
The Rhythm Method: Coyote Bar and Grill
The Rockoholics: Second Wind (San Carlos)
Eve Selis [410]: Dizzy's
6 one 9: Second Wind (Santee)
The Stilettos: Dick's Last Resort
Street Heart: The Kraken
The Lee Taylor Band: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
The Three Stooges: Princess Pub & Grille
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EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise
Diva Soul: Jimmy Love's
Leviticus: La Valencia Hotel
The Love Rangers: The Alley
Rick Lyon: The Imperial House
The New Breed Band: The Alley, Dick's Last Resort

Northstar: Belly Up Tavern
The Players: Viejas Casino
Jack Pollack: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits
The Super Freak: Jimmy Love's
Super Funk Fantasy: Jimmy Love's
The Young Dubliners [438]: Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies, Viejas Casino
Blue Largo [636]: Coyote Bar and Grill
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
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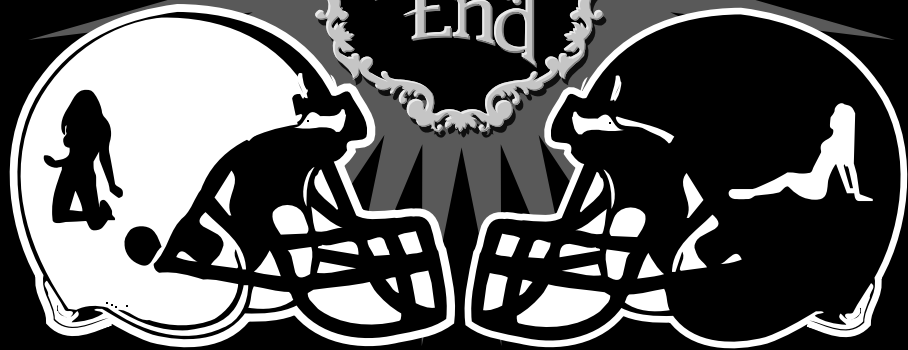
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JAZZ / BIG BAND

- Gilbert Castellanos** [667]: Onyx
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The Barry Allen Cohen Trio: Pasquale on Prospect
The Credit Union: Neimans Bar and Grill
Jo Dark: The German-American Societies
The Aubrey Fay Band: Red Fields
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Larry Fogel: Moray’s Lounge
The Jacob Fred Jazz Odyssey: Belly Up Tavern
Danny Green: Dizzy’s
Grupo Sabroso-Son: Sevilla
Bill Harris: Hotel del Coronado
Fred Heath & the Slidewinders: Bayou Bar & Grill
Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado
Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado
Lady Dottie & the Sliders: Bayou Bar & Grill
Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado
The Ledesma Brothers: The Latin Room
Joe Marillo [645]: Elario’s Bistro & Sky Lounge
Sean McVicker: Elario’s Bistro & Sky Lounge
Jerry Melnick: Rancho Bernardo Inn
The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce’s Jazz Bar
Mystique: Jimmy Love’s
Mike Nelson: Lodge Torrey Pines
Nostalgia: Kalahari Cafe
Orquesta Guarara: Sevilla
Sue Palmer [641]: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe
Primo: Croce’s Jazz Bar
Rick Ross: Moray’s Lounge, Elario’s Bistro & Sky Lounge
Salsumba: Sevilla
The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites
Dave Scott: Croce’s Jazz Bar
The Ron Siegrist Trio: The Doubletree Hotel (Del Mar)
Jeff Simon: Dizzy’s
Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Coyote Bar and Grill, Jimmy Love’s
Peter Sprague & Pass the Drum [643]: Dizzy’s

- Stellita**: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza
Joe Tarrantino: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza
Lisa Tolentino: Dizzy’s
The Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet: Tutto Mare, Coronado Island Marriott
Yavaz: Croce’s Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

- Common Sense** [736]: Belly Up Tavern
The Fabulous Rudies: The Scene
Jah Blood & Fiyah Angels: The Scene
Mama T: The Scene
The Jerry McCann Band: Coyote Bar and Grill
NZ Rough: Hennessey’s Tavern (PB)
The Tribe of Judah [733]: The Scene
The Tribe of Kings: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)
The Universal Saints: The Scene

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

- The California Rangers**: McCabe’s Beach Club
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ACOUSTIC / FOLK

- Juan Acosta**: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Jimmy Atto: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Berkley Hart [880]: Lestat’s Coffeehouse, Dizzy’s
Jim Bianco: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Peter Bolland [878]: Dizzy’s
Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub (Downtown)
J.D. Brouchard: Princess Pub & Grille
The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub (Clairemont)
Frank Drennen: The Ould Sod
John Foltz: Miracles Cafe
Full Moon: Lestat’s Coffeehouse
Gato Papacitos: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Jenn Grinels: Blarney Stone Pub (Clairemont)
Josh Hall: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
The Hatchet Brothers: The Ould Sod
Dave Howard & the Blackout Blues Band [832]: Dizzy’s
Sir Kippy Marks: Sassafra’s Bar and Grill
Mesa Blue [843]: Princess Pub & Grille
The Mike & Mike Show: Hennessey’s Tavern (PB)
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Sean O’Donnell: Blarney Stone Pub (Clairemont)
Heather Ogren: La Costa Coffee Roasting Co.
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BLUES / SOUL

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The Blues Brokers: The Kraken

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Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Shooters Bar and Grill, Robbie's Roadhouse, Chateau Orleans, Bayou Bar & Grill

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The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

The Small Town Heroes: Bub's Whiskey Dive

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EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Shirley Allen: Red Fox Steakhouse

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Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan P, Muckley, and Adam Z spin '80s, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. Information, 619-465-5827.

Club 911: Fridays and Saturdays, Top 40, hip-hop, house, and trance featuring "Goliath," a monster sound system. 18 and up. Red Mill Entertainment Complex, 1340 Broadway, El Cajon. Information, 619-441-1800.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, the best of ethereal-electro-gothic-darkwave. Free entry. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500. Information, 619-465-5827.

Dub Dynamite: Mondays, reggae in a dub style — roots, stepper, and UK with Kid Natty and Lionel Judah. No cover. Bar Dynamite, 1808 Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Fashion: Every third Saturday of the month, '80s retro, nu wave, and electro with DJs Bryan Pollard, Adam Z, Black, and Tym. Six Degrees,

3175 India Street, uptown. 619-296-6789. Information, 619-465-5827.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop and R&B; DJ Battle spins Latin and house on the patio. Thursday, November 27, *Thanksgiving jam.* High school and college students admitted. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-9393.

Galileo 101: Fridays, DJ ALA spins soulful funky house, hip-hop, and R&B with weekly guests. Saturdays, *Xposed Saturdays* featuring DJs from around the globe. 100 Harbor Drive, Suite 101, downtown. 619-702-7101.

Heaven: Sundays, DJs Infinity, Golden Boy Mike, Garrett S., and more spin house, progressive, and trance. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, midtown. 619-294-9590.

Hi-Fi: Every third Saturday of the month, the best in imports, '80s, and indie with DJs BCZAR!, Richard D, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Roseary Room, corner of Tenth and E Street (next to Pokez), downtown. 619-296-6789.

Locals Only: Tuesdays, '70s, '80s, and dance music, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Local, 1065 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-4447.

MixLab: Every other Sunday, DJ Dex's eclectic "listening session"; jazz 'n' abstract, alt hip-hop, downtempo sonics, future soul, and ultraglobal vibes. 8 p.m. to midnight; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies: Fridays, *The Red Room*, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40 with DJs D-Skwiz and Enigma. Saturdays, *Saturday Night Mix*, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma, Nick, and Big Dude. No cover. 909 Prospect Street, Suite 290 (upstairs), La Jolla. 858-454-9664.

Plush Fridays: Room 1: Top 40, hip-hop, and R&B. Room 2: dancehall. Room 3: house, hard house, and progressive. Fridays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Aubergine, 500 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-232-8100.

The Pompeii Room: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins dirty South, hip-hop, and reggae. Fridays, hip-hop, R&B, retro, and Latin dance with Boy Toy Jesse. Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, R&B, disco, and alternative. Thursday, November 27, *Thanksgiving jam.* 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-5040.



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Album Name: *Whisky Before Breakfast* (2003)

Artist: Skelpin'

Label: Flat Cat Productions

Songs: 1) Whisky Before Breakfast / Nine Points of Roguery

2) Whisky in the Jar 3) The Halting March 4) Red Is the Rose 5) Boys of Blue Hill, Off to California 6) Maid Behind the Bar / The High Reel 7) Streets of London 8) Sweeny's, Scarta Glen, Glen Cottage 9) Tarbolton Reel / Toss the Feathers 10) She Moves Through the Fair 11) Another Jig Will Do, Barney Bralligan, the Fox Hunter 12) Columbia's Shore

Price/Where Available: www.ByrneWood.com for \$14

Band Members: Patric Petrie (vocals, fiddle), Steve Peavey (guitar, mandolin, bass), Harold Southworth (vocals, bodhran), Richard Tibbitts (flutes, whistle).

Extra Info: Skelpin' can be seen at the Dublin Square Irish Pub (554 Fourth Avenue) every Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. and every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Website: www.skelpin.com

Irish-American band Skelpin' (named after a Gaelic term used to describe

a slap, spank, or thrashing about wildly) commands attention with their debut CD. The

Remix: Sundays, real hip-hop with DJs Mike Czech and Myxzplix. No cover; 21 and up. Bar Dynamite, 1808 Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, Lance Boling, and weekly guest DJs. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. Information, 619-743-1623.

Therapy: Industrial, EBM, electro, ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, DeKay, Creep, and guests. First Friday of every month at the Hollywood Star, 1320 Fifth 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 the 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.

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Verb: Sundays, house, breaks, and hip-hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

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album is composed mostly of traditional Irish tunes and songs, all rather fast paced but short lived, understandably so because it is doubtful that anyone could last for more than three minutes going at the speed of these four. Singer/fiddler Patric Petrie sets the band's frenetic pace with her driving style of fiddling.

"Whiskey in the Jar," a stirring pub song performed in the classical tradition, bustles with energy as vocalist Harold Southworth's brusque inflections are backed by dueling fiddles and an Irish flute accompaniment.

Skelpin' departs from the Irish motif for a while with "Streets of London" and "She Moves Through the Fair," both lengthier tracks that could pass easily for alternative country/folk music, especially the latter where the vocal styling of Harold Southworth is reminiscent of James Taylor. Sim-



Skelpin'

ilarly, the Celtic edge in Petrie's layered, choral-like incantations never grows predictable. By album's end, things return to tradition as the final track, "Columbia's Shore," is sung *sean nos* (Gaelic for "without accompaniment").

(To hear a sample of Skelpin', call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4990.)

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Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, the *Small Town Heroes*, blues. Saturday, *Blank Space*, rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Live blues and jazz nightly.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Rhythm Method*, classic rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Bordertown*, blues, folk. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Blue*

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The Del Dios Country Store, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-745-2733. Friday and Saturday, *Footloose*, rock and roll.

Doubletree Hotel, 11915 El Camino Real, Del Mar. 619-481-5900. Sydney's Bar & Grill: Thursday, 6 p.m.to 9 p.m., *the Ron Siegrist Trio*, jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, 427, rock. Saturday, *Trace Palos*, rock.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *Flat Out Liars*, classic rock. Saturday, *Street Heart*, classic rock. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.. *Blues Brokers*, blues.

La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa. 760-438-8160. Music hours are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, *Mike Cea*, jazz trio. Saturday, *Heather Ogren*, folk.

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, *the Lee Taylor Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Steve Pulver*, acoustic. Wednesday, open mike.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *John Foltz*, acoustic rock.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., *the Credit Union*. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *DJ Bob One*, hip-hop. Saturday, hip-hop. Sunday, 9:30 p.m., *rock en español*. Monday, 8:30 p.m., swing.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

Robbie's Roadhouse, 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., to 10:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996. Friday, *Opiate for the Masses*, alternative.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 p.m., open mike. Friday, *the Zendogs*, alternative. Saturday, *4-Sale*, rock.

BEACHES

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Call club for information.

'Canes Bar & Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Skinlab*, *Take Over Turn*, *Devices*, and *Hostility*. Friday, 9 p.m., *Tainted Love*, *Richard Cheese and Lounge Against the Machine*. Sunday, *Ozma*, *Arlo*, and *Deathray Davies*. Wednesday, *Twiztid*, *Wolfpac*, and *Society 1*.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Call club for information.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4437. Thursday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., open mike.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *Tall Midget*, *Deafred*, and *Jack the Original*. Friday, *Undeclared*, *Acts of Aggression*, and *the Rollin' Blackouts*. Saturday, *Stellar Glow*.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. The French Gourmet: Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Joe Marillo*. Friday, *Jack Pollack*, piano and vocals. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Tuesday, *Sean McVicker*, jazz.



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CLIENTELE ► 21 and up; average age mid-30s; mostly couples; the small crowd was Caucasian
COVER ► none

HOURS ► 11:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. on weekdays; weekends until 11:00 p.m. (closed on Mondays); kitchen closes an hour before closing

DRINKS ► happy hour 3:00–6:00 p.m. every day; over 100 wines. (Half of them are less than \$25, and all can be taken home. I heard one lady ask her husband, "Should we buy a wine to bring for your mother next weekend?" He responded, "No. We can just bring a cheesecake like usual. It's a lot cheaper.") Twenty-

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, *Glu*, alternative. Sunday, live jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Thursday, open mike. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *NZ Rough*, reggae. Wednesday, *the Mike & Mike Show*, acoustic.

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CAPACITY ► 49 inside, 75 on patio
SPECIAL AREAS ► patio allows smoking; there are three fire pits and it's very scenic
FURNISHINGS ► Mission-style decor; inside there are about ten tables; outside 15; wine barrels line the roof; grapes and grape leaves adorn the ceiling beams; owner Tami Ridley says it's "wine country decor." Spanish fountain in front; ATM, piano, four plants, and candles on each table
DECIBEL LEVEL ► 93 when Vladimir and Valery played a Big Joe Turner cover; last week, 93 at Tia Juana Tilly's
WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH ► Friuti and Trentino
QUOTABLE ► "Do you think insurance is more for a place that has fire pits like this?"

As Vladimir and Valery did acoustic songs (Vladimir doing one song about girls that had "cooties"), I felt as if I was in some bistro in Europe. I heard someone say, "This place is upscale but not pretentious."
One couple I talked to, the guy said, "We always come here before we go to a movie next door. I first took her here to impress her, but she realized I didn't know anything about wines. But we liked the quaint, romantic atmosphere, and it's such a change of pace from the usual restaurants we go to." She quickly added, "Yeah, like Denny's."
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Rock Cafe), La Jolla. 858-459-5010. The Room: Call club for information.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday and Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Leviticus*, pop, jazz.

Lodge Torrey Pines, 11480 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. The Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, jazz.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, *the Mitch Budd Band*, rock.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., and Friday, 9 p.m., *Rick Ross*, jazz, piano, saxophone, and vocals. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday through Tuesday, *Larry Fogel*, singer, pianist.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach.

858-272-7278. Call club for information.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-509-8890. Friday, 9 p.m. *the Barry Allen Cohen Trio*, jazz.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Friday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

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The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. 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 mike. Monday, *Jenn Grinels* and *Sean O'Donnell*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Son of Jorel*, *The Serotonins*, *Gudamunkas*, and *Big Dame Hunters*. Friday, *Dragon Lounge*; Saturday, *Foil Rambis*, and *Black Letter Days*.

California Club, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-275-2895. Music is alternative/rock. Saturday, *Campaign for Quiet* and *Swan Dive*, alternative.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, *Straylight Run*, *The New Amsterdams*, *Murder by Death*, and *Jamison Parker*, alternative.

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. Live music nightly, call club for information.

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 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with the *San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is alternative. Friday, *Goodbye Blue Monday* and *Chanting Cope*. Saturday, *the Black Halos*, *Vena Cava*, and *China Town*.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, *the Bitty Bums*, folk/alternative. Friday, *Lisa Sanders*, acoustic. Saturday, *Berkley Hart* and *Full Moon*, acoustic/folk. Sunday, *Pariah*, folk. Monday, open mike.

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Red Fields, at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, One Market Place, San Diego. 619-232-1234. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Aubrey Fay Band*, jazz.

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. Thursday, *Catch 22*, *Slick Shoes*, *Boys Night Out*, *Worthless United*, and *Pensive*, alternative. Friday, *Tribe of Judah*, *Jah Blood & Fiyah Angels*, *Universal Saints*, *Fabulous Rudies*, and *Mama T*, reggae/ska.

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Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Gato Papitos*, 3 *Ember*, and *Josh Hall*, acoustic/folk. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Jimmy Atto*, *Tristan Prettyman*, *Jack the Original*, *Jim Bianco*, and *Juan Acosta*, folk/alternative. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Jim Bianco*, *the North Star Session*, *Tim & Dale*, *Jimmy Atto*, and *Taylor Street*. Sunday, 4 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*, folk. Monday, 6:30 p.m., open mike.

DOWNTOWN

The Bayou Bar & Grill, 329 Market Street, downtown. 619-696-8747. All music is jazz. Thursday, 9 p.m., and Friday, 5 p.m., *Lady Dottie & the Sliders*. Saturday, 9 p.m., and Sunday, 5:30 p.m., *Fred Heath & the Slidewinders*. Wednesday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*.

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It's not as if there's any shortage of Italian restaurants in downtown Encinitas. I Trulli, Via Italia, Vigilucci's, and When in Rome are steps away, yet Rosanna's rustic sidewalk patio is packed on warm weekend evenings — maybe it doesn't achieve the anchovy-tin density of trendy Trulli, but its tables are nearly always full.

So what brings diners to Rosanna's, one restaurant among so many of its kind? Rosanna's started out with an edge: longstanding customers and local good will. For many years, chef-owners Rosanna and Jean-Louis Martin presided over a popular Italian bakery and deli at the same address. They sold fresh, crusty Italian breads, house-made sausages, and ready-to-heat entrées, frozen ravioli, and a frozen pesto featuring a concentrated blast of fresh basil flavor. Two years ago, pestered by their customers to stay open at night, they decided to expand the space into a full-service restaurant and to move the deli into a smaller space in a strip mall further inland. After a year of renovations, Rosanna's became a restaurant. Within a few months, the owners realized they had to give it their full-time attention, and they sold the inland deli. (It's now called Tuscan Sun and still carries focaccia and a few other items supplied by Rosanna's — but not the peerless pesto.)

The erstwhile deli has been transformed into a country-style dining room, its front windows decorated year-round with strings of white Christmas lights. Sturdy wooden tables spill out onto the convivial street patio, the preferred seating. (The friendly waitstaff tends to congregate in front, too; the interior is more sparsely staffed.) A second patio is under construction behind the restaurant, next to the current narrow path to the restrooms. It will be ready by spring, with awnings, a handsome wall fountain, and an old stone oven that's been retired from use. When it's not booked for large parties, it will provide a welcome respite from the roar of Highway 101.

Rosanna's menu functions as a sampler of numerous Italian regions, with dishes from Rome, Florence, Naples, Sicily, Venice. (The Bronx is also represented by that all-American dish, spaghetti and meatballs.) Among the starters, I especially enjoy the Caprese California Salad, mingling diced fresh tomato, fresh mozzarella, hearts of palm, avocado, and basil, all placed in a large cup of radicchio leaves. The cheese and the palm hearts oddly mir-



Vito Sansone (center)

ror each other's textures, while the avocado lends lushness. An insouciant salad of young spinach leaves with *ricotta salata* (salty dry ricotta, similar to feta), pine nuts, and chopped pancetta features sweet-tart balsamic-marinated shallots. In the *Prosciutto con Melone*, silky imported *prosciutto di parma* accompanies cantaloupe slices, which are highlighted with cinnamon sprinkles. (In late summer, fat, fresh figs were a charming seasonal addition.)

A shrimp cocktail gives a new twist to an American staple. Its sugary, coral-pink cream dressing tastes much like the substance that American food corporations dub "French dressing," though any Gallic *bonne femme* would fall on her chef's knife before she'd serve it. Fortunately, there's a silver lining — or, more accurately, a golden one — of thin lemon slices all around the plate, surrounding

tenderly cooked shrimp piled over a heap of shredded radicchio. If you want to cut the dressing's sweetness, you can eat this salad the way you'd drink tequila shots in a Baja cantina: a nibble of lemon, then a chomp of shrimp and greenery.

Pastas are one of the strong suits at Rosanna's.

It's hard to go wrong with any of them. While the Potato Gnocchi with Walnuts and Gorgonzola Cream Sauce is a common enough combination, the addition of slightly bitter radicchio lends a welcome astringency to freshen and lighten the mixture. It's still a rich dish that's best shared. The gnocchi themselves aren't exactly ethereal, but they're not gummy either. They're substantial little mouthfuls to enjoy chewing.

The phrase *alla norcina* attached to the name of any pasta dish indicates a cream sauce made in the style of a pork butcher's wife, who's likely to have

Rosanna's Italian Deli & Trattoria

★★½ (good to very good)

806 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas; 760-942-0738

HOURS: Lunch, 11:00–4:00 daily; dinner, 5:00–10:00, until 11:00 weekends.

PRICES: Appetizers, \$6–\$11; pastas and pizzas, \$11–\$16; entrées, \$17–\$22.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Traditional dishes from all regions of Italy, including 16 pastas. Short, affordable (mainly under \$30) wine list from Italy, France, and California, better on reds than whites, with a few half-bottles; narrow choices by the glass. Three Italian beers, one French beer.

PICK HITS: Pastas and desserts, e.g., *gnocchi con radicchio*, *rigatoni alla norcina*, *lasagna della casa*, *panna cotta*, *bavarese*.

NEED TO KNOW: Casual. Parking tricky. Street noise on sidewalk patio, but interior is louder; service better outdoors. Reserve for patio tables; with luck you may get one. Vegetarian-friendly with at least 17 meatless entrées including pastas and pizzas. Wheelchair access to restrooms difficult (narrow path, double door).

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A *lasagna della casa* was another cooking lesson for me. Although assembled in the leaner Bolognese style, it offered all the sensuality (with half the weight) of the labor-intensive, tri-level Napoli version that I grew up on. Two layers of broad noodles sandwiched thinly sliced, sweet Italian sausage and a little good, gooey Mozzarella, amended by a savory meatless tomato sauce and a topping of *béchamel* sauce. Nothing more was needed. Next time I make a lasagna, this will be the one.

In Italy, pasta is generally eaten as a shared middle course, ideally followed by a meat or fish course. Since animal protein wasn't always affordable to the ordinary family, when it was available, it was often prepared rather simply. This is one reason that main dishes at Italian restaurants are often the least rewarding course. Rosanna's is no exception. An entrée of *Agnello a Scottaditto* features grilled baby rib lamb chops in a pleasantly sweet sauce of port wine and tart dried cherries — but the kitchen follows the tradition of cooking lamb well-done, so if you want your chops pink, holler when you order. The chops are garnished with lean, slightly garlicky mashed potatoes, reheated rapidly to produce a puffy, golden-crust crown. (If mash must be made ahead, this is the way to go.) *Vitello al Limone* (veal scallops with lemon juice) proves fiercely lemony, but the veal is dry, bland, formula-fed product that the muscular sauce kayoes in the first round. (Substitute free-range veal or even lamb medallions,

and the dish could be a contender.)

The vegetable combination that accompanied all entrées at my last dinner contained grilled fresh tomatoes, zucchini, and Belgian endive, a thoughtful mélange of tart, mild, and bitter flavors a world away from the standard bland restaurant-supply medley. The restaurant gets its fresh fruits and veggies delivered daily by Specialty Produce, a local wholesaler favored by many high-end restaurants. You can taste the quality.

For several months earlier this year, the restaurant had a problem with consistency, evinced mainly in the main courses, a result of a precipitous series of changes in the kitchen staff. Ironically, given Rosanna Martin's upbringing in waterlogged Venice, the seafood dishes suffered especially. This summer, Rosanna hired Vito Sansone, an experienced chef and restaurateur, to manage both the kitchen and the front of the house. Since then, staffing has appeared to have stabilized.

Several desserts at the restaurant display Rosanna's strongest culinary talent. The *panna cotta* is a delicately textured eggless cream custard. A writer prone to deep-purple prose (or to churning out country music lyrics) might liken it to angel's wings moist with dew. The custard is surrounded by a tart-sweet kiwi sauce, while mandarin orange sections lend a sharp contrast to remind us that we're still on earth. The *bavarese* proves even airier, a trembling pyramid of vanilla-mascarpone mousse topped with a thin slice of sponge cake and surrounded by fresh berries in their own juices. The tiramisu, how-

ever, suffers from the regrettable delusion that it's a chocolate sundae. Dusted overenthusiastically with cocoa powder, it's topped with a tall crown of whipped cream and plated atop a wash of sweet chocolate syrup painted with yet more whipped cream stripes for visual appeal. All this foofarah turns an R-rated classic into a McDessert.

You can also enjoy a simple dish of *gelato* shipped straight from Italy, tasting just like those I fondly remember from Florence. Italian *gelati* are not nearly as densely textured as the Häagen-Dazs or even the local Gelato Vero versions; their appeal lies not only in their creaminess but in the intensity of their flavors. Here, you can order one flavor or choose any combination of the three on hand. The pistachio is studded with big chunks of green-fleshed nuts, and if you're as much of a pistachio nut as I am, you'll be delighted. The vanilla bean is profoundly "beany," and the chocolate smacks of the same Italian cocoa that's sprinkled on the tiramisu. You can also choose from a variety of fresh-fruit sorbets made by the same company.

The Martins continue to bake their deli-famous, multi-layered *sfogliatelle* ("little leaves") pastry. My Sicilian-born friend Providenza scorns their rendition, since it's not crispy-crunchy in the Southern Italian style but soft, lemony, almost custardy. As for me, I'd have one every morning if I could. If you're dining at Rosanna's and offer to buy one for tomorrow's breakfast, they'll likely toss it into your doggie-bag gratis, if they have any left.

I like Rosanna's very

much — but for purely selfish reasons I often wish it were still a deli. Much as I love the current pastas and desserts, the deli was a unique resource for those of us who often cook Italian food at home but don't have the time or equipment to make everything from scratch. But with new plans for menu expansion under discussion, I'm hoping that Rosanna's will eventually become as unique in its new incarnation as it was in its previous one.

ABOUT THE CHEFS

Rosanna and Jean-Louis Martin opened the first Italian deli-bakery in Encinitas about 16 years ago, when the North County was still a culinary wasteland. She's from the Venice region of Italy; he's a chef from Alsace who has cooked at the legendary Taillevent in Paris. During his childhood Jean-Louis's family traveled south most summers, so he grew up with Italian flavors. After graduating from culinary school, his enthusiasm intensified. "When we were young and beautiful, we traveled a lot, and I learned Italian cooking," says Jean-Louis. "I love cooking Italian food — it's easy for a French-trained chef."

The couple first met in London, where she was a student and he was a young chef. Rosanna wasn't a food professional, but she'd grown up "in a very rich Italian-food background. My grandparents were farmers near Venice and were fantastic cooks, of course. And I grew up cooking myself, being very observant and very curious, always tugging on my grandma's skirts, asking what she was doing. When I met Jean-Louis, my

interest became more intense."

Jean-Louis was already planning on moving to America and found work at the Bistro in Beverly Hills and then at Laserre in L.A. When he and Rosanna decided to start a family, they moved to San Diego, where Jean-Louis opened a restaurant in La Costa Resort. Then came the idea of the deli. "We wanted to open our own business, and Jean-Louis wanted to leave French food and cook Italian food. But we wanted time at home to raise our children."

The deli was the answer, a marital collaboration with Jean-Louis and a kitchen crew executing his and Rosanna's recipes, while Rosanna often served at the counter. There were a few tables for snacking on pizzas or sandwiches, but the deli was best known for take-out dinner entrées. "At first when we came here, there was absolutely nothing in Encinitas and the surrounding area," says Rosanna. "People had to go to San Diego to eat. We had people coming here from all over the North County. Later, restaurants started opening on the street, and there was competition from big chains like Costco and Trader Joe's that opened in the area. And Jean-Louis wanted to get back in his kitchen. A chef is always a chef." Besides, many of their regular customers were begging them to stay open later. When the Martins finally secured a beer-and-wine license, they decided to extend their hours through dinner, and this was the start of the evolution of Rosanna's into a restaurant. "When you do something for so long, it's good to have a change," says Jean-Louis.

Rosanna and Jean-Louis are taking it a little easier now. "Being behind the stove 24 hours a day doesn't make sense anymore, when you have people working for you that you trust, and they have your recipes in their hands," says Rosanna. She still works early in the morning, doing the administrative work and shopping for ingredients, and Jean-Louis is often behind the stove during dinner hours. But they just hired a new restaurant manager, Vito Sansone, a former owner of two successful restaurants in Newport Beach. (He sold his restaurants a few years ago to retire to Italy but ended up coming back to California and to work. The best-laid plans...) He and Rosanna are now discussing changes they'd like to make in the restaurant.

"I want to add a few new dishes," says Vito, "because I realize that here, everybody's got the same dishes. They all copy from each other. And I have an agreement with Rosanna that the front patio should be changed a little, made into more of an Italian garden — more interesting, more welcoming, with plants and flowers." Meanwhile, Rosanna advises, "If you are a connoisseur of Italian food, you should order the daily specials. People expect Italian restaurants to have certain dishes; they come marching in and literally tell you what to put on your menu! They don't understand that we have 20 provinces in Italy, each with its own food; that a Venetian does not cook like a Sicilian. So we have to keep certain dishes to please our customers, but the specials are where we can serve dishes that are not so common." ■

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Beerubin. This is why we’re here, up in the wilds of Kearny Mesa. Searching for this mythical plant that only grows on the Great Plateau. Least that’s how Hank makes it sound.

He stops on Armour Street, opposite a bunch of people sitting under a blue canopy, quaffing, chowing, talking. Huh. Here in the middle of factories and car repairs. A big old vertical red sign reads “Rosie & Joe’s Grill & Cantina.”

We climb the stairs. Actually, it’s a pretty swank entrance. It has a mosaic of broken tile on the floor, kind of a Southwest look. Two-foot bare-metal lizards on the wall. Long, full bar. Metal stools with arty sun-shaped cutouts. A bunch of wall TVs burble out sports. Decent beers too, like Big Eye IPA, local Ballast Point brew.

“Still serving lunch?” says Hank.
“Sure,” says the waitress. Heather. “Except I’ll have to check the special. Chile relLENos. Just had a big order from the table outside.”
“How much?”
“It’s \$5.95, but let me check.”
“Uh, Beerubins?” I ask.
“Oh, they’re right in here.”
She hands me a menu. “Established in 1959,” it says. “We’re back in 2003!” It shows a cartoon of a cheery Popeye-type character. Has to be Joe. The blurb says the real Joe, Joe Polizzi, and his wife Rosalie started this place in ’59 as “Rosalie’s,”

a steak-and-Mexican place. But surely they can’t still be...
Turns out for years this place was a watering hole named Poppy’s, but now Joe’s son Paul and his wife Lynn have reclaimed it, just a few months ago.



A couple of guys come sit up at the bar. Sherman and Karl. Sherman has a ponytail. “When my dad started coming here, he’d cross an empty field from Balboa. This was a pioneer place!”
“Used to be a real biker favorite too,” says Sherman. “Still is, Friday nights, happy hour. They’re okay.”
“And it’s kid-friendly,” says Karl. “Families come to the karaoke nights.”

“So anyone here heard of a Beerubin?” I ask.
“Beerubin? Who hasn’t? Delicious,” says Sherman. “It has that thick corned beef. But I really go for the Sweet Sicilian.”
“You mean Beerubin’s a...?”
“Sandwich. Just check the menu,” Hank says.
Ah. Oh, jeez. It is. A sandwich. Beerubin. Beer-braised corned beef on rye with sauerkraut, Gouda cheese, topped with Thousand Island dressing. Costs \$6.95.
“I tell you, I had this last week,” says Hank. “You’ve gotta have one, dude. The corned beef is thick, the sauerkraut’s strong. Think of it! A sandwich you can actually taste!” He nods to Heather. “Beerubin for me.”
Hmm. I’ll probably try it. Even though Sherman’s Sweet Sicilian sounds really great. “Grilled Italian sausage, sautéed onions, bell peppers with

provolone cheese on a French roll (\$6.95).” And actually, I’m thinking burger. I seem to have been stuck on vegetarian, vegan, raw, Brazilian jungle green, whatever, for weeks now. And here, down below, the California Chili Burger is saying “Eat me!” It comes with roasted California chilis, onions, Gouda cheese, lettuce, tomatoes.
A list called “Rosie’s Favorites” is all Mexican, ranging from \$6.75 (for beef or chicken burros) to \$10.50 (Pescado Vera Cruz). Another, “Torre’s Delights,” is all vegetarian. “Torre’s my son. He’s 11, and he’s vegetarian,” says this guy. It’s the owner, Paul, Joe’s son. “We raised him that way, and he’s stuck with it. Now he cooks pretty good vegetarian. His tacos are really, really popular [\$7.25 with beans and rice]. Soy meat, but you wouldn’t know it.”
Torre’s column also has a Boca Raton burger (\$6.95). Hmm. You get caramelized onions with it. Tempting.
“Before the pyramids crumble, dude?” Hank mutters. “I got work to do.”
So heck, let’s try meat. “California Chili Burger please, ma’am.”
“You realize the chili isn’t beans, it’s chili peppers?” says Heather.
“Oh. Sure. Okay.”
’Course, what happens is, Hank gets curious when his sandwich and my burger arrive. So we cut them down the middle and exchange halves.

My burger’s peppers don’t exactly get you calling the fire department, but they make a nice taste. But Hank was right about the Beerubin. Maybe it’s the beer they add. Or the strong sauerkraut. Whatever. As he said, it’s got flavor, big-time.
But what caps it for us are the chips. They’re not out of a bag. Paul makes them here. Thin, but not totally crispy, and they have cheese bits on top that keep you coming back. Paul says they’re typical New Mexico. “My mom’s Mexican. New Mexico. Navajo, Spanish, English, French. So we have Southwest traditions here, along with Sicilian. Dad was Sicilian.”
“Let’s go out the back way,” says Hank, after we pay. “Here’s why we’re coming back Friday night.”
Oh, wow. You go through to the rear and out into a small jungle of ficus and rubber trees. There’s an orange-and-blue mosaic bar, tables and chairs, a pool table under a *palapa*, darts, and — hey. A wicked-looking putting green. It’s all slopes and folds, and free. “Tough course?” I ask. “Tough,” Paul says.
“Let’s establish the Ed Bedford Mini-Golf Classic right now,” says Hank. “For a plate of armadillo eggs.”
“Armadillo eggs, dude?”
“Stuffed jalapeños,” says Paul. “Old-fashioned name for poppers.”
They’re \$5.95.
“Okay. One round,” I say. “Uh, if I lose, could you front me the \$5.95?” ■

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"It was both being sophisticated and slightly poking fun at people who think it's sophisticated."

The first labels for the wines of Randall Grahm's Bonny Doon Vineyard were, by the winemaker's own account, "very normal and very ordinary; they really sort of looked like everyone else's." Having entered the winemaking world on what seemed a quixotic quest for the Great American Pinot Noir, he had ended up succeeding with Rhone varietals — Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre, etc. — at a time when such wines were neither normal nor ordinary in California. Bonny Doon was a different sort of winery, and Grahm needed a label that reflected that difference. He asked his broker if "she knew any brilliant label designers." "Chuck House," the broker replied. House was then a relative newcomer, but his design for Frog's Leap convinced the winemaker. "It was considered a brilliant, brilliant label," Grahm says.

When he met House, Grahm was immediately taken with him. "I loved his intelligence and breadth of historical knowledge. He's very thoughtful, and he doesn't have the ego of a fine artist. He's enough of a pragmatist to understand that the object of the exercise at the end of the day is actually to sell a bottle of wine." The two set to work on a great in-joke of a label: a wine named Old Telegram, a translation of the famous Chateaneuf-du-Pape estate Vieux Telegraphe. For a graphic, the two found a marvelous old-timey etching of a hand tapping out code on a telegraph.

Crush

MATTHEW LICKONA

But before the die was cast, they were hit by another inspiration. Grahm had read in John Livingston Learmonth's *Wines of the Rhone* of a law passed in Chateaneuf-du-Pape in the mid-'50s that outlawed the landing of "flying cigars" in the region's vineyards — Roswell's UFO reverberations had spooked the local growers. The wine was redesigned to read Le Cigare Volant in honor of the region and its quirky legislation. Grahm found the pen-and-ink image of an old chateau surrounded by vineyards (actually situated in Bordeaux), and he thinks

House lifted the image of a flying cigar — which, on the label, is depicted beaming a red ray down upon a peasant and his cart — from Jules Verne. The overall effect of the design was perfect: every bit as stately as the Old World wines it echoed, but imbued with a whimsical spirit entirely appropriate to the upstart California. (Old Telegram eventually ended up as the label for Bonny Doon's Mourvedre.)

It proved the beginning of a beautiful friendship. Grahm has worked with many other artists and designers — his Ralph Steadman-drawn "Cardinal Zin" is a notable example — but he has hooked up with House again and again. Together, they took another shot at the Wine Mystique with Le Sophiste, which featured a cut-paper collage of a top-hatted dandy, his vest a text-littered patch of French newspaper. Clearly, our tuxedoed friend is sophisticated, just as the wine — and wine in gen-

eral — is sophisticated. But Le Sophiste? Aren't sophists posers, pretenders to a wisdom they do not possess? "It's deliciously ambiguous," agrees Grahm. "The word 'sophisticated' has so many wonderful meanings and nuances and contradictory meanings. It was both being sophisticated and slightly poking fun at people who think it's sophisticated."

Other labels focus less on humor and more on outright fancy. Take the label for Bonny Doon's Ca' Del Solo Malvasia Bianca, shown here. Explains Grahm, "The inhabitants of Ca' Del Solo live in this sort of idealized kingdom somewhere on the Piemonte-Soledad border. All of the inhabitants are basically in love with the idea of flying solo. They're all doing things that are difficult or heroic, but basically things they can only do for themselves. Accordion players figure in the land of Ca' Del Solo. Aerialists. In the case of Malvasia, it's her first day of school. She's got her little book bag on her back, and she's letting go of her mother's hand. And of course, she's stepping on every crack in the sidewalk, being the sort of minor-league sociopath that she is. She was actually inspired by the daughter of a woman I was going out with."

"Obviously, a lot of this is being proclaimed retroactively, but the idea behind Ca' Del Solo and indeed behind all of our wines in general is that they have a distinctiveness, and that they do represent the road less traveled. You know, we're not interested in making normal, typical grape varieties, and if we are, we'll try to do them in a way that is very distinctive. Malvasia Bianca is not exactly a household word."

The label is as unusual as the wine, but there is method in it. A wine label, says Grahm, "is a presentation of wine in everyday life. You're trying to say a number of things. You're trying to reflect your own aesthetic sensibility — your values, your personality. Then you want to give the consumer a



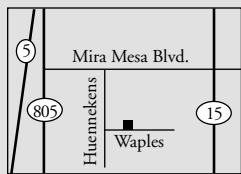
kind of glimmering, a foretaste — you want to somehow connote the qualities of the wine. You're trying to connote how much effort and thoughtfulness has gone into the construction of the wine. And you're trying to manage people's expectations; you don't put a \$50 bottle of wine in a crummy bottle with a funky, funky label. To a certain extent, the label orders consumers' expectations, and you want their expectations to be synchronous with their experience."

All these labels and more are featured in *Icon: Art of the Wine Label*, which House co-authored with his brother-in-law Jeffrey Caldevey. My favorite among them is the one for Pacific Rim Riesling. A drowsy Asian girl perches on the bottle's punt, reading a book on German Riesling. In



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the wine above her float dreams of sushi, cleverly affixed to the back of the bottle. Graham tells the story. “We would generally meet at coffee shops, and we would never remember to bring the basic tools for designing a label — the actual bottle, Scotch tape. A ketchup bottle would have to serve as the bottle; a napkin would have to stand in for the label.” Graham had been struggling to find just the right design for the Riesling and was almost ready to sign off on a House concept that featured a German village in the background instead of the sushi. “It was very cute, and you had all these Freudian symbols floating around — a flying cigar, a train coming out of a tunnel.” Graham thought it to be “too much,” but he was almost ready to sign off on it anyway. By chance, the two met to chat at a Japanese restaurant. “They had these menus where they had pictures of sushi. I said, ‘Chuck, can I borrow your knife?’ and I started cutting up the menu and putting it behind the bottle. I said, ‘This is cool. You can look at the sushi, and if you turn your head, it kind of looks like they’re swimming.’ That’s how we ended up with sushi on our label.

“I guess I have this fantasy that his work with us is special and different only in the sense that I think we give him much more rein to be crazy,” concludes Graham. “I think many of his clients say, ‘I want a label that looks like this label.’ I think he’s got some corporate clients, and I think they’re very straight and they already have some idea of how they want it to look. I think they place a lot of constraints on his imagination. Working with us, he has the opportunity to be as wild as he can be. I think it actually works in our favor that he has these corporate clients — he has all these pent-up, anar-

chic desires that he’s able to actualize.” ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

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 melt if that’s your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

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 Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in

What the Chef Eats

GRILLED LAMB CHOPS WITH ROASTED EGGPLANT SALAD

BY RANDY GRUBER

Chef, Americana, Del Mar

I used to cook at a place in Boston called Biba, and they served a lamb chop dish similar to this one. I added my own little marinade and I liked it, so I put it on my dinner menu. There are very few restaurants in San Diego that have lamb on their menu. We offer it and are now known for our lamb.

Besides doing it for a formal thing at night, it also can be used for a picnic, served like lollipops. You grill them ahead of time and then just eat them at room temperature.

I recommend Colorado or New Zealand lamb. Most people are not fond of New Zealand lamb. Real lamb eaters like it, but it’s got a gamier flavor than the Colorado lamb. As a consumer, you

need to go to a high-end market for New Zealand lamb. If they don’t carry it they can probably special order it.

Because lamb has a very forward flavor, I think a Zinfandel, or a Cabernet, or a bigger Merlot would complement this dish.

HOW TO DO IT

To prepare the lamb, place the chops in a shallow baking dish. Combine the soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, thyme, rosemary, garlic, and pepper to taste. Pour the marinade over the lamb chops and cover and allow to sit for 30 minutes. Prepare a very hot grill and grill the lamb chops until they are medium-rare or to desired doneness.

To prepare the

eggplant salad, preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place the eggplant slices on a sheet pan and season with salt and pepper. Roast for 15 minutes. Cool the eggplant slices and cut into ¼-inch-wide strips. Place in a serving bowl. In another small bowl, whisk together mint, basil, olive oil, garlic, and lemon juice. Pour over the eggplant, tossing to coat. Add the tomatoes and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Serve lamb chops over roasted eggplant salad. This recipe serves eight.

INGREDIENTS

Lamb:
16 small lamb chops
1 cup good-quality soy sauce
½ cup Worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons fresh thyme, finely

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 gin-

gerbread mansion overlooking Highway 101, this hotel-restaurant’s best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-and-drink 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.*



chopped

2 teaspoons fresh rosemary, finely chopped
10 cloves garlic, finely chopped
Freshly cracked black pepper, to taste

Eggplant Salad:

6 eggplants, sliced lengthwise about ¼-inch thick
Salt and pepper to taste
8 sprigs fresh mint, finely chopped
8 large basil leaves, finely chopped
6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 cups baby Roma tomatoes, sliced in half
Salt and freshly cracked black pepper, to taste

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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. Chieu-Anh enhances the selection of fine dining rooms in Rancho Bernardo. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

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 essential. 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 Baja-style mini-tacos (of *asado*, *cabeza*, *pastor*, *carnitas*, etc.) for pennies. The refried beans are as good as they get. But seafood is the focus, occupying a whole menu page offering 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)

The Fireside 439 West Washington Avenue (at Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as "North County's Finest Steak House." It also seems to be the area's community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub,



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American comfort foods. All steaks and prime rib are USDA Choice or better, dry-aged for maximum flavor, cooked to your preference. You can taste the difference. Sometimes an octogenarian pianist tinkles out old show tunes. Isn't it romantic? It is. Dinners nightly, with bargain-priced weeknight twilight dinners, champagne brunch Sundays. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This morning treasure-house is large but Swiss-style cute, its brick walls festooned with knickknacks (for sale), and silent wind chimes hang-

ing 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 often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *capucini* 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 Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — *E.W. (6/00)*

Village Mill Bread Company 12845 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley (Del Mar Heights), 858-794-4994. Sixteen varieties of bread, all fine for sandwiches. Best bets are honey sunflower and cinnamon swirl, which makes excellent French toast. The bread is soft with soft crusts; children love it. Open daily. — *E.W.*

Wild Note Cafe 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-259-7310. Located in the Cedros Design District next to the Belly Up Tavern, this uniquely decorated room offers excellent salads, pasta, fresh fish, grilled meats, and burgers in a casual atmosphere. Friendly, attentive service. Live music at dinner, Sunday jazz brunches, Wednesday wine tastings. Lunch and dinner six days, lunch only on Mondays. Moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Come On In! 1030-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. Inexpensive 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 Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-3993. The dishes at this Mandarin and Cantonese restaurant contain no MSG, nor are there starches in the sauces. Very lively cooking with many unique recipes. The dinner menu is available from opening to closing. This remains one of our best natural Chinese food restaurants. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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 Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. 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 umbrella 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

Baci Ristorante 1955 W. Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-2094. If you're on a low-fat, low-calorie diet, consider this "healthy Italian" restaurant a special treat. Be sure to order at least two pastas (parties of four or more can request a combination pasta plate) and fresh fish or chicken. Excellent fried squid and the best *zabaglione* (dessert) in the city. Some dishes heavily salted. First-rate service. Open Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

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)*

Phuong Trang 4170 Convoy Street (at Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Named after the Vietnamese owner's daughter, this is a big, neon-bright eating hall with off-white walls, black-and-red chairs, green plastic coconut trees, and ads for "Miche-lob Bia." It buzzes with a warm and humming atmosphere. Standard fare like *pho* (rice noodle beef soup), *mi* (egg noodle soup combinations), and *chao* (porridge) are all here. The *chao long* (pork stomach porridge) is nutritious. But come for celebrations too. Order ahead for grilled whole catfish, usually a huge shared plate, or *lau* (hot-pots). The meat and seafood combination *lau* is great. Less expensive, but also interesting, is the "Phuong Trang Special Broken Rice" piled on with shredded pork, steamed egg, fried tofu, a choice of meats, and a sweet fish sauce. Don't leave without a Vietnamese coffee, which drips into its condensed milk base right at your table. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/02)*

Todai 2828 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-299-8996. You'll find no dish "to die" for at this So-Cal-based 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 Disneyland — multicolor floors and pastel neon lights in fanciful shapes (moon, stars, fish) adorn three separate buffets.

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Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* (8/99)

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays, lunch and dinner until midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — *N.W.* (2/02)

French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. This pleasant, airy dining room serves French food with California influences. It's light, good-tasting, and easy on your purse. Breakfast items and lunch are served simultaneously. Ravishing desserts and bakery at one end of the restaurant. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *camarones borrachos* are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/02)

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.

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Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a 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 two-story 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)*

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full).

Special kids' menu available. Lunch and dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

CENTRAL
SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Chicken Pie Shop Of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

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 jicama 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 buffets should check out the pork chops with two eggs, potatoes, and toast, or biscuits and gravy, or the famous pigs in a blanket (three sausage links rolled in hot cakes with powdered sugar). The lunch and dinner menu is also good and cheap — for instance, golden fried chicken with vegetables and rice or baked potato. They feature nightly prix fixe specials ("Meatloaf Mondays," etc.) just like Mom did in the 1950s. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kiffo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

Rib Masters Express 4297 Market Street (at 43rd Street), Chollas View, 619-262-7993. They split Hermie's Market to create this Chicago-style BBQ, New Orleans-style Southern food joint. It started off short on facilities (like no tables), but long on great food. This is the baby of Tony Seales, the 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 collar

greens, red beans and rice, jambalaya, spicy spaghetti, sweet potato pie, macaroni and cheese, and that oh-so-delicious peach cobbler. Then, of course, there's the ribs themselves. Everything available "to go." Lunch to early dinner, seven days. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B. (10/02)*

EAST COUNTY &
STATE COLLEGE

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 family-friendly 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 butter-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 Saturday 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, people know each other. As for the food — yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks,

spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalapeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to "please don't steal the forks." But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

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 creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. 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 entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven: 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 Sunday. 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 offer 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 already knowing what they're going to order — 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.

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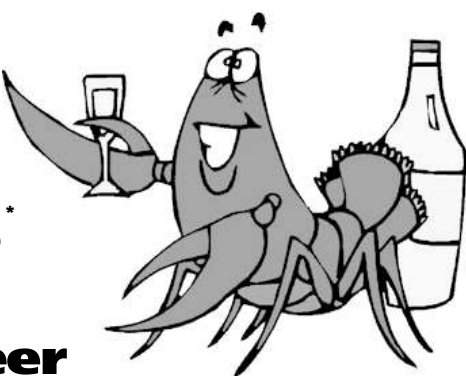
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Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel Street), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Fabrice Poigin's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive, but not bank-breaking. — *N.W. (12/01)*

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)*

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *flacogos cuiltacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

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 solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, *machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the *carnitas verdes*, the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (11/01)*

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)*

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 Sun-

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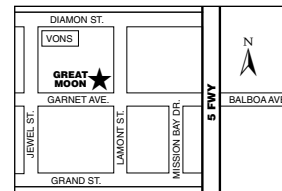
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Americana

Gruber, who migrated to California in the late 1990s and designed Americana as a dual-purpose eatery. It functions as a casual breakfast and lunch cafe in daylight, and becomes atmospheric after sundown, when the pace slows, tables acquire cloths, and votive candles in miniature tin buckets flicker across oil portraits of jazz musicians in full cry.

The menus progress from buttermilk pancakes and sandwiches stacked with roasted-on-premises beef to listings of top-quality American ingredients infused with Mediterranean flavors.

Garlic is used plentifully, to the point that Gruber remarks, "This is not a date-friendly restaurant." But garlic and fresh, locally grown herbs create terrific effects in such dishes as the explosively flavorful entree of Greenlip mussels steamed in white wine. As in France, this arrives with a separate dish of crisp *pommes frites*; these unusually delicious french fries also star alongside a New York steak with pungent Argentinean *chimichurri* sauce. Salads include a robust tumble of roasted beets and

goat cheese with bitter endive and radicchio, but the nicest starter may well be the trio of grilled baby lamb chops arranged over a superb roasted eggplant. The parade of bold flavors continues with seared duck breast with raisins, dried cranberries and pine nuts, and sesame-flavored salmon atop a "summer succotash" of vegetables, diced bacon and potato.

The menu offers seven desserts and six dessert wines, and it's a pleasure to pair the plate of gingersnap cookies, Stilton cheese and fruit preserves with a glass of port. And the caramelized banana *tarte tatin*, served warm with *dulce de leche* ice cream and almond brittle, melds international flavors in a way that is both uniquely American and typical of Americana.

Americana, 1454 Camino del Mar, Del Mar; 858-794-6838. Open for breakfast daily 7 am-3 pm, for lunch 11:30 am-3 pm, and for dinner 6-10 pm. Parking on street. Full bar, wine and beer, well-chosen wine list. Most major credit cards accepted. Reservations accepted. Dinner for two, food only: \$40-\$60.

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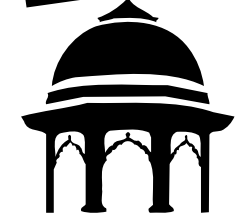
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Parallel 33 741 Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just “fusion food.” Try the superb 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 Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/99)

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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” three-course dinner is a bargain. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. on weekends when there's usually live jazz. — N.W. (6/02)

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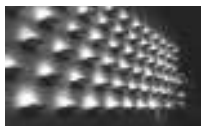
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Faz 530 Broadway (at Sixth Avenue), Courtyard Marriott, Gaslamp, 619-446-3040. Persian-born Bay Area restaurateur Faz Poursohi presents Middle Eastern- and Mediterranean-inspired dishes interpreted in clean, streamlined Northern California style. Wood 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" specifications. 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 clueless. Valet parking \$5 at hotel entrance (Sixth Avenue just north of Broadway). Full bar, affordable wine list. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/02)

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Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an 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-yourself 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 generously 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, cook-it-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. Diners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (11/02)

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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 doesn’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 simply 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)

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-empandas 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)

Ye Olde Plank Inn 24 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last true beach pub on the coast? It’s a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food’s pretty much always available, but the must-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substitute six sausages or ham or a pork loin), plus a one- to

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BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant’s seven-digit number.

Cafe Francais 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 varnished wood, almost like a ship’s saloon, with little Eiffel towers painted here and there, Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, and a counter of display cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as *Le Croque Monsieur* (open-faced sandwich on honey bread with ham, grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce), the *Croque-Madame* (same as the “Monsieur” but with an egg), and

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El Faro De Mazatlan 9542 Boulevard 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. — E.W.

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 jokey 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 ghostly 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, classically trained chef-owners are pioneering “new Mexican cuisine,” creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, local-grown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are featured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little 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 preparations 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 high-rise towers. Mr. Fish is on the right-hand 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

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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, pizzas, 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 broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. 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 101-B, 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. — E.B. (12/01)

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.

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Big Game

His American accent continues to sound a bit betwixt and between.

So *this* is the movie that beat out *Mystic River* for top honors at the Cannes film festival! *Elephant* embodies Gus Van Sant's response to the Columbine school shooting, an unemotional, calculated, measured, extremely limited response, not in the least freed up by its fictionalization: the action takes place in Oregon, during football season, among autumn leaves, and the body count appears to climb higher than the reality. In the early stages there are no internal indications of where we are headed. A cross-section of average high-school students will be rounded up one at a time, two at a time, three at a time. The incidents are banal, the dialogue hollow ("You goin' to the concert tonight?" "You guys wanna go shopping today?"), the acting timid and amateurish. A hand-held camera will tag along with one of the kids on a long walk to who knows where. Now and again a shot will gear down into slow-motion and then back up to normal speed for no discernible purpose. Time moves slowly, hangs heavy. It would be a very different viewing experience if you had not been tipped off beforehand

REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

that the subject was Columbine. Around twenty-five minutes into the eighty-minute movie, a couple of students enter the school with duffel bags we can presume to contain weapons, but the end is nowhere in sight. We begin to go through the same time period over and over again. One particular moment — the taking of a snapshot in the hallway — recurs several times from different angles and at different distances. Unsignposted flashbacks return us to an indeterminate earlier day: "What are you writing?" "Oh, this? It's my plan." "For what?" "Oh, you'll see."

In some ways the movie seems a companion to the minimalist experimentation of the director's *Gerry* earlier this year, although with a crisper, richer image, in the boxy proportions of a television screen. (It was made with financing from HBO, who doubtless have first dibs on its broadcast.) The precision timing, framing, and camera movement all contribute to a similar climate of strict formalism, a climate that changes not a whit once the shooting starts. Nothing ruffles Van Sant. And despite the hotter topic,

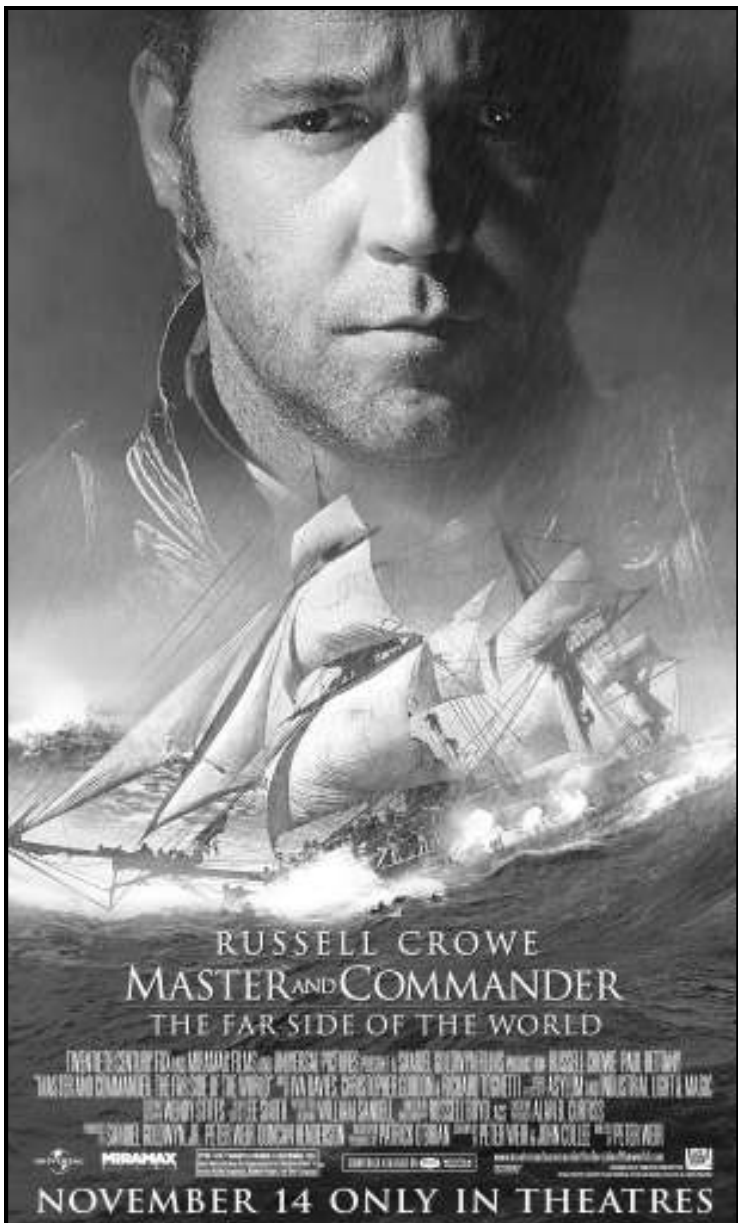


The Human Stain

it's hard to see how this treatment of it could arouse, let alone satisfy, anybody's curiosity about it. Hard to see, that is, how it tells us anything more about it than that the flow of life got interrupted that day by two kids with no understanding of what life is. (It does have something to tell us, on the other hand, about how a sense of the

flow of life can be achieved on screen: long shots, long takes, no dramatic inflection or punctuation, a disinterested point of view.) The shooting-gallery computer game and the same-sex kiss between the conspirators in the shower hardly rise to the level of clues, much less explanations. The title offers little help. A drawing of an elephant may be

glimpsed on the wall as one of the shooters rehearses the "Moonlight Sonata" (is Beethoven a clue?), but there is no way to know from the movie itself that it was named after a TV film by the late British director Alan Clarke (no better known among moviegoers in this country than Van Sant's acknowledged inspiration for *Gerry*, Béla Tarr),



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a film, I am told, that had to do with youths killing youths in Northern Ireland. Nor is there any way to know that Van Sant had assumed — incorrectly — that Clarke's title referred to the parable of the blind men who each got a different mental image of an elephant depending upon which body part they touched. (Clarke had actually been thinking of the proverbial elephant in the parlor.) Clearly — even if you knew nothing of the origin of the title — Van Sant had wanted to leave the door open to differing interpretations. And fair enough. I don't question his prerogative not to "explain." I only question whether his movie would not have been better named *Elegant*. If a tad self-flattering, it would nevertheless provide a better clue as to what he is up to.

Robert Benton's *The Human Stain*, revolving around a May-December romance between a disgraced college professor and a blue-collar vamp, is adapted from a novel I haven't read by Philip Roth (I haven't read any Philip Roth since *Portnoy's Complaint*), and it incontrovertibly feels bookish: the Big Themes (American race relations, moral hypocrisy, political correctness), the vast historical canvas (Vietnam, World War II), the contextual co-ordinates from current affairs (Viagra, Clinton-Lewinsky), the academic setting (mythical Athena College in rural Massachusetts), the self-analytical literary allusions (the Greek Tragedy device of "peripeteia," the amorous dilemma of Achilles: "Give up the girl"), the talk of writers and writing (though surely when a campus seducer presses a Fitzgerald novel on a Nordic blonde from Minnesota, he could have been more precise in his enticements than to say, "He's from the Midwest, too" — closer to home than that!), and lastly the writerly first-person narration by a professional writer who, it turns out, has indeed written a book about the events in the movie. To be sure, the Dutch Master half-light that Benton favors in cinematography is painterly, not bookish, but still not quite movie-ish: his fussed-over, prinked-up images approach petrification.

The expository scenes play pretty well, as the professorial protagonist steps on tender toes with his use of the word "spooks" in reference to two absent students whom he has never seen, and who happen to be black. And along the way there are some nice little throwaway moments, such as the voyeuristic, through-the-window views of two certifiably heterosexual men dancing to "Cheek to Cheek." But Benton is not to be content with nice little throwaway moments. The irony of ironies — the almost Sophoclean irony, if you must — is that this professor, "one of the first Jews to teach in a Classics department in any college anywhere," is himself black, unbeknownst to anyone in his present life, including even his wife of several decades, who conveniently drops dead within minutes of his dismissal from the faculty. This racial revelation might work better on the page, which is to say in the mind's eye. It might even have worked all right on screen with someone in the role besides Sir Anthony Hopkins (whose American accent, by the way, continues to sound a bit betwixt and between). The problem with Hopkins is not just that he cannot pass for black. Nor is the problem merely the usual one, in decades-spanning movies, that we know too well what the actor looked like when he was young (e.g., *The Lion in Winter*, age thirty), and that he doesn't remotely match the young man

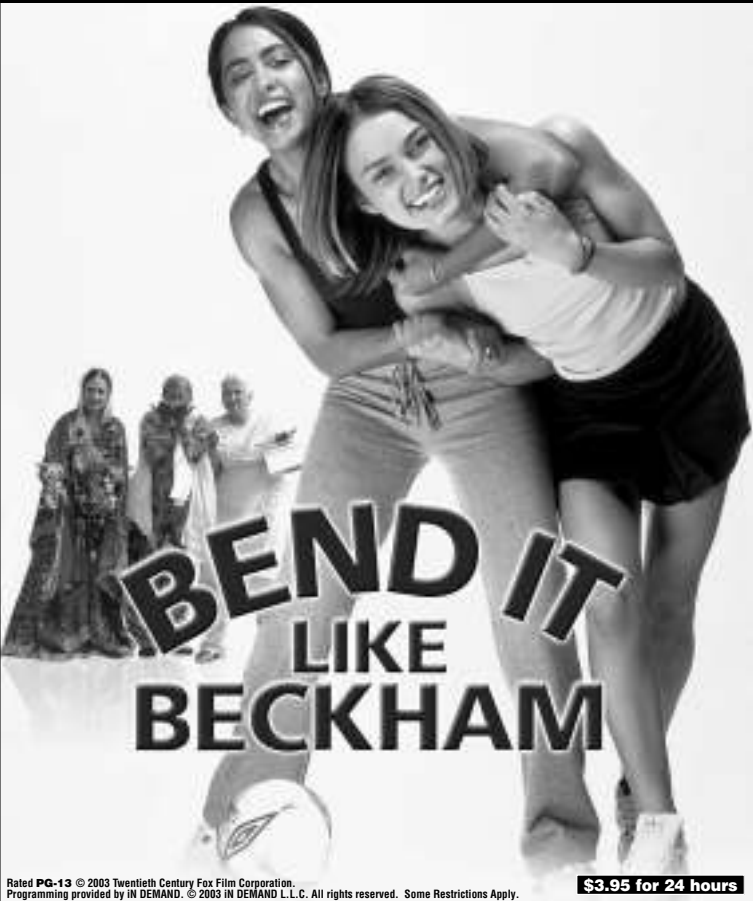
in the flashbacks (Wentworth Miller). The problem, additionally, is that the young man in the flashbacks is so perfectly cast for the part, so plausible as either a Jew or a black, that he spotlights the imperfection and implausibility of Hopkins. His unfamiliarity to us must be counted a sizable asset. Nicole Kidman is little preferable as the Younger Woman (though her accent is preferable by a lot). She can, of course, put on some lower-class airs to go with the tattoo on her left shoulder, but even if these could convince anyone, they could not survive such moments as when she freezes in the illuminated door-frame to cast a come-hither glance over the tattooed shoulder, or when she sprawls out naked on the bed in anticipation of the coming-thither: a pipe-cleaner physique, with not the tiniest bulge of fat or muscle, for a character who's supposed to hold down three manual-labor jobs simultaneously, and who's actually seen at one point lugging a bale of hay and frankly looking as if it's the first bale of her life. And her big, wet, Bergmanesque dramatic scene, when she hauls out from beneath the bed two metal boxes containing the ashes of her children, is excruciating only in its embarrassment. It plays like the TV soap episode submitted to the Emmy

committee in hopes of garnering a prize for a daytime diva. Much the way Summer has recently been stretched back to the first Friday in May, Christmas has now been stretched to the first in November, with the release this week of *Elf* and *Love Actually*. The first I haven't yet seen, but the second takes us through a five-week countdown to Christmas Eve, plenty of time and the proper occasion to show how love makes the world go round, or anyhow makes Jolly Old England go round. The writing and directing debut of Richard Curtis, writer only on *Four Weddings and a Funeral* (he herein reminds us by staging, in short order, one wedding and a funeral), it boasts a good-looking image as long as you like your people to look like dolls, a soundtrack chockablock with popular love songs, and a host of rolling-off-a-log performances by such smoothies as Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman, Colin Firth, Liam Neeson, Martine McCutcheon, Keira Knightley, Laura Linney, Bill Nighy, and, in a cameo as an exasperatingly punctilious store clerk, Rowan Atkinson. Grant stands out, not as a performance but as a figure of fantasy and even of fairy tale, an informal, unstuffy, lighter-than-Blair Prime Minister who

falls for an overweight commoner (at any rate the script says she's overweight), and who dances solo to a Pointer Sisters toe-tapper when he thinks he's alone (surefire laugh: he's alone but for a prim, middle-aged secretary), and who stands up to the bullying United States President (a sanded and shellacked Billy Bob Thornton) at a televised press conference. There's a fantasy there for almost everyone. But Curtis, upping the ante on the multi-character *Four Weddings*, is juggling too many balls this time. Or more to the point, dropping too many. The particular balls of a couple of porn actors (pun intended) tend to exclude the kiddies from this

Christmas party. And possibly their grannies and grampies as well. * * * Public notices: First, for one week starting Friday, a showcase of recent South Korean cinema at the Madstone Hazard Center, as a kind of addendum to last month's San Diego Asian Film Festival. Second, a benefit screening, ten dollars a head, at the Hillcrest Cinemas, Thursday the 13th at 7:00, of the Hollywood satire, *New Suit*, starring the latest addition to the Bridges dynasty, Jordan, son of Beau. The event, at which filmmaker François Velle will be present, is co-sponsored by Land-

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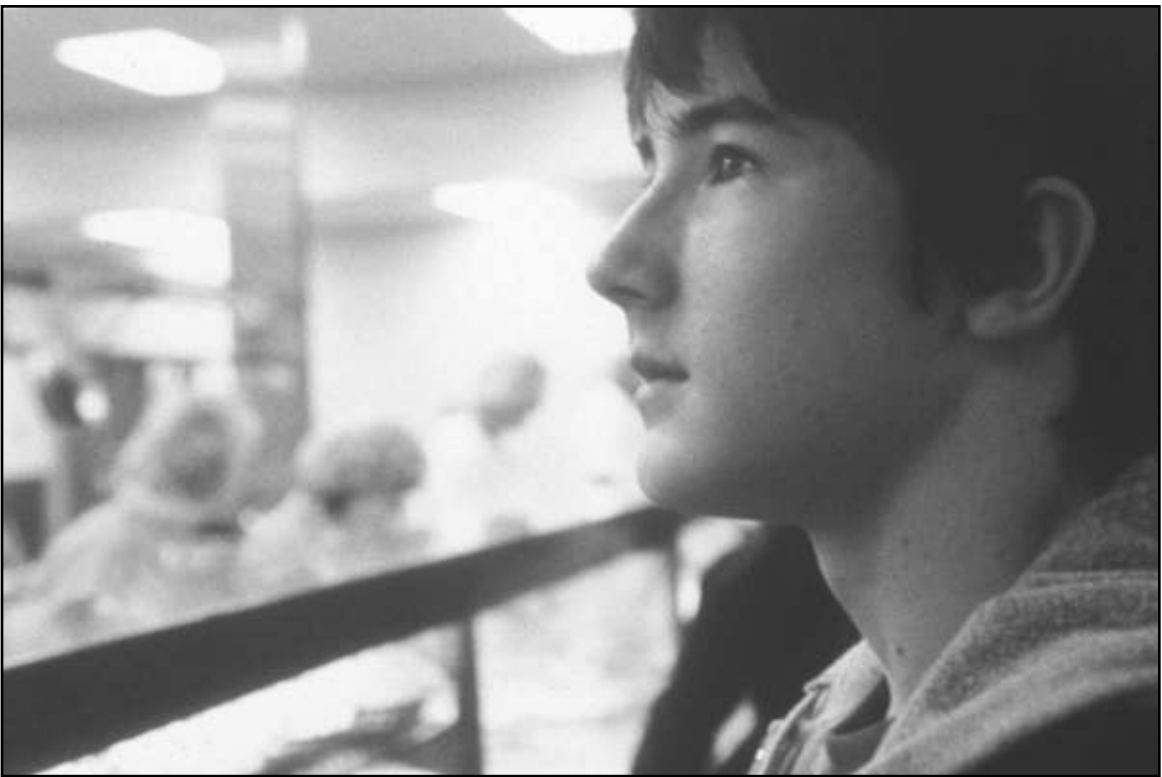
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Alien — This creature-feature has, and is, a good time, but it works very hard and spends a lot of money in order to have it. The question is, is it worth it? This question comes up not only because this movie seems much too heavily endowed for the simple, 1950s-style monster movie it essentially is, but also because it gets too little actual use out of its vast material holdings, especially its cavernous sets. The monster itself is most fun in its infancy, but it is hardly more impressive than its close cousins in such

penny-pinching horror movies as *They Came from Within* and *Eraserhead*; once it reaches full growth, its appearances become annoyingly coy and fragmentary — this monster, like the one in *Jaws*, is mostly mouth. The storyline is garbled; the camerawork overwrought; the soundtrack



Elephant

sadistic; the computer graphics rather good, particularly the contour drawing of the planet's surface as the spaceship descends to a touchdown. Sigourney Weaver emerges as the unexpected star of the movie, although Yaphet Kotto, as the ship's extroverted and headbanded mechanic, steals more than his share of scenes. Weaver, who has fleeting resemblances to Jane Fonda in her face and voice, ought to make the feminists happy; and if not, it won't be for lack of trying. With Tom Skerritt, Harry Dean Stanton, Veronica Cartwright, John Hurt, and Ian Holm; directed by Ridley Scott. 1979. ★★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Beyond Borders — Sanctimonious slush surrounding a dedicated doctor and an uncommitted wife (somebody else's) who make a deep connection while fighting famine in Ethiopia, Cambodia, and Chechnya. The high ideals amount to no more than emotional blackmail. With Angelina Jolie, Clive Owen, Linus Roache, Teri Polo, Noah Emmerich; directed by Martin Campbell. 2003. ● (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Billabong Odyssey — Globe-trotting surfing film directed by Philip Boston. (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 11/7)

Brother Bear — Animated wilderness adventure from the Disney studio, directed by Aaron Blaise and Bob Walker. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10;

CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Bubba Ho-tep — Prolonged dizzy spell brought on by an ancient Egyptian Soul Sucker who stalks the halls of a Texas rest home till he runs into some stiff opposition from a resident who may or may not be the real Elvis (weighing how he got there, you'd have to guess not) and another resident who believes he is JFK (as he's black, there's not much question). Ossie Davis, Jr., sounding new depths of gravity, has an easier access to absurdity than has the heavily made-up and heavily imitative Bruce Campbell: what's the difference between playing Elvis and playing an Elvis impersonator? The mock-horror element is very much the element of director Don Coscarelli (the *Phantasm* series); the mock-heroic element proves to be more of a reach. 2003. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Diary of a Chambermaid — Not the first project that Buñuel undertook in France, but the one that signalled his thorough Frenchification: more refinement, more elegance, more finesse. The Octave Mirbeau novel, which Renoir had adapted into a synthetic Hollywood production in 1946, was felt by some (perhaps predominantly Renoir partisans) to be too Buñuelian for

Buñuel's own good, too ready-made, too little trouble. But it tells an enthralling story, and it affords Buñuel more narrative suspense and suppleness than are generally expected of him. Historical footnote: the fascist political figure hurrahed in the final scene is the very man with whom the director had had censorship problems three and a half decades earlier. Jeanne Moreau, Georges Geret, Michel Piccoli. 1965. ★★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 11/6, 7 P.M., AND 11/7, 3:10 AND 9:10 P.M.)

The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie — Luis Buñuel's pleasant reminder that, at age 72, he is still on the watch. If the student revolutionaries seem a bit stiff and out of place, the drug-smuggling South American ambassador and the Catholic Bishop and the loyal maid and the various dreamers seem extremely comfy. The gags are spun out with considerable languor and redundancy, and they mostly tire out before the finish. But it's all quite involving for Buñuelian insiders; for others it may be inconsequential or incomprehensible. Very suave, very well-heeled, very bourgeois even. The cast, very fashionable, includes Fernando Rey, Stephane Audran, Bulle Ogier, Delphine Seyrig, and best of the bunch, Paul Frankeur. 1972. ★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 11/6, 9:10 P.M., AND 11/7, 1 AND 7 P.M.)

Don't Tempt Me — Agents of Heaven and Hell — Victoria Abril and Penelope Cruz, respectively — are sent to Earth to fight over the soul of a boxer. The plane of the action is mostly mundane (labor unrest, domestic tension), but the actresses supply much gusto (or to the viewer, *mucho gusto*), and the black-and-white photography of Heaven, if not quite heavenly, is at least authentically old-fashioned. With Demían Bichir, Fanny Ardant, Gael García Bernal; written and directed by Agustín Díaz Yanes. 2002. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 11/6)

Elephant — Reviewed this issue. With Alex Frost, Eric Deulen, John Robinson, and Elias McConnell; written and directed by Gus Van Sant. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 11/7)

Elf — Christmas comedy with Will Ferrell, James Caan, Zooey Deschanel, and Ed Asner, directed by Jon Favreau. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 11/7)

The Human Stain — Reviewed this issue. With Anthony Hopkins, Nicole Kidman, Gary Sinise, and Ed Harris; directed by Robert Benton. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15, FROM 11/7; GROSSMONT TROLLEY, FROM 11/7; HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 11/7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

In the Cut — Disappointing for a Jane Campion film, but a cut above the general run, nonetheless. An erotic thriller by type, adapted from a best-seller by Susanna Moore, it leaves something to be desired in both potential areas of excitation. Perhaps surprisingly (for Campion, again), the woman-in-peril plot looks about as lowbrow as a Lifetime Channel original, or, factoring in the eroticism, a straight-to-video Shannon Tweed vehicle available in versions both R-rated and Unrated. Perhaps not so surprisingly, the basic situation has been tarted-up with literary elements somewhat higher-toned than we would expect from Lifetime or straight-to-video. In any event, there's no mistaking the level of commitment, the ferocity of effort, that Campion brings to her work, even if one might have reservations about the artiness of some of the visuals: the blizzard of flower petals at the outset; the *Taxi Driver*-ish Expressionistic color, by turns fruity and succulent, electric and crackling; the

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antiquated black-and-white of the fantasy flashbacks; the selective focus that leaves large areas of the screen in a blur; the trendy tremulous camera movement; the engulfing shadows. The total effect — the variety of tones, textures, tactilities — is sensual to an extreme degree, but never to a gross one. And always impressive is the fearless independence of Campion’s personal brand of feminism, unflattering, unempowering, unidealizing. Meg Ryan, as a fortyish writer precariously situated in the killing zone of a serial dismemberer, gives herself up to the program — herself, and all her little nose-scrunching, head-cocking endearments — with an almost shocking abandon. The brunette Nicole Kidman wig (a reminder of who was originally cast in the role, and who still appears in the credits as a co-producer), coupled with the disfiguring Melanie Griffith lip job, might make it difficult, in the moments of carnality in particular, to feel that this is really Meg Ryan. (She doesn’t *look* like Ryan. She doesn’t *act* like Ryan.) If the head is doubtful, however, the body is believably fortyish. She demonstrates herself better suited to the part than you could ever have guessed. Mark Ruffalo, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Kevin Bacon. 2003. ★★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8, FROM 11/7;

ENCINITAS 8; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Intolerable Cruelty — The Coen brothers film with the widest, the broadest, the massiest appeal to date, or in the common phrase their “most accessible.” Two glamorous A-list movie stars of opposite sexes, George Clooney and Catherine Zeta-Jones, looking their respective bests, sugar-cured and honey-glazed, and none of the Coen “regulars” — no McDormand, no Goodman, no Turturro, no Polito, no Buscemi. What’s more, Joel and Ethan for the first time share the screenwriting credit with a couple of other guys. (Robert Ramsey and Matthew Stone by name, co-writers of the Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence comedy, *Life*, as well as the Dave Barry literary adaptation, *Big Trouble*.) Have they at last gone straight? gone soft? gone safe? Have they given up the good fight in pursuit of the brass ring? Fear not. As Hollywood as this might look on the surface, or from the outside, it remains no less subversive from within — not as directly and explicitly anti-Hollywood as *Barton Fink*, but nor as obliquely and

metaphorically as *Fargo*, *The Hudsucker Proxy*, or *The Big Lebowski*. The setting of this cold hard look at the divorce racket — the reduction of marital relationships, mutual alliances, common bonds, to cold hard cash — is specifically Tinseltown and

its mansions, its swimming pools, its health spas, its supper clubs, its nearby playgrounds, even though only one of the litigants has an actual toehold in show business: producer of the daytime soap, *The Sands of Time*. Unflinchingly speedy, snappy, fresh, and funny, the film is as tightly constructed as any Coen film before *Lebowski* (the point at which they started to overload and overstuff), homing in on the whole culture of divorce, a world unto itself, a total way of life, with its lore and legend, its luminaries and lesser lights, its legion of interchangeable face-lifted and liposuctioned ex-wives (the Stepford exes), even an annual convention in Vegas (where better?) for the National Organization of Matrimonial Attorneys Nationwide: “Let N.O.M.A.N. put asunder.” Billy Bob Thornton, Geoffrey Rush, Edward Herrmann, Cedric the Entertainer. 2003. ★★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Kill Bill, Vol. 1 — After a sizable step forward in his third film, *Jackie Brown*, and after a lengthy interval of six years since then, Quentin Tarantino takes several steps backwards in his fourth. An odd blend of pretension and triviality, it posits a comic-book world in which there can exist a Deadly Viper Assassination Squad, whose mostly female members have code names such as Cottonmouth, Copperhead, and

Black Mamba (the black woman on the team envies that name, the way Mr. Pink in *Reservoir Dogs* envied everybody’s name), and are trained in the gravity-defying martial arts of Hong Kong kung-fu fantasies and the blood-gushing swordplay of Japanese samurai epics. In such a world, the heroine (the long, lean, though not particularly lithe and athletic Uma Thurman) can have her hands full in a catfight with one of her sister Vipers (“C’mon, bitch! Bring it on!”), and then, as the need arises, can mow down scores of similarly trained assassins in quick succession, showing no ill effects in either instance of having gotten herself shot in the head and lying for four years in a coma, the sexual plaything of a night-shift hospital orderly (“My name is Buck, and I came here to fuck!”). It should already be apparent that the number of prospective moviegoers who will find this material interesting in itself, or as an *hommage* to a deserving genre or

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genres, will be severely restricted. In the words of one character, apropos of something roughly related: “If you was a moron, you could almost admire it.” Split into parts, not by original design but purely as a practical matter (or in other words, an economic matter), after its dimensions grew unwieldy, it delivers a first installment of average length and unambitious scope, with no shape, no pace, no proper end, just a pause in the action. Lucy Liu, Vivica A. Fox, Daryl Hannah. 2003.

★ (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Lost in Translation — Sofia Coppola’s sophomore effort marks an advance over *The Virgin Suicides*: a phlegmatic comedy about two American outsiders who fall into an ill-defined relationship in Tokyo, a bond forged of loneliness and misery between an over-the-hill Hollywood action star (a sadsack Bill Murray, who surely should have been written as an over-the-hill comedy star), in town to collect a cool two million for a series of whisky ads, and a neglected young wife (the seductively throaty Scarlett Johansson), who spends a lot of time lolling around her hotel room in transparent pink panties while her photographer husband (the dependably dreadful Giovanni Ribisi) busies himself with work. The “satirical” touch tends to be lighter this time, with perhaps a few exceptions: the suspected anorexic blond starlet (with so many to choose from, couldn’t a better fit have been found for this role than the robust Anna Faris?), the tutti-frutti television host misleadingly labelled “the Johnny Carson of Japan,” the S&M call girl (“Lip my stocking!”), and the imported guitar-and-vocal lounge act billed as “Sausalito.” Truly on the lighter side, however, there are large numbers of points scored, even if easy ones, with the advertising campaign (“For relaxing times, make it Suntori time”), the language difficulties, the faxes and FedExes and phone calls from the all-business wife in



Mystic River

California, the exercise machine, the local cuisine, and the inevitable karaoke bar (Murray reverting to *SNL* form for his soup-ladle renditions of Elvis Costello’s “Peace, Love, and Understanding” and Roxy Music’s “More Than This”). And the touristizing in and around Tokyo is pleasantly relaxed. Coppola’s uncertain visual style, vacillating between a fussy precision and a fumbling offhandedness, could never be mistaken for her father’s. Which, for purposes of independence and the establishment of a separate identity, would be a good thing if only the style could be recognized as distinctively anybody’s. 2003.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Love Actually — Reviewed this issue.

With Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman, Colin Firth, and Laura Linney; written and directed by Richard Curtis.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 11/7)

Luther — Stormily acted, dreadfully dramatized history of the birth of the Reformation. Joseph Fiennes, as Brother Martin, a/k/a “this drunken little German monk,” starts out in deep torment and rapidly ascends to high dudgeon. With Alfred Molina, Bruno Ganz, Peter Ustinov; directed by Eric Till. 2003.

● (GROSSMONT TROLLEY)

The Matrix Revolutions — Reviewed

next issue. With Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss, and Laurence Fishburne; written and directed by the Wachowski Brothers.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Mystic River — Clint Eastwood’s somber meditation on chance, fate, doom; scarred souls and endless repercussions; violence begetting violence. Just as *Unforgiven* was an act of penance for the body counts in his Sergio Leone spaghetti Westerns as well as in his self-directed imitation Leones (*High Plains Drifter*, *The Outlaw Josey Wales*, *Pale Rider*), this can be viewed as an act of penance for the lone-wolf vigilantism of his Dirty Harry urban shoot-’em-ups: a kind of cleansed Harry. (There is no room here for Eastwood the actor, standing aside for the “liberal” casting of Sean Penn and Tim Robbins, and their highly emotional, tearful, stoical, un-Eastwoody histrionics.) Although formulated as a murder mystery, it is not narrowly focussed on the investigation, but divides its time more or less evenly among three main characters, and expands continuously into the specific milieu, the complex personal relationships, the affected and ongoing lives, in fact life in general, life with a capital “L.” All throughout, it sustains a tone of lamentation, underscored by the churchy musical theme composed by Eastwood himself (albeit orchestrated by his trusted collaborator, Lennie Niehaus). The retributive anger never supplants the sorrow; the release never comes. Admittedly, the outcome of the case depends upon a fortuitous coincidence that reeks of mystery-making for its own sake: a previously unrevealed second murder on the same night as the first. Yet the solution to the original murder is not overly tricky, is perhaps even overly obvious; and the mood of the moment in any case is not one of parlor games and “gotcha.” The honest — the aggrieved — the penitent — emotionalism of the film makes up for either the fortuitousness or the obviousness, as necessary. Kevin Bacon, Laurence Fishburne, Laura Linney, Marcia Gay Harden. 2003.

★★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14;

LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Once upon a Time in Mexico — It is one of the mysteries of cinema: the production can be slick as a hockey rink, the camera movements agile and athletic, the angles exalting, the action unrelenting, the overall direction giddy with the joy of creation, and still the movie can be stupefyingly dull. This second sequel to *El Mariachi*, colloquially billed as “A Robert Rodriguez Flick,” as well as “Shot, Chopped, and Scored by Robert Rodriguez,” in addition to simply “Written and Directed by Robert Rodriguez,” serves to illustrate, if not illuminate, the mystery. No doubt the shooter, chopper, scorer, writer, and director has come a long way since the hand-crafted crudities of *Mariachi*, and yet the persistent dullness indicates that the mileage has been piled up in a tight spiral around a fixed point. No doubt, too, he has accomplished exactly what he set out to do in this self-consciously, tongue-in-cheekily mythologizing pageant. (“That,” as a line in the script puts it, “is truly unbelievable.”) No doubt he himself finds a Hong Kong action film by John Woo to be a completely satisfying aesthetic experience, and no doubt he would feel flattered to be included in the same sentence. One is tempted, then, to try to explain away the mystery by the absence of what once would have been called the human element: back before, that is, every fledgling filmmaker had to add Joseph Campbell’s *The Hero with a Thousand Faces* to his basic library, and mere heroes began to be crowded out by superheroes, one-man armies, instant legends, franchises. One needn’t be a believer in Pure Cinema, though, to suspect there’s more to it than just the total absence of humanity. Topmost among the director’s glaring limitations is his propensity, like a muscle-bound headhunting prizefighter, to think in terms of one shot at a time: no combinations, no strategy, no pacing. The very definition, inside the ropes, of a palooka. Antonio Banderas, Johnny Depp, Willem Dafoe, Eva Mendes, Salma Hayek. 2003.

● (VOGUE)

Out of Time — Familiar situation (in movies, not in life) of the framed lawman steering a murder investigation away from himself, staying one step ahead of his estranged wife, the newly appointed homicide detective. For a while the movie feigns an interest in human relationships — a romantic triangle or quadrangle, depending on how you’re counting — before it settles down to clickety-clack mechanics. It maintains sufficient speed to evade close examination, and features a hair-raising fight on a seventh-floor hotel balcony. With Denzel Washington, Eva Mendes, Sanaa Lathan, Dean Cain, and John Billingsley; directed by Carl Franklin. 2003.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Pieces of April — Thanksgiving-from-Hell comedy wherein a rebellious daughter, living in a bad neighborhood in the big city, tries to prepare her first holiday meal for her barely functional family from the suburbs. Small but broad, cheap but commercial, with a movie-stealing performance by Sean Hayes as the prissy upstairs neighbor in possession of a superior oven. Katie Holmes, Derek Luke, Patricia Clarkson, Oliver Platt; written and directed by Peter Hedges. 2003.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Radio — Sanitary human-interest story of a high-school football coach in mid-Seventies South Carolina (Ed Harris in a Bear Bryant hat) who takes a retarded black man under his wing as an assistant, sending the team on an immediate losing streak and raising the question of “Why on earth are you doing this?” Racial issues do not really come into it; issues of moral values, proper priorities, do. Nice use of the local barbershop for postgame analyses and town meetings. The real people on whom the characters are based are seen in archival footage at the end. Cuba Gooding, Jr., Debra Winger, Alfre Woodard; directed by Mike Tollin. 2003.

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Runaway Jury — Courtroom hokum to do with the high-tech tactics to rig the jury in a civil suit against a gun manufacturer. The plot just keeps digging a deeper hole for itself, and the busy, frantic directorial manner of Gary Fleder cannot cover it up. From a John Grisham novel; with Gene Hackman, Dustin Hoffman, John Cusack, Rachel Weisz, and a large supporting cast more impressive on paper (Bruce McGill, Bruce Davison, Joanna Going, Dylan McDermott, Cliff Curtis, Jennifer Beals, et al.) than on screen. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Rundown — The Rock, erstwhile professional wrestler, here plays a “retrieval expert,” a mob free-lancer who declines to work with a gun and looks forward to a future as a restaurateur. In the opening scene, in order to collect a little collateral on the gambling debts of a pro quarterback, he takes on a team of bodyguards composed of “the entire offensive line,” and leaves the quarterback unprotected against next Sunday’s pass rush. After that, you may rest assured that nothing worthwhile will happen on his ensuing escapade in Brazil, with a treasure-hunting college dropout (Seann William Scott, further assurance of worthlessness), a capitalist slave driver (Christopher Walken), and an undercover rebel leader (Rosario Dawson) disguised as a barmaid. Though he looks as if he stepped out of a comic book, The Rock can handle not only an offensive line but also a line of dialogue, and if nothing else the movie serves as an application for a better job. Directed by Peter Berg. 2003.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24;



Runaway Jury

PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

Scary Movie 3 — What is a spoof of 8 Mile doing in the middle of a horror spoof? (Well, not in the middle exactly, but in the first fifteen minutes.) *The Ring* and *Signs* are the primary targets of leechery, but director David Zucker (*BASEketball*, *Naked Gun*, *Top Secret*, *Airplane*), rather than infuse fresh blood into the series, infuses tired blood instead. With Anna Faris, Charlie Sheen, Simon Rex, Anthony Anderson, and scads of cameo players. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

School of Rock — An imposter substitute teacher, and local laughingstock rocker, instructs a class of grade-schoolers in What He Knows: rock-and-roll, history and practice. The participation of director Richard Linklater (*Slacker*, etc.) and screenwriter Mike White (*The Good Girl*, etc.) might raise expectations slightly, and similarly raise the results: head of the class of boneheads. Their plunge into the commercial mainstream — for a sort of Adam Sandler movie *sans* Adam Sandler — has left them relatively unblemished, maybe

with just a faint scent of oil and sewage. A smarty-pants answer to things like *Mr. Holland’s Opus* and *Music of the Heart*, the movie nevertheless boasts the “sweetness” for which Sandler is abundantly famous and grudgingly indulged. The hero does end up teaching something, and of course learning something himself: a feel-good movie, but a feel-cool, too. Jack Black, in his plummist role to date, throws himself into it body if not soul. He appears more eager to connect with those in the multiplex than with those in the classroom,

thus coming across as grovelling and aloof at the same time, albeit in different directions. With Joan Cusack. 2003.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Secondhand Lions — Frayed coming-of-age yarn tied to a crusty-old-coot comedy. Robert Duvall and Michael Caine are mismatched as brothers, and even worse matched with their stand-ins in flashbacks. Haley Joel Osment, Kyra Sedgwick; directed by Tim McCanlies. 2003.

● (PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

September 11 — An anthology of short films, mostly fictional, by eleven directors from eleven countries: a world-wide range of perspectives on the fall of the Twin Towers. Nice idea (producer Alain Brigand’s), but inconsistent inspiration, uneven relevance (Ken Loach wants to address the assassination of Allende, Shohei Imamura wants to return to the Second World War). After the affecting first two episodes by Samira Makhmalbaf and Claude Lelouch, it’s pretty much downhill, with a sharp rise for Amos Gitai’s elaborately staged single take of a car-bomb scene in Tel Aviv. The other directors: Sean Penn, Mira Nair, Youssef Chahine, Danis Tanovic, Idrissa Ouedraogo, and Alejandro González Iñárritu. 2002.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 11/6)

The Singing Detective — Keith Gordon’s Americanization of a British miniseries written by Dennis Potter; with Robert Downey, Jr., Robin Wright Penn, and Mel Gibson.

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★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA)



Sylvia

Sylvia — The inevitable Sylvia Plath biopic. Had it come sooner, the wan, willowy, nasally Gwyneth Paltrow would not have been the inevitable Sylvia Plath. The actress’s lack of inner power gives validation to the theory that Plath tended in her poems to exaggerate, to embroider, and to

overdramatize on purpose. Of course the poetry gets pushed aside on screen in favor of the storm and stress of life with Ted Hughes, a dismal enough spectacle: initial bliss, then babies, jealousy, madness, suicide. (The disastrous dinner party with two friends is the entertainment highlight.)

Daniel Craig is not a very imposing Hughes, either, but he compensates with a voice that sounds as if played back with a special boost in the bass. Jared Harris, Michael Gambon, Blythe Danner; directed by Christine Jeffs. 2003.
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Brother Bear (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 12:55, 1:55, 3:10) 4:30, 5:20, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 9:45; Mon. (11:35, 12:55, 1:55, 3:10, 4:30, 5:20) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 9:45; Tue. (11:35, 12:55, 1:55, 3:10, 4:30, 5:20) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30; Wed.-Thu. (1:40, 1:55, 3:40, 4:30, 5:50) 7:10, 8:05, 9:30; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 12:35, 1:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30; Mon. (11:30, 12:35, 1:45, 3:00, 5:30) 7:45, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30; Tue. (11:30, 12:35, 1:45, 3:00, 5:30) 7:45, 8:00, 10:00; Wed.-Thu. (1:15, 1:45, 3:30, 5:45) 7:45, 8:10, 10:00; **In the Cut** (R) Fri.-Mon. (1:05) 6:30; Tue. (1:05) 6:55; Wed.-Thu. (1:10) 6:55; **Kill Bill Volume I** (R) Fri.-Mon. (3:45) 9:00; Tue.-Thu. (3:45) 9:35; **Love Actually** (R) Fri.-Mon. (1:00, 3:50) 7:05, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (1:00, 3:50) 7:05, 10:05; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 12:30, 2:15, 3:30) 4:25, 5:15, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15, 11:15, 11:30; Mon. (11:15, 12:30, 2:15, 3:30, 4:25, 5:15) 7:15, 8:15, 10:15, 11:15, 11:30; Tue. (11:15, 12:30, 2:15, 3:30, 4:25, 5:15) 7:15, 8:15, 10:15; Wed.-Thu. (1:20, 2:15, 4:15, 4:25, 5:15) 7:20, 8:15, 10:15; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Mon. (12:15, 3:40) 7:20, 10:25; Tue. (12:15, 3:40) 7:00, 9:55; Wed.-Thu. (1:05, 4:00) 7:00, 9:55; **Radio** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 2:00) 4:35, 7:50, 10:40; Mon. (11:10, 2:00, 4:35) 7:50, 10:40; Tue. (11:10, 2:00, 4:35) 7:50, 10:40; Wed.-Thu. (2:00, 4:35) 7:50, 10:20; **Runaway Jury** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 10:50; Mon. (11:05, 2:05, 4:45) 7:25, 10:50; Tue. (11:05, 2:05, 4:45) 7:25, 10:10; Wed.-Thu. (2:05, 4:45) 7:25, 10:10; **Scary Movie 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:35) 4:40, 7:40, 10:35; Mon. (11:25, 1:35, 4:40) 7:40, 10:35; Tue. (11:25, 1:35, 4:40) 7:40, 9:45; Wed.-Thu. (1:35, 4:40) 7:40, 9:45; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:45, 7:35, 10:45; Mon. (11:40, 2:10, 4:55) 7:35, 10:45; Tue. (11:40, 2:10, 4:55) 7:35, 10:00; Wed.-Thu. (2:10, 4:55) 7:35, 10:00; **The Texas Chainsaw Massacre** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:50) 4:50, 7:55, 10:20; Mon. (11:20, 1:50, 4:50) 7:55, 10:20; Tue. (11:20, 1:50, 4:50) 7:55, 10:15; Wed.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:55, 10:15

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Billabong Odyssey (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:25) 4:40, 7:05, 9:15; Mon. (12:15, 2:25, 4:40) 7:05, 9:15; Tue.-Thu. (2:25, 4:40) 7:05, 9:15; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 12:20, 12:50, 2:05, 2:45, 3:15) 4:15, 4:55, 5:30, 6:35, 7:15, 8:05, 8:50,

9:35, 10:20; Mon. (11:45, 12:20, 12:50, 2:05, 2:45, 3:15, 4:15, 4:55, 5:30) 6:35, 7:15, 8:05, 8:50, 9:35, 10:20; Tue.-Thu. (12:50, 2:05, 2:45, 3:15, 4:15, 4:55, 5:30) 6:35, 7:15, 8:05, 8:50, 9:35, 10:20; **The Human Stain** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon. (12:05, 2:35, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (2:35, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; **Intolerable Cruelty** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:00, 5:20) 7:35, 10:05; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00, 2:40, 3:05, 3:40) 4:05, 5:00, 5:45, 6:15, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:45, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00; Mon. (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00, 2:40, 3:05, 3:40, 4:05, 5:00, 5:45) 6:15, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:45, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00; Tue.-Thu. (12:30, 1:00, 2:00, 2:40, 3:05, 3:40, 4:05, 5:00, 5:45) 6:15, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:45, 9:30, 10:00; **Radio** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 3:55) 7:25, 9:50; **Scary Movie 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 1:05, 2:30, 3:10) 4:45, 5:25, 7:10, 7:40, 9:20, 9:55; Mon. (12:25, 1:05, 2:30, 3:10, 4:45, 5:25) 7:10, 7:40, 9:20, 9:55; Tue.-Thu. (1:05, 2:30, 3:10, 4:45, 5:25) 7:10, 7:40, 9:20, 9:55; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 10:10; Mon. (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 10:10

Horton Plaza 14
457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Beyond Borders (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:25) 7:00, 10:00; **Brother Bear** (G) Fri.-Thu. (10:30, 11:45, 12:45, 2:10, 3:00, 4:30, 5:25) 7:05, 7:45, 9:30, 10:05; **In the Cut** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:30) 7:20, 10:20; **Kill Bill Volume I** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 12:30, 1:40, 3:20, 4:35) 6:10, 7:10, 9:00, 9:50; **Love Actually** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 3:10) 7:00, 10:20; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:15) 6:35, 9:55; **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:10; **Runaway Jury** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:50) 7:30, 10:35; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:25, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25; **The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (2003)** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:45, 12:00, 1:30, 2:40, 4:10, 5:20) 7:15, 8:05, 9:40, 10:30; **Under the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:00, 4:55) 7:35, 10:15

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
The Matrix Revolutions (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15; Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7622)
The Human Stain (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; **Lost in Translation** (R) Fri. (1:50) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 1:50, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; **Step Into Liquid** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:10) 4:45, 7:45, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:10, 4:45, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:45, 7:45, 9:50; **Sylvia** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:15,

7:00, 9:40; **Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG) Sat. 12:00

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
American Wedding (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:25; **Beyond Borders** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 3:50, 6:45, 9:40; **Brother Bear** (G) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 2:20, 3:30, 4:45, 5:40, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15; **Good Boy** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:25, 4:10; **The Human Stain** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:55, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10; **Intolerable Cruelty** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 9:45; **Kill Bill Volume I** (R) Fri.-Thu. 2:10, 5:25, 8:20; **Lost in Translation** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:20, 5:20, 8:30; **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:50; **Radio** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20; **Runaway Jury** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:05, 5:15, 6:30, 8:15, 9:20; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:55, 4:40, 9:55; **Scary Movie 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 2:15, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 7:50, 9:25, 10:05; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:35, 4:15, 7:05, 9:35; **Texas Chain Saw Massacre** (R) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; **Under the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 4:05, 6:55, 9:40

Hazard Center 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500)
The Human Stain (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 1:06, 1:46, 3:10, 5:15, 7:25, 9:35; **Kill Bill Volume I** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 1:50, 12:00; **Lost in Translation** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 1:45, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:45, 1:30, 1:40, 2:20, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:45, 9:50, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 12:45, 1:30, 1:40, 2:20, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:45, 9:50; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 1:35, 2:15, 4:05, 7:05, 9:45; **Runaway Jury** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:15, 4:15, 7:05, 9:40; Sun.-Thu. 1:15, 1:25, 2:05, 4:15, 7:05, 9:40

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
The Matrix Revolutions (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 1:15, 3:45, 4:30) 7:00, 7:45, 10:15, 11:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 1:15, 3:50, 4:20) 6:50, 7:20, 9:55, 10:25

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cineraama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Brother Bear (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 1:55, 3:50) 5:45, 7:40, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:45) 7:45; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 1:50, 3:55) 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:35) 7:50; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:40) 8:30; **Radio** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:30) 8:00; **Scary Movie 3**

(PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:00, 3:55) 5:55, 7:55, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:25) 7:35; **The Texas Chainsaw Massacre** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:25, 7:25, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:50) 8:10

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
A Woman Is A Woman (Not Rated) Fri. 5:35, 7:30, 9:25; Sat.-Sun. 1:45, 3:40, 5:35, 7:30, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. 5:35, 7:30, 9:25

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Bubba Ho-tep (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; Mon. (2:00) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; Tue. (2:00) 4:30, 9:40; Wed. (2:00) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; Thu. (2:00) 4:30, 9:40; **Elephant** (R) Fri. (2:20) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; **Pieces of April** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (12:00) 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; Mon. (2:30) 5:00, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (2:30) 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; **The Singing Detective** (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; **The Station Agent** (R) Fri. (2:10) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Diary of a Chambermaid, Thursday, 7 p.m. and Friday, 3:10 p.m. and 9:10 p.m.; **The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie**, Thursday, 9:10 p.m. and Friday, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Bugs (Not Rated) Fri. (12:00, 3:00) 8:30; Sat. (12:00, 3:00) 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Mon. (12:00, 3:00) 5:00; Tue.-Thu. (12:00, 3:00); **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00); **Kilimanjaro: To The Roof of Africa** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:00) 5:00, 9:30; Sat. (11:00, 2:00) 6:00, 8:00; Sun. (2:00) 6:00; Mon. (11:00, 2:00); Tue.-Thu. (2:00) 5:00; **The Living Sea** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:05; **Mysteries of Egypt** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **To Worlds Beyond** Sat. (10:00)

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Brother Bear (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:00, 4:45, 5:15) 7:00, 7:30, 9:15, 9:45; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **Good Boy** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 4:55); **Kill Bill Volume I** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:25, 10:05; **Love Actually** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:20, 4:25) 7:30, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:25) 7:30, 10:35; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 10:20,

The Texas Chainsaw Massacre — The remake by Marcus Nispel (who?) is a testament to the demands of 21st-century moviegoers to have their horrors (or their anything else) in a style to which they are accustomed: desaturated color, shafts of light, a hammering monotony of closeups, fashion-model damsels in distress, a pair of softball boobs under stretchy white fabric, and so on. Thus a cheap, crude, cruddy, culty hit from 1974 becomes a flush, flashy, cruddy, mainstreamy hit in 2003.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Tim Burton's The Nightmare before Christmas — More accurately Henry Selick's *Tim Nighton's The Nightmare before Christmas*, Burton having had the idea for it and then having turned it over to Selick, a specialist in three-dimensional stop-motion animation. As so often in that medium, the aesthetic plane, quite distinct from the financial plane, is not sufficiently higher than that of Mr. Potatohead. The hero, Jack Skellington, a/k/a The Pumpkin King, looks unfortunately like Whitley Strieber's extraterrestrial in a pinstripe suit and on stilts. And his many, varied, and grotesque cohorts are first and foremost a manifestation of Hollywood's besetting vices

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LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
Brother Bear (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 4:30, 7:35, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:15, 4:30) 7:35, 9:40; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:50) 5:00, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 2:50, 5:00) 7:20, 9:45; **In the Cut** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:55, 5:30) 8:00, 10:25; **Love Actually** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45) 4:45, 7:40, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 4:45) 7:40, 10:40; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 2:00) 4:15, 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45, 11:30; Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 2:00) 4:15, 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:15, 2:00, 4:15, 5:15) 7:30, 8:30, 10:45; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40) 4:20, 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 4:20) 7:15, 10:15; **Radio** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:35, 8:15, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:00, 5:35) 8:15, 10:30; **Runaway Jury** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:35, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:35) 7:25, 10:10; **Scary Movie 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 4:50, 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:25, 4:50) 7:05, 9:55

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Brother Bear (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:20) 5:20, 7:55, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:15, 3:20, 5:20) 7:55, 9:55; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:40, 3:40) 5:40, 8:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 1:40, 3:40, 5:40) 8:00, 10:00; **The Human Stain** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 1:20, 3:45) 6:45, 9:15; **Kill Bill Volume I** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:30, 3:55) 7:15, 9:45; **Luther** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:35) 4:15, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (10:45, 1:35, 4:15) 7:20, 9:55; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:15) 6:30, 9:30; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:55, 1:25, 3:50) 7:10, 9:25; **The Texas Chainsaw Massacre** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:10, 3:10) 5:15, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:10, 1:10, 3:10, 5:15) 7:30, 9:50

of overabundance and overindulgence; too many, too varied, too grotesque. Another, more basic, manifestation of these is the mere fact that the film is a feature and not a short. Because it is a Disney film, of course, and an animated film, there seems to be some immutable law that it must have songs, songs, and more songs — written (and some of them sung) by Danny Elfman, but sounding more like Andrew Lloyd Webber in search of a melody (“I don’t believe what’s happening to me./ My hopes, my dreams, my fantasy!”). These musical interludes are no doubt the greatest offenders in the torture-rack stretch to feature-length, but the gaudy displays of wealth and expenditure run them a close second. In its bare bones, the premise seems viable enough. Completely separate towns, according to Burton’s fantasyland geography, are responsible for planning and carrying-off the separate holidays on the calendar, until one year the Halloween mastermind gets it into his head to abduct Santa Claus and usurp Christmas. There is some dark-toned fun (not darker than TV’s *The Simpsons* or than Charles Addams’s *New Yorker* cartoons, and not more fun, either) when the revised Christmas plans begin to go awry. And by and by there’s a traditional and respectable fairy-tale message to do with accepting yourself as you are. The delivery of that message, however, and for that matter the setting-up of the basic premise, are garbled in the extreme. One does not envy parents who must try to



The Texas Chainsaw Massacre

explain the thing to their young. 1993. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 11/8, MIDNIGHT)

Under the Tuscan Sun — The distilled essence of Chick Flick, right down to the gender of writer-director Audrey Wells: a free adaptation of the Frances Mayes memoir of a San Francisco divorcee who

inherits a ten-day gay tour of Italy (Gay and Away) from a pregnant lesbian no longer willing to fly, and who then makes an impulse-purchase of a dilapidated villa in Cortona, cooks meals for her Polish immigrant construction crew, receives spiritual guidance from a flighty Englishwoman claiming acquaintance with

Fellini, and embarks on a rejuvenating affair with a younger Italian reminiscent of Rosanno Brazzi in puckery sensitivity: “Francesca, I’m going to make love all over you.” (Try not to visualize something triple-X.) Though the pallid color scarcely does justice to the setting, the narrative events go down easily, almost liquidly, if none too fillingly. The tallest part of the tale, a lightning storm that launches a washing machine into midair and deposits an owl in the bedroom, is so fantastically Brothers Grimm that it could only be true. Diane Lane, in the lead role, continues in her *Unfaithful* vein of forcing every little twitch and tremor of interior life out onto the surface. And Sandra Oh, as the expectant lesbian, provides the solid support that seems to be her lot. Lindsay Duncan, Raoul Bova. 2003.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Underworld — Kate Beckinsale (*The Last Days of Disco*, *The Golden Bowl*, etc.), in a remarkable display of range and versatility, makes herself right at home as a music-video Vampirella, dressed in dominatrix black leather, photographed in deep-freezer blue, mired in a moronic blood feud between high-tech vampires and werewolves. Alongside the snarling supporting cast, she looks like a goddess, just not too smart a one. Scott Speedman,

Michael Sheen, Shane Brolly, Bill Nighy; directed by Len Wiseman. 2003. ● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

A Woman Is a Woman — Godard in his most unbecoming mode: the unnaturally effervescent (effervescence, that is, at about one-tenth the requisite tempo). The occasion, or flimsy excuse, is a romantic triangle drawn in the style of a Hollywood musical. Equally competent and equally unselfcritical imitations are performed in front of bathroom mirrors the world over. Anna Karina, Jean-Paul Belmondo, Jean-Claude Brialy. 1961. ● (KEN, 11/7 THROUGH 13)

Wonderland — A trip down Memory Lane, or Memory Back Alley, to the drug-related multiple murder in 1981 in which porn star John Holmes (past his prime) had a hand. It’s clear which version of events the movie favors (between the conflicting accounts of scumballs), but the jittery, jumpy, hopped-up acting and directing seem content just to wallow. Not to be confused, clearly, with the Michael Winterbottom film of the same name, only three years earlier. Val Kilmer, Kate Bosworth, Lisa Kudrow, Dylan McDermott, Josh Lucas, Franky G, Ted Levine; directed by James Cox. 2003. ● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 11/6)

(PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 10:15; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:30

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)

Brother Bear (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:00, 4:45, 5:15) 7:00, 7:30, 9:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:00, 4:45, 5:15) 7:00, 7:30, 9:15, 9:45; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:05, 12:30, 3:00, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:00, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; **In the Cut** (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:10, 5:05) 7:50; **Kill Bill Volume I** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:20) 10:40; **Love Actually** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:15) 7:30, 10:40; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 10:20, 10:40, 1:05, 1:25, 1:50, 4:10, 4:30, 5:00) 7:20, 7:40, 8:10, 10:30, 10:50, 12:00; Sun. (10:00, 10:20, 10:40, 1:05, 1:25, 1:50, 4:10, 4:30, 5:00) 7:20, 7:40, 8:10, 10:30, 10:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 1:25, 1:50, 4:10, 4:30, 5:00) 7:20, 7:40, 8:10, 10:30, 10:50; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:15) 7:05, 10:05; **Radio** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:15, 4:55) 7:40, 10:20; **Runaway Jury** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:40, 4:40) 7:45, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:40) 7:45, 10:45; **Scary Movie 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:05, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:25) 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:25) 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:25; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 8:00, 10:45; **The Texas Chainsaw Massacre** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

Brother Bear (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:15, 12:15, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15, 10:15; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00; **Radio** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Runaway Jury** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Scary Movie 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:15, 2:15, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30; **The Texas Chainsaw Massacre** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennyry Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)

The Matrix Revolutions; **Brother Bear**; **Elf**; **Billabong Odyssey**; **Alien**; **Scary Movie 3**; **Radio**; **Beyond Borders**; **Mystic River**; **Runaway Jury**; **The Texas Chainsaw Massacre**; **Kill Bill**; **Intolerable Cruelty**; **Out of Time**; **School of Rock**; **The Rundown**; **Underworld**

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)

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5:00); **Kill Bill Volume I** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:45, 10:30; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Fri.-Mon. (10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 3:30, 4:30, 5:45) 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:30; Tue.-Thu. (10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 3:30, 4:30, 5:45) 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:45) 7:10, 10:20; **Radio** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 3:15) 7:15, 10:10; **Runaway Jury** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 3:20) 6:55, 10:05; **Scary Movie 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:00, 4:25) 6:55, 9:25; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:20, 5:05) 7:50, 10:35; **The Texas Chainsaw Massacre** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:05, 4:45) 7:25, 10:00

Vogue

226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)

Once Upon a Time In Mexico (R) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 10:00; **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 8:00; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 6:00

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NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In

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NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6

Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)

Brother Bear (G) Fri. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **Elf** (PG) Fri. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Fri. 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45; Sat. 10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45; Sun. 10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45;

Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45; **Radio** (PG) Fri. 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Sat. 11:45, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Sun. 11:45, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 4:30, 7:15; **Scary Movie 3** (PG-13) Fri. 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15, 10:15; Sat. 10:15, 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15, 10:15; Sun. 10:15, 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)

Brother Bear (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 11:30, 1:05, 1:35, 3:10, 3:40) 5:10, 5:45, 7:20, 7:50, 9:25, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (11:05, 11:30, 1:05, 1:35, 3:10, 3:40, 5:10, 5:45) 7:20, 7:50, 9:25, 9:55; Wed.-Thu. (1:05, 1:35, 3:10, 3:40, 5:10, 5:45) 7:20, 7:50, 9:25, 9:55; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 12:45, 1:10, 3:00, 3:30) 5:20, 5:50, 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:40; Sun. (11:00, 12:45, 1:10, 3:00, 3:30) 5:20, 5:50, 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:20; Mon.-Tue. (11:00, 12:45, 1:10, 3:00, 3:30, 5:20, 5:50) 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:20; Wed.-Thu. (1:05, 1:35, 3:10, 3:40, 5:10, 5:45) 7:20, 7:50, 9:25, 9:55; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15) 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. (11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 3:15) 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. (11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 3:15) 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:15; Wed.-Thu. (12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15) 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:15; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:20, 2:20) 7:00, 10:05; Wed.-Thu. (12:05, 3:20) 7:00, 10:05; **Radio** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:25, 7:05, 10:10; Mon.-Tue. (11:35, 2:00, 4:25) 7:05, 10:10; Wed.-Thu. (2:00, 4:25) 7:05, 10:10; **Runaway Jury** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:55) 4:35, 7:55, 10:35; Sun. (11:10, 1:55) 4:35, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Tue. (11:10, 1:55, 4:35) 7:10, 9:50; Wed.-Thu. (1:55, 4:35) 7:10, 9:50; **Scary Movie 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 1:45, 3:50) 5:55, 8:10, 10:45; Sun. (11:40, 1:45, 3:50, 5:55) 8:10, 10:25; Wed.-Thu. (1:45, 3:50, 5:55) 8:10, 10:25; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:25, 10:30; Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:25, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:25, 10:00

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

Brother Bear (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; **Elf** (PG) 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; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **Radio** (PG) 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; **Runaway Jury** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **Scary Movie 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 1:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45; **School of Rock** (PG-13)

Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

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San Marcos 18

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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4

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Brother Bear (G) Fri.-Sat. (10:20, 12:10, 2:00, 3:50) 5:40, 7:35, 9:20; Sun. (10:20, 12:10, 2:00, 3:50) 5:40, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 1:30, 3:25) 5:25, 7:20, 9:15; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 12:50, 3:00) 5:05, 7:15, 9:30; Sun. (10:45, 12:50, 3:00) 5:05, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 1:25, 3:36) 5:40, 7:45, 9:50; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; Sun. (11:10, 1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; **Radio** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:10, 12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. (10:10, 12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 7:30, 9:45

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Brother Bear (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30) 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45) 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; **In the Cut** (R) Fri.-Sat. 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 5:15, 8:00; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 11:00, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 11:00, 11:

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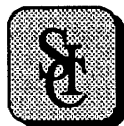
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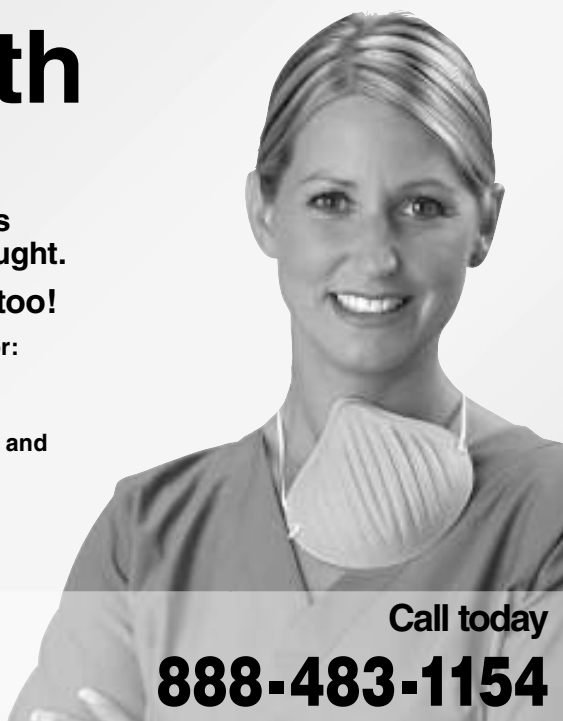
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MATCHES

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FEMALE, NEW TO SAN DIEGO singles scene, 31, looking for other females, 28-35, to meet guys and compare notes and good, healthy fun. (11/12) ☎90437

FRIENDSHIP. Funny, active, intelligent gal pals sought for nature walks, dining, and comedy clubs. I'm a fun gal, 35, into meditation, the arts, and conversation. (11/12) ☎90397

FRIENDSHIP. Seeking fun people: being lazy, dancing til dawn, junk food eating, movie watching, weekend getaways, any race, 30s-40s. No bums, flakes, drug users, freaks. (11/12) ☎90414

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MATCHES

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

FOXY. LIBERAL. DEMOCRAT. Passionate/compassionate. Adventurous, smart, attractive, nature, theater, travel, 5'6", 130lbs. Need 47-54, together guy, humor, honesty, fit. Nonsmoking/drugs. E-mailers: leave phone. (11/12) ☎80989

ASIAN, 39, 5'2", cute, great sense of humor, genuine, intelligent, loves outdoors sports. Seeking fun, honest, successful, attractive, caucasian, fit, tall, between 34-40, for companionship. (11/12) ☎80987

TWO STEP YOU? Fit, fun, humor, tall, travel, excitement, quiet times, dining, movies, music, attractive, 40's, affectionate, easygoing, intelligent, caring, casual, selective, happy. (11/12) ☎80972

BLONDE CUTIE, 40s, 5'7", 120lbs., fun, fit, playful, good sense of humor. Seeking easygoing yet motivated, financially se-

cure, attractive man, not afraid of commitment. (11/19) ☎90028

SINGLE, WHITE ATTRACTIVE, professional female. Looking for single, white male, early 50's, financially secure. Enjoy movies, dancing, travel, quiet times. Only serious need to respond. (11/12) ☎80978

NEED A REAL COWBOY! Long, blonde hair, 5'9", 120lbs., shapely, pretty. Rock and roll, traveling, swimming, hiking, cooking health food, steel guitar, fiddle, massage, passion. (11/19) ☎90011

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ATTRACTIVE, 120LBS., 5'3", green-eyed Christian, female professional seeking Christian male professional for quality relationship, to share romantic dinners, beach walks, movies, hiking, conversations, fun! (11/12) ☎80991

BLUE-EYED CUTIE, 38, female. Seeking 35-48, good looking, clean shaven male to share good times. Head hair, teeth required. Let's have fun bad boy! (11/12) ☎80971

IS THERE A 60-ISH JEWISH man who wants to meet a 60-ish Jewish woman? Or, do you all want 40-somethings? If so, let's meet. (11/19) ☎90035

HAPPY TOGETHER. Lovely, slender, Russian blonde, 57, intelligent, classy, playful, romantic, spontaneous, loves theater, music, movies, cooking, dancing. You: 58-65, special, fit, honest, intelligent, affectionate. (11/19) ☎90027

WOMAN, 46, NOT JUST interested in sex, I enjoy intimacy, but looking for old-fashioned relationship. Seeking man, 45-59, with manners/intellect. False teeth preferred. (11/12) ☎80998

ATTRACTIVE, SINGLE MOM, 38, size 18, East County. Looking for someone to spend time with, and a possible real relationship. If you want the same. (11/12) ☎80988

HOPEFUL, WILLING, HONEST, white lady, seeks an attractive, white, sincere, honest man. I'm 48, blue eyes, happy. I enjoy dining, movies, concerts, and more. (11/12) ☎80976

NATURAL, LOVING, CHRISTIAN woman, loves to cook, loves sport, outdoors. Seeking white male, 35-50. (11/19) ☎90017

SWEET, MATURE, BEAUTIFUL, open mind, laughaholic, fresh spirit, self-aware, honest, loving, independent, adventurous, playful, active, healthy, fit, yoga, dancing, movies, reading, hiking, helping others. (11/12) ☎80975

FLOWER, BRAZIL, ROMANTIC, big heart, 45, nurse, tall, long hair. You: 45-60, own car, healthy, work, serious relationship. No games, white, massage specialist. (11/19) ☎90008.

LOOKING FOR VERY SMART, Latin man, best friend, lover, intellectual sparring partner too, someone to enjoy life with special, smart blonde, slim, 43, interesting fun. (11/19) ☎90032

DIVORCED WHITE FEMALE, 35, intelligent, outgoing. Seeking tall, white male, 30-40, who enjoys talking, being active, living life, and spending quality time together. (11/19) ☎90016

HONEST, INTELLIGENT, sensual, 55, 5'2", curvy, long blonde/blue. Seeking sincere, confident, degreed, successful, over 5'8", special man, for our best relationship ever! (11/12) ☎80979

VOLUPTUOUS BEAUTY, unconventional looks, beautiful eyes/smile, intelligent, upbeat, sensual, love being near water, music, art, walks, kindred spirit. Be handsome, kind, generous, beautiful spirit. (11/12) ☎80992

SEEKING LAST LOVE of my life to make second half the better half. 51, tall, slender, attractive, smart, funny, independent, arts, hiking, golf, no kids. (11/19) ☎90015

DIVORCED WHITE FEMALE, 38, 5'5", trim, slender, fit, loves outdoor and indoor activities, family life. Seeking white male, 48-58, 5'11"+, same interests. Very humorous, affectionate. (11/19) ☎90018

LET'S MEET! I'm blonde, very pretty, toned, genuine, stable. You: dark hair/skin, muscular, 29-37, homeowner. Both: spiritual, never want kids, degreed, outgoing, prosperous. (11/12) ☎80984

DOCTOR, BEAUTIFUL, passionate, 39, 5'5", 125lbs., loving, fit. Seeking a very successful, educated, assertive, loving,

sportive, adventurous, and monogamous male. (11/12) ☎90003

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, 46, seeks honest, kind, fun gentleman, with Christian values for dating and possible long-term relationship. Nonsmoker, North County preferred. (11/19) ☎90013

VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, sexy, great legs, wants to meet very attractive guy, 39-49, healthy, honest, financially secure, nonsmoker. Open to friendship, or possible relationship. (11/19) ☎90022

ATTRACTIVE, EASYGOING, 40, warm-hearted, even tempered, open-minded. Looking for a nice guy, 35-45. East coast values, grounded. Open to friendship or more. (11/19) ☎90021

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE sought by white, European female. You: 5'10"+, athletic, 40's, single. Me: petite, very fit, young 50's, romantic, sincere. Us: jazz, fun, romance. (11/12) ☎80993

ATTRACTIVE, BLACK FEMALE, professional, 31, seeks white male, professional, 31-40 for long-term relationship. I enjoy romance, dining, movies, snuggling, amusement parks, travel. (11/12) ☎80974

FUN, ATTRACTIVE, energetic. I'm 39-years old, black woman. I'm 5'4", 130lbs. I like the simple things in life. Movies, diners, dancing. Let's talk! (11/12) ☎80981

EDUCATED, PRETTY, CARING, communicative, politically liberal, seeks counterpart, 45-58. Friendship, romance, independent, cinema, dining out, laying back with you and my retriever. (11/19) ☎90026

ATTRACTIVE, AFFECTIONATE, hispanic lady, 46, youthful, independent, active, tall, slim, fit. Seeking well grounded, independent, honest man. Let's establish friendship. If compatible, romantic healthy relationship. (11/12) ☎80986

ANGEL WITH ATTITUDE! 32, cute, green-eyed brunette, no drama, no baggage, good to go. Wants cute, funny, dry, sarcastic sense of humor kinda guy, 33-37. (11/19) ☎90036

ATTRACTIVE, EUROPEAN, red/blue, educated, confident, adventures, romantic, sensual. Seeking professional, share up-

coming, holidays, conversation, closeness, secure, laughter, culture, openness, outdoors, quality, diverse. Take chance. (11/12) ☎90002

CURVACEOUS, SPIRITED, delightful woman, seeks sensitive, communicative man, to share laughter, commitment, excitement, and dreams. Captivating energy to invigorate your soul. Let's begin "our" journey. (11/12) ☎90005

MORE THAN ATTRACTIVE LADY, seeks a huggable, lovable guy who is monogamous-minded, passionate, personality, tall, 55+, and knows how to have a fun time. (11/19) ☎90033

30, FULL-FIGURED, 5'9", biracial female. I enjoy music, dancing, movies, good laugh. Seeking caucasian or latino male single, honest, has similar interests. Photo online. (11/12) ☎80982

AMAZING, INTELLIGENT, sexy woman, with golden heart, and playful spirit desires to join with spiritually aware man with kind and generous soul for joyful expansion. (11/19) ☎90020

LOOKING FOR LOVE, or at least lots of fun. Outdoorsy, athletic, spiritual, educated, Midwestern gal, 34. Seeking tall male, 28-40, for adventure, exploration, love, romance. (11/19) ☎90030

STOP! ONE-WOMAN MAN for one-man woman. Widow, 59, smoker, loving, caring. Seeking country man, gentle, humorous, patient, likes quiet evenings, Barona and laughing. (11/19) ☎90014

ABOVE AVERAGE FEMALE, mid-50s (looks 40), attractive, active, cosmopolitan, seeks degreed, accomplished male with career in military, politics, or government, for social activities and travel. (11/19) ☎90034

ATTRACTIVE, SOPHISTICATED, educated, 56 years old. Like outings, drives, theatre, movies, music. Well traveled, intelligent, outgoing, nonsmoking/drugs. Seeking gentleman for fun, possible relationship. (11/12) ☎80994

GIRL NEXT DOOR, professional, 31, 5'4", curvy, active, full of life and affection. Seeking honest, kind, active, guy next door, 28-42, for sincere relationship. (11/12) ☎90006

TRIM, SINGLE, white female, 34. Looking for single, white male, 30-40. Likes: out-

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CUTE AFRICAN-AMERICAN LADY, young, 60, 5'6", 145lbs., educator. Seeking gentleman, 55-70, nonsmoker, who enjoys traveling, music, cultural events, and wants to explore. (11/19) ☎90024

46-YEAR-OLD WHITE female, 5'6", curvaceous, enjoys beach, Padres, Chargers, talking, laughing, movies, music. Looking for gentleman, 45-60, who enjoys same. (11/19) ☎90009

LOVELY, GENTLE, SWEET lady, wishes to meet semi-retired gentleman for long-term relationship. Enjoy nature, animals, the beach, and candlelight dinners! (11/19) ☎90025

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51, WHITE FEMALE, CUTE, petite, professional, creative, desires to meet someone architecturally inclined, nonsmoker, for casual dates, and intelligent conversation. Humor a big plus! (11/19) ☎90031

ASIAN SEEKS WHITE MALE, between 39-49, tall, fit, intelligent, must look second, who seeks monogamous relationship. Me: tall, athletic, attractive in person and mind. (11/12) ☎80983

FLAME SEEKS MATCH. Sensual, curvy, 50 years, blue-eyed blonde female. Enjoy dancing, music, friends, sports, movies, travel. Prefers honest, fun loving, black male, 40-55. (11/12) ☎90001

LET'S TALK! I'm a single, blue-eyed, attractive, toned, professional, who is 38 and childless. Seeking a caucasian male with similar qualities. age 35-46. (11/19) ☎90029

ATTRACTIVE, CURVY, blonde, 62, artist, upscale, love symphony, Tahoe, building, exploring, world travel, volunteering, dance, nature. Seeking talented, bilingual, wannabe, handsome, secure, creative, soul mate. (11/12) ☎80973

ASIAN, SEXY, great smile, nice legs/figure, 5'3", 115lbs., healthcare professional, childless, homeowner. Seeking tall, fit, nonsmoker, financially stable, caucasian professional, 35-56. Let's explore. (11/19) ☎90019

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SINGLE, ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, 46, looking for tall, black and handsome man for good times, dancing, dating. Age 39-49. (11/12) ☎80997

ATTRACTIVE, CHRISTIAN, black female, 51, enjoys dining out, movies, plays, theater, candlelight dinners, walking. Seeking Christian black male, 38-55, for dating, friendship. (11/12) ☎90004

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COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE EYES, affectionate, attractive, unencumbered, degreed professional, 39, 6'1", 218lbs., German-Irish Catholic, clean-cut, conservative appearance. Seeking intelligent, warmhearted, unencumbered, white female, 22-32, very pretty, possessing inner and outer beauty. (11/12) ☎90403

HANDSOME, GREEN EYED, tall, fit, 49, enjoys outdoors, hiking, biking and swimming. Looking for attractive, tall lady for monogamous relationship. Educated and successful looking for special lady to enjoy life. (11/12) ☎90419

HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 59, trim, 5'10", blonde, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic, seeks pretty lady, 40s+ for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (11/19) ☎90454

EBONY LADY, LOVE YOU in my dreams. I have yet to find you. Me: 6'3", 240lbs., white gentleman, attractive. You: 30-45, proportionate, attractive, simple, romantic. (11/19) ☎90448

ACTIVE, SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN, very financially secure homeowner, degreed, healthy, retired, tall, good looking. Seeking attractive, affectionate lady, 50-65, dates, friendship, fun, laughs, trips, dancing, romance. (11/12) ☎90408

PROFESSIONAL BLACK MALE, 52, 6'3" interested in meeting down-to-earth, nonsmoking, good-humored, honest female, 37-55, for friendship and possible relationship. Race unimportant. (11/12) ☎90436

LOTS TO OFFER. Professional, balanced, unencumbered, athletic, solvent, attractive, romantic, 53, homeowner, spontaneous, midwest values, educated. Seeking compatible/chemical relationship with

proportioned, outgoing woman. (11/12) ☎90405

TALL, DARK, AND HANDSOME. Seeking balanced, fit, and independent woman. We want chemistry, honesty, and trust. We are of the human race, and 40-something. (11/12) ☎90402

FINE GENTLEMAN, good natured, outgoing, slim, 5'8". Seeking mature senior woman, 69 plus, joyful in spirit, aging gracefully. (11/12) ☎90406

32 YEARS OLD, HISPANIC, old fashion, serious, loyal, honest, 6'2", 250lbs., student, likes sightseeing, movies, romantic stay at home. Seeking 28-35 year old with similar qualities for possible relationship. (11/12) ☎90421

50-YEARS YOUNG, with big heart, love outdoors. Wanted: lover/girlfriend with pretty face. Seeking long-term relationship. Let's go for it. Oceanside. Call me. (11/12) ☎90404

ATTRACTIVE, SINCERE, affectionate, easygoing, fit, 55 year old, 5'8", 150lbs., like movies, camping, dining out. Seeking petite lady, great legs, fair skin. (11/12) ☎90426

PART JOEY, PART CHANDLER, 39, hand holder, door opener, good cuddler, bad cook. Seeking cute, fun, voluptuous partner for laughs, romance, road trips, cooking lessons. (11/12) ☎90443

PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN: Teacher/performer, handsome, 6'1", 170lbs., 51, red/blue, swing dancer, bicycle racer, nonsmoker, drinker, drugs, child free, seeking someone with right chemistry/connection. (11/12) ☎90420

BEAUTIFUL PERSON, beautiful spirit, beautiful vibes, seeks pretty or attractive female, slender, well proportioned a plus. 52, cute, movies, nature, sees good-hearted beauty. (11/19) ☎90447

ACTIVE, NONSMOKING, HEALTHY, 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. (11/12) ☎90430

GOOD LOOKING, WHITE MALE, 38, 6', 200lbs., employed, Seeking single lady, 30-42, for dining out, movies, hiking, and spending quiet nights together. Call me first. (11/12) ☎90440

ITALIAN MAN, 40, 6'1", honest, sincere, enjoys movies, walks on beach, easygoing, home oriented. Seeking slender, attractive woman, for meaningful relationship. No drugs, smoking, games. (11/12) ☎90400

SINCERE, NICE PERSON, 53, homeowner, sense of humor, enjoys movies, dining, dancing, walks, quiet evenings together, RVing. Seeking relationship to enjoy life together. (11/19) ☎90467

BLONDE WOMAN WANTED. Latino male, slim, athletic, 5'8", educated, homeowner, adventurous, free spirit. Seeks woman with sweet personality, 20-40, 5'3"+. (11/19) ☎90453

ASIAN WOMAN DESIRED. Me: Caucasian, emotionally open, educated, nurturing, communicator, physically fit, 58, 178lbs., 5'10", nice looking. You: lovely, English speaking, attractive, stable. (11/12) ☎90399

80-YEAR-YOUNG WIDOWER seeks caucasian companion, 65-75. Must have coiffeur-styled, modern dress, personality. Date, dinners, movies, plays, short trips. Myself: Have home paid. (11/19) ☎90465

42, ATTRACTIVE, FIT, business owner, financially secure, kids OK, seeks positive, fun loving, attractive female, smart, kind, warm, passionate, sensual, honest, for fun outdoors/indoors. (11/12) ☎90413

GOLD AND DIAMONDS, FAST CARS, influential friends, ex-actor, 48. Looking for stunning, wild, provocative, very sexy young woman for meaningful, monogamous relationship. Totally unencumbered. (11/12) ☎90431

SEEKING PASSIONATE LOVE! 28, 6'1", 175lbs., clean cut, brown eyes/hair, athletic, healthy, intelligent, humorous. Enjoy life, music, dancing, surfing, flying, walking, hiking. Anyone interested? (11/12) ☎90435

ARE YOU AN ATTRACTIVE lady, 24-38, who is searching for that special man to fulfill your every need? I'm him! Hispanic, educated, and available tonight. (11/19) ☎90455

AT MY AGE, 73, I still buy green bananas, new shoes, and roundtrip tickets. Call me Mr. Optimistic, as I seek an energetic, warmhearted woman. (11/19) ☎90468

SINCERELY SEEKING MY NEW girlfriend. I'm good looking, 55, 5'3", 160lbs. I love music, cats, computers, and the beach in the summer. Golden Hill area. (11/19) ☎90458

STEADFAST MALE, 39, into earth, religions, feminism, synergy, growth, and intimacy, seeks earth Goddess. I'm kind, attentive, and domesticated. (11/19) ☎90484

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ACTIVE, ADVENTUROUS SKIER, surfer, tennis player, 42, trim, attractive professional. Seeking honest, athletic, fit friend, confidant, lover, to share the best life has to offer. (11/19) ☎90481

JEWISH MAN, 59, SEEKING Jewish woman, 35-50, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. No children. Interests: tennis, hiking, music, live theatre. (11/12) ☎90428

I AM UGLY, lack education, scruffy, unemployed, and have no finesse. You're a beautiful, humorous, caring, young lady. Would you date me? (11/19) ☎90452

DEL MAR, HANDSOME, CHARMING, romantic, executive, 60, centered, spiritual, jeans to tux, 5'8", eclectic. Seeking classy, sophisticated, stylish, sensual, well educated, fit, professional lady, 35-60. (11/19) ☎90491

EAST COUNTY, 53, professional homeowner, movies, dining outdoorsy, attractive, hand holder, romantic, slender, financially secure, laughter, want to please. You attractive, honest, sense humor, 40-58. (11/12) ☎90422

BLACK, BALD, 49, frequently mistaken for 39, 6', 230lbs., nonsmoker, loves discussion, cuddling, massages, movies, picnics. Race no issue. Love healthy, or smaller women. (11/19) ☎90464

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AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monogamous, biracial, African-American/white male, 64, 6'4", 210lbs. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, more. (11/19) ☎90457

CHRISTIAN GUY, 35, attractive, successful, spiritual. Seeking female, 22-34, with sense of humor, beautiful, and intelligent, for possible relationship and fun. Spending time together. (11/12) ☎90439

IF YOU'RE TALL, SLENDER, and enjoy fine dining, live entertainment, and travel, give me a call. I'm white, professional, 55, fit, 6'6". La Jolla area. (11/19) ☎90472

BLACK MALE, 41, looking for full figured white women for conversations, walks on the beach, music, closeness, honesty, laughter, long-term relationship, age between 35-55. (11/12) ☎90423

HEY, TIRED OF THIS WEATHER. Want some fun. I'm 6', blue/brown, very good-looking, funny, honest. You: fun, honest, nice shape, athletic, maybe kissable. (11/19) ☎90473

ASIAN LADY REQUESTED BY gentleman, because you are honest, bright, slim, sensual, jazz lover, with a sense of humor. Please call me. Thank you. (11/12) ☎90407

THE RIGHT STUFF. Confident, humorous, romantic, divorced, 54, seeks caring companion, into walks on beach, good times, fun. Please call. (11/19) ☎90479

VERY YOUNG 50-YEAR-OLD seeks a lady who is tired of working her life away. Come play with me. (11/19) ☎90456

ARE YOU CARING, LOVING, attractive, gym trim, 44-58, caucasian, professional, enjoy family/friends, music, outdoors, laughter, travel, cooking, intimacy, exercise, quiet times, nonsmoker? Let's talk. (11/19) ☎90463

I'M LOOKING FOR A long-term play mate to do things with and have fun. Any race OK. I'm 5'11", 200lbs., attractive, professional black male. (11/12) ☎90417

ARE THERE ANY WOMEN out there? Single, white male, 38, 5'10", average build, enjoys sports, travel, nightclub, movies. Seeking attractive, unencumbered female, 40+, for fun. (11/19) ☎90480

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SAIL WITH ME, kind, handsome, tall, athletic, 55 young, seeks intelligent, sexy, younger, slender, feminine woman, for movies, sailing, fun, travel. I'm stable, honest, educated. (11/19) ☎90451

JEWISH, FUN LOVING, kind, successful, enjoys travel, hiking, bookstores. Seeking sincere, intelligent lady, 20s-30s, for friendship, leading to long-term relationship. (11/19) ☎90478

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HANDSOME, FINANCIALLY secure white male, 40s, massage specialist seeks open-minded lady needing intimacy and sensual affection, enjoys massage and values her privacy and independence. (11/19) ☎90470

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IS THERE ONE WOMAN, 40-60, in San Diego, who doesn't own a cat, is not overweight, and is not a night person? Call me, please! (11/12) ☎90442

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DEL MAR, WEST. \$700. Room for rent, 12x14, in private home. Spacious. Quiet neighborhood. No smoking/pets. Laundry. Panoramic ocean view. 858-793-7903.

DEL MAR. \$850. Room for rent in new home. First floor location, separate from other bedrooms. Private bath. Partially furnished. Close to UCSD and beach. No drugs/alcohol. 858-829-2185.

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DEL MAR. \$500, 1/5 utilities. Male to share clean, quiet rustic house. Shared bath, laundry. Nonsmoker. No pets. Have dogs. Available 11/15 or 12/1. 858-481-6975.

DEL MAR. \$550, 1/3 utilities, \$500 deposit. Furnished bedroom. 3 bedroom townhouse. Shared bathroom. Washer/dryer. Nonsmoking/pets. Near beach. Quiet area. Month to month. 619-235-2415, x10032.

DEL MAR. \$675. See/hear the surf! Quiet beach house, ocean 1/2 block. Sunny, spacious room, private patio, all appliances, parking. Nonsmoking/pets/drugs. Male preferred. 858-793-7772.

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EAST COUNTY. \$295, 1/2 utilities. Mountain getaway. Nature and waterfall. Near Golden Acorn Casino. Male or female. 619-766-0070.

EASTLAKE. \$600 includes utilities. Female looking to share brand new 4 bedroom home. Pool, spa, new appliances and furniture. Female preferred. 619-203-2306.

EL CAJON. \$550 includes utilities. Female nonsmoker. No pets. Quiet, safe, clean environment. 3 bedroom home. Washer/dryer, pool. Close to mall. 619-447-1602.

EL CAJON. \$650. 3000-square-foot, all wood/glass, mountain-top house. 3 furnished rooms available. Pool, jacuzzi, sauna, pool table. Andy, 619-742-9932.

ENCINITAS, OLIVENHAIN. \$490 plus 1/3 utilities. Quiet, spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath house with Rancho Santa Fe view. Large yard, fireplace. Available 11/11. Nonsmoker. 760-753-5208; 619-235-2415, x25515.

ENCINITAS. \$730/month, 1/2 utilities. Newly remodeled condo. Mile from beach! Master suite, walk-in closet, private bedroom. All major appliances. Community Jacuzzi. 310-567-4353.

ENCINITAS. \$675. Available 12/1. Bedroom in 3 bedroom, townhouse with garage parking to share with male and female. 4 blocks to beach, 2 blocks to I-5. 858-204-8030.

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- Some milk cartons: Abbr.
- Org. of which Nancy Lopez was once champion
- Printer type
- "The Raven" writer's monogram
- Actor Alda or Arkin
- Second part of a phrase meaning "this exact amount"
- Uncool 1993 Robert DeNiro movie?
- ____ di Mare (fashion label)
- Boot camp experience
- Type of person who pencils you in
- Observes Yom Kippur
- "____ get it!" ("Aha!")
- Roker and Bundy
- Uncool 1946 James Stewart movie?
- The night before
- "Waiting for the Robert ____"
- Uncool 1998 Roberto Benigni movie?
- "What ____!" ("Don't miss this great offer!")
- Diarist Anais
- Uncool 1991 Meryl Streep movie?
- Yahoo! competitor
- Absorb, as a cost
- Took in, so to speak
- Chipmunk or squirrel
- ____ Gras
- Like many wedding cakes
- Advice for all the "uncool" movies in this puzzle
- Think up
- Do art on metal, e.g.
- Overeat, with "out"
- "____ kicks from champagne ..."
- Bear whose porridge was too cold
- Roxy Music co-founder

Down

- Ruined city of Jordan
- Bora Bora neighbor
- Tap
- California's ____ Tar Pits
- Grp. in peace talks
- In high spirits
- Ques. response
- One way to be caught
- Ibsen doll?
- Alphabet run
- "The Plains of Passage" author

- 1967 Oscar winner Parsons
- Rulers before 1917
- About half of all deliveries
- What a candidate might go for
- ____' Pea (Popeye's boy)
- Blood donor's quantity
- Egg cells
- Striped official
- It might give you the chills
- Worshiper's comment
- "-er" or "-ing," e.g.: Abbr.
- "Later!"
- Tenth anniversary gift
- "Bus Stop" playwright
- Like some fans
- Must
- ____ es Salaam
- Popular motorcycle
- Kind of tradition
- Not yet ready for the plucking
- Freshwater minnow
- When Hamlet says "The play's the thing"
- Muralist Rivera
- Waste allowance
- Ga. neighbor
- It's a beauty
- "What's our ____?" ("When do we get there?")
- AMC rival

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
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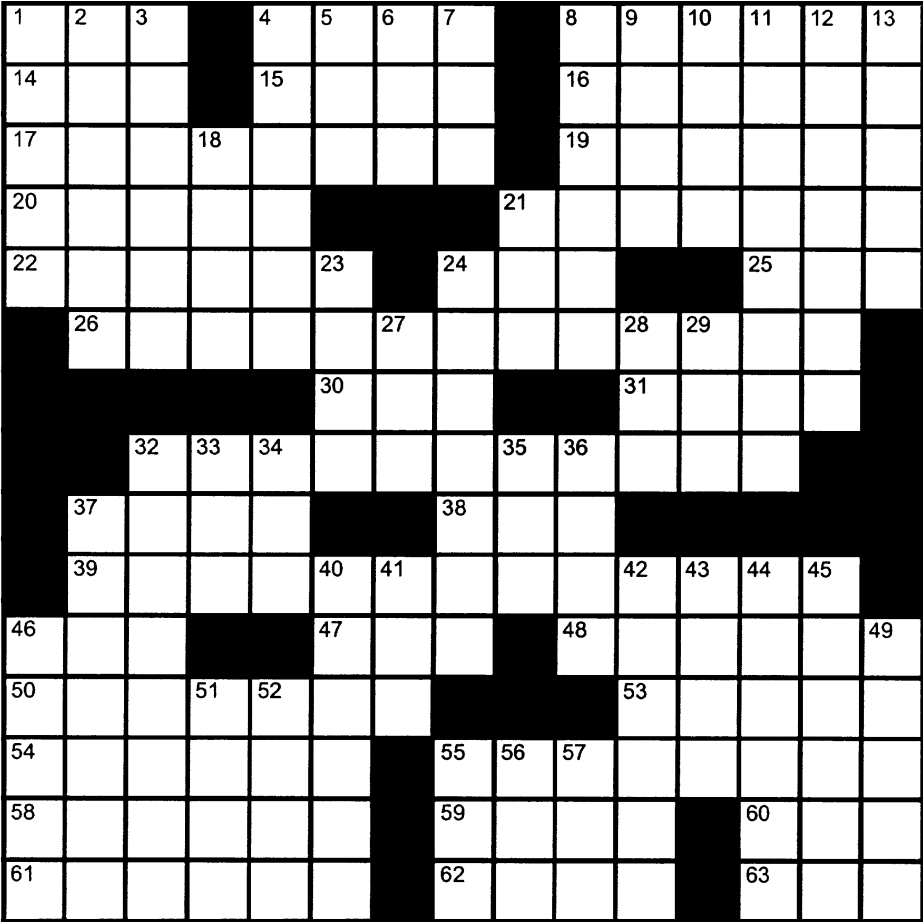
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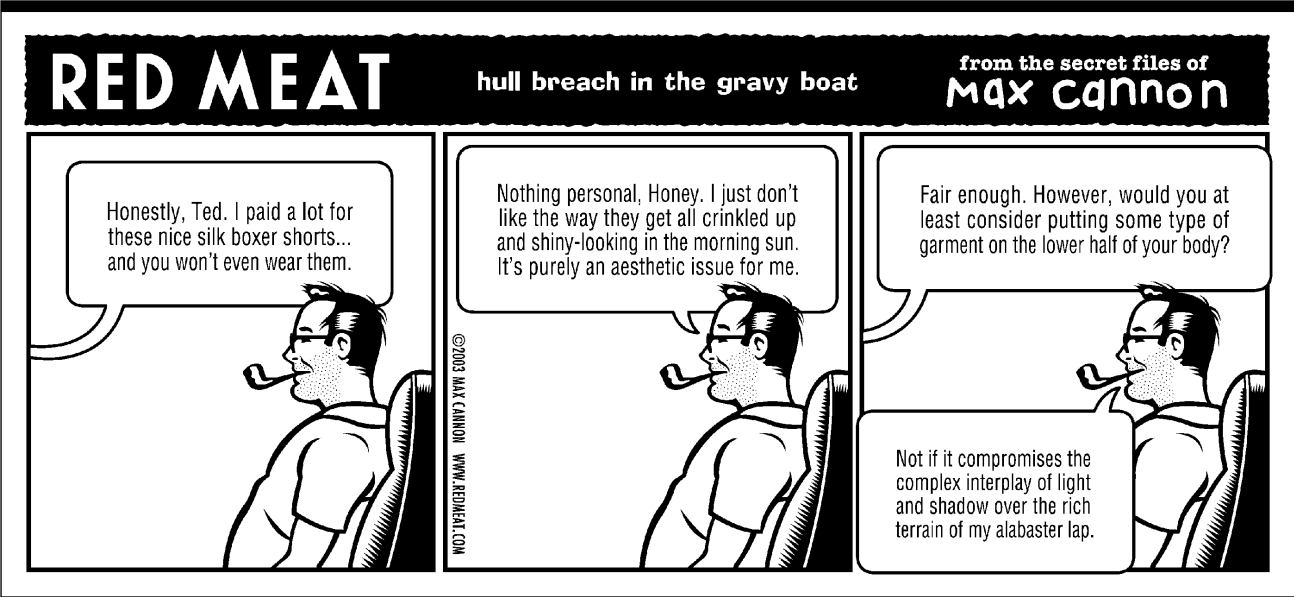
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There's a new song out by this group who works with the RZA that speaks to me. The RZA was the producer for the Wu-Tang Clan, and he's working with a new group out of New York, but I'm not sure of the title track. I think it's the beats that the RZA puts together that make the knowledge that he drops in the song so much more effective. I really like when there is a message in music. You gotta look back to how you were and the stupid things you did and felt to learn from your mistakes and be wiser. I relate to the man who looks back.



Jennifer Beifgen
Sex Educator
Pacific Beach

Beyonce and Jay-Z's song "Crazy in Love" is my favorite song right now. It gets me ready to go out. I'm more crazy in lust than crazy in love, but I really like Jay-Z. It's a feel-good song. I actually did promotional work for Jay-Z when his first album came out. He's all about having fun, and I think Beyonce is all about having fun. The song makes me think of a night in Pacific Beach with a lot of drunk girls on the dance floor. I haven't met one person who doesn't like that song, no matter what kind of music that they listen to. Anytime you play that song, it just gets you in the mood.



Kyle Hohn
Musician
Pacific Beach

I like this song called "Soldier Girl" by the Polyphonic Spree. It's a band made up of members or ex-members of Tripping Daisy. The song gives me goose bumps. The band is well orchestrated. There are, like, fifty people on the entire album. They have a nice chorus effect. The whole album reminds me of *Sgt. Pepper* by the Beatles. I think the music has been somewhat of an influence on me as a musician. I play a lot of covers, and I usually play that song. I enjoy playing my own music mostly, but I like playing that song. It sounds like a blast from the past, and all the music from the '60s, '70s, and '80s are making a comeback.



Megan Emerson
Student
Pacific Beach

I would have to say that my favorite song is "Addicted" by Simple Plan. I just moved away from the Bay Area and my ex-boyfriend, so I think about him whenever I hear it. It has helped me get into the San Diego skater girl mentality. I love it here, and I sing that song all the time. I love the band. They also have another song called "Perfect" that I like because the singer sounds like he is talking to his dad about the problems between them. I relate to the band and their music because I moved away from my dad to live here because I didn't like living with him. I left my boyfriend and all my other friends, but I have great friends here.



Zach Vanburen
Sales
Mission Beach

That song by P. Diddy, Nelly, and Murphy Lee for the *Bad Boyz 2* soundtrack, "Shake Your Tailfeather," has got to be my favorite song on the radio. P. Diddy raps really well in it, and it's good to hear him because he hasn't done anything in a long time. Sometimes you forget how good somebody is if you don't hear from them in a while. All three do an awesome job. I knew Murphy Lee was talented before he worked with P. Diddy because he always rapped with Nelly and the other St. Lunatics. I also like that song because it gets the ladies to shake their booties on the dance floor.



Susan McCracken
Customer Service
Ocean Beach

This local band called the Lost Disciples has a really great disc, and the track "Worry" influences all parts of my life. They're a really great heavy rock band. Their style is kind of a mix between Audioslave, the band with Chris Cornell and the musicians from Rage Against the Machine, and the band Creed. The lead singer is amazing. The music makes me want to think; it makes me want to dance. It really makes me want to do a lot of things. What I love the most is how they have this heavy sound, but it can change within the same song and become really melodic.

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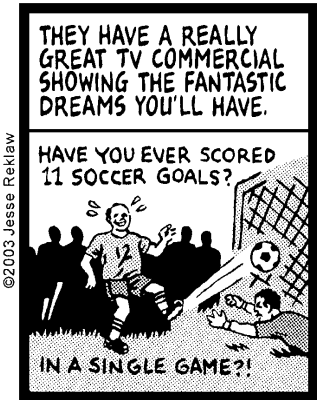
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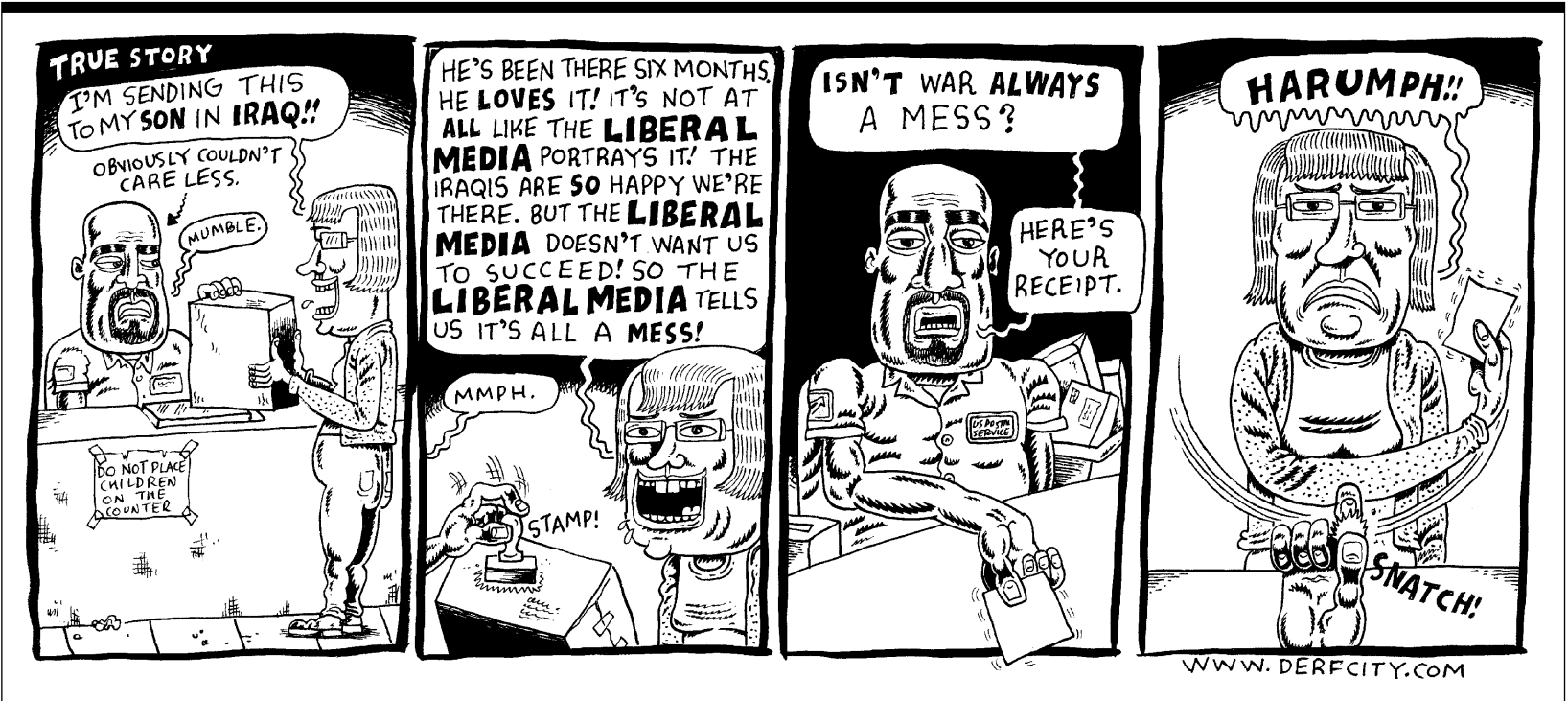
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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$825. One week free rent! Downstairs 1 bedroom. Parking. Available approximately 11/10. 4840 West Mountain View Drive #3. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. 1 bedroom. Upstairs. Air conditioning. Off-street parking. On-site laundry. Xlarent.com. 619-683-7638.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$400 off first month! \$630. Deposit \$350. Newly renovated studios. New carpet/appliances! Full kitchen/bath. Parking. Cat OK. 3235 Collier Avenue. 760-929-1638.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1375. 2 bedroom, hardwood floors, fireplace, washer/dryer, new appliances. Bright and clean, shady fenced patio with plants and trees. Quiet street. 619-675-6211.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, new paint/carpet. Secured off street parking. Tile. New laundry facility. Pets OK. Available 11/9. 619-284-2092. www.floot.com

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. Large, bright 1 bedroom. Garage, new carpet, laundry room. No pets. Near bus/park. 4613 Alabama Street. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725, \$300 deposit special. Unfurnished 1 bedroom apartment. Very nice. Good location. On-site laundry facilities. No pets. 4263 42nd Street #6. 760-672-0425.

NORMAL HEIGHTS/NORTH PARK. 1 bedrooms. \$650-\$695. Great locations, large downstairs units, parking, some with laundry. Near shop, restaurants, transportation. No pets. Agent, 619-296-3189.

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NORTH PARK. \$750; deposit \$500. 1 bedroom house. Stove, refrigerator. Quiet courtyard setting. Close to freeways. Available 11/1. 4120 Iowa Street. 619-669-9953.

NORTH PARK. \$675. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. Gated, new carpet/paint. Close to all. No pets. One parking, laundry on site. Available now. 858-705-4535.

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NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. 2 bedroom, 1 bath HOUSE. New carpet and new window coverings. \$1,500 per month plus deposit. Off-street parking. Washer/dryer. Please call 619-397-5455.

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NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom apartment. Dishwasher. New carpet. Laundry. Parking. 4169 Alabama Street. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$995. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Upstairs. Washer/dryer hookups. New carpet and stove. Garage.

4123 Hamilton. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$650. 1 bedroom apartment. Laundry, upstairs unit, secured entry. 2860 Lincoln. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

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NORTH PARK. 1 bedroom apartments starting \$760. Pool. Spa. Off-street parking. Laundry room. Close to freeways. Sorry, no pets. 4841 West Mountain View Drive. 619-282-6440. www.sunriseliving.com.

NORTH PARK. From \$780. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Gated building, underground parking, elevator, laundry, air, ceiling fan, dishwasher, microwave. No pets. Agent. 4526 Illinois. 619-280-3867.

NORTH PARK. \$1300. Cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Garage, yard, quiet neighborhood. 3061 Walton Place. Agent. Gina, 619-231-2727 x215.

NORTH PARK. 2 bedroom, 2 bath for \$995. Complex has a pool, parking, controlled access and 3 laundry rooms on site. Clean and quiet. Units have dishwashers and ceiling fans. Pets OK. Available now. 4133 Kansas Street. Viewing by appointment. Call 619-640-0112 between 8am and 6pm.

NORTH PARK. \$985. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Pool, sauna, laundry. Gated access. No pets. Move-in special! Available 11/15. Denise, 619-543-0730.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedrooms, gated access, pool, sauna, laundry, elevator. No pets. Move-in special! Available now. 3929 Kansas. Denise, 619-543-0730.

NORTH PARK. \$875. 1 bedroom and den. Small. 4378 Utah Street. Quiet area. No pets. 619-298-9237.

NORTH PARK. \$950. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Stove. Refrigerator. Microwave. Ample closet space. Small, gated complex. Laundry on site. Parking. Quiet neighborhood. 2 blocks from I-805. 4077 32nd Street. No pets. For appointment, 619-563-9727.

NORTH PARK. \$675. 1 bedroom apartment. Laundry on site. Stove. Refrigerator. Garden courtyard. Lighted parking. Small complex. Security gate. On-site manager, 619-563-9727.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$1025. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment located on upper level. Newly remodeled including all-new appliances, ceramic tile floors, countertops, air conditioning, ceiling fans, and balconies. Gated complex with intercom. On-site laundry and off-street parking. Best value in North Park! Available early December. 3735 Pershing Avenue. 619-725-3648 or 619-846-6615.

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NORTH PARK. \$1695. 2 master bedrooms plus loft. 1920-square-foot 3-story townhome with attached garage! Fireplace, hookups for full-size laundry inside, microwave, side yard, new carpet and paint. Extra parking, light and nice, more. Third floor has been used as third bedroom and play area. Available now. 760-414-9914.

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NORTH PARK. Beautiful remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath home, detached 2-car garage, fireplace, backyard fountains, hardwood floors, French doors, deck. Available 1/04. \$2300. 619-501-5902.

NORTH PARK. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, hardwood floors, built-in breakfast nook. Small quaint property. 619-296-2787.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom, upper corner unit. Updated appliances. Laundry on site. Also, garage for rent directly beneath unit at \$100/month! 4333-4339-1/2 Utah. Cogan Properties, 619-283-2144.

NORTH PARK. \$725. Spacious 1 bedroom with updated paint, carpet, appliances. Washer/dryer on site. 1 parking spot. 4183 Alabama. Cogan Properties, 619-283-2144.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$875. 1 bedroom duplex. Steps to beach! Parking. No pets. 5184 West Point Loma Blvd. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or visit www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

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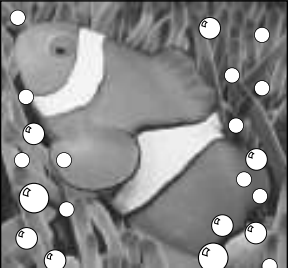
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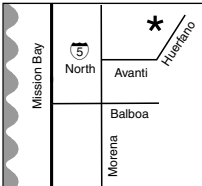
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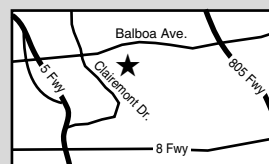


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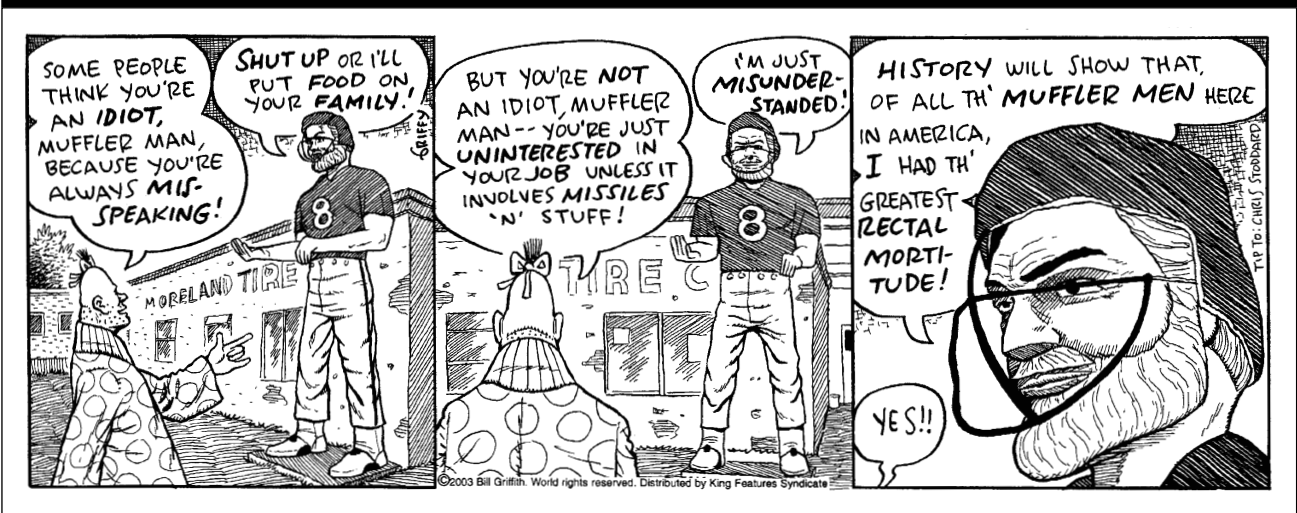
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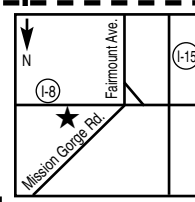
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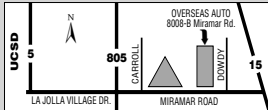
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TREK 820, \$175/best. Sekai 10-speed, great shape, \$60. Free Spirit, girls' 24", \$50. Recumbent, custom, \$550/best. Cannondale, great shape, \$325. 760-432-8274.

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STAR WARS MONOPOLY, 1996-1997, collector's edition, includes numbered/dated game board, 5 brass coins, and 8 pewter tokens, unopened, \$30. Delivered. Leave message, 858-578-0936.

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CARDIFF, estate sale. Saturday-Sunday, 9am-5pm. Treadmill, artwork, computers, office equipment, clothes, kitchenware, household miscellaneous. All must go. 466 Brighton Avenue. 760-944-7582.

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CARLSBAD. Garage sale. 8am-noon, Saturday, 11/8. Dining table/6 chairs, coffee/matching end tables, Koolmate 36 cooler, KitchenAid juice adapter, 2 walkers. 3950 Highland Drive.

CLAIREMONT. Fall craft fair, 9am-4pm, 11/22. Proceeds from booth rentals to fund field trip buses, special assemblies, educational minigrants. Lindbergh-Schweitzer Elementary, 4133 Mt. Albertaine, 92111, 619-595-4075.

CLAIREMONT. Garage sale. 7:30am-2:30pm, Saturday, 11/8. Bikes, Yugioh cards, clothes, basketball hoop, furniture, appliances, Chevy engine. 4707 Cononito Way. 858-229-2088.

CLAIREMONT. Saturday, 11/8, only, 8am-12pm. Furniture, clothes (mostly women's), good junk. 6909 Park Mesa Way. Please park on street, not driveway.

COLLEGE/ROLANDO AREA. Garage sale. 7:30am, Saturday, 11/8. Bookcases, exercise bike, clothes, books, lots of miscellaneous kitchen and household items. 4005 Donna Avenue.

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DEL MAR. Garage sale. 8am-1pm, Saturday, 11/8. Toys, infant things, surfboards, miscellaneous items, etc. 13445 Tiverton Road, Del Mar Heights, 92130.

EASTLAKE. Garage sale. 7am, Saturday, 11/8. Furniture, clothes, household items and miscellaneous. Eastlake area of Chula Vista, 740 San Angelo Place.

ENCINITAS. Garage sale. 8am-2pm, Saturday, 11/8. Clothing, toys, camping and sporting goods, electronics, kitchenware, yard tools 726 Kings Cross Court (on cul-de-sac).

LA JOLLA. Sale. 8am-1pm, Saturday, 11/8. Futon, bookshelves, coffee table, furniture, fax machine, clothing, light fixtures, children's toys, lots of odds/ends. 5543 Chelsea Avenue.

LA MESA. Garage sale. 9am-noon, Saturday, 11/8. Antiques, bikes, furniture, computers, CDs. 7935 Normal Avenue.

LA MESA. Multifamily garage sale. 7am-1pm, Saturday, Sunday. Bedroom and living room furniture, clothing, kitchenware, silver jewelry, knickknacks. 4323 Oxford Street, between Purdue and Annapolis.

LA MESA. Multifamily yard sale. 7am-noon, Saturday/Sunday, 11/8-11/9. A plethora of stuff to look at. 4591 3rd Street (91941).

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NATIONAL CITY. Estate sale. 8am-4pm Saturday, 11/8 and Sunday, 11/9. 50 years of furniture, tools, kitchenware, books, linens and more. 507 Rachael Avenue.

NORTH PARK. Moving sale. 8am-2pm, Saturday/Sunday. TVs, bookcases, household items, dining room table, buffet, sofa console table, clothes. 4494 39th Street (corner of Monroe).

OCEAN BEACH. Yard sale. Sunday, 11/9, 9am. No early birds. Snowboarding gear, clothes, desk, drafting table, music, kitchen stuff and more. 4738 Voltaire Street (behind house).

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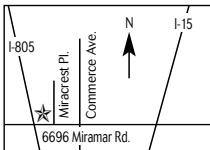
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PACIFIC BEACH. Moving sale. 7am-2pm, Saturday, 11/8. Everything goes. Furniture, household, adult and children clothes, toys, strollers, computers, electronics, bikes, videos. 4069 Lamont Street.

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ARMOIRE/ENTERTAINMENT unit, 3 drawers and 4 shelves in cabinet, open inset measures 31" diagonally, medium brown, 41Wx48-1/2Hx15D, \$45. 619-987-0378.

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LEAD STORY

— In October, West Point, Ky., hosted 12,000 visitors for the weekend Knob Creek Gun Range Machine Gun Shoot, billed as the nation’s largest, with a separate competition for flame-throwers. Especially coveted is “The Line,” where 60 people (waiting list is 10 years long to be admitted) get to fire their machine guns into a field of cars and boats, and during which a shooter might run through \$10,000 in ammunition. Among the champions: Samantha Sawyer, 16, the top women’s submachine gunner for the last four years. One man interviewed by the *Louisville Courier-Journal* said he met his wife at a previous Shoot, knowing that “if she could accept flame-throwing as a hobby, she could accept anything.” Said another: “This is one of those times when you know this (the U.S.) is the greatest place on Earth.”

Alternate Reality

— A senior Vatican spokesman, Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, told a BBC Radio audience in October that condoms are useless in preventing the spread of HIV (because the virus seeps through the porous latex) and therefore should not be used, even in AIDS-wracked Africa, where as much as 20 percent of the population is reportedly infected. The World Health Organization denounced Trujillo’s claim, but said it had heard similar Catholic Church messages in Asia and Latin America.

— In October, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration’s inspector general released questions from the final exam for airport screeners designed to measure the crucial, intensive training that the screeners had just completed. One question: “How do threats get on board an aircraft?” The supposedly challenging answers: “a. In carry-on bags; b. In checked-in bags; c. In another person’s bag; d. All of the above.” If that is too difficult, the inspector general also complained that 22 of the exam’s 25 questions were repeats from previous exams and that some test-takers were briefed in advance.

More Things to Worry About

— In September, customs officials in Amsterdam stopped a Nigerian man trying to enter the

Netherlands with a suitcase containing 1,500 to 2,000 baboon noses (which some people use in traditional healing, but which were in an advanced state of putridness). And in Jupiter, Fla., in October, yet another part-time professional clown pleaded guilty to possessing child pornography; David Deyo, 43, a Presbyterian Sunday school teacher, appeared often in the community as “Noodles the Clown.”

Government in Action

— According to a lawsuit by paraplegic Steve Winter, 41, of Mesa, Ariz. (reported in September by the *Arizona Republic*), the Veterans Administration reneged on a 1983 promise that if he agreed to let them test electrode therapy on him (to stimulate his neurological system), and the process failed, doctors would remove the implanted electrodes. While the therapy started well, the effects wore off after a few years, and Winter, exasperated, left the program. He claims the VA basically disavowed him for the next 15 years, refusing even to examine him to find the remainder of the 180 electrodes, which pose a serious risk of infection, which already has necessitated 30 surgeries in the last 10 years.

— In July, the state of Kentucky sent a check to the state’s American Civil Liberties Union chapter for \$121,000 as costs awarded in a 2000 lawsuit in which the state was forced by a court to remove a Ten Commandments monument from state Capitol grounds. According to a *Louisville Courier-Journal* report, that brings to nearly \$700,000 that the state has been forced to pay the ACLU in the last 10 years as costs for challenging various unconstitutional moves by the state.

Fetishes on Parade

— Police officer James Marriner, 43, appeared at a hearing in Brisbane, Australia, in September on 15 counts related to sexual harassment of members of the Bible-based community he lived in near Ipswich, Queensland. Among the accusations: Marriner had requested nude photos, confidential sexual histories, and pubic-hair samples from well-meaning community members who had conscientiously agreed to help the local police crack a “pedophile ring” (which apparently existed only in Marriner’s mind). Reportedly,

being a police officer in such a sheltered community was a high-status job that gave him unusual powers of persuasion.

Least Competent Criminals

— For a September story in the *Daily Nebraskan*, University of Nebraska junior Dustin Rewinkel proudly and patiently explained to a reporter the secrets of his success in stealing street signs in the city of Lincoln (bragging that with basic tools, he could grab a sign in minutes and in fact had “more than a dozen” already). Not surprisingly, Lincoln police read the article, got a search warrant for Rewinkel’s apartment, recovered 13 signs, and charged him on suspicion of possessing stolen property.

Recurring Themes

— In Easton, Pa., in July, Robert M. Peters Sr., 47, became the latest man to be acquitted of indecent exposure by persuading a jury that his penis is too small to have been seen by the complaining witness. A woman testified that she had seen “3 inches” of erect penis beyond the bottom of his shorts while he was working in her home, but via photographs and a brief trouser-dropping in the courtroom, Peters convinced the jury that he is very modestly endowed and that she must have seen something else, such as a fold of fat on his 312-pound body.

Thinning the Herd

— A 22-year-old student from Saint-Denis, on the French island of Réunion, trying to get a better position for taking photographs of the Piton de la Fournaise volcano, got too close and fell in, to his death (August)... And a 47-year-old man in Camp Verde, Ariz., who was apparently reaching up a utility pole to illegally hook up power to his business after having it cut off for nonpayment, was electrocuted (July).

Great Art!

— In September in East Finchley, England, Daniel Wade, 37, his wife, Eti, and their two sons began a project “to challenge or confirm notions of the middle-class family and domestic space”: They opened their home to about 50 strangers every Sunday so people could walk through their

house and observe their typical behavior (eating, arguing, sleeping, watching TV). According to Wade, this would help the visitors contemplate the modern family.

— Two hunters on a remote mountain in northern Sweden in October came across an installation of 70 pairs of shoes filled with butter, according to an Associated Press report. Artist Yu Xiuzhen was attributed as the probable creator, in that he had staged a similar display in the Tibetan mountains surrounding Lhasa, China, in 1996. (A non-art-appreciating official in Sweden was more concerned about getting the shoes down before the butter rots.)

Bodily Plumbing in the News

— In April, according to Uganda’s prison service, 15 inmates escaped near Kampala after allegedly having weakened the jail’s walls and cell bars by months of urinating on them... Also in April, *The New York Times* reported that a pest-control professional in Stockton, Calif., had developed a new termite-detection method that relies on locating concentrations of methane gas that are expelled because of termites’ high-fiber (i.e., wood) diet... And in October, a tipsy under-secretary in the Philippine government apologized after inadvertently urinating in the rear of President Arroyo’s plane during flight, in an area he mistook for a restroom.

Also, in the Last Month

— White man Theuns Prinsloo, 22, won the Mr. Africa pageant, causing an organizer to gush, “He epitomizes a young African in Africa today” (Johannesburg, South Africa)... A 39-year-old man was arrested for bank robbery 10 days after making a successful escape on an oversized tricycle (Woodbury, N.J.)... And a 24-year-old gun-toting man was arrested after smashing his tricycle into a car, being knocked to the ground, and then stealing the car (Salem, Ore.).

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My neighbors are enjoying a postprandial smoke and some reading material.

By John Brizzolara

Southern California may be short-changed in the seasonal department, but we seem to get our money's worth out of October. Maybe it's a more pervasive thing, not limited to geography. After all, *Living*, with Martha Stewart, is syndicated nationally and likely internationally as well, and every Friday show for the month of October is termed "Frightful Fridays." All tied into Halloween somehow, like eyeballs fashioned from pomegranate husks and simple ways to T.P. your neighbors' bonsai tree with dental floss. As much as I enjoyed a few specific Halloween nights in the Midwest in the '50s and '60s, I don't remember it being the six-week-long production it has evolved into in the West, and especially Southwest.

Tonight is a case in point. Halloween is still weeks off as I write this. I am on my front porch, laptop in lap, burning a Churchill Reject cigar, with a clutch of paperbacks at hand. I was going to chill, as we say in this hood — do some reading, maybe make some notes on the novel — one of the themes in which is coincidence — when the date October 31 and images of Halloween seem to converge, or, say, congeal out of the shadows.

One of the books I have at my feet, next to the wicker porch chair, is an anthology called *Dark Forces*, edited by Kirby McCauley. It was given away years ago to conventioners at the Clairemont Hotel in Berkeley. I hadn't seen it for 20 years until I came across the copy at my ex-wife's home on a recent visit. The sticker on the cover read "Compliments of Bantam Books Inc., Seventh World Fantasy Convention, October 30, 1981."

That Halloween weekend had been a kind of boot camp for drinking with

other writers, editors, and agents. I met Stephen King there and Robert "Psycho" Bloch, Fritz Leiber, and other writers I'd been reading since childhood. I also met and killed many hours and much of a bottle of vodka with the late Michael McDowell (novelist and screenwriter for *Beetlejuice* and *The Nightmare Before Christmas*). As McDowell and I talked at the hotel bar, I stopped Los Angeles horror writer Dennis Etchison and asked him to sign my copy of *Dark Forces*. He opened the book to the page that contained his story "The Late Shift," about zombies working the 11-to-7 shift at Southern California convenience stores. He signed it "Trick? Yeah!" with his name and the date, October 31, 1981. Twenty-two years ago. It wasn't possible, but the book was yellowed, its pages parchmented with age.

Looking up, beyond the courtyard surrounded by bungalow apartments, I can see across the street to the convenience store manned by amicable Middle Easterners. I chuckle, thinking of them as zombies. On the other hand, just up the street at the 7-Eleven are some of the late-shift Goth kids and pale rockers who require only toe tags as ID for the undead.

My neighbors in the complex are enjoying a postprandial smoke and, I see, some reading material as well. The eight bungalows in proximity are the grounds of a sober living home for those, like me, in recovery from chemical dependence. It is like a thousand other such apartment clusters from the early part of last century, the kind of place immortalized by *The Day of the Locust*. The only difference here is that the inane, late-night fights and shouting matches fueled by the Santa Ana winds are not of the drunken variety, though residual brain damage may make its contribution. The late-night screaming inanities are usually quite sober and often follow required in-house 12-step meetings.

I pick up another paperback as I draw on the Churchill and try to make out what my neighbor M. is reading under the porch light. I call out to him, and after mishearing him several times, I get it. "Runes! Oh yeah, like the I-Ching or something."

"Sort of. I think it ties in with recovery and the 12 steps."

"Uh-huh." Did M. feel obliged to make that point? Was he afraid I would bust him for unapproved reading material? Who knew?

M.'s roommate R. was doing something curious as well. He set out several deer or antelope antlers with candleholders on a lawn table. Then he placed a book, something about ceremonial magic, next to them. He disappeared into the house and reappeared wearing a kind of fur helmet with two bullhorns protruding from the crown. He also wore a long gown of fur or feathers (I couldn't make it out) and a necklace of elaborate jewelry and feathers. In one hand he carried a staff with a rack of antlers at its top and set with a crystal at its center. Feathers depended from the animal horn. He looked like a flesh-and-blood American Indian incarnation of the Magician card in a tarot deck, though R. claims to be Polynesian.

"What are you doing?"

"A ceremony."

"What kind of ceremony?"

"I can't tell you."

I figured R. might tell me later if he felt like it. He already showed me his pentagram membership badge to some occult society. For now he was busy, and he just handed me a book called *The Witches' Way* by Jane and Stewart Farrar. Later I would read parts of it having to do with clairvoyance and divination and the ethics of witchcraft, sex, and "myth, ritual, and symbolism." But for the moment I had the books I'd brought out to the porch with me. The one in my hand was called *As Bill Sees It*. I had left off on page 36 (I read a page a day) titled "Humility First."

I read, "Where humility formerly stood for a forced feeding of humble pie, it now begins to mean the nourishing ingredient that can give us serenity."

I closed the book, repeating that last phrase to myself without really analyzing it. I picked up another book. This pink paperback had Barbara Cartland's name larger than the title, or the word "Presents," or the phrase "A Novel of Ancient Wisdom," the title, *Black Light*, or the name of the real author, Talbot Mundy.

This one I found in a thrift store for 25 cents. Having been a childhood fan of Mundy's adventure novels like *King of the Khyber Rifles* and *Om: The Secret of Ahbor Valley*, I couldn't believe I'd never heard of *Black Light*. Written in 1930, *Black Light* was set in the India of the British Raj, was highly atmospheric and rife with romance and mysticism. The style was sober and not at all pulpy. Apparently Barbara Cartland was aware of Mundy through Theosophy circles, Point Loma being at one time a kind of mecca for the occult spiritualist followers of Madame Blavatsky.

Had any of my neighbors cared to scrutinize me, it would look for all the world as if I was reading a frothy romance novel. I wonder what they would make of my crunched frown as I read a passage attributed to yogi-astrologer Ram Chittra Gunga Singh.

October's chill settled past cloth and flesh to bone with a kind of spiritual terror as I read, "You suffer because suffering increases vanity which you call humility and value as the brightest jewel in a martyr's crown, whereas in truth, it is a jack-o'-lantern."



The author's neighbor

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Billy Blazes

The last Sunday in October, we awoke to the smell of smoke and an ochre sky. Jack dozed. I followed Johnny and Ben downstairs. “Can I play Bionicle website?” Johnny asked. His thick chestnut hair stood straight up like a weather front. His eyes were still puffy with sleep.

“Not before Mass,” I answered.

“N-N-N-N-N-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O,” Johnny moaned. “When are we going to Mass?”

“In a couple hours.”

“I can’t wait that long.”

I left Johnny to his moaning on the living room floor and stepped out the front door into the cool morning air. The acrid aroma of brush-fire smoke burned my nose. Tiny ash flakes fluttered from the sky. I knew a fire had been

burning inside Camp Pendleton for a good part of the week. This seemed closer. I picked up the Sunday paper and headed back inside. Johnny and Ben had disappeared upstairs to play school with Angela and Lucy, who were now awake. I flicked on the TV.

When Jack came downstairs 20 minutes later, I told him, “There are two new fires. One in Ramona and one in Valley Center. The Ramona fire has already burned about 10,000 acres. The Valley Center one is about 1000.”

Jack sat down beside me, and we watched walls of flame lick up chaparral-covered hillsides. “I don’t suppose Rebecca will have her game today,” Jack said. Rebecca’s softball team had been planning to play a double-header in Valley Center Sunday afternoon.

“Probably not.”

The phone rang. Some dear friends who live in Valley Center were on the line. “Don’t bother coming up here,” Monica said. “The fire’s burning pretty close to the softball field. And they’ve got Valley Center Road and Cole Grade Road shut down. Even if you could get up here, you wouldn’t want to. The air is so thick with smoke.”

“Are you guys okay?”

“I think so. We can see the fire from our front window. I just watched a house go up like a torch. But they haven’t evacuated us yet.”

We talked a while longer. “Be careful,” I told Monica before we hung up. “We’ll sure pray for you guys to be safe.”

We went to Mass. I worried about the fires. I prayed for all our friends who live in Valley Center. By the time we got home around 10:30, the Valley Center fire had grown to 2000 acres. The Ramona fire had burned nearly to Scripps

Ranch. “Jack,” I called from the family room into the garage, where Jack was unbuckling Ben from his seat belt. “The Ramona fire is moving into Poway.”

“You’re kidding,” Jack said. We watched the helicopter shots of the fire line cresting the 67.

“Is the fire close to us?” Rebecca asked.

“No,” I said.

“Are the V’s all right?” Angela asked.

“They were when I talked to them on the phone before church.”

“What are we going to do that’s fun today?” Lucy chimed in.

“Stay close to home,” I said.

“That’s no fun,” Lucy complained.

“I have some work to do,” Jack told the kids. “Later this afternoon, we’ll go to Chuck E. Cheese.”

Jack left the house and ran some errands in Escondido. I watched TV. The girls went upstairs and played beauty parlor. Johnny and Ben dumped their Rescue Heroes out of the crate and zoomed them around the family room. “This is Billy Blazes,” Ben said in the deep, important voice he uses for make-believe games. “Let’s get the fire.”

“Okay, Billy,” Johnny answered. He put Rocky Canyon into the Rescue Heroes airplane. “Let’s move out.”

Johnny flew the plane in front of the TV. “Johnny,” I fussed. “Could you please get out of the way. I’m trying to see this.”

“I’m Billy Blazes,” Ben shouted into my ear.

“That’s great, Ben,” I answered.

“NO. I’m Billy Blazes,” Ben corrected me.

“Okay, Billy,” I corrected myself. “Good

work.”

“What can we have for lunch?” Angela hollered from upstairs.

I ignored her.

“WHAT CAN WE HAVE FOR LUNCH?” she hollered again.

I got up off the couch and stomped into the living room. I called up the stairs, “If you have something to ask me, come to where I am. Don’t you dare holler through the house at me.”

Angela rolled her eyes and shuffled down the stairs. “What can we have for lunch?” she asked.

“I’ll make some sandwiches in a little bit,” I told her.

“But I’m hungry now.”

“Too bad. I’m trying to watch the news coverage about the fire. It’s really close to Hope’s house.”

“Really?” Angela’s eyes got big. She ran back upstairs. “The fire’s really close to Hope’s house,” she told Rebecca and Lucy. Hope is the daughter of some friends who live in Scripps Ranch. I had watched the TV reporters stand in front of homes burning a block from Hope’s house.

When Jack got home, he came into the family room. “As soon as you get into Escondido and look south, it looks like Armageddon,” he said. “And there are flames coming down from Valley Center toward Escondido.”

I made lunch. Jack finished his work. The kids played. I watched TV. When Jack announced, “Time to go to Chuck E. Cheese,” the kids all cheered.

“I’m going to stay home,” I told him.

Jack and the kids drove away. The evening darkened. I sat in the quiet house and watched the world burn.

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