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DISPERSE • Sunday morning, Clairemont Square Shopping Center parking lot. An asphalt expanse between Town Square Stadium 14 and Burlington Coat Factory. A few gulls perched on the edge of a roof. Fifteen more scattered on the pavement. From one, from another, a

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LETTERS

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South Bay Thankful Your recent Thanksgiving feature ("100 Grateful San Diegans," November 26) was very nice, but I was surprised to see that the South Bay is apparently not worthy of your efforts. The list of 100 grateful San Diegans included two people from National City, but they were interviewed at Horton Plaza. You seem to have gotten all over North County, East County, and the central San Diego area, but evidently you couldn't be bothered to check out any of the South Bay. There are a lot of us down here (including a lot of your readers), and we are just as thankful as those people from other areas. Thanks for showing us how

unimportant we are. Marjorie Noyes

Seal Peace

In this season of giving thanks, let us count among our blessings the extraordinary colony of harbor seals at Children's Pool ("Unnecessary Seal Harassment," "City Lights," November 26). The seals were in this area long before the breakwater was erected. Indeed, the rock on which it was built was referred to as Seal Rock in a 19th-century map! The seals need this beach as a haulout (place of rest) and a rookery (place of birthing and nursing). They have found a safe harbor here, and thousands of visitors, including children, are privileged to view this unique site.

As to the idea that patrolling the beach with dogs is "passive," I think it is a very aggressive act to frighten tired, pregnant seals away from shelter.

Pupping season is just around the corner. Let the seals live in peace! Roberta Wolff

La Jolla

False Thesis

Fred Moramarco's words (Letters, November 26) that "the essay's thesis that many men don't have a clue about what women want" are totally false, and he knows it. The essay's thesis was that obviously men do not have a clue about how to arrange a compatible match, nor are they very much interested as long as their needs are taken care of by women. Don Stevens

Escondido

Clueless Wise

Naomi Wise's reply to the letter "Misplaced Capital" (November 26) just demonstrated more of her geographic cluelessness. She wrote: "And Hong Kong isn't actually in China either but is an island off the coast." WRONG!

Hong Kong is a region in China that consists of a peninsula and several nearby islands (one of which is called "Hong Kong Island"). I suggest that Wise ask

Santa for a world atlas. David Evans San Marcos

Crypt Celebrity

I had no intention to continue discourse in these letter pages, but I was surprised to find myself mentioned by name, and while I appreciate the concern for my career and soul, I think I have a few issues with the letters of "Name Withheld" and James Hartline (November 26).

First: the issue at hand is whether we are breaking the law. As Mr. Hartline discovered when the code-enforcement department "essentially laughed him out of their office," the official status of our business and others is that we are *legal*. I guess he "think[s] [he] know[s] more than the city council" too. I look forward to his campaign next time the opportunity arises for him to run for office to correct this oversight, as I know he'd rather not "do nothing but complain." I only skimmed Brother Grimm's article concerned with the "Bathhouse Quagmire" ("City Lights," November 6) and wondered what gay bug was up his journalistic fundament. As I had only skimmed, I failed at the time to realize he was reporting on Mr. Hartline's bug. I did not engage in name-calling in my letter, and I will not now. I continued on page 74



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Undead celebrity Over the past couple of weekends, the new Dr. Seuss movie, The Cat in the Hat with Mike Myers, has raked in \$80 million or so, despite being labeled "an uninspired poisoned lump of eye candy," by New York Times critic A.O. Scott, and even worse by others. In an unfriendly aside that called How the Grinch Stole Christmas, a previous Dr. Seuss movie, "monstrous," Scott pointed out that both pictures had been made with the "permission" of Audrey Geisel, "the author's widow and custodian of his posthumous reputation." But how sentient these days is Audrey Geisel? The La Jolla socialite divorced her first husband, packed her two



young teenaged children off to boarding school, and married Ted "Dr. Seuss" Geisel in 1968. That was a year after the suicide of his first wife, Helen Palmer, who killed herself after becoming despondent over his affair with Audrey. The author's widow is now 82 and no longer putting in

Part of the Seuss empire

regular appearances at Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Manhattan as she did in years past. But thanks to her alliance with Karl ZoBell, a canny La Jolla attorney who manages the Seuss empire of books, movies, TV shows, designer clothing, fast-food chain ads, and any other lucrative knockoffs he can arrange, Audrey has become a wealthy woman indeed. Two years ago, ZoBell's efforts boosted Dr. Seuss into fifth place on Forbes magazine's humorously morbid list of "top-earning dead celebrities," with an estimated yearly take of \$19 million. These days, the noticeably aging Geisel is still being escorted around town on the arm of Alexander Butterfield, who had his own 15 minutes of fame back in 1973 when he revealed to the Senate Watergate Committee that Richard Nixon had been bugging his own office, a revelation that ultimately spelled the president's doom. But if Geisel isn't up to taking care of Seuss's reputation all on her own, a phalanx of advisors, including Union-Tribune columnist Neil Morgan, who, with his wife Judith, wrote the late author's official biography with Geisel's authorization, is more than willing to help out by continuing to puff her reputation in his columns. In October, Morgan announced that Geisel was "pulling out all the stops for the centennial of her husband Ted's birth."

Unsportsmanlike conduct San

Diego is infamous for its two losing, taxpayer-subsidized major-league teams, each headed by a heavy-hitting political player.

Democrat and Padres owner John Moores

and wife kicked in \$100,000 to the failed

campaign to keep former governor Gray



Davis from being recalled. This week, his Republican counterpart, Chargers owner and Stockton developer Alex Spanos, has scheduled a lavish fundraiser for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger at

Alex Spanos Sacramento's Sheraton

Grand Hotel: \$21,000 gets you dinner for two and a high-rollers' reception "photo opportunity" with the gubernator himself; \$10,000 buys one ticket to the photo op and 20 tickets to a separate reception for the less wellheeled; \$500 buys a single admission to same

... There were more than a few sour grapes last week from the pen of Union-Tribune's Tim Sullivan after the Chargers filed suit in L.A. to break their Qualcomm Stadium lease. The sports columnist lashed out at the L.A. Times, insisting that the Chargers had "spoonfed" news of the lawsuit to the Times. And both he and a companion U-T editorial, using virtually identical words, maintained that the team's legal move had been "clumsily executed." Longtime observers of the U-T's Chargers coverage, which for years claimed that the stadium-lease deal was a good one and failed to report any news that contradicted the paper's etched-in-stone editorial views, might be tempted to wonder who really holds the title for most clumsy.

Changing of the guard Retired Marine colonel Terry Smith, chief of staff to San Diego Unified School District honcho Alan Bersin, reportedly has a likely replacement in Leslie Fawcett, a former local school administrator whose last job of note was top deputy to ex-state superintendent of public instruction Delaine Eastin. Smith, whose departure was announced months ago, made a low-six-figure salary; Fawcett is expected to slightly better it. ... For months, passersby have been puzzling over a small closed-circuit television camera mounted high on a light pole at the corner of Harbor Drive and Market and pointed directly at the outdoor terrace of a bar across the street at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel. City officials have now revealed in response to questions that the device is not intended to spy on the illicit affairs of bar patrons but is part of a traffic-control system monitoring traffic from the hotel's driveway onto Harbor Drive ... All that talk in the Union-Tribune about getting a new stadium for the Chargers has downtown library backers silently fuming. Although Mayor Dick Murphy and Councilman Jim Madaffer have repeatedly promised to move the project along, insiders say don't be surprised if nothing ever happens and budget cutting by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is blamed. - Matt Potter

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San Diego as Patsy

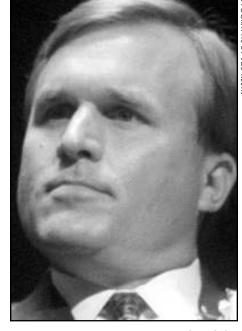
By Don Bauder

he Chargers play horrible football, but their administrative brain trust plays a helluva game of chess. Of course, that brain tional Football League, such trust is competing against a as the Browns' sudden depitifully weak opponent: the San Diego city attorney's parture from Cleveland a office. few years ago. The Chargers first flipped Last week, the Chargers made another moxie Machi-

San Diego the bird in the

an empty San Diego stadium while it was awaiting completion of a new venue elsewhere.

After it got a remake of the stadium now named Qualcomm, the Chargers said they were happy and would stay until 2020. Quickly, the 60,000-seat guarantee bled the city and enraged the citizenry. The Chargers sniffed that a deal was a deal. The city renegotiated the contract in 1997, but city attorney Casey



Casey Gwinn

Gwinn totally blew the opportunity to remove the particularly odious parts. continued on page 4

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avellian move by filing suit against the City of San Diego in a Los Angeles court. It was one of a series of moves foxily designed to alienate San Diego, thus making it easier for the team to blow town without creating a public-re-

lations problem for the Na-

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Dean Spanos

mid-1990s by wangling a bil-

ious one-way contract that

permitted the team to shop

itself to other cities five times

in 23 years, all the while en-

joying a 60,000-seat guaran-

tee, so that it could an-

nounce it was leaving town,

and then play profitably in

Something Stinks In Bird Rock By Geoff Bouvier

ho said the words and the music were supposed to go together? Just when the sleepy situation of local business had begun to awaken in the Bird Rock well into 2005.

Bird Rock area of La Jolla, the residents and business owners there have been hit with a case of pure bad luck. Beginning in January 2003 — and continuing on for two years, at least - the City has been and will be tearing up the streets in Bird Rock

In an area far from beaten trails, the resulting parking bans and traffic detours could prove crippling to Bird Rock.

The city is replacing the La Jolla/Pacific Beach trunk sewer that runs along La Jolla Boulevard. The job began in January and is scheduled to finish by July 2004. In September, the city started replacing the dilapidated pump station 19 in Bird Rock. This job should continue through October of next year. And lastly, the San Diego Water Department will accelerate their schedule to coincide with the end of the sewer job, replacing the pipeline under

Our civilization is built upon an efficient network that see thes beneath us, an unseen system that we trust and never think about, now buried, carrying off whatever we wantonly drain or flush. It's down there, right now, underlying everything we do.



ers were installed in Old Town in 1869. By 1935, San Diego was discharging nine million gallons of raw

sewage through 22 outfalls, with 9 of them emptying into San Diego Bay. Our first treatment plant wasn't built until eight years later. By 1960, the pollution was so bad ("The worst ever seen," reports one source) that a new regional metro system was proposed, wherein San Diego's wastewater would be treated and distributed three miles offshore.

In 1972, a Clean Water Act was passed requiring San Diego to convert to secondary treatment, something the City has fought ever since and has never done. Currently, our treated effluent is distributed five miles offshore, beneath 350 feet or more of water. A battle has quietly raged in the courts ever since, periodically resurfacing, about whether our primary treatment is enough.

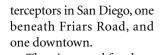
Today, the City of San Diego's Metro Wastewater systems provide sewerage service to over 2 million people. Over 2800 miles of pipes and 84 collection pump stations collect and process a flow of about 190 million gallons a day.

In the Bird Rock section of La Jolla, something went wrong. Part of the problem in Bird Rock is that roots have grown through in places where the old clay pipes were fitted together. Most of Bird Rock's old

pipes date back to 1948. The roots have caused blockages that constipated the lines leading to pump station 19 at the end of Bird Rock Avenue. The other problem is the age of the equipment in the pump station itself. Most every sewer system gravity to move its cargo

along. But pump stations are placed wherever it's necessary to pump uphill. San Diego has 84 pump stations currently in use.

All of our drains and toilets go from 6-inch lateral connections under our houses to 8-inch sewer mains beneath the streets. The mains lead to 21-inch trunk sewers that carry down to 86-inch major interceptors. There are two in-



The pipes used for these laterals, mains, trunks, and interceptors used to be made of vitrified clay, a substance that lasts about 30 to 40 years. The sections of that old pipe were fitted together as tightly as possible. Today, pipes are fashioned out of polyvinyl chloride, or PVC plastic, a durable synthetic material with a shelf life of at least 50 years. These pipes are sealed together with permanent O-rings.

To date, the LJ/PB trunk sewer extends for approximately a mile along La Jolla Boulevard, from Mission Boulevard to Midway Drive. Extensive traffic-control measures are in place for the safety of the community and that of the construction workers.

La Jolla Boulevard

But the traffic control has also made business difficult for an area that relies almost entirely on the flow of cars. There is only one road into Bird Rock and one road out. And there is almost no foot traffic through the area. But this didn't stop J.J.'s Pizza, Starbucks, Fleur & Co., and a host of other new restaurants and businesses from coming into the area to set up shop in the past year.

Now, with narrow streets and interrupted means of access, with no parking and a cosmetically challenged continued on page 12

Prolific Killer

By Robert Kumpel

merica's Gross Domestic Product grew by 7.2 percent in the third quarter, marking the biggest growth in this economic indicator since

what year?

- A. 1984
- B. 1986
- C. 1994
- D. 1995

2. In the course of losing to the Chicago Bears 20-7, Chargers coach Marty Schottenheimer pulled starting quarterback Drew Brees during the fourth quarter, substituting with 41-yearold quarterback Doug Flutie. For which NFL team has Flutie never played?

A. New England B. Chicago C. Green Bay D. Buffalo

3. Paul Bremer, the U.S. administrator in Baghdad, signed a flat income tax order for Iraq. According to the order, the highest rate is not to exceed:

- A. 30 percent B. 25 percent C. 20 percent
- D.15 percent

4. Governor Arnold Schwarz-



Doug Flutie

enegger announced the appointment of former Los Angeles mayor Richard Riordan to fill what post?

A. State Finance Director B. Secretary of Education С. Indian Gaming Commissioner D. State Supreme Court Iustice

5. In its first major action in response to the Do Not Call list, the FCC levied a



Paul Bremer

fine of \$780,000 against which corporate giant for making unwanted phone calls?

Richard Riordan

A. Citibank B. Wells Fargo C. AOLTimeWarner D. AT&T

6. Out of the 26,000 acres in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, approximately how many were not burned in the Cedar fire?



Joan Kroc

A. 100 acres B. 400 acres C. 800 acres D. 1000 acres

7. Joan Kroc left a bequest of \$50 million to USD's Joan Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. For which other religious-affiliated college did she give \$50 million?

A. Notre Dame B. BYU



C. Wellesley D. Boston College

8. Which Democratic presidential candidate said that $\sum_{i=1}^{n}$ he wanted "to be the candidate for guys with Confederate flags in their pickup trucks"? December A. John Kerry

Gary Ridgeway



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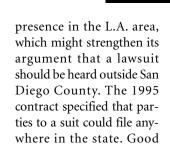
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Shortly, for the Chargers, a deal was no longer a deal: the team wanted a new taxpayer-financed stadium.

Obviously, there was civic resentment. The Chargers

craftily fanned it by relocating its training camp to a pollution-choked Los Angeles location owned by a billionaire who was trying to develop a downtown L.A. football stadium. This move also gave the team a business

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chess players plot moves well in advance: the Chargers' brain trust was doing just that. There is no evidence that city officials recognized that.

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The Chargers then made further steps to antagonize

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San Diegans. They got rid of icons such as Junior Seau. They presented an insulting proposal to build a stadium in Mission Valley. Then they negotiated matters with city council. When the council continued on page 10

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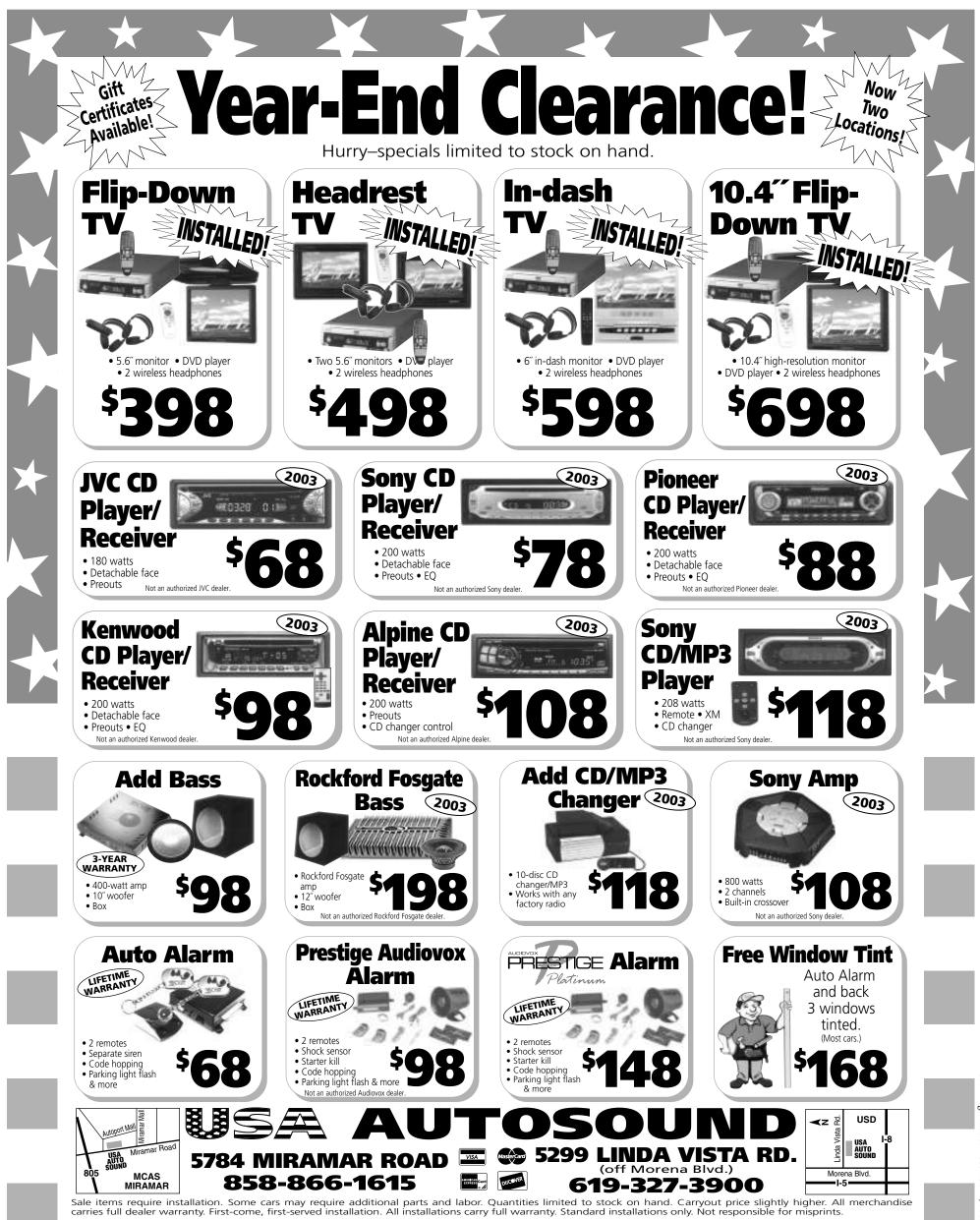
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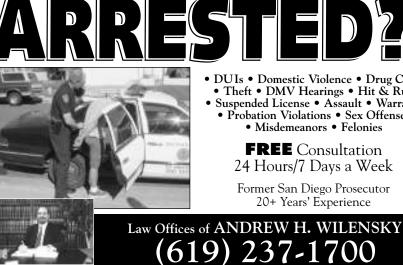
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wouldn't cave in to the team's outrageous demands, the team filed suit in L.A., to which it wants to relocate. Do you see the brilliant chess here? The team creates the

political hostility that prevents city councilmembers from rolling over. Then the team moans about a city council that won't play ball. The Chargers have poi-

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soned the well because it is part of their exit strategy,"

says former councilmember Bruce Henderson, who years ago predicted this scenario in the Reader. "The Chargers need to send a clear signal to Los Angeles and NFL owners that L.A. is their territory." Also, the league wants

to send a clear signal to cities like Minneapolis, Indianapolis, and New Orleans that they must build a new stadium, or like San Diego, they will lose their team, points out Henderson.

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At one time, the Charg-

ers seemed to be going down a double track. The team preferred to move to L.A. but wanted San Diego as a backup in case L.A. never built or refurbished a stadium (particularly the Rose Bowl) or simply didn't want

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the hapless Chargers. Now, it appears that San Diego is no longer the backup. Some other city must be in second place while the Chargers woo Los Angeles and Pasadena and also try to get National Football League brass to approve the move to the L.A. area.

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I do not believe these chess wizards are actually located at Chargers headquarters. Anybody hearing Dean Spanos utter five words would hardly mistake him for Gary Kasparov. The grand master is the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. This was the hostile takeover law firm of the 1980s, representing such characters as Mike Milken, who later went to prison, and his Wall Street firm, Drexel Burnham Lambert, which went down in flames after trying to destroy America's industrial base by selling it to Las Vegas-connected snabobs.

Skadden, Arps knows that San Diego is a patsy. More than a dozen years ago, it told San Diego Gas & Electric that it had to accept the takeover proposal of Southern California Edison. Mercifully, that deal didn't go through. The law firm negotiated the anti-San Diego 1995 Chargers contract with the city. Now it is representing the Chargers in the suit against the city.

The Chargers want to exercise a complex "trigger" that would permit them to move out of town. However, the National Football League would have to present data to justify the trigger, and it refused to give such information to the Chargers task force. Since the city and team have been negotiating secretly, it's not known if the league would cough up financial information in court. Personally, I doubt it.

That's just one reason the Chargers want a friendly judge. San Diego wants one, too, and should try harder to get this suit moved, says Michael Aguirre, a candidate for city attorney who warned the city last year that the Chargers would file a suit in L.A. Aguirre filed a suit against the Chargers that year, trying to block any possible team suit filed in L.A. However, San Diego wouldn't join the suit, and Aguirre continued on page 12

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Now look at the chessboard. The city is completely on the defensive. Perhaps the city attorney's office (which refuses to answer any questions) thought the game was checkers, not chess.

In a larger sense, the game is Monopoly. The National Football League, which orchestrates the buildme-a-stadium-or-I-leavetown scam by billionaire team owners, enjoys monopoly powers. Although San Diego is short of funds, it may be time to recruit other victims of the league — Oakland, Seattle, Cincin-

nati, almost every city that has capitulated to the extortion racket — "and prepare the best antitrust suit we can against the NFL," says Aguirre. Also, "Our representatives in Congress should introduce legislation to strip the NFL of its antitrust exemptions."

At the same time, I would suggest that the American press do its job by revealing just who these NFL owners are. I have searched the Web, and there are still copies



available of Dan E. Moldea's excellent 1989 book, Interference: How Organized Crime Influences Professional Football, published by Morrow. It is extremely well documented and heavily footnoted. The book shows how, through the years, mobsters and gambling-connected characters have owned teams or influenced owners and players. People should read the book and understand just who is depriving cities of their infrastructure and police and fire services.

At the same time, San Diegans should be educated that the so-called Fans, Taxpayers and Business Alliance (indistinguishable from the city-subsidized International Sports Council) and the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce are appeasers that are being manipulated by the Chargers. They are corporate welfarists who do not have the city's interest at heart.

Meanwhile, the city attorney's office "should change its team," says Henderson. "We need to bring in people who understand the situation in L.A." The city has relied upon too many people who have a business interest in remaining friendly with the professional sports industry. They will give bad advice to San Diego, just as Skadden, Arps gave horrendous advice to San Diego Gas & Electric.

"I know the caliber and quality of the people we are dealing with," says councilmember Donna Frye. "The only thing that would surprise me is if they did something that would benefit the public in San Diego."

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landscape (green pipes, yellow machines, orange cones, red signs, hard hats, piles of dirt, and clouds of dust), poor Bird Rock would seem to be falling down just as it was starting to get up.

The engineers for the City of San Diego, who are in charge of the project, called an unofficial meeting on September 8 with the Bird Rock business owners and residents to discuss methods of alleviating the *continued on page 14*



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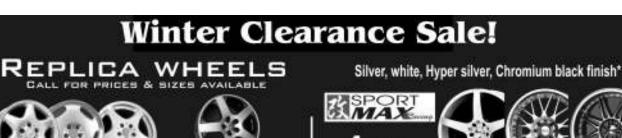
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continued from page 12 impact of the projects. About 50 people attended. The tone of the meeting was edgy and irritable, a mix of barely restrained frustration on one side and apologetic conciliation on the other.

Could the City delay the projects until after the holiday season? No. The Environmental Protection Agency has mandated these dates and will fine the city if the project schedule is not met

Can the City work at night? No. There is an issue regarding the decibel levels of the machines in a residential neighborhood.

What about delivery trucks and especially heavy deliveries if the access to certain businesses is closed? The foreman for Orion Construction stated that his workers and his machinery would be available to help carry deliveries to where they need to go.

The representatives for the project also proposed two compromises: they could either start earlier and get out earlier each day (say, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.), and the local businesses could change their hours to close later in the evening, or the city could start earlier and work later (7:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.) every day and try to complete the entire undertaking ahead of the projected finishing date.

And what about parking? Why not change the parallel parking in Bird Rock to head-in parking and gain precious extra spaces along both sides of the street?

At one point during the meeting, one of the city's engineers explained that laying sewer pipe is a very inefficient task. As much as 150 feet per day might be put into the ground in good conditions, but as little as 30 feet might go in if the workers hit hard rock or abandoned underground equipment.

In short, there's no telling how long the jobs might take.

But the City of San Diego is working under a deadline. The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has implemented a sewer spill reduc-

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tion action plan to upgrade the city's sewer system and reduce sewer spills by the end of fiscal year 2005. This means the City has a vested - and financial - interest to finish the job and maintain a good relationship with the community of Bird Rock.

Since that first September meeting, the city has addressed many of the concerns raised by Bird Rock businesses, including hiring a public relations officer (Darlene Smith) and setting up an official website (www. hardhatcommunications com)

After meetings on October 22 and November 19, a work moratorium was put in place for the holidays, continuing through January 5, 2004. A vacant lot was secured along La Jolla Boulevard to provide additional public parking. The City also designated a Water and Wastewater Group Job Hotline (858-573-5081), where residents and business owners can get answers and information.

The next official meeting between the city and Bird Rock business owners is scheduled Wednesday, January 21, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. at Galoka Gallery Restaurant, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard.

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9. The County Board of Supervisors has endorsed a proposed property-tax increase for the March primary ballot, which would raise money to fund an agency that would purchase and operate firefighting helicopters. According to the proposals, how much more would property owners pay per year to fund the agency?

A. \$5

B. \$20

C. \$45 D \$50

10. Gary Ridgeway pleaded guilty in the 1980s' Green River killing spree, making him one of the most prolific convicted serial killers of all time. How many young women did Ridgeway confess to killing?

A. 29

B. 36

C. 48

D 51

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11. A recent survey shows that enrollment at California's community colleges has dropped for the second semester in a row, a phenomenon some attribute to rising fees from budget cuts. What are the current fees at community colleges?:

A. \$30 per unit B. \$24 per unit C. \$18 per unit

D. \$11 per unit

12. In an interview with ABC's 20/20, Martha Stewart maintained that she had broken no rules nor done anything illegal. Martha Stewart faces trial January

12 on charges that she:

A. committed fraud B. manipulated stock prices C. purchased stocks based on illegal insider tips D. lied to federal investigators about stock sales

13. On November 5, San Francisco voters approved a measure raising the city's minimum wage to \$8.50 per hour, giving San Francisco one of the highest minimum wages of any city in the nation. What is the federal minimum wage?:

A. \$5.15 B. \$5.25 C. \$5.75 D. \$6.25 14. The police chief of which local city was arrested twice within a three-week period in October for drunk driving?

A. El Cajon B. National City C. Escondido D. Carlsbad

15. In what members called a "triumph for diversity," Cuffs, a student bondage club, was granted funding by the associated student body at which college?

A. University of Nevada Las Vegas B. University of Miami C. Iowa State University D. University of Chicago 16. British medical journal *The Lancet* published a study that finds taking a marijuana pill can relieve some symptoms of what disease?

A. AIDS B. multiple sclerosis C. herpes D. lupus

17. The supreme court of which country condemned their nation's representative/contestant in the Miss Earth contest for exposing her body?

A. Iran B. Tunisia C. Pakistan D. Afghanistan 18. On November 4, which movie set a new record for first-day video sales?

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A. Finding Nemo B. The Lion King (Platinum Edition) C. The Matrix Reloaded D. Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines

19. Robert Guccione, 72, recently resigned as CEO of the business empire that he founded. What is the mainstay business of Guccione's corporation?:

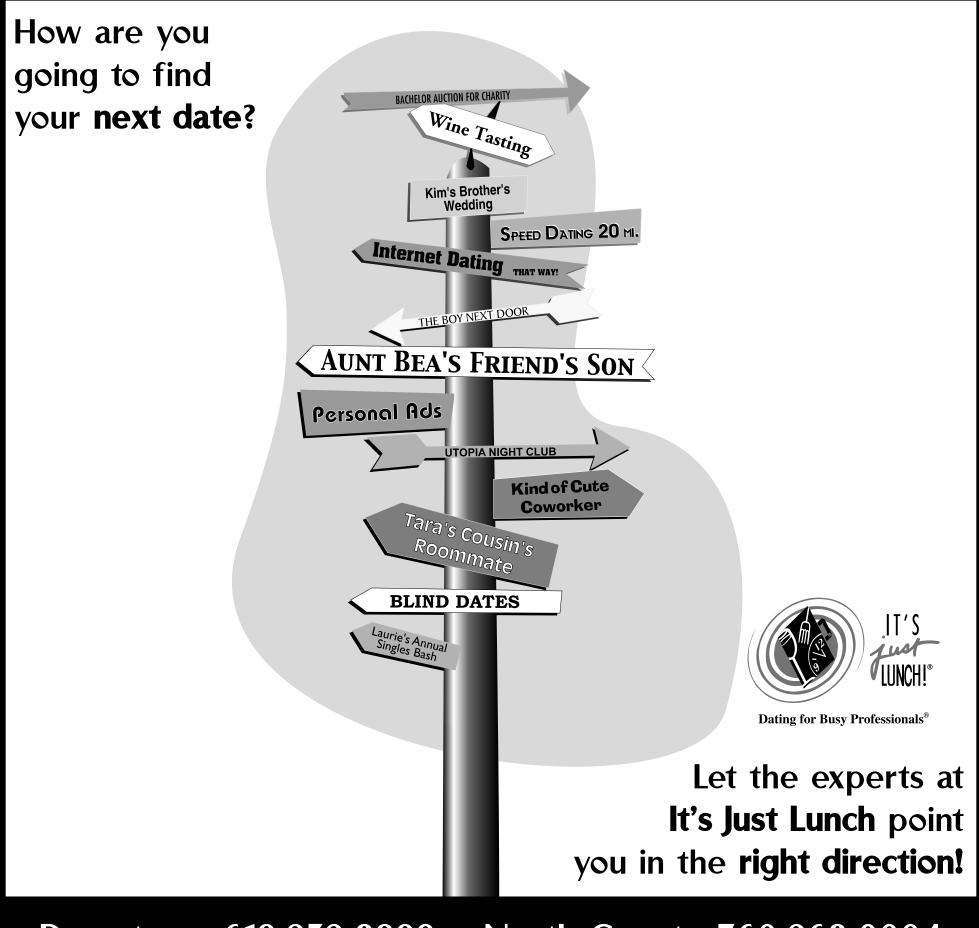
A. fast food B. pornography C. tire manufacturing D. lingerie

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"Sometime in the '80s, my car was stolen out of the parking lot at the county welfare office, where I worked, in El Cajon. The sheriffs found it in the Santee Woolworth's parking lot. Somebody had taken it joyriding and scratched the paint all to hell. A few years later, somebody tried to steal it from outside my house. They wrecked the locks with screwdrivers or something, so I had them replaced and now I have three keys instead of one. The insurance woman was annoyed because she spent so much time and money on replacement locks. But the theft that hurt me the most, somebody stole the license plate. Now I have the blue-and-yellow one instead of the old black and yellow, so it looks like I'm not the original owner.

"We bought it in Alhambra. I can't remember the name of the dealer. When we came to San Diego in '68, we had two VWs, the new one and an older one, a '57 convertible. My husband, the old frugal German, was so fond of his '57, when we needed another car, it seemed like the only way to go.

"People started asking to buy it sometime in the '80s. About once a month, somebody would knock on my door or come over or stop me in a parking lot or at a stoplight and ask if I would sell my car. And they always said, 'I used to have one just like it. I should have never sold it.' $^{\prime\prime}$

Barbara and her brother share a home, and her brother also drives a VW, a '66. "His is really beat up. It's nice on the inside, but outside it's shabby. So people see the two old VWs and come knocking on our door. One came by only a few weeks ago and was all excited. 'Do you want to sell one of your VWs?' He probably thought nobody needed two of them."

I have to ask, "So what makes those old cars so lovable that you and your brother give up air conditioning, speed, comfort, and safety?"

"I know this car," Barbara says, "and it knows me. It feels right. Sure, I have to be careful with all the SUVs and Hummers zooming past, but it fits me just like an old coat. Once when it was being repaired, I had to drive a Chevrolet that was about 20 feet wide, and I felt like I was steering a giant yacht.

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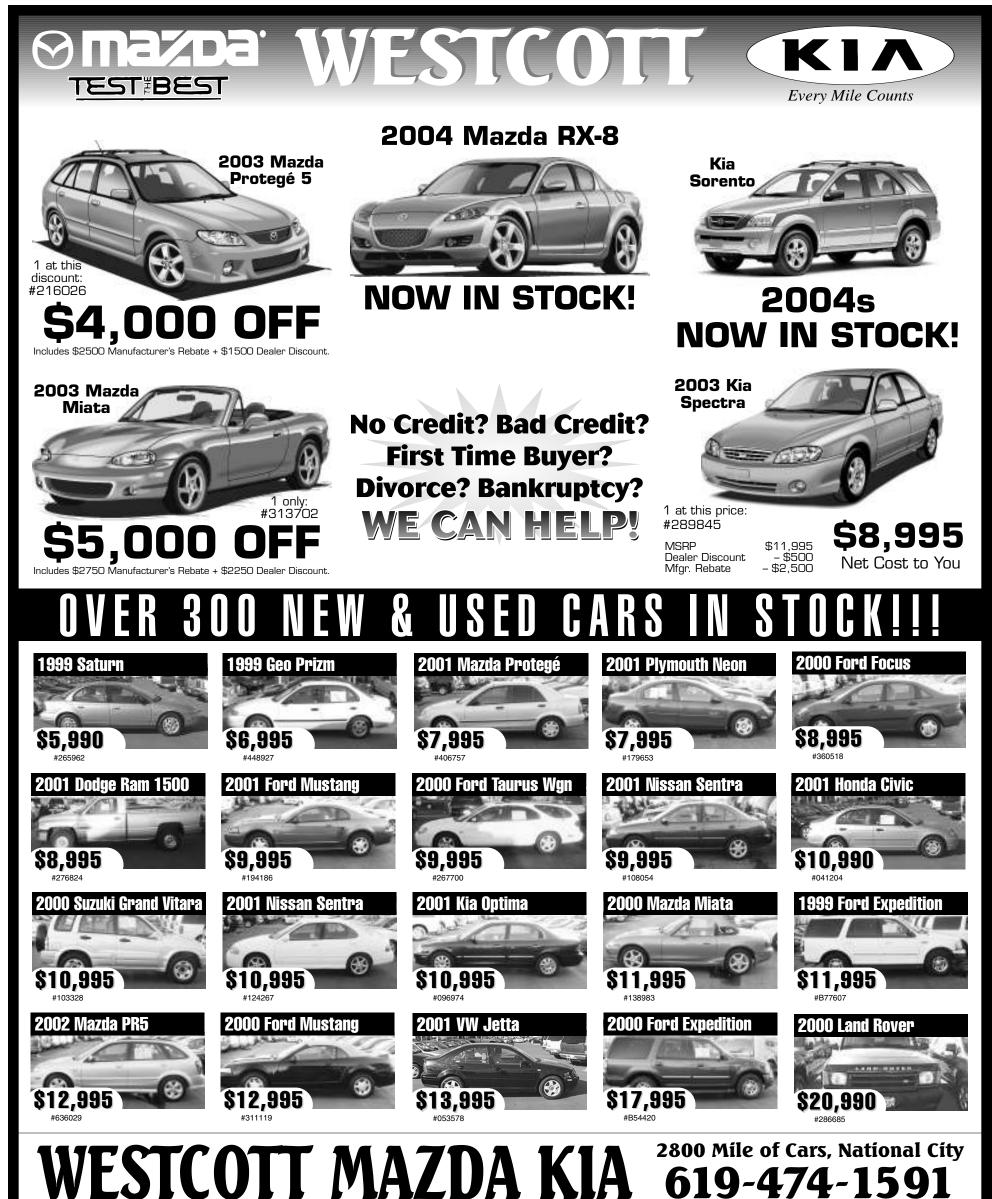
"My car's starting to wear out, though, and I don't know what I'll do when we can't get parts for it. There's a big warehouse in Germany, but my mechanic can go over there only about once a year. I've used the same garage all along, Autohaus Steibel."

"How much would you let it go for?"

- "I can't imagine."
- "Say, \$100,000?"

"Maybe, if it was broken down, and I couldn't get the part I needed — a part to make it run."





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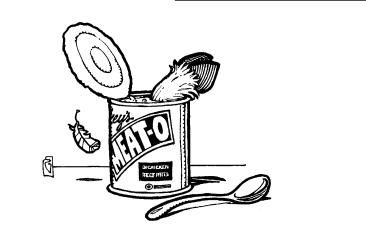
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP



Matt:

Rick Geary

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My mom gave me a bunch of food that she emptied out of her pantry. One can is labeled "Potted Meat Food Product." The ingredients are beef tripe, pork stomachs, beef hearts, chicken, partially defatted beef fatty tissue, beef, pork fat, salt, vinegar, flavorings, and sugar. What is this stuff? Is this the meat equivalent of that yellow stuff called processed cheese food spread? I tried to remember eating it as a kid, and luckily I can't.

— R, Bay Park

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Maybe the stuff kills memory cells. Strange brew. You're right about it being the equivalent of approximate-cheese. Basically, it's a precooked, spiced, pickled, spreadable paste of ground cow and pig parts. Serve it on crackers, if you dare. It's a way for meat processors to sell what, in less image-conscious times, was called offal. According to one meat-processing handbook, offal literally means off-fall, the leftovers that fall off the carcass as the meat is dressed.

Potted meat is any meat that's preserved (pickled or salted) in a container of some kind. As for the oxymoronic "partially defatted beef fatty tissue," that's the official USDA designation for protein solids that remain after fat is rendered from the scrapings and trimmings discarded in the butchering process; mostly connective tissue and other vague subunits of cow body. All in all, Mom's little surprise in a can is no more bizarre than some of our grislier sausages. Nothin' says lovin' like something from the meat-packing plant.

Dear Mr. Alice:

We were kicking back one day listening to the Beatles and reading the lyrics that came with the album. We wondered, what was the first music artist to include the words with their music? Was it the Beatles, or was it some obscure band or artist? We had a big argument over this, so we come to you, Matt, to help us out.

— The Listeners, P.B.

The elves really sweated this question. We pinned down a lot of music historians and tried to whap some facts out of them. We took staffers at repositories of tuneful information and hung them by their ankles out their windows. Aside from a lot of loose change and car keys, we didn't get much. They're a cagey bunch. None had ever been asked this question before, and they did a lot of bobbing and weaving, commitmentwise. But with a few well-worded threats, here's what we got.

All of music did not begin with rock and roll. The world had recorded tunes before Bill Haley and Fats Domino and the Beatles. Liner notes, if you stretch a point, go back as far as Edison's cylinders; and lyrics in liner notes appear in the first decade of the 1900s. The earliest reference we could dig up was to a lyric sheet included with a record of Scottish folk songs from that era. A popular set of kids' records from the 1940s included the words so the tykes could screech along with the music. Opera records have occasionally come with libretti. But if you and your friends were arguing just the rock/pop era, post-'50s, then the Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper* was the first album to include lyrics in the liner notes.

Heymatt:

What would happen if you took a bird that migrates south in the winter and put it on a plane and flew it in one day to where it normally migrates to? Would it stop there or keep moving south? — Dan, San Diego

As many times as ornithologists have tried this trick in the name of science, it's a wonder any bird knows where it's going anymore. They've given coach-class tickets to Norwegian birds and sent them to France, Alaskan birds to Louisiana, California birds to Maryland and Korea, put blinders on them, stuck cotton in their nose holes, done everything but strap them to desk chairs and spin them around until they're too dizzy to stand up. Here's what they get (the simplified version): A bird who has migrated in years past will stay put if he ends up in his usual wintering grounds. They use stars, wind, climate, food availability, and other clues to recognize where they are. If you've taken them to a completely new place, they'll probably find their way back to where they should be using the same clues. But a fresh, new, just-out-of-the-egg bird would probably keep moving south until he reached the limits of acceptable habitat. BTW, the California-to-Korea birds were never seen again. Guess sparrows have their limits.

Dead Disneys

Looks as if we aren't the only ones concerned with the glut of orphans in Disney films. We blamed it on folk-tale tradition. But from "a Vegan in PQ with Too Much to Read" comes research from page 72 (the science section) of the 11/28/2003 issue of *Entertainment Weekly*. To wit, "How would you feel if you built your parents a brand-new home and a gas leak from a profoundly faulty furnace asphyxiated your mother, leaving your father widowed? That monumental tragedy befell brothers Roy and Walt Disney in November 1938...and may go a long way toward explaining the prevalence of familial upheaval in Disney cartoons."

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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Fair Share

his column is meant as holistic medication for those suffering from a rare San Diego form of self abuse, to wit: the inability to stop watching Alex Spanos grub for money. I invite the afflicted to read on.

As of January 1, 2003, there were 330 Indian casinos in the United States and 41 in California. So says the National Indian Gaming Commission. What strikes me as weird is not that there are so many Indian casinos, but that Indian casinos have been allowed to make so much money

Yes, I hear sniveling about how our forefathers stole Indian land and kept Indigenous Peoples living in tin cans for the last 400 years. That was unfortunate. But once California voters approved a March 2000 constitutional amendment, Indian casinos were up and running and perfectly legal. Time passes. Three years of living large can grate on one's neighbors, and so, it's perfectly natural for Governor Schwarzenegger to say it's about time they (Native American Casino Owners and their ilk) pay their fair share.

Of course, "Fair Share" lies in the eyes of the beholder. Schwarzenegger sees "Fair Share" as a modest 25 percent of the take. That's what he'd like Indian casinos to pony up. Unhappily, nobody knows what the take is since Indian casinos are not required to open their books.

Now then, current federal law states Indian tribes are sovereign nations unless we really, really want something they have. Fact two: Most California gambling tribes have negotiated compacts with the state that run until 2020. Under those contracts, said tribes pay no taxes.

So, the idea that tribes holding newly signed compacts - compacts with 17 years remaining, compacts that require no taxes be paid ---will voluntarily sign new instruments that require a 25 percent tax on their revenues — and all the state oversight that comes with determining what 25 percent of their take actually is - just because Arnold says he needs a fair share does not seem to be in line with observed human behavior. In other words, it will never, ever happen that way.

Which doesn't mean it won't happen, just that if it happens, it will happen the old-fashioned way, with the application of bone-crushing pressure and the handing over of extremely valuable goods or services in return for getting extremely valuable goods or services. Like that.

First sighting of bone-crushing pressure is

a statewide initiative that was filed on November 26. If qualified for the ballot and passed by the voters of California, Indian tribes would have 90 days to cut a new deal with the state; said deal must include a provision that would give California 25 percent of their net gambling revenues. Here's the beauty part: if any tribe failed to conform (there are many dozen Indian casinos in California), then five racetracks (Hollywood Park, Santa Anita, Los Alamitos, Bay Meadows, and Golden Gate Fields) would be allowed to install 15,000 slot machines, and 11 card rooms (seven in Southern California) would be allowed to install 15,000 slot machines.

It's so tidy. And, it's so specific. True, the smaller racetracks — Humboldt County Fair, The Big Fresno Fair, Alameda County Fair, Pleasanton Racetrack, Fairplex Park, California State Fair, San Mateo County Fair, Sonoma County Fair, San Joaquin Fair, Solano County Fair, and the like — have been, by golly, overlooked. Also, at last count there were 104 card rooms in California, which means 93 of them were overlooked and won't get a single slot machine.

Paperwork behind the initiative indicates that Sacramento County Sheriff Lou Blanas and Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca are its most prominent supporters. You have to wonder if these men have too much time on their hands. Just off the top of my head, I don't know what passing a constitutional amendment, which would give 11 card rooms and 5 racetracks three zillion dollars in new money, has to do with the duties of being a county sheriff.

Ah, here's the fig leaf. If awarded 30,000 slot machines, the 5 racetracks and 11 card rooms have pledged to give Sacramento onethird of their slot revenues; of that total, half would go "to improve educational services to abused and neglected children and those in foster care; 35 percent would go to local governments for additional police and sheriff's deputies; and 15 percent would pay for additional firefighters.

Nauseating. Hustling billions of dollars out of the public and using "abused and neglected children" as a cheap prop. Here's the thing, a slot machine is a receptacle to hold money. All you have to do is keep the machine running and empty the basket regularly. Giving onethird of that money to Sacramento leaves you with two-thirds of what you never had before. Alex Spanos would be proud.

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Denomination: International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Address: 1140 Oak Crest Park, Encinitas, 760-633-4673 Year founded: 2001 Senior pastor: Reverend Jason Graves Congregation size: 100 Staff: two full-time Annual budget: \$216,000 Weekly giving: \$3800 Singles program: no Diversity: white, Hispanic Dress: casual Services: Sunday worship, 9:30 a.m.

"San Diego is a graveyard for pastors and churches," Reverend Jason Graves told me last Sunday. "It has a reputation for that. We've been here in Encinitas for two years and in that time I've seen two very fine small churches start up and fail. Their pastors have moved on, too. Still, I think God brought us here for a reason. I think we're going to make it."

Reverend Graves belongs to the Interna-

tional Church of the Foursquare Gospel, a Los Angeles-based Pentecostal denomination that more than 80 years ago established practices that are now generic to evangelical Protestantism. Aimee Semple McPherson, Foursquare's founder, made headlines with her "illustrated sermons." Reverend McPherson wasn't content to use hand puppets. She liked to dress up like a traffic cop and roar into her 5300-seat Echo Park church on a motorcy-cle and scream "Halt!" The point being illustrated was that many souls were "speeding" toward perdition.

Not only was McPherson's enormous church the prototype for today's megachurches, her smallerscale influences are also obvious. Last Sunday when I showed up at Reverend Graves's Hope Church in Encinitas, I realized how it was identical to "contemporary

worship" services in Presbyterian, Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, and other denominations. Hope Church offers a beverage cart with a lavish array of coffees and fruit juices. The church's "praise team" sings the same soft-rock hymns you hear everywhere. A glowing projection screen broadcasts the same lyrics you see everywhere. Unless you look very closely at the back of Hope Church's program, you'd find nothing that named the congregation's denominational affiliation.

Dottie, my greeter, was more traditional. She marched me around the church and introduced me to people. She found me a seat, sat down beside me, and asked if I was familiar with the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. She told me how she and her husband had left Cathedral of the Valley, a 3000-member Foursquare church in Escondido, to help Reverend Graves start his new congregation. She told me how Hope Church passes out bottled water at marathons, gives away free turkeys at Thanksgiving, and sponsors elaborate Easter egg hunts.

"But we do it without making a point of who we are. Our purpose isn't proselytization. We just want to make ourselves present in the community and let people get to know us that way."

This low-key approach, Reverend Graves later explained to me, is what contemporary seminaries call "seeker oriented."

You don't want to come at unchurched people with a lot of stuff they're not going to understand, like denominational differences. Your job is to present the Gospel in a way that makes sense to them."

"Seeker friendly" and "seeker oriented" are terms that young pastors also use to signify that their churches have set aside denominational particularisms that might make newcomers uncomfortable. Hope Church's affiliation may be Pentecostal, but no one at last Sunday's service spoke in tongues or holy danced or prophesized. Reverend Graves focused his sermon on a theme he'd used the previous week, Thanksgiving. He said that Christians so often "whine about the world that it's no wonder people accuse Christians of being judgmental and

ungrateful." He told us that giving proper thanks to God "changes our perspective, improves our witness, and enhances our relationship with others." He said that in last week's sermon he encouraged his congregation to make a "weeklong fast from complaining." He asked how many had observed the fast. Of the hundred or so folks present, several raised their hands.

Reverend Graves used most of his sermon time to lead the congregation in an exercise of writing their own psalms, or poems, of thanks. For ten minutes he let everyone scribble down his gratitude and then invited people to come forward and read aloud what they'd written. An older woman named Bervl Jean, who described herself as a former Gestalt therapist, wrote to God that He'd "caressed the childhood abuse and taught me that He is our first father." A woman named Jackie

thanked God for helping her husband recover quickly from back surgery. A young man named Lee was grateful that God had protected him during a violent accident on the 405 freeway. "The first person I thought of after my insurance agent was my girlfriend Melissa." Lee later asked Melissa to marry him.

I realized that Reverend Graves had in a roundabout way created a "testimony service," a practice that had once been synonymous with Pentecostal worship. Afterward, I tried asking if he didn't think that denominational particularisms might in some way be valuable.

"Half of the people who come to us are unchurched. We also have a special emphasis on young people. Young pastors like myself, especially those of us in the Foursquare Church, like to stress that we're just one church in the Body of Christ. Differences aren't what's important. People have a lot of options. They just have to find a place where they're comfortable. Our job is to teach the Gospel the best way we can." — Abe Opincar



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Dear Aunt Trudy,

My wife and I were quite friendly with a couple we met at a PTA meeting. We socialized with them frequently for about four years. We liked each other, and our children all got along well. Then their marriage broke up. Now they barely speak to each other. My wife and I are still friends with "Alan." The wife, "Ella," drifted out of our lives. After not having heard from Ella for almost six months, she e-mailed me out of the blue and told me she'd been dreaming about me. She didn't say what the dreams were. The e-mail was long, and she talked a lot about herself and what she was thinking and guys she was dating. I wrote a very short, polite, innocuous response because I thought it would be rude to ignore the e-mail, and we had all been friends once. Then I get this e-mail from her about how she had been dating a guy, but he wasn't sexually man enough for her (this was explicitly detailed; I won't repeat what she wrote) and talking about other men she'd like to have sex with. It was rather raunchy and aggressive in language and tone, and again, lengthy. Now I'm not a prude, but I was kind of shocked by her gutter talk and explicitly sexual admissions. If a man wrote about women the way she wrote in her e-mails about men, he would surely be accused of being a sexist ierk. Why was she writing this to me? This kind of talk is totally out of character for the Ella I knew, who was quiet, wellmannered, somewhat reserved, and who never brought up anything remotely sexual the entire time I knew her. I showed the e-mail to my wife because it made me nervous, and I didn't know how to respond. My wife agreed that it was quite strange and not at all like Ella. She just said, "Poor Ella. She doesn't sound like she's doing well at all." Should I tell Alan that his ex is sending me wacky emails? Should I write back to Ella? If so, what should I say? I am really flummoxed by these odd unsolicited missives which I find kind of creepy. I don't want to be uncharitable, but I would prefer not to get them, or to hear from her if she is going to talk like a sailor.

WEIRDED OUT IN POINT LOMA

Dear Weirded Out,

Right now I don't see any reason to inform Alan that his ex-wife is sending you salty emails. I also don't believe you have to respond to unwanted or obnoxious e-mail. Sometimes silence sends the most eloquent message. This is not a correspondence you want to continue, so, should she send any more e-mails, your finger is ready on the delete key. If you feel you must write back for the sake of the erstwhile friendship, you can let her know that you're very busy, and while it was nice of her to get in touch and you wish her well, you're not going to be able to write back. Or you can be very honest and tell her that you're uncomfortable with her discussing these highly personal topics with you, and you would rather talk about milder topics. If she attempts to draw things out by entangling you in examinations of why you feel this way, you can simply end the conversation by not writing her back. I don't much like the sound of these sudden, intense, uncharacteristic letters and hope for the sake of all concerned that Ella regains her equilibrium soon.

Dear Readers,

I recently got a heart-rending phone message on my voicemail at the *Reader*. The man who left the message said he was suffering from several major illnesses. and had just had a fight with the only family member he was close to, which had resulted in her refusing to speak to or see him. He sounded desperate, alone. and extremely depressed. To respond to him, and to provide this information for anyone else who might need it, I am going to print the phone numbers of several places that provide counseling and/or referrals and services to those who find themselves terribly depressed and feel they have nowhere to turn. Please call and get help if you need it! Help is available. Don't continue to suffer and live in misery. If you have a physician, ask to be referred to a psychologist, counselor, or psychiatrist. If you don't have anyone who can give you such a referral, call:

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-EVE KELLY

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POTATOES

Mashed potatoes spoiled my Thanksgiving. I hosted the family for this

year's feast, and thought I had timed all the preparations perfectly. But the potatoes took longer to boil than expected, and the rest of the dishes sat on the table while Patrick furiously mashed away in the kitchen. Except for the piping hot

potatoes, when they finally arrived at the table, everything else was lukewarm. Annoying!

take for Christmas. My friend Bernice suggested that I try instant potatoes. The thought of instant potatoes, though I had never tried them, turned my stomach. Bernice told me not to be such a snob and added, "If you could find a brand that tasted like the real McCoy, then you could whip them up in a few minutes at the

I couldn't disagree. Before she hung up, I hooked Bernice into a night of potato tasting. Later, I cruised the supermarkets, snatching up whatever brands they offered. The checker at Whole Foods Market touted the Barbara's Bakery Mashed Potatoes. "My girlfriend only eats instant potatoes," he explained, "and I usually only like the freshly prepared potatoes. But this brand we both love. Barbara's is our compromise.'

Encouraged by his enthusiasm, I headed home to whip up some mashed potatoes. The easy prep, I admit, was seductive. All brands could be prepared in eight minutes or less, but would they taste decent? As Bernice walked in, I was finishing up the Kraft Velveeta Cheesv Mashed Potatoes (\$2.79 for 11.75 ounces at Vons), squeezing on the Velveeta Cheese Sauce. "That looks disgusting," moaned Bernice, as we sat down for a bite. She soon stood corrected.

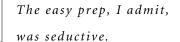
Though the cheese was reminiscent of nacho cheese dip, the potato flavor was strong, with a chunky texture. We were pleasantly shocked with the taste. "I really wanted to not like this," I remarked, digging in for another bite, "but I can't help liking it."

Our enjoyment didn't last long. Hungry Jack Mashed Potatoes (\$2.69 for 15.3 ounces at Vons) melted on the tongue like cotton candy and had little potato flavor. "It is gross to think about," said Bernice, "but this tastes like already-chewed-up food."

Idahoan Mashed Potatoes (on sale at

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Longs Drugs for **\$.99** for 13 ounces) was the cheapest of the bunch. "This tastes like the inside of a steaming crisp baked potato," remarked Bernice. I found the texture a bit melty, so we forged ahead.

Betty Crocker Potato Buds Mashed Potatoes (\$2.99 for 13.75 ounces at Jonathan of La Jolla) hit us with a powdery, processed taste. "This has the texture and look of Cream of Wheat," I laughed. It was definitely not a best buy.

The Trader Joe's Instant Mashed Potatoes (\$1.39 for 15 ounces) also had the consistency of a warm breakfast cereal. But its creamy buttery taste was pleasant, and the potatoes even smelled like a holiday dinner. Betty Crocker Sour Cream & Chives Mashed Potatoes (\$2.75 for 7.2 ounces at Jonathan of La Jolla) delivered a watery potato

taste, disintegrating into gritty flakes on the tongue.

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Its cousin, Betty Crocker Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes (\$2.75 for 7.2 ounces at Jonathan of La Jolla), had a stronger potato flavor, but the overall flavor was reminiscent of garlic salt.

The other garlic variety, Vons Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes (**\$1.69** for 7.6 ounces), pleased us with its pleasant texture, but had a strong burnt garlic taste to it. "This smells exactly like store-bought garlic bread," said Bernice.

At the end of the night, old B. and I decided that Barbara's Bakery Mashed Pota-toes (sale price **\$1.29** for 8 ounces at Whole Foods) had the freshest potato taste of the bunch. "It is quite amazing how fresh these do taste," remarked Bernice. "And if you added sour cream or grated cheese to it, they would be perfect."

I noticed that the Barbara potatoes only had two ingredients: "Potato flakes (made from whole, unpeeled Idaho potatoes) and citric acid." The next day, I called Barbara's Bakery and spoke first with Linda, a customer

service representative. "About 40 to 60 percent of the peel pieces are in each eightounce box," she said. "We never use any whitening chemicals at all, so the white that you see in the potatoes is the natural color of the potato." She forwarded me on to Carrie Nissen, marketing assistant at Barbara's Bakery. "The potatoes used are Russet Burbanks," she explained. "They are brought in and sorted, washed, lightly peeled, and then trimmed and sliced to help cook more evenly. Then they are blanched for the final cook; citric acid is added, and the potatoes are mashed. They are then placed in a dryer, which removes the moisture so they come out dried. The citric acid is added as an antioxidant. It keeps the potatoes from turning a lovely shade of brown.

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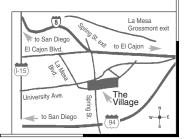
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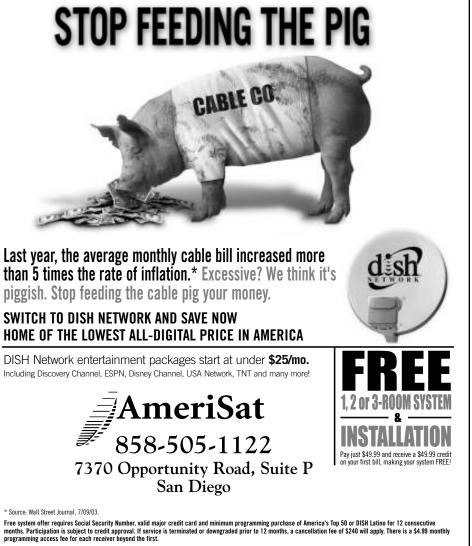
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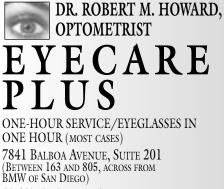
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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

(ED. Two members of the band Strawberry Alarm Clock are now locals — George Bunnell of Pacific Beach and Randy Seal of North Park.)

Winifred: Were you the group that sledgehammered the car?

George Bunnell: Sure. We were on *Laugh-In* and we smashed a Cadillac. The very first *Laugh-In*.

W: I remember seeing a car get smashed in color beside the freeway bridge.

GB: Yeh, that was us, we were in yellow raincoats.

W: Well, that was a weird thing for you guys to be doing. I always thought the Clock was really lightweight.

GB: It was. Of course it was. But you don't think that *Laugh-In* was lightweight?

 "AND YOU THOUGHT STRAWBERRY
 ALARM CLOCK WAS WEIRD," Winifred, December 13, 1973

Twenty-Five Years Ago

I was astounded (but somehow, not surprised) to read of the \$3 million suit being filed against your paper by Ted Giannoulas, the KGB Chicken, over a personal ad that appeared a year ago. I was first reminded of several ads signed "KGB Chicken" appearing recently, containing threats to those (like myself) who are not fans. I believe one read, "When I find you I'm going to get you," or something to that effect. I find that frightening, considering the Chicken appears all over town!

— LETTERS: "CHICKEN BELITTLE,"

Gail Eileen Wesely, December 7, 1978

Twenty Years Ago

Recently I spent an entire endless afternoon in a delicatessen while the man in my life, whom we'll call Henry, backed away from a previous urgency to marry me.... I told him — gently, I hoped — that I was overwhelmed by the responsibilities falling to me in our union: those of principal breadwinner, head of the entertainment committee, business manager, and mother of souls. I told him that more and more it appeared to me that he could not be counted on to contribute much to my care or the welfare of our future family. And having unburdened myself, I leaned back to bask in Henry's reassurances.

At which point he said calmly, "Yes, I think you're right."

"A WORLD FULL OF WORMBOYS:
 WHY WOMEN ARE SO SICK OF WIMPS,"
 Deborah Laake, December 8, 1983

Fifteen Years Ago

Counting the number of skinheads in San Diego is not simple, because there are different types. They can be divided, roughly, into three



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San Diego Reader, December 13, 1973

camps: the WAR skins, the Boot Boys, and the imitators (known derisively as "baldies"). They differ in degrees of racism, violence, and articulation. Of the three groups, the WAR skins are the most organized, the most political, the most strident. They consider themselves as the front-line soldiers for the White Aryan Resistance (WAR), Tom Metzger's reincarnation of the Ku Klux Klan. In San Diego County, they claim to have 72 members. Five of the local WAR skins are incarcerated, mostly on assault charges.

 "YOUNG MEN WITH OLD IDEAS," Brae Canlen, December 8, 1988

Ten Years Ago

As she lay dying, a friend once told me that the worst part of cancer was television.

"It's the canned laughter," she said. "It goes on all day long: *ha*, *ha*, *ha*!"

My friend's roommate, the woman sharing her hospital room, spent her time screaming half-heartedly for nurses to bring her a cigarette. When my friend asked to have the television turned off, the nicotine-fiend really got out of hand. The television stayed on, almost 24 hours a day.

Cancer had blinded my friend, so she didn't have to endure the idiot faces, the bugeyed enthusiasm of television. She had to endure only its idiot forced laughter, its feebleminded shrieks of delight.

"Ha, ha, ha!" said my dying friend. *"It's* like the television's mocking me. I think it's going to kill me."

- AS SEEN ON TV: **"SICK TV,"** Abe Opincar,

December 9, 1993

Five Years Ago

I do not understand what Jangchup Phelgyal's obsession is with obese persons ("I'm Sorry," December 3). It seems almost voyeuristic and sometimes cruel, but then again he sounds like your average chubby-chaser.

Also, Anne Albright, I am sick of hearing about your mewling, pooping progeny. Get your tubes tied, for Christ's sake, and stop torturing us with your Gerber-spewing brood.

— LETTERS: "GET YOUR TUBES TIED,

FOR CHRIST'S SAKE," Rachel Smith, December 10, 1998

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6 Pairs

Crasher

MR. OCTOPUS MAN

by Josh Board

went to crash two parties and ran into trouble with each. The first I couldn't get in. The second I could...if I coughed up \$30.

The first was the homecoming dance for Madison High School in Clairemont. Their football team won the homecoming game the night before, 10-0. Earlier in the week, I had called to see about going to the dance to write about it. I was told by a lady in the finance office that only students were allowed in. I left two messages on the vice principal's voice mail, but he didn't return the calls. So I just decided to show up and crash it on Saturday night.

There was a table set up with a man and two women. I told them I had left a message with the vice principal, but he never called back. This man told me they couldn't let me in. So I talked to a few students who were standing out front. Among them was a couple, and the guy, Andrew Leasau, played fullback on the football team. I asked if there were a lot of alumni at the game the day before and if the weekend was better since they won. He said, "Yeah, there were a lot of former students there, all ages. It was great that we won. Our record is 6-4 now." His girl-



ers?" I asked her about their matching Hawaiian outfits, and she said, "The theme is 'Under the Sea.' It only took us a few minutes to pick these out."

When my photographer took their picture, the man who wouldn't let us in ran over to us, yelling. One of the other students standing there said he

laughing when he pulled out "All my date did was talk about his ex-girlfriend."

was the vice principal, and I wondered why he didn't tell me that when we tried to get in. He asked why we were still on campus, and I said we just wanted to ask the kids some questions about the homecomhis cell phone. I didn't know if I'd have to stay after school and clean chalkboards or if somehow this incident would end up on my permanent record.

ing dance. He said, "This isn't

authorized." I said, "So we

can't even talk to students?"

He said, "That's it! I'm calling

the principal." I almost started

As he made his call, I

Top: Adult "prom" attendees; bottom left: Madison High students; bottom right: "prom" royalty

African-American girl, who was a junior, told me she was a guard on the basketball team. I told her I was too when I played in high school. She had three other female friends. One of them ran track and field, and the other played basketball, and they were all different ages. I asked how the homecoming dance compared with parties they have at their homes. She told me, "Well, at your house you can play the music you want. Nobody tells you what to wear. Here, we can't wear jeans. It's a formal."

The vice principal started to walk over, and I mentioned hoping that the principal gave the okay to let us in. One of the girls says, "Oh, you won't like her! She's really mean. Ain't no way she's going to let you get in."

The vice principal calmly explained that their homecoming had been pushed back because of the recent fires and that in the future. I'd have to talk to a few other people before getting approval. He was pleasant, so we agreed to leave. As we left, cars were pulling up blasting rap. A few other couples were walking to the dance from nearby houses. One couple was making out, leaning up against the fence.

The other party was a prom for adults, held at the Marina Village near SeaWorld. The flyer I had seen said, "Did you attend your prom? Did you have a good time? Were you able to take that special someone? If the answers are no, now's your chance to make up for it!" Ladies were told to dig out that prom dress, and guys a "nice blue ruffled tuxedo or bad suit." I opted to wear my old letterman sweater, and when I walked in, a lady at the door said, "Hey, it's Wally Cleaver!" They had a basket with

talked to a group of girls. An



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condoms, and they handed me one. I said, "This is going to put some pressure on me to score tonight."

The \$30 to get in wasn't so bad, since there was a lot of food and alcohol, and it must have cost a lot to rent the room here, as well as the DJ. The DJ played mostly '80s tunes, since most of the crowd were in their 30s and had graduated in the '80s.

The dance floor was continuously packed. It was small and packed with about 25 couples dancing. The tunes ranged from dance songs by Prince and MC Hammer to metal and those annoying bands such as Depeche Mode and the Pet Shop Boys.

I asked James Rogers, who put this party on, how he came up with the idea. He said, "In 1998 me and these two girls talked about throwing a theme party. We lived in P.B. So Cynthia Roth and I, a few months ago, talked about throwing a party. She mentioned a prom party, and I told her I thought about that years ago. I financed this whole thing. I'm a proiect manager for a large organization and used some of those skills. I managed the distribution of invitations, and we wanted to try and break even with the finances. But the prom, people always wonder — did vou go? Did you get laid? People now were wondering who to take to this party! And

some women who had weight issues and are head cases about that were surprised that they could still fit in these dresses that they had when they were 18."

I thought I'd ask a handful of people at this prom party what their worst prom moment was. Rogers says, "I got set up with this girl, she was a sophomore. It was lastminute. And when I planned this party, people thought I was trying to make up for that."

I talked about the prom with another lady, who told me, "I had just moved here from Minnesota and was set up. Since I was in college, I didn't even like the idea of going to a high school prom. And all my date did was talk about his ex-girlfriend. And when he saw her there, he ended up dancing with her. He also hooked up with her later that evening."

I glanced at some name tags. Some people wrote their real names. Others wrote the names of characters from '80s movies. There was a Duckie, Long Duk Dong, and one gal had a tag saying Ima Hottie, which her friend put on her butt. Her name was Lainie, and she was a hottie. I asked about her worst prom moment. She said, "I went to Monte Vista High School, and the guy I had dated off and on, we decided to take pictures that day. We went to this professional photographer, and he left me there for an

hour. My friends were singing 'Stranded at the Drive-In' like in *Grease*. I found out later he went to buy drugs. Then we were running late, and the other couples had to wait for us in the limo. We went to Top o' the Cove in La Jolla, but that was just so my boyfriend could run in and get matches. The limo went to the drive-through at McDonald's. To top it all off, he only danced one song with me, and he went and had sex with some girl at the prom. And my purse, which had \$250 in it, was stolen."

"Why did you have so much money in it?"

"I wasn't sure about the after parties. Some of my friends said we'd have to pay for the hotel rooms."

There were a few guys wearing white John Travolta suits from *Saturday Night Fever*. A number of guys were wearing wigs; one had a big Afro, another had a black mullet. Two guys were wearing blond wigs and prom dresses. A lady said, "They're probably closet cross-dressers, and this is just an excuse for them to wear some of their outfits out in public."

The women all had their hair up, and a few had pigtails. A few of them wore funny dresses, but most looked as if they wanted to look their best, whereas the men went for laughs with their outfits.

I asked Adam, one of the older guys there, who looked to be in his late 40s, how his prom was. He said, "It was in Washington. Every prom after mine was probably fine, but at mine, everyone just stayed in their rooms and did blow [cocaine]. I was there and wanted to go to the dance. They all wanted to stay in the rooms they got. I just stayed away from the drug scene completely."

One lady overheard this and said, "I have a horrible prom story, but it was my fault. I didn't have a date, so I was going to go with my best friend. But then this cute guy, the star of the baseball team, asked me. I went with him instead. There wasn't enough time for my best friend to find another date. We even ended up going to the same college, and he never talked to me again." "What happened with

"He turned out to be a fucking dork!"

When people danced, a lot were acting goofy. I don't know if it's because they were covering up for the fact that they couldn't dance or pretending that's how they danced when they went to high school, but it was fun to watch. Especially when the DJ played Sir Mix-A-Lot's "Baby Got Back." This was more fun than the serious vibe you have at your senior prom, where everyone wants to look cool in front of their friends, ex-girlfriends, etc. Everyone here was having

fun. I asked a guy with a cheesy ruffled tuxedo about his prom. He said, "I had this girlfriend the entire senior year. We were both virgins, but she told me we would do it after the prom. Well, at an after party, I got drunk. So drunk that, at the hotel, I couldn't perform. I think there might have been barfing involved, too. She broke up with me two days later. And what's worse, her next boyfriend she gave it up to on, like, the third date!"

Christine Eddy, who invited me to this party, said, "My worst moment was just that I asked a guy to go with me to the prom, and he said no. So I didn't go to the prom. But the year after high school, I went with my friend's brother. We ate at Carlos Murphy's in UTC, a Mexican chain restaurant. And at the prom, I don't really dance, so he just danced with all his girlfriends, and I went home."

One guy showed up wearing a white tank top with a bow tie and cummerbund. He was dirty dancing with his date, and some girls were slipping dollar bills into his pants and shirt, as if he was a Chippendales dancer.

One lady said, "I went to an all-girl Catholic school. This guy flaked out on me, and I found out later he went to another girl's prom that night. I had the dress, the limo, and went over and asked a neighbor. I found out later his hobby was making and setting off pipe bombs in the woods. This was in New Orleans. He ended up marrying a woman, having five kids, and joining some weird cult. But he was excited to go to the prom with me, and he turned into Mr. Octopus Man, with his hands all over me. We got this limo from a funeral home, and it only had an 8-track player. This was in 1991, and we were going into New Orleans. Well, there's a 24-mile bridge, and we found out when we got across that our limo's headlights had burned out. They wouldn't let us through, and my friends piled into another car. I was stuck with this guy, going back."

At midnight, a prom king and queen were announced. People started to leave but came back 15 minutes later. One man was killed and a woman injured when gunfire broke out at a "welcome home" party in the banguet room next door. The police said the shooting was gang-related. About ten cop cars surrounded the area and wouldn't let anyone leave or use the exits. An hour later I tried to leave and couldn't. When I went back to the party, the DJ was outside yelling into his cell phone, "I can't leave. I might as well stay here and play music." At 2:30, security threw us all out. We waited about 45 minutes, as the officers came to each car, asking for our license, and asking if we saw or heard anything that happened.

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plaintive cry, that squeaky swing-set sound, an alien despondency. The 15 in tightening togetherness. Separate, too, and *separating*, mocking togetherness. Flocking in antiflock. A club, every adult member identical, their gray-and-white plumage fixed. Otherwise, a few embrowned young. At first glance. Then, a sense that they are one. Their response silence, a discontent, standing stock still. Nobody speak, as if to say we are not one gull, seagull, shorebird, vagrant, visitor, coastal fisher, scavenger — we possess individualities, alas, that no one can see.

I approach. Am met with indifference, then wariness. Mothball heads. Bright yellow beaks. Slate-gray mantles. Field vision whole, each sees my coming and a space to move toward. I approach closer. Stick legs and rubbery feet pick-up, put-down, pick-up, put-

LO AND BEHOLD, said the Mormons, God sent in thousands and thousands of California gulls to devour the devourers.

down. Walk-away, *hurry*-away, walk-back. Uncertain, curious, gregarious. Lowing at me — me, the problem. Then one, flatfooted, ruffles its wings up and out, extends its neck, flattens its back. Its beak visors open, trumpeting rage, and (no exaggeration) the bird hair-balls a squawk.

Larus californicus (California). *Larus delawarensis* (ring-billed). *Larus occidentalis* (Western). Distinct species, cagey individuals. And yet each, at least to me, all gull.

Most Sunday mornings during winter — that is, during gull season — Jack In The Box bags and red licorice wrappers have been pecked apart by these vultures of the asphalt range. And still the gulls wait, thinking (no, trained to think) there'll be more food. And why not. The trash also rises every Sunday, here in the peopleless remains of this and countless other oil-stained lots, cars gone, movie-night adolescents *history*. A homeless man with a shopping cart wheels through the gulls' threshing floor. He chases one or two with a crazy "Aha!"; gulls oblige by hop-running off. Then return. Has food dropped in his wake? It falls here and who cares how. Hunger in their voices, the hunger of long-distant flights, hunger between seasons of breeding and migration. Wanting food, nothing more, nothing Hitchcockian. I notice them here and in myriad elsewheres — bay, beach, dump, slough, flapping by overhead — until their sheer

Motion



numbers say more than "We are here only to eat." Surely something greater than gorging themselves on coastal waste has evolved the desire to desire this heap we call Southern California over some other heap?

Long ago, the noun "gull" signified a dupe. The word morphed to a verb, "to gull," or trick, and morphed again to the human trait "gullible." (*Gulli-gulli*, chants the conjurer.) These large, arrogant birds *gull* with an insistence I find spellworthy: Give us the messiness of your lives. Your rot is our boon. Don't stop with the littered bounties of Happy Meal fun-packs, half-chomped fries, and burger-bun ends.

In the parking lot, I can identify one species, the Western gull, which nests on Mexico's Islas Coronados, some 15 miles off Rosarito. It is our only resident gull, which, as one local birder told me, has solved the migration urge: "Why would anyone ever want to leave San Diego?" The others are vagrants, visitors, accidentals, a set of motorcycle Marlon Brandos come here to gawk and eat and fly over and roost and postcard the beach. And *here* they keep coming — in winter, increasingly more in summer, by the hundreds of thousands, all 21 species.

A moment later, the gulls and I have reached a standoff. Every step I take, each bird takes a step back. Okay. This is as close as we get. But intimacies are imaginable. Somewhere between the Western and the 20 other gull species, between our silly and spiritual depictions of them from beach logos to the ubiquitous "Free Bird," between their ability to resist our encroachment on them and to encroach on us all they want somewhere in between is the gull, passing through and moving on, the apotheosis of elsewhere.

SPIRIT • In the spring of 1848, the year following their arrival in northern Utah, the Mormons planted 900 acres of wheat. That summer, a plague of crickets, the wingless long-horned grasshopper, descended on the fields. Though the Mormons tried to "drown, burn, and club the crickets to death," they were out-bugged. Looking to the skies, the elders called, "God, help us! Our crops are being devoured!" Lo and behold, said the Mormons, God sent in thousands and thousands of California gulls to devour the devourers. The Mormons sank on bended knees, elated their harvest was saved by the discriminating gull. To show their gratitude, they honored the California gull as their state bird, erecting a "handsome monument to the gulls in Temple Square, Salt Lake City," which reads, in part, "In remembrance of the mercy of God to the Mormon pioneers." Wrote one church leader, "We believe that God had a hand in it, and it does not matter particularly whether strangers believe it or not."

And then one day, an ornithologist points out that the gulls discovered this great food source in the fields because it was no more than an hour's flight from their lakeisland nesting grounds. A mordant observer notes that the Mormons could have been "the most sinful people in the world, the gulls still would have come and eaten all those crickets."

Such paradoxes, like gulls fulfilling prophecy and filling their bellies, fascinate. Indeed, John James Audubon loved gulls (and all birds) so much that after he finished painting many of the species he had collected and chloroformed, he ate them.

BIRD • An anecdote one hears regularly about legendary local birder Guy McCaskie is told by Sue Smith. In 2001, Smith, an amateur aviarist and bird illustrator, spotted the newest bird species to be recorded in San Diego County, the Northern wheatear, on the cliffs above La Jolla Shores. This bird, a member of the thrush family, ranges from summer breeding in Alaska to winter stays in Asia and Africa, not North America. It was way off course. Smith spotted the wheatear a mile from where she works, walked back, and phoned McCaskie at his home in Imperial Beach. When she returned to the spot, he was there. He glimpsed the bird for a moment. And then it flitted elsewhere. Only three or four people saw that bird that day, but the proof they gathered (photos, drawings, eyewitness testimony) put the bird on the state list.

McCaskie's name is invoked by his pro-

tégés as the "father of California birding." Now a semi-retired engineer, McCaskie can be found, when not birding, before a horseshoe-shaped desk at the Trepte Construction Company in Kearny Mesa, scouring blueprints. He reminds one of an Old World, off-duty Santa Claus. Thick, hoary hair bunches on his collar. Suspenders hold up his stove-belly-big black jeans. And he speaks with zeal, a birder's consuming excitement to hunt and see the rarity. When I ask him about a particular bird, he's likely to say, "Oh, now that's a pretty bird," mixing a touch of Sylvester the cat with Professor Henry Higgins. A true sportsman, he has often driven 500 miles, with or



without dinner or friends, tipped off about a bird he's never seen. Like the Northern wheatear. To add another notch on the barrel.

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Scotland-born and England-raised, McCaskie enrolled at San Diego State in 1957 and liked it here so much he never left. The sheer numbers of birds

(not just gulls) and habitats (desert, lowlands, mountains, coasts, ocean) were twin seductions. San Diego County has more species of birds known to occur (486

and counting), he tells me, than any other county in the United States.

McCaskie scans a list of local gulls — one of hundreds of lists, tabulations, records, studies, journals he refers to regularly. For four decades he's been the regional editor for Southern California (up to and including Kern and Inyo Counties) of North American Birds. This quarterly report is the bible of regional bird identification. He gathers all observations of birds and makes taxonomic lists of the new, unusual, and accidental birds moving through.

Who names these birds? I ask. The California gull, for instance. McCaskie says it was probably named by

someone who collected or verified one and did so somewhere in the state. Common names imply little, he warns. Herring gull is for the bird's love of herring; glaucous gull for its shade of gray; Iceland gull is seen on occasion in Iceland, though it nests in Greenland. (Greenland, we recall, takes the cake for misnomering.) Sabine's gull was named after Sabine, a sea captain. "Most of the ornithologists name [birds] after a buddy and have the buddy name [one] after them — at least, in the old days," McCaskie says. "But this sea captain, Sabine, wasn't in on the loop, so he just decided to name it after himself."

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birds? Indeed, "Why look at animals?" the English writer John Berger asked in his provocative 1977 essay. Berger writes that we look because we long for an ancestral time when the secrets of life were "the secrets about animals as an intercession between man and his origin." Animals were with us and not with us: "They belonged *there* and here." But with leisure, with mechanization, with human occupation of nearly every earthly habitat, animals have been sundered from the wild, not only for food, but for pleasure, as pets, mascots, and zoo stars. That close to us they become Disnevfied, caricatures laden with anthropomorphism. Comic-strip

Garfield is every spoiled cat, one of 37 million American cats, most of whom receive Christmas presents each year. Such a lot drains spiritual power from the animal. The animal loses much of its species vitality, Berger says. The animal is fitted with one of our many one-dimensionalities, the banal. Supersoftened in its new "innocence," the animal is "emptied of experience and secrets."

One result, Berger concludes, is that "animals are always the observed. The fact that they can observe us has lost all significance.... What we know about them is an index of our power, and thus an index of what separates us from them. The more we know, the further



away they are." In the end, animals captured and retained for study express their marginality, "an otherwise exclusively human attitude indifference." Is Berger anti-scientific? Has he overaligned himself with ancient spirit instead of modern actuality? Does examining animals in depth push their *beings* further and further from us? Do animals, in becoming dependent upon us, become less animalistic? Of course, they don't need us to represent them, though many would argue they need us to represent their interests. Their vanishing habitat may carry the ancillary means that ensures our survival.

Gulls mean enough to us to leave them be. The mascots of a local professional hockey team won't be found in any zoo.

SCAVENGE • Most birds resist the zoo's definition of "animal." It would be painlessly easy to snatch a bird, especially the gull. So plentiful are gulls that they require none of the zoo's protection. And yet they are captivated by the chaos (and waste) of our lives.

No one knows this better than Paul Lozano, who's been working



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dumps for three decades and now manages the Otay Landfill for Allied Waste. Congenial and relaxed, Lozano, who says he loves his job in part because his wife April is his secretary, has driven me out and stopped on one of the terraced roads overlooking the day's trash piling. Below, three huge Caterpillar tractors are spreading and compacting the waste from Chula Vista dump trucks. The Cats slipslide over the grunge pile as though they're maneuvering on basketballs. About 50 yards away is a spotter, who signals incoming rigs where to go. He also watches for gulls. If he sees any approaching, he fires off a gun that shoots a bird-whistler



into the air. The idea is to keep them from landing. Lozano says they will land but "only if we turn our backs. They're sneaky."

In the old days,

Lozano says, thousands roosted here. "I remember driving a piece of equipment and the bird would be gliding next to me, outside, so close and so beautiful. They are

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very beautiful, and big." Where once the landfill bosses merely tolerated the gulls, today they manage them. "We don't want them landing, eating the trash, getting

sick, or taking diseased food out of here." He says it's a health concern. The company can't be 100 percent sure of what people dump in the landfill — from coffee grounds to hypodermic needles. No one, he says, wants these gulls carting off plastic bags and dropping their contents in someone's back yard. To the south we can see the Chula Vista water park, Coors Amphitheatre, new Levittowns rising on the far ridges.

The sound of the bird-whistler is like the squeal of air escaping a balloon's neck. When the whistler is propelled by the hammer-punch of the gun, the rush up through the air bends the noise a bit, making a high-pitched, annoying, and soon-over whine.

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"We don't want to hurt them," Lozano says. "We just want them to move on."

There's probably a flock we can check out on the mesa above us. Often the gulls perch on the edges of the layercake hills, where, Lozano says, "They're thinking, 'Maybe those guys won't look at me and I'll fly in and grab something real quick." Cool, windless days, like today, the gulls stick around; hot days they'll get the gun's message and head for the ocean, five miles off. Arriving, we find a hundred of them, a grayand-white phalanx ready to play scaredy-gull. Lozano loads his gun. He aims it out the window, and the flock takes wing. They're all coming at us. "Oops," he says,

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"they saw me pointing the gun." He fires. The alarmed flock turns chaotically, flaps hurriedly to gain altitude. Lozano loads and fires. They startle again, zig and zag. Once more he fires. Their array is jumbled now — messy, not elegant. They're unsure of where they are. Soon they regroup and head south. Ten minutes later, they're back.

Not only do the Cat operators cover the trash with mulch every night, Saturday evenings they stretch huge tarps on top of that mulch. Even so, the gulls land and peck, their nostrils ablaze with the stench of ripening waste. "They seldom break through," Lozano says.

PORTRAY • Among the

most original American stylists writing short stories today is H.E. Francis. In "A Disturbance of Gulls," a man returns to the seaside cabin in which his reclusive grandfather has just died. He arrives to sort through the old man's belongings, but he senses the soul of his grandfather has remained behind. He wants to help the soul pass and suspects a gull may provide the means. Far out on the pilings of a dock, he watches one gull, among many, on its perch, "immobile and lifeless it seemed, clean white with the clean gray wings, black tail-feathers, and something proud in the head with the hard yellow eye, the authoritative yellow bill. Seen out of the corner of



his eye, the post with the still gull stood on the sand like a presence staring out to sea; and if the gull moved its head, so like a cap, it startled." After speaking with

the doctor and staff who cared for his grandfather during his final days, the man returns to the cabin and naps on his grandfather's bed. He is jolted awake from a dream: A

dazed gull, having flown through an open window and struck the wall, has settled beside him. "Even in the dark its eye glittered. The gull's body hung heavy, the feet dangled like dead hands, the neck lay back over his arm, the head hung contrite." Reviving the gull from its near-dead state, he releases it. The bird returns to the flock that inhabits the seaside pilings. Later, the man tries to draw physically close to one gull — the one he nursed? But to no avail. "Abruptly it spread wings and fluttered, the awkward feet dangling, and then, the legs bending back, rose in a slow graceful arc. How it rose! How it fused wind and its motion. He felt himself rise with that flight into the great eye which spread blue around him, enclosing, drawing green and water and all earth into the flowing around." And then — as it must — the gull "winged higher and

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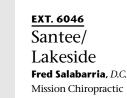
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higher. The sound resounding within him, he went back to the house."

The story works throughout with this mystical quality in which gulls carry the taciturnity and aloneness of the grandfather. His passage to spirit is experienced in the metaphor of the gull's flight. Something intrinsic about the "disturbance of gulls" allows us to feel the freedom that death brings, the going and the letting go.

NEST AND MEW \cdot As children we all daubed onto our idyllic seaside paintings the \vee flecks of gulls flying over. So powerfully mundane were those strokes that the commercial world employs them still. Realty signs with setting sun, waves, a whale's tail, crown-rounded trees, and a single \vee 'd gull.

City banners in blue with egret, leaping dolphin, pier, surfboard, and three gulls, wings arching in soaring flight. Ye Olde Plank Inn driftwood sign with palm trees, A-frame, island, sailboat, and a bevy of gulls. Double-garage doors with leaning palms over a purplepink sunset and dozens of gulls passing or arriving. A mosaic welcome sign for Imperial Beach

on a grassy boulevard island: Most Southwesterly City in Continental U.S. — islands, sunset, sailboat, gulls by the dozen. Gulls illustrate walkway signs on Mission Boulevard, directions to sand-covered paths hustled over by early-morning surfers.

As if the gull had a wing in wanting all that! How often a pair of gulls is depicted on cedar-shake coast cottages for honeymoon or tryst. How often a single gull appears as icon, left its guises, this little Napoleon of lake and shore has chosen San Diego to beach and bay, just as San Diegans have. The gull drew us here, for the bird *lives* what it represents.

Look to Ocean Beach as its symbolic hub. There it's found, posted in the rear windows of "guy" pickups, carved onto warping wooden signs — a wingruffled gull gawking over the town's initials, OB. So charged with drama is the depiction that one cannot tell whether the gull is alighting or embarking. The point is, its wildness is *blessing* OB, a wildness that stubbornly abides what Richard Louv once characterized as "the far end of America."

Yet, for some reason, San Diego's gurus of tourism have not embraced OB's gull. Instead they've enthroned the cuter, captured species, Shamu and Hua Mei. The San Diego Zoo, always stumping for more visitors and more conservancy, uses panda and panda image to create chamber-of-commerce







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creatures. One birder tells me that pandas are adored because they seem childlike and huggable, whereas birds, even in cages, weigh nothing on the adorability scale. Birds stimulate more our sense of awe and abstraction, less our catch-and-keep enslavement.

The gull fascinates because it resists the bars and tanks of captivity. It is as much uncaged as uncageable. It has no cuddlesomeness and performs no tricks. And, like most non-natives and new arrivals to San Diego, the gull is divided between this and other locales. To fly in and out of San Diego is to manifest several passages at once — migratory, homing, pelagic, shorebound. This mirrors America's westerliness. "A literature of motion, not of place," Wallace Stegner said, describing that which most characterizes western writers.

For me the comingand-going motion of the gull represents the wildness we've suppressed in the caged panda and the trained whale.

WING • Gulls' wings are midway between the short, pointed wings of the swallow and the long, narrow wings of the albatross. But on the wing, gulls accomplish acrobatic feats - dive, swoop, halt, reverse often as they engage in kleptoparasitism, the midair stealing of food from other birds, like taking fish from a raptor's talons. They also use great columns of air and changes in air pressure that take them places, at times whether they want to or not.

Soaring is, perhaps, the most efficient means of long-distance travel ever devised by any creature. Gulls soar not by flapping into the columns of air, though flapping-flight does take place first, to get the gull up. Aloft, the bird main-

tains altitude by transferring from one tier of air to another. As one observer put it, the gull "circles into the air column that is rising faster than the bird is descending."

The soaring of gulls

was memorably described by A.H. Woodcock in a 1940 article in the magazine Auk. "It is amusing to note that, failing to reach the roosting place on the first trial, the birds will return to the region of

the up-flow (while they still have enough altitude for a quick downwind glide), rather than flap their wings for the last few hundred feet of the flight. Apparently several minutes of extra soaring time are preferable to a few seconds of flapping."

LIST • Most gulls, Guy McCaskie says, are seen along the ocean shores of the world's continents. The "sea" gull comes from Europe; the proximity of the gull to the sea is like the fisherman's proximity to the ocean — dependent on. Gulls are found on all continents, with a few stragglers in Antarctica. Most land-bird families are confined to one or



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two continents, while the gull is a "coastal thing." Gulls are not a worldwide bird. They are rare visitors to Hawaii. Some faraway islands have their own species; Darwin noted one on the Galapagos. Gulls inhabit the tips of South Africa and South America, Australia and New Zealand. Gulls go incredible distances, but not regularly.

"Gulls have a habit of turning up far, far from where they're supposed to be," McCaskie says. An ivory gull, which lives in the Arctic, is circumpolar, and likes the pack ice, turned up a few years back at Doheny Beach, just north of San Diego County. For a bird that likes dead walruses, "there's a good reason for it not to be down here."

McCaskie has seen the 21 species of gulls in San Diego County. What makes this such an impressive record is, 99 percent of the gulls seen locally are 4 species: Western, California, ring-billed, and Heermann's. McCaskie's had a direct hand in verifying those 17 other species, which make up only 1 percent of local gull sightings. The largest wintering gull population in San Diego is the Western, followed by the California. The smaller ring-billed gull arrives in late summer, having finished foraging in Utah and Canada, where it nests. The glaucous-winged gull and the mew gull move south from coastal Canada and are spotty visitors here, at the south end of their winter range. Bonaparte's gull, like Ross's gull, winters on the Pacific Coast and summers in the Canadian tundra. The bird likes feeding on the ocean but near the coast. They can be seen off La Jolla sometimes in flocks of 2000 or more. Heermann's gull, black with a

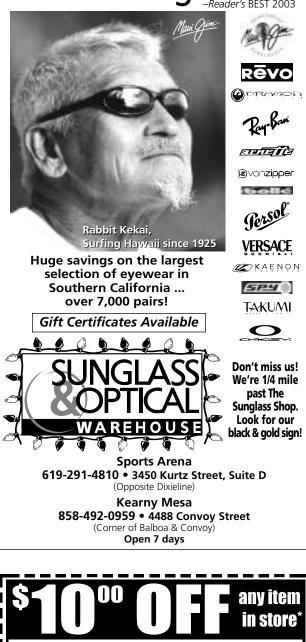
white head, is a Mexican bird and, after it nests, will fly north to the California coast for its food. The herring gull of

the Atlantic seaboard is less common here, though it can be abundant at the Salton Sea. Thayer's gull comes from Baffin Island in northeastern Canada in small groups every year. It flies across the continent for its winter respite. Laughing gull wanders from the eastern United States to Imperial County; a few stray to the coast. Franklin's gull, a "nice, delicate, black-headed thing," McCaskie says, nests in the prairie states and, a long-distance flyer, winters on the west coast of South America. Franklin's gull is even known to make a Kon-Tiki-like voyage across the South Pacific to Australia. Birders report about one Franklin's gull in the county each year. Some of the smaller gulls, like Sabine's gull, also show up here, but they are much smaller, flit faster, and squawk softer, like their cousins, the terns. Controversy visited the sighting of a single Belcher's gull, a South

American species, at the Tijuana River estuary several years ago. It stayed for about five months, and local birders as well as international aviarists came to see it. Its occurrence was disputed because there's no precedent for a Belcher's being anywhere near this part of the globe. Did someone plant it? Maybe. Did it hitch a ride by ship, which is rare for gulls? Unlikely. Was it an escaped caged bird from Tijuana, where many exotic birds are allowed, unlike in the United States? Doubtful. The consensus was, a "legitimate vagrant."

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things - crab, clam, flea, mussel, sow bug, limpets, periwinkles, chitons, dogwinkles creatures that, one bird book says, "must cope with periods of exposure and immersion." Gulls are fish-eaters: love that offal. In betwixt feeds, gulls loaf. You'll find them inspecting a wrack line or a tidal flotsam. One of the finest sights when gulls group is the number of different species, congregating like a multicultural choir. Gulls mix in these wintering flocks; if they mix at the breeding colonies, they may hybridize.

MIGRATE • Bird links heaven and earth. Once people knew gods to inhabit the bodies of birds, revealing the lightness of God. His burden is light, the Bible famously puns. The bird allowed the soul a place to escape to, to soar on, rising above this lot, leaving and yet returning, to remind us that the beyond may include a round-trip ticket. As soon as people knew that the soul needed a body with which to migrate, the soul could then, says one writer, take "its final flight to the nest where it is safe from the perils of transmigration." So strong was the bird-force that the Egyptians recognized the phoenix, a bird that lived for 500 years, consumed itself in a fiery end, then rose from its ashes to live again.

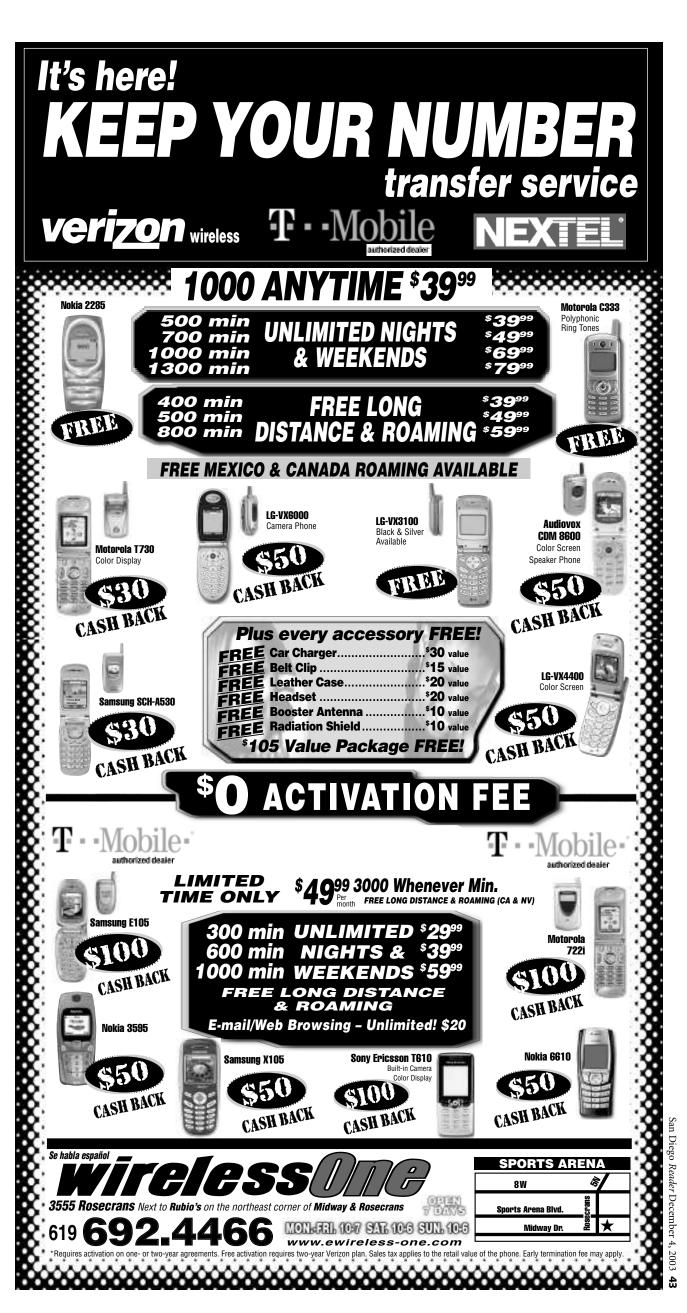
Ancient animal knowledge — rocked by intellectual doubt and the pressure of scientific observation that challenged humankind's initial cosmology of birds - barely exists anymore. The bird has been demystified, no more than an amulet or charm. The bird's symbolic energy is drained of its complexity. In the end, the bird, which was once used to send messages between warring

states, now grasps a sprig of nest material in its beak and delivers the flying-by hope of peace. The bird's status these days can be found at Dove-of-Peace products (*posternow.com*), featuring logos on magnets, greeting cards, calendars, Frisbees, postcards, and more.

Despite the bird's commercialization, birding still mystifies. One birder told me of the spell of birding, the senses enlivened, transfixed. "In a way, time stops," she says. "You're so focused into the moment. Your ears catch everything. You're listening to all the different calls. You're eliminating all the common calls to see if you can hear anything slightly unusual. Your eyes are looking for the slightest movement that might be a rare migrant warbler. It's an exercise for the brain and the reflexes." Though birders appreciate caged birds, she says, birding itself is the opposite. "The uplifting part of it is seeing birds in their natural habitat - free."

The sensuous aspect of birding is paralleled by the mystery of migration. At bottom, a food base controls migration: the bird follows the bugs or rodents, fish kills, and spring thaws. In fact, four ice ages have pushed birds south. Birds also move because wherever they've evolved, so have their predators. (The gulls' predators are few – great horned owls, peregrine falcons, and coyotes who get onto nesting grounds.) Birds migrate for safety. But what impulse gets them to go and keeps them on target? Is it sight, sense, a built-in magnetic homing mechanism, some kind of celestial navigation (star bright, star light), an avian gene?

There's no simple answer. Birds migrate at night. Birds get lost in





fog. Birds are drawn by lights at night and sometimes strike radio towers. Birds move by light's duration. As daylight lessens, birds move south. As days get longer, birds move north.

The modern shaman may have become (by necessity) the habitat preserver part fey mystic, part lawyering environmentalist. In fact, Fish and Wildlife Service personnel, in hopes of documenting the gulls' use of migratory reserves, have been banding the legs of fledgling gulls in their breeding colonies for years. But finding those bands has proven nearly impossible. Gulls scatter from their nests in the northern United States and Canada to all parts of the Pacific coast. They migrate in groups, but they disperse constantly, join other groups, and head where the group is going. Very few gulls, experts say, are site-specific. They are not in one place one summer, one place one winter, then back in the same spot next season, as my parents used to go back and forth to gulf-coast Florida. Such adaptation to only one spot is dangerous to the gull: What if it gets lost and can't find its summer or winter home? Frustrated searching will make it vulnerable to a predator. Gull migration is the puzzle. They reappear in the same spots each year, but the gulls themselves are almost all different. Somehow, though, the birds know how to get to where they've never been.

MOLT • In the Imperial Valley, driving south from Calipatria on California Highway 111, my partner and I are nearing Ramer Lake, the evening home to thousands of gulls and egrets and ibis. Above us, suddenly, a flock of gulls. Paralleling the highway, the birds slow. Driving, I do the same. Highways out here always feel deserted, so it's nothing to creep along at 15 miles per hour, lean head out the window to watch one of many evening avian migrations. The sun is very low though still on the horizon, and the birds' flapping has picked up the tawny orange of the day's last light. The color is radiant in what appears to be a nearunison flap of three dozen gulls. The sun reflects off their up-flap, which alternates with the dark of their downflap. The effect is strobelike, a film whose sprocket stalls and trips along with mechanical grace. A flickering, a shuttering of gull wings in and against a desert sundown sky. For a long moment the pattern holds. Then a shake, long enough for me to shout, "God, would you look at that!" Then the flock veers away in tangled unison, flashing one final surge of orange. Next morning, driving the long, straight ditch-hugging roads of the Imperial Valley, looking for birds, we spot flocks of thousands of ibis and gulls and egrets, mixing, intermingling, in shifting phalanxes of motion over a newly irrigated field. Sudden water has pushed insects to the surface, where the birds

feed. But they are also roused to the air, where the flocks intersect. There are geometric planes of motion that slice into other planes, one giant flock optically dancing with another flock, moiré slicing moiré. The front edge of the combined flocks turns back upon itself, entangling the totality. Other times, the flock seems to lose gravity and drop, swayback fall, which, in turn, causes an undulation of the whole. To our eyes, a sudden seasickness, topsy-tur-







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veydom. All this observed from a soundless half-mile away.

ID • At the end of a dry winter, I meet birders Sue Smith and David Blue at the Soledad Creek estuary, in Torrey Pines State Reserve, to watch them practice gull identification. More than 100 gulls have obliged, at 6:15 a.m. Gray skies, a gentle tide, lots of muddy bars and banks on which the gulls, having slept with heads tucked on their backs, are now preening themselves in the creek's freshwater. Our vision steadies on the gulls, but every so often one or the other heralds, with breathless glee, "There's a white-faced ibis" or "Look, that's a Savannah sparrow," a rare bird in most of North America, but not in coastal California salt marshes.

Smith and Blue set up high-powered telescopes. Big eyes on tripods bring the gulls to us with an almost scarily clear, bird-in-a-book resolution. Such sighting is, nowadays, expected for birders; but it's a requisite for discerning gulls.

Blue is a zealous amateur with steely gray eyes and a rail frame who "birds every day, in or out of the car." In his scope he and I take turns identifying the whiteheaded adults - Western, California, ringbilled — then spot two Heermann's gulls, whose chocolate-brown plumage is unmistakable. An immature pair, they won't be leaving for another few years to breed in Mexico. They'll stay here or they'll wander.

The array of juvenile-gull identities is maddeningly varied. These identities include the eye's relative darkness and coloring; the beak's length and shape; the beak's blunt or pointy end; the beak's black or red or black-

and-red spots; the bird's yellow or pink legs; the bird's body shape compact, bulky, robust, long, slim; and the bird's plumages, not just overall color, but the primary feathers' length and markings on the tips. Recognizing plumages is the linchpin of gull identification: no fewer than nine plumages exist, four years of winter and summer feathers, plus

the juvenile, or justborn, plumage. It's important to note, Blue reminds us, that these plumages are never birdbook exact; the variations between first-winter and second-summer plumage are very close. Even when the "high breeding plumage' ensues, various colors will become, well, more colorful — very white, very gray — "like getting

dressed up for a date," Blue says.

Smith, wearing a white sweatshirt and black sweatpants and the ever-present binoculars around her neck, starts limning a pair of "all sooty" gulls. The bird in the scope is "a smudgy gull," a brownish-gray, she says.

"Keep in mind," Blue says, as we grow more keenly detailed in identification, that "the relative abundance of gulls" — the hard-toknow young ones -"goes down each year. They get eaten." The idea is intriguing. From zero to three years, mortality factors increase. Theoretically, any pair of gulls can mate for ten years and have a clutch of six every year. If all those gulls lived, the balance of bird populations (and

several other ones) would change radically. "Every fall," Blue continues, "there are twice as many birds in the Northern Hemisphere as there were in the previous spring. But by the next spring the numbers are just about back to the same." In other words, most young gulls die. There are a lesser number of first-year and lesser, by half, of second-

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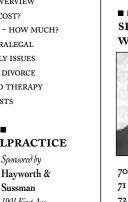


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year gulls. "Our smallest population is the thirdyear gull," Blue says. "You'd think every year there'd be less and less of the four-year age. And that's true, but beyond four years, they all look the same. They're all adult gulls to us." Of those who make it to adulthood, they can live to age 15.

Smith finds an adult Western in her scope, but again it's another "smudgy bird," the back of its head mottled "with oil marks." This adult, Blue says, has already lost its winter plumage. Next we find a young bird that is clearly molting, looking quite ragged.

"What is that?" "It's smudgy all over." "It's really bleached out."

"It's so ugly," Blue says. "I don't even want to look at it." But quickly he reconsiders. "This bird looks different. What's going on here? My first impression is that this is a dark, smudgy thing, so it must be a Western. And yet the tail feathers are very brown. Almost too brown for a Western. So now we go, 'Oh, what is this?' And then I'm thinking, 'It's possible we may never know what this is.' "

Smith, less experienced with gulls than Blue, says, "You've got to tell us. If you know."

"Look at the head shape." He's got us going now. "Is this a more gentle-looking bird? Is this a

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fierce-looking bird? To me this has a more rounded head. But not completely rounded." He ticks off the possibilities. A young ring-billed is very light-colored; the young California doesn't have this petite a bill. Maybe it's a glaucouswinged gull or a Thayer's gull, both relatively uncommon. Smith and Blue confer. Swapping descriptions like taxidermists, savoring the details, "It looks like it hasn't molted in a year, what with its bleachedout feathers — and it's definitely smaller than a Western, because it was standing right next to one and we could see it," and then the bird takes off.

Blue mutters "thank you" to no one in particular, and then he and Smith have binoculars on it, looking for the one clear marking that flight

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shows, the color of the wing tips. Both watch until it's out of sight, crossing over the coast highway. Blue thinks it has hints of Thayer's gull; not as big or light enough for the herring; but close to the Western, though not as big either; a bird moving from its first winter into its first summer. One way out is for Blue to hustle back to the car for his stash of bird books.

While he's gone, Smith gets out her sketch pad. The finenibbed pencil arrows beak, curves head, shapes body, draws complex lateral wing lines. This is fundamental to birding: had this been a rare bird, which it still may be, then the pair would have been taking extensive notes and calling others to come and look. "A rare bird would have brought 400 people

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out here tomorrow," Blue says later. What's important in either case, though, is that Smith and Blue discuss with some exactitude what they've seen. It's a plus that Smith draws the bird and makes notes before they look in the bird book. The bird in memory must retain its difference from the bird in the book, which is, after all, another specimen, a variation of the one we have just seen. How many people have looked in the book and said, "Yeah, that's the bird I saw. I think. Yeah, that's it." The bird-book artist can only illustrate a single plumage, albeit typical and exact, but single.

Meanwhile, the gulls have been roused into the air by a squealing flock of elegant terns that have disrupted our clutch. Suddenly the sky



is alive with crying and flapping, that *kleew-kleew* sound of the beach.

Soon Blue returns with his rucksack and declaims as he walks up, "Let me quote you from the master." He's palming The Sibley Guide to Birds by David Allen Sibley. "Gull identification represents one of the most challenging and subjective puzzles in birding and should be approached only with patient and methodical study. A casual or impatient approach will not be rewarded." Another bird book I consult later agrees: "Do not feel defeated if you cannot name every gull you see."

The books tell us that it may not have been a Thayer's because the Thayer's seems darker. But still it could have been a lighter Thayer's, or a smaller Western; it might have been a herring (which, incidentally, was called Thayer's before Mr. Thayer named it as a separate species); it might have been a Western-and-glaucouswinged cross. "Now you see the problem of gull identification," Blue says to me. "They do this just to aggravate us." Smith admits that

20 minutes ago she had





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it in her mind that with a pair of knowledgeable birders who are consulting the texts in the field, then our gull (the one we saw, not the ones we are seeing in the book) could be "definitely ID'ed. But now, I think, it really can't be." Not every gull can be identified. Don't feel defeated. Each of us is musing on this fact when our bird flies to a sandbar no more than 20 feet away. The scope swiveled, then trained, Smith says, "It's not a herring. I'm thinking now it's a worn Western." Blue, again, ticks off what we should be looking for: "Look at the bill, look at the feathers, look at the wing tips, look at the ... "

ENDURE • In 1895 the Russian doctor and writer Anton Chekhov visited his friend, the impressionist painter Isaac Levitan, who was staying on an estate in an area near Melikhovo. Because Levitan's love of a woman was unreturned, he attempted suicide; Chekhov was helping nurse him back to physical and emotional health. The incident and the locale "about two hundred miles from the Finnish Gulf" and near "a large lake with a number of

seagulls" — inspired his renowned play.

The Seagull is a play about the theatrical delusions of four main artist-characters who interact over the period of two years at a country estate: Arkadina, a famous actress; Treplev, her son, an aspiring playwright; Nina, a young woman who wants to act; and Trigorin, a popular novelist who, like Treplev, fancies Nina. Nina is especially captivated by this visiting Bohemian pair, Arkadina and Trigorin. She hopes to leave her lakeside family home for Moscow and the stage, but leaving is difficult for her. She seems to know that despite the country's provinciality, she will one day "ache to return to this lake, as if I were a seagull." The reference is not to some innocence, but rather to the home as nest, particularly for the adult. Nina, tempted to leave her family and Treplev for the cagey, seductive Trigorin, infuriates Treplev. Lovesick, he rushes out and kills a seagull, later throwing it at Nina's feet. Treplev also announces that "soon I will kill myself," because he can have neither her love nor the estimation of his mother, who also

shuns his misguided attempts at playwriting. He indeed shoots himself, but the wound is superficial.

The writer Trigorin, forever taking notes as "subjects for a short story," sees the gull and fastens the story on Nina: "A young girl has lived her whole life on the shores of a lake. A girl like you. She loves the lake, like a seagull, and she's as happy and free as a seagull, too. A man happens to come by, sees her, and, having nothing else to do, destroys her like that seagull there." Nina swoons at the facility with which life becomes literature, before her very eyes. We, however, see Trigorin's callousness at once, though, alas, Nina does not. She buys the dress without trying it on.

In Moscow, Trigorin uses, then abandons Nina, and in her unhappiness, she writes often to Treplev, bemoaning but accepting her choices, signing her letters "the seagull." Two years pass, and along with Trigorin and Arkadina, she returns to the estate to find Treplev even more despondent than he was, though now making a name for himself as a writer. In

the penultimate scene, Nina rejects Treplev once again, but this time she does it in front of Treplev via a fierce selfanalysis, trying to free herself of her own selfdeceptions. "I am a seagull," she says, pauses, then denies it. "No, not right. I am an actress." She forces herself awake, insisting that the hardship of life has little to do with romance or the great pretend of the theater. She says again, "I

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plev and her home for good, it seems. But her flowering has the opposite effect on him. Now when he shoots himself, he is successful.

Nina, the seagull, has represented the bird in a majesty beyond every tourist grab and commercial manifestation of the gull's autonomy. Nina is like the gull because the gull endures by moving on, by fleeing and returning home. Like Nina, the bird is here and not here. In the

end, the gull's need to move is not a symbol of freedom; it is its means of survival.

THE URGE • Birds must eat, birds must reproduce. Those two facts encapsulate the bird's physical life. Birds are also equipped with a special physicality, flight. Flight mediates the "musts" of eating and reproducing.

At some point after four years of maturing, the urge to return to the

nest springs to life. Young birds don't go back to the breeding grounds until this hormonal reveille dutifully calls them. The urge is built in. Birds feasting on an abundant food source in the wild will suddenly leave, the inner radar to go awakened. Caged migratory birds go batty around nesting time. The Germans have a word for this bird restlessness — Zugunruhe.

The urge takes the adults to safe places,

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What is strange is our nomenclature for all those gulls other than the Western gull. They are called visitors. In fact, the adults spend as much as ten months a year here, while their

nesting season elsewhere is a mere two. And yet this visitor status dominates their existence, since nest, no matter how short your stay, means home.

And such visitor status is permanent to their definition and their survival.

When parents stop feeding chicks, the chicks, who quickly become juveniles, are on their own. "Something urges them to migrate," Guy McCaskie says, "along with everybody else, to go hurtling south." They move on instinct, navigating as best they can. First year, they flock south in late summer and, arriving locally, cluster on bays, inland lakes, or the Salton Sea. These young ones, who fly all over, are not necessarily lost. Rather, they're wandering. And wandering is important to what defines them as a family. As the young gulls' numbers steadily dwindle, they suffer, we might say, the pangs of a pre-urge sensibility. A two-year gull will sense some urge to nest and might wing northward at some point. But, without the clarion call to mate, they are easily pulled into another group. Adventure and not knowing go hand in hand. So they wander, and as they wander, they die. Separated. Sick. Lost at sea. Beaten by wind. Failing to molt. Preyed upon. Suddenly alone in a field beneath a hungry peregrine falcon. Unable to eat enough to fuel their wandering, they starve. And after they die, there remains for the adults an unerring course of cross-continental migratory flyways and the incendiary urge to nest that the young ones have given their lives to maintain. Isn't that the most remarkable thing about the gull?

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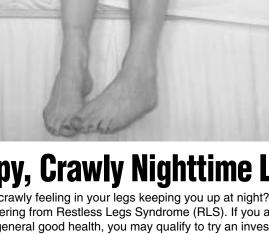
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abe, 20, is attending National City Adult School in hopes of receiving his high school diploma. He left Serra High after tenth grade. He has no regrets about dropping out. He spends his leisure time "having adventures" and reading comic books.

What did you like best in grade school? "I liked my teachers." What are the most useless things you learned in school? "I learned that starfish have no brains, and all that has done since

has caused me to worry and wonder, 'Why in God's name do starfish not have brains, and how do they go on living without brains?'

Were you ever left back a grade? "I'm one of the few people that failed the first grade. Sadly, it's an incident thing again. The teacher wouldn't let me go to the bathroom, so I peed on her desk, and the principal said, 'We don't know about this guy. We can move him ahead, or we can just keep him here.' "



Gabe

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Did you fail any courses? "All of them, except for math and PE. I just didn't care."

What did your parents say when you quit school? "Something like, 'More power to you.' They didn't argue with me at all; they were completely, like, 'Well, if that's what you got to do...' "

Did they try to get you to see a psychologist? "No. Apparently,

if you don't have insurance, nobody wants to think you're crazy. I saw a school psychologist, and I was really happy. We were both Orthodox Catholics."

Were you ever kicked out of school? "I was accused of stealing; I was accused of attempted arson; the police came. Though none of this was proven, I had in-school suspension and regular suspension."

When you ditched school, what would you do? "I went to watch Star Wars Episode I. [Usually] if I didn't want to go to school, I didn't go. It wasn't a matter of going there, then leaving."

Did you go homeless for any time after quitting school? "Intentionally, because I wanted to experience what it was like, so I threw myself out on the street for a little while. It was cold; it was very hard to sleep.... It was only a couple days, but it felt like two years."

Do you or did you like to get high on any particular drugs? "I've gotten drunk, and while I was drunk I think on two occasions I had tried other drugs. I don't go looking for drugs; I'm the kind of guy who will try anything once. I did something you sniff, and I think I tried weed once."

Do you know other people who have dropped out of school? "Yeah; basically, most of my family."

What are they doing now? "Dad does construction."

What do you think are your five most marketable skills? "Listen well... Read well... Argue... Fight... Problemsolving."

What are the five worst jobs you can think of? "Leech farmer... Anything in a courtroom, like a lawyer. Everyone would hate you; I would hate me.... Prison guard... The guy in World Wars who had to set up telephone wires... Politician."

What are the five best jobs you can *think of?* "Graveyard worker — imagine how peaceful and quiet it would be ... Comic-book editor... Doctor... Teacher."

If you were to get your diploma and go on to college, what would you major in? "I would invent a major. I would want to major in immortality. Right now, I want to be a priest or a psychologist or both. [Or] I could always run away to Mexico."

What famous person's career do you wish you had? "I'm happy being me, and I don't really want to be someone else or have their career. One thing the tabloids taught me are that famous people who have money do a lot of drugs and sex and that obviously doesn't make them happy."

What do you imagine yourself doing in ten years? "Working on becoming a doctor."

If you had a child who was dropping out of school, what would you tell them? "I'd probably cry in happiness and say, 'You've done the right thing!' I'd like to think that I'd support their decision."

wenty-one-year-old Jason work involves helping kids from the street and juvenile hall. He quit Lincoln High on the last day of school when he found out he was one credit short

What did you like best in grade school? "Everything. Going on field trips. We went to Balboa Park and the zoo for a whole week. We learned about different animals, what they do, how they live, and what they eat. [We also saw] different snakes; I even saw a two-headed snake."

What are the most useless things you learned in school? "History, because I don't want to learn about the past because I'm living in the present."

Were you ever left back a grade? "No."

Did you fail any courses? "No, but I've gotten F's before."

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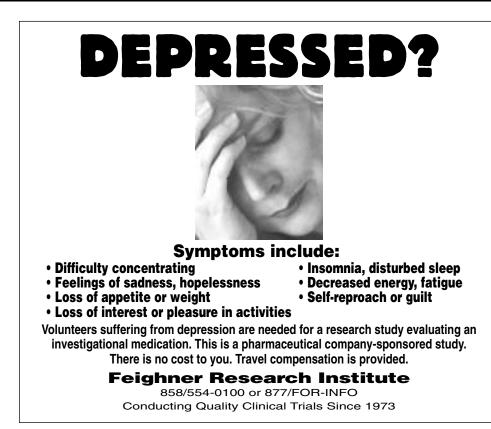
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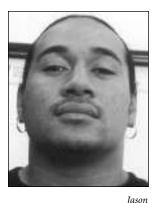
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quit school? "They didn't

say too much; they just

told me to look on for-

ward and hope for the best. They were upset with the school and me. I told them that this was it, and they didn't say anything."

Were you ever kicked out of school? "I can't even remember one time I got suspended. It's all about being smart and knowing how to play the game."

When you ditched school, what would you do? "Go to the homeboy's house, chill; to the homegirl's house, chill. Once I went with my girl to the mall, to the movies, to the beach, whatever. Some people smoked weed or drank."

Did you go homeless for any time after quitting school? "No, it's always family that's going to be there for you all the time."

Do you or did you like to get high on any particular drugs? "Never, not once."

Do you know other people who have dropped out of school? "A lot." What are they doing now? "One just got married, one's living with his girl one got a job in Ari

girl, one got a job in Arizona with his girl...she has a nail salon. Another guy is working at warehousing."

What do you think are your five most marketable skills? "Honest... Dependable... Good

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sense of humor... Good at working with people... Creative."

What are the five worst jobs you can think of? "Fast food.... Cutting grass.... California Conservation Corps.... Fisherman.... Roofer."

What are the five best jobs you can think of? "Lawyer... Doctor.... Counselor.... Teacher.... Director."

If you were to get your diploma and go on to college, what would you major in? "Psychiatry."

What famous person's career do you wish you had? "Nobody's famous career, because I learned to be myself. Whatever they can become I can become, or a little bit more than what they is. It just takes you to activate yourself to become that person or get the same job that person has." What do you imagine

yourself doing in ten

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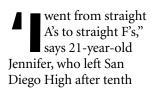


• Eligible participants must be between 18 and 65 years of age.

- ◆ Office visits, study procedures, and study medication will be provided at no cost.
- Reimbursement for travel and other study-related expenses may be provided.

For more information, please contact: **MEDICAL CENTER FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH** Michelle at (619) 521-2841 *years?* "Something bigger, like working in a big office, probably be a director or counselor."

If you had a child who was dropping out of school, what would you tell them? "I would talk to them about finishing school. Since I was once there, I'm gonna let him know that somewhere down the line, you're gonna have to get your GED, so why quit when you can finish it now?"





Jennifer

grade. She said she was failing every class because of drugs, alcohol, and gang-related activities. Now recovered and a single mom, Jennifer wants to become a social worker or a probation officer.

What did you like best in grade school? "PE; I was good at it. I like volleyball, running, soccer."

What are the most useless things you learned in school? "Everything." Did you fail any

courses? "Yes, all of them in the tenth grade. I didn't care, I didn't work, I never went to school." *What did your par-*

ents say when you quit school? "[My mom] didn't know when I quit school because I used to leave the house in the morning and come back at, like, three for, like, a year. But when she found out, she was mad and kicked me out of the house; but she didn't really mean it, she was just mad. She told me I had to go back, and I tried. I went back to school three times, but I couldn't last more than two weeks because it was boring, and I was already

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drinking."

Did she try to get you to see a psychologist? "No, my mom didn't know I was using drugs. I see a therapist now, and she's cool."

Did you go homeless for any time after quitting school? "When I left school, I started going out to the streets, and I wouldn't come back for months, just kickin' with the homies. I lived with my friends at their houses. I wanted to be homeless. But I always came back to my house; my mom never closed the door on me."

Do you or did you like to get high on any particular drugs? "Yes, crystal meth. I used to collect money from my friends and get it with their money."

Were you ever kicked

out of school? "Yes I wasn't going anymore, so they straight out kicked me out. Two months later, when I tried to go back, they wouldn't let me, so I left. When I tried to go to night school, I went two or three times, but I never lasted more than two or three weeks."

When you ditched school, what would you do? "Drank. Sometimes in friends' houses, sometimes at the parking lot. Someone bought it for me, like a homeless person. You just give him a dollar or buy him a beer, and they'll just buy it for you."

Do you know other people who have dropped out of school? "Yes."

What are they doing *now?* "They're not doing anything; they're destroying themselves: drinking,

using, bad stuff, going to jail. Some are working and/or they got married. I have a friend, she left school, and she has a baby right now. I also know a lot of people in jail for drug abuse."

What do you think are your five most marketable skills? "Responsible and appreciate things.... Dependable.... Hard worker.... People person; I like to talk to people.... Positive attitude."

What are the five worst jobs you can think of? "Restaurant worker... Fashion and clothes. I couldn't work [in a store] 'cause there's a lot of girls with attitudes, like, 'I don't like this, and I don't like that'... Shoe store... Receptionist... Teacher."

What are the five best jobs you can think of?

"Probation officer... Social worker... Counselor... Youth advocate; I like what I do." *If you were to get*

your diploma and go on to college, what would you major in? "Social services." What famous person's

career do you wish you had? "No one, because I want to be a social worker or a probation officer."

What do you imagine yourself doing in ten years? "Hopefully I'll finish school and become a probation officer and a social worker. Also being a good mother, staying clean."

If you had a child who was dropping out of school, what would you tell them? "I don't know, because I know I didn't listen when my mom

told me. But I would, like, tell her what happened to me, my experience and how hard it was, and all the things that I went through that I don't want her to go through. I'd try to make sure she'd go to school and help her with whatever she needs help with. I'll help her with her homework, take her to places, go with her to school."

ura dropped out of Hilltop High because she was depressed. She describes herself as a goth and looks up to Marilyn Manson. Now 21 and in National City Adult School, Aura recently married her high school sweetheart.

What did you like best about grade school?



"Nap time."

What are the most useless things you learned in school? "U.S. history. Well, it's not that useless, it's just that I'll never really use it. Maybe to strike up a conversation."

What did your parents say when you quit *school?* "[My mother] didn't care, actually. [She said] 'It's okay, but you'll finish school someday, right?' 'Yep.' "

Did your parents try

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to get you to see a psychologist? "They tried, but we couldn't afford it. Actually, I needed it, needed someone to help me out. I don't talk about my emotions a lot, and I keep it all in, and I just broke down one day around the time I dropped out. Even my doctor gave me this test to take, and it showed some depression signs, and they wanted me to see someone before it got worse. I got over it; I just started thinking about my life and the good things about it.'

Were you ever kicked out of school? "Never been expelled or suspended."

When you ditched school, if you did, what would you do? "I never ditched."

Do you know other people who have dropped out of school? "My husband."

What is he doing now? "He's working at an electronics boutique. He sells electronics."

What do you think are your five most marketable skills? "Social... Good memory, when I actually have to memorize something... Computer skills... Art skills... Good arguer."

What are the five worst jobs you can think of? "Fast food... Trashpicking... Counting cans... Washing dishes... Housekeeping."

What are the five best jobs you can think of? "Working in an office... Working with animals... Working in a book place... Working in an art place... Fashion."

If you were to get your diploma and go on to college, what would you major in? "Fashion design."

Do you or did you like to get high on any particular drugs? "Actually, I don't do drugs. I don't believe in it; it's just a stupid way to get away from reality."

What famous person's career do you wish you had? "Actually, no one. Maybe a cartoonist."

What do you imagine yourself doing in ten years? "Hopefully I'll be the world's greatest fashion designer." If you had a child who was dropping out of school, what would you tell them? "I'd just tell him about my experiences and make sure she or he is willing to go through what I've been through. I'd tell him every job requires a high school diploma, and every good job requires a high school diploma."

rnesto dropped out of high school in 11th grade because he got mixed up with the "wrong crowd." He says, "I don't remember anytime back in my past when I appreciated a teacher." Now in NCAS, he says he enjoys learning and plans to pursue a college education after a four-year hitch in the Marines.

What did you like best in grade school? "I went to a Catholic school, and there was a lot of discipline, going to church, and Biblereading."

What are the most useless things you learned in school? "Dodgeball and



Ernesto

social studies." Were you ever left back a grade? "Yes, in the third grade. The teacher felt that I wasn't ready to go on to the fourth grade yet."

Did you fail any courses? "Math, social studies."

What did your parents say when you quit school? "They never said nothing to me. I know they were disappointed, but when that happened, I wasn't even around my parents no more. I wasn't living in their house; I was staying with friends."

Were you ever kicked out of school? "I was suspended for having [a] bong, and I didn't show up most of the time after

that."

When you ditched school, what would you do? "I would take other people with me down to a little canyon on the side of the school, and we'd get someone to buy beer or smoke pot. We would also go to the mall."

Do you know other people who have dropped out of school? "Yes." What are they doing

now? "They're probably still doing the same

things I was doing: drugs. When I went through my sobriety, I let go of all my old friends, so now I truly only have one friend. He dropped out, too, but he's doing all right. He's doing scaffolding."

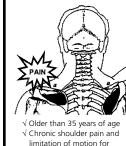
What do you think are your five most marketable skills? "Fast learner... Never late... Reliable... Honest... Helpful." What are the five

worst jobs you can think of? "Porta Potti cleaner… Working in a sewer… Fast food."

What are the five best jobs you can think of? "Doctor... Artist... Psychiatrist... Dentist... Architect."

If you were to get your diploma and go on to college, what would you major in? "Marine biology." ■ — Stephanie Feldstein, Bonita Vista H.S.

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A new treatment for chronic shoulder pain is currently being investigated. This product has been approved for another related pain indication, and would involve an injection into the joint space of the shoulder. If you are interested in learning more about participating in this clinical research study and the availability of a doctor in your area, please call **The Damluji Research Center** at **(760) 421-0288 (North County)** or **(619) 293-0644 (San Diego).**

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 in 7 phase calls
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For more information, please contact: **MEDICAL CENTER FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH** Anne at (619) 521-2884

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"I'll tell you this, it's no landlady's religion," said Lyres to my friend Anna and me.

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MARS, which is the hour of death and destruction," said Bill Lyres, black priest of a witches' coven. "I'm sure you'll think it's ironic that you should have chosen this time, on this day, to come here."

"Ironic" wasn't the word. I laughed nervously and remarked that perhaps we shouldn't perform any rituals, given the nature of the hour.

"If you had come last night like we planned," said Lyres, "I was going to try and summon the Goddess of Beauty, to give you eternal love and beauty. But this is a bad hour for summoning."

Lyres has been a member of what he refers to as the Old Religion, or witchcraft, since childhood. It goes back five generations in his family; his parents taught him its precepts and rituals, just as his friends' parents taught them Christianity and sent them to Sunday school. He grew up in Missouri and came to San Diego about ten years ago; now in his mid-30s, he has been active in covens since he was 17. Neither his wife nor his children practice his reli-

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gion, though he's taught them about it.

"You'd be amazed how many people follow the Old Religion," Lyres said.

I was amazed. To some, like Lyres, it is the Old Religion, handed down from parent to child like any other religion; to others, it is being born with special powers to develop, a "sensitive," selected for witchcraft as a way of life; to still others it is one more path along the spiritual route that runs from transcendental meditation to Raja-yoga to Zen to Krishna consciousness to astral projection — and on and on and on. But what was most singular about my witchseeking was that once I began looking for that which I had never even glimpsed before — the practice of magic and witchcraft — I found it everywhere.

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"You know how when you move to a new apartment, the landlady gives you about 27 'Thou shalt nots'? Thou shalt not have children, thou shalt not have pets, thou shalt not play the radio loud after 9:00 p.m.' Well, we teach indulgence in anything that will bring you peace and contentment, as long as it doesn't bring wrath down upon you and to others."

"I'm a television repairman," he continued, "so I go into a lot of homes. And I see the signs of the Old Religion in more houses than you'd believe. But it's highly secretive, so most outsiders wouldn't even know that it exists.

Lyres emphasized the difference between witchcraft and the much-publicized Satanism, with its Black Mass. The Old Religion is probably the *oldest* religion, he said; another word for it is Wicca, meaning wise — thus, witchcraft, craft of the wise; and it recognizes God as the supreme being. Satanism, on the other hand, of course puts Satan supreme and began during the Renaissance — its Black Mass a deliberate defilement of whatever Christianity held sacred.

Since the high priestess had denied my request to attend a coven meeting, Lyres agreed to describe to me what takes place. His coven — which practices both black and white magic (black magic doing harm and white magic,



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good) — consists of 12 women and one man, the Black Priest; woman is the center of the universe and key to the power. The high priestess, who can be appointed only by another high priestess, is the coven's absolute ruler, second to God; her will goes unquestioned.

"The only clothing we wear is black robes, which the high priestess purifies under the full moon," explained Lyres. "We kneel on a baphen, a goatskin made out of the hide of 12 goats" — at the moment serving as a throw rug in his den — "and draw a circle, exactly nine feet in diameter, and a pentagram inside it. That's the only safe place to be during the ritual, inside that circle.

"At the start, the high priestess sounds a bell and makes a recitation to the four powers of darkness ----pointing in each direction with a magic wand made of ashwood, 19¹/₂ inches long — asking them to leave us in peace. Then the women drink a mixture prepared by the high priestess, and she prays to God and conjures the desired spirit, asking it to appear in a comely form."

Why comely?

"So that it doesn't come with, say, the body of a goat and the head of a frog, some-

thing too hideous to look at."

All of the foregoing does not guarantee success, Lyres added. "Sometimes only something small happens, like a glass moving across the table, or the conjured spirit might appear in smoke; if you wish it to assume a more three-dimensional form, you can make a small cut on your finger — since fresh blood gives the spirit body."

He held out a candle, of slightly reddish tint, in a shot glass, for our inspection. Ordinary enough, except for the red, at which I ventured a guess. "Yes," Lyres replied promptly, "that's human blood. But what's really amazing is that this candle, which the high priestess made, has been burning through our coven meetings for five years. And the wax has never gone down, never been replaced."

Lyres now confessed that at his first meeting with Anna and me - over coffee at Howard Johnson's he had been frightened. An interesting twist. I thought, What scared him?

"You," he said to Anna. "I think you have special powers, even if you don't know it" - and suggested that she would probably make a good high priestess. "The things I could teach you ... " he mused

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aloud.

Lyres gave us what he had prepared for our beauty ritual: a glass, with a special inscription on its base, a Gerber's jar with a mixture red wine, Egyptian spices, and just a tiny bit of human blood

he explained, fixing his gaze on me.

I am green, and Anna is blue. We were visiting Force in his trailer in a mobile-home court off Mission Gorge Road, where he lives with his brother, two dogs, a cockatiel, and two desert iguanas. Force was

in-law were killed.

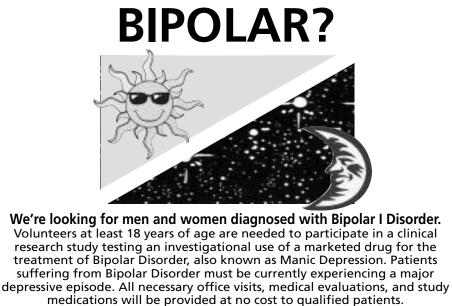
Force claimed he had played a role, witch-wise, in the indictment of San Diego's former Mayor Curran and his staff, in the Yellow Cab scandal.

"This will let Diana, the goddess of the moon, know you are one of her children," Lyres said, handing me a moonstone that the high priestess had sanctified by running water over it for six weeks.

"Keep it near you always," Lyres advised, "and life will start going your way." * * *

"Here comes the green girl, here comes the purple lady — that's what I used to say to my mother, and she always understood; she never put me down for it," said Oliver Force.

"People are flashes of color to me, until I look at them for a minute or so,"





For more information about this study, please contact: (619) 688-6565

crystal balls in his living room. One of them, he told us, is from the tomb of Ramses I and has been seen on in order!" a trapeze artist in the cirexhibit at the Smithsonian. cus, until a fall 12 years ago The conversation in which he was crippled turned to witches, and Force and his sister and brotherremarked that they usually have animals around, which "We were in a human "hold the magnetism of pyramid," he recounted. "I what they're working with." was on the top, balancing I considered his menagerie on one hand on a chair, and and glanced at him. "Actually, I'm the head I fell 80 feet. Four days before, I knew it was going of a coven," he smiled. HEALTH AND BEAUTY INTERNATIONAL LASER HAIR TRANSPLANT SURGERY CENTER A Medical Corporation **Guaranteed Value** & Results... 3000 Hairs for \$2,500

to people involved in

witchcraft, which he is not.

Force has supported him-

self by giving readings at

home — \$10 for a regular,

\$25 for crystal ball — and

performances of psychic

prowess, utilizing those tal-

ents which had earlier been

a "hobby." There are three

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to happen — I warned Force claimed he had played a role, witch-wise, them, but I couldn't convince them." He had told in the indictment of San me, on the phone, that he Diego's former Mayor Curhas extrasensory percepran and his staff, in the Yeltion — and also that he low Cab scandal. might be able to lead me

"A friend of mine, Jodi Bohmert, who worked in the mayor's office, was fired. She said to me, 'Boy, I'd like to see them brought up before the grand jury,' and I said, 'Well, let's do it!' She wrote down a list of names, and I told her that within three hours or three days, they'd be indicted. Three days later, I was listening to the radio, and they announced the indictments — name for name,

Force told us that his father was a Canadian Indian and his mother an Egyptian who became a Hollywood movie star named Barbara Lamar. She was murdered when he was only six — he had foreseen her death — and at eight he ran away to join the circus, where he spent his life until

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the accident. He has had psychic powers since he was five; as he grew up, they were simply a fact of life; and his witchcraft — which he traces back to the Egyptians and Babylonians is a logical extension of those powers. He is also a practicing Catholic.

"Some people are horrified at the thought of witchcraft because they think you're trying to play God," Force complained. "But it demands a supreme belief in God." Force sees a growing interest in witchcraft. "Some people are turning away from the organized religions, and they want something else to fulfill their needs and desires."

Force added that he mainly practices white magic, which is almost always for the benefit of others. "If it's something essential that you know you need, then you can do it for yourself. But if you do it too much for your own gain, then you lose it.

"I believe that everyone has ESP and other psychic powers, but they've let them lay dormant and often they can't be aroused." He told us Stanford's Research Institute tested his powers and found him correct 98 percent of the time. Also, he said, he has helped the sheriff's office to apprehend a man who set fires in Torrey Pines and two apartment complexes in Del Mar. Force invited me to confirm this with David Johnson, in the arson division.

"I wouldn't want to take anything away from Dr. Force," said Johnson respectfully. "He did give a description that was similar to the arsonist, but the fire department apprehended him independently of anything Dr. Force told

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us." The description? "Well, he said he'd be acting independently, not with a group, and that he'd be a lightcomplected individual,

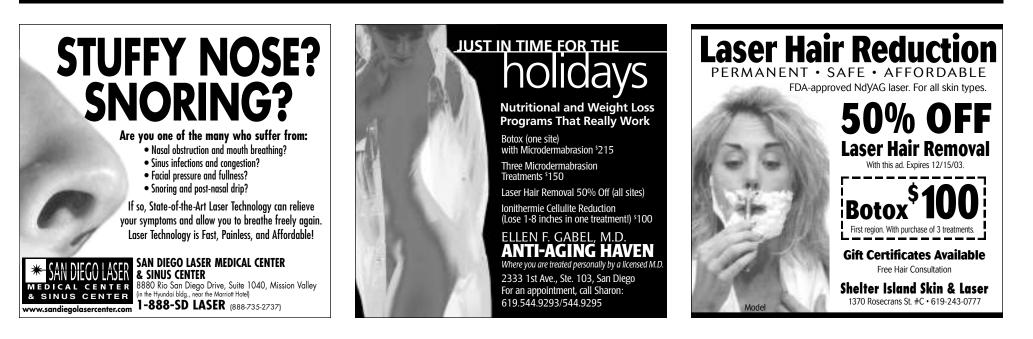
a monkey. "He had in fact sailed down from Monterey where he set three canneries on fire — and run aground near Torrey Pines. Yes, he did breathe fast you see, he was very taken

heavyset, breathing fast like

by fire, he became extremely excited if you even lit a match.

"I wouldn't want to take anything away from Dr. Force," he repeated. "He did come pretty close to my partner and me as to what kind of people we are. And he seemed honest. I mean, there was no witchcraft — no wands waving or black lights flashing or bats flying."

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yourself," explained Force, "and find a method of communicating with another body or spirit. I have a flower out here, a gardenia, and the darn thing didn't have a bloom on it. I've been talking to it, caressing it, and now look at it." Blooming — as are the poinsettias from last Christmas.

Since we arrived, I watched Force with his animals — dog or desert iguana or cockatiel — it is all the same. He kissed them, spoke lovingly. I was not surprised when he told us he has never been afraid of an animal. "I used to have an 18-foot boa constrictor that could've swallowed you whole. I had two rattlers: they were never defanged; I used to pick them up and kiss them.

"In the circus," Force continued, "I used to alternate between the high-wire act and the animals. I was in a ring with four lions, eight leopards, two ponies, a zebra, four llamas, two bears, and an elephant and none of them were muzzled.

"There was a gargantuan gorilla that a lady had as a pet, until her husband threw acid in its face and it became vicious; so they gave it to the circus.

"No one could go near him," smiled Force, remembering. "No one but me. He had an air-conditioned cage, so on hot nights, I'd sleep there with him."

Force gave me a list of contacts, since I want to meet other witches and attend a coven meeting. His coven has just met at the last full moon, and it usually meets just once a year. He told me he knows a lot of black people into voodoo in Logan Heights; I didn't ask for names.

One of the people on Force's list was a woman in La Jolla who "owns half of Ocean Beach," he said. She was hesitant, didn't want her name used, but said that witchcraft is her religion she practices by herself, as she's not a joiner — and yes, she's known Oliver for years, and he's very good, especially at psychometry, or divining facts about a person from an object that has been near him.

"He practices, of course. It's like having a musical talent; you must practice daily to develop it. And if you come from a musical family, then you start that much earlier, and it's always a part of your life. That's what it was like for Oliver."

As for her own experiences, she remarks that she has had amazing success in real estate. And it's not luck. "I've never lost a nickel," she tells me, "and I've been buying real estate for 25 years."

"As a young child, I saw the

priest as a magician — he could transform a piece of bread into the body of Christ!" smiled Katie. She believes that her strong Catholic background with its ritualism and even, in rare cases, exorcisms predisposed her for a belief in witchcraft.

I met Katie, 18, and Gerri, 19, in Gerri's apartment in an old house near downtown San Diego.



Gerri's room was decorated mainly in black ("People think I paint my nails black because I'm a witch — but it's just because black is my favorite color," laughed Gerri), and there were bottles of incense, candles, and circled pentagrams — a sign of protection — on the four walls. There was also a black cat.

The two girls have much in common. Both are involved in theater; Katie is stage-managing at the Old Globe, and Gerri is in the School of Performing Arts at USIU. Both have had clairvoyant dreams, telepathic experiences, and what they describe as "healing power" since they were small children. And both, brought up as Catholics, became disillusioned with Catholicism at 13 — partly because they could no longer believe in the Church's concept of God or Christ.

"I was heavily seeking in my early teens," said Katie, who grew up in San Diego. "I started using the Ouija board when I was about 13. And then my high school English teacher taught me a lot about witchcraft."

Gerri, who came to San Diego last year from Illinois, said she was involved in Buddhism for a while and then, at 14, read a book on witchcraft — "and then another and another!" Witchcraft made sense to both of them; it provided a context — as did no other religion — for the psychic powers they both believe they have always had, as well as a prescribed course further for their development.

"Psychic experiences are so common for me; they're just a part of my everyday life," remarked Gerri, who has been holding séances — something most of those I interviewed do not believe in — reading tarot cards, and practicing the rituals of witchcraft for years.

"Most people have some kind of telepathic experience," contributed Katie. "The danger is in being young, fascinated by it, and trying to create phenomena when you're not ready." She has been frightened by some of her experiences; twice, she said, she entered a trance and, according to witnesses, became "a white-robed figure with a bright aura."

"I don't know if I believe so much in ritual itself," Katie continued. "I do believe that chants are a way of channeling energies, that it is *my* will, not the ritual. I guess that's a more 20th-century view of witchcraft."

Katie has studied witchcraft but practiced little; now, with Gerri's help, she intends to begin in earnest.

Why? "I suppose it's a desire for knowledge about the forces and energies which are a large, though not conscious, part of our life," she said slowly. "A lot of people who reject religion want another security, too. The more I can find out about these powers, the less fearful and insecure — and the more successful — I'll be." *"Christ come to me*

Christ come to me Christ

come to me Christ come to us Christ come to us..."

I had come to a séance, with Katie, Gerri, and four of their friends. The litany came from one of the young men, a devout Catholic, who later declared that he had astral-projected during the hour ritual: Gerri said she went down three levels, down two more, then decided to go up — "it got brighter, brighter, I wasn't afraid, just going up and up, I felt joy"; another girl saw a bat's mouth in the candle's flame, and her boyfriend, the astral-projector, scolded her for trying to see things; and Katie found it low-keyed. As did I.

After the ritual, story-

telling time. The astral-projector told about his friend, Monk, from Sacramento. "It was really sad because his psychic abilities couldn't fit into any religion. For a while he was super Zen, then super Hare Krishna, then super Jesus freak. Finally, he just accepted he was a sorcerer."

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"I have always been involved in 'these things,' " replied John Logan, with some impatience at my awkward question (no matter how many people I queried about their being witches, it did not get any easier). "But around 1965 I realized I was tired of trying to discover *scientifically* whether these so-called phenomena existed or not.

"It was then that the Indian medicine man, who trained me over a period





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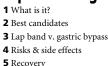
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Logan had studied comparative religions and majored in philosophy at Rice University in Texas, then worked at General Dynamics as an electrical engineer for 15 years. Currently, he is engaged fulltime in psychic counseling — which includes "depossessing," or exorcisms - and teaching classes at his Hillcrest home in Raja-yoga, tarot cards, parapsychology. Logan began studying parapsychology in 1962 and is on the Board of the Parapsychology Foundation in San Diego.

In Logan's view, a witch is quite similar to a Hawaiian kahuna, or keeper of the secret — and so forth. Different words, different

cultures, but all dealing in the same powers.

"Witches are people with a talent to see the universe alive," Logan said, and handed me the Witches' Almanac, open to his favorite witch definition:

—Mark well their manner, for it is quiet and assumeth naught. It is in peaceful tones they speak, and oft seem abstracted. Seeming to prefer the companie of Beastes, they converse with them as equals. They will dwelle in lonely places, there better (as they sav) to know the voices of the Wind and hear the secrets of Nature. Possessing Wysdome of the feldes and forests, they doe heale and harme with their harvests. They concern themselves not with idle fashion, nor doe wordly Goodes hold worth for them.

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"A serious witch is not interested in producing phenomena as such," explains a man I will call J., who often works with Logan in psychic counseling. "His much,' " Logan told us), and they would not consider it a worthwhile use of their time or power to move glasses across a table or conjure up a demon although they said that it is

within their power to pro-

duce "whatever's necessary."

what they consider similar

points of psychic develop-

ment through different

paths. Logan thinks he

always had latent powers, but

he needed shocks - one

of which was peyote ---- to

bring them out, while J. said

he has lived with full con-

sciousness of these powers

points about witches: (1)

that misconceptions of what

makes a witch are nearly

universal in the ordinary

world; (2) that the sole pur-

pose of a coven is to learn,

and that for the mature

witch, coven membership

provides more obstacles,

in terms of other person-

alities, than benefits; (3)

that a mature witch needs

They make several

all his life.

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I repeatedly have heard rumors, in my witch-seeking, of a coven in La Jolla of some 15 or 20 years' standing, composed of wealthy and prominent people—and highly secretive.

aim is to get the job done with the least possible expenditure of energy."

J. and Logan feel that their function is to serve ("The criterion of an ethical witch is 'hurt not, help

Logan, "recognizes that all things are made of energy and are in concert and says,

'I can allow that to happen' or 'I can block that.' The witch is striving for selfdevelopment, personal illumination; he wants to know what God is, what the universe is, and he takes full responsibility for what he does.

no ceremony either, except

possibly as a vehicle; and

(4) there is a vast difference

between a ceremonial magi-

"A witch," explained

cian and a witch.

"A ceremonial magician, on the other hand, says, 'There are spirits and demons I can contact who will allow me to do this or do it for me'; his is a manipulative trip, because he wants control. Like black magic. He doesn't want to take responsibility for what he does, and he feels he needs an outside force to open up these powers because he feels inadequate."

Nonetheless, the ceremonial magician does have power, they concluded. I repeatedly have heard rumors, in my witch-seeking, of a coven in La Jolla of some 15 or 20 years' standing, comprised of wealthy and prominent people — and highly secretive. A woman I know told me the leader of this coven once approached her and offered to char her ex-husband in his bed or to heal her sick

daughter — if he could but have pieces of his subjects' clothing.

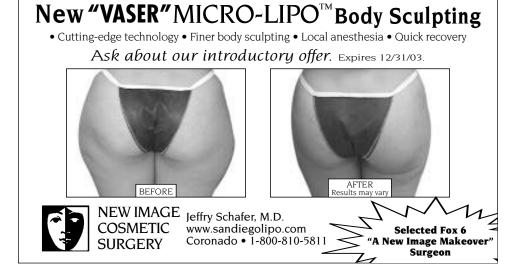
"Altogether possible," Logan told me, when I repeated the story."I believe that individual practices Egyptian magic. And may I quote to you the words of a friend of mine, pertaining to this individual?"

"Of course," I answered. "EEEK!" said Logan.

It was nearly time to go, and I was sorry that it was beneath Logan and J. to move a glass across the table or for that matter move the table. Everyone I interviewed had made light of such elementary business; but after all this time, talking talking talking psychic phenomena, I had yet to see anything. They gave me some Indian corn to rub between my palms, to feel the energy, and my hands tingled slightly. Not exactly what I had in mind.

— Connie Bruck

This story first appeared in the November 1, 1973, issue of the San Diego Reader. Bruck has been a staff writer at the New Yorker since 1989; she frequently writes about business and politics. Bruck is also the author of The Predators' Ball: The Inside Story of Drexel Burnham & the Rise of the Junk Bond Raiders and Master of the Game: Steve Ross and the Creation of Time Warner. She lives in Los Angeles.



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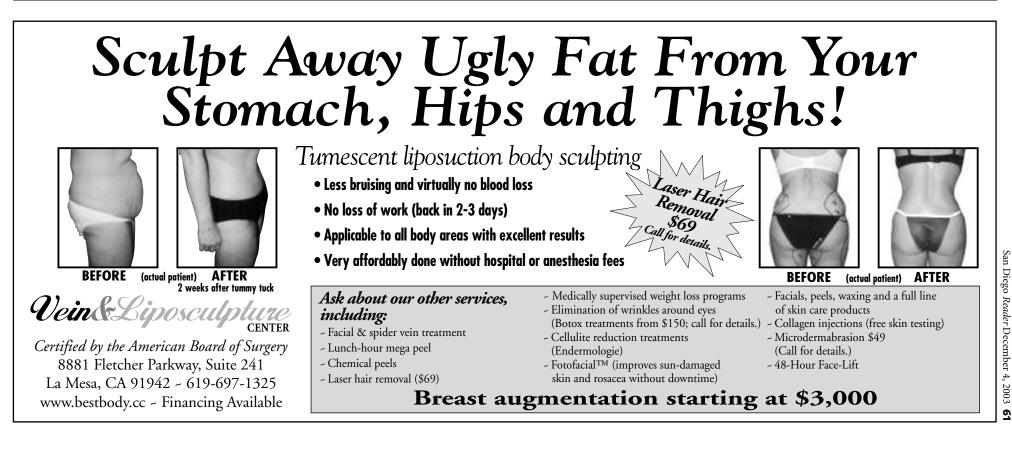
I FOUND a place to live at the Palms Hotel on 12th and Market, paying \$70 a month for a leprechaun-size windowless room with barely enough square footage to fit a twin-size mattress.

a double or triple bill, screened 'round the clock in cavernous single-screen movie theaters that hearkened back to Hollywood's golden age, rich in cinematic history and replete with wide aisles and accommodating balconies.

At the time, the Cabrillo was one of two all-nighters

(the Plaza being the other) facing Broadway from the south side of Horton Plaza park. I'd just arrived on the left coast courtesy of Greyhound, 19 years old with armpit-length dark hair, wearing a sleeveless Led Zep T-shirt and stonewashed jeans and carrying a knapsack toward what looked to be the center of town. I remember walking an unnerving gantlet of middle-aged men who pulled over in their cars to ask if I needed "a ride," "something to eat,""a place to stay," or "20 bucks." When I reached the grassy plaza with its anachronistic fountain, street preachers, and unspeakable restrooms, I encountered a Hare Krishna, head shaved except for a small ponytail, who told me in one long run-on sentence of the eternal glory of Lord Krishna and about a nearby temple where I could sleep and eat for free. This sounded pretty good to a hungry kid fresh off the bus from rural New England without a lotta ducats in his pockets and no idea where to go or what to do

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I spent my first night in San Diego sleeping in the back row of the Cabrillo theater.

That pre-Gaslamp, premultiplex downtown of 1979 exists today only in the fond memories of cinemaniacs old enough to recall a time when Jaws made you afraid of the water, Friday the 13th made you afraid of hockey masks, and Star Trek: The Motion Picture made you afraid of sequels. Half a dozen eclectic — if mildly disreputable — late-night movie houses operated within a few blocks of each other in the midst of a seedy urban sprawl perfectly suited to the sailors on shore leave and porn aficionados that made up much of its foot traffic. A couple of bucks got you

next.

But then I glanced past Zippy the Pinhead's dandruff-free shoulder and spotted the Cabrillo, bathed in the flickering rainbow glow of a thousand faux-Vegas neon flashers, its façade plastered with multitiered film posters, the marquee fired up with enough candlepower to confuse planes landing at nearby Lindbergh Field. As if in a hazy dream of my own construction, I was drawn toward those hypnotic lights, spurred on by the promise emblazoned across the marquee: Bruce Lee Triple Feature.

This, I soon found, was typical fare at the Cabrillo and the Plaza. Same for the Aztec and Casino theaters a few blocks away on Fifth Avenue. Action, horror, and soft-core sexploitation movies, matched with two or three older films and sometimes packaged as theme-specific "marathons" — a day of Clint

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Eastwood westerns or four Planet of the Apes films shown back-to-back, the sort of lowest-commondenominator marketing that still filled a lot of movie houses in the days before cable and satellite TV, VCRs, DVDs, DSL, and the newest BFD. All four businesses were operated by Walnut Properties, a company specializing in second-run theaters. During the early '80s, Walnut also ran the historic Balboa Theater on Fourth and E Street as well as an X-rated moviehouse just down the block, the Paris Pussycat.

The day after my allnight kung-fu-athon (some of which I slept through), I found a place to live at the Palms Hotel on 12th and Market, paying \$70 a month for a leprechaunsize windowless room with barely enough square footage to fit a twin-size mattress — I had to open my door and step into the hallway to get out of bed.



While ostensibly job-hunting downtown, I became a fixture at Walnut's theaters, catching at least two or three triple-features a week. I mentioned to the manager of the Casino, a short Filipino guy named Freddie Bantug, that I was looking for a job, and he hired me as an usher, ticket taker, and snack-bar clerk.

At first, I mainly worked at the Casino, in the middle of the block at 643 Fifth Avenue, and at the Aztec, which rounded the southeast corner at G Street. Already a half-century old at the time, the Casino was in decent shape with only partially threadbare carpet in its spacious lobby and fresh paint covering what little wall space wasn't taken up by posters of "coming attractions." In

the auditorium, most of the seats, while oft-repaired, were intact, with seat cushions tenderized to perfection by decades of planted derrieres. It had a full-length single balcony that was open most of the time, unlike at other all-nighters where they'd been declared unsafe by the city or where insurance failed to cover balcony-related claims. Originally, the theater had a small restaurant built onto it, the Casino Café, but at this time the adjoining enterprise was a porno emporium called the Foxy Theater, where a guy behind mirrored glass slipped you a ticket to see X-rated 8mm and 16mm silent-film loops, continuously screened in an airless room full of folding chairs and furtive men seated in a way that put as much distance as was possible between them in that confined space.

On the corner of Fifth and G, the 500-seat Aztec theater was part of a struc-



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floor levels rather than a traditional balcony, so it had a much less old-fashioned feeling than the Casino. And for some reason it was more prone to trouble. Maybe something to do with the claustrophobic atmosphere and a tendency to specialize in back-to-back slasher flicks, not to mention endless screenings of Cheech and Chong's Up in Smoke, which always brought out a crowd that, while doubling our snack-bar sales, tended to change the air quality of the theater in a way that undercover police (but never fellow patrons) objected to.

The same ticket takers and clerks worked all the downtown theaters and wore the same red uniform tops with black trim and dark pants. Some of us spent shifts covering each other's breaks by walking from locale to locale. Management was identical at each place, we swapped the



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same prints between different theater projectors, and all the Walnut-run operations shared the same

aging, tacky, low-rent, heldtogether-with-chicken-wireand-glue porno vibe, whether you were trying to avoid sitting in someone's ejaculate at the Paris Pussycat or taking in a James Bond marathon at one of our (slightly) more respectable theaters.

screened Movies around the clock, or nearly so. I soon noticed patrons who showed up every day - aimless, jobless, and often homeless, subsisting on popcorn (with real butter), candy, coffee, and soda, or whatever they'd snuck in under their clothes; sleeping in the back rows; and sometimes even bathing in the men's room sink, unless they'd been asked to leave or the theater was closed for cleaning. They'd return a few hours later, with or without fresh clothes, to sit through the same movies again and again, day after day, often migrating from theater to theater. My boss Freddie called these guys "the regulars"; by that he meant they were at the theater regularly, not that they were regular people, because

there's nothing regular about a guy like, say, "Wolfman."

Wolfman (that's what everyone called him and what he called himself) was a little over six feet tall, with a pasty complexion, the front of his hair shaved into an Eddie Munster "widow's peak," and hirsute to the point where it could be said he had a full-body beard. As if that wasn't enough, he filed his front teeth into sharp, spiky fangs, which gave him a fierce demeanor that scared people - especially when he smiled. Wolfman's monthly SSI check never seemed to cover rent at low-priced flophouses. I don't know what qualified him for SSI; he didn't seem disabled, physically or mentally. (Well, maybe mentally, as things turned out.) I don't think he drank, at least I never saw him drinking, and he didn't reek of Thunderbird the way some regulars did. I don't know his real name or what he did or where he kept his





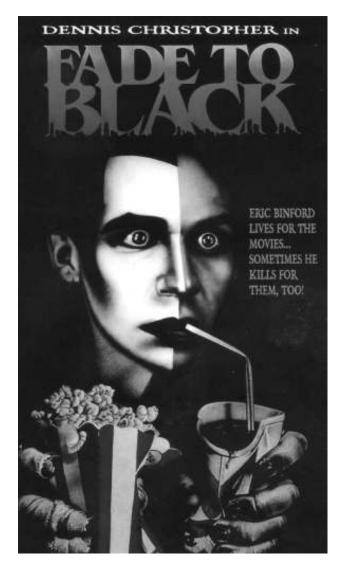
belongings when he wasn't spending days at a time living by the flickering light of the movie projector. One day he just decided to live at the movies.

He especially loved horror flicks (*Duh!*), lived for them, lived *with* them, absorbing obscure minutiae and memorizing trivia about the objects of his obsession, which he'd spout at the slightest provocation. He frequently got into arguments with theater employees or other patrons, usually over something to do with the movies. Sometimes he became violent but more on Wolfy later.

There wasn't much to the job itself; any drone could put on a red suit and sell tickets, fill containers with popcorn and soda, count money, sweep carpets. But everyone I met who worked there, day and night and overtime for a measly \$3.50 to \$4.50 an hour, loved the job. Occasionally I got to flirt with a pretty girl (sneaking her a free Coke refill was a good opener). And there was a mild and slightly pathetic "power trip" involved, wearing a "uniform," swinging around that big black flashlight, carrying keys to the snack bar and money till, having access to the projection booth, the back rooms, behind the screen.

And if faced with an extreme situation, we were empowered to "refuse admittance," just as it said on the cash register. We even had the power, if not always the ability, to eject customers from the premises, at least those patrons who weren't doubled over with laughter after being asked to leave by a guy in a red suit waving a big black flashlight.

But what we really loved about the job was the movies! Walnut employees could sign in for free at any of the theaters to see any movie, anytime; we were encouraged to be up on all the circulating features. Most of us were devotional film buffs, the kind of Jujube junkies seduced by the sound of mammoth Simplex movie projectors and their big spinning reels, who had no problem sitting through five, seven, ten, or more features a week. I think most of us felt we were "in the movie business"; it was a serious, solemn part of the job to view every new feature...or old feature, or feature we'd already seen a buncha times, but it was just so fuckin' cool (and maybe that girl I gave the free soda to will show up again, this time without her bitchy girlfriend...). Business was good; on weekends the house was often sold-out, some decent



movies were coming out in the late '70s and early '80s, and it was a pretty cool gig. Did I mention the big black flashlight?

Few things in my life can compare to the anticipation I used to feel on Thursday nights — standing on a rickety ladder on Fifth Avenue and putting up the marquee letters announcing the new week's lineup of features. Usually, I'd be back at the theater a few hours later, off my shift, just to catch that first "virgin" showing. Often there'd be half a dozen other Walnut staffers sprinkled in the crowd as well. By the end of the weekend, we'd all viewed the new flicks and were debating their mer-

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its or lack thereof in company quorums held behind the snack bars, between intermissions.

The mix of brand-new films and older features was a cost-effective way for Walnut to offer multiple bills, cheap and 'round the clock. Even schlocky Bmovies that had already been on TV were fun to see in that environment: on a big screen with an audience. How can you say you've truly experienced Planet of the Apes if you've never been deafened by a room full of people who erupt like soccer hooligans when Charlton Heston growls, "Get your stinking paws off me, you damned dirty ape!" And not all the movies were second run we had a print of Alien on its first week of release that packed the Cabrillo for 14 days straight. After its success as a guaranteed draw, it circulated between theaters, selling out houses no matter where it played or what lame backup feature it was paired with (such as Buck Rogers in the 25th Century and Battlestar Galactica, two re-edited TV shows that cost the company almost nothing to rent).

Sometimes, the feature bills were totally unplanned, just randomly matched movies that should never have run back-toback — *The Muppet Movie* with Charles Bronson's *Death Wish.* There always seemed to be a print of the 1979 sci-fi action film *Mad Max* floating around, a popular bottom-of-the-bill backup feature that opened for the rape drama *The Accused* and the farcical *Airplane*, among others.

I liked the themed packages best; these often brought out a colorful cult crowd who showed up in big numbers and ate a lot of expensive snack-bar crap. Phantom of the Paradise, a rock-and-roll camp classic from 1974, played on a triple bill with Ken Russell's *Tommy* and the *Rocky* Horror semi-sequel Shock Treatment. People were showing up who knew all the Phantom dialogue by heart, talking back to or taunting the characters on the screen à la the Rocky Horror crowd. A dozen or so young adults showed up every night dressed as characters from the film, carrying fake guitars with battleaxes for handles and wearing face makeup just like the Juicy Fruits in the movie, acting out their parts in front of the screen and miming to the musical soundtrack (composed mostly by Paul "We've Only Just Begun" Williams). I don't think this particular cult ever caught on.





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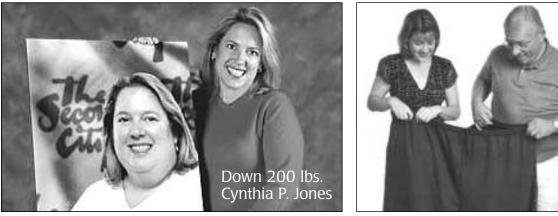
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Recycled older prints, long out of theater circulation but too new for TV, were also part of Walnut's short-lived secret for success. The more violent, the more seats sold. Some prints were such audience favorites that they turned up every few months, always drawing repeat customers and big, appreciative crowds. Rolling Thunder (1977) was one such perennial, kind of a sordid precursor to the Rambo movies, with

William Devane as a POW who comes home from Vietnam, witnesses the brutal murder of his family, and goes on a killing spree in search of vengeance. The Toolbox Murders (1978) was another, about a handyman who offs nekkid women with his claw-hammer, a screwdriver, a power drill, and a nail gun! Dawn of the Dead (1978) soldout weekend and weekday showings, while Friday the 13th (1980) was so popular that at one point it was screening in three theaters simultaneously.

The audience's support and enthusiasm for such celluloid bloodbaths was disturbing, at least to me (Walnut loved those customers; they kept us in business). From the lobby, we could hear them roar with applause at certain intervals and say to ourselves, "Oh, that's the part where the guy burns the junkie's balls off with a

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flamethrower," and then screams of delirious laughter where we'd say, "That must be when he gives her the toothpick with the eyeball on it and says, 'Beats a sharp stick in the eye.' " When we screened Walter Hill's surreal fantasy The Warriors (1979), about teenage gangs waging war in a fictionalized New York City underworld, everyone in the theater chanted along with the villain when he taunts the "good guys," in a nasal whine, "Warriors, come out and play! Warriors, come out and *play!!!*" When the Warriors finally did come out to play, the brain-bashing was greeted with a loud, collective cheer, sustained long enough to almost bring down the halfcentury-old roof.

At first, talking to customers and meeting fellow movie buffs was like finding a home on the Island of Misfit Toys. That said, the movies we usually showed attracted an oddball clientele, and I didn't always enjoy chatting up the patrons. In 1980, we ran a cultish little flick called Fade to Black, with Dennis Christopher as a teenage movie fanatic who commits several murders by reenacting his favorite celluloid death scenes. Christopher appears in one scene

with half his face painted white as Dracula, his hair slicked back on one side, while the other side of his face and hair is "normal," just before he commits one of his most gruesome murders (wherein he drinks his female victim's blood). The first time a customer arrived with his own face made up the same way, I considered invoking that "right to refuse admittance" sign on the register.

Then there was a guy at the Aztec, with a long beard and needle marks (I doubt he was a diabetic Hasid), who got more and more amped up as he sat through 20 straight hours



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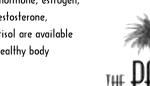


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of Blood Feast (1963), 2000 Maniacs (1964), and Color Me Blood Red (1964), three violent "splatter" films by the godfather of gore, H. Gordon Lewis. When he started shouting and swearing at the screen and other patrons, nobody wanted to ask him to leave; he seemed dangerous (though at least a dozen other customers ignored the commotion and kept watching the movies). Someone called the police, but they never showed, and the only way we got rid of the guy was to stop running film at 4:00 a.m., announce we were closing, wait until he (and everyone else) left the theater, and reopen an hour later with the films back on their posted, advertised schedule.

It sucked when all the movies on the bill were dogs. Some weeks I couldn't stand the thought of walkoften saddled with (starring "Bruce Li" or "Bruce Le" or "Bruce Lei" or "Bruce L. Eee"). Still, there was always something else unspooling down the street, and if all those movies sucked, the marquees would be changing again come Thursday night/Friday morning.

The Casino was my favorite place to work overnight. In the rear of the balcony was a door to a storage room, where spare uniforms and "wet floor" signs were kept. The room had a small window facing outside the building, just over the top of the flashing marquee. Anyone paying attention could have smelled evidence of the spot's popularity for clerks smoking joints during breaks, blowing the smoke out over Fifth Avenue. I got caught once not smoking but making out with a teenage Hispanic

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ing through the auditorium one more time to be faced with scenes from, say, *The Awakening*, a boring 1980 mummy flick where the drama is figuring out what's moving slower the plot, the mummy, or Charlton Heston. Prophecy (1979), by director John Frankenheimer (TheManchurian Candidate), was another one everyone hated — advertised in ads and posters to be a horrific monster movie, it was a preachy tract on environmentalism, where the audience never got to see a BEM (bug-eyed monster). Ditto for The Fog from 1979, where the only monsters in the movie were bouncing around under Adrienne Barbeau's sweater. And, despite my admiration for Bruce Lee's prototypical oeuvre, it was hard to get into the badly dubbed copycat kung-fu flicks we were

girl I'd seduced with free Kit-Kats and Coke (in a cup, not on a mirror). The manager wasn't so mad about the girl in the room, but I was almost fired because I hadn't paid for the candy (they counted inventory between shifts, and we were responsible for every last nougat and bon-bon).

At the end of the block, the Aztec always hosted more trouble than the Casino. In 1981, during a showing of Pink Flamingos (1973) and Polyester (new at the time and showing in Odorama, with scratch-and-sniff libretto), a group of flamboyantly dressed men in drag weren't in the theater before a violent battle erupted on the sidewalk. Freddie referred to it after as "the 15-faggot fight," unable to control his laughter whenever it came up. It was a cartoon: screech-



ing insults, crying and pulling their wigs off, whacking each other with strappy shoes...it went on a while as we waited for the cops to come break it up. That fight is etched in my memory more than anything from *Pink Flamingos* or Polyester.

I never minded working at the Horton Plaza theaters, which occasionally lucked into first-run A-list features, such as 1981's summer biggie Raiders of the Lost Ark (backed with another yellowish print of Mad Max). Usually, they were screening schlocky also-rans like The Day After Halloween, not a sequel to the John Carpenter hit Hal*loween* but an unrelated Australian movie originally called *Snapshot* and later retitled to cash in on the

other film's fame. I remember fielding angry customers' refund demands, which usually happened when the films broke, didn't screen on time, or were shown with the reels out of order (this happened more often than you might think).

Occasionally, I manned the snack bar at the Balboa, on the southwest corner of Fourth Avenue and E Street. This once-majestic 1500-seat theater was built in 1924, designed for stage and screen with a single balcony, ornate chandeliers, an orchestra pit, and 28-foot-tall vertical fountains built into the walls on either side of the stage. The fountains once operated at full force during intermissions (the gushing waterfalls also served

as air conditioning). The building housed vaudeville acts in the 1920s, then after 1932 was used to screen the movies of Hollywood's golden era. Grandiose by

any standards, the Balboa

fell into disrepair in the

'50s, until it was almost

demolished for a parking

lot in 1959. Russo Family

Enterprises bought the

building, remodeled it, and the theater was run by the blue- chip Fox chain until being leased to Walnut in the late '70s. Walnut ran the grand

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> old girl in the same lackadaisical, exploitative way as its other grindhouses, marking an ignoble period for the onetime crown jewel of downtown theaters.

Many of us loved going into that dusty palace, though I realize few can appreciate the guilty glory of stuffing popcorn down your throat beneath monster-sized chandeliers while grooving on a blaxploitation triple feature of Shaft, Cleopatra Jones, and the baddest of Afro-mofo badasses, Blacula (played by William Marshall, who would one day become the King of Cartoons on Pee Wee's Playhouse). The Balboa was absorbed into the chain, and the clerks wore the same red uniform tops and black pants as we did at the Cabrillo, the Plaza, the Aztec, the Casino — and, just down the block, at the Pink Pussvcat.

The Pussycat was notorious for its sidewalk posters, assaulting passersby with graphic (not quite explicit) images from triple-X features with titles such as Talk Dirty to Me, Taboo, The Budding of Brie, and A Scent of Heather" (no, not in "Odorama"). The decor was seedy, even from a distance — faded, cracked tile lit by flashing red and purple lights. I didn't like working at the Pussycat as much as I thought I would. The novelty of 15-foot-tall genitalia wore thin after the first few hours, and the nonstop moaning and groaning (listless overdubs recorded by bored, fully clothed "thespians") grated on the nerves to the point where I couldn't recall what actual sex sounded like. Plus, I hated handling money peeled from the sticky palms of sweatylooking men who smelled



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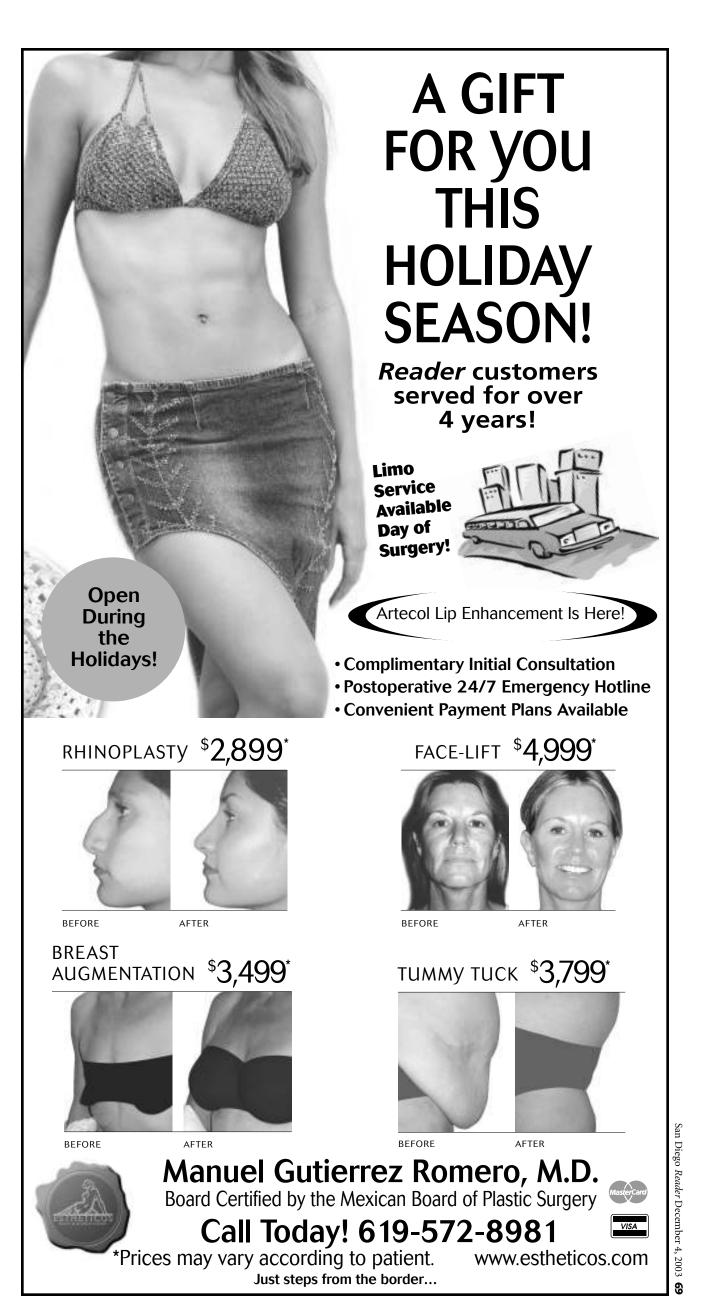
For a while, the Pussycat had a swinger couple ---in their early 30s, maybe; good-looking - who'd come in at least once or twice a week to watch a movie and then, well, put on a little show of their own. The clerks liked this couple, and we found a lot of excuses to whip out our big black flashlight for an auditorium walk-through. What the other clerks said about the couple seemed the stuff of urban myth, but I did see the two of them in the seats and can attest that they were into public sex in a big way. They never talked to me, but I often saw them talking to other patrons, before or after (and at least once during) their private showtime; they often left with a patron or two exiting right behind them.

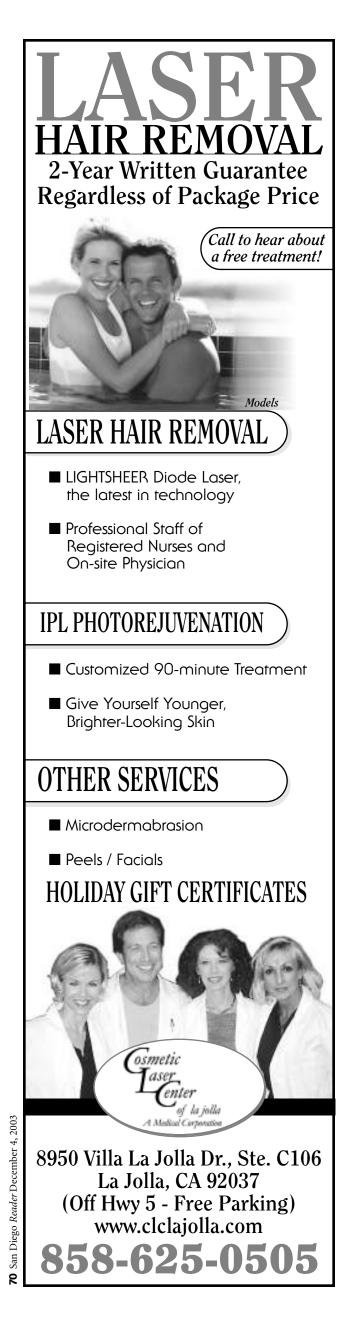
I only spent a few weeks at the Paris Pussycat, but when I went back to the Aztec and Casino, the two Fifth Avenue theaters were switching off showing Xrated features as well, serving a three-pack of porno at the Aztec one week, at the Casino the next. Even the non-X features were getting nasty, as was the neighborhood at night ---you can get a taste of this in the 1979 film Hardcore. One scene shows downtown San Diego at its Sodom-and-Gomorrah peak, with George C. Scott stumbling through wallto-wall porno theaters and adult bookstores in search of his missing porn-star daughter. His disgust is barely concealed as he makes his way down Fourth and

Fifth Avenues, dodging hunchbacked junkies and drooling perverts at every step. It wasn't an unrealistic portrayal. As things got sleazier, all the theaters, X and R, were closing earlier and opening later, even on weekends. Gang graffiti was becoming more common, as were altercations between patrons. Wolfman was taken out by police one night, along with a big bruiser with whom he'd gotten into a fistfight, and it was several weeks before he could talk Freddie into letting him "move" back in. When he started coming around again, he was scary looking - even for him: Wolfy was strung out and hollow, like Hardcore's denizens of the sidewalk exposed to the light.

One morning at the Casino, I was clearing out the auditorium for the cleaning crew and went to wake up a bearded, homeless-looking older guy, a regular who came around a lot. The guy was slumped over: cold, blue, and dead. It was some sort of seizure or attack, I think; I remember later someone saying that he died from "natural causes." Another night, Freddie and I had to bounce a drunk guy who dropped and smashed a liquor bottle on the cement floor under his seat - our bouncee showed up after we closed, standing outside the locked doors, swearing and waving a handgun around. Cops showed up within two minutes of our call, and the guy surrendered. These incidents were just two of many that had me wondering if I was cut out to be in the "movie business."

Things downtown were changing, getting more dicey, more dangerous. The only thing that hadn't changed was the pay, which seemed to peak at \$4.50 hourly for clerks and little more for managers, judging from the high turnover. There were rumors that buildings were up for sale or slated for closure as part of the new Gaslamp Quarter redevelopment plans (the entire district was





placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980). Longtime Walnut staffers were quitting to take jobs elsewhere, leaving just enough employees to cover the shortened hours. I was doing a lot of double shifts and overtime, so dead on my feet some nights that I was falling asleep in the seats on my breaks.

In summer '81, the Aztec was screening this dumb chop socky flick called Kung Fu of Eight Drunkards, about martial artists who develop a method of kicking ass under the influence. (I shit thee not...) Wolfman was there (he loved kung fu flicks) as were five karate students, straight from class and still wearing their uniforms with dark-colored achievement belts. Wolfy got into a fight with the karate guys. I was behind the snack bar. I heard shouting and swearing and ran into the auditorium to find a scene straight out of the movie flashing on the screen...call it Wolfman Versus the Karate Kidz. Wolfy was spinning around, kicking and throwing punches in all directions, while the karate kids used their fists of fury to connect a few blows of their own...on each other as much as on Wolfman.

The rambunctious crowd egged them on, cheering as if they were at a prizefight. Several chairs were broken during the melée. I yelled and waved my flashlight; nobody listened, bodies kept flying, cops were summoned, and Wolfy and his fellow combatants beat feet through the rear exit doors just as the sound of sirens reached the theater. After that, we weren't allowed to let Wolfman in anymore. I don't know who handed down the decree or when it happened; I never saw him again. The broken chairs remained busted for the remainder of my tenure on the downtown all-nighter circuit, which, though I didn't realize it at the time, was drawing to a close.

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the basement of the Aztec, access to which meant going outside, rounding the corner, unlocking a gate, and heading downstairs to a long, low-ceilinged room below the theater. On row after row of makeshift wooden shelves, tucked into manila envelopes and file folders, were thousands of movie posters, press kits, film stills, and lobby cards. The theater had been filing all the film-company promotional material since the '60s, and the accumulation filled the basement, all stamped "Aztec" in big red letters on the back. Even to the most casual movie buff, this was a magical place to hang out...just unfold the posters and admire the brilliant marketing and carnival-barker hucksterism. Ads ranged from Bob Hope's Call Me Bwana (1963) through John Wayne triple features, the Beatles' Yellow Submarine (1968), American Graffiti (1973), and The Buddy Holly Story (1978), '70s exploitation cheapies, comedies, thrillers, horror, sci-fi, westerns, martial arts, soft-core porn — an amazing archive, chronicling the best and worst of two decades of cinema history.

My favorite posters were the ones with hyperbole-heavy taglines — *Astro Zombies* (1969) — "See brutal mutants menace beautiful girls!"

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space, wearing a skintight space suit, high heels (yes, I said high heels, and no gloves!), her glass-bubble helmet unattached to her space suit, with a *cutaway* in her space suit that exposes her cleavage, and looking mildly displeased as one of the slimes tries to slip its tentacles around her thigh. In July 1981, the man-

ager of the Aztec told us the theater was about to be sold, and the new owners might want to remodel the building for something different - maybe a multiplescreen movie house. He recommended we work on our résumés because other theater sales and possible closures were imminent. I asked about the posters, stills, lobby cards, and press kits in the Aztec basement; he said, so far as he knew, everything would probably be thrown out. I've often wondered what happened to that Hollywood memorabilia. Considering everrising collector's prices, the mint-condition contents of that basement today would be worth many hundreds of thousands of dollars — conservatively.

I was walking home from work at about 5:00 a.m. one day, job satisfaction and job security in decline, when someone leapt out from behind a parked car and struck me on the back of my head with something hard and heavy. I woke up in an ambulance, my wallet still in my back pocket, some \$40 tucked into it. Earlier that evening, at the Casino, I'd bounced a surly teen customer — I forget over what — but I've always assumed that guy was my assailant. After a few stitches to my head, I caught a cab back to the theater and gave the day manager my notice. He asked me to work one more week before quitting, and I may have said yes, but I don't think I ever went back, not even to pick up my final paycheck. I moved back to the East Coast and took a job with a recordstore chain, staying a little over a year. By the time I made my way back downtown to get my ticket

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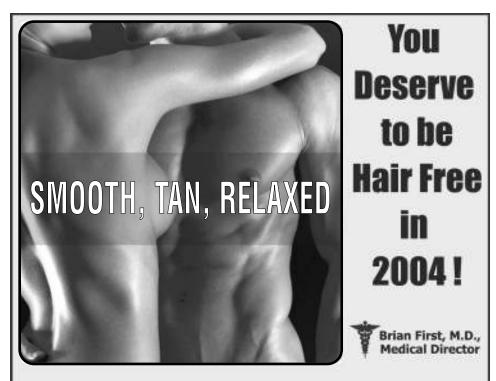
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it was too late. They were all gone. The Cabrillo theater

punched at an all-nighter,

remained in operation until 1982, as did the Plaza (renamed the Owl for a while). Both were demolished to make room for the Horton Plaza shopping mall with its 140 retail shops spread over five Byzantine levels. A United Artists seven-screen movie theater opened in Horton Plaza in 1985. In 1997, Pacific Theatres built a \$15 million 15-screen megaplex theater, the Pacific Gaslamp, at 701 Fifth Avenue at G Street, near Horton Plaza.

The Aztec and Casino theaters on Fifth Avenue closed in 1982. The theater buildings were acquired by the Hollywood-based development firm CIM in 1996, as was the space where the Foxy Theater used to show porno reels. By 2000, CIM had converted the 15,000square-foot area into a twostory shopping complex housing a Ghirardelli Soda Fountain and Chocolate Shop, an Urban Outfitters, and a sportswear store. Elements from the Aztec can still be seen in Urban Outfitters (exposed brick walls and steel framework), and a revamped version of the old Casino marquee now serves as the main signage for Ghirardelli's.



There are currently only two single-screen moviehouses still operating in the San Diego area — La Paloma in Encinitas (built in 1927) and the Ken Cinema (opened 1946) in Kensington. ■

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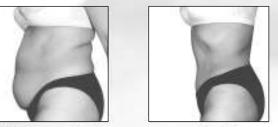


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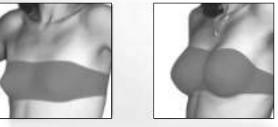
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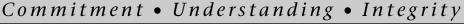


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continued from page 1 am, however, curious about

why this Christian citizen feels it necessary to target legal establishments with partly gay clientele in a nominally gay neighborhood. Is this the zeal of the new convert?

Ms?), who called me by name (ah, celebrity!), focused more on the harm to the community. Or appears to. Mostly, he (or is it she?) casts vague aspersions and lists irrelevant details. As the zoning issue has been dispelled (we are within compliance, and have been), the proximity of churches, schools, the elderly, and a bus stop really has no relevance. How is someone, a minor for example, harmed merely by being in the same neighborhood as something? No answer. Instead, a creel of red herring: Our free-magazines rack is perverted and pornographic (while, as everyone knows, "perverted" means "kinkier than I am," "pornographic" has a legal definition which does not apply to these papers, whose management may have some issues with the attempt to so classify them). Our logo is "Nazistyle." There are ads for sex clubs (gasp!). There are ads for becoming a porn star (if this is prostitution, Mr/s Withheld, then it will come as a surprise to San Diego Vice). Our Halloween display included a vinyl (not leather) nun and priest (neither particularly S&M, Mr/s Withheld). We (and all of S&M) are evil. We are "gay" (what does putting the word in quotes mean?). Any "right thinking" individual can see that we're evil. When all else fails, we get "Yeah, right," an argumental rebuttal right up there with "I know you are, what am I?' So I thank you for your concern, but my (evident)

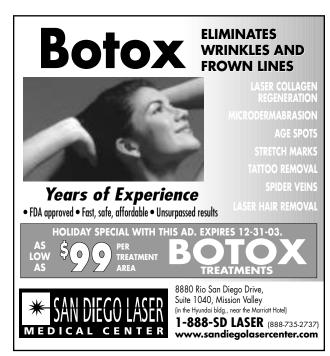
career and my (assumed) lifestyle are not going to send me to hell. I could give you the number to a local Christian S&M group if you want to know more.

Scott "Scix" Maddix Head Clerk, the Crypt

Outraged Applicant

As a second-generation native San Diegan, and one of the 20-some applicants











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to the Regional Airport Authority from the unincorporated area of San Diego County, I am outraged by the true story written about in your article "The Fix Is In" (November 20).

Like Lou, I certainly felt that my background, which included 25-plus years as CEO of a local multimillion-dollar corporation, chair of a redevelopment project area committee, local community planning board member, and a private pilot rated at least an interview by the board of supervisors or the sheriff!

However, in spite of my numerous visits and phone calls, the only response I received was a two-sentence letter thanking me for my application.

Perhaps the most unfortunate part of this tale is not that an unqualified political back-scratcher was appointed to this very important position — that happens all the time in this county government. The tragedy is that San Diego does need a new airport for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is public safety!

The promise of this new group was that it would have the objectivity that only a politically unbiased panel could possess. Sadly, thanks to Kolender, the board of supervisors, the mayor and San Diego City Council, and the power of the Copley Press, this long-sought opportunity has been squandered!

As a result, their findings, no matter how valid they may be, will be discounted by the public as business as usual and thus be relegated to the same scrap heap where the decades of airport relocation studies reside!

Greg Finley Escondido

Corruption Triumphs

Re "The Fix Is In" (November 20).

Two years ago, former Massachusetts governor and presidential candidate Michael Dukakis gave a talk at UCSD. At the time, Dukakis was vice chairman of Amtrak. The topic was the proposed building of a \$5 billion (estimate) megaairport in San Diego. Dukakis said that high-speed rail was a much better approach than having 100 airplanes carry travelers from Los Angeles to San Diego. The data

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where the city's priorities are. Roger Newell San Diego

Craves Whole Story

I read this week's Reader ("The Fix Is In," November 20) concerning the sheriff's choice, to be approved by the county board of supervisors, regarding the appointment to the Regional Airport Authority with anticipated interest because Lou Conde is a personal friend of mine, and I know his side of the story!

I am looking forward to the sheriff's response as to who he actually interviewed for this important position, as I understand there were quite a few more qualified individuals seeking this appointment who had submitted the proper paperwork required to apply for the position and were never even given the courtesy of a call from the sheriff for a follow-up interview. I know the Reader will get the whole story out! Thank you

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

for getting this out. Thomas Zbacnik

Paper Chase

Regarding "The Fix Is In" (November 20).

As a business traveler, I've had the opportunity to fly around the world for the past 20 years. I've been lucky in that I've experienced only three, maybe four, exciting moments in aircraft, near mishaps — losing an engine, gut-wrenching endless downdrafts/oxygen masks dropping, foreign-military

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personnel charging the plane as it landed — stuff like that. Airports themselves normally do not offer the same level of excitement as the unforeseen antics of the actual airborne aircraft. There are two airports, however, that have and still do cause me some level of discomfort.

Hong Kong — that is, the old Hong Kong airport for the pilot and astute passenger, was challenging to say the least. When you flew

into the airport, you were landing into a wall of a city — the only thing that may have distracted you was the large painting of the Marlboro man valiantly displayed on the side of the Hong Kong Crematorium, and that within itself was not necessarily reassuring. Many times when taking off out of the Hong Kong airport, I recall as a weary passenger the front view of a large, hazy mountain. As the aircraft was taking off, the mountain kept getting closer and closer as the lumbering aircraft gained speed. Anyone with a lick of sense (pilot or passenger) knew that there was not a



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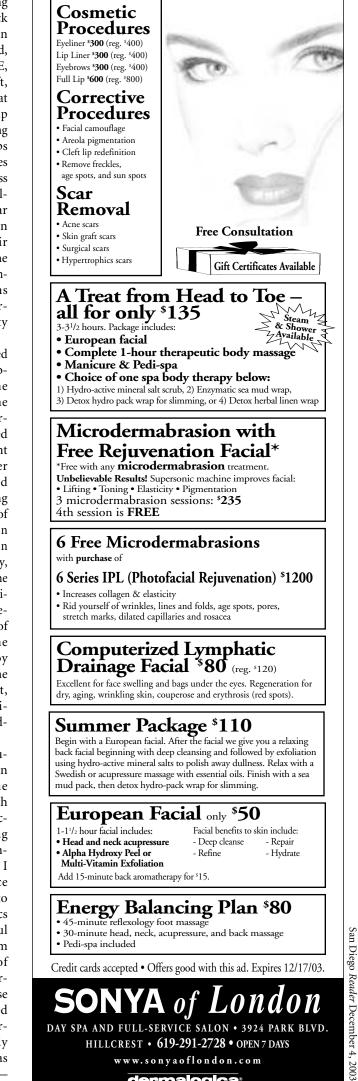
second chance at turning back - no room for power failure, no room for error.

Oh yes, and the other airport that always keeps me awake was and still is the San Diego Airport. In a way, I enjoy the approach to Lindbergh — you get to see at close hand who's boating on EastLake. You can check the tourists and children playing at Balboa Park, and, if you are seated in the D, E, and F rows of the aircraft, vou can count the animals at the zoo. Probably the coup de grace is the aircraft rolling its gear across the rooftops of the Little Italy businesses and the seemingly near miss of a high-rise parking facility. It's easy to see the fear in the face of the person just getting out of their parked car, cowering by the half-open door as the screaming unsteady craft skims surface winds and air currents rising off of the city pavement.

A few years back, I owned and flew a small plane. I subscribed to and read the AOPA publishings. If one seriously reads and understands the reviews provided by private and government organizations issued after an air mishap, you would not be surprised in finding how large of a percentage of all of catastrophic aviation events could have been avoided. Or, stated differently, are caused by man during the "intentional" planning, engineering, operations, or execution phases of all facets of aviation. Avoided if one heeds warnings, abides by engineering rules, takes the politics out of safe flight, and places the right decision makers in critical leadership positions.

Along with many thousands of readers in the San Diego area, I read the Reader — yes, the one with the seriously concerned picture of Lou Conde staring at us as if to say to the concerned reader, "Boy, do I have news for you." Once again, I quickly woke up to a realization of fast politics right here in our beautiful town of San Diego. I am sensitized to the issues of the San Diego Port Authority, and specifically to those issues concerning the need for a "new" San Diego Airport. I was left-handedly mentioned in the article as one of the 23 applicants and, yes again, I was with





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Lou and the 10 or 11 applicants on the courthouse steps shortly before a supervisory board meeting (one agenda item confirming Mr. Lynch's post on the airport authority), and I, too, was allowed a five-minute presentation to that board. As memory serves me, I think I spent less than two minutes stating my position. My position was very simple. I didn't know the sheriff (Kolender)

and certainly didn't know Mr. William Lynch. I assumed (and still do) that they were okay guys like the rest of us. My concern was with a process (or the lack thereof). I think within politics, there is at least one cardinal rule of processes that of electing, voting, placing personnel in jobs by a democratic selection and sticking to that process. Okay, so I used the word

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"process" many times in this memo. I operate a little consulting company (West-Wing International), where we provide a service to our clients. The service is business leadership by instilling process in personnel, departments, organizations, corporations, etc.

As Lou Conde pointed out in the article, what was advertised to the public (that of selecting a candidate for a port authority position to review tentative new airport locations) ended up to be a circumvention of a process — clearly falling short of Lou's and my expectations. I, too, went to the San Diego courthouse

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and in fact that the application's process had been sidestepped and that there would be a confirmation hearing for Mr. Lynch the following Tuesday morning. Well, I began to realize that someone had "effected" a fast-forward in selecting a port authority candidate and suddenly realized this to be a rude, uncomfortable awakening for us applicants.

I normally wouldn't have gotten quite so excited by process issues. However, it grieved me that we, the 23 or so applicants, wasted our time on this paper chase, that the next time we want to help a cause by applying for a paid city or county job, we will simply smile and assume that the job is already "wired," and that, of course, this assumption of wired jobs will carry into volunteer work, where we'll just stay home, sit on our duffs, and say to ourselves that even the volunteer work is fixed in some way; it is most likely a contrived job paving the way for our future handpicked political leaders, as "The Fix Is In" documented quite accurately.

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Italian Film with Food

he idea was born because some people got hungry. Many of the USD students who took Susan Briziarelli's Italian cinema class last semester came directly from work without having had dinner. When they started bringing food into the classroom for the two-hour sessions, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Briziarelli decided to formalize the trend.

"I thought we could make the food relevant to the film and make it a series," the associate professor of Italian said by phone from her home in Point Loma. If she repeats the minicourse at

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beginning. That's what she did when she transported the idea to the Italian Community Center of San Diego, in Little Italy, and inaugurated a

dinner-and-a-movie program. October's choice was Il Giardino dei Finzi-Contini - or The Garden of the Finzi-Continis, for those without Italian language skills. For November, it was Il Gattopardo — or The Leopard. This month, the finale is Storia di Ragazzi e Ragazze — The Story of Boys and Girls.

Appropriately, it's about a 20course banquet, everything from soup, pasta, bread, and game, along with all the sauces. Set in a farmhouse outside of Bologna in 1936, it's centered around the preparation and then the eating of an elaborate dinner that's intended to celebrate a young couple's engagement. The marriage will eventually unite a simple farming family with a well-to-do middle-class family. "So there are all these sub-issues of social and economic class, and city-versus-country," said Briziarelli. "These contrasts are exacerbated in the food preparation,

then forgotten in the meal. The table brings everybody together.' Bologna, in the north of Italy, southeast of Milan, is known as the

origin of several gustatory pleasures, including tortellini, which are shown being made in the movie. Little hatshaped stuffed pasta, tortellini are filled with a variety of ingredients, usually meat and cheese.

"Tortellini is so time-consuming to make; we'll serve tagliatelle instead," said Briziarelli. "Handmade, of course.

Tagliatelle, another signature Bolognese creation, is pasta cut from sheets into narrow ribbons. How narrow? A quarter-inch. Is that narrower than fettucine? Yes. Fettucine



is three-eighths. It's a significant oneeighth to food-fussy Italians.

The tagliatelle will be served with ragú. Briziarelli wants it to be clear that this ragú isn't the same as the meat sauce that comes in the jar from the company named Ragu (without the accent).

Bologna is famous for cold cuts, especially the one that is its namesake. But, again, the Bolognese bologna is not to be confused with the bastardized American version, bologna. "We're going to try to locate the real bologna," Briziarelli said. "You have to get the right brand or it doesn't taste right. We hope to find it at Mona Lisa in Little Italy.'

They'll also locate the "right" Bolognese rolls. "Each city has its own kind of bread," said Briziarelli, who was born in Chicago but spent some years in Milan. "The rolls look like tiny ciabatta." People who buy artisan breads these days know what ciabatta is. The translation is "old shoe" because that's what it resembles.

And for dessert? Torta di riso - a rice cake.

Briziarelli doesn't do the cooking;

From Storia di Ragazzi e Ragazze — The Story of Boys and Girls

she leaves that to the two people who teach the cooking classes at the community center: Emanuela Patroncini and Barbara Carra.

Carra is a native of Florence. Patroncini is from Ferrara, where the fictional Finzi-Continis, an aristocratic Jewish family, lived at the outbreak of World War II. For that evening's program, they made a dish featuring zucca — or winter squash. For The Leopard, set in Sicily toward the end of the 19th Century, the centerpiece of the meal was a timballo.

"A timballo is molded," said Briziarelli. "It has a dough crust, and inside, it's macaroni with a sauce that's made with different meats - sausage and chicken liver." The stars of The Leopard, including Burt Lancaster, who plays the Prince (and whose Italian is, jarringly, dubbed), eat a timballo, too.

The theme of The Leopard, based on the novel by Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa (1896-1957), is Italy's unification. "Lampedusa was one of the last members of a noble family, so it's partly about his own family and their struggle with the transition from the

old life to the new and getting used to the changes." There is a famous, paradoxical sentence from the novel and the movie. A nephew of the Lancaster character says, "But don't you understand, uncle, things must change if we want them to stay the same.

The subtitled Finzi-Continis drew a full house, 20 people. "In fact, we turned a couple of people away." For The Leopard, there were only a dozen takers — "First, I think, because it was a three-hour movie, and second, because there were no subtitles," said Briziarelli, who admitted, "That was a tough one.

Subtitles will be on the screen for The Story of Boys and Girls.

- Ieanne Schinto

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BAJA

Mutek @ Mexico, the promotion and development of "innovative electronic music producers" is goal for Mutek Festival, based in Montreal, Canada, Five concerts, two conferences, one workshop, video presentations take place Fri-

day through Sunday, December 5-7, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río) and Jai Alai Palace (Avenida Revolución). Hours: 2 p.m. to 4 a.m. each day. Fee: \$30 U.S. for all three days. 011-52-664-684-9850, (TIJUANA)

Fernando Delgadillo in concert, Friday, December 5, 8:30 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets: \$20, \$30 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Comedy performance by Tony Flores, Friday, December 5, 9 p.m., in El Foro at Jai Alai Palace (Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

La Playa Masters Motocross, off-road racing for motorcycles, Saturday, December 6, 8 a.m. 011-52-661-612-2525. (ROSARITO BEACH)

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

OUTDOORS

Hike to San Diego County's High Places to take advantage of





Holiday Woodcraft Show and Sale at Cut & Dried Hardwood, December 7 (see Special)

December's characteristically clear air. From spots such as Cowles Mountain in San Diego, Woodson Mountain near Poway, Wooded Hill in the Laguna Mountain Recreation Area, and Boucher Hill at Palomar Mountain State Park, vistas stretching a hundred miles across the Pacific Ocean are not uncommon at this time of year. Look for the dark profiles of Santa Catalina and San Clemente Islands, lying northwest and west of San Diego, respectively.

Liquidambar Trees, or sweet gums, the colorfully deciduous trees gracing front yards, parks, and campuses throughout the San Diego area, have been putting on a good show for the past month. The maplelike leaves of some varieties have turned from green to purple to

red; the leaves of other varieties have faded to a golden yellow. Other varieties will hold on to their leaves until the New Year. Most will regain their foliage by late February. Earliest Sunset (4:43 p.m. from San Diego) occurs Saturday, December 6, a date that is not coincident with the shortest day (winter solstice — December 21) because of factors relating to the noncircular shape of the Earth's orbit around the sun and the tilt of Earth's axis. Early December is a good time to view the setting sun from the spectacular vantage point of Cabrillo National Monument at the tip of Point Loma. During most of the year, you can't do that

since sunset occurs well after the

park's closing time of 5:15 p.m.

Hike to the 1918 Dam on Lake Murray with Canyoneers, Saturday, December 6. Fun hike starts at 1 p.m. at baseball fields on Murray Park Drive (take I-8 to College Avenue, exit north, turn right onto Navajo, turn right onto Park Ridge Boulevard, turn right onto Murrav Park Drive). Look for wildflowers, water birds, raptors. Free. 619-255-0203. (LA MESA)

Discover Downtown Escondido

(again) during historic walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m., at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-739-8703 or 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

See Indian Grinding Holes (a.k.a. *morteros*) and take a nature hike, Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m., in Felicita Park (742 Clarence Lane). 760-271-8640. Day-use: \$2. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, December 6, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park. Trail guide Don Wetzel leads nature lovers through oak and sycamore trees, chaparral in search of birds and wildlife. Take Regents Road exit off Highway 52; look for parking lot and restroom on west side of Regents Road. 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Family Discovery Hike around Lake Hodges in San Dieguito River Park on Saturday, December 6, 9 to 10:30 p.m. Easy, two miles. Required reservations: 858-674-2275. (ESCONDIDO)

San Luis Rey River Cleanup, Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., starting at Benet Bridge, Fousatt Bridge, College Bridge. 760-435-5807. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Fantasy Afoot, stride past luxurious homes and estates in Rancho Santa Fe with Walkabout explorers Saturday, December 6. Moderateplus 2.5-hour meander starts at 10 a.m. at corner of Via de la Valle and Cancha de Golf. Bring water. Free. 619-231-7463. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is job of Wildlife Assist volunteers. Two orientations on Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m. Orientations at San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy (blue building at Cardiff-by-the-Sea Towne Centre, 2031 San Elijo Av-

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Walk to a Waterfall, take a moderately paced walk on Del Mar Mesa, to Walden Pond, and waterfall with Pat Watkins of Los Peñasquitos Canvon Preserve, Saturday, December 6, 3 to 5 p.m. Walk starts at utility gate at end of Park Village Road. 858-484-3219. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

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

The Full Moon clears the northeastern horizon near sunset and rises majestically as darkness falls on Monday, December 8. Some traditional names for December's full moon are "cold moon," "wolf moon," and "moon of long nights." Due to its extreme northerly location in the sky, the full moon near winter solstice stavs above the horizon at San Diego for about 14 hours.

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Ever Hiked to the Kumeyaay

Solstice Observatory on Cowles Mountain? The Kumeyaay used this site and similar sites to mark winter solstice. The Canyoneers lead a solstice hike up Cowles (pronounced "coals" by those in the know), Monday, December 22, 6 to 7:30 a.m. Strenuous hike starts at northeast corner

showcase choreography by Mira-Costa faculty and several advanced dance students. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday,

in MiraCosta College Theater (One Barnard Drive). \$10. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE) **Contrary Contradancers?** JoAnn Koppany calls, Au Contraire makes the music for con-

when MiraCosta's Dance Arts En-

semble presents fall dance concerts

December 5-7. The performances

tradance on Friday, December 5, 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)

"Danceworks 2003" - boasting modern, jazz, hip-hop, tap, salsa, ballet choreographies - presented Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6, 7 p.m., in Mayan Hall Theatre at Southwestern College (900 Otay Lakes Road). \$10 general. 619-421-6700 x5658. (CHULA VISTA)

Defining and Exploring the Fine Line between human and animal, Patricia Sandback and Dancers present concerts December 5-7, in Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. Concerts include singing, recitation, live music, live animals, projections, poetry, dancing (Leda, The Dog, They say the lizard is a cold-blooded animal, The Private Dining Room).

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$14 general. 619-594-6824. (SDSU)

"Dance DNA," choreography by advanced Palomar College dance students showcased in performances December 6 at 7 p.m. in Howard Brubeck Theatre, Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Viennese Waltz Workshops, learn to dance in time for Night in Vienna (on January 1) during beginners' class led by Pierre and Susan Tinel on Saturday, December 6, noon to 2 p.m., at Starlight Dance Studio (6506-H El Cajon Boulevard).

Class for intermediates: December 13; advanced class on December 20. Fee: \$20 per class, \$50 for all three. Registration: 619-988-5198. (COLLEGE AREA)

Bulgarian Dance Workshop and Dance Party with Jaap Leegwater, Saturday, December 6, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Workshop at 5 p.m., potluck at 7 p.m., dancing at 8 p.m. Workshop only, \$6; workshop and dance party, \$8; dance party only, \$5. 858-638-1810. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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

"The Nutcracker" presented by La Mesa Arts Academy, December 6 and 7, at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue). Shows begin at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, \$12, \$15. 619-697-2787. (ROLANDO)

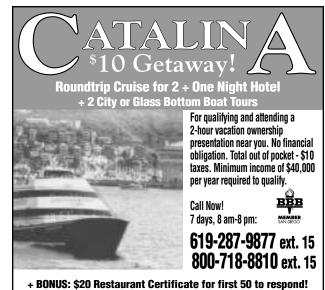
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#200). Theme for class is "Ring in the Holidays." \$20. 858-581-9429. Walk-ins welcome. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Sunday Social Dance planned by Oceanside Society Orchestra, December 7, 4 to 7 p.m., at Flying Bridge (1105 North Coast Highway). Cover: \$10. 760-722-1151. All ages. (OCEANSIDE)

Renaissance Through Regency, English country dancing "to haunting baroque music" takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Dance Academy in Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. Free for first-timers; \$6 per class thereafter. 858-486-9160. POWAY

Bellydance Dinner Show on Sunday, December 7, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard); \$15 fee benefits Navy Wives Club of America Food Locker, 619-248-1079, (KEARNY MESA)

Swing and Jitterbug Mix Dance Party, Pattie Wells Dancetime Center hosts party Sunday, December 7, for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays music for open dancing 7 to 9:30 p.m.; jitterbug lesson at 8 p.m. Find center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$5; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

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

"Central Station: San Diego," this festival of dance/theater/improvisation from Eastern and Central Europe runs December 10-14. "Central Station Talkback," Wednesday, December 10, 7 p.m., in Molli and Arthur Wagner

G E T A W A Y S

Dance Studio Theater 3 at UCSD. Free, 858-822-3152, (LA JOLLA)

The Croatian company Badco presents Solo Me, and United Dancers of ZUGA from Estonia perform Walking Home Solo, Thursday, December 11, 8 p.m., at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (320 11th Avenue). \$15. 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

FILM

Journey, Warren Miller's 54th annual film with skiing and snowboarding scenes shot all over the world, continues through December 7 at locations around county.

See the film Thursday, December 4, at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101; 760-436-5774); Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6, at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street; 858-454-3541); and Sunday, December 7, at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street, 760-729-0089).

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through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (ENCINITAS, LA JOLLA, CARLSBAD)

"Automatic Filming: Surrealism and Images of Desire" continues at Museum of Photographic Arts. This week: The 5000 Fingers of Dr. T and Pee-Wee's Big Adventure, Thursday and Sunday, December 4 and 7. \$7 general. Showtimes: 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

The Japanese Film Taboo (1999) screens for Fall 2003 International Film Series at MiraCosta College, Friday, December 5. 7 p.m., room 3601 on campus (One Barnard Drive). 760-757-2121 x6284. Free. English subtitles. (OCEANSIDE)

Regional Dishes Inspired by featured film may be enjoyed during film nights hosted by Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). See Storia di Ragazzi e Ragazze, directed by Pupi Avati, Friday, December 5, 6:30 p.m. Cuisine is Bolognese. \$18. Reservations: 619-237-0601. In Italian with English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

How Did They Get That Shot? Question is answered in documentary National Geographic: The Photographers, screening Sunday, December 7, 7:30 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). \$5. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

"What I Want My Words to Do to You," a documentary of playwright Eve Ensler's writing workshop at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility (in NY City).

During workshop, convicts were asked to contemplate their crimes and assess possibilities for future. After the workshop, the stories were performed by actresses including Glenn Close, Marisa Tomei, Rosie Perez.

The film screens for Sunday Matinee on December 7, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Donovan Correctional Facility librarian Anita Peterson and SDSU professor Brian Spitzberg lead discussion. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Fighting the Battle of the Bulge, Wolfgang Hastert's Big Stories, offering a foray into the "world of big beautiful folks," uses personal interviews to chart triumphs, humiliation, tragedies. See the film and take part in discussion led by Hastert himself during Film Forum, Monday, December 8, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free, (DOWNTOWN)

"Les Films du Ballet," Carlsbad Library film series continues with The Nutcracker performed by American Ballet Theatre with Mikhail Baryshnikov (1977), Wednesday, December 10, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

"Sorrows of Empire," a video interview with UCSD professor Chalmers Johnson, screens when North County Coalition for Peace



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and Justice meets on Wednesday, December 10, 7 p.m., at Pilgrim United Church of Christ (2020 Chestnut Street). 760-753-2654. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: Australia: Land Beyond Time, Coral Reef Adventure, Bugs! Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

History Alive at Lee, Lemon Grove city manager Graham Mitchell speaks on his family's history in Virginia during Civil War for Lemon Grove Historical Society, Thursday, December 4, 1:30 p.m., in H. Lee House (3205 Olive). 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

"Exploration in the 20th Century," world-renowned climber Conrad Anker answers the question "Is exploration still a valid human endeavor?" during slide-illustrated lecture on Thursday, December 4, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$8. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"The European Union and the United States: Friends or Adversaries" presented by Professor Richard Scott for North County chapter of World Affairs Council, Thursday, December 4. Irv Pinkel examines "American Petroleum Anxiety and Effect on American Foreign Policy" on Thursday, December 11. Talks start at 10 a.m. at Remington Club phase 2 (16916 Hierba Place). Free. 858-487-1776. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Art Collecting...What Else?" Doug Simay speaks for Fridays at Six series, December 5, 6 p.m., at Arts College International (840 G Street). Free. 619-231-3900. (EAST VILLAGE)

Need to Shake Up Writing Routines? Vessa Rinehart divulges "Psychic Tools for Writers," Friday, December 5, 7:30 p.m., at Vessa Rinehart's Intuitive Insights Center (4305 Gesner Street, suite 200). \$35. Registration: 858-509-7582. (CLAIREMONT)

The Topic Is "2004: An Astrological Preview" presented by Santa Fe lecturer, author, Arielle "mythologist" and Guttman, Saturday, December 6, 6:30 p.m., at Infinite Winds Center (235 Cerro Street). Lecture preceded by holiday meditation by Carmela Jackson. \$20. 760-436-6595 or 619-260-9058. (ENCINITAS)

"Preparing for a Genealogy Research Trip to Salt Lake City examined during panel discussion hosted by North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council chambers

(1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free, 858-453-8469, (CARLSBAD)

"Adventure in Your Own Back Yard" discussed by "outdoor adventure expert" Brian Brawdy, Saturday, December 6, at Adventure 16 (4620 Alvarado Canyon Road). Lecture at 11 a.m.; Brawdy hangs around to answer questions 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. 619-283-2374. (MISSION VALLEY)

Learn Techniques for Pruning Roses, fruit trees, perennials, landscaping plants, when Bill Tall, owner of City Farmers Nursery, speaks Saturday, December 6, 1 p.m., at Nate's Deli at City Farmers Nursery (3120 Euclid Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Papier-Mâché Sculpture Techniques divulged when artist and sculptor Fritzie Urquhart speaks for Art Connection Workshop series, Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m., at Escondido Municipal Gallery (142 West Grand Avenue). Free. 760-480-4101. (ESCONDIDO)

"Windows to the Soul" presented by Jeannie Kidwell for Edgar Cavce Association, Sunday, December 7, 1 p.m., in La Jolla Village Square community room (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Donation: \$5. 619-295-7080 or 619-449-0948. (LA JOLLA)

"California Jews" discussed by San Francisco State University professor Marc Dollinger and UC Berkeley professor Ava Kahn for New Perspectives in Judaic Studies lecture series, Sunday, December 7, 2 p.m., at Ohr Shalom Synagogue (2512 Third Avenue). Free. 619-232-5888. (DOWNTOWN)

"Ornamental Trees of San Diego: Mediterranean Climate Trees for the Garden" will be signed and discussed during slideillustrated lecture by horticulturist Don Walker and nurseryman Steve Brigham when San Diego Horticultural Society meets, Monday, December 8, at Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m. Annual cookie exchange. 858-756-2579. Free. (DEL MAR)

"American Expressionism: Art and Social Change, 1920-1950" discussed when Bram Dijkstra presents slide-illustrated lecture for "Matters of Controversy" dialogue series, Tuesday, December 9, 7 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). 858-459-4650. Free. (HILLCREST)

Get the Skinny on Multiple Intelligences and practical applications for children when Ted Borgeas speaks on Tuesday, December 9, 9:45 a.m., at La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). Free. 619-227-9393. (LA JOLLA)

The Problematic Role Drugs Play in affairs of state and international security discussed by Jeffrey McIllwain of SDSU's criminal

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justice and criminology department when World Affairs Council meets Tuesday, December 9, 7 p.m., at Rancho Bernardo Swim and Tennis Club (16955 Bernardo Oaks Drive). Free. 858-673-7398. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Wine Time? Self-proclaimed 'San Diego Wine Lady" Tracy Wallace divulges "Great Wine Values \$12 and Under," with an emphasis on South American wines, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 9 and 10, 4 p.m., at Beverages and More (8410 Center

Drive). \$5. Reservations: 619-235-0184. (LA MESA)

"Everest and Beyond," Encinitas resident Trynt Young became 12th woman to summit Everest and participated in TV show Global Extremes. Young presents slide-illustrated lecture on Wednesday, December 10, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"Religion and Rank in Stateless Societies" discussed by UCSD anthropology professor Donald Tuzin for Humanities Dialogues series, Wednesday, December 10,

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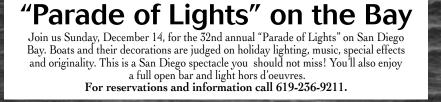
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7:30 p.m., in room B-210 of Mandeville Center at UCSD. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

"Messages for a Modern World in Lord of the Rings?" Topic for discussion on Wednesday, December 10, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Program Poinsettias" examined when Leanne Pyle, marketing manager at Paul Ecke Ranch, speaks Wednesday, December 10, 10 a.m., for Point Loma Garden Club at Point Loma Masonic Center (1711 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). Free. 619-276-0209. (POINT LOMA)

Handle Holiday Stress through good nutrition when Mindy Goldis presents "Healthy Holiday Desserts Cooking Class," Thursday, December 11, 6:45 p.m., at World of Wellness (East County Village shopping center, 13727 Camino Canada, suite A-4). \$10. 619-938-1800. (EL CAJON)

"Sculpture in Silk: Costumes from Japan's Noh Theater" discussed by Asian art curator Caron Smith for Insight Gallery series, Thursday, December 11 (6 p.m.), and Sunday, December 14 (2 p.m.), at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Champagne and Bubbly," topic for Planet Wine class on Thursday, December 11, 6:30 p.m., at Excelsior Brasserie (1025 Prospect). \$14 fee includes "sensuous treats," study guide. Reservations: 858-454-8092. (LA JOLLA)

Create an Origami Ornament when Hisae Batchelder leads class, Saturday, December 13, 10:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Nonmember fee: \$15. Registration: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," written and directed by Randall Hickman, presented December 4-7 at Hearth Theater, San Marcos Community Center (3 Civic Center Drive). Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$7 general. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Carols by Candlelight presented by performers including B.J. Thomas, America, Kim Carnes, Dan Seals, Stephen Bishop, Eve Sellis, Buck Howdy on Thursday and Friday, December 4 and 5, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets range from \$20 to \$40. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

All-Gershwin Concert planned by UCSD Wind Ensemble, Thursday, December 4, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Guests include Cecil Lytle for "Rhapsody in Blue," Deborah Davis and Mark Goros singing excerpts from *Porgy and Bess*, Arthur Wagner reading letters to and from Gershwin. \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

American Indian Rap Artist Litefoot performs and speaks



Viennese Waltz Workshop at Starlight Dance Studio, December 6 (see Dance)

about drug/alcohol abuse, self-esteem, health, cultural issues, Thursday, December 4, 7 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueño Indian Reservation gym (on School House Road and Highway 79). Free. 760-765-0845. (SANTA YSABEL)

"All Over the Map," local and international artists featured during "local culture art event," Thursday, December 4, 6 p.m., at Lobium Art Gallery (143 South Cedros Avenue). "Politically incorrect slide show," Nepali dance, Japanese paper cuts, photography, painting. 760-943-7145. (SOLANA BEACH)

Jazz Guitarist John Stowell performs Thursday, December 4, 7 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Tickets: \$5.

The Clarinet Marmalade Quartet takes the stage on Saturday, December 6, 1 p.m. Free. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

"Christmas on the Air" — a holiday salute to old-time radio presented by West Coast Radio Theater, Friday, December 5, 7:30 p.m., at Torrey Pines Christian Church (8320 La Jolla Scenic North). Program includes *A Christmas Carol, The Bickersons' Christmas, The Voice of Firestone,* more. \$8 general. 619-615-8628. (LA JOLLA)

Local Prose and Comics Author Jeff Mariotte visits Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign and discuss *Angel: Solitary Man* and *Star Trek: The Lost Era: Deny Thy Father,* Friday, December 5, 7 p.m. Find Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

World War II Hero Robert Barney signs and discusses his book *Bulletproof: Prevailing in WW II as a Pilot and POW*, Saturday, December 6, 11 a.m., at Tabloid Coffee (9225 Carlton Hills Boulevard #27). Free. 619-562-1240. (SANTEE)

The Boys' Choir of Harlem hits stage at California Center for the Arts, Escondido to present its "inspirational and thrilling holiday show," Saturday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$36 to \$46. Find center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

The Comic Stand, described as "new standup comedy showhappening," promises "best comics from all over California." Saturdays, 10:30 p.m., at 6th@Penn Theatre (3704 Sixth Avenue). \$10. 619-688-9210. (HILLCREST)

Joy to the World, San Diego Community Christmas Choir and Children's Choir present holiday concert conducted by Anna Bjarnson-Carson, Saturday, December 6, 7 p.m., at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (4195 Camino del Rio South). Program includes highlights from "Amahl and the Night Visitors," carols by Burt and Rutter, sing along. Free. 619-234-1409 or 619-861-6338. (MISSION VALLEY)

Readings from *La Calaca Review* planned by participating co-authors on Saturday, December 6, 7 p.m., at Ice Gallery (3417 30th Street). Free. 619-434-9036. (NORTH PARK)

"Confessions of a Word Lover" made by author and punster Richard Lederer, Saturday, December 6, at Congregation Dor Hadash (4858 Ronson Court). Lederer will speak, sell, sign books. \$15. 858-268-3674. (KEARNY MESA)

Rooted in African and Native American Heritage, Leonor Dely and her Colombian band Millero Congo present a concert on Saturday, December 6, 5 p.m., outdoors at City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Free. 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Twentieth Anniversary Holiday

Concert by Pacific Coast Concert Band, Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m., at Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street). Program includes Holst's "First Suite in E-Flat," "West Side Story" by Bernstein, Copland's "Variations on a Shaker Melody," and other band favorites. Fallbrook Chorale joins in with Christmas songs and sing-along. \$10 general. 760-390-2990. (CARLSBAD)

True-Life Stories (from the audience) inspire improvisational theater by San Diego Playback Theatre, Saturday, December 6, 8 p.m., at Celeste Center (861 Hornblend Street). \$8. 619-298-1207. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Singers of Harmony Galore perform for Spring Valley Historical Society, Saturday, December 6, 5:30 p.m., at Bancroft Ranch House Museum (9050 Memory Lane). Potluck dinner follows. Free. 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

Local Sci-Fi Author Vernor Vinge signs and discusses *The Peace War*, Saturday, December 6, 2:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Annual Holiday Reading by San Diego Writers' Cooperative, Saturday, December 6, 4 p.m., at Book Garden (4496 Park Boulevard, at Monroe). Share your poems, prose excerpts, seasonal cheer. Free. 619-260-1917. (HILLCREST)

First Annual Invitational, Not-Quite-Open-Mike Hootenanny, hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, December 6, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$10. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Holiday Concert by 85-piece Coastal Communities Concert Band, Sunday, December 7, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Band joined by vocalist Michael Ruhl for traditional favorites, tribute to "national heroes" on Pearl Harbor Day. Tickets: \$12 general, benefiting Meals-on-Wheels. 760-736-9900. (ESCONDIDO)

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"Justice!" Whackjob! features readings by fiction writer Michael Cheno Wickert and poet Cindy Maresic, Sunday, December 7, 7 p.m., at Recognize (4746 El Cajon Boulevard). Free. 619-521-4747. 21 and older. (SAN DIEGO)

Artist and Author signs and discusses his book Death Valley: The Ambiguous Landscape, Sunday, December 7, 2 to 5 p.m., at David Zapf Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard). Free. 619-232-5004. (LITTLE ITALY)

Paying Tribute to Firefighters, the San Diego Children's Choir presents 2003 Holiday Concert, Sunday, December 7, 3 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$12 to \$18.858-587-1087. (DOWNTOWN)

UCSD Hebrew and Comparative Literature Professor Richard Friedman signs and discusses The Bible With Sources Revealed, Monday, December 8, 7:30 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Free. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

Big-Band Favorites performed by Palomar College Jazz Ensemble and Repertory Jazz Ensemble, Monday, December 8, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tunes by Count Basie, Cole Porter, Tom Kubis, others.

\$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453 or 800-988-4253, (ESCONDIDO)

"Full-Spectrum Guitar" presented by Southwestern College Guitar Ensemble on Monday, December 8, 7 p.m., in room 801 on campus (900 Otay Lakes Road). Free. 619-421-6700 x5895. (CHULA VISTA)

Read Your Poetry, selections by someone else, or just listen during open poetry reading, Monday, December 8, 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)

"Two Beth El Rabbis, Two New Books," readings and signings of My Mother's Song by Rabbi Philip Graubart and Teaching Hot Topics by Rabbi Susan Freeman on Monday, December 8, 7:30 p.m., at Congregation Beth El (8660 Gilman Drive). Free. 858-452-1734. (LA JOLLA)

Comedy Shows with "adult humor" and "San Diego's best comics," every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., at Caffiends Coffeehouse (634 Broadway). Free, 619-544-1609. (DOWNTOWN)

Canadian Speculative Fiction Writer Nalo Hopkinson signs The Salt Roads, Tuesday, December 9, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free, (CLAIREMONT)

Searching for a Sniper, Police Chief Charles Moose helped track down the snipers who terrorized the East for 21 days. Moose signs and discusses his book Three Weeks in October: The Manhunt for the Serial Sniper, Tuesday, December 9, 7 p.m., at Carmel Mountain Library (12095 World Trade Drive). 858-538-8181. Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Busy on Tuesday? Moose repeats the signing on Wednesday, December 10, 7:30 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 Uni-



"Available Space: Uncharted Territory" at Sushi Performance and Visual Art, December 4–7 (see Dance)

versity Avenue). Free. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

Gain A Taste for Travel when photographer and author Terry Ruscin discusses his travel narrative Tuesday, December 9, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Croatian Theater Performer Zeljko Vukmirica presents "Mr. Single" on Tuesday, December 9, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Zelko, as he's known onstage, has been called "Croatia's answer to England's Mr. Bean," using acting powers and a made-up language. \$10. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"There Is Sweet Music Here," taken from poetry of Alfred Lord Tennyson, sung by North Coast Singers Youth Chorus, Wednesday, December 10, 7 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$10. 760-944-1840. (ENCINITAS)

Third-Generation Psychic Rebecca Bloom signs and discusses Begin Your Psychic Journey: Discovering the Path to Your Intuitive Gifts, Thursday, December 11, 6 p.m., at Center of the Universe (8036 La Mesa Boulevard). Free. 619-465-3100. (LA MESA)

The Musical Footloose opens Thursday, December 11, and continues through December 20 in Florence Johnson Grand Theater at San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (2425 Dusk Drive). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Tickets: \$8 general. 619-470-0555 x232. (PARADISE HILLS)

Sacred and Secular Christmas Music on program when San Diego Men's Chorus performs Thursday, December 11, 7 p.m., at St. Mark's United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive). Offering. 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

Spoken Word and Open Mike, with "turntablist" DI Subversive One, Thursday, December 11, 6 p.m., at MAAC Community Charter School (1385 Third Avenue). Free. 619-818-0173. (CHULA VISTA)

Vienna's Famed New Year's **Concert** is recreated in "Salute to Vienna," Thursday, January 1, 2004. Cast of over 75 professional musicians, singers, dancers. Performers include Austrian soprano Elisabeth Lang, Viennese tenor Alois Haselbacher, members of Hungarian National Ballet, Strauss Symphony of America led by Gerhard Track.

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SPORTS

Gulls vs. Checkers and Aces, San Diego Gulls host Charlotte Checkers at San Diego Sports Arena, Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6, 7:35 and 7:05 p.m., respectively. The Alaska Aces arrive for ice hockey, Sunday, December 7, 5:05 p.m. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. Games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA

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Dog Paddle, bring your dog out for a paddle hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Saturday, December 6. Event starts at 7 a.m. at Hike Bike Kayak (2246 Avenida de la Playa). \$20 fee includes lifejacket for your pooch. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA SHORES)

Kayak in Search of Sea Turtles and to birdwatch during event hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Saturday, December 6, 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon. \$50. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (SOUTH BAY)

Belt Test. Demonstrations. class for adults and children during open house, Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Kung Fu Academy (3388 30th Street). Free. 619-297-0424. (NORTH PARK)

Becky Stuart Invitational. hosted by Pao Pao Outrigger Club, Saturday, December 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Harbor Beach. Free for spectators. 858-481-4026. (OCEANSIDE)

Saddlebred Snow Ball Horse Show, Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

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Bolt vs. Lions, San Diego Chargers are in Detroit for football game against Lions, Sunday, December 7, 10 a.m. Tickets: 877-CHARGERS.

North County Sunday Ride hosted by Sierra Club bicyclists starts at 9 a.m. on Sunday, December 7, in parking lot at Wherehouse (at Del Mar Heights Road and El Camino Real). Ride is about 25 miles long, socially paced. Free. 858-623-0628, (DEL MAR)

World Wrestling Entertainment Smackdown, Tuesday, December 9, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets: \$21 to \$41, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

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Discuss Herman Melville's Billy Budd, Foretopman with Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group, Friday, December 5, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

Bead Society of San Diego hosts annual members' exhibition and sale through Sunday, December 14, in Gallery 21 (Spanish Village). Gallery open during December Nights events, Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6, 5 to 9 p.m. 619-462-0007. (BALBOA PARK)

Off Lead Dog-Training Expo and Natural Pet Expo, Friday through Sunday, December 5-7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Seminars, mini-workshops for dogs and people, trade show, grooming competition. Required reservations: 717-691-3388. (DEL MAR)

'Tis the Season for Holiday Parades, Coronado's parade gets underway Friday, December 5, at 6 p.m., following the arrival of Santa at Ferry Landing Marketplace at 5:15 p.m. Fireworks begin at 8:30 p.m. at the Ferry Landing Marketplace. 619-435-9260. (CORONADO

"Holidays around the World" celebrated during 40th annual North Park Lions Holiday Parade, Saturday, December 6. Band competition at 9:30 a.m. on Idaho Street (between Howard and Lincoln). Parade at 11 a.m., starting at Utah and University, traveling to 30th, north to El Cajon Boulevard, west to Idaho. Free. 619-574-5196. (NORTH PARK)

Spirited community groups, marching bands, horses, and many more participants take part in Vista Holiday Parade, Saturday, December 6, 11 a.m. at South Santa Fe and Pala Vista Drive, proceeding to Citrus Avenue. 760-726-1122. (VISTA)

"Christmas in the Country" is theme for Fallbrook's 22nd annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, starting at Ammunition Road at 5 p.m., Saturday, December 6. Marching bands, floats, equestrians, and clowns. 760-728-5845. (FALLBROOK)

Ocean Beach Holiday Parade and tree lighting, Saturday, December 6, 5:05 p.m., finishing with the lighting of the 60-foot community tree located in sand at foot of Newport Avenue. Parade begins at Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Newport Avenue, then moves west on Newport to ocean. Free. 619-226-8613. (OCEAN BEACH)

The 41st annual Starlight Yule Parade — with bands and drill teams, floats, classic cars, and Santa — traverses Third Avenue from H Street to E Street on Saturday, December 6, 5:30 p.m. 619-422-1982. (CHULA VISTA)

"A Wonderland of Waves and Wreaths" offered during annual Encinitas Holiday Parade, Saturday, December 6, 5:30 p.m., along South Coast Highway 101 from D Street to J Street. 760-633-2740. (ENCINITAS)

Holiday street parade, Sunday, December 7, 1 p.m., with bands, equestrians, car clubs, clowns, Santa. Starts at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road), heads down Mission Road to San Marcos Boulevard, ending at San Mar-



Warren Miller's Journey in Encinitas, La Jolla, Carlsbad, December 4-7 (see Film)

cos Civic Center. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Marching bands and floats take part in La Jolla Christmas Parade, Sunday, December 7, 2 p.m. at Kline and Girard Street. 858-454-1444. (LA JOLLA)

The 1915 Wood Lath Botanical Building is site for 17th annual poinsettia display, running Friday, December 5, through Wednesday, January 7, 2004. Nearly 300 poinsettia plants decorate the historic building, open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays through Wednesdays. Free. 619-239-0512 or 619-235-1100. (BALBOA PARK)

Pottery Sales Galore, student sale Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6, at Plum Pottery ceramic studio (2363 30th Street). 619-546-0639. (SOUTH PARK)

Pottery, tile, ceramics sale benefiting three county artists who lost their homes and studios in recent fires — Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Alchemie Ceramic Studio (1111 Urania Avenue). Free. 760-7309141. (LEUCADIA) Clay Associates Ceramic Studio, 3667 Adams Avenue, hosts pottery sale by students and associates of the studio, December 6-21. Hours: noon to 6 p.m. Sundays through Fridays; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays.

619-563-1806. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Ale, Ale, the Gang's All Here, seventh annual San Diego Strong Ale Festival, December 5 and 6, at Pizza Port (571 Carlsbad Village Drive). More than 55 beers with over 8% alcohol will be tapped.

Hours: 4 to 11 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday. The \$20 fee includes tasting glass and six four-ounce tasting tickets; additional tastes \$1 each. 760-720-7007. (CARLSBAD)

December Nights scheduled on Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6, 5 to 9 p.m. both nights. More than 80 museums and cultural attractions open their doors free of charge during festival. Highlights include food for sale from around globe, caroling, dance, and theatrical presentations, among many other festivities. Free. 619-239-0512.

The Santa Lucia procession with twinkling candles, traditional songs, "Lucia" (Queen of Light) offered at 6 and 8 p.m. each night at San Diego Museum of Man. The Swedish Christmas fair includes a folk costume parade, crafts, folk dancing, music by a children's choir, and traditional Swedish foods (for sale). Free. 619-239-2001.

The San Diego Floral Association's annual holiday show themed "Fairy Tales for the Child in All of Us" — takes place in room 101 of Casa del Prado, with Christmas vignettes decorated by affiliated garden and plant clubs and floral displays. Hours: 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, 3 to 9 p.m. Saturday. 619-232-5762.

On Friday, La Jolla Renaissance Singers (5 p.m.), Windsor Hill Consort (7 p.m.), jazz vocalist Coral Thuet and trumpeter Gilbert Castellanos (6 p.m.) perform at San Diego Museum of Art. On Saturday, In a Chord performs (5 p.m.), Granada Consort (7 p.m.), Thuet and Castellanos (6 p.m.).

Celebrations at Spanish Village include the "Monument to Sugar Display" (a giant edible tree), artists studios, guilds, and associations open to visit. The Reuben H. Fleet Science Center offers a *biergarten* with live entertainment. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Visit the H.M.S. Surprise while the ship used in film *Master and Commander* is on exhibit at Maritime Museum (1306 North Harbor Drive), Friday, December 5, through November 2004. See artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. Included in museum admission. 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

Art in the Valley, Carmel Valley Artists host 40th annual winter show and sale, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, December 6, at the Karl Strauss Brewery Gardens (9675 Scranton Road). Thirty-eight artists exhibit work in variety of media. Free admission. 760-945-6922. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Christmas Miller Creek Train Trip with visit by Santa Claus, hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, December 6, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fee: \$23 for adults, \$13 for kids. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (CAMPO)

"The Melian Dialogue" by Thucydides examined when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets on Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Bookish Delights, book sale time, Saturday, December 6, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Mission Hills Library (925 West Washington). 619-692-4910. (MISSION HILLS)

Book Sale, San Carlos branch library hosts book sale, Saturday, December 6, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Paperbacks and hardbacks of all types offered. The library is found at 7265 Jackson Drive; 619-527-3430. (SAN CARLOS)

Holiday Studio Sale at Bill Wechter Photography (228 Barbara Avenue), Saturday, December 6, 3 to 9 p.m. Free. 858-792-3710. (SOLANA BEACH)



Holiday Home Tours, the 52nd annual All Souls' Episcopal Church Christmas Home Tour and arts sale is Saturday, December 6. Four older Point Loma homes showcased (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.); organ carols and church art tours (noon to 3 p.m.), tea (1 to 4 p.m.). \$22. Reservations: 619-223-6394. All Souls' Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Tour professionally decorated homes during Vista Community Clinic's 17th annual Holiday Home Tour, Sunday, December 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$20. Reservations: 760-724-2110 or 760-631-5000 x1139. (VISTA)

Five professionally decorated La Jolla homes open during seventh annual Holiday Home Tour hosted by *San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles* magazine, Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7. Tickets: \$20, benefiting Polinsky Children's Center. 858-571-1818 x100 or 858-459-4033. (LA JOLLA)

Five-Point Star Lanterns from Philippines known as *parols* give their name to "Parol Festival" planned by PASACAT, Saturday, December 6, 2 to 5 p.m., St. Rita's Church (5115 Churchward Avenue). Filipino folk songs, dances, performances by PASACAT Harana Singers and Dancers, Filipino foods (for sale), *parol* demonstrations, exhibits. \$10 general. 619-477-3383. (ENCANTO)

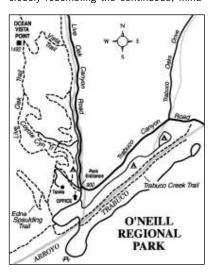
All Aboard! Great American Train Show steams into Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7. The show features operating model railroads, hundreds of tables, over 10,000 trains, 34 free workshops. Show hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$7 for adults, free for those under 12. 702-252-0347. (DEL MAR)

"A Village Celebration," described as a "children's self-esteem graduation," is Saturday, December 6, 1 to 4 p.m., at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Performances by soloist Sheila, Bayview Gospel Dancers,



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

During the 55-year existence of O'Neill Regional Park in Orange County, the park's area has grown from 278 acres to more than 3000 acres. During this same span of time, a spreading tide of suburban development has moved toward and now halfengulfs the park borders. Entirely new communities such as Mission Viejo and Rancho Santa Margarita have materialized on a rolling landscape that once supported nothing but grazing land for cattle. O'Neill Park is one of southern Orange County's key greenbelt zones that has kept the region from closely resembling the continuous, mind-



dramatic presentation by Children of Our Place, Te'Se Thiosanne African Drummers, rites of passage ceremony. Donation: \$10 general, \$7 children and seniors. Reservations: 619-697-0601 or 619-262-9951. (MISSION VALLEY)

Psychic Fair and metaphysical conference at Alexandra's Book-Store, noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Battle Day, commemorate Battle of San Pasqual when San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park hosts events Sunday, December 7, numbing urban tapestry of the nearby Los Angeles Basin.

To reach O'Neill Park from Interstate 5, exit at El Toro Road and drive east seven miles to Cook's Corner (famous for its biker bar), where Live Oak Canyon Road branches right. Follow Live Oak Canyon Road south for three miles to the park entrance. A day-use fee covers use of the park between 7 a.m. and sunset. The park also has 93 camping spaces, first come, first served. Of several possible hiking

routes within the park, the most rewarding — for an hour or two of your time, at least — is the three-mile Ocean Vista Point loop. From the O'Neill Park entrance. walk north on the payed service road that runs parallel to Live Oak Canyon Road. Almost immediately, bear left on another paved road leading to some hilltop water tanks. After about 0.3 mile, leave the pavement and veer right onto a dirt road - the Live Oak Trail. After swinging around two hairpin turns, go left at the next fork, staying on Live Oak Trail. This road takes you up to and then along the top of a viewful ridgeline. Your destination, a 1492-foot bump on the ridge ahead — the Ocean Vista Point may be identified from afar by a spiky cellular-telephone antenna structure near its top. Breezy days from late fall to early spring are best for expansive views from the

Oceanside Pier and Amphitheater,

300 North the Strand. 760-435-

Holiday Woodcraft Show and

Sale at Cut and Dried Hardwood,

Sunday, December 7, 10 a.m. to

4 p.m. All manner of items on dis-

play and for sale by over 50 partic-

ipating woodworkers. Find shop

at 241 South Cedros Avenue;

858-481-0442. Free admission.

"Fanta-Sea Christmas" is theme

for 32nd annual San Diego Bay Pa-

rade of Lights, Sundays, Decem-

ber 7 and 14. Parades begin at

5:30 p.m. at Shelter Island, passing

Harbor Island, cruising parallel to

Embarcadero, Seaport Village, Ma-

rina Park, across bay to Coronado,

5807. (OCEANSIDE)

(SOLANA BEACH)

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Battle reenact-

ments at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. Period

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riod music, period crafts, demon-

strations, military encampments,

equestrian demonstrations, story-

15808 San Pasqual Valley Road.

760-737-2201 or 619-220-5422.

"Walk for Human Rights,"

Amnesty International's 15th An-

nual International Walk for Hu-

man Rights is Sunday, Decem-

ber 7, 5 p.m. Information, live

music, speakers, food. A brief can-

dlelight walk follows, on behalf of

prisoners of conscience around

world. Dress warmly and meet at

Free. The museum is found at

telling, children's activities.

(ESCONDIDO)



Live-forever plants, O'Neill Regional Park

vista point. Above the low-lying layer of fog or smog along the coastline and L.A. Basin, you can often see Santa Catalina Island, the Palos Verdes peninsula, and the Santa Monica Mountains. To the east, the milehigh Santa Ana Mountains rise impressively, more so because from this vantage point you look *down* upon their lower flanks, as well as up to their highest summits. On days with Santa Ana winds — presuming there are no wildfires burning — the crystalline air permits a fine view of the blue Pacific Ocean.

To complete the looping hike, follow the Vista Trail east (and steadily downhill) toward Live Oak Canyon. Bear right at the bottom and follow an old, mostly paved service road paralleling Live Oak Canyon Road. Continue south, slightly downhill, until you reach your starting point.

ending near Navy carrier turning basin. Free. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

Fire Fund, Vista Yoga hosts fundraiser for Escondido Humane Society, Sunday, December 7, noon to 3 p.m. All levels *vinyasa* (flow) yoga class at noon, healing meditation at 1:30 p.m., lecture by Humane Society representative at 2 p.m., holiday mixer at 2:15 p.m. Donation: \$15 to \$20. 760-599-0732. Find studio at 1688 South Melrose Drive #203. (VISTA)

Community Sing, everyone is welcome to take part in singing, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at Solana Beach Community Center (133 Pacific Avenue). Professional pianist on hand, songbooks with 900 songs. Free. 858-552-0331. (SOLANA BEACH)

The Light Time of Year, organizers of Holiday of Lights at Del Mar Fairgrounds boast of "the largest...display of seasonal festive lights in San Diego," with holidaythemed displays on view through Sunday, January 4, 2004.

Hours are 5:30 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 5:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission: \$11 per vehicle (up to five people), \$16 per vehicle with six or more people. Tickets available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Information: 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

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)

FOR KIDS

"Holiday Puppet Reviews" presented when Balboa Park Puppet Guild Players present free shows for December Nights on Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Theater is dark December 4 and 7. Puppet Express takes stage for *A Very Merry Christmas Show*, December 10-14.

Performances begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find theater near Aerospace Center. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)



Ant-Sized Adventures offered for preschoolers, Friday, December 5, 10 to 11:30 a.m., at Kumeyaay Lake Campground at Mission Trails Regional Park (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Short hike, story time, group game, craft. Bring water, snack, wear layers. Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

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

Mrs. Claus Invites You to Breakfast on Saturday, December 6, 8 a.m., at Home Town Buffet (10660 Camino Ruiz), hosted by Mira Mesa Theatre Guild. She'll be joined by her famous husband, elves, and decorations, and there will be entertainment. \$6. 858-693-7328. (MIRA MESA)

Take a Trip to Santa's Magical Village on December 6 and 7. Village for children and their families promises cookie decoration, ornament creation, puppets, carnival games, arts and crafts, and entertainment. Games are 25 cents each.

The fun runs from 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday at San Marcos Civic Center (3 Civic Center Drive). 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Teddy Bear Teas, bring your family and teddy bear to teddy bear teas, December 6, 7, and 13-25, 2:30 p.m. each day. Storytelling, food and beverages, visit from Santa Claus. Fees: \$22 for adults, \$17 for children. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue. Reservations: 619-557-3655. (DOWNTOWN) **Teens' Dance Class** and contest, Saturday, December 6, at A Time to Dance Performing Arts Studio (3982 30th Street). Beginners at 11:30 a.m., intermediates at 2:30 p.m. \$30. Details, registration: 619-297-6401 or 619-846-0190. (NORTH PARK)

Holiday Celebrations of Christmas, Kwanzaa, and Hanukkah highlighted during Free-for-All Family Day holiday arts workshop, Sunday, December 7, 2 to 5 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Free. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

The Rad Hatters help kids create "holiday hats out of recycled brown paper bags," Sunday, December 7, noon to 4 p.m., at Shops at Las Americas (4211 Camino de la Plaza). Free. 619-934-8400. (SAN YSIDRO)

"Very Beary Nutcracker" presented by Kathy Felker Puppet Productions on Sunday, December 7, 2:30 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (3450 Clairemont Drive). Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 for kids 2 to 12. 800-954-6696. (CLAIREMONT)

Teen Talent Show for those in grades 7-12, Monday, December 8, 6 p.m., at Escondido Public Library (233 South Kalmia Street). Free; preregistration required to perform. 760-839-4828. (ESCONDIDO)

Let It Snow(globe), make an "artful snowglobe" at the Magic Wand (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle), Tuesday through Thursday, December 9-11. Kids three to five years old, 10 to 11 a.m.; kindergartners through third graders, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. \$18 per class. Registration: 858-755-9263. (DEL MAR)



Poinsettia Display in Botanical Building, December 5 through January 7 (see Special)

MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in

the Reader's Guide to Art.) Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horsepowered equipment related to agriculture and the general 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, "Teller Magi Festival" continues through December. The museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News.* Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141(BONITA)

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

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

Chinese Historical Society and

Museum, 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 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 gem-

stones, 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.

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

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages open on fourth Tuesday of the month, *Children Around the World* videos are shown in Hall of Nations,

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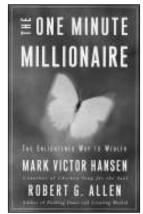
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If You Think You're Smart...



I have a surefire, foolproof, flawless investment system. I remind myself that when I win, I'm merely lucky. When I lose, I'm stupid. In fact, most times when I win, I say I'm stupid, because I didn't buy enough of the winner.

This simple investment philosophy can keep you off the investors' road to perdition: thinking you're smart. I have followed stocks, bonds and other investments my entire life, because my father was a stockbroker. There is only one sure thing: if you think you're smart, you're headed for grief.

My system works in selecting investment books, too. If the author claims to be smart, don't buy the book. Any book with a title like *Follow My Method and Be Worth a Million...* may well make the best-seller list, unfortunately, but it is certain to be worthless and is probably written by someone who hasn't the vaguest idea how to get rich other than to write books and put on seminars about getting rich.

Thus, I sadly report that a new book, *The One Minute Millionaire: The Enlightened Way to Wealth* (Harmony Books) has hit the best-seller lists. The authors are Mark Victor Hansen, who made a bundle of money with the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series, and

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 18861915, 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 lo-



Friday Nights! 3 Hrs. ^{\$}149 Any size limo. Some restrictions apply. one Robert G. Allen, seminar spellbinder, and author of previous blockbusters such as *Nothing Down, Creating Wealth.* and *Multiple Streams of Income.*

In 1996, celebrated wealth expert and author Allen was living luxuriously in Rancho Santa Fe. He was also in Chapter 7 liquidation bankruptcy. Although his blockbuster books had been on real estate, he listed no real estate on his bankruptcy schedule. He told me that he filed for liquidation after a battle with the Internal Revenue Service. Two years later, as a distributor for a multilevel marketing vitamin peddler, he called himself a "famous millionaire-maker," a self-description he repeats today. In the latest book, Allen says you should put a rubber band on your arm and snap it every time you have a negative thought. Soon, you won't have negative thoughts. Frankly, that mentality sets you up to get fleeced.

The "One Minute" idea comes from Spencer Johnson and Kenneth W. Blanchard. The latter still runs his company in Escondido. The former is no longer a San Diegan. In 1981, they authored *One Minute Manager*, which ultimately sold ten million copies. As author or co-author, Johnson followed up with *One Minute Father*, *One Minute Mother*, *One Minute for Yourself*, *One Minute Teacher*, and *One Minute Salesperson*, and Blanchard came up with *One Minute Golfer*. They have collaborated again on a blockbuster, *Who Moved My Cheese?* which is about adapting to change — something they themselves did when they finally departed from the "One Minute" sure thing. Blanchard was given a chance to be a co-author of *One Minute Millionaire*, and wisely refused.

I would be very skeptical of most investment best-sellers, although they are nowhere near as giddy today as they were in the 1990s. *The Total Money Makeover: A Proven Plan for Financial Fitness* (Thomas Nelson), by religious radio broadcaster Dave Ramsey, has vaulted to the top of the lists. His basic approach is sound (get out of debt, except the home mortgage), but when he purports to show you how to "invest with confidence" and trots out people whose lives have been saved through his methods, I can only groan — particularly because he is selling and touting so many products on his website, at his seminars, and wherever else people

vested 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 Par-

son's Study." Find the museum at

3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353.

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, pho-

tographs, and artifacts taking visitors

on a visual journey of the center's ac-

complishments. Through Sunday,

demonstrate the fun side of sci-

ence, math, and technology from

the Exploratorium in San Fran-

cisco are on display in "Explo-

raZone 4," on exhibit through

Over 30 exhibits designed to

(LEMON GROVE)

January 18, 2004.

cated 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 har-



will shell out money.

Actually, many of the top sellers today have a refreshingly sober ring — suggesting that investors are nowhere near the alwayscalamitous, hyper-bullish stage. Selling well today is *The Successful Investor: What 80 Million People Need to Know to Invest Profitably and Avoid Big Losses* (McGraw-Hill). Author William J. O'Neil, founder of *Investor's Business Daily*, has a technical methodology — that can be dangerous — but he has always been aware that there are times to buy and times to sell.

A frightening but cogent book also on today's bestseller lists is *Financial Reckoning Day: Surviving the Soft Depression of the 21st Century*, by Bill Bonner and Addison Wiggin (Wiley). Among its many profound theses is that excessive consumer spending and debt could help push the U.S. into the kind of mess Japan has wallowed in for a decade.

And that brings us to one of the most insightful observations ever made about investing: "All people are most credulous when they are most happy." The words were by Walter Bagehot, a 19thcentury editor of the magazine *The Economist*.

Today, more than ever, investors must avoid a feeling of success and contentment. When the warm glow comes over you, think: "Ugh. Smug." This is the lesson of history's great investment books.

Perhaps the greatest investment book ever written was Charles Mackay's classic *Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds*, of 1841. It has been republished many times and is available today. In its 724 pages, it masterfully explains some of the biggest financial booms and busts of all time, such as the Mississippi Scheme of 1719–1720, the South Sea Bubble of 1711, and Tulipomania in 17th-century Holland. Mackay, who was a poet and journalist, also deftly explores other mass hysterias — alchemists and witch manias, for example — and asks why the public admires thieves such as Robin Hood and characters in John Gay's *The Beggar's Opera* of 1728.

Mackay theorized that in the big financial bubbles, society went collectively insane. But in another classic, Joseph de la Vega's *Confusion de Confusiones*, the blame is placed largely on crooks

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)

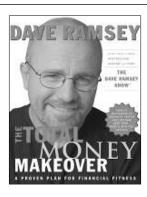
San Diego Automotive Museum,

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 Vi-





who operate in the exchanges. (Yes, in Amsterdam in 1688, traders peddled puts, calls, straddles, and other complex instruments designed to hoodwink the public. And we thought they were a latter-day invention.) Among all the books I mention in this article, Vega's original is the only one I can't find on the Web. All others are in stores or online. But there is an excellent book with edited versions of both the Mackay and Vega books, by Martin S. Fridson, published by Wiley in 1996. Oh yes:

Vega was also a poet — part-time, anyway.

Economists (not just poets) have explained mass financial hysteria. John Kenneth Galbraith's *The Great Crash*, 1929(Houghton Mifflin) is enlightening. Among many things, he points out that financial leverage, or debt, was behind the 1920s crash — along with a steady diet of tax reductions. Hmmm.

Galbraith astutely deflates the "efficient market" theorists, who assert that all financial prices accurately reflect all publicly known information at all times. "If markets are perfect, as much doctrine holds, they cannot incorporate the seeds of their disaster," says Galbraith. Actually, pure speculation is "programmed to end with a crash," he says.

Charles P. Kindleberger's *Manias, Panics and Crashes* (Wiley) takes a middle ground. He says that financial manias and panics are the consequence of an environment that cultivates chicanery and rapaciousness. He devotes a chapter to various knaves. He flays pure market theorists who can't recognize irrationality. But, he says, "bubbles may or may not be swindles." Overall, says Kindleberger, markets generally work very well; they just go crazy once in a while.

Another classic is John Brooks's *The Go-Go Years* (Wiley), a book that tells of the greed-smitten people and the knaves who

ennese 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 *iliqqusiq* 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.

"Efe: Archers of the Congo" examines one of the most enigmatic and little-known groups on the planet. The Efe are one of about 12 pygmy tribes living in African rainforest. The more than 200 items include bows, arrows, quivers, wrist guards, hunting nets, musical instruments, utensils, and bark cloth paintings. Through summer 2004.

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

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) 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)

manipulated them during the 1960s. This book shows that corporate accounting had gone astray during the 1920s, and was widespread during the 1960s with conglomerates, which were companies with odd assortments of businesses and thoroughly crooked top managements. "The conglomerate game tended to become a form of pyramiding, comparable to the public-utility holding company that flourished in 1928, crashed in 1929, and was belatedly outlawed in the dark hangover days of 1935," writes Brooks.

One flaw of this book is that it doesn't delve into the role of organized crime — with Wall Street's blessings — in the conglomerate takeover movement. (Gangster money was also behind the takeover movement of the 1980s; Wall Street smiled then, too.)

A recent book that may become a classic is Robert J. Shiller's *Irrational Exuberance* (Princeton University Press). It came out in early April of 2000. By then, the Dow Jones Industrial Average had already dipped below 10,000 from its peak of 11,723 in mid-January. But Shiller, an economics professor at Yale, had developed his thesis long before the bubble burst. And few then thought that the Dow would go below 8000. Basically, Shiller says that an unusual confluence of events — a perfect storm — had driven stocks up to absurd levels in the 1990s. The Internet, demographic mythology, technology fanaticism, New Era balderdash, day-trading, TV market shows, herd behavior, and other psychological disturbances had driven stocks to la-la land.

How right he was. Shiller, too, concentrates on society's gullibility. While he mentions crooks, he doesn't give them enough emphasis. He pictures a societal Ponzi scheme without a Ponzi schemer. In the big picture, that is believable, but there are a lot of little Ponzis, prestidigitators, prevaricators and poseurs, particularly on Wall Street, who are part of any puzzle.

Another economist who foresaw a coming calamity was Henry Kaufman. His *On Money and Markets* (McGraw-Hill), published a month after Shiller's book, predicted that the bubble would burst. (He had been saying that long before the book was published.) His book notes that the stock market craze was so inculcated in society that households were dependent on rising stock prices — a

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th most fragile situation. Alas, Kaufman's warnings on excessive public and private debt and bewilderingly complex financial instruments have fallen on deaf ears.

The fact that people of nefarious intent dominate Wall Street is made abundantly clear in this year's *Infectious Greed*, by University of San Diego law professor Frank Partnoy (Times Books). Partnoy looks into rigged initial public offerings, complex and dangerous derivatives, phony accounting, and the diseases that brought on the 2000 crash. However, Partnoy is spare in his praise of reformer Arthur Levitt, head of the Securities and Exchange Commission in

For years, Levitt battled the Wall Street establishment. [He] fingers many sins, including phony accounting, corrupt and sleepy corporate governance, insider trading, and the like. the 1990s. For years, Levitt battled the Wall Street establishment. His 2002 book, Take on the Street: What Wall Street and Corporate America Don't Want You to Know (Pantheon Books), fingers many sins, including phony accounting, corrupt and sleepy corporate governance, insider trading, and the like. His chapter on mutual funds highlights some of the shenanigans that are now hitting the headlines. He slaps front-running (portfolio managers buying shares for themselves, then buying them

by the bushel for the fund), hidden fees, and somnolent boards of directors. He doesn't hit on some of the scams now surfacing — late trading, scalping, cloning. In the last couple of weeks, he has admitted that, as head of the securities agency, he, like his predecessors, did not look hard enough at mutual funds.

The next great book will examine whether the egregious sins of mutual-fund managements will drive a lot of money out of stock funds and out of stocks generally.

— Don Bauder

Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

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

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Another View of the **French Harpsichord**

To appreciate Stewart one needs to know and love the repertoire already.

s part of the San Diego Harpsichord Society's festival of Baroque music from France, Laurent Stewart offered an ingratiating program at the La Jolla Congregational Church. One has to take every artist on his own terms, but the Stewart recital followed so closely upon that of

Blandine Rannou, which I wrote about last week, that a comparison between the two French harpsichordists seems inevitably called for.

Both are technicians of a high order, and both demonstrate a deep understanding of French Baroque keyboard styles. In other respects, however, they are diametrical opposites. If Rannou is dramatic, Stewart is lyrical; if Rannou seeks the big, dynamic effect, Stewart makes his mark with the greatest delicacy; if Rannou's drive and passion carry the listener away, Stewart's fine interpretive nuances work with unassertive force on one's most intimate musical perceptions.

I don't mean to suggest that Rannou's playing lacks refinement or that Stewart's lacks emotion. Both are complete masters of their instrument and its expressive possibilities. But the elements are diversely balanced in each of them, and the two harpsichordists affect the audience in dissimilar ways. I would go so far as to say that Rannou's artistry can get through even to listen-



ers who know little about the Baroque and who are not aficionados of the harpsichord, while to appreciate Stewart one needs to know and love the repertoire already. Otherwise, one would be likely to miss the superbly fashioned details of rhythm,

JONATHAN SAVILLE

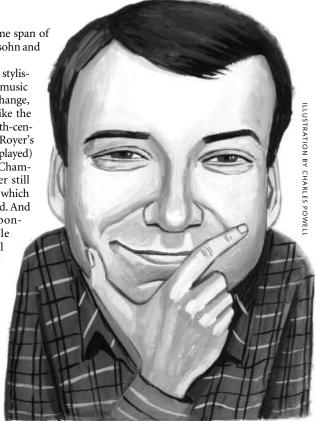
phrasing, and interplay between the hands, by means of which Stewart shapes each piece and underlines its expressive movement. The dissimilarities were ac-

centuated by the programs. Rannou's was chiefly 18th-century, with grand, elaborate, impassioned works by Forqueray, Rameau, and Royer, all of them composers who intentionally cultivated impressive, large-scale musical statements, and who made plenary use of the 18th-century harpsichord's mature resources. In contrast, a full half of Stewart's recital was devoted to the 17th Century, with the chief focus on Jacques Champion de Chambonnières, a musician of quite another character, composing in a considerably different cultural ambience.

Note the relevant dates. Chambonnières was born in 1601 (when Henri IV was still king) and died in 1672. Rameau was born in 1683 and died in 1764 (toward the end of the era of Louis XV). (Jacques Duphly, also on Rannou's program, lived until the year of the French Revolution!) Between Chambonnières's birth and Rameau's death there elapsed 163 years, just about the same span of time as between the birth of Mendelssohn and the death of Stravinsky.

It's true that there were no radical stylistic dislocations in French keyboard music during that period, but the style did change, albeit at a very leisurely pace, just like the conservative French monarchy. An 18th-century tour de force such as Pancrace Royer's *La marche des Scythes* (which Rannou played) would have been inconceivable to Chambonnières, whose keyboard manner still reflects the style of the lutenists from which the French harpsichord school derived. And even in the 17th Century, Chambonnières's music had a remarkable structural simplicity and emotional temperance, with none of the fascinating strangeness of Froberger or the exquisite melancholy of Louis Couperin, his contemporaries.

Laurent Stewart played both those composers at his recital for the Harpsichord Society last year, and he has recorded Louis Couperin, so that we know how effectively he can convey the weightiness and profundity of their keyboard compositions. Chambonnières requires an alternative approach, for in his music it is not imagination or emotion that gives his little harpsichord pieces their value, but rather their shapeliness, their unpretentious elegance, and their consistency and purity of style. Stewart's lightness of spirit and impeccable poise in his performance of two Chambonnières Suites was just what was



Laurent Stewar

Laurent Stewart, harpsichord La Jolla Congregational Church (San Diego Harpsichord Society)

Chambonnières, Suites; Henri Dumont, Pavane; Luigi Rossi, Passacaille del Sig. Louigi; d'Anglebert, Tombeau de Mr de Chambonnières; François Couperin, La Ténébreuse, Les Regrets, Chaconne La Favorite, and Huitième ordre



wanted to bring out the composer's modest but indelible virtues. It seemed to me that he had the measure of this music — that he was in tune with its inner life - more than anyone else I have heard play Chambonnières, and that includes excellent recordings by Edward Parmentier, Jane Chapman, Sandra Mangsen, Byron Schenkman, and Jörg Becker, all of them first-rate harpsichordists.

Stewart made Chambonnières shine, with a sweet, gentle light. Nevertheless, when he came to the end of his 17th-century section, rounding it off appropriately with Jean-Henri d'Anglebert's Tombeau de Mr de Chambonnières (a memorial piece for his eminent teacher), the sudden seriousness and depth of the music, as well as its more thoroughly idiomatic use of the keyboard and of the harpsichord's sonorities, made the listener realize what Chambonnières's music lacks, for all its comeliness and concinnity. D'Anglebert's subject is Chambonnières, the "father" of French harpsichord music, to whom he rightly pays tribute; but his composition takes its inspiration from Froberger and Louis Couperin, whose several magnificent tombeaux it closely resembles.

The second half of Stewart's program put him in more direct competition with Rannou, for the music of François Couperin "Le grand" belongs to the consummation of the French harpsichord school in the 18th Century, just as Rannou's Forqueray and Rameau do. One cannot make a direct comparison with Rannou, however, because Couperin

(whom Rannou did not include on her program) has such a distinct musical personality that he demands a style of playing all his own. How would Rannou play him? Presumably with more emphasis on oppositions of mood and color and on the kinetic aspects of Couperin's music — in short, with a more intense feeling for theatricality. But that is not the only way to play Couperin, as pointedly demonstrated by Stewart's approach to the Huitième ordre and to three selections from the *Troisième*.

All the characteristics that had distinguished the first half of Stewart's recital were again prominent in his Couperin: lyricism, delicacy, a refined grasp of form, a faultless sense of balance and proportion. These served Couperin well, for he too possessed that elegance of mind that is one of the persistent traits of all French art. But Couperin is a larger composer than Chambonnières, in every respect, and his personality asserts itself more decisively. He is more inventive than his charming predecessor from the previous century. His music has better tunes (of the sort that one finds oneself humming - who ever hums Charbonnières?). His compositions (including those on this program) embody a wider range of affects. Most conspicuously, he is master of a far greater variety of musical ideas - not merely themes, but such matters as the interaction of voices, the function of embellishments, the changing prominence accorded to meter, the extended harmonic language, and the highly imaginative transformations of formal structures.

All these features appear vividly in the great B minor Suite (the Huitième ordre from Couperin's Second Book), and while I enjoyed Stewart's interpretation, and although his take on Couperin is certainly legitimate and well thought out, I did not consistently discern in it the scope and excitement I have encountered in some other readings of the same work. Skip Sempé, for example, heightens contrasts (his slow movements are slower, his fast ones faster), and thereby underlines the individuality of the movements. at the same time strengthening the overall structure of the Suite. Thus, Sempé finds more expressive grandeur in La Raphaèle (a stately allemande), and more drama in the strangely unsettling sarabande (rightly titled Sarabande l'U*nique*), with its grave, deliberate progress intermittently shaken by sudden eruptions of violent agitation. Stewart played this movement with great skill and meticulous care, but without conveying the fact (at least to my ears) that something unusual was going on.

Then there is the Huitième ordre's most famous movement, the Passacaille (actually a combination of passacaglia and rondeau), with its passionate theme, its uninhibited expansiveness within strict formal restraints, its massive architecture, and its unrelenting monumental quality, like a tragedy of Racine. Not all of Couperin is there (there is none of the debonair jauntiness that Stewart brought out so suavely in his encore, Les baricades mistérieuses from the Sixième ordre); but this is surely Couperin at his height.

It was, of course, very well played. But on Christophe Rousset's recording, the Passacaille reveals much more of its stature. Compared to Rousset's cumulative power, his more compelling forward movement, his willingness to emphasize structural points with incisive rhythmic alterations, his impetuous freedom in handling the dazzling change of pace just before the end, and — above all — his hotter flame, Stewart's Passacaille sounded just a bit foursquare and plodding. I also regret Stewart's deci-

sion to omit some of the Suite's movements. There is no hard and fixed law about including all the movements of a French Baroque keyboard suite. In principle, the performer is permitted to pick and choose, according to circumstances and taste. Still, in a concert like this one, intended for knowledgeable fans of the instrument and the genre, it really would have been more sensible to offer the music just as Couperin published it, especially since the omitted movements play a not insignificant role in the impact of the entire Suite.

Specifically, the vigorous Allemande l'Ausonienne is there as an Italianate counterweight to the very French La Raphaèle (which, however, is named for an Italian painter!), and leaving it out blurs a point unnecessarily. And it was, after all, the composer himself who decided to print La Morinéte, a brisk Corellian giga, directly after the stupendous Passacaille, and to end the Suite that way. Ending with the Passacaille, as Stewart did, gives the whole Suite a certain portentousness that Couperin was apparently anxious to avoid.

The composer had done the same thing for the ending of the C minor Troisième ordre, where the smoldering Chaconne La Favorite (also on Stewart's program) is followed by the impish little La Lutine. Couperin was not a Brahms or a Bruckner. In preparing his quintessentially Gallic menus, he knew that emotionally speaking, and es-diners welcome the relief of being served a light dessert after such a heavy dish. ■

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A Bowed Psaltery, Krummhorn, crittern, racket, recorders, and harpsichord may all be heard when Courtly Noyse performs for Escondido Library's First Thursday series, in Turrentine Room of library (239 South Kalmia Street), December 4, 7 p.m. Program includes Renaissance, medieval, baroque music from German, England, Spain, Flanders, Italy, Free, 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

"Enlightenment: The Classical

Period — 18th Century" is topic when California String Quartet is joined by Clay Ellerbroek (flute) for "Changing Tastes" series at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, December 4. Lecturer is USD music professor Ronald T. Shaheen. Program includes Haydn's "String Quartet" and "Flute Quartet" by Mozart. \$15. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

All-Gershwin Concert planned by UCSD Wind Ensemble, Thursday, December 4, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Guests include Cecil Lytle for "Rhapsody in Blue," Deborah Davis and Mark Goros singing excerpts from Porgy and Bess, Arthur Wagner reading letters to and from Gershwin. \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

USD Choral Scholars present concert on Thursday, December 4, 12:15 p.m., in French Parlor, Founders Hall, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$8. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

Music by Torelli, Corelli, and "world premiere" of a new arrangement of Mozart's "Piano Concerto No. 13" may be heard when Hutchins Consort and J.M. Harris (piano) perform Friday, December 5, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay



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Rouse's "Internal Machine" and selections by Mozart and Prokofiev on program for "Eddins' Debut," presented by San Diego Symphony, December 5-7. William Eddins conducting and on piano. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20 to \$80. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego County Recorder Society convenes for instruction and playing, Friday, December 5. Recorder basics at 6:30 p.m., guest conductor leads the group from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 1120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (two miles east of I-15). 760-726-8699. First visit free. (TIERRASANTA)

Piano Students of Stefani Walens present their recent work, Friday, December 5, 6 p.m., in Erickson Hall (B210) at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Music Media I, compositions by members of Palomar College Computer Music Ensemble in concert on Friday, December 5, 8 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (D-10). Find campus at 1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2317. \$12. (SAN MARCOS)

Glorious Music of the Christmas Season promised in concerts on December 6 and 7. Choirs, soloists, and orchestra perform Vivaldi's and Rutter's settings of "Gloria in excelsis Deo." Enjoy music on Saturday, 2 p.m., at Chula Vista Presbyterian Church (940 Hilltop Drive). Repeats Sunday, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of Chula Vista (915 Paseo Ranchero). 619-656-2525. Offering. (CHULA VISTA)

"Latin Spice," dances from Mexico and Spain promised when "virtuoso mariachi" Jeff Nevin conducts Moncayo's "Huapango," and dances from de Falla's comic ballet *The Three-Cornered Hat* with La Jolla Symphony and Chorus on December 6 and 7. David Chase leads group in Cary Ratcliff's "Ode to Common Things," a setting of texts by Nobel Prizewinning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda.

Concerts at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday, in UCSD's Mandeville Center. Preconcert lectures one hour prior to each performance. Tickets: \$25 general. Reservations: 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

Twentieth Anniversary Holiday Concert by Pacific Coast Concert Band, Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m., at Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street). Program includes Holst's "First Suite in E-Flat," "West Side Story" by Bernstein, Copland's "Variations on a Shaker Melody," and other band favorites. Fallbrook Chorale joins in with Christmas songs and sing-along. \$10 general. 760-390-2990. (CARLSBAD) **Voice Students** of Carol Plantamura perform their recent work, Saturday, December 6, 4 p.m., in Erickson Hall (B210) at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830, (LA JOLLA)

"The Romance of Chopin" explored through waltzes, études, and nocturnes performed by pianist Wayne McEvilly, Saturday, December 6, 2:30 p.m., in thirdfloor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

The Chamber Concert Series hosted by Athenaeum Music and Arts Library continues with Bach's Circle Baroque Ensemble performing pieces by Telemann, Boismortier, Rameau, Bach, Handel, Vivaldi, Sunday, December 7. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at 1008 Wall Street. \$25. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Holiday Choral Concert, with singing by Chamber Singers, Concert Choir, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Sunday, December 7, 4 p.m., in Mayan Hall Theatre at Southwestern College (900 Otay Lakes Road). \$10 general. 619-482-6367. (CHULA VISTA)

Keyboard Conversations, series hosted by Jeffrey Siegel continues with selections by Bach, Albèniz, Debussy, accompanied by anecdotes about the composers, Sunday, December 7, 2 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$20. Box office: 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Let the "Messiahs" Begin! The Chancel Choir, Masterwork Chorale, soloists, orchestra and organ perform Handel's "Messiah" Sunday, December 7, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Offering. Child care by reservation. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

The San Diego Symphony presents Handel's classic on Thursday, December 11, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). \$33, \$43. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

San Diego Festival Chorus performs John Rutter's "Magnificat" with soprano Barbara Tobler and "The Many Moods of Christmas" arranged by Robert Shaw and Robert Russell Bennett, Sunday, December 7, 3 p.m., at Blessed Sacrament Church (4540 El Cerrito Drive). \$10 general. 619-670-6780. (SAN DIEGO)

Classical and Contemporary Music by Tchaikovsky, Bernstein, and Bruch may be heard when San Diego State University Symphony Orchestra performs Sunday, December 7, 7 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall on SDSU campus. Featured soloist is violinist Felix Olschofka. \$10. Reservations: 619-594-1696; information: 619-594-6060. (SDSU)

"A Classic Christmas" — showcasing arrangements for organ, harp, violin, trumpet — presented Sunday, December 7, 7 p.m., for Schantz Summer Organ and Music Concert Series at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Musicians include Janice Stewart (organ), Naomi Alter (harp), Jeff Nevin (trumpet), Andrew Stubbs (violin), Craig Nordal (soprano saxophone), Jennie Jordan (vocals). Offering. 760-753-6582. (ENCINITAS) Standard Classical and Romantic Music for intimate ensembles performed by students of Päivikki Nykter and János Négyesy on Sunday, December 7, 8 p.m., in (B210) at UCSD's Mandeville Center. 858-534-4830. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Works by Mozart, Bernstein, Buxtehude, Fisher Tull and others on tap when Woodwind Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, and Opera Ensemble at MiraCosta College perform on Sunday, December 7, 7:30 p.m., in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Free. 760-757-2121 x6446. (OCEANSIDE)

Holiday Magic, the Palomar Symphony and Civic Youth Symphony Orchestra combine forces for concerts on Sunday, December 7, at 2 and 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Program includes selections from *The Nutcracker Suite*, sing-along. \$12 general. 760-744-150 x2453 or 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Organ Concert presented by civic organist Carol Williams, Sunday, December 7, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Season's Greetings, Westwind Brass presents holiday music "from many countries and every era," including traditional Christmas carols, Hanukkah music, selections from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite," Handel's "Messiah," and more.

Concerts start at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, at San Diego Museum of Art; on Monday, December 15, at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive); and Monday, December 22, at St. John of the Cross (8086 Broadway). \$15. 619-337-2848. (BALBOA PARK, LA JOLLA, LEMON GROVE)

From Mozart to Brubeck, the MiraCosta College Guitar Orchestra performs Wednesday, December 10, 7:30 p.m., in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). \$8 general. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Honors Recital performed by music students at Palomar College on Thursday, December 11, 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)

Vienna's Famed New Year's Concert is recreated in "Salute to Vienna," Thursday, January 1, 2004. Cast of over 75 professional musicians, singers, dancers. Performers include Austrian soprano Elisabeth Lang, Viennese tenor Alois Haselbacher, members of Hungarian National Ballet, Strauss Symphony of America led by Gerhard Track.

Events begin at 2:30 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. Tickets range from \$35 to \$75, available by calling 619-235-0804 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Violin Virtuoso Itzhak Perlman in concert, Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Perlman's latest release is *Classic Perlman: Rhapsody*, with chamber and symphonic music, as well as film themes. Tickets: \$60 to \$75. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

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GALLERIES

"The Joy of Traditions" honored during show opening at San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard) with reception on Friday, December 5, 5 p.m. Juror: Linda Doll. 619-338-0502. Through December (LITTLE ITALY)

First Fridays on Fern, opening reception for ceramicist Chris Assad and glass blower Marek Rudak is Friday, December 5, 7 p.m., at Three Cups (2365 30th Street). Exhibition continues through January. 619-546-0639. (SOUTH PARK) "Gift Tree: Glass Art by John Barber" opens with reception, Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m., at Nofufi Garden Gallery (90-C North Coast Highway 101). 760-635-0556. Through December. (ENCINITAS)

"Colorful Impressions," group show of work by Andrea Team, Mark Molema, Steve Hadar, Lisa Roche is on view through Sunday, December 28, at 101 Artists Colony. Meet artists during reception on Sunday, December 7, 3 to 7 p.m. Find gallery at 25 East E Street; 760-632-9074. (ENCINITAS)

"Beautiful Thousand Generations," Michiyo Kirkpatrick's MFA thesis exhibition opens with reception on Sunday, December 7, 2 p.m., in Everett Gee Jackson Gallery, San Diego State University. Show closes Thursday, December 11. Find gallery in lobby of fifth floor of art department building. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

Realistic Impressionist David R. Darrow is featured artist through Sunday, January 4, 2004, at Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League's COAL Gallery (300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 101). Also view: "Small Pleasures" miniatures show. Reception for artists is Thursday, December 11, 6:30 p.m. 760-434-8497. (CARLSBAD)

Paintings by Laurie Allen Carlock and work by "enamelist sculptor" Karim Carlock are featured at Mixed Media Art Gallery (4576 Federal Boulevard) through Saturday, January 10, 2004. The annual holiday art sale runs concurrently. Reception: Thursday, December 11, 6 p.m. 619-527-2508. (SAN DIEGO)

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"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. Los Angeles artist Wendell Gladstone's "Cerca Series" exhibit — through Sunday, January 18, 2004 — explores the interaction between abstract sculpture and figurative painting. His canvases hang behind stark minimalist sculptures, bringing the narrative content of the paintings into three dimensions, with an intentionally humorous approach.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trollev transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Manny Farber: About Face" 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. "Sculpture in Silk: Costumes from Japan's Noh Theater," offers opportunity to examine elegant designs and exquisite workmanship of layered costumes. Display includes more than 40 robes and accessories created during Edo period (1601-1868), as well as 100 modern examples of Noh costumes created using Edo-period designs and techniques. Continues through Sunday, January 25, 2004.

"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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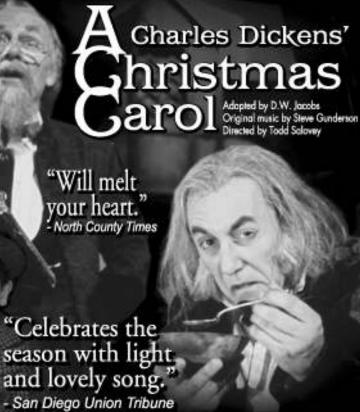
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Another American: Asking and Telling

For three years, Marc Wolf interviewed 150 people about the military's DADTDPDH policy — Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass" - which punishes gays, lesbians, and bisexuals for coming out (a Diversionary Theatre note specifies: "a statement of one's sexual orientation to any one, anywhere, anytime may lead to being fired"). Told in Anna De vere Smith's staged-monologue style, Another American presents different perspectives on the subject, among them a Camp Pendleton Marine awaiting discharge and beaten for his honesty. On a raked stage, the walls painted battleship gray, solo performer Russell Garrett is never less than competent but never really inspired - and the show, at two hours with an intermission, is a good half hour too long. Garrett's characterizations and voice could use sharper delineations. Wolf wrote the piece as a tour de force for himself. Diversionary never achieves that level. The subject, however, is important, especially at a time, says Noam Chomsky in Hegemony and Survival, when "a radical restructuring of domestic society will roll back the progressive reforms of a century. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK

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Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit sho Beehive celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear some-thing'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. Iill 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

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The San Diego Repertory Theatre stages its 28th annual holiday show. Todd Salovey directed, with original music by Steve Gunderson. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, LYCEUM THEATRE 79 HORTON PLAZA DOWNTOWN, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, THROUGH DECEM-BER 28: TUESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATUR DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

A Christmas Carol

Looking Glass Theatre of the First Unitarian Universalist Church presents Romulus Linney's adaptation of the Dickens Christmas story. Kay Furrer directed.

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Christmas on the Air

Torrey Pines Theatre presents a holiday salute to old-time radio. Jef Olsen directed. TORREY PINES CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 8320 LA JOLLA SCENIC DRIVE NORTH. LA JOLLA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, AT 7:30 P.M. 858-597-0713.

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Lamplighters presents Tom Rooney's comedy about friends who open a restaurant, only to find that their customers and employees have agendas of their own. David Kievit directed. LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA. THROUGH DECEMBER 7; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN-DAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-464-4598.

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A Christmas Carol

mestic workers distraught over their employers' possible divorce. Henry Spencer directed. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957

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How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Dr. Seuss's birthday and continuing its holiday tradition, the Globe Theatre stages its musical

about the grumpy greenie. Jack O'Brien directed.

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Lamb's Players Festival of Christmas

For its 25th annual Christmas festival, Lamb's Players Theatre stages Kerry Mead's funny script about an amateur singing group forced to do an entire radio show. Deborah Gilmour Smyth directed.

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8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUN-DAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-437-0600.

Late-Night Catechism

Every Monday night, during summer, the Laguna Playhouse stages the popular "interactive adult cate-chism class," taught by a sister from the old spare-not-the-rod school. The concept doesn't sound like much. The sister is substituting for the regular teacher (it's his poker night, don't tell a soul). She used to have the job but was deemed too strict for contemporary students. And the class is just that, part of a course on Catholic doctrine. But the sister's authoritarianism takes it to unforeseen places (vou can hear cries of recognition from the audience, especially when sister brings out a hard ruler and taps her palm). The re-sults, the two times I've seen the show: a. an almost nonstop evening of comedy; and b. a thought-provoking look at education, religion, and much more. The

sister, it turns out, is not kidding. (Note: the Laguna Playhouse has extended the show's run three times.)

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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







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

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The 19th Annual California Young Playwright's Contest had 282 entrants in 2003. Winners receive full productions. Tyler Moselle, 16, has written How They See It, a subtle look at missing children from second-graders' point of view: the awareness of unthinkable evil grows



in innocent, eager-to-deny minds. Director Linda Libby's imaginative staging includes all adults cast in shadows on a scrim. In 40 Miles from Tel Aviv, Brandon Alter, 18, sets his fiercely tragic drama in a Palestinian home on the West Bank. Malik and Salah have been married ten years. Their lives resemble a dance (Delicia Turner Sonnenberg's direction flows like choreography). Then he straps dynamite to his body. A stunned Salah, who had no idea this was coming, must know why. Though one could compress here and expand there, both scripts reach the

How the Grinch Stole Christma

core of their subjects and resonate. The Playwright's project opens each performance with staged readings of another winner (the one I caught was Madeline Learns to Fly, a witty fable about a young robin, by Taylor Renteria - who, it's hard to believe, is 10 years old!). Worth a try. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH DECEMBER 6;

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San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" - two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (Improv) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

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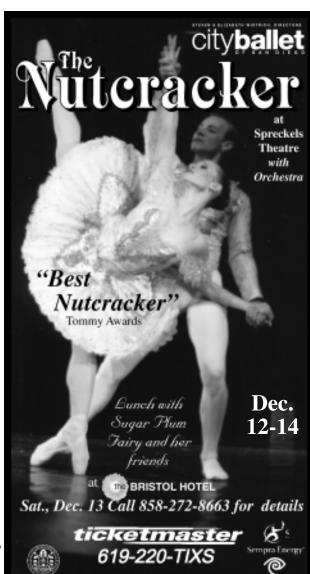
In the '60s, Paul Sills made improvisational theater out of his mother's - Viola Spolin - theories. His Story Theater, a collection of Grimm Brothers and Aesop's fairy tales, played on Broadway in 1970. Once it settles in, which takes at least a half an hour performed at wall-cracking decibel levels, the North Coast Rep's re-re-telling captures some of the inventive flavor of the original (though it's doubtful Sills' version was so insistently ingratiating to its audience; the NCRT show really wants you to like it!!). David Ellenstein's stagings prefer the cute to the grim(m), but the performers - especially Fred Harlow as a host of harried males the ad-libbing Randall Dodge (who does a good Governor Ah-nolt), and multi-talented Laura Bozanich

(her mime of a randy dog's the highlight) - all communicate relish for the playful, free-lance style of the piece. Story Theatre's billed as a Christmas alternative. The woman sitting next to me said, "It's so dumb it's funny." Worth a try. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH DECEMBER 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

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Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" -Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and



the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudodrama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Worth a try.

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A View From The Bridge Longshoreman Eddie Carbone raised his niece Catherine in

Brooklyn's tough Red Hook district. Now she's 18. He's 40 and still considers her his "baby." Calling him protective commits grave understatement. "Sometimes there's too much love," a lawyer warns Eddie, but in Arthur Miller's stormy 1956 drama, Eddie pushes his obsession across the border. View resonates as a period piece about betrayal. Director George Flint and the Renaissance Theatre Company honor the style with Method-actor intensities and a headlong sprint into the operatic (in many ways, View's a Yankee imitation of Tennessee Williams). RTC productions always showcase top local talent. And the males do capable work (although often a one-note fumer, Jessie Mackinnon's best moments as Eddie come when he glimpses beyond the taboos that drive him). But the women shine. Jessica John isn't 18 years old. But her Catherine is: a bright-eyed teenager on a collision course with love's extremities. And Susan Denaker does one of the year's best support jobs. On paper, Eddie's wife Beatrice is another of Arthur Miller's explanatory ciphers ("you kept her a baby," she yells at Eddie). With gentle insistence, Denaker builds a multidimensional, long-suffering '50s housewife - who knows her place but has to leave it - from next to nothing.

Worth a try.

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"I can get \$5000 for a 45-minute interview. On AM 1000 I might as well be broadcasting in a closet." Hollywood Madam Heidi

She admits she lost her composure on her November 10 show. "Yes, I was irritated." She didn't find out that her show and the whole Premium Radio alternative music station had moved from FM to AM until she was on the air. "No one has ever heard

of that station. You might as



Fleiss is not bullish on AM 1000. She chose not to stay with Premium Radio, where she had an evening talk show, when it segued from 92.1 FM to AM 1000 November 10.

"I'm not going to be part of a sinking ship," Fleiss said. While a similar sex-andrelationship show flourished on 91X, Sex Advice with Heidi Fleiss did not show remarkable ratings during its four months on 92/1(Monday-Friday, 8-10 p.m.).

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well have a station on Mars."

Fleiss said she would have news in January about a syndication deal for her live talk show.

"I have a lot going on in my life. I would have never been involved in something like this."

Fleiss said she lasted two days on AM 1000, then "walked out." Fleiss said she deplores the company that used to

own 92/1 and currently owns AM 1000, the Astor Broadcast Group.

midnight happy hour in thin



"From day one they wanted me to sign a contract that said I owed them \$60,000 for using their equipment. I wouldn't sign it. Four days before the station was sold, they gangbanged me into signing this contract that said I would stay with them. They never told me it would be on AM." — Ken Leighton

"We're so independent, we only need one speaker," joked Rick Roome, KCEO's

broadcast in stereo.

North County's own

alternative rock independent radio station, disappeared from the 92.1 frequency on November 10 when the station was sold and went country, but many fans may not know that Premium Radio is now on AM 1000/KCEO 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Friday and also 1 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

During the day AM 1000 carries financial shows that are paid for by sponsors who buy blocks of time by the hour. After sunset, AM 1000 decreases its power to 250



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Sunday afternoon (when AM

1000, operating at full power, reaches Orange County to Mexico) that Premium Radio may make an impact. For the first time in her 20 years on 91X, reggae DJ Makeda Dread will have competition. AM 1000 now hosts Ras Charles's Yard Sounds reggae show from 4 to 6 p.m. Sundays. Previously heard on Palomar

College station KKSM, Yard Sounds debuts this Sunday. Unlike Dread, Charles

said he will focus on 40 years of reggae, not just current artists.

Charles said reggae lovers will find him in spite of his position on the AM band. "If people are hungry, they will find the food." It's uncertain if he knows this is actually paraphrased from a German proverb: "Even a blind chicken can sometimes find food."

— Ken Leighton

"What do you think's under that?" a woman asks me at an art opening. She is the spitting image of Carmela Soprano. She looks so much like her that I wonder if she does it intentionally - tailored gray suit with pink pinstripe and matching pink blouse,

upswept blonde hair with dark roots, bulky matching jewelry. I forget to check out her shoes because she's looking down at a sculpture of a naked man lying on the ground. He's made out of some kind of wood, but the scarf covering him is a real scarf.

"Who do you think put that there?" "You want me to move

it?" I ask her. It is a sculpture after all.

She laughs and says, "Sure."

I'm easy. She giggles as I lift it up. I put the scarf on his chest. The figure is foreshortened, so there are no big surprises, but it clearly has some effect on her. She compliments me on my aplomb. I said, "I'm a sucker when someone's egging me on."

The art opening is in Solana Beach's Cut and Dried Hardwood. The owner of the building is David Alan of David Alan's collection, a new store of handmade furniture and sculptures now located in the north side of the longstanding store. A stool is \$250. A larger-thanlife cement Asian figure is \$7500. Most things are in the mid-thousands. No wonder

by BEEFEATER

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decent. There's a variety of

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as well. A two-person band is

"Craig." "He's involved with this

place. The opening is a multicultural event. There is a woman in a sari and a name tag (the owner's wife I am told); a Native American with his hair in a ponytail; skate kids, one with a backward baseball cap; and a guy with one of the largest goatees I've ever seen. He looks as if he's 22, but his goatee looks like Billy Goat's



AMY & G COURT DANGER FOR ART

playing on the second-floor display area. I worry about them falling if they get carried away during a solo, but they're pretty calm. The drummer is playing with brushes. Amy and G, they tell me (dirtybeanz@yahoo.com), is their name. When I ask them how they got the gig, they're momentarily confused.

Gruff. Four inches long at least. It makes me go next door to Solo, where they are serving full-fledged cocktails in conjunction with an author selling her book Holiday Cocktails. I accidentally cut in line, but the older gentleman that I go in front of chats me up and won't let me leave. He even tells me which cocktail to get.

(White Christmas, and it's great, but it's got alcohol and cream so how can you go wrong?) The author tells me that she's working on a novel and this is how she supports herself and her four-yearold. She's going to be on The View, she enthuses. I recall that this is a TV show.

The food table has been more terrorized here. The large cheese wheels look assaulted. Only the homeless will eat these now. I turn, and there's Carmela, talking to a circle of friends.

"Did you see that guy's schlong?" she asks loudly. The freebies are kicking in. I suppose it's always nice when art can inspire a person.

I go back to see if the band is still playing at the wood place. I run into the gentleman who let me cut in line, and he introduces me to a woman who owns a shop across the street. She starts telling a story about a lawyer she knows who made a killing at the Del Mar race track because every horse she bet on had to have some lawrelated name. "Entrapment" is the only one she offers up as an example. As the story proceeds, it turns out that not only is the woman a lawyer, she's also a jockey.

'Now this is my theory," the shop owner says. "Every horse needs a mascot. You know, like a chicken...or a cat, or some smaller animal that is their pet. Now this is

my theory. She had this little itsy-bitsy tiny voice ---she really was a horse whisperer —that's what she was, just like that movie!, because she had this little itty-bitty voice, and she was like the horses' mascot. Horses listened to her. They need a mascot. They need someone to listen to."

Ah, Cedros Avenue. Where else could you get alcohol, art, music, and animal husbandry all in one night? — Jennifer Ball

"We had a little bit of a falling out with

Kottonmouth Kings. They asked us to leave their tour. We decided at that point in time it was in our best interest if we just separated from the label.'



Mix Mob guitarist Greg Kellen was describing the awkwardness that can arise when your record label is coowned by a member of a band you are touring with. Brad Xavier is a vocalist with the Kottonmouth

Kings. He also co-owns L.A.based indie label Suburban Noize, which released Mix Mob's Socal Drunks last year.

"We decided at that point they didn't have our best interest in mind," said Kellen about Suburban Noize. Kellen said the "bad blood" was between his band and Kottonmouth roadies. "The crew got fired right after that. The band [Kottonmouth Kings] called and said they made a mistake, and they asked us to go back on the tour with them. But the damage had been done. We'd already gone back home."

Kellen said that episode helped him learned the importance of having the backing of a major label. "It's really hard to go out

and tour on the

MIX MOB ASKED TO LEAVE TOUR underground circuit and attract a major fan base." He said getting on a major tour is crucial. "One way to get on a big tour is for the record label to offer the headlining

band between \$15,000 and

\$30,000 for their [the record

label's] band to get the opening spot. Where the hell is a little band like us going to get \$30,000?"

Founded in Fresno seven years ago, the five-man Mix Mob has been based locally for five years. I note that the new edition of Rolling Stone has a concert interview of Korn that proclaims, "Rap rock is dead."

"It's pretty true. We are definitely going through some changes. Ryan [Weaver, Mix Mob lead singer] does a lot of rapping, but he sings too. We're cutting back a lot [on rapping]. We're steering towards more just singing."

Mix Mob (www.mixmob.tv) appears 9 p.m. Saturday with Pointless at the Longshot Saloon in San Marcos; \$5 cover. Must be 21.

– Ken Leighton

"The other [Tijuana]

bands talk shit about us. They say, 'Oh man, you want to grow up in another country.

Drummer Esteban Basques says his band Ex Forever True X gets abuse from some of the other Tijuana bands for playing regularly in San Diego. He suspects they might be envious of his band's regular gigs at the Ché Café. Basques says ska and

pop-punk are two dominant music styles among the 150



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or so TI bands, but both styles of music, he says, are passe in San Diego. "We are hardcore straight edge. We are drug free and alcohol free. The straight-edge scene is bigger in San Diego.'

Ex Forever True X appears Wednesday at the grand opening of El Guano, the 150-capacity venue named after bat droppings,



EX FOREVER TRUE X-WHAT A NAME which can be found right

behind Tacos and Beer in Tijuana. No alcohol will be allowed. "They can go to

Tacos and Beer for that," says El Guano cofounder and Bümbkläätt member Ubaldo Salvador.

Appearing 8 p.m. Wednesday at El Guano are From Ashes Rise, Gluttony, Ex Forever True X, No Hope, and Bümbkläätt. Admission is \$5.

- Ken Leighton

"I just happened to be working with the

Stones last year," says Cardiff photographer, filmmaker, and television host Thomas DeSoto. DeSoto says he was hired on as the Stones' "40 Licks" tour photographer. "There's an interesting

group of extremely wealthy people who follow the Stones around in their own Lear jets from show to show." These high rollers are allowed backstage access, he says, and are more or less wined and dined. "The Rolling Stones are the best rock and roll band in the world," says DeSoto. "They attract the greatest minds, artists, doctors, pilots, you name it. I recognize them because they're at every concert. When I was backstage talking about getting a tour poster signed by the entire band, these guys were all, 'God, I'd love to buy that poster from you...' So when J.C. Callahan called me into the Stones' dressing rooms, the entire room got quiet."



Callahan, says DeSoto, has been head of Stones' security for three decades.

"Every one of the Stones," says DeSoto, "has his own dressing room. I had to go to each and every one. They were about to go to China, so the Stones were all getting their shots...Keith [Richards] had his pants down.... I knew that when I got Keith's signature, it'd be like dominoes falling they'd all sign. And that's how it happened Mick was still in back somewhere. When he walked past, I reminded him to sign. He handed it back and said, 'Tommy, I'd better not see this on eBay.'

The signed poster can be found at *Photocharity.com* (none of the wealthy

fundraising organization founded in 1999 by amateur photographer and retired physical therapist Jeffrey Sitkov. The prime beneficiary of Photocharity has been the Storefront, a Hillcrest shelter for homeless teens. Last year, according to the San Diego Union-Tribune, Photocharity raised \$43,000 dollars for the Storefront through the sale of autographed rock memorabilia, including a guitar signed by members of the band Yes and an electronic keyboard signed by Billy Joel and Elton John.

groupies wanted it after all,

says DeSoto). So DeSoto

donated the poster to the

Photocharity's asking price for the Stones tour poster? \$7200.

Sitkov has gotten instruments signed by B.B. King, Joe Jackson, Jackson Browne, Bruce Springsteen, and Carlos Santana. All items for sale can be viewed at www.photocharity.com. – Dave Good

These concert tickets

were on sale at various ticket resale websites as of November 25:

Jewel/the Bangles/Jingle Ball 2003, Cox Arena, December 4, section CCC, row 9 (14th-row center) -----\$280 each (www. showmetickets.com). Face price \$62.25.

Sarah McLachlan/ Barenaked Ladies/Jingle Ball 2003, Cox Arena, December 5, section AAA, row 3 -\$535 each (www.ticketsgalore. *com*). Face price \$62.25. Willie Nelson, 4th & B, December 6, Golden Circle G.A. seating — \$285 each (www.ticketsnow.com). Face price \$55. Rancid, Soma, December

15, general admission — \$80 each (www.sandiegotickets. *com*). Face price \$16.50.

Shania Twain, Cox Arena, December 17, section FF, row 1 — \$472.50 each (www.southbaytickets.com). Face price \$80.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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"I listen to the iPod a lot when I'm fishing. I don't want to touch it with messy hands or get it wet."

arty Levin is a television reporter and news anchor who lives in University City. He bought his second-generation iPod a year ago, right after they went on the market.

SPECIFICATIONS: 30 gigabytes of hard-drive space, or enough room to record 7000 songs. Levin estimates he has 700 songs stored.

He has a transmitter/receiver made by Sony that enables the use of external speakers. "Ninety percent of the time, though, I'm listening on my headphones.²

MUSIC PREFERENCES: "They're really varied. I play banjo, so I like bluegrass, anything acoustic, contemporary folk, classical music, rock, a little of everything.

PLAYLIST CHANGES: "I don't change it... I just add to it."

DOWNLOADS: Levin converts his own CDs to MP3 files on his iMac, then downloads them onto the iPod via the standard iTunes software.

"I don't have the songs in any particular order. I leave it on shuffle. Let me put it this way — if I put the iPod on shuffle, there's not a tune on it I wouldn't want to hear. I've got everything from



fishing. I don't want to touch it with messy hands or get it wet [hence his use of the random shuffle program].... I fish

anywhere I can," he laughs. "A lot of times, I surf fish with a fly rod." For a recent fishing expedi-

Beethoven to Alison Krauss. I don't care what

order it plays them. I just want it to go. Even on

the iMac," he says, "I've got one huge library. I

fish a lot, and I listen to the iPod a lot when I'm

tion, Levin dubbed DVDs onto his iPod. "There's a number of ways you can download movies,' he says. "A 16-year-old kid from Norway originally figured out how to do it. You can download his software free [from] the Web. It comes with the statement that this is for you to make a backup copy of your own DVD — it's not to steal. I already bought the DVDs I downloaded onto the iPod, and I'll watch them on the plane on my PowerBook. The iPod connects to the laptop with Firewire," he says. "The reason I did it this way is that watching a DVD on the laptop by itself, you get two hours of battery time. With the iPod, you get four hours of battery time. The laptop eats up batteries....

"I also use the iPod as a backup machine. I use it like a Palm — I put addresses in there, phone numbers, and everything else." But after a recent

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way it should have. I sent it to the shop, and when I got it back, I had to restore all the data. Reload everything? Yeah, but it takes, like, 30 seconds. It's not a big deal. You can put the iPod in a cradle and plug it in and deal with it like it's another hard drive....

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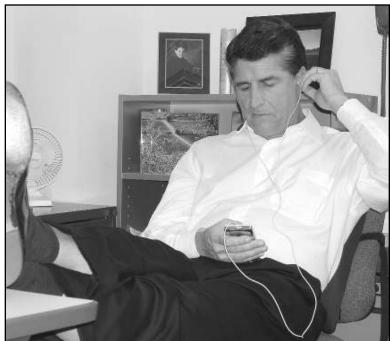
ing repaired at a shop called Cry Wolf. They are a band that opened an Apple-Macintosh store. They still practice upstairs, and they have the retail store and their shop downstairs."

Marty Levin's current top dozen artists:

1. Alison Krauss

2. The BBC Symphony Orchestra

3. Bob Dylan



Marty Levin

- 4. Dire Straits 5. Eva Cassidy
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Charlie Daniels [777] and the Kelly Bowlin Band: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, December 4, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

"Dave Koz Smooth Jazz Christmas" [302]: East County Performing Arts Center, Thursday, December 4, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

"Jingle Ball 2003" featuring Jewel [175], the Bangles, Seal [296], Donna Summer [603]. Counting Crows [417], and Josh Kelley: Cox Arena, Thursday, December 4, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

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"Jingle Ball 2003" featuring Sarah McLachlan [274], the Barenaked Ladies [424], KC & the Sunshine Band, Dido [305], Michelle Branch, Howie Day, and Jason **Mraz** [819]: Cox Arena, Friday, December 5, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

"Diva 2 Diva" with Kuh Ledesma and Zsa Zsa Padilla: Pala Events Center, Friday, December 5, Pala Casino, 11154 Highway 76, North County Inland. 619-267-1441.

SATURDAY

Willie Nelson [768]: 4th & B, Saturday, December 6, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Sound Tribe Sector 9: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, December 6, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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.

SUNDAY

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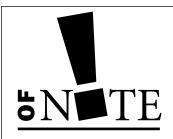
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Boney James [288]: Pechanga

Showroom, Friday, December 12, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino

The Radiators [244]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, December 13, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission

Beach. 858-488-1780 or

45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula

Damien Jurado's career doesn't seem designed to move units. He once released an album of answering-machine messages he had found in old thrift-store cassettes. After building a reputation with quiet, acousticbased albums, he turned up the volume and rocked out on last year's *I Break Chairs*. This year's Where Shall You Take Me found him in quiet mode again.

Even when he's being a folkie, though. Jurado's albums are produced more like willfully obscure indie-rock records. The acoustic guitar is mixed louder than the vocals, and the lyrics are often partially obscured by mumbling. Maybe that's a matter of marketing - indie kids don't want to hear traditional folk. But it really sounds more like a typical indie story: Jurado is not confident in his vocal abilities so he's burying his voice in guitar. That's odd, given that Jurado is outspoken about his Christian beliefs - it's hard to save souls when no one can understand what you're saying.

There's an episode of King of the Hill in which Hank Hill confronts the leader of a Christian rap-metal band, saying, "You're not making Jesus cool, you're

just making rock and roll worse!" That applies to bands like P.O.D., but not so well to Jurado or his fellow Christian indie artist (and sometime collaborator) David Bazan who records under the name Pedro the Lion. The same way Jurado doesn't tailor his music to the marketplace, his lyrics don't conform to any religious orthodoxy — in fact, they

> **Ozomatli** [228] and **Quetzal** [543]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 19, and Saturday, December 20, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Pinback [398]: The Casbah, Sunday, December 21, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or

Maxi Priest [604]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 26, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Funk Brothers featuring Joan Osborne and Darius Rucker: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, December 27, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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Reverend Horton Heat [215]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, January 1, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

"Dave Matthews & "Dave Matthews & Friends" [279] with Trey Anastasio, Brady Blade, Tony Hall, Ray Paczkowski, Tim Reynolds, Emmylou Harris [145], and Spyboy: Cox Arena, Wednesday, January 14, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

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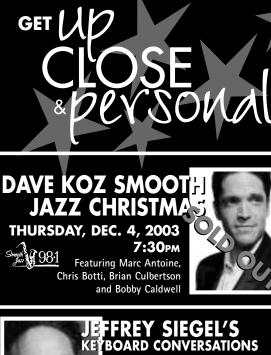
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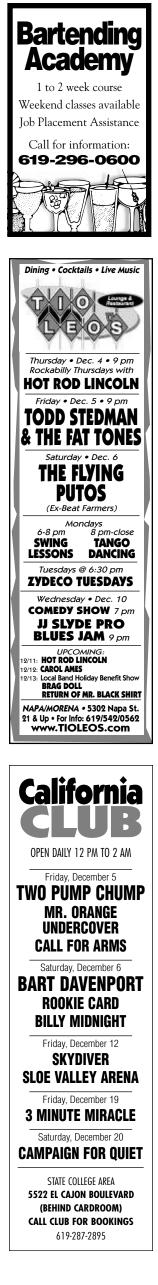
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Jordan Knight: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, January 21, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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Olivia Newton-John: East County

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George Jones: East County Performing Arts Center, Wednesday, February 18, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

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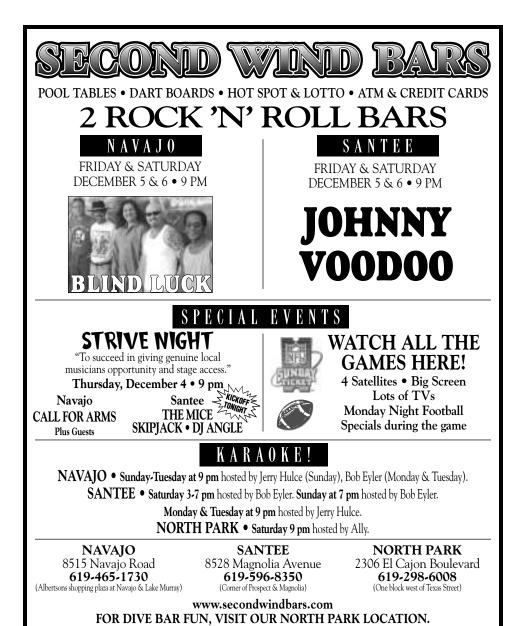
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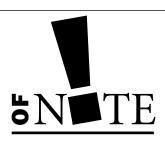
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BY DAVE GOOD

Last night when looking through my record collection for inspiration, I was surprised to find how many Willie Nelson titles I own, along with a boatload of Cash and Haggard. And why not? You go to those guys for lowhorizon, both-feet-on-the-ground kinds of answers. Except for having laid squatter's rights on classics like "Stardust" and Procol Harum's "Whiter Shade of Pale," Nelson sings his half-hippie, half-cowboy truths with Dylan-like abstraction and a nasal twang guaranteed to win no beauty contests. He is from another planet but remains one of the most interesting men in country music. Willie Nelson is the last man standing in a genre of dead-boring stick men in cowboy hats and tarted-up women who have sold their souls to the pop-music devil.

At first, Nelson's simple melodies made other people rich. Patsy Cline recorded

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EXTENSION 4003

Western Waste: Soma

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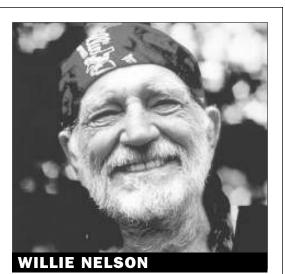
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The Dan Band: 'Canes Bart Davenport: California Club

"Crazy," and he sold "Night Life" to country megastar Ray Price for around \$150 (maybe 70 versions of that song have been recorded to date). Nelson material even put Roy Orbison on the UK charts. But Nelson's own earliest albums were as pitiful as a singing eviction notice from the sheriff. Seven years after the release of his first record, he charted in 1963 on an unlikely duet with Shirley Collie called "Willingly." Two years later, he married Collie and became a hog farmer in Tennessee. He accidentally shot Ray Price's favorite rooster and temporarily nixed that partnership, decided to give up on Nashville, and moved to Austin, where he

absorbed hippie culture and dope. Nelson then wrote what might be his finest album, Yesterday's Wine, much of which was said to have been written while under the influence. Naturally, it begins with a conversation with God.

Nelson's stalled career heated up again in the '90s when the Internal Revenue Service came calling for back taxes. He cranked out a memorable album of session



odds and ends that sold big in mail order and got his estate out from behind a multimillion-

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Billy Midnight [414]: The Ould Sod, California Club

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- Pocket: Moondoggies Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last
- Resort

The Rhythm Method: Coyote Bar and Grill

Riot House: Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa) Rookie Card [539]: California Club

The Sensations: Di-mond Jim's

Smooth Silk: Dirk's Niteclub

The Sound Tribe Sector 9: Belly Up Tavern

Steal Dawn: Boar Cross'n Straight Six: Dick's Last Resort

TNT: Dirk's Niteclub TylerUs Classic Rock: Patrick's II

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II The Christy Wilson Band:

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Carol Ames [619]: Coyote Bar and

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise Leviticus: La Valencia Hotel

The Love Rangers: The Allev The New Breed Band: The Alley Dick's Last Resort

Northstar: McP's Irish Pub and Grill Faith Page: The Westgate Hotel

Jack Pollack: Elario's Bistro & Sky

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

The Barry Allen Trio: Pasquale on

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar



The C.C. James Band: McP's Irish

Fish & the Seaweeds: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub Nightclub

Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's

Kemosabe: On The Rocks

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JAZZ / BIG BAND

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II The Bop Mambo Combo: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and

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Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado Jacques Lesure & His Trio: Dizzy's Sean McVicker: Elario's Bistro &

Sky Lounge Joe Marillo [645]: Elario's Bistro &

Sky Lounge Jared Mattson: La Costa Coffee

Roasting Co. Jerry Melnick: Rancho Bernardo

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coro ado, Croce's Jazz Bar Mystique: Jimmy Love's Mike Nelson: Lodge Torrey Pines Nostalgia: Kalahari Cafe

The Orbitz: Carvers

Orquesta Guarare: Sevilla Sue Palmer [641]: Dizzy's

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch

(Gaslamp)

Pieces: Dizzy's Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Jazz Bar

Rick Ross: Elario's Bistro & Sky

Salsumba: Sevilla

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites The San Diego Legacy Big Band: Dizzy's

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EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB) The Tribe of Kings: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Calico Ridge: Don's Cocktail Lounge The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club Coyote Moon: Magnolia lulvanev´s Willie Nelson [768]: 4th & B

The Three Stooges: Princess Pub &

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub Joe Byrnes: Blarney Stone Pub Chris Carpenter: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company Randi Driscoll: Twiggs Tea and

Coffee Company Dehra Dun: Lestat's Coffeehouse Collin Elliott: Twiggs Tea and Coffee

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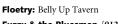
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The Bayou Brothers [948]: Patrick's II

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EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

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Moondoggies: Fridays, The Red *Room*, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40 with DJs D-Skwiz and Enigma. Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hiphop 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, alternative, and classic hip-hop. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-5040.

Remix: Sundays, real hip-hop with DJs Mike Czech and Myxzlplix. 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.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, the best in Brit rock. indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), Golden Hill. 619-284-6784.

Unleashed/Unlabled: Every second Saturday of the month (beginning December 13), DJ Joy spins alternative '80s and DJ Josh spins electronic lounge and dance music. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, uptown. 619-296-6789.

Verb: Sundays, house, breaks, and hip-hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.



MUSIC ➤ rock 'n' roll, blues, cover bands

SPECIAL NIGHTS > check website for events **CLIENTELE** ➤ all ages; some

families: 90% Caucasian 10% Latino; 60% female **COVER >** \$4 when band plays ("All

that goes to the band," a manager told me) **HOURS** ➤ Monday–Thursday, 6:30

a.m.-11:00 p.m.: Friday and Saturday, 7:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m. **DRINKS** > happy hour Monday-Friday, 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; on tap, Budweiser, Bud Light, Coors Light, Foster's, Karl Strauss Amber Lager, Stone Pale Ale, Samuel

Adams, MGD, Miller Lite; Wednesday \$1 drafts **FOOD** ► 11 different appetizers,

CLUBS BY AREA

If you wish to submit a listing, call 619-235-3000, ext. 405, night or day by 5 p.m. Friday, the week prior to publication. To send weekly or monthly schedules, fax to 760-788-1309 or mail to Reader Music Scene, P.O. Box 85803. San Diego CA 92186-5803. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section. Upcoming concerts, DJ events, or performances that are not at a club should be directed to 619-235-3000, ext. 261; e-mailed to sellis@nethere.com; or faxed to 619-881-2401

NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love* Rangers, Top 40/pop. Wednesday, the New Breed Band, pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South enue, Solana Beach 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., Swollen Members, Cage, High &

NightSpotting

DAD'S CAFE & STEAK HOUSE 12735 Poway Road 858-748-7296 Poway www.dadscafeand

steakhouse.com average \$6 (half-price during happy hour); 35-cent wings on Wednesday; salads, steaks, burgers, and breakfast;

\$.99 tacos on Tuesday **ACCESS** ➤ three miles east of I-15 on Poway Road; parking lot on all sides of restaurant

DRESS ➤ casual; all jeans and shorts; T-shirts included "Aerosmith," "Corvette," and a Doug Flutie jersey **DANCE FLOOR** ➤ hardwood floor in bar area about 20' by 20'; lots of areas of the floor are warped, so be careful

FIRE EXITS ➤ three: the main entrance, one in back of bar area. and one from the kitchen

BATHROOMS > men's had a sign on door that read "men/women" but it was for men only; two urinals, one stall, one sink, and a mirror that wasn't a mirror but a large piece of

Mighty, and Styles of Beyond, Doubletree Hotel, 11915 El alternative. Saturday, 9:15 p.m., Sound Tribe Sector 9. Sunday, 8 p.m., Floetry, Camino Real, Del Mar. 619-481-5900. Lobby Lounge: Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Ron Siegrist Trio, jazz. Hennessey's Tavern

rock.

country.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *the* Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, Steal Dawn, classic rock. Christy Wilson Band, rock. Saturday, The Book Works/Pannikin Tommy Price, acoustic.

Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., the Bop Mambo Combo, jazz.

hip-hop.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, call club for information. **Carvers,** 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-560 2400. Friday and Saturday, the Orbitz,

jazz. 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*, rock, blues, and folk. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Gumbo Ya Ya, New Orleans funk and blues. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Carol Ames, original rock.

stainless steel: trash can had unreadable graffiti; soap dispenser was broken off, and there was no soap but lots of paper towels; women's had a "women" sign on door, two stalls, a sink with a soap dispenser, and a regular mirror

CAPACITY ➤ 150 **SPECIAL AREAS** ➤ a covered

smoking area with six tables; four different smaller rooms – each room showing a different game so that the fans of a specific team can go to their respective room (this started back when it was a sports bar called Kaminski Park years ago); there is also a game room with two pool tables, three video games, foosball, pinball, and an ATM.

FURNISHINGS > Charger banners everywhere, record albums line the beams under the ceiling; the main bar, where band plays, has five large booths, seven tables, and a stage that can only been seen from that room; an oldfashioned popcorn machine (that occasionally provides free popcorn during happy hour)

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *Flavor*, alternative rock. Saturday,

Travel Agents, alternative. Sunday, 4 pm to 9 pm, *Blues Brokers*.

La Costa Coffee Roasting Co.,

6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa. 760-438-8160. Music hours are

O'Clock Shadow, jazz, swing. Saturday, Jared Mattson, jazz.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast

Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Saturday, *DJ Tony A*.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-

6646. Friday, the California Rangers

The Metaphor Coffeehouse.

258 East Second Avenue, Escond

Monday, DJ Jalil and DJ Tone Capone,

from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 5

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 92 during a song by Night Shift; 96 last week at Rosie & Joe's Grill & Cantina WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN

LAST MONTH ➤ 619 **QUOTABLE** ➤ "Yes, I know this is where Westerfield drank. I've heard that a million times." A regular here told me. "Sometimes it's dead in here, and a group will come in, take photos and talk about Westerfield, and then leave. They won't even order a beer. It's so weird "

This bar will forever be known as the place where Westerfield chatted with Brenda Van Damme the night he kidnapped her daughter. And the fires haven't helped business either.

One of the bartenders said, "Some of our regulars had houses that burned down. It's not like they're going to be coming in watching football or hearing the band when they have more important things to deal with." – Josh Board

760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Friday, the Lee Taylor Band, acoustic rock. Wednesday, Steve Pulver, acoustic.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., John Foltz, acoustic folk/rock.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., *the Cradit Union*. Friday, 9:30 p.m., hip-hop. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., rock, hip-hop. Sunday, 9:30 p.m., *rock en español*. Monday, 8:30 p.m., swing.

North Bar Sports & Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido 760-480-8228. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Footloose, classic rock and roll

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 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack nue, Carlsbad, 760-729-4996, Call club for information.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, C.O.I., alternative. Saturday, Married by Elvis & Friends, rock.









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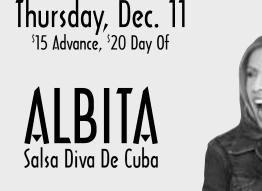


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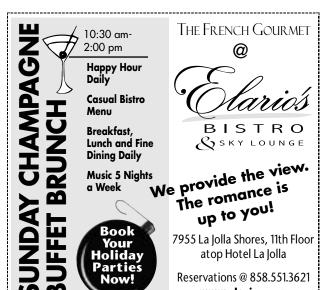
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Big Provider. Saturday, The Iron Maidens, Ms. Fit, and Mistress of Reality. Sunday, Exposure, guests. Cannibal Bar. at the Catamaran

club for information.

Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Friday, Swanky Futon, Stellar, Tall Midget, and Return of Mr. Black Shirt, alternative rock. Saturday, *Kitty Hip Kiss, Glew*, and *Endris*, alternative

Shores Drive, La Jolla, 858-459-0541. Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise





Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, and Wednesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Tuesday, *Sean McVicker*, jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456 7625. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach 858-483-8847. Friday, *the Fryday* Band, rock. Saturday, NZ Rough, reggae. Tuesday, open mike. Wednesday, 3 Simple Words, acoustic.

Il Forno Mediterranean Bistro, 909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard 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. 858-453-4420. 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, Pocket, alternative rock.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach 858-272-7278. Call club for information.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-509-8900. 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.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Brain Bucket*, rock. Friday, *Agavef*, rock. Saturday, *Butron*, rock. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open acoustic night.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Call club for information.

SAN DIEGO

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bav. 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, Joe Byrnes, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Monday, Jenn Grinels, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, Larger Than Leon, alternative.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Pigface, Dope, Professional Murder* Music, and Rachel Stamp. Friday, Dragon Lounge and AK1200. Saturday, Shot Out Hoods, Divided by Zero, Season of Decay, 33 Degree, 18 Bonez, Lodus, Tragic Ritual, Triad, Man Minus Label, and Etched in Red.

California Club. 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Friday, *Two Pump Chump*, Bart Davenport, Rookie Card, and Billy Midnight, alternative/rock.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa ulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, 7:15 p.m., Mister Valentine and His Irate Life, alternative. Saturday, The Stereophonics, acoustic

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego

619-688-1120. Friday, Billy Watson, blues **Humphrey's,** Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge:

Live music nightly, call club for information 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.

Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Friday and Saturday, Riot House, classic rock

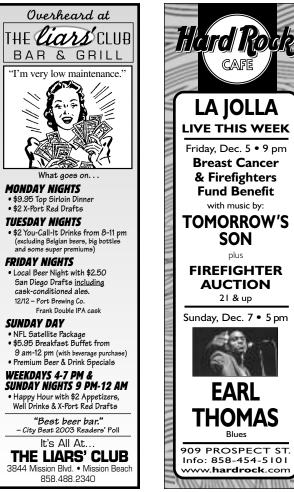
The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *the Heartaches, the Glossines*, and *the Vextors*, alternative. Saturday, Mannequin Piss, the Teeth, and Operatic, alternative.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Biddy Bums*, alternative. Friday, *Robin Henkel*, blues. Saturday, *Dehra Dun* and *Kova*, folk. Sunday, Split Infinity, alternative. Monday, open mike.

O'Connell's Pub and

Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Fish* the Seaweeds, classic rock. Saturday, Idle Train, classic rock.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Billy Midnight*, rock. Tuesday, Irish jam sessio Wednesday, the Hatchet Brothers, folk.



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Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music

is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Friday, *The Dan Band* and *The*

Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Call

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street,

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., open mike.

rock. Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla

noted. Thursday, Joe Marillo. Friday, Jack Pollack, piano and vocals.

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Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock, blues, and swing.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284 7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos, 619-465-1730, Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *Blind Luck*, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Call club for information.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is alternative/heavy. Friday, 7 p.m., T.S.O.L., The Suicide Machines, Death by Stereo, Western Waste, and Audio Karate. Saturday, 7 p.m., Mad Caddies, Hornswaggled, Forensik, and Lunatics. Sunday, 6 p.m., Vendetta Red, S.T.U.N., Armour for Sleep, and Pris

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, Hot Rod Lincoln, rockabilly. Friday, Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones, blues. Saturday, *The Flying Putos*, alternative. Monday, swing, tango Tuesday, zydeco blues, Wednesday, J.J. Slyde, blues jam.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle/Bob* Magnusson Jazz Quartet.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, Meghan LaRoque, Until John, Josiah, and Anna Troy. Friday, Chris Carpenter, Pete Thurston, the Inside, Katie Strand, and Laura Taylor.

Saturday, Randi Driscoll and Collin Elliott. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Celtic Ensemble. Wednesday, open mike

DOWNTOWN

Aubergine Grille, 500 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-232-8100. Sunday, live swing.

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.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, Steve Brewer, acoustic.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown 619-232-HELL Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Crooked* Fingers, Azure Ray, and David Dondero. Friday, The Dragons, Modey Lemon, and Just a Fire. Saturday, Hanson Brothers, Pansy Division, and The Rotters. Sunday, Pleasure Club and On the Speakers. Monday, Damien Jurado, Rosie Thomas, Dolorean, and Autumn in Halifax. Wednesday, Tim Bluhm and The Biddy Bums.

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-418-8858. Call club for information.

Croce's Jazz Bar. 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the David Patrone Jazz Quartet. Friday, Yavaz. Saturday, Primo. Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Camberos Quintet.

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802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Thursday, *A.J. Croce* and Steve Poltz. Friday, Earl Thomas, blues. Saturday, Fuzzy & the Bluesmen, blues



Album Name: Born to Pick (2002) Artist: The Seventh Day Buskers

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14) Fire Down Below 15) Right Time for Johnny Price/Where Available: CDbaby.com for \$15

Band Members: Shawn P. Rohlf (guitar, vocals, banjo, harmonica), Steve Peavey (mandolin, guitar, vocals), Ken Dow (upright bass, vocals), Don Hickox (fiddle, vocals), Robin Henkel (dobro, vocals), Dwight Worden (fiddle, vocals)

Extra Info: The Seventh Day Buskers perform every Sunday morning at the Hillcrest Farmers Market (3960 Normal Street) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Website: www.7thdavbuskers.com

With solid rhythms united by the sonority of instruments that scream Americana, the Seventh Day

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.,

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-231-9100, Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll. Saturday, *Straight Six*, rock. Sunday, Hera's Olive, rock. Tuesday, the New Breed Band, pop, jazz. Wednesday, Ron's Garage, acoustic.

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman, pop/Top

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., the Grossmont College Big Band. Friday, 8 p.m., Pieces featuring Deejha Marie and Sue Palmer, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Jacques Lesure & His Trio and Daniel Jackson Tuesday, 7 p.m., the Southwestern College Jazz Ensembles. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., the San Diego Legacy Big Band.

Buskers have done it again

with their latest album, Born

to Pick. Faster tracks like

"The Floods," "Loch Lamor,"

5ifth Qtr. (formerly Buffalo Joe's), 600 Fifth Avenue, downto 619-236-1616. Saturday, the Disco Pimps.

and "Little Gutless Wonder" succeed as attention grabbers with smoking instrumentals. Other tracks include the Irish drinking tune "Call from the Pub" and "Fire Down Below." On the addition of two new band members, frontman Shawn P. Rohlf claims, "Robin Henkel on dobro and Ken Dow on upright bass have taken our sound and vocal harmonies up a full notch."

This is true of the instrumentals. The singing is the weakest element of the album. perhaps because the instrumentalists are so strong. Finding a dynamic singer could really strengthen this band.

Overall, the album is much more reflective than the band's previous release, Long Live the Caboose. The lonely, haunting instrumental ballad "Solitude" will strike a chord of sorrow in anyone.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Saturday, *Willie* Nelson, country. Wednesday, Dwele and Slum Village, alternative.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live pop music. Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *3rd Track*, jazz, R&B. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz, funk, R&B.



The Seventh Day Buskers

While the Buskers' desolate atmosphere makes for a much more reflective, less whimsical product, everything is still tinged with wit, consistent with their bluegrassy ambiance.

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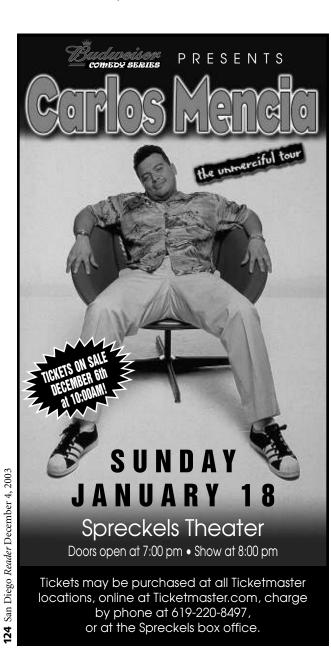
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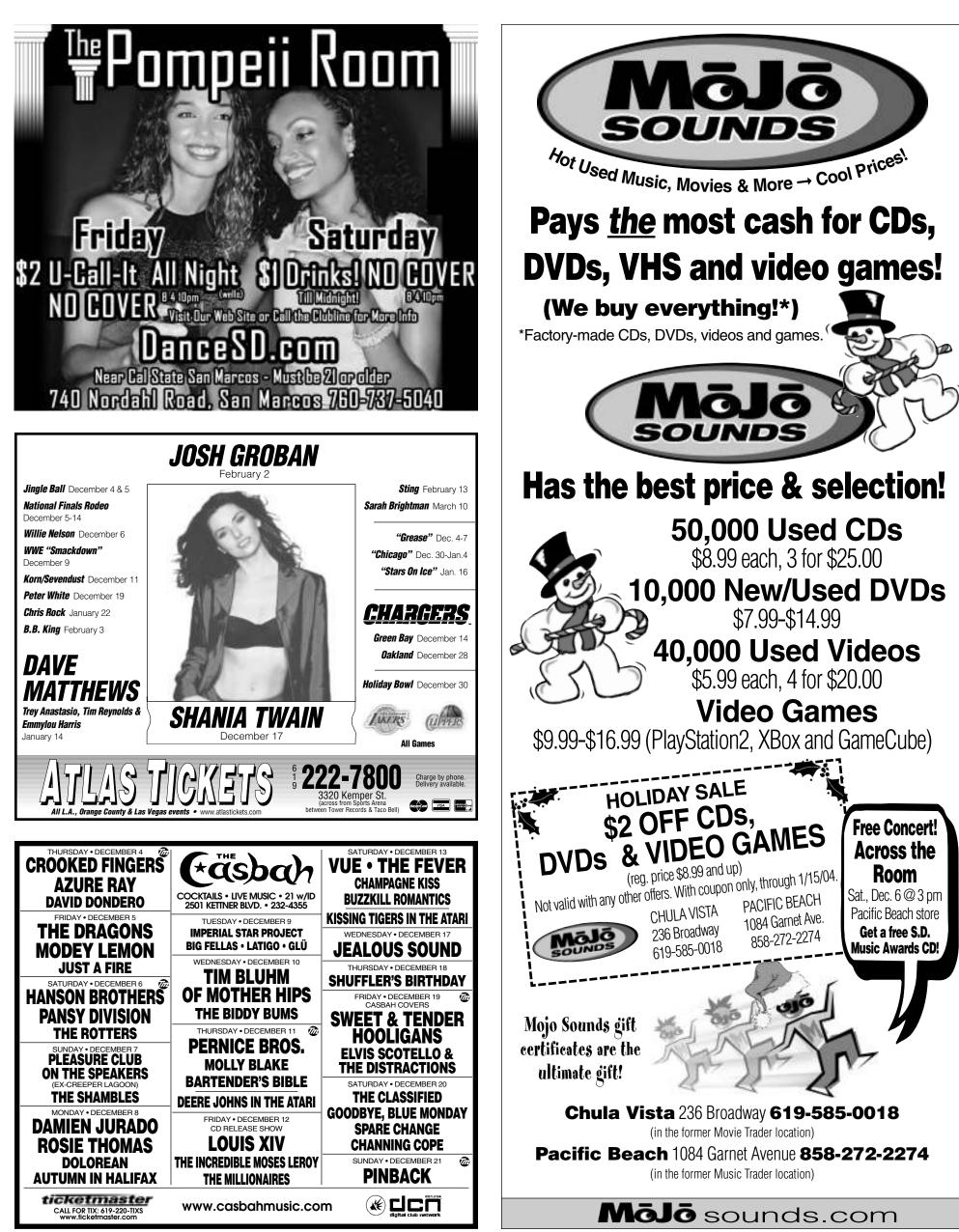
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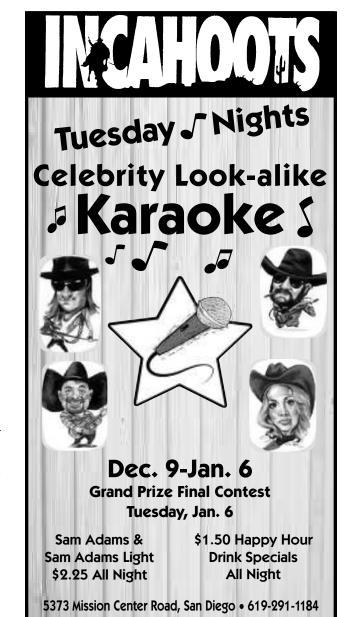
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You've probably noticed the dizzying game of musical chefs that's been swirling around local restaurants lately. I think (and hope) it's a sign that San Diego is on the verge of becoming a real foodie town, one that retains rising stars who come here to cook instead of losing them to ritzy desert resorts or posh New York restaurants. These chefs are moving around not just to swell their purses or egos, but to stretch their skills and/or buy their own restaurants. They've also been staying here — bless 'em — to lead our nascent food revolution.

Even slow-to-change Escondido can't sit out this dance. Just a few years ago, Chef Riko Bartolomei put the town on the food-map with his far-out fusion menus at 150 Grand Café. When he departed, sous-chef Carlton Greenawalt stepped into his place, but not before he passed a competitive audition for the top-toque role. Now he's gradually reshaping the cooking at 150 Grand in his own mold. Roughly only a fifth of Greenawalt's dishes still tilt toward fusion (and these, I think, are his least successful). The rest reflect the popular Cal-cuisine combination of heartland comfort with French and Mediterranean adventure.

The Mediterranean influence is immediately evident in the well-seasoned, silky hummus that comes with the hearty Upperline Bakery table bread. Among the best appetizers is an almond-crusted Manchego, a nutty-flavored cheese (like a hole-less Swiss) from Spain's La Mancha region, of Don Quixote fame. Matching it with nuts is only natural. Greenawalt cleverly presents the combination as a large, soft-baked wedge that could pass for a slice of pie, coated top and bottom with crunchy ground almonds impersonating a double piecrust. The bright fig-ginger compote that comes with it, along with a streak of "sour fig" syrup (not all that sour), makes this a cheese lover's ambrosia. Too large and rich for one diner, it's perfect for a quartet. It would also make a hungry couple's perfect late-night munchie in the new Back Room Lounge behind the restaurant, on the site of the former Garden Room.

Greenawalt hails from the San Francisco area, where as a young line-chef, he cooked at Fisherman's Wharf. He continues to give Northern California's Dungeness crab its proper due



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with a fashionable treatment from the dot-com era: a lightly cooked, refreshing ceviche martini. Riding atop a mixture of chopped fresh tomato, cilantro, avocado, and a touch of citrus juice are sweet shreds and chunks of crabmeat, including the intact, shelled meat of a small claw.

I'm always happy to find house-made charcuterie — French comfort food — on a menu. Here,

a *soi-disant* chicken liver pâté should more properly be called a mousse. (Perhaps the chef feared that some diners would mistake it for a dessert.) It has a mousse's smooth, buttery texture, with a few pistachios to lend crunch and a splash of aged Cognac for a snappy touch. I don't quite know what to say about it since it's a near twin to the mousse I make once a year for the holidays. Joining me for dinner, my friend Marcy was so taken with it, she literally wiped the plate clean — so I guess we make a pretty good mousse, the chef and I.

The soups, too, seem to ride the line where French home cooking and restaurant food over-

lap. One evening's soup du jour was a velvety purée of carrot with a touch of fresh ginger and cream, topped with a dollop of *crème fraîche* and chopped chives. Modern but not fussy, it was as rewarding as a hot bath on a cold night.

A more elegant *timbale* of smoked salmon, lobster, tobiko, spinach, and *crème fraîche*, however, is a daytime talk show of squabbling ingredients. The lob-

ster-and-lox combo, which is turning up in many restaurants charging much higher prices than 150 Grand, only succeeds with a judicious use of the finest, silkiest grades of smoked salmon; otherwise, the fish and smoke flavors gang up and whomp on the lobster, as they do here.

Between the appetizers and the entrées, a palate-cleanser of passion-fruit sorbet arrives as welcome as the bell between boxing rounds, since main courses tend to be large and elaborate. In the entrées, the chef emphasizes the American side of the California mixture, and does best with updated heartland dishes.

The nuts and nut-crusts of the appetizers

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HOURS: Monday–Saturday, 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. and 5:00–9:00 p.m. Back Room Lounge opens 4:00 p.m., bar menu 9:00–late evening. **PRICES:** Soups and salads, \$6–\$6.50; appetizers, \$9 –\$12; entrées, \$19.50–\$26; desserts, \$7. Monday–Thursday prix fixe, \$29.50–\$46 for 3 to 6 courses. Bar and Back Room Lounge features tapas, \$8 each, 3 for \$21.50. Wine corkage, \$12. **CUISINE & BEVERAGES:** Seasonal American-Mediterranean-Asian menu featuring local and organic produce wherever possible. Concise but intelligent wine list with below-average markups, about a dozen by the glass. Separate reserve list of deluxe bottlings.

PICK HITS: Almond-crusted Manchego cheese, Trout Amandine, Vanilla Bean-Lemon Crème Brûlée.

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make encore appearances in the entrées. My favorite main course here is the sautéed Idaho Rainbow Trout Amandine, which presents a sweet-flavored, firm fish fillet that's boned and butterflied, cooked tender in its crisped skin, and scattered with sautéed almonds. It's the best





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version of the dish I can remember eating, and that includes the famous rendition at Galatoire's in New Orleans. This symphony in the key of crisp is augmented with Yukon potato gaufrettes, a.k.a. waffle potato chips, house-made and irresistible. They look like Chex Party Mix and make a party for the palate. Top-center are pleasantly bitter broccoli-rabe greens, and the whole array is swathed in a browned butter with lush, nutty undertones.

A pecan-crusted pork tenderloin tells you more clearly than your calendar that fall is falling. Here, the fine-ground nuts have only a subtle presence, and a ghostly slick of applesherry glaze is barely perceptible. Accompaniments of wild rice and Swiss chard are satisfying, but the crucial ingredient is a roasted crab apple to bite back at the mild, medium-rare meat.

Another fall favorite is veal osso buco, the shank of a young bovine. The meat (plus a single bone filled with juicy marrow) comes topped with whisper-thin onion rings in the lightest batter, all surrounded with the gentle braising liquid. The sauce is dotted with small, chewy cubes of air-dried polenta, which taste something like tofu. When we ordered this dish, my friends and I expected and

hoped for soft, creamy polenta, the more usual mate for osso buco. Some culinary marriages cannot be challenged without peril.

The few fusion cuisine dishes, to my taste, run risks that don't pay off. It's no accident that so many of America's top fusionista chefs — Kenny Hom, Ming Tsai, Alan Wong, Roy Yamaguchi, plus our own Riko Bartolomei and Amiko Gubbins - grew up eating mainly on the Asian side of the equation. Compared to the difficulty of mastering the range of Asian ingredients, learning European techniques is easy. When Western chefs like Greenawalt try fusion, too often they fall into over-reliance on a few signifiers of Asian cuisine in general — soy sauce, ginger, fish sauce, lemongrass, rice vinegar — rather than incorporating from the wider scope of flavorings pertinent to any specific East Asian regional pantry. (Got galanga?) It seems to take a serious, longterm immersion in at least one Eastern culture (in the mode of a Barbara Tropp or a Bruce Cost) before most Western chefs can really "catch" the flavors enough to play with them gracefully

A perfect (that is, imperfect) example is that old Cantonese-American warhorse, shrimp toast. At its best, its topping can taste like souffléed wonton filling, vibrant with garlic and ginger. At 150 Grand, alas, it doesn't taste like anything

in particular, and the sourdough wheat toast steps all over it. The menu calls the accompanying dip nguoc cham (Vietnam's clear sweet-sour dipping sauce), but it's actually more a lively Japanese soybased ponzu with a touch of fish sauce added. Shouldn't "truth in labeling" laws apply to menus, so diners know what to expect?

An entrée called Lemongrass Seafood Pot au Feu proved to be a species of Asian-American bouillabaise. The broth was flavorful but puckeringly salty, nearly all the seafood was severely overcooked, and the lobster listed on the menu was, if present, invisible and untasteable. Another fusion entrée, Seared Breast of Duck offered perfectly cooked poultry, but its maple-soy reduction sauce was so weighted toward soy as to overbalance all else. (The brand used here is the popular favorite, Kikkoman Lite, but for this combination I'd have preferred a more delicate Hong Kong brand, e.g., Pearl River Bridge yellow label.) The duck came with a sprinkling of toasted pistachios, a sour mixture of julienned veggies in rice vinaigrette, and, amusingly, a heap of the tiny, mouth-tickling Peruvian grain called quinoa to sop up the various sauces. (I found eating the cold leftovers a day later to be an improvement over the original; the maple syrup had snuck up overnight and sucker punched the vinegar.)

If the chef is different, the café's decor is much the same as ever, aside from the new Back Room Lounge. The front room still sports its amusing mural portraying the restaurant's owners and staff, and the ladies' rest room is still the daintiest in town, with flower baskets, potpourri, and a wheelchair stall vast enough to dance in.

Desserts, almost a meal in themselves, are all housemade from scratch and are worth saving your appetite for. They change seasonally (the fruit desserts I ate a month ago are now off-menu) and they often combine familiar ingredients with exotic ones - for instance, a chocolate brownie topped with avocado ice cream. A delicate peach sorbet was served surrounded by a moat of basil syrup, a surprisingly good pairing, and came with a coconut-almond cookie with a true homemade flavor, right down to the slightly singed underside. And however bored I've grown with the ubiquitous crème brûlée lately, I fell hard for Greenawalt's vanilla bean and lemon version. It's not one of those eggy, flanlike brûlées so common in this region, but follows the Northern California cream-forward style. The lemon component is subtle a flavor, not a tang — echoed in a lemon sugar cookie similar to the ones your favorite aunt bakes. The brûlée topping is a molecule-thin crunch.

Marcy and I decided we

both wanted the recipe for this perfectly proportioned pudding. "I'm gonna get me one of those torches," she said. "Don't buy the little toy kitchen version," my boyfriend advised her. "Go to Ace Hardware and get the full-size propane torch that all the real chefs use.'

"And when you're not cooking with it," said her date, Tony, "you can use it to fix your water pipes.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Like many chefs, Carlton Greenawalt's culinary training and enthusiasm began at home, in San Jose. "My mom taught me to work in the kitchen as soon as I could reach the counter - grating cheese, kneading bread, whatever. She was still is — a pretty avid cook.

"I found myself naturally working in restaurants, and after five years in one restaurant at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, my wife Stephanie and I decided we were both going to go to culinary school together to learn the reasons behind what we were doing. We moved to Seattle and went to the Art Institute Culinary School there."

After a stint wokking in an Asian restaurant, he and his wife returned to San Francisco, where he worked at Scoma's (on the Wharf), at the fusion restaurant Oritalia, at Blowfish (San Francisco's smaller, cooler version of Japengo), and finally at The Flytrap, a bustling "Multimedia Gulch" eatery, where the menu featured such historic San Francisco dishes as Hangtown Fry and Celery Raphael. In a couple of years, he was promoted to executive chef.

But the Southland beckoned. "My in-laws live here, and they said, 'We need more good chefs, come on down!' 150 Grand was the restaurant I wanted to work at, and I kept applying until they hired me. I worked here for Riko for a year. and when he left, I sent my résumé up to the desk and joined the group of tryouts." I asked if his wife worked there, too. "Stephanie worked in the kitchen here for quite a while, doing pastries," he said. "Now she's our Assistant General Manager.

"Our menu is seasonal. Right now I'm bringing in pears, pomegranates, squashes, and citrus to give it that feeling of autumn. I just put a venison on [the menu]. Of course there's no end to avocado season, we're on Avocado Alley. I get some of my produce from a produce company, and some of that's organic, some not, but we get organic produce from the Tierra Miguel Foundation and from Peterson and Pio nearby, and I shop every week at the local Farmer's Market.

"I think the fusion thing didn't quite fit here in Escondido, so I've been taking the menu far from that. I like Asian flavors, and I like to work with those ingredients, but I think of the menu I'm doing here as basically American — putting all the global ingredients through the American wringer."

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"Take your face towel out of that dish. It's supposed to be for your soy sauce."

h, no." Hank's dying of embarrassment. Heh-heh. It's not deliberate. I don't know what it is about Japanese food, but I can never quite get a handle on it.

"Uh, do I break this sushi roll in half with my chopsticks,' I'm asking, "or down it in one gulp? And should I stab it and pick it up, or, like, do the forceps thing?'

'Well, for starters," says Hank, "take your face towel out of that dish. It's supposed to be

for your soy sauce. People are staring, man." 'Oh, right. Good idea.'

As I say, I never have caught up with the Japanese thing. Tonight we were heading for Trader Joe's when I noticed this new-looking Japanese eatery right next door. Golden curry-brown stucco on the outside, woodysteely-glassy modern inside, and a sign in the window.

"Twenty percent off sushi, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

"Ĥey, dude," I said, "check your sundial." It was five, on the button. They were just opening their doors.

Then I spotted the name. "Hanaoka." 'All right! You know what that means?"

"Like, you do?" said Hank.

'Small mountain flower,' my friend. 'Hana,' flower; 'oka,' small mountain.'

"Now how would you know that?" "Because I've been here before."

Okay, almost true. I ate at Hanaoka down in National City once. A real Japanese family



restaurant. Nice.

Sure enough, this turned out to be the same family. But here it was much more Ginza, ricosuave.

"ILLA SHA-EE MASHAY!"

What the ...? Sushi chefs and waitresses all shouted at us as we came in.

> 'We too early, dude?" "No, dude. It's the custom. Every time someone comes in, they've got to yell 'Illa sha-ee mashay.' It means 'welcome.'

They sat Hank and me at a smart gray Corian sushi bar, on cool-looking, red-varnished stools with black legs. You had to admire it all: the creamy ceiling with its '50s-looking swirls and concealed lighting, the golden wood tabletops, a way-romantic sailing ship made from abalone shells, the reggae music — yes, reggae — and, behind our raised counter, Eric, a real Japanese sushi chef with flying hands.

A girl arrived with the face towels and menus. She wanted to know if we'd like a drink. I checked Sapporo beer. It was \$4.00 and \$6.00. Uh, no. We ordered two iced teas (\$1.50 each, with endless refills). I was starting to squirm. This place was too good for the likes of us.

But Hank was in his heaven. He's always gone for Japanese food. He pointed out the sushi list where you get 20 percent off. Seventeen different rolls running from \$3.95 to \$12.95. The six-piece kappa maki (cucumber roll) seemed like value for money at \$3.95; the old standby California roll was also \$3.95.

Spicy crab roll was too. So take 20 percent off \$3.95, that's almost 80 cents. Something called a Philadelphia roll cost \$6.50 for eight pieces, say \$5.20 with the discount. Pity it didn't apply to the nigiri sushi (hand-formed rice with fish on top, Hank said). It came with things like salmon, smelt egg, shrimp, sea urchin, scallop, or octopus, going for between \$4.00 and \$7.00 for two pieces. Sashimi, thin-sliced raw fish, started around nine bucks, so we said sayonara to that.

Hank saw me floundering. "Look, I'll have sushi," he said. "You have a dinner dish." A separate menu had a bunch of stuff, like chicken teriyaki dinner, which came with soup, salad, and rice, for \$7.95. Beef-teriyakiand-tempura combination dinner went for \$10.95. A shrimp-and-vegetable stir-fry was \$9.95, without salad. Other dishes climbed to around \$16.00. So the choice came down to the three \$7.95 dishes: the chicken teriyaki, a tempura (shrimp and vegetables), and tonkatsu, breaded deep-fried pork.

"Katsu means cutlet," said Eric, "ton means pork. In Japan we have restaurants that serve nothing but tonkatsu."

"Uh, no 20 percent for the tonkatsu?" "Yes," said Ēric. Of course, he meant yes,

there was no 20 percent discount on tonkatsu. "Oh, live a little," said Hank, getting decisive. "I can help out. My friend will have tonkatsu and I'll have a tuna roll and an eel roll.'

When it came, my miso soup was nice and

The Place: Hanaoka, 1203 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach (858-274-9755) Type of Food: Japanese

Prices: Yakitori *appetizer* (*chicken on three bamboo skewers*), \$3.95; gyoza (*stuffed dumpling*), \$3.95; *sushi rolls*, \$3.95 to \$12.95: kappa maki (*cucumber roll*), \$3.95; *California roll*, \$3.95; *spicy crab roll*, \$3.95; *Philadelphia roll*, \$6.50; nigiri sushi (with choice of salmon, smelt egg, shrimp, sea urchin, scallop, octopus), \$3.95 to \$6.95; sashimi (thin-sliced raw fish), \$8.95 to \$16.95; ocean salad (cucumbers, seaweed), \$5.95 Hours: 5:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. daily Bus: 27

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rich, in its mild way. My tonkatsu - two rows of chopped breaded pork - sat on a bed of salad in sweet dressing, with a sweetish applesoy sauce for dipping. And the bowl of rice provided the filler.

But Hank had the prizes. The eel roll, tuna roll, plus we got a Philadelphia to split. "So what do I do? Forceps or stab, dude?"

I say again. 'Jeez! Forceps, and just chew off what you

can, okay? Not rocket science. I grab a slice. Oh man, this is the one. Smoked salmon, seaweed, cream cheese, rice,

and the killer app — sesame seeds on the outside. Dee-lish. Around us, yuppies are going for the more expensive items, like "cabo-wabo" spicy crab with yellowtail (\$13.00) and bottles of hot sake (\$4.00 to \$6.00). And get this: the chef next to

Eric grabs a little blowtorch and waves its sharp blue flame over a toro roll (meat from the belly of a tuna, according to Hank; \$10.95) to sear it. Sophisticated stuff.

Meanwhile, Eric's clumping shredded radish onto a long ceramic dish. "Radish is good for the digestion," he says. It's the beginning of an "assorted sashimi combination," \$12.95. Wow.

But I'm happy. By 7:00, the place is hopping. Eric seems to be yelling "Illa sha-ee mashav!" about every two minutes. We get up to go. Eric and the other chefs don't fail us. " "Arigato!" they yell. "Thanks!"

"You're very illa sha-ee mashay!" I say.

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Vertical Emotions

"We have increased the hang time of the grape, and I think the ripeness level has been amped up."

cripps Ranch wine collector Rob Barnett sold all of his Joseph Phelps Cabernet at auction recently. "I think their Cab is great," he explains, "but it was a wine I could get a premium for, and it meant I could buy more of their Insignia. It's certainly my overall favorite out of any wine."

Insignia is Phelps's flagship wine. Born in 1974, it began as a showcase for whichever Phelpssourced vineyard produced the best lot of wine in a given vintage — the Steltzner vineyard in '74, the Eisele in '76. Then in 1977,

winemaker Craig Williams shifted it to a multivineyard meritage, "a blend" he says, "based on grading that's done shortly after harvest. We don't even really want to know what vineyard or variety it is; we're just grading it: Is this an A wine, a B wine, or a C wine? It's just kind of thumbs up or thumbs down."

After the grading, however, varietal does come into play. Today, though other varietals wax and wane in their percentages, the main component remains Cabernet. "I think that's the strength of our region. I moved away from the 50 or 60 percent Cabernet blends that were dominant in the '70s and '80s, because I think it made better wine." Before, "I think we were a little captivated by the aromatics of Merlot and Cabernet Franc" (the latter of which Williams generally finds overly tannic and herbal in its California incarnation).



But in 1989, "We went basically to estate vineyards, and their Cabernets were pretty powerful and compelling." The critics took note of his efforts in the kinder vintage of 1990, and when Rob Barnett decided to host a tasting dinner featur-

ing a decade's worth of Insignia, '90 is where he decided to start the show.

Williams would have approved the choice, if only because the '90 serves to highlight the '91. "The '91 is always going to be my favorite wine. It's not the best wine, but it sort of cemented in

my mind what my role is, which is to understand when quality occurs in the vineyards. I thought, 'Gosh, everyone's liking our '90s, and this is so much better.' I hadn't changed the winemaking, so obviously it wasn't me. It all had to do with getting the fruit ripe and when we picked and getting it in."

The "winemaker as mere caretaker of the divine grapes" is a popular notion, and in a pair of years featuring identical blends (80 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 10 percent Merlot, 10 percent Cabernet Franc), the fruit does stand out as a variable. Further, there is no question that Phelps takes care in their vineyards — otherwise, it would be hard to fathom their ability to maintain upper-echelon quality as they seek to approach Bordeaux-level quantity. "The Bordelaise are not shy about saying, 'You can go to Piedmont, you

can go to Burgundy, but you have to come to us to buy not only quality, but in a quantity that people can actually access and collect and enjoy for many years to come.' That's a remarkable thing."

But when you're blending, "understanding when quality occurs" is not simply knowing what's happening in the vineyards. In a difficult vintage such as '98, Williams says, "The blend is greater than the sum of its parts. If you blend correctly, I think you can make a pretty stunning wine," even in a year when your Merlot is more successful than your signature Cabernet. Rob Barnett would agree. "Phelps is a star," he marvels. "The thing that's impres-

sive to me is that they've been consistent year in and year out; they're always among the top wines. Even if you look at the '98; it's rated as one of the best reds out of Napa in a difficult vintage. I didn't buy a lot of the '98. I hadn't even tried it yet; I would always steer away from it — 'I'll have it some other night.' But I thought it was equal to the '99, which I had heard was great."

The '98 and '99 were the ninth and tenth wines served during a long, winey, sociable night; my notes would hardly pass muster at a professional judging. My chief impression of the '98 was that Phelps had indeed pulled it off in a tough year, though the wine was not nearly as concentrated as the years immediately before and after. And my first thought about the '99 was "ripe — ripe like Zinfandel is ripe." Williams grants that "generally, yes, we have increased the hang time of the grapes, and I think as a result the ripeness level has been amped up" — even if that ripeness has not always been reflected in sugar levels. "It can

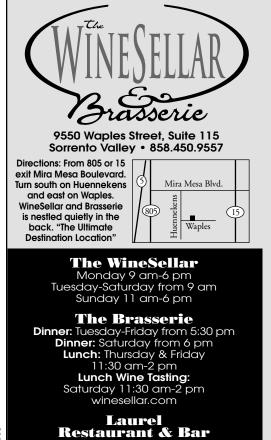


Craig Williams

be a combination of solar radiation and fruit temperature when we picked. But I think the ripeness is just part and parcel with getting a higher amount of extract as well."

That higher level of extraction really took off in the supervintage of '97, and it hasn't let up. "We kind of figured out how to construct a richer, more powerful wine without making it bitter and hard." I'll grant his expertise, but mild-mannered drinker that I am, I preferred the '95 — still powerful but focused, less explosive. I thought it a model California Cabernet: tons of sweet fruit backed up by spice and even meatiness (the tasting notes Barnett passed around mentioned fruitcake!), with oak and acid providing quiet but pervasive structure. And toward evening's end, I found myself gravitating back to the '90 — finding some fruit had slipped out from beneath all that lovely tar and tobacco.

The '95 saw the first introduction of Petite Verdot as a backup varietal; Williams remains



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delighted with the addition. "It's a big wine; it's the most extracted in color and tannin. It's sort of the glue that holds the blend together. By and large, it's been removed in Bordeaux because it's such a late ripener. But those that have kept it and have it in great years like '00 and '90, people feel that they make the best wine. It loves heat and develops more slowly in terms of sugar and ripening. We usually have sugar before we have flavor, so for me it seems like a no-brainer."

At several points during the dinner and tasting, someone mentioned how interesting it would be to try these same wines again in five years. Barnett has the wine for it, and he is happy to share with friends, but he feels a pang about the eventual depletion of his Insignia vertical — all those years in a row, unbroken. "Once you start a vertical, you have an emotional connection to it. To open those wines and decant them the other night was a lovehate thing."

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Del Mar Pizza 211 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-8088. If you've heard about, dreamed about, or were merely curious about New York pizza, the best local practitioner is now in Del Mar, complete with New York manners. The hot sandwiches are good, but the pizza is in a league by itself. The secret lies in the crust. Lasagne and stuffed eggplant also available, as well as cannoli for dessert. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more



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traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce ar rays. Best bets are the daily specials, rays, best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (11/01)

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back East are more traditional," says owner James, the ex-boxer, an old sparring buddy of the Bronx Pizza guys in Hillcrest "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. But we *do* do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Mavbe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker'n one of James's right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg break-

fast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. -E.B. (12/01)

St. Tropez 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love continental breakfast, this bright café with indoor-outdoor seating offers scores of house-baked pastries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace croque monsieur and croque madame (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or a chicken-filled vol-au-vent puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner. Inexpensive. -N.W. (10/01)

Teriyaki 101 250 North Coast High way 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8813, This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday

What the Chef Eats

PAN-SEARED ATLANTIC SALMON WITH STIR-FRIED VEGETABLES AND LEMON SOY BY STEPHEN WINDOW

Executive Chef/Partner, Roppongi, La Jolla

I make this dish at home because my wife is Hawaiian/Filipino, and we just have rice going on all the time. This dish is something that is easy to prepare. It takes me five minutes to do. It's the easiest thing and everybody loves it. The kids love it.

It's really a stir-fry dish. People might imagine a chef at home going crazy, you know,

trying all these new ideas. I don't go crazy. I don't get oversophisticated at home. That's what we do at work. At home it's more simplified relaxation for me. This dish is clean and simple. I don't use a wok at

home. I use a 14-inch pan with a lid that fits perfectly, so if it does start to get too hot you can kill some of the heat and smoke with the lid. It also

the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "Es ist Wunderbar!" sign

over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage,

bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the

helps to cook the vegetables quicker too.

You have to be careful what kind of soy you use. I always use lite soy — if you use regular soy it will make the food too salty.

I would serve a Chardonnay with this dish, something fruity. One of my favorites is Caymus Conundrum. It's very fruity and goes well with fish and soy. Or a



nice cold beer. HOW TO DO IT Prepare all vegetables ahead of time and set aside.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Cut salmon into four equal portions and season

through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01) Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte.

Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a com-bination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for



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sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. - E.B. (11/00) Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good rea-son. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an un-usual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina

house in Carlsbad. — N.W. (10/01) The Village Grill 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad,

in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leu-

cadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steak

760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburg-ers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only "extra lean" meat from the local butcher for his burg ers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inex-pensive. — E.B. (10/01)

NORTH INLAND

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118, 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Polsa* on University Avenue, and avery Bolsa on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows pho bo is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're

talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo.* Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/03)

Delicias 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-8000. The room is smashing and the menu offers excel-lent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat and chicken, gourmet pizzas. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

Miiki Japanese Restaurant And Sushi Bar 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shop-ping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner: Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North Faire, Escondido, County 760-738-7522. 160-foot Japanese seafood buffet, hot Japanese dishes, salads, desserts, all you can eat. Tons of fresh food. Seats 250. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. - E.W



What the Chef Eats

on both sides with salt and black pepper.

Heat a large nonstick pan over medium heat. Add peanut oil and sesame oil. Place fish into oil. Brown evenly on both sides and remove from oil. Remove pan and oil from flame and save. Place salmon onto baking sheet and place in oven to finish cooking, four to six minutes, depending on thickness of fillet. Add minced garlic and ginger to sauté pan and return to heat. Cook one minute,

GOLD COAST

Epazote Southwest Restaurant

1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza,

Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons fre-

quently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its

high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include

southwestern-style tapas and spitroasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open

daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Hide Away Cafe 150 South Acacia

Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-755-3388. The Hide Away is the classic forties California beach café. You have to look

carefully down the tiny tree-shaded street to spot their big blue-and-yellow

sign. It's a homey little place, with a

corrugated iron roof, wooden porch,

and a green mantle of gnarly old ivy.

The sidewalk is under reconstruction

right now, so it's doubly hidden away—you'll have to reach it through

the back side. Flap through the swing doors. Inhale the good smells from the kitchen. Sit down at one of the intimate

tables. Order the jalapeño and grilled red onion omelet with avocado and

Jack cheese. Or the delicious "Kaleido-

scope": scrambled eggs, cheese, bell peppers, onions, and home fries. Finish up with a slice of homemade pumpkin-nut bread. Breakfast and lunch

only, open daily to 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00) till soft but not darkened. Add red peppers and broccoli, as these will take the longest to cook. Cook till they begin to soften. Add bok choy, eggplant, and mushrooms. Cook till they start to soften. Continue to stir all with a spatula and add soy sauce and oyster sauce. Add bean sprouts. Cook until sprouts are softened and add lemon juice. Remove vegetables with a slotted spoon to a plate.

Place the salmon on top. Spoon the remaining

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-0113. The

menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list

of entrées. Two dining rooms are avail-

able; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to

avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and

dinner. Moderate to expensive. - E.W.

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (be-

tween Genevieve Street and Juanita

Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night,

when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the

Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio,

under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree.

looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back

in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina

started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody

from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has

passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just

about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real)

crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is de-

licious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It

means "shack." Open seven days, but with a gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

oyster-soy-lemon sauce over the salmon. Serve with steamed jasmine rice. This recipe serves four.

INGREDIENTS

- Vegetables: 1 teaspoon garlic, finely minced 1 teaspoon ginger root, finely
- minced 1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced,
- seeds removed ½ pound Chinese broccoli, thinly sliced
- 1 pound bok choy, thinly sliced 1 pound Japanese eggplant,

thinly sliced

LA JOLLA

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 627 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Daily's Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Lunch and dinner (same menu) daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 4 p.m. The whisper-thin crèpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast a' l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — N.W. (5/02)

4 ounces fresh shiitake

¹/₂ pound of bean sprouts,

part of tail)

Fish:

mushrooms, thinly sliced

trimmed (remove stringy

1 pound Atlantic salmon fillet,

skin off, pin bone

removed

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

black pepper

2 tablespoons sesame oil

2 tablespoons peanut oil

8 ounces lite soy sauce

4 ounces oyster sauce

Juice of 4 lemons

1⁄2 teaspoon freshly ground

George's At The Cove 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The always-excellent George's, with its first-rate fish and meat menu, boasts three dining levels on its ocean-view site. The first level is the fine dining room, with full menu and gourmet lunch and dinners. Above is the Café, and on top is the Terrace, which is romantic on balmy nights. The Café and Terrace offer identical menus: light meals for lunch, extensive menu for dinner. The Ocean View Room offers high-quality California regional cuisine, with higher prices. Food is well prepared and their famous roasted chicken, bean, and broccoli soup is still on the menu. Incomparable service. Call for exact hours. Expensive, George's gourmet room; moderate to expensive, other rooms. — *E.W. (9/99)*

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor Brahmins, and gardeners) - could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish wait-resses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the baconloaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between beenhere-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Long lines on weekends. In-expensive. — *E.B.* (2/03)

India Palace 7514 Girard Avenue (at Pearl, across parking lot from Vons), Suite 10, La Jolla, 858-551-5133. In one of the best (and prettiest) Indian restaurants in the area, the refined cuisine of the north is served in a curva cious, serene room with a domed ceiling. Most dishes are gently spicy, but you can specify your preferred hotness. Stunningly tender tandoori sea bass (and a rich, slightly sweet stew made from it, fish *masala*) is a house spe-cialty. Vegetable entrées are also outstanding, particularly the sprightly *navrattan korma*, mixed veggies in a luscious nutty, creamy vogurt sauce. Other fine choices include tandoori lamb dishes, stir-fried prawns *karahi*, lamb pasanda, and eleven house-made Indian breads. Fried appetizers, how ever, tend to be greasy, and chicken in all preparations is overcooked dry breast meat. For dessert, don't miss the fresh, fruity house-made mango kulfi (Indian ice milk). Service is competent and cordial. Reserve for weekends Open daily. Bargain-price buffet lunch (à la carte also available). Dinners inexpensive to low moderate, with a price-leap for tandoori meats. N.W. (6/01)

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pannwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/03)

Sushi On The Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot - a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative *futo-maki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and to*biko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well-conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. The one-time menu of cooked dinner entrées, however, is now minimal. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for Happy Hour specials. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Ho-tel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy - hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, al-monds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crepes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This bricky, dark wood, clubby, businessconvention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and



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clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, shawerma, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetari-ans. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. -N.W. (11/00)

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 848-268-9638. Holein-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are chal-lenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jel-lyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) - you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

The Good Egg 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy Street), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-4244. The menu offers omelets, gourmet pancakes, waffles, and several different kinds of frittatas. Freshly squeezed fruit juices are avail-able, and for lunch there are burgers, salads, and a long list of sandwiches. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. -E.W.

New Shanghai 4681 Convoy Street. Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

THE BEACHES

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Just like eating in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street's best tourist traps complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City "let the bon temps rouler" feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crabcakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. -N.W. (2/02) China Inn 877 Hornblend Street (be-Garnet and Grand), tween Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. The enor mous menu here offers Mandarin and

Szechuan specialties including especially good sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. The setting is simple but the food is outstanding. If chef-owner Andy Kam is present, ask his advice about the day's best dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.W.

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal 619-225-0308. Seek out this familyowned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.* Jared's 880 East Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-5030. The house specialty is steak, offered in a room directly on the harbor. Presentation, in the manner, of Morton's, is to show you the entrées raw. Price of entrée includes nothing else; vegetables, potatoes à la carte. Excellent appetizers, especially five-onion tart. First-rate bread and bread pudding. Dinner only, Wednesday through Sunday. Reservations required. Expensive. - E.W.

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cui-sine 825 Garnet Street (SeaCoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like gang ped, panang, and kang kari. Or noodle dishes like the famous pad thai. But

they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The tom yum kung (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. An-other sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (2/03)

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Ave-nue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try any-thing else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. -N.W. (6/01)

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna can-nery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian fam-ily still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy sea-sonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. -EB(11/00)

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Located directly on the boardwalk with an unobstructed view, this casual restaurant offers patio or indoor din-ing. Food preparation is straightforward - nothing fancy, but fresh, wholesome, and offering large por-tions. Thirty appetizers available in the bar. Combination dinners with steak and seafood are expensive. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday to 3 p.m.; breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive. - E.W.

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (be tween 30th Street and Fern Street). South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't

just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mush-rooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the mulita carne adobada (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

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blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-thanfresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Mama's Bakery And Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and ease. Recommendations include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made *sajj*, (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of *fool mudamas*, or slowcooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and *baba ghanoush* (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (1/99)

Vesuvio Gourmet 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-282-7040. Wonderful Southern and regional Italian food is served here. The interior is gorgeous, the service swift, and the servings huge and tempting. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

Antonio's Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the décor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabu-lous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are userfriendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its baconwrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liquor in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buf-fet Sunday through Thursday. Inexpensive to low moderate. A.M. (4/03)

Aswan 7404 University Avenue (at Lowell), La Mesa, 619-464-7100. Louisiana and East Africa share the menu at this spacious restaurant "where the Mississippi meets the Nile." Most dishes are made to order, so don't expect to eat and run. Start with a sampling of Maryam Suliman's Somalian *sambussas* (of chicken, beef, spinach, potato, lentils, shrimp, cheese, fruit) each savory filling is differently seasoned. Then dive into a bowl of coowner Vernon Sukumu's exemplary seafood gumbo. You can choose dishes from the Big Easy or opt for African speahetti, or a vegetarian sampler. "All you can eat" weekend brunches offer

items from both cuisines, including fried turkey. No alcohol, no pork, all meats *hallal* (butchered following Islamic sanitary rules). Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday, brunch and dinner weekends. Low moderate. — *N.W.* (2/02)

Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine:

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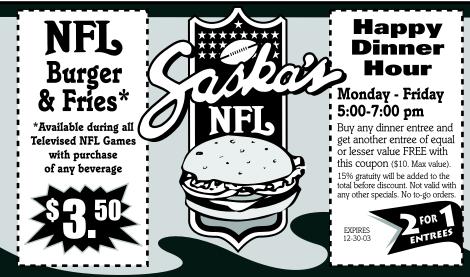


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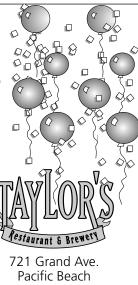
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Tyler's Taste Of Texas 576 North cond Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9297. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respec-tively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texasstyle barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture BBO beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpen sive to low moderate. — A.M. (2/02)

FAR EAST

Badlands Market/Cafe The Mall, 561 Palm Canyon Drive (south side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-4058. This is an epicure's oasis in the desert, a combination of gourmet deli and serious café where you can find a lively breakfast, scrumptious picnic lunch, or (on weekends) a light, savory dinner from an imaginative, daily changing menu. Great cheeses, pâtés, extra-virgin oils, artisan breads, delicate pastries and full-bodied French Roast coffee are among the delights that make this the Garden of Eatin' in a town where both grocery stores are pretty dire. Open Sunday to Thursday for breakfast to late lunch; Friday and Saturday until 7 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Old Oak Inn 1367 Dewey Place, Campo, 619-478-9924. Don't blink, or you might miss this hub of the wayout-there downtown Cameron Corners, near the Campo steam train depot. The family who runs it has been homesteading this patch of country since 1868. The food is good, solid traditional American fare, from ham, eggs, and hash brown potatoes to barbecued beef "piled high" on a toasted bun with French fries and salad, to the threepiece chicken basket dinner. The great pleasure is to fill up, go outside, and then just listen to the silence. Open daily, lunch and dinner; kitchen closed from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-3311. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in their daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy (though their *sag* paneer — creamy, cheesy spinach paneer — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buf-fet includes tandoori chicken, assorted pakoras (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leathermouths, "*tikhi*." For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb samosas. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored trea-sure. Open lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday Moderate. — E.B. (4/03) lunch evenings

California Cuisine 1027 University Avenue (between 10th and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. This 20-yearold neighborhood favorite underwent an exciting total remake in February, 2003. The hard-edged, mirrored decor's the same, but a new chef, Justin Hoehn (coming from Laurel), has re placed the lengthy grazing menu with fewer but better-honed choices that the small kitchen can execute without a hitch. And the guy has a flawless palate Most appetizers are simple but devil-ishly clever, literally living up to their name, while entrées exhibit fresh, sophisticated combinations of exquisitely balanced, global flavors, with garnishes smartly chosen to complement the pri-mary ingredient. But save room for a sweet: Dessert Chef Laurel Huffnagle produces the bold, thrilling endings that these meals deserve. The restaurant is very noisy when busy. Private garden-patio dining available in good weather. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tues-day through Sunday. Upper moderate to expensive. - N.W. (4/03)

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The chef has cooked for the Siamese royal family, but more importantly, she hasn't made too many compromises in the cuisine on this side of the Pacific. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and very carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the "Chef's Specialty" items on the menu to find the best and arrest dishes. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee* duck or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, Pineapple Fried Rice. — N.W. (5/02)

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the blackand-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-andsour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the See-burg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Cottage Cafe & Garden Grill 2321 Fifth Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-696-0071. The Pol-









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ish feel of this midtown café is palpa ble. The owners vacation in Poland yearly to update the family recipes. But you can eat American if you want, with smidgeons of Russian, Italian, and Greek, too. The "Farmer's Breakfast' is a roundup of chopped ham or sausage, onions scrambled with two eggs, home fries, and toast. Or go Pol-ish with a grilled Polish sausage sandwich stuffed with peppers, onions, and sauerkraut on rye. A full range of Pol-ish specialties shows up on the weekend all-vou-can-eat buffet, with stuffed cabbage, beef stroganoff, sausages and cab-bage, and chicken paprika. Try the Polish beer, "Okocim, 1845," but be careful—it's 8.1 percent alcohol. Great patio out back. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01) Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boule vard (between University and El Ca-jon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush pup-pies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beare and rice. Heated cmoder red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to rest rooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (4/03) Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokvo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with week-day specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick udon noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a

dish) made most so a secured is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Open daily until 9 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00) **Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant** 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. This long-running, old-fashioned Italian favorite (formerly Giulio's in Pacific Beach) is a low-cost family restaurant with fresh, casual fare. The best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their famous scampi. Outdoor patio is a plus. Open daily, lunch and dinner; continuous service on weekends. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chilpotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W.* (11/00)

Lotus Thai 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegetarian-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled beef (e.g., *satay*, beef salad) featuring a tender cut in a tangy marinade. From the long list of house specialties try the lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the chile-fierce "Crazy Duck" salad, or the savory (if slightly dry) "three-flavor" whole fried fish accompanied by a garlic-chile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and too many dishes are oddly bland (even when they're spicy). The flesh compo-



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nents (shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste like they've been parboiled in plain water and tossed into the pot at the last minute, with nothing left to give to or gain from the sauces — so if you crave soup or curry, you're best off with the elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Mission Hills Cafe 808 Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-296-8010. Belgian waffles are your natural intro here. Why? Because François, the owner, is Belgian. The man knows waffles. But the thing is how cheap this is for a sophisticated eatery, with its linen tablecloths, waiters in long aprons, and bread baskets. (The bread's incredible. It'll fill you before you spend a dime.) Dishes like Thai chicken or shrimp salad over shredded jicama, cucumber, and carrots are usually rich folks' territory. Ditto the "Pear Cambozola" salad, with strawberries, pecans, and a Camembert/Gorgonzola-style cheese, or "François's Famous Vegetarian Lasagna." And check out François's art on the wall — he always cooks one part in his oven, like the baked bread horses stuck on his piece called "Sea Biscuits." Daily, three meals. Inexpensive by day; more expensive at night, but reasonable. — *E.B. (9/03)*

Trattoria Mamma Anna and Ristorante 228 Washington Street (at Albatross Street), Mission Hills, 619-220-7070. The food is Sicilian and the ambience is "neighborhood." "Mamma Anna" herself appears on and off at the eponymic restaurant, a popular Gaslamp spot before she retired and then, months later, revived the restaurant two miles north. The cooking, too, is somewhat on-and-off, but the best dishes can be marvelous. Look for dishes with the fresh, clean marinara sauce and the homemade sausages, and save room for cheesecake. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.* (10/02)

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Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. The best Persian food in the city is prepared here. It's sensuous, low fat, and a blessing to the sight as well as the palate. Try stuffed grape leaves, yogurt, eggplant, charbroiled filet mignon, lamb, or chicken. Order all three kinds of rice. Enchanting interior, wonderful service. Not to be missed. Open daily, same menu lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate.

-E.W.

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (8/01) **Chive** 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Eating's an adventure at this coolly minimalist urban bistro where chef A.J. Voytko does his magic with a seasonally changing menu of inventive "modern cuisine." Dishes alternate between high-risk global fusion and stringently simple combinations that place outstanding ingredients (including freerange chicken and veal) at center stage, accompanied by a revelatory repertory of exotic vegetables. The worldwide wine list offers over 50 choices by the glass. Reserve for weekend dinners, when a chic young crowd pours in. Full bar. No cell phone use inside. Dinner nightly, with weekend service to 11:30 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m.to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderatepriced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Downtown Fish Joint 407 C Street (at Fourth Avenue), downtown, 619-239-3506. Surprise: If you grab a shrimp taco at the Fish Joint and come sit outside at their sidewalk tables, you've found one of downtown's leastappreciated weekday lunch locations. With red trolleys, shady green trees, the old California Theater, and lunchtime foot traffic, the place feels positively swank. Most ask for fish and chips. But if "8 ounces of North Atlantic cod, 5-6 pieces" is too much, ask for the children's half-order. For a splurge, order the 8-ounce grilled salmon or the grilled seafood plate. Open weekdays, lunch Monday through Thursday, plus early dinner Friday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

Gargoyle Gallery & Cafe 1845 India Street (at Fir Street), Littly Italy, 619-234-1344. One of the hidden gems of Little Italy, but there's nothing Italian about it. The Moroccan decor with Turkish pillows, exotic lamps, tiles, inside tap fountain and a sunlit courtyard all combine to turn a meal here — even though it's mostly modest *panini* ("small bread") sandwiches — into a really sexy feast. Lots of kalamata olives, feta cheese, mozzarella, ham, and tomatoes. Try "The Moroccan" with grilled eggplant, zucchini, roasted red peppers, raisins, spicy garlic chili oil, and mixed greens. Or "The Spanish" with grilled chicken, manchego cheese, sliced olives, mixed greens, and aïoli. The breakfast menu includes two-egg *panini* with grilled zucchini, marinated peppers, feta cheese, and orange slices. A must-have: French pressed coffee, a two-cup glass pot with a steel plunger. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Belly dancing, first Saturday of the month. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Grand Central Cafe YMCA, 500 West Broadway (at India Street), downtown, 619-234-2233. A nice Broadway surprise — who'd expect the "Y" to have terrific meals? But Grand Central tries hard. The breakfasts are big and filling, and the lunch chili with salad and cheese toast is a tasty bargain. So is the veggie-burger with fries, coleslaw, soup, or salad. Plus you can look down onto Broadway and check when your boss is returning to work. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Morton's Of Chicago 285 J Street, Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N.* (9/99)

Nagi's Bar and Grill 501 West Broadway, downtown, 619-233-5933. Nagi Sekla comes from Egypt, via Paris. Before he took over the lease at the staid Koll Center's bar-eatery, he insisted on creating a sidewalk patio slap-dab on Broadway. His lease is our gain. For the first time you can eat, drink, and be merry right on this main drag. And there's nothing like scarfing lunch while you watch lawyers, tourists, and office workers hustle by in the morning sun. Lunch or dinner, start off with his homemade soups, but the must-eat is his Spicy Santa Fe Chicken Salad the magic's in the cranberries and Gorgonzola. Also great: BBQ chicken pizza. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E,B.* (5/03)

Nutters 428 C Street, Suite 101, downtown, 619-239-7075. They say the kid in you never dies. Find out here, where they have invented a zillion varieties of peanut butter applications to turn into lunch. Peanut butter sandwiches, peanut butter salads... First, decide which peanut butter: creamy, crunchy, or "natural style"? Then, what flavor? Super honey crunch? White chocolate? Carob? German chocolate? Cinnamon raisin? Super honey infused with M&Ms? Then, which bread? (My favorite: *challah*, a big egg bread.) Then (sigh) the sandwich itself. "Dad's Way" — peanut butter with crushed Oreos? "Mom's Way" — peanut butter and bananas? Or the "An Elvis Sighting" — grilled peanut butter topped with bananas, honey, and bacon. Lunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you're here because Rainwater's is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain't filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — A.M. (6/03)

Spice House Cafe 1401 Ninth Street (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-239-8510. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting

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up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Original branch at 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028, also serves dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

St. Tropez Bakery and Bistro 926 Broadway Circle (at Second and Broadway), downtown, 619-696-8695. (Also in Encinitas; see North Coastal listings.) Bright is the word. Bright yellow-and-blue murals of St. Tropez's life and bright sidewalk seating outside. A true sidewalk café. Sitting on the sidewalk here is almost as nice as Nice. Plus, you can eat, drink, or just nurse a coffee for hours. No pressure. But then you'd miss the delish *croque monsieur* (toasted creamy sauce-topped cheese sandwich, French-style) or *croque madame* (same plus fried egg) or salade *miçoise*. It's a bakery too, so the morning croissants are to die for. Must-tries: the "Marseille" (ratatouille on roasted bread) and the salmon salad. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/03)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Crown City Grille 926 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5822. If you thought Coronado had only fat-cat eateries, think again — the area crawls with burrito joints, pizza joints, rice joints, and burger joints. Yet this new burgery is doing fine. It could be the sheer variety, but mainly it's that they've got the burger basics right. The bun's crisp, the meat's lean and, especially with the bleu cheese model, the taste is to die for. Owners Dave and Jeanne Evans say the pattic's always part sirloin, part New York cut. Also, the jalapeño-bacon cheeseburger is excellent, the Chicago-style hot dog with "sport peppers" is hot and messy, and the Icelandic cod fish and chips is generously portioned and tasty. Plus, beer and wine. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado. 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Mon-roe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even longstemmed strawberries vou hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occa-sion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sundays, 9 a.m to 2 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B.* (9/03)

Da Kine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix - hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nec-tar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; open Mondays in summer only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-thepremises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghettini. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Lydia's Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos, cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open from early breakfast to early dinner Sunday through Wednesday, until midnight Thursday and Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

McP's Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barley of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's' patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty (and then some) Irish meatfest breakfast. Open daily, standard pub hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Primavera 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This standout in Coronado's culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious ossobuco, of which every detail is accomplished, admirable. For dessert, have one of their excellent espressos and the tiramisu or lemon ricotta cake. Primavera's accomplished staff takes unpretentious pride in their kitchen, the food and wine they serve, and rightfully so. Open daily. Expensive. — *M.N. (11/98)*

Tomatoes Plus: A California Bistro 4346 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-8494. If you blink between the Baskin-Robbins and the market in the Bonita Center, you could miss this place. A mistake Tomatoes charms you with an atmosphere somewhere between mumsy and whimsy. And it bulges with dishes that are healthy but not preachy. This is not thinly disguised rabbit food — not with dishes like chicken and eggplant salad, which comes with delicious roast eggplant and chicken strips bathed in tingling chipotle (mesquite-smoked jalepeño) vinaigrette. Or chicken Florentine (breaded chicken breast with toma toes - of course - plus spinach, cheese, and sautéed mushrooms. To use up more tomatoes, they have lotsa pasta dishes too. And if you're feeling broke, the chili or clam chowder in an edible bread bowl will definitely fill you. Sunday champagne brunch usually has a surprise or two, and the everyday ap-ple sausage omelet breakfast is a sweetsavory treat. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (4/02)

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Big Boy Restaurant 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and end-









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less coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" ham-burger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Cafe la Especial 718 Avenida Rev olución (down the market steps), Ti-juana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-togringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to carne asada and bistek ranchero, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (5/02) Cien Anos Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262, altacocina@cien-a.com. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordi-nary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef mar-row, alligator meat mini-tacos, pozole with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Re-ichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mez-cal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baia

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Despite his spiritual growth, he remains a bit of a dilettante and a poseur.

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ill Tom Cruise ever grow up? — or is he destined at age sixty, as he is now at over forty, to be forever proving himself as a neophyte and an upstart, acting

out the fantasies of the collective undergrad and yuppie? At the opening of The Last Samurai he has already

done a lot of proving: "One of the most decorated warriors this nation has ever known," circa 1876, when he is serving as a pitchman for Winchester rifles, though drinking on the job as heavily as Bad Santa (Bad Soldier, perhaps?), and wrestling with nightmarish flashbacks to the slaughter of the Indian. But at that point his spiritual journey has barely begun, his medals amounting to no more than his diploma, his price of passage.

The journey really gets rolling only after he is hired as a mercenary (his commanding officer, losing no sleep over the slaughtered Indians, compels him to accept the commission) to train the troops of the Japanese emperor to combat a renegade samurai, who shuns the use of firearms, and whose ancient and noble ways merge in the mind of our tormented hero with those of the

red man. In his first encounter with the new enemy, the wounded Yankee will be taken captive (not before cutting down more of them than you could count on the fingers of both hands) and will

spend the winter in the hills, there to be nursed back to health (and off DUNCAN SHEPHERD the hooch) by the widow of one of his victims,

to learn their strange ways, to master in a few lessons the art of kendo (practicing the moves both comically, in his first kimono under the amused eye of a child, and then more picturesquely, on the crest of a hill in front of a raspberry sunset), to strike up an avuncular relationship with the widow's children (dimple opportunity for Cruise), and finally to align himself with the rebels in opposition to the overwhelming numbers, and superior firepower, marshalled by his old commander. In short, a sort of Dances with Akitas.

This glossy, glamorizing, vulgar, overblown, pompous, and presumptuous epic is, in addition to all that, intermittently stimulating. Although on the whole the military training sequences offer nothing to rival those of Glory (same director, Edward Zwick, and same general era), one of them at



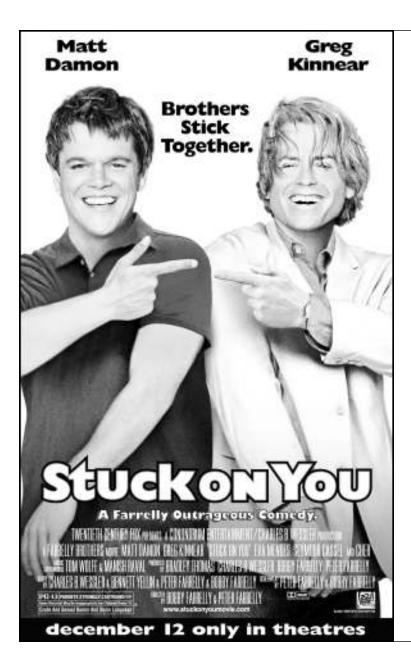
least comes close: the scene when Cruise demonstrates the unreadiness of his troops by placing himself bodily on the firing range. And the prelude to the first battle conjures up an almost fairy-tale atmosphere in a foggy forest lanced by milky shafts of light, before the effect gets deflated by the trite use of slow-motion on the cavalry

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charge. And the nocturnal attack of the ninjas on the samurai sanctuary is better than all the swordplay in Kill Bill, Vol. 1, and there's more swordplay still to come. On a deeper level, the cornerstone Japanese theme of trampled tradition in the onrush of Westernization is respectfully and knowledgeably handled. And Ken The Last Samurai

Watanabe cuts a fine figure as the hidebound samurai: I can hardly express how relieved I was to realize that the title referred to him and not to Cruise, and then how aggrieved I was to have that realization shaken at the end, when it falls to our Tom (yellower than thou) to lecture the boyish emperor on what it means to be Japanese. It struck me,



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at that juncture, as particularly two-faced to attempt to cast shame on the emperor's Westernized advisor for his unwillingness to commit hara-kiri when appropriate, while the samurized Westerner (if I have understood my lessons correctly) feels no obligation to do likewise. That mightn't have gone down well with the undergrads and yuppies who look to Cruise for inspiration. They will want to have their pot of gold, even if it's only spiritual gold.

In the last analysis, the sprawling, transpacific, two-and-a-half-hour war story is all about Tom. Even as he gives himself up to his fascination with the enemy (who allow him to live only because of their fascination with him). it is the fascination itself, and not the objects of it, that rivets the camera: never mind what's so fascinating, let's fix our sights on who's so fascinated. (Cruise's head looks about to burst from the effort.) And despite his embrace of Bushido — his spiritual growth, his martial-arts mastery, his embodiment of the lost concept of "honor" — he remains a bit of a dilettante and a poseur. (Where does his humility, his subservience, come into it?) In the larger view, despite the lip service paid to an alien and ancient culture, despite the stacking of the deck in that culture's favor, the horning-in hero remains a sterling representative of the American imperialist, similar to the interlopers and appropriators in such cultural hybrids (highbrow and low) as The Challenge, The Karate Kid, Ghost Dog,

Bulletproof Monk, and yes, Kill Bill, too. The quest is ultimately not so much for his peace of mind as for his piece of the action.

21 Grams, the first English-language feature from Mexican filmmaker Alejandro González Iñárritu, brings together disparate characters by the same matchmaking method of his Amores Perros: by car accident. Benicio Del Toro, a born-again ex-con, runs over the husband and two daughters of Naomi Watts, and the husband's heart is transplanted anonymously into Sean Penn, a teacher of mathematics and probability, and therefore a deep appreciator of his good fortune, who tracks down and begins to court the widow without, so to speak, baring his chest. (I wish I could have laid money on the widow's reaction when finally told, a reaction with which the crap-detecting spectator would gladly chime in: "How dare you!") It takes a while for all of this to come clear, inasmuch as the information is doled out in nonsequential fragments that leave it to the audience to arrange in order: a participatory form of storytelling. You eventually get your bearings, and the jumps between lifelines and time zones seem to diminish in distance, closing in toward a climax. Out of the jumble, a unifying point can be perceived: a shattered narrative for shattered lives, a kind of cinematic cubism which enables us to see the before and the after, side by side. To put every puzzle-piece into its proper place is not the principal task. Simply to observe that they belong to the same picture will suffice.

The total experience might have been more satisfying if the picture per se were better to look at. Great pains have been taken to achieve a feeling of reality in

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the people and the places, yet the bloodless, bleached-out color and the shaky, earthquaky camera are but fashionable affectations. (Iñárritu orbits around some of the same material as Eastwood in Mystic River-loss, regret, revenge, remorse — but he cannot quite stand to look at it as squarely.) The film brings together, besides the disparate characters, several performers I like to watch: Charlotte Gainsbourg, Clea DuVall (small part), Annie Corley (tiny part), and of course the protean Sean Penn. And I would now have to add Melissa Leo, as Del Toro's fiercely protective wife, whom I barely recognize from her ingenue davs in A Time of Destinv. Watts blame the role if you want — is a bit strained, like an opera singer screeching on the high notes, but she's still within her range in the powerful scene in which she retraces the last steps of her loved ones.

The Haunted Mansion, mere months after Pirates of the Caribbean, guides us across New Orleans Square (seceded from Frontierland) for another Disneyland ride-turned-movie: a slender thread of storyline — "We have to break the curse!" - on which to hang the special-effects baubles. (When do we make our way to It's a Small, Small World?) Eddie Murphy, as a type-A realestate agent in partnership with his wife, comes as close to a pop-eyed Mantan Moreland impersonation as contemporary sensibilities will allow. And as we learned from The Human Stain, the use of the word "spook" or "spooky" in any connection is here precluded. Too bad, because it would well suit Terence Stamp as the cadaverous butler with the cavernous eyes and the somnambulist gait. He alone alleviates some of the boredom be-

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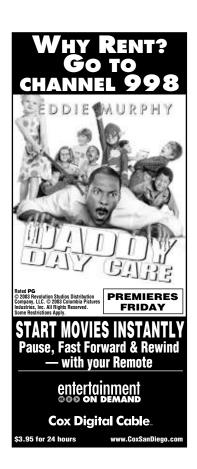
tween the CG effects, but none of the boredom of the effects themselves.

To Be and To Have, directed, edited, and shot by Nicolas Philibert, is a slow, tranquil, mildly austere, richly detailed, and well-photographed documentary on a dedicated teacher, name of Georges Lopez, twenty years in a one-room schoolhouse in rural Auvergne, and now on the brink of retirement. You see real work being done, important work, imperturbably done. You see the surrounding countryside. You see the change of seasons. (There is one brief interview interlude outside the natural flow of life.) And you get to know several of the students, some better than others, ranging in age from three to eleven: little Jojo is a heart-stealer. You need patience, but in Maître Lopez you have an exemplary model. It plays at the Ken through Thursday the Fourth, and then moves over to the La Jolla Village on Friday. Catch it if you can.

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Bad Santa — Sick and twisted (and goddam proud of it) Christmas comedy by Terry Zwigoff, whose Ghost World instantaneously takes on the appearance of a fluke. It was the characters, even more clearly now than before, who "made" Ghost World - them, and their literary or quasiliterary creator, the graphic novelist Daniel Clowes. And although the director maintains his allegiance to misfits and marginals, it's the characters who unmake Bad Santa. One of them is more than enough: a guzzling, cussing, lusting department-store Santa (Billy Bob Thornton) who puts up with the parade of grasping brats only so that he can crack the office safe on Christmas Eve, with the help of his dwarfish elf (Tony Cox), the brains of the operation. The wonder of it is that, whether wetting himself in the Santa chair or stumbling over the papier-mâché reindeer in an alcoholic fog, he can hold on to his job long enough to pull off the bigger job. A dose of half-apologetic pathos seeps into it in the form of a self-described "dipshit loser," a bullied, runny-nosed fat boy (Brett Kelly)



by the name of Thurman Merman, whose devotion to Saint Nick, either the Platonic ideal or this grotesquely flawed facsimile, brands him a borderline imbecile. The tenuous bond between the two ("It made me feel good about myself," glows Santa after beating the boy's teenage tormentor to a pulp) raises the emotional temperature only a degree or two: not enough to alter the one-joke monotony. Bernie Mac, Lauren Graham, John Ritter, Cloris Leachman. 2003.

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Brother Bear — Pagan pietism, from the Disney animation studio, to do with a Northwest Indian lad who, in his anxiety to become a man, kills a bear and gets magically transformed into a bear himself, to see how the other half lives: blissed out on nature (the moose practice yoga) and communality and oneness — unless you're unlucky enough to be a salmon, who count only as calories. More than merely transformed, the Indian gets converted. (Gimme that New Age religion.) The agenda rather throttles the creativity. Songs by Phil Collins. Directed by Aaron Blaise and Robert Walker. 2003.

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Bus 174 — Documentary by José Padilha on a bus-hijacking in Rio de Janeiro and the ensuing media frenzy. (KEN, 12/5 THROUGH 11)

The Cat in the Hat — The untested director Bo Welch, trained as a production designer, tries out the tested formula of How the Grinch Stole Christmas: a sententious Dr. Seuss book, a sampling of voiceover recitations from the actual text ("Then something went bump. How that bump made them jump!"), and a major comedy star so impenetrably disguised in the title role that he might as well be doing nothing but dubbing. The major star in this instance is identified as Mike Myers, but if you were told that behind the cat suit, and . behind the New Yawk accent, the camping, the burlesquing, was Nathan Lane, you'd be obliged to accept it without a murmur. Myers has occasion to do other accents as well, and the Scottish and Canadian are more recognizably him. The two-note falsetto laugh, on the other hand, might put you more in mind of Pee-wee Herman, helped along by the surrounding dollhouse townscape. Were it to put you in mind specifically of Pee-wee's Big Adventure, you would then have a useful guideline to gauge what's missing: originality, humanity, charm, modesty, innocence, things like that. With Alec Baldwin, Kelly Preston, Dakota Fanning, Spencer Breslin, and Sean Hayes. 2003.

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Elf — Will Ferrell as a human raised by elves, leaving the womb of Santa's Workshop in full adulthood to track down his biological father, a bottom-line publisher of Kiddie Lit ("He's on the naughty list"). Directed by Jon Favreau, the film wants to play both sides of the street - to be a True-Spirit-of-Christmas sermon and at the same time be hip, cool, sardonic, and smarty-pants — and it ends up outstaying its welcome. We do, however, get some nicely worked-out detail, a better than average bumpkin-in-Manhattan montage, and a couple of well-played secondary char-

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acters: a harried and unwhimsical toydepartment manager at Gimbel's (the hefty Faizon Love) and a self-important top-selling author of children's books (the pintsized Peter Dinklage, of *The Station Agent*). With James Caan, Zooey Deschanel, Mary Steenburgen, Bob Newhart, Edward Asner. 2003.

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Gothika — A whydunit, rather than whodunit, to do with a beautiful prison psychologist (Halle Berry) who is flabbergasted to wake up in a cell herself, with no memory of having chopped up her beefy husband three days earlier, and only a fragmentary memory of having swerved into a ditch on the way home in order to avoid a bloody young blonde standing in the middle of the road and the midst of a downpour, and then bursting into flame at the touch of a hand. The blonde, if she is in any sense "real," can only be a ghost, and the psychologist and her colleagues do not be lieve in ghosts. But then: who fogged up the glass in her cell and finger-wrote the words 'NOT ALONE" in the frost? And who carved that same message into her forearm in the shower room? (As unprurient a women-in-prison shower scene, inciden-



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tally, as you could ever wish to see, despite the participation in it of Halle Berry and Penelope Cruz.) The mounting sense of dread in the movie has little to do with any terrors that may await, and much to do with the perceived unlikelihood of a satisfactory wrap-up. ("I wouldn't look for a real-world explanation," we are warned. "It's a dream. It's a delusion.") The sunglasses-indoors style of photography fosters no confidence in the filmmaker's — Mathieu Kassovitz's - interest in elucidation, and indeed the predictable climax falls far short of satisfactory, being both over-obvious as far as it goes and incurious to go any farther. The appearances of the ghost, however, greatly enliven a grind-it-out plot in which the ghost proves to be all but gratuitous. Savor her for herself. With Robert Downey, Jr., Charles S. Dutton, John Carroll Lynch, 2003.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Haunted Mansion — Reviewed this issue. With Eddie Murphy, Marsha Thomason, Nathaniel Parker, Terence Stamp, and Jennifer Tilly; directed by Rob Minkoff. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 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; OCEAN-SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VIL-LAGE)

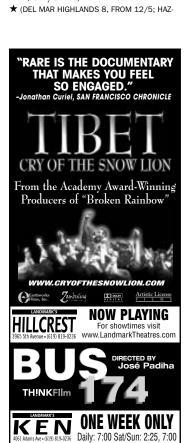
Honey — No, not a dramatization of the Bobby Goldsboro tune. Rather, the bigscreen coming-out party for TV's Dark Angel, Jessica Abs — oops, Jessica Alba — as a nightclub bartender, record-store clerk, and hip-hop instructor who dreams of making it in music videos. First-time director Bille Woodruff, who has already made it in music videos, has not really raised his sights. Mekhi Phifer, Lil' Romeo, Joy Bryant, David Moscow, Missy Elliott. 2003. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 12/5)

The Human Stain — Robert Benton's adaptation of a Philip Roth novel feels incontrovertibly 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, and, to top it all off, 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 halflight that Benton favors in cinematography is painterly, not bookish, but still not quite movie-ish: his fussed-over, prinked-up images approach petrifaction. 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

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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. This racial revelation might work better on the page, which is to say in the mind's eve. It might even have worked all right on screen with someone in the role besides Sir Anthony Hopkins (whose American accent 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, and that he does not 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. With Nicole Kidman, Gary Sinise, Ed Harris. 2003.









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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 comicbook 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 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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Last Samurai — Reviewed this issue. With Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe, Timothy Spall, and Tony Goldwyn; directed by Edward Zwick. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZ-ARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 12/5)

The Legend of Johnny Lingo — South Seas adventure film from New Zealand, starring George Henare and directed by Steven Ramirez. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 12/5)

Looney Tunes: Back in Action -Seamy as distinct from seamless blend of live action and animation, following in the footsteps (or the cattle trail) of Who Framed Roger Rabbit, Space Jam, The Ad-ventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle, et al. Under the direction of Joe Dante, a dependable maker of messes, it pays homage to the old Warners cartoons with such profligacy as to show a complete lack of appreciation for the lightly weighted, delicately balanced, finely tuned mechanisms they were. The wisenheimer attitude comes close enough to the originals, and the premise is serviceable: Daffy Duck envies Bugs Bunny his top-dog status at the studio. What we get in place of comic timing, however, is some thing more like comic cramming: instead of a modus operandi of hit-and-run, a forty-car pileup in a fog and then gridlock for miles. Some of the gags might be all right in another context (a car plummeting nose-first toward the ground and screeching to a halt five feet before impact: "Out of gas"), and there are in-jokes to butter up film scholars of various schools and classes: Bond films, Fifties sci-fi, Psycho, Scooby-Doo, not to mention the *oeuvre* of Joe Dante (the obligatory Dick Miller cameo). But the relentless onslaught is such as to hammer vou into submission, sooner rather than later. Steve Martin has no good idea for the villain of the piece, and a number of bad ideas: an overgrown English

schoolboy with a lisping accent, a torturously arched back, short pants, bow tie, owlish Harry Potter specs. Brendan Fraser and Jenna Elfman merely take up space alongside the cartoon critters. 2003. • (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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 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 touristing 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. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA)

Love Actually — 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 goodlooking 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. 2003.

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Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World — The first screen incarnation of Lucky Jack Aubrey, hero of Patrick O'Brian's loved and admired series of historical adventure novels, captain of the British man-of-war, the HMS Surprise. This is preeminently a boys' story, and as pure and innocent a specimen as you are apt to find anymore, uncorrupted by concerns with democracy or demographics. (The closest you could find to it in the *oeuvre* of its director, Peter Weir, is the curdled Conradism of *The Mosquito Coast.*) There is an actual boy on view, a cherubic curly-topped towhead, but of course boys of all ages want to choose their role models and hero figures from among grown men (as the towhead, for example, has chosen Lord Nelson). Girls have no place here at all. There is but one, brief, silent, almost spectral appearance by a female, a copperskinned native on whom Lucky Jack allows his gaze to linger — gateway to another world — before he gets back to business. That business would encompass, among



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other things, the pursuit of a bigger and faster French privateer, the amputation, the flogging, the flagons of rum, the parrot on the shoulder, the typhoon, the man overboard, the seamen's superstitions (is there a "Jonah" among the crew? is the enemy a "phantom"?), the military stratagems (a makeshift raft, festooned with lanterns, cut adrift as a decoy to throw off the trailing French ship in the dark), the naturalist interlude on the Galápagos (the flightless bird, the amphibian iguana), the

Churchillian if not Shakespearean address to the troops on the eve of battle ("Though we be on the far side of the world, this ship is our home. This ship is England"), and most importantly, at the core of it all, the masculine camaraderie, especially that between the Captain and the ship's surgeon, Dr. Stephen Maturin, whose harmonious friendship, as well as harmonious violinand-cello duets, sometimes must give way to the traditional testiness between the soldier and the scientist, the man of action and the man of intellect. Russell Crowe, Paul Bettany. 2003.

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The Matrix Revolutions — "Everything that has a beginning has an end" — so speaks the Oracle. And surely that's the most encouraging word, the most energizing word, the most fortifying word, in the third and final installment of the Wachowski Brothers' man-versus-machine trilogy. (Or "tril," as you may prefer to call it, taking your cue from "Trin," Neo's sweet-talk diminutive for the lovely Trinity.) An end, at long last, to the cluttery computer animation and congested digital compositing, an end to opacity and obfuscation, an end to befuddlement and boredom. The script, whether with a grin or a grimace, has been booby-trapped with lines



that seem to give voice to the viewers' or the filmmakers' innermost thoughts: "I wish there was an easy way to get through this, but there ain't." Or: "I know it's difficult to understand." Or: "I don't know what he can do to save us." The "he" is of course our uniquely gifted hero - the anagrammatic Neo — the One — and there's no good reason to doubt him if, in this make-it-up-as-we-go-along narrative, he will be able to see more clearly and deeply into the nature of things after his eyeballs have been burned off his face with a sparking power line. How can we be expected to know what such a man, if that's what he is, can do for us? We could only wish that, whatever it is, he would just hurry up and do it. It's much too late to wish he had quit after the first installment. Or before it. Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss, Laurence Fishburne, Hugo Weaving. 2003. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15;

LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

The Missing - Women's Western, concerned with a frontier healer (Cate Blanchett) and her relationship issues, her maternal instincts, her sexual urges. One day her estranged and very strange father (Tommy Lee Jones, as "Mr. Jones") turns up on her New Mexico homestead, having long ago gone native and converted himself into a subtitle-speaking Chiricahua; and the next day her teenage daughter (Evan Rachel Wood) gets snatched by white-slaver Apaches. Well: as the nearest lawman can tell her, "It takes an Apache to catch an Apache," but a Chiricahua adoptee will have to do. A classic Western premise, this, and perfectly watchable in its working-out, but any surviving classicist (or simple common-sensist) is apt to be unhappy when the tracker consents to take along not just Mother Courage but her younger daughter Dot, who justifies the unhappiness by getting her foot caught between two rocks in the rush of a flash flood, and later tipping off the Indians to an ambush by bouncing a sunbeam off her binocular lenses. Still, the classicist can take encouragement from the

tight focus of the action. Quite simply: "If they make it to Mexico, your child is lost." (No chance, then, that this can balloon into an "epic" in the self-conscious manner of The Searchers.) Which is not to say that the tightness will fend off inflation and pretension. Director Ron Howard, now an Oscarwinner for A Beautiful Mind, has a reputation to keep up. The big innovation here, even if it would not have raised an eyebrow on an old episode of Wild Wild West, is the expansion of the weapons arsenal to in-clude colored powders blown up people's noses and a long-distance voodoo ritual performed on a hairbrush. At such points the scarred and pockmarked antagonist (shudder) seems less a blood brother of Geronimo than of Merlin. With Jenna Boyd, Aaron Eckhart, Val Kilmer, Eric Schweig. 2003.

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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, tear ful, unstoical, 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 tricksy, 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. ★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON

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Pee-wee's Big Adventure — The moviegoer's first introduction to Pee-wee Herman, and both of them should be very happy about it. Jerry Lewis would seem to be the comedian's closest screen cousin, at least in measurement of time, but he even bypasses Lewis in likeness to their silent-era forebears, with his complete and unalterable stylization from head to toe (from glazed ceramic face, that is, to mincing, teetering, geisha-girl step). Included also in that stylized head, to be sure, are a fully op-erative tongue and set of vocal cords, with an assortment of giggles and guffaws out of the repertoire of Bugs Bunny, Porky Pig, and their Warner Brothers stablemates, and a speaking voice like a slightly older brother of Lily Tomlin's Edith Ann. But enough of comparisons. In personality there has never been anyone quite like him. His continual responsiveness to stimuli in the world around him, and especially to self-generated stimuli whenever the world lets him down (e.g., the "mad dog" effect of toothpaste froth, or the face he constructs on his breakfast plate out of fried eggs, bacon, pancake, and strawberry) will no doubt be perceived in terms of childlikeness - or. since he is not an actual child, in terms of



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dementedness. But in his indefatigable alertness to the physical world he makes an example for intellectuals too. And his attitude toward that world is nothing short of philosophical. Directed by Tim Burton. 1985.

★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 12/4, 9 P.M., AND 12/7, 4 P.M.)

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.

★ (PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

The Revolution Will Not Be Tele-

vised — Kim Bartley's and Donnacha O'Briain's profile of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. (KEN, 12/5 THROUGH 11)

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.

(FASHION VALLEY 18)

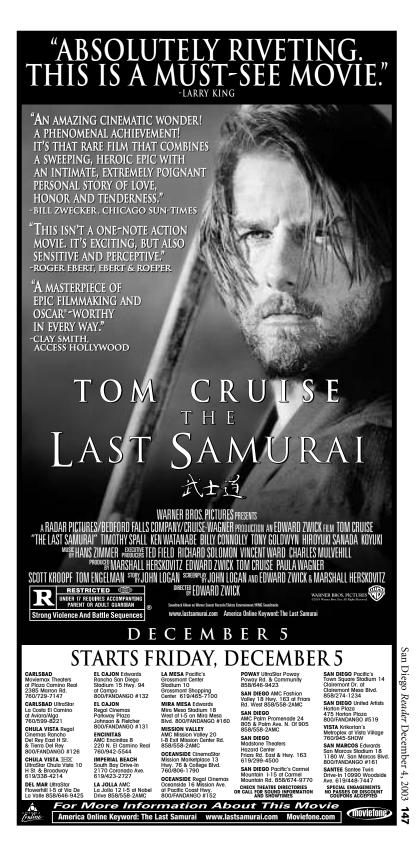
Scary Movie 3 — What is a spoof of 8 Mile doing in the middle of a horror spoof? (Well, not in the middle exactly, but in the first fifteen minutes.) The Ring and Signs are the primary targets of leechery, but director David Zucker (BASEketball, Naked Gun, Top Secret, Airplane), rather than infuse fresh blood into the series, infuses tired blood instead. With Anna Faris, Charlie Sheen, Simon Rex, Anthony Anderson, and scads of cameo players. 2003.
(PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

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 unbefouled, 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 plummiest 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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18: VOGUE)

Shattered Glass — The re-enacted downfall of up-and-coming journalist Stephen Glass, twenty-seven of whose forty-one pieces for The New Republic in the mid-Nineties turned out to have been fabricated in whole or in part. No great shakes as a movie, clumping along in the talking-heads style of a TV docudrama, the writing and directing debut of Billy Ray, adapted from a Vanity Fair article by H.G. "Buzz" Bissinger, is nonetheless a painless and often quite pleasurable way to bone up on the material: you don't even have to move your eyes. There is ample suspense in the layer-by-layer unmasking. (Glass's first line of defense is his stock dis

armament ploy, "Are you mad at me?" Next line of defense: he was duped. Next line of defense: he got the story secondhand.) And there is heroism as well, all the more impressive for the lone hero's unpreparedness and unsuitedness: Peter Sarsgaard, as the friendless editor in charge of the in-house investigation, is properly unimposing and put-upon. And there's a goosebump-raising emotional payoff when the editor finally lays down the journalistic law to one of Glass's die-hard defenders (the miraculously unaffected Chloë Sevigny). And while, on the face of it, the story is not as earth-shaking as that of (everyone's favorite reference point) All the President's Men, it still has much to say about the state of American journalism in particular, its insidious slide toward "entertainment," its blurring of the line between reporting and coloring, and about the state of American culture in general: the culture of lying and cheating and getting ahead no matter how. If those subjects are not earthshaking, they are at any rate earth-eroding. With Hayden Christensen, Hank Azaria, Steve Zahn, Rosario Dawson, 2003. ★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Station Agent — The rare feature film to be built around a dwarf — a taciturn loner who moves into an abandoned train depot in a remote corner of New Jersey to get away from other people ("Hey, buddy, where's Snow White?"), and who







instead falls into a web of new relationships with an insatiably gregarious hot-dog ven-dor, a tormented female artist, an unmarried pregnant librarian, and a black schoolgirl. Modest, offbeat, a bit stiff and clunky, with a restrained and dignified central performance from Peter Dinklage, and a smat-

tering of railroad knowledge. Patricia Clarkson, Bobby Cannavale, Michelle Williams, Raven Goodwin; written and directed by Tom McCarthy. 2003. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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. (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Tibet: Cry of the Snow Lion — Documentarist Tom Peosay covers Tibet from monasteries to brothels; narrated by Martin Sheen. (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Timeline — Time-travel tomfoolery, from a novel by Michael Crichton, wherein a team of archaeologists, together with three ex-Marines for security, are sent back to the 14th-century site they are currently excavating in the French countryside. What a treat for them! — if only they were not on a desperate rescue mission to bring back the head of the team (after finding one of his bifocal lenses in a sealed chamber unbreached for 650 years), and the "wormhole" through which they have squirmed were not going to close up in five and a half

hours, and they were not caught between the crossed swords of the French and the English on the very day in history when Castle La Roque is slated to fall. The standard question — is history destined to repeat itself, or can it be rewritten? — is asked and answered, and the standard quota of mind-bogglers and brain-twisters is met and surpassed, and the dialogue delivers the standard snickers: "The past is where it's at," and "Trust me, we're in 1357 France," and "The only thing worse than dying here is living here," and so forth. The

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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CENTRAL CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14 4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) Bad Santa (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:40, 10:35; Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 3:00, 5:25) 7:40, 9:55; **The Cat in the Hat** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:25) 4:35, 7:00, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:25, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:50, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:45, 5:10) 8:05; **Gothika** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 2:40) 5:05, 7:55, 10:20; Sun. (12:25, 2:40) 5:05, 7:55, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 2:40, 5:05) 7:55, 10:10; **The** Haunted Mansion (PG) Fri. (11:30, 12:50, 1:40, 3:10) 4:30, 5:20, 6:50, 7:35, 9:35; Sat. (11:30, 12:50, 1:40, 3:10) 4:30, 5:20, 7:35, 9:45; Sun. (11:30, 12:50, 1:40, 3:10) 4:30, 5:20, 6:50, 7:50, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 2:20, 3:10, 4:30, 5:20) 6:50, 7:50, 9:35; **Honey** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 5:00, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:25, 5:00) 8:00, 10:15; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 1:00, 2:00, 3:20) 4:15, 5:15, 6:45, 7:30, 8:40, 10:05, 10:45; Sun. (12:05, 1:00, 2:00, 3:20) 4:15, 5:15, 6:45, 7:30, 8:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 1:00, 2:00, 3:20, 4:15, 5:15) 6:45, 7:30, 8:40, 10:05; Love **Actually** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Sun. (1:10) 4:20, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:20) 7:05, 9:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Sat (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:25; Sun. (12:00, 3:05) 6:55,

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DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) **Bad Santa** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 10:10; Elf (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 2:40, 3:20) 4:55, 5:35, 7:05, 7:50, 9:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu (1:05, 2:40, 3:20, 4:55, 5:35) 7:05, 7:50, 9:25, 10:05; Gothika (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:05) 5:20, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:20) 7:35, 9:55; **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:25, 2:45, 3:30) 4:50, 5:50, 7:10, 8:00, 9:35, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 2:45, 3:30, 4:50, 5:50) 7:10, 8:00, 9:35, 10:15; Honey (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 1:20, 2:50, 3:35) 5:00, 5:55, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30; Sun. (12:40, 1:20, 2:50, 3:35) 5:00, 5:55, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 1:20, 2:50, 3:35, 5:00, 5:55) 7:15, 8:15, 9:30; **Intoler-able Cruelty** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (3:25) 8:10; Sun - Thu (3.25) 7.55: Master and Comman der: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 1:10, 3:45) 4:20, 7:00, 8:20, 10:20; Sun. (12:30, 1:10, 3:45) 4:20, 7:00, 8:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 1:10, 3:45, 4:20) 7:00, 8:20, 10:00; The Matrix Revolutions (R)

Horton Plaza 14 457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) **Billabong Odyssey** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 7:25, 10:10; **Brother Bear** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, San **5**:00); **The Cat in the Hat** (PG) **FIL-1101**. (10:35, 11:20, 11:40, 12:55, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 1:45, 1:

4:05, 4:50, 5:30) 7:00, 7:55, 9:25, 10:05; The Human Stain (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 1:40, 4:30) 7:05, 9:50; Kill Bill (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:45, 1:35, 4:35) 7:10, 9:55; The Last Samurai (R) Fri-Thu, (10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 3:30, 5:00) 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 10:30; Looney Tunes: Back In Action (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 2:00, 5:05); **Love Actually** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 11:35, 2:40, 3:05) 6:30, 7:20, 9:40, 10:25; Mystic River (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:20, 10:35; Shattered Glass (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:20, 10.5 10:00; The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:50, 5:20) 7:45, 10:30; **Under the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:05, 4:55) 7:40, 10:30

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) The Last Samurai; Honey; The Missing; Bad Santa; The Haunted Mansion; Timeline; The Cat in the Hat; Gothika; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World; The Matrix Revolutions; Brother Bear; Elf; Love Actually

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) 21 Grams (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:35) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **The Hu-**man Stain (R) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; Sat-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; Mon. (2:10) 4:50, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; Lost In Translation (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Mon. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Tue. (2:00) 4:40, 10:00; Wed.-Thu, (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **To Be and To Have** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10,

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) The Last Samurai; Honey; The Missing; Bad Santa: The Haunted Mansion: Timeline The Cat in the Hat; Gothika; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World; The Matrix Revolutions; Brother Bear; Elf; Love Actually; Mystic River; Runaway Jury; Kill Bill: School of Rock

Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500) Bad Santa (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:25, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:40; The Human Stain (R) Fri.-Wed. 5:15, 9:35; Thu. 9:35; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 2:00, 3:45, 5:15, 7:00, 9:00, 10:00; Lost In Translation (R) Fri.-Wed. 1:00, 3:10, 7:25; Thu. 1:00, 3:10; Love Actually (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 4:05, 7:05, 9:45; Master and **Commander: The Far Side of the World** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:20, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50; **The** Missing (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

Mission Valley 20 1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) The Last Samurai; Honey; The Missing; Bad Santa: The Haunted Mansion: Timeline The Cat in the Hat; Gothika; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World; Looney Tunes: Back in Action; The Matrix Revolutions; Brother Bear; Elf; Love Actuallv

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) The Cat in the Hat (PG) Fri-Sat. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Sun. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:30) 7:30; **Gothika** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 1:40, 3:45) 5:50, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (11:35, 1:40, 3:45) 5:50, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:45) 8:00; **The Haunted** Mansion (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 1:45, 3:50) 5:55, 8:15, 10:05; Sun. (11:40, 1:45, 3:50) 5:55,

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Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **Bus 174** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; Sat.-Sun. 2:25, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 7:00; **The Revolution Will** Not Be Televised (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 5:05,

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) 21 Grams (R) Fri. 1:10, 1:45, 3:45, 4:15, 7:00, 8:45, 9:45; Sat. 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 8:45, 9:45; Sun. 8:45, 9:45; Sat. 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 8:45, 9:45; Sun. 11:10, 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 8:45, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:10, 1:45, 3:45, 4:15, 7:00, 8:45, 9:45; The Legend of Johnny Lingo (G) Fri. 6:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 6:30; Pieces of April (PG-13) Fri. (2:05) 4:50, 7:40, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:05) 4:50, 7:40, 10:00; The Station Agent (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:0, 7:30, 9:55: Station Agent (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:30, 9:55; **Tibet: Cry** of the Snow Lion (Not Rated) Fri. (1:55) 4:30, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 1:55, 4:30,

7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Wed. (1:55) 4:30, 7:20, 9:50; Thu. (1:55) 4:30, 9:50

Museum of Photographic Arts 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559 The 5,000 Fingers of Dr. T, Thursday, 7 p.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m.; **Pee-wee's Big Ad-**venture, Thursday, 9 p.m., and Sunday, 4 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Australia: Land Beyond Time (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 9:15; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Tue. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00 Wed. 3:00, 5:00; Thu. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Bugs!** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Sun. 11:00, 3:00; Mon. 11:00, 2:00; Tue.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00; **Coral Reef Adven** ture (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; Sun 1:00, 5:00; Mon. 1:00, 4:00; Tue. 2:00; Wed. 12:00, 2:00; Thu. 2:00; **To Worlds Beyond** Sat 10.00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Bad Santa (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:15, 4:45) 7:20, 9:45: Brother Bear (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:30, 5:00); **The Cat in the Hat** (PG) Fri. (12:25, 12:55, 2:40, 3:10, 4:55, 5:25) 7:10, 7:40, 9:25, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 10:40, 12:25, 12:55, 2:40, 3:10, 4:55, 5:25) 7:10, 7:40, 9:25, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 12:55, 2:40, 3:10, 4:55, 5:25) 7:10, 7:40, 9:25, 9:50; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Gothika** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:05) 7:05, 7:35, 9:25, 9:55; The Haunted Mansion (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **Honey** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri. (11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 3:45, 5:00) 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 3:45, 5:00) 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 3:45, 5:00) 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 10:15; Looney Tunes: Back In Action (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:35, 10:00; Love Actually (R) Fri. (1:20, 4:25) 7:30, 10:35; Sat.-Sun. (10:15, 1:20, 4:25) 7:30, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:25) 7:30, 10:35; **Master** and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:50) 7:05, 10:20; The Matrix Revolutions (R) Fri. (1:05, 4:10) 7:20, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 1:05, 4:10) 7:20, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:10) 7:20, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:10) 7:20, 10:30; **The Missing** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 4:00) 7:05,

10:10; Timeline (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20,

2:20, 5:10) 8:00, 10:45

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) **Bad Santa** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 2:45) 5:15, 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (12:35, 2:45) 5:15, 7:25, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 5:15) 7:25, 9:35; **The Cat in the Hat** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 2:40) 4:50, 7:05, 9:20; Sun. (12:40, 2:40) 4:50, 7:10, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:50) 7:10, 9:20; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:10) 7:40, 9:55; **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:45, 7:20, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:30; Honey (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:20) 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Sun. (12:00, 2:20) 5:00, 7:30, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:30, 9:40; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 1:00, 3:50) 4:30, 7:15, 8:00, 10:40, 11:15; Sun. (12:20, 1:00, 3:50) 4:30, 7:10, 6:00, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 1:00, 3:50, 4:30) 7:00, 8:00, 10:10; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Sat (12:45) 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sun. (12:45) 4:10, 7:05, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 4:10) 7:05, 10:00; **The Missing** (R) Fri. (1:10) 4:20, 7:25, 10:30; Sat. (1:10) 4:20, 10:30; Sun. (1:10) 4:20, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:20) 7:05, 9:50; Something's Gotta Give (Not Rated) Sat. 7:45; **Timeline** (PC-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 5:20, 7:55, 10:35; Sun. (1:20) 5:05, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 5:05) 7:40, 10:00

Grossmont Trolley

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) **Brother Bear** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:05, 3:00) 5:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:10, 1:05, 3:00, 5:15); The **Cat in the Hat** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:20, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:30; Sun. (10:30, 1:20, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 1:45, 3:55) 6:30, 8:30; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:10, 3:30) 6:45, 9:15; Sun. (10:45, 1:10, 3:30) 6:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 1:50, 4:20) 6:40, 8:40; **Gothika** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 1:40, 3:50) 5:40, 7:50, 9:55; Sun. (11:20, 1:40, 3:50) 5:40, 7:50; Mon.-Thu (11:20, 1:25, 3:50, 5:40) 8:05; **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:30, 9:40; Sun. (11:00, 1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 1:15, 3:30, 5:10) 8:35; Looney Tunes: Back In Action (PG)

Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:35, 3:40) 5:40; Mon.-Thu. (11:25, 1:35, 3:40); Love Actually (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:35, 1:15, 3:55) 7:10, 10:00; Sun. (10:35, 1:15, 3:55) 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 2:05, 5:05) 8:15; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:30) 5:15, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 2:00, 5:00) 8:00; The Matrix Revolutions (R) Fri.-Sun. 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (5:25) 8:10; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:00, 9:50; Sun. 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 7:55

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460) Bad Santa (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:50, 10:20; Brother Bear (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:40, 5:00); The Cat in the Hat (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 12:10, 2:30, 4:25, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15, 9:20; Elf (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:05, 4:50) 7:30, 10:05; Gothika (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:55, 10:30; **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:15, 4:35) 7:05, 9:25; Honey (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 4:55) 7:45, 10:10; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:15, 3:15, 3:45) 6:45, 7:15, 10:15, 10:45; Looney Tunes: Back In Action (PG) Fri.-Thu. (2:00) 6:55; Love Actually (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 4:00) 7:35, 10:45; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:40, 4:15, 7:25, 7:40, 10:35, 10:50; The Matrix Revolutions (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:35) 7:10, 10:15; **The Missing** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:10) 7:20, 10:25; Timeline (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) 8:00, 10:50

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) **The Cat in the Hat** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 9:15; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 8:05; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 11:25; Timeline (PG-13)

Fri.-Thu. 9:15

SOUTH BAY CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) **Bad Santa** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 2:45, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Cat in the Hat** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:15; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Gothika** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; The Haunted Mansion (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Honey (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; **The Last** Samurai (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:45, 5:15, 8:30; Master and Commander: **The Far Side of the World** (PG-13) Fri. 10:15, 1:15, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; The Missing (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Timeline (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 10.00

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262) The Last Samurai; Honey; The Missing; Bad Santa; The Haunted Mansion; Timeline; The Cat in the Hat; Gothka; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World: Looney Tunes: Back in Action; Love Actu-ally; The Matrix Revolutions; Brother Bear; Elf; Scary Movie 3; Radio

Rancho Del Rev 16

East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) **Bad Santa** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:45, 4:10) 7:00, 9:20; Brother Bear (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 1:50, 5:00); The Cat in the Hat (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:35, 2:00, 4:05, 4:30) 7:30, 9:15, 9:45; Elf (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 1:35, 2:10, 4:55) 6:55, 7:35, 10:35; Gothika (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 7:35, 10:00, 10:30; **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 12:00, 1:40, 2:40, 4:10, 5:05) 6:40, 7:40, 9:35, 10:20; **Honey** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:25, 10:15; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:25, 2:25, 3:05) 7:00, 7:30, 10:30, 10:55; **Looney Tunes: Back In Action** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:55, 4:20); **Love Actu**ally (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:55) 7:20, 10:20; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 1:05, 4:15) 7:30, 10:45; **The Matrix Revolutions** (R) Fri.-Thu. 6:45, 10:00; **The Missing** (R) Fri. (10:15, 1:20, 4:15) 7:20, 10:20; Sat. (10:15, 1:20, 4:15 10:20; Sun-Thu. (10:15, 1:20, 4:15) 7:20, 10:20; Something's Gotta Give (Not Rated) Sat. 7:20; Timeline (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:20, 1:15, 4:00) 7:30, 10:15

Vogue

226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436) Radio (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 6:00; Scary Movie 3 (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:15, 8:00; School of Rock (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 9:45

NATIONAL CITY

South Bay Drive In South Bay Drive in 2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Bad Santa (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:18; The Cat in the Hat (PG) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 10:44; Elf (PG) Fri.-Thu. 9:02; Gothika (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 10:58; **Honey** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 11:25; **Timeline** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:24

Sweetwater 9 1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)

Call theater for program information

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In 2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6 Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784) slapdash direction (Richard Donner), the lightweight cast (Paul Walker, Gerard Butler, Frances O'Connor, Neal McDonough, Billy Connolly), and the heavy-handed music (Brian Tyler) cannot detract from the silliness, and can sometimes augment it. Only the exchange of fireballs and flaming arrows across the night sky lifts the movie to a loftier level, and only momentarily. 2003.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT

CENTER: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: SWEETWATER 9: SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

To Be and To Have — Reviewed this is sue. With Georges Lopez; directed by Nicolas Philibert. ★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 12/4; LA JOLLA VIL LAGE, FROM 12/5)

2:30, 5:00); **The Cat in the Hat** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:25, 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 12:50, 3:10) 5:30, 7.20, 7.50, 9.40; Elf (PG) Fri - Thu (11.00, 1.35, 4:10) 7:15, 7:25, 9:45, 9:55; **Gothika** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:35, 5:10) 6:25, 8:05, 9:05, 10:45; The Haunted Mansion (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 12:25, 1:35, 2:50, 4:10, 5:15) 7:00, 7:40, 9:35, 10:05; Honey (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:30; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00) 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 10:30; Loonev Tunes: Back In Action (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:45, 1:30, 3:55); Love Actually (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:45) 6:55, 10:10; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 7:15, 10:30; The Matrix Revolutions (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 3:15) 7:10, 10:20; The Missing (R) Fri. (12:30, 3:40) 6:55, 10:10; Sat. (12:30, 3:40) 10:40; Sun.-Thu. (12:30, 3:40) 6:55, 10:10; **Shattered Glass** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15; Something's Gotta Give (Not Rated) Sat. 7:30; Timeline (PG-13)

Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 1:45, 4:40) 7:35, 10:35

21 Grams — Reviewed this issue. With

Del Toro, and Charlotte Gainsbourg; di-

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 mem-

oir of a San Francisco divorcée who inherits

a ten-day gay tour of Italy (Gay and Away)

from a pregnant lesbian no longer willing

rected by Alejandro González Iñárritu.

Sean Penn, Naomi Watts, Benicio

VISTA

Vista Village 15 Hwy. 78 at Vista Village Drive, Vista

(760-945-7469) The Last Samurai; Honey; The Haunted Mansion: The Cat in the Hat: Timeline: The Missing; Brother Bear; Bad Santa; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World; Elf; Gothika; Love Actually; Shattered Glass

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4 2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147) The Cat in the Hat (PG) Fri -Sun 10:30. 12:25, 2:20, 4:10, 6:00, 7:55, 9:45; Mon.-Thu.

THE MISSING' IS AN ABSOLUTE KNOCKOUT.

to fly, and who then makes an impulsepurchase 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 liq-

11:30, 1:20, 3:10, 5:05, 7:00, 8:45; **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:40,

12:45, 2:50, 4:55, 7:00, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00,

2:05, 4:10, 6:15, 8:15; The Last Samurai (R)

Fri.-Sun. 12:15, 3:25, 6:30, 9:25; Mon.-Thu.

12:15, 3:20, 6:30, 9:25; **The Missing** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50;

Mon.-Thu, 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road

Bad Santa (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15,

8:30; **Brother Bea**r (G) Fri. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:30; Sat. 10:30, 12:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:30; **The Cat in the Hat** (PG) Fri.-Sat.

10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00;

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;

INSPIRING,

SMART.

TOM LONG,

DETROIT NEWS

GO SEE IT."

TOUGH AND

8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15,

DEL MAR

(858-646-9420)

IT IS HAUNTING,

Del Mar Highlands 8

uidly, 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.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Haunted Mansion (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; Honey (PG-13) Fri-Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The** Human Stain (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 7:45; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **Timeline** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 1:45, 4:15, 5:15, 7:30, 8:30; **Love Actually** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:45; The Missing
(R) Fri. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu, 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Something's Gotta Give (Not Rated) Sneak Preview Sat. 7:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) The Last Samurai; The Missing; Bad Santa; The Haunted Mansion; The Cat in the Hat; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World; Love Actually; Elf

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) Lost In Translation (R) Fri, 6:40, 9:00; Sat. 4:00; Sun. 4:00, 6:40, 9:00; Wed.-Thu. 6:40, 9:00; The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R)

Fri 12.00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6 6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221) The Cat in the Hat (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45; The Haunted Mansion (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30;

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OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13 College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

Bad Santa (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; The Cat in the Hat (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; **Elf** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; **Gothika** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50; **The** Haunted Mansion (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 11:00, 1:00, 1:30, 3:30, 4:00, 6:30, 7:00, 9:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 1:00, 1:30, 3:30, 4:00, 6:30, 7:00, 9:00, 9:30; **Honey** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 1:20, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:20, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 11:30, 2:45, 3:15, 6:30, 7:00, 10:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 11:30, 2:45, 3:15, 6:30, 7:00, 10:00; Love Actually (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:05, 3:45, 7:15, 10:15; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World

(PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:05, 3:30, 6:50, 10:10; The **Missing** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 3:00, 6:45, 10:10; Timeline (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 4:25, San 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:25, 7:30, 10:30 Diego

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) The Last Samurai; Honey; The Missing; Elf; Love Actually; Brother Bear; The Cat in the Hat; Gothika; Timeline; The Matrix Revolu-Reader] tions: Master and Commander: The Far December 4, 2003 Side of the World; Looney Tunes: Back in Action; Bad Santa; The Haunted Mansion

The Cat in the Hat (PG) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:15; Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; The Haunted Mansion (PG) Fri. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45; The Last Samurai (R) Fri. 1:45, 5:15, 8:30; Sat.-Sun. 10:15, 1:45, 5:15, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 5:15, 8:30; Love Actually (R) Fri. 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun. 10:00, 1:00, 4:15, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 4:15, 7:15; **The Missing** (R) Fri. 1:15, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30: Sun. 10:15, 1:15, 4:30, 7:30: Mon.-Thu. 1:15, 4:30, 7:30; **Timeline** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; Mon.-Thu 1:30, 4:15, 7:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770) Bad Santa (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat. (11:50, 2:05) 4:20, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (11:50, 2:05) 4:20, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, (1.10, 5:55) 8:10, 10:20; **The Cat in the Hat** (PG) Fri. (1:20, 3:20) 5:20, 7:20, 9:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 1:40, 3:40) 5:40, 7:40, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:00, 5:00) 7:00, 9:00; **Elf** (PG) Fri. (12:40, 2:55) 5:20, 7:40, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 2:50) 5:05, 7:20, 9:35; Mon - Thu (12:55, 3:10, 5:25) 7:40, 9:55; **The Haunted Mansion** (PG) Fri. 12:35, 1:05, 2:45, 3:15, 4:55, 5:25, 7:05, 7:35, 9:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 11:35, 12:05, 1:45, 2:15, 3:55, 4:25, 7:05, 7:35, 9:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:05, 2:05, 3:15, 4:15, 5:20, 6:25, 7:35, 8:35, 9:45; **Honey** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 2:50) 5:05, 7:20, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:00) 4:15, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:35, 5:50) 8:05, 10:20; The Last Samurai (R) Fri. 12:30, 1:30, 3:45, 4:45, 7:00, 8:00, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 12:30, 2:45, 3:45, 6:00, 7:00, 9:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 1:30, 4:05, 4:45, 7:10, 8:00, 10:15; Love Actually (R) Fri. (12:50, 3:40) 7:15, 10:05; Sat. (12:15, 3:05) 7:30, 10:20; Sun. (12:15, 3:05) 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:00) 7:05, 9:55; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:50) 7:10, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:55, (12.42), 5360 7460, 1010, 541-5641, (11.55),
2:55) 7:10, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:55) 7:00,
10:00; **The Missing** (R) Fri. (12:55, 3:40) 7:25, 10.20: Sat -Sun (12.10, 3.00) 7.15, 10.05; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:10) 7:15, 10:05; **Timeline** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:35) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 4:55, 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:50) 7:20, 9:50

POWAY

Powav 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Bad Santa (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The Cat in the Hat** (PG) 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. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; The Haunted Mansion (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; The Last Samurai (R) Fri.-Thu, 10:15, 12:45, 1:45, 4:15, 5:15, 7:30, 8:30; Love Actually (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Wed. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00; Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **The Missing** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:45; **Time**line (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00

RAMONA

Ramona Twin 626 Main Street (760-789-3422) Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Bad Santa (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 5:05) 8:00, 10:35; Brother Bear (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:05)

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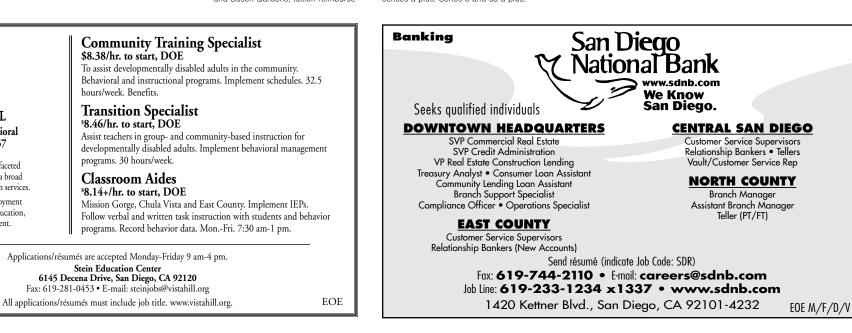
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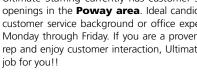
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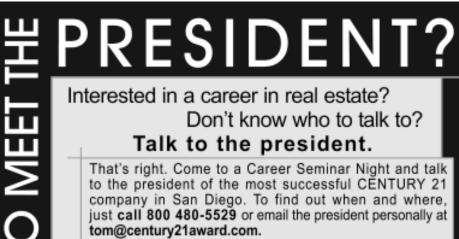
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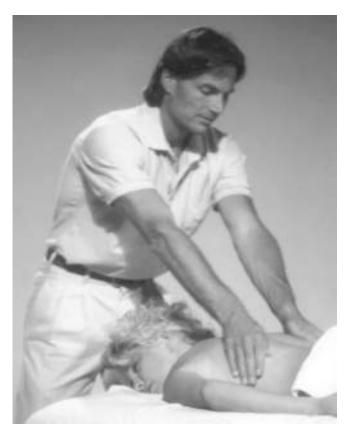
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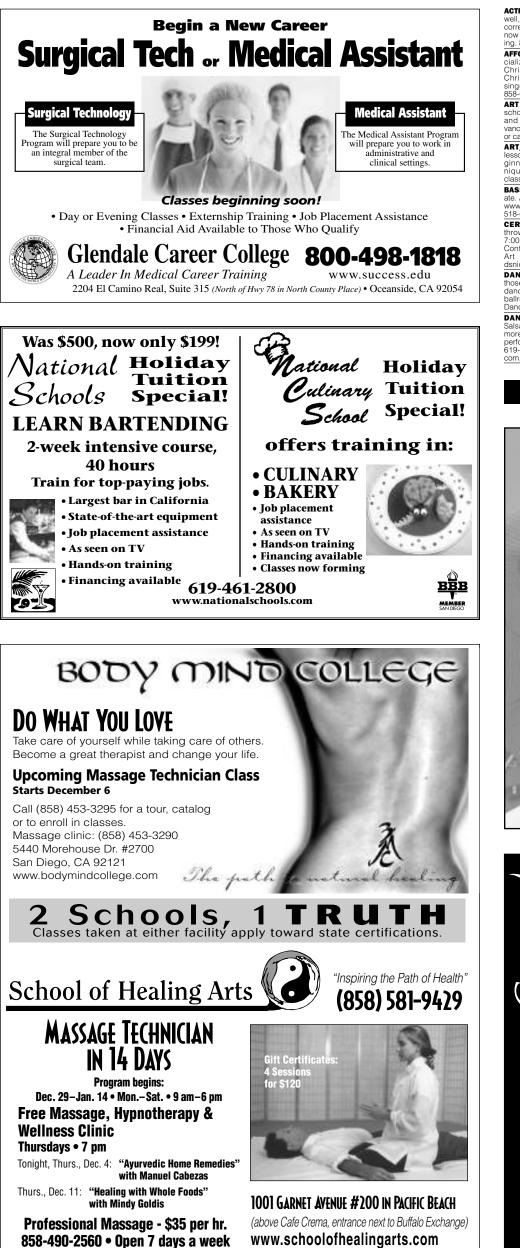
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2. On my way to work, I

- a) circle office building, pretending to look for parking.
- b) pray for traffic snarls and mile-long back-ups.
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3. During my lunch hour, I often a) eat spoiled food, try to become violently ill.

- b) suggest Mexican. As in, "let's hit Tijuana."
- c) release hundreds of rabid squirrels in hopes of closing office for afternoon.
- When I'm out with work friends, we talk about 4.
 - a) hating our boss.

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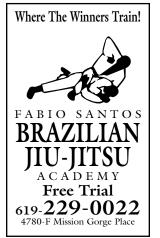
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SEEKING JAPANESE LADY for long-term re-lationship. I'm 48, white, 5'11", 205lbs. I en-SEENING Jar Allow A, white, 5'11", 205lbs. I joy music, cooking, TV, etc. Good kids come. I hope you call! (12/17) 290627 ids wel MALE PROFESSIONAL, PH.D, athletic, hy-

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MISSION BAY. Caucasian male, 39, seeks woman who likes arts, crafts, walking, jog-ging, nature, shows, classical music. If you live at "Michaels" contact me. (12/10)

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SKILLFUL HUGGER/KISSER. 6', slim, active, handsome, youthful 67, intelligent, non-smoker desires attractive, trim, playful, affec-tionate woman, 52-65. Walks, talks, dining, much cuddling. Commitment. (12/17) <u>22</u>20154

DOCTOR, NORTH COUNTY, 39, tall, blue eyes, very attractive, fit, blue eyes, plays three instruments, author, enjoys creative ac-complishments. Seeking sensitive, intelli-gent, growth-oriented female. (12/10) 290602

HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive 59, trim, 510°, blonde, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic, seek pretty lady, 40s+ for travel, fun, happy, exciting committed relationship. (12/17) **2**90622 WHITE, ASIAN-AMERICAN scientist, seeks attractive, white, blue/green/hazel-eyed fe-male friend, and lover for deeply physical, mental, spiritual, real life journey. (12/10) **2**90606

6'3". 30s. SUCCESSFUL. erudite. goodlooking black man seeking lady with positive attitude, in-shape, pretty and with an outlook for a relationship. Race unimportant. (12/17) **2**90626

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Are You Lonely? Are you about forty-somethingish, Christian, physically fit, financially responsible, childless, and ready to click with similar, yet older, mature, monogamous, smart male? (12/10) 290589

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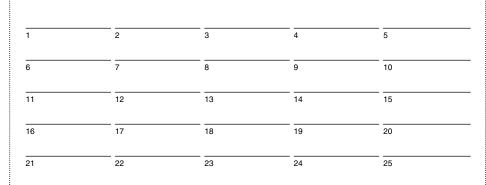
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- 1. The first word of eight movie titles in this puzzle
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- Gere movie 15. Wow
- 16. "Life is short. Play hard"
- sloganeer
- 17. Notches on a blade 18. Get there
- 19. Goatee sites
- 21. Turner in media
- 22. With 1-Across, a 2000 Reese
- Witherspoon movie
- 26. 0 on a phone: Abbr. 29. Walks
- 30. With 1-Across, a 1998 Edward
- Norton movie
- 34. Sen. Jesse from North Carolina
- 35. Carrier to Copenhagen
- 36. Whisperer of sweet nothings 37. Be beholden to
- 38. With 1-Across, a 1999 Jason Biggs
- movie
- 39. Bumper sticker letters
- 40. Some babysitters43. Fourth periods in the N.H.L. 44. Humor columnist Dave46. With 1-Across, a 1973 Richard
- Dreyfuss movie
- 48. Funnymen Woody and Steve
- 49. Kentucky Derby prospect
- 50. With 1-Across, a 1985 Kevin Costner movie
- 51. One day _____ time 54. French school
- 56. They may accompany handshakes
- 59. James Carville's forte
- 65. Prison in the news in 1971 66. White, semisoft cheese
- 67. With 1-Across, a 1999 Kevin
- Spacey movie 68. With 1-Across, a 2003 Paul Giamatti movie

- 1. They may be crunched in a gym
- _ culpa 3. One of eight Eng. kings
- 4. Squeal
- 5. Suffix for idol
- 6. Natives of Prague 7. Even if, briefly
- 8. Soft drink since 1924
- 9. Gets
- 10. Ending with bombard 11. NATO member: Abbr.
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63. Start of some art movement
names
64. Dog's warning

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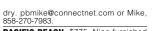
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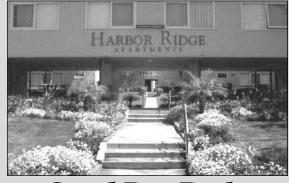


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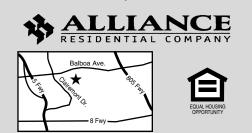
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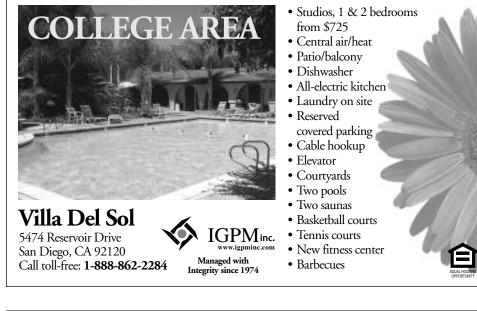
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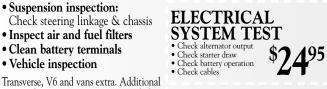
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"Can the Church really be threatened by palmistry?" It hadn't occurred to me.

<u>By Iohn Brizzolara</u>

He decided to write it in the third person.

Having typed the sentence and seen it as faux typescript against a luminous screen background, he decided, yes, third person would give him the proper amount of distance and perspective. It's best both to write it down and to do it as though it were about someone else entirely, this examination of conscience. After all, he did some sort of self-absorbed navel-gazing often, and in print as well. One critic had written, "Reading this semiliterate, pseudo-intellectual is to ensure all the gratification and amusement of watching an infant examine his fingers and toes." He couldn't argue. He supposed it was much like that. Still, it had to be done.

The trouble was, the experience had pretty much come to an end in 1968, when he decided that among the things one can probably safely assume about the deity is that He is bigger than any one religion possible. Satisfied with that conclusion at the age of 17, he then set about to lead a life of amoral and unoriginal self-indulgence...reinventing the wheel, as it were, or sex anyway, and other pleasures of the ego and the flesh

In the end, though, he had to admit he was largely flattering himself with the idea of his own "badness." He had been an unenergetic and, after all, not terribly interesting sinner. No crime (except the run-of-the-mill possession of small amounts of illegal substances back in the day) or prison was involved. Certainly no carnal adventures involving same-sex partners (er, that is, his same sex, anyway) or animals. This was no doubt made up for with the emotional havoc he caused himself (a form of self-abuse surely more heinous than petty masturbation) and several who got close to him. While sexual infidelity seemed such a drab, unimaginative peccadillo, he could not deny the accumulated fallout over a period of decades had taken on hulking, debilitating dimensions.

Such confusion here. Why confess marital infidelity when his marriage was outside and therefore invisible to the Church? The Church did not recognize divorce, so there was not much point in confessing to something nonexistent, an appendix to something equally nonexistent. A priest had mentioned to him that the marriage would have to be annulled, found lacking in some fundamental element of that sacrament, like, say, fidelity. But fidelity to what? Annul what? At least the priest reassured him that his 26-year-old son was not to be considered illegitimate, a reassurance that created a rising response that had to be stifled and might have come out something like, "Well, bloody, freaking thank you there. That's a load off."

It would be best to simplify this process, stick to the guidelines. Where was that brochure the amiable Italian clergyman had given him? Ah.

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Did I put my faith in danger through reading material that is hostile to Catholic teachings? Have I been involved in non-Catholic sects? Did I engage in superstitious practices, such as palm-reading or fortune-telling? I suppose. Not sure what that means. And, you've got to be kidding!

He thinks, "Can the Church really be threatened by palmistry?" It hadn't occurred to me. That strikes me as something along the lines of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir feeling threatened by a streetcorner doo-wop group. That stuff is a lark, a harmless laugh, isn't it? I thought this sort of petty carping was absurd and dated 35 years ago. Can they still be going on about this stuff? Apparently. What else?

Did I take the name of God in vain? Did I curse or take a false oath?

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numerous, well-intended attempts to quit alcohol. God knows all about this,

was wondering when this stuff would come up. The Bible seems fairly easy on

(though not approving of) drunks. I don't recall much about drugs, but I'm

just have to bring in the brochure like a checklist and go through it item by item

to take much of tomorrow, Saturday afternoon, at confession. Maybe, he thinks,

he should have taken up the good father's suggestion, "Forget Saturday, we'll

do it right here." To which he had miserably panicked. "Not this second. I should prepare." That's when he collected the pamphlet from the priest.

Oh no. Down the list I see, "Did I get drunk? Did I take illicit drugs?" I

Oh no. I'm 12 years old again. That is, he feels 12 years old again. He'll

"Have I envied other people?" he reads and groans. This, he thinks is going

Yes, this was going to be time-consuming, he could see now. And there

of course. We discuss it constantly.

Did I willfully look at indecent pictures?

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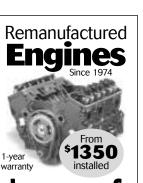
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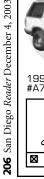
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Thanksgiving didn't go the way I planned. I had everything all worked out in my head. I was cooking brined and roasted turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, rolls, ambrosia salad, green-bean casserole, cranberries. My mom was going to join us. So were some friends: Regina and Angel, their son Vincent, Regina's mom, and Angel's niece. Vincent is a classmate of my daughter Lucy. Angel and Regina have become dear friends. "I really want to do it up this year," I told Jack the week before the big feast. "I think I'll get out the china and the crystal."

"Can we go to Michael's and get some decorations for the table?" Rebecca asked. My almost-11-year-old daughter has recently begun poring over my back issues of Martha Stewart Living. She's decorated her room with flowers and fabric so it looks like an English garden. I know in her heart she dreams of a more gracious way

of life than we have in our little home in San Marcos.

"Sure," I told Rebecca. "That sounds great." At a party the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Regina, Angel, and I discussed the finer points of turkey preparation. "I'm going to brine it," I explained. "I saw it on the Food Network and downloaded the recipe. You prepare a brine solution with vegetable broth and spices, then you soak the turkey overnight."

"Have you thought about bacon?" Angel asked.

"Bacon?"

"We saw it on the Food Network, too," Regina explained. "You place bacon across the turkey breast for the last hour of cooking. The fat keeps the white meat moist."

You could almost see us all salivate at the thought of bacon-drenched turkey breast.

"And we'll bring the desserts," Angel reminded me.

Monday and Tuesday, I gathered together all my ingredients. Wednesday morning, I made the brine and left it to cool. I saw Angel and Regina at school. We joined the other parents in Lucy and Vincent's classroom to watch the Thanksgiving play. Lucy was the narrator. Vincent was Squanto.

As we left, I called out to Angel, "See you tomorrow at two.'

Angel smiled and held up two fingers in a V.

Wednesday around dinnertime, Benjamin started to complain, "I don't feel good, Mommy." "I'm sorry, sweetie," I told him as I inventoried the good place mats and napkins. "Go

lie down for a while." Half an hour later, I found Ben curled up on the couch. When I reached under his shirt to rub his back, his soft skin burned beneath my touch. "Hey, buddy," I crooned. "How are you feeling?

"Not good," Ben croaked.

"Does anything hurt?" I asked. "My mouth," he answered.

I called Jack, who was stuck in traffic on

his way home from work. "Ben's got a fever," I told him.

"You're kidding," Jack said. "Poor guy." "What should I do?" I asked Jack. "We should tell Angel and Regina so they can decide if they want to expose Vincent to our germs." 'You're right." I could hear the disap-

pointment in Jack's voice. I called Angel. "I need to tell you that Ben's

sick," I said. "Rebecca, Angela, and Johnny had strep last week. They've all gotten better with antibiotics. I thought we were done. But Ben is running a fever tonight and complaining that his mouth hurts."

Angel was silent for a moment. "Regina's at choir practice right now," he finally said. "I'll tell her when she gets home and call you back."

"I feel so bad," I continued. "I'll totally understand if you don't want to come. I just feel horrible leaving you in the lurch the night before Thanksgiving.'

"That's okay," he said. "It's not your fault." Regina called an hour later. "I'm so sorry about Ben," she said. "How is he?"

"Pretty bad," I told her. "He's feverish and unhappy."

Vincent has never had strep," she explained. "So as much as we'd love to come over, we probably shouldn't."

After a few more apologies, I hung up the

phone and had a good cry.

"What's the matter, Mommy?" Angela asked. "Did Vincent's grandma die?" "No," I answered. "They just can't come

over for Thanksgiving dinner because Ben's sick."

Angela's eyes welled with tears. "I'm sorry, Mommy.'

Rebecca appeared from the living room and hugged me around my shoulders. "It'll be

okay, Mommy." "Can we still use the china and crystal?" Angela asked.

"Sure," I said. "And Grandma's still coming." Thursday morning, Ben and I stayed home while lack took the other kids to Mass. I hoisted the turkey from the brine and stuffed the cavity with sliced apples and onion and fresh rosemary. By the time Jack and the kids got home, the house smelled of roasting turkey. "That's heavenly," Angela sighed.

Rebecca and I polished my grandmother's silver tea service. I pulled the china from the boxes in the hutch. Angela and Lucy helped me set the table. Rebecca decorated the center of the table with berry and eucalyptus wreaths and candles we'd gotten at Michael's.

At 2:00, we sat down to our feast. The brined turkey tasted moist and delicious. "I think this is the best turkey we've ever had," Jack said.

"Everything is delicious," my mom agreed. "The table is more beautiful than I even imagined," Rebecca said.

I smiled and said, "Thank you for all your help.

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