

Where's Anne?

What happened to Anne Albright and her "Kid Stuff" column? It's missing this week (August 12), and I was a little concerned after reading it last week. She ended that column by saying her husband had called her, and he mentioned going to the movies with some friends from work, and then she was concerned because he mentioned the name of some female coworker that he'd mentioned too often in the past, and then that left her crying. Whether there was any reason to be concerned or not, I don't know, but it left her depressed, so I was a little worried, you know: what's her next week's column going to say? So lo and behold, there is no next week's column this week. I'm sort of worried what became of her.

Years ago, when her column first appeared, I did not like it that much because it reminded me of a sisterin-law of mine who broke up with my brother. They're both dead now. But I got to like Anne after years of reading her columns.

You know, every once in a while you'll drop Matthew Alice for a week or so, and that never bothers me because I know he'll be back, but what's become of Anne Albright? I'm worried about her. I wish her well, whatever is going on.

Name Withheld

Guide Freak

Duncan Shepherd has done it again ("Cold Turkey," August 12). He's written a column so incredibly self-absorbed, so mundanely American yet esoteric, so precise and honest. So I am a freak too? Surely there are many of us out there combing the TV guide movie listings at the outset of the week, circling the movies we want to tape. His description of the

changes made in TV Guide that made him finally stop buying it and stop his manic circling each week was beautiful and touching to one who knows. I am left wondering how will he set his weekly VCR schedule now? Years ago I stopped — not because of the maddening format changes he described but because I don't have time for a half hour with my yellow highlighter anymore and, more importantly, the hours to actually watch the movies I would tape. But it was pleasant to read of a fellow's journey along the same road.

David Whitman DeKock University City

Neglected

In regard to Duncan Shepherd ("Cold Turkey," August 12) on *TV Guide*, he's right on the mark. I've been a loyal reader of theirs since the early 1950s, when it cost 15 cents and I had no problem finding what I went looking to find.

Now they need to do something to win back those like us night owls who are being neglected by their messed-up gridlocked coverage. How about eliminating all pay TV channels and foreign-language listings? Their owners can always supply their viewers with separate guides.

John Primavera via e-mail

See Film

Re the letters (August 12) protesting Linda Ronstadt's favorable comments about Michael Moore's film, *Fahrenheit 9/11*. They criticize the *Reader*, Michael Hemmingson, and Linda, but not the quality of the film.

The *Reader* critique of this film is still four stars. I saw it on the opening afternoon, in a packed house. At the end of the show, the audience erupted with spontaneous applause. I suggest that those who didn't like Linda's comments see Michael's film. Fat chance.

J.P. Lopez Clairemont

Leave My Homegirl Be

Re "Blurt" (July 29) and letters (August 12) about Linda Ronstadt.

Oh, I was in such a mel-

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This Is a City **Teetering on the** Edge

By Don Bauder

he City of San Diego is spinning its way down the slippery slope financially, and the result may be — surprise — new taxes.

First, consider the spin. Last week, Moody's Investors Service, the bond-rating agency, issued a devastating report on San Diego's finances - devastating, that is, if you read it carefully. Moody's said in the first paragraph of a news release that the rating on the city's general obligation bonds had been lowered from Aa1 to Aa3. This spin permitted apologists to say that San Diego was still rated at the low end of Moody's "high quality" range.

Look again. That Aa3 only applied to general obligation bonds (those backed by the full faith and credit of the city). But that encompassed only two issues amounting to \$62.8 million.

For certificates of participation (notes based on expected future revenue) and lease revenue bonds (purportedly supported by income from leases and the like), the rating fell to the



Carl DeMaio

Under Section 76 of the City Charter, between 1961 and 1978, the city levied a property tax when necessary to meet the requirements of the pension fund. But that was wiped away with the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978. Then in March of 2003, the city manager men-

upper middle. And that's \$301.3 million in bonds, including the \$192.5 million convention center expansion bonds.

The 1996 stadium bonds were downgraded to A3, or the bottom of the uppermedium range. Moody's warned that it might have to lower ratings again. Keep in mind that Moody's and other bond-rating agencies suffer grade inflation. "Moody's is an easy grader — always fond of San Diego," says Carl DeMaio, president of the Performance Institute, a private organization pushing for fiscal reform.

Moody's scolded the city for its structural deficits, or chronic spending of more money than is coming in. Then its analyst, Dari Barzel, made a telling comment. "It is notable that the city did not explore raising revenues sufficient to address its increased expenses, although its charter potentially pro-



city attorney's office is

presently conducting a thor-

ough analysis" to determine

if this retirement tax could

still be workable under to-

Diann Shipione, the whis-

tle-blowing member of the

city's pension board, called

Barzel. She affirmed that her

reference was to the possible

reincarnation of the retire-

ment tax. (Barzel did not re-

turn my call.) "The city ob-

day's law.

viously has been talking privately about imposing a pension tax, probably after the election," says Shipione. "It looks like it has been part of a hidden agenda all along."

Chris Morris, head deputy city attorney, says that his office is not looking at the matter now, no matter what was happening in 2003.

on an increase in the transient occupancy tax, or hotel tax, from 10.5 cents to 13 cents. If it passes, it could bring to the general fund \$15 million for the second half of fiscal 2005, says DeMaio. "If it passes, the chance for real reform will be delayed," says DeMaio. "This is a city teetering on the edge; one more slight push and it tumbles. We believe what will



voter rejection of the [transient occupancy tax]. This is their Hail Mary pass - what they are banking on to pull them out of the problem."

City officials "are praying it will pass," says Scott Barnett, former executive director of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association. "If it passes, at best it will help stop some of the hemorrhaging. My guess is that it will lose." In March, the taxpayers only gave it 61 percent of the vote. That time, money was to be earmarked for police, fire, the arts, and other worthy causes. In November, the city only needs a bit above 50 percent. However, "This time they are giving a blank check to the city council, which hasn't shown it can manage its way out of a paper bag.'

Barnett says San Diego "is coming close to a perfect storm of financial disaster. There has been a structural deficit of \$40 million a year made worse by increased spending and increased employee salary and benefits. The pension system is underfunded. The state is taking more money from the city. There are major infrastructure needs. Now with the lower bond ratings, the city will pay higher interest rates on its debt."

Barnett mentions juggling of the books — just as Moody's did. "The city has diverted over \$100 million of water and sewer fees to the general fund and sold close to \$50 million of land. We are losing \$13 million to \$15 million a year on the ballpark." Then, just as the hated 60,000-seat guarantee was close to coming to an

end, and the Chargers were about to ante up some significant rent, "The city cut a deal that was worse for the taxpayers — giving up the rent just as the ticket guarantee was expiring."

Says Barnett, "The sad thing is that Mayor Murphy had the best opportunity of any mayor in 20 years. He came in owing nobody. The downtown establishment didn't support him; the unions didn't. He could have said that the cupboards are bare; we are spending more than we are taking in. Instead he took the easy route and became one of the downtown boys."

Since Murphy took office in 2000, the city has hired 1000 more people, and "most were nonessential," says Barnett.

He adds, "The only way we can really improve our bond rating is cutting costs at city hall: I am convinced there is \$100 million of waste there that could be cut. But passing the increase in the transient occupancy tax would be like giving rum to drunken sailors."

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grade, or A2. per-medium-grade" obligations, according to Moody's. So those particular bonds are only in the middle of the

Matt Potter is on vacation.

A-rated bonds are "up-

Get Some

By Evan Wright

he ambush started when the lead vehicle of Second Platoon — the one I ride in rounded the first corner into the town. There

was a mosque on the left, with a brilliant, cobalt-blue dome. Across from this, in the upper window of a threestory building, a machine gun had opened up. Nearly two dozen rounds ripped into our Humvee almost immediately. Nobody was hit; none of the Marines panicked. They responded by speeding into the gunfire and attacking with their weapons. The four Marines crammed into this Humvee — among the first American troops to cross the border into Iraq had spent the past week wired on a combination of caffeine, sleep deprivation, tedium, and anticipation. For some of them, rolling into an ambush was almost an answered prayer.

Their war began several days ago, as a series of explosions that rumbled across

the Kuwaiti desert beginning at about 5:00 in the morning of March 20. The Marines, who had been sleeping in holes dug into the sand 20 kilometers south of the border with Iraq, sat up and gazed into the empty expanse, their faces blank as they listened to the distant thundering. They had eagerly awaited the start of war since leaving their base at Camp Pendleton, California, more than six weeks earlier. Spirits couldn't have been higher. Later, when a pair of Cobra helicopter gunships thumped overhead, flying north, presumably on their way to battle, Marines pumped their fists in the air and screamed, "Yeah! Get

Get some! is the unofficial Marine Corps cheer. It's shouted when a brother Ma-



Marine security patrol of city in central Iraq

rine is struggling to beat his personal best in a fitness run. It punctuates stories told at night about getting laid in whorehouses in Thailand and Australia. It's the cry of exhilaration after firing a burst from a .50-caliber machine gun. Get some! expresses, in two simple words, the excitement, the fear, the

feelings of power and the erotic-tinged thrill that come from confronting the extreme physical and emotional challenges posed by death, which is, of course, what war is all about. Nearly every Marine I've met is hoping this war with Iraq will be his chance to get

Marines call exaggerated displays of enthusiasm from shouting Get some! to waving American flags to covering their bodies with Marine Corps tattoos — "moto." You won't ever catch Sergeant Brad Colbert, the 28-year-old commander of the vehicle I ride in, engaging in any moto displays.

They call Colbert "The Iceman." Wiry and fair-haired, he makes sarcastic pronouncements in a nasal whine that sounds like comedian David Spade. Though he considers himself a "Marine Corps killer," he's also a nerd who listens to Barry Manilow, Air Supply, and practically all the music of the 1980s except rap. He is passionate about gadgets: He collects vintage video-game consoles and wears a massive wristwatch that can only properly be "configured" by plugging it into his PC. He is the last guy you would picture at the tip of the spear of the invasion forces in Iraq.

Now, in the midst of this ambush in a nameless town, Colbert appears utterly calm. He leans out his window in front of me, methodically pumping grenades into nearby buildings with his rifle launcher. The Humvee rocks rhythmically as the main gun on the roof turret, operated by a 23-year-old corporal, thumps out explosive rounds into buildings along the street. The vehicle's machine gunner, a 19-yearold Marine who sits to my left, blazes up the town, firing through his window like a drive-by shooter. Nobody



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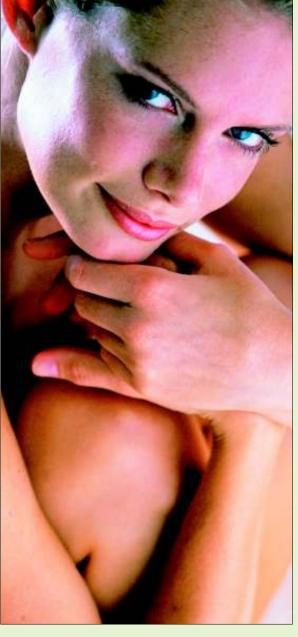
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City on the edge

It hasn't always been this way, points out Shipione. Under Mayor Pete Wilson, the pension plan of 1981 "was basically a tougher plan," says Lori Chapin, attorney for the retirement board. Among many things, "There were no disability retirements." But by 1990, the plan had been incrementally made more generous, says Chapin.

"That's when the real gaming of the system began," says Shipione. The city went to more permissive pension accounting. It began skimming earnings from the

pension plan to fund the healthcare plan. In 1996, to fund the Republican convention, the underfunding got rolling. The pension board, with city employees and their labor union representatives having a solid majority, would only go along with the underfunding if benefits would go up.

CITY LIGHTS

In 2002, Shipione warned that the system was headed for trouble. She was hooted down by officialdom, including her colleagues on the pension board, and the council passed a measure that delayed reform. The only person to vote against it was Donna Frye, who is the only member who understands business and finance, according to Barnett. In January of this year, the city admitted that its disclosures in bond prospectuses dating back to 1996 were flawed, and now the city is under federal criminal and civil investigation.

Moody's says that "financial reporting remains an area of concern." It points out that San Diego did not take advantage of the prosperous late 1990s to do something about its structural deficit, kept its reserves too low, and, unlike other California cities, didn't put away money to make up for the amount the state would pilfer.

The city has been riding bubbles. Perhaps the stock

market boom of the late 1990s closed its eyes, although, as Moody's points out, the city's problem lies in underfunding, not in the bear market. San Diego rode another bubble: real estate values. On a per-capita basis, debt grew by 30 percent from 1996 through 2002. But as a percentage of real estate valuation, it remained flat — perhaps another reason for the lack of discipline.

The council has now authorized spending \$1.2 million for an audit. "Why does it take six months and cost \$1.2 million to fix footnotes?" asks DeMaio.

"I tried to find out about that," says Frye. "I just kept getting stonewalled. It's a culture in city hall. You are supposed to get answers on your own time and not ask questions in public." ■

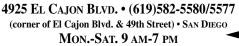
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The fact that the enemy in this town has succeeded in shutting up the driver of this vehicle, Corporal Josh Ray Person, is no mean feat. A 22-year-old from Missouri with a faintly hick accent and a shock of white-blond hair covering his wide, squarish head — his blue eyes are so far apart Marines call him "Hammerhead" or "Goldfish" — Person plans to be a rock star when he gets out of the Corps. The first night of

the invasion, he had crossed the Iraqi border, simultaneously entertaining and annoying his fellow Marines by screeching out mocking versions of Avril Lavigne songs. Tweaking on a mix of chewing tobacco, instant coffee crystals, which he consumes dry by the mouthful, and over-the-counter stimulants like ephedra-based Ripped Fuel, Person never stops jabbering. Already he's reached a profound conclusion about this campaign: that the battlefield that is Iraq is filled with "fucking retards." There's the retard commander in the battalion, who took a wrong turn near the border, delaying the invasion

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by at least an hour. There's another officer, a classic retard, who has spent much of the campaign chasing through the desert to pick up souvenirs — helmets, Republican Guard caps, and rifles - thrown down by fleeing Iraqi soldiers. There are the hopeless retards in the battalion-support sections who screwed up the radios and didn't bring enough batteries to operate the Marines' thermal-imaging devices. But in Person's eyes, one retard reigns supreme: Saddam Hussein. "We already kicked his ass once," he says. "Then we let him go, and he spends the next 12 years pissing us off even more. We don't want to be in this shithole country. We don't want to invade it. What a fucking retard."

Now, as enemy gunfire tears into the Humvee, Person hunches purposefully over the wheel and drives. The lives of everyone depend on him. If he's injured or killed and the Humvee stops, even for a moment in this hostile town, odds are good that everyone will be wiped out, not just the Marines in this vehicle, but the 19 others in the rest of the platoon following behind in their Humvees. There's no air support from attack jets or helicopters because of the raging sandstorm. The street is filled with rubble, much of it from buildings knocked down by the Marines' heavy weapons. We nearly slam into a blown-up car partially blocking the street. Ambushers drop cables from rooftops, trying to decapitate or knock down the Humvee's turret gunner. Person zigzags and brakes as the cables scrape across the Humvee, one of them striking the turret gunner who pounds on the roof, shouting, "I'm okay!"

At least one Marine in Colbert's Humvee seems ecstatic about being in a lifeor-death gunfight. Nineteen-year-old Corporal Harold James Trombley, who sits next to me in the left rear passenger seat, has been waiting all day for permission to fire his machine

gun. But no chance. The villagers Colbert's team had encountered had all been friendly until we hit this town. Now Trombley is curled over his weapon, firing away. Every time he gets a possible kill, he yells, "I got one, Sergeant!" Sometimes he adds details: "Hajji in the alley. Zipped him low. I seen his knee explode!"

Midway through the town, there's a lull in enemy gunfire. For an instant, the only sound is wind whistling through the Humvee, Colbert shouts to everyone in the vehicle: "You good? You good?" Everyone's all right. He bursts into laughter. "Holy shit!" he says, shaking his head. "We were fucking lit up!"

Forty-five minutes later the Marines swing pickaxes into the hard desert pan outside of the town, setting up defensive positions. Several gather around their bullet-riddled Humvees, laughing about the day's exploits. Their faces are covered with dust, sand, tar, gun lubricant, tobacco spittle, and sewer water from

the town. No one's showered or changed out of the bulky chemical-protection suits they've been wearing for ten days. Since all mirrors and reflective surfaces have been stripped from their Humvees to make the vehicles harder to detect, most of the men haven't seen themselves since crossing the border. Their filthy faces seem to make their teeth shine even whiter as they laugh and hug one another.

The platoon's eldest member, 35-year-old Gunnery Sergeant Mike "Gunny" Wynn, walks among the Marines, grabbing their heads and shaking them like you would when playing with a puppy. "All right!" he repeats in his mild Texas accent. "You made it, man!"

"Who's the fucking retard who sent us into that town?" Person asks, spitting a thick stream of tobacco juice, which catches in the wind and mists across the faces of several of his buddies standing nearby. "That sure tops my list of stupid shit we've done."

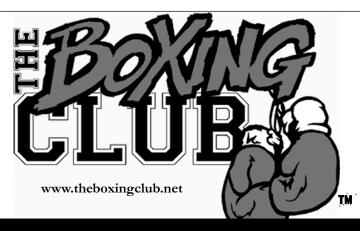
Trombley is beside himself. "I was just thinking one thing when we drove into that ambush," he enthuses. "Grand Theft Auto: Vice City. I felt like I was living it when I seen the flames coming out of windows, the blown-up car in the street, guys crawling around shooting at us. It was fucking cool."

Culturally, these Marines would be virtually unrecognizable to their forebears in the "Greatest Generation." They are kids raised on hiphop, Marilyn Manson, and Jerry Springer. For them, "motherfucker" is a term of endearment. For some, slain rapper Tupac is an American patriot whose writings are better known than the speeches of Abraham Lincoln. There are tough guys among them who pray to Buddha and quote Eastern philosophies and New Age precepts gleaned from watching Oprah and old kung fu movies. There are former gangbangers, a sprinkling of born-again Christians, and quite a few guys who before entering the Corps were daily dope

smokers; many of them dream of the day when they get out and are once again united with their beloved bud.

These young men represent what is more or less America's first generation of disposable children. More than half of the guys in the platoon come from broken homes and were raised by absentee, single, working parents. Many are on more intimate terms with video games, reality TV shows, and Internet porn than they are with their own parents. Before the "War on Terrorism" began, not a whole lot was expected of this generation other than the hope that those in it would squeak through high school without pulling too many more mass shootings in the manner of Columbine. ■

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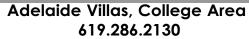
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

The word origin guys actually take this question seriously and offer serious answers, a little too serious if you ask me. As an informal expression of amazement or frustration, it might have no such logic

behind it. But the word crowd seems unanimous, including England's Michael Quinion, probably the most respected of today's word wizards. The H comes from I-H-S, the transliteration of an early Greek abbreviation for the name "Jesus," still commonly found on religious articles. A secondary opinion says it's a short form of the expletive "Jesus Holy Christ!" apparently popular decades ago in

On the streets that go through the canyons of Mira Mesa and Sorrento Mesa, you'll see yellow caution signs advising of deer. There used to be several herds there before Mira Mesa was built. Are there still really

any deer left in these areas between 805 and 15? And thanks to the person(s) who each Christmas place

Mira Mesa by the Concrete is devoid of mule deer, natch. But Barry Martin of the San Diego Tracking Team has some kinda' good news. SDTT is a group of trained volunteers that do local

wildlife surveys (mammals, mainly) to follow population trends. According to Barry, we're not exactly San Deerego, but our few remaining niches of open space do support some healthy herds.

The closest group to Curious Ken's ground zero lives in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, 75 to

100 individuals, Barry offers. But since there's nothing a deer needs that it can buy at a mall, they

generally stick to the canyons themselves. The signs you see have been there since the earliest days

of mesa development. (Barry was cagey about the hard numbers, perhaps because of his claim that

SDTT population data have been massaged beyond recognition in Environmental Impact Reports.)

food and water availability. Just because we build a four-lane, 50-mph road across those paths

doesn't mean they'll immediately change decades (centuries?) of habit. The Mira Mesa deer signs

worst deer slaughter he can recall happened when Scripps Ranch was built. The SDTT advocates wildlife tunnels in new developments to protect traditional migration corridors and connect

went up when the first roads went in to try to reduce the inevitable road kill, though Barry says the

Deer follow historical migration patterns around their territories, related to seasonal

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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

I Want Your Job

here are two breeds of cat in the sports attorney world. You have one sports attorney who specializes and acts as an agent for athletes. He's doing the contract negotiation with a team, a sponsor, or an endorser.'

Speaking is Jim Miller Jr., president of Off-Tackle Sports Management, an El Cajon sports management firm representing 27 NFL players.

Miller continues, "You also have a sports attorney who represents an athlete in arbitrations against his team, the league, or contract disputes with his team, or contract disputes with his sponsors or endorsers. Most agents who are active lawyers will do both, although that's a small percentage of sports agents, at least as far as the NFL is concerned."

I've called Miller for the simplest of reasons. Although sports agents have been the subject of movies, TV series, endless mentions in the press, I don't actually know what they do. What do they do? To begin I ask, "Are there standard contracts in the NFL, NHL, major league baseball?'

"In the National Football League," Miller says, "which is what I cover, there is a standard contract, and within that contract is a certain paragraph that all the fancy language and all the signing bonuses and roster bonuses and incentives that everybody hears about comes into play. Basically, that paragraph is a big empty space; it says, see the attached addendum one through however many addendums there are that discuss incentives."

That's where the goodies go. "What sorts of addendums do sports attorneys want to get in a

"You're trying to find ways to have your client maximize his earning potential through bonuses and incentives. In the NFL there are "Likely to Be Earned," called LTBE, incentives, and then there are "Not Likely To Be Earned, NLTBE, incentives. Those LTBEs count against the salary cap to a certain percentage. The NLTBEs do not count against the salary cap. What you're trying to get in the contract are incentives your client will actually hit."

Client gets out of bed 30 days in a row. One million dollars. I say, "Everybody hears about the highly paid athlete who is bankrupt at 35. How much truth is there to that?"
"A lot of truth," Miller says. "In fact, I think

the statistics are something like 70 or 80 percent of professional athletes end up not necessarily

bankrupt or impoverished, but their money is gone. They didn't save anything, and they're out working a regular everyday job like the rest of

"Where does it go? Big cars, big houses?" "That has a lot to do with it. You have a lot of situations where there is bad investment advice. With a lot of the young men that I see, you have hangers-on from the athlete's home team and what not. The athlete will feel some compelling reason to help his friend set up a business, which is going to fail, without question. It's bad money management, and the agent or sports lawyer should have enough guts to tell his

client, 'This is a bad move.'
"I don't give my clients financial advice, but I do look over business contracts that come through. If I know their money is going to something that is stupid, I let them know it's a waste of their time, a waste of their effort, and it's putting their family and their future at risk. A lot of agents don't want to say that, because they don't want to get their clients mad and be fired. But then, they're not giving the client a service that needs to be done.'

I need a sports attorney. I need addendums. "How long have you been doing this?"

"I've represented professional athletes since 1993," Miller says. "I've been certified by the NFL since '97. I've been a lawyer since '97."

I need LTBEs. Big LTBEs and small LTBEs. "What's the hardest thing to do as a sports attorney?"

"The most difficult thing is where you'll be representing a young man who has, in your opinion, athletic ability but is not on the radar, so you're trying to explain to a scout or a coach why this particular player has the ability to play at the next level and should be invited to their training camp or be drafted. That's the most difficult part of my job."

"How do you do that?"

"We do it through film and study and getting film out to the coaches and scouts. My website [www.offtacklesports.com] has most of my players' film on it. So it's easy. I can be talking to a coach, and all they have to do is log onto their computer. If you can get them to see your player and see what you see in him, you're better off. I'm a former athlete myself, so I have the ability to judge talent.'

Next week, part two with Jim Miller, Jr.

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Year founded: 1961

Senior pastor: Reverend Eric Rountree

Congregation size: 120 **Staff size:** 1 full-time, 4 volunteer **Sunday school enrollment: 25** Annual budget: \$104,000 Weekly giving: \$2000 Singles program: yes Dress: very casual Diversity: white, Hispanic, Asian Length of service reviewed: 110 minutes

"Are you uncomfortable with some of the things you do?" I last week asked 28-year-old Reverend Eric Rountree, senior pastor of Central

Assembly of God in El Cajon. "How far can you go before church no longer resembles church?

Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.

"I'm definitely operating outside of my own personal comfort zone," he said. "My father was pastor of this church for ten years. I took over as senior pastor this past Easter Sunday. When we first got here, it was a formal church. We came to church dressed in suits and ties. Little by little, we started to change that. First, we stopped wearing ties. Then, off came the jackets. Finally, I remember coming here to church one Sunday and three members of the church's board were dressed in shorts and

flip-flops.' Central Assembly's dress code wasn't the first thing that caught my eye. When I visited last Sunday, I saw that Central Assembly had converted its narthex into a coffee bar outfitted with café tables and chairs and racks of Italian syrups used to fla-

vor coffee. Behind the counter a young woman whipped up an iced drink in a blender. When the service started at 10:30 a.m., three people brought their coffee beverages into the sanctu-

Reverend Rountree — dressed in jeans, short-sleeve shirt, and sandals - strummed his electric guitar. With a drummer, flautist, bass player, and another guitarist backing him up, he kicked off the morning's service with rock-inspired worship songs such as "God of Wonder" and "Pour Out My Heart." After a half hour of singing, Reverend Rountree urged the congregation to take a break and go to the coffee bar for peach pie with ice cream.

"Before Reverend Rountree's father came here, there were only a handful of people left," a church member told me during the 20minute coffee-and-pie break. "He really worked at building up the youth group. And what happened was that members of the youth group grew up, married each other, and had children themselves. That's why we have so many

young people."

Folks wandered from the narthex/café back into the sanctuary, some with coffee, one or two with plates of peach pie. I estimated that more than half were under 30. Reverend Rountree took a sip from a Starbucks coffee cup he kept on the podium. With his band, he launched into another worship song. Two middle-aged gentlemen took the morning's offering, but did so in such casual fashion that I almost didn't notice what they were doing.

"Your good deeds are worthless," Reverend Rountree told us, working his way into his sermon, "God Wants Your Heart."

"When the Bible refers to the heart and the mind, it means the same thing. At the time the Bible was written, the heart was the center of your being. Your heart is the CEO of your life. It's what happens in your heart that matters. Some of us come to church robotically. We roboti-

cally do what the Bible tells us to do. Those of us who are married can really understand this. If a husband performs all his duties, if he helps take care of the kids, if he provides for his family, if he listens to his wife, but his heart really isn't in it, his wife knows the difference. She wants what he does to come from his heart. What is in your heart is more important than anything else.

"We pretend to be holy. We pretend to have given our minds to God. But it's all a facade. If I do evil, then I am the kind of person who does evil. If I do evil, what I do is a product of what's in my heart. It doesn't matter what I say or outwardly pretend. God told us that he wants our hearts.'

Reverend Rountree went on to explain the importance of avoiding even the appearance of doing evil. He talked about his once ordering a beer at a restau-

rant where he felt certain no one knew him. But a young man he recognized from the church's youth group walked in and saw him drinking

After the service, I sat with Reverend Rountree in his office while his wife and four children waited outside. He and I talked about his church.

"I think we're really responding to where we are," he said. "We're in a working-class community. We're reaching out to many people who are completely unchurched. In another part of the city, our worship might take another

I pointed out to Reverend Rountree that his sermon, with its antialcohol message and emphasis on spiritual perfection, was a Methodist sermon of the sort you would have heard more than 100 years ago.

"That's kind of the secret of what we do," he said. "The superficial stuff, the style of worship, changes. But the message stays the same."

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Dear Saffron.

My father invited family members out for dinner for my mother's birthday. My sister was not able to attend, but her husband (my brother-in-law) was there, along with my mother of course, my dad, my wife, and myself. At dinner my brotherin-law ordered the most expensive dish on the menu (which was quite pricey). He also ordered a \$75 bottle of wine, which he and my parents shared (my wife and I don't drink). A little before dessert my brother-in-law said he had a late business meeting to attend and would have to leave us. We all shook hands and he took off. I assumed he'd left money with my father to pay for his part of the lavish dinner. When the check arrived my dad said he and I would have to pay for "Tim" (my brother-in-law), as he had left without contributing any money for the bill. I was livid. Tim is the most well-off of all of us. He and my sister live in a giant house and spend money like water. Yet he stiffed us for his dinner and fancy wine. He's done things like this on other occasions. I told my father right then that I found Tim's behavior crass and I resented having to pick up his share. My mother quietly agreed with me. My wife did too, but encouraged me to drop the subject because it was making my father uncomfortable. My dad said we should forget it and not spoil Mom's happy birthday with bad feelings. I want to say something to Tim. My family hints that I should just keep quiet for the sake of family peace — that it's no big deal, or that this is what Tim's like and he won't change. I'm still mad. What do you say?

> STIFFED AND SORE ABOUT IT IN CARDIFF

Dear Stiffed,

Totally low-class behavior on the part of the brother-in-law. Here's a plan: Next time you hear of an upcoming family dinner, call Diamond Tim on the phone and propose, dude to dude, that you and he treat the family to the meal. Arrange it all ahead of time, and when the check comes, give him a brotherly wink and say, "Tim and I are getting this one." Do this every time you possibly can. Perhaps in this indirect way you can get him to realize that being generous is the way to go, and that sneaking out on the check is pathetic, without having to make him taste your rage. Tim sounds like he needs to be reeducated and it looks like you're elected to be his teacher. You can always be more direct with him later if the gentler, subtler approach doesn't penetrate his thick head.

Dear Readers,

When my Aunt Trudy, who used to pen this column, bragged that her readers were an

alert, responsive crew, she wasn't kidding. Here are more excellent responses to JK in Mission Beach, the guy in his forties wondering where middleaged groovesters can go to drink, socialize, and listen to good music. Thanks to all who wrote in

Hey Saffron,

In response to JK's search for a good place to meet a more "mature" crowd, I'd like to offer that on Tuesdays, starting at 7:00 p.m., the fun is at Tio Leo's on Morena Boulevard. Zydeco music and dance is the order of the day and the friendly crowd is mainly 40 and up. Show up at 7:00 p.m. for the easy lesson (\$5 donation) and stay for the dancing. It's a great group of people. "Mature" doesn't mean we don't have a blast!

MM IN CORONADO

Dear Saffron,

JK should check out The Beachcomber on Sundays. Between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. he'll find a congenial crowd his age and some wonderful music. Also recommended: Patrick's, which is a small place downtown, and the Second Wind Bar, which has great classic rock.

TG IN DEL CERRO

Hi Saffron,

Tell JK to try the Pacifica Del Mar restaurant and bar in Pacifica Del Mar plaza, adjacent to the coast highway and 15th Street. Real nice people his age.

CLAIREMONT MESA CLARE

Dear Saffron,

A suggestion for JK: Schroeder's Club and Cabaret at the Westin Hotel in Horton Plaza. They feature different artists every weekend. Great music: some new, some old. Nice setting. Good food. Plenty of 40- and 50-something audience members.

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'Gin always hits me funny," said Patrick, returning late from a round of poker with the boys. "It's not even the morning after, and I'm feeling fuzzy.

"Drink a B Clear," I mumbled, still mostly

asleep.

He obeyed, ripping open the packet, dissolving the powdery contents into water, and gulping

the fizzy liquid down. Next morning, he was tired, but his head was clear. I had discovered B Clear via my friend Bernice. She said she had picked up a couple of packets based on its promises of a "natural energy boost," but, she

noted, it also purported to help prevent hangovers and jet lag. I made Patrick my guinea pig, and I was intrigued by his happy experience. So, I paid a visit to the company's Miramar office (858-866-5678; www.bclearusa.com) and spoke with local Marketing Director Cathy Dunn and local Sales Manager Heather McCarthy.

B Clear takes its name from the hefty dose of vitamin B it delivers, though it also includes vitamins A, C, and E. Said McCarthy, "The megadoses of B combine to give you a natural energy boost." Dunn added that there was no danger of overdosing, since B is water-soluble. "Your body will naturally expel what you don't need. That's why we say not to take any more than three in a 24-hour period. After that, you're wasting your money,

because your body can't assimilate any more." (The only side effect she noted was a possible slight niacin flush in niacin-sensitive people.) On top of the vitamins, B Clear boasts "electrolytes — potassium, sodium, and calcium. They're also in a megadose, and they're what rehydrates you."

"That's what makes us different from B complexes," noted McCarthy. "One packet of B Clear gives you three times the amount of electrolytes found in one serving of Gatorade without all that sugar.'

"We have no caffeine or sugar in B Clear," continued Dunn. "Sugar and caffeine give you a peak and then a crash. Caffeine, being a

diuretic, dehydrates you. Then you feel exhausted and need more caffeine, and you get a roller-coaster effect. With B Clear, you're going to feel awake naturally. It's not a jolt and a charge like Red Bull, where you go like gangbusters and then feel whipped." (B Clear does have some sweetness,

which McCarthy said came from the root of the stevia plant. "It's a natural form of sweetening, and it's diabetic-safe.")

B Clear's dual benefits — energy maintenance and hangover prevention — were discovered simultaneously. Explained Dunn, "The owner of B Clear also owns a catering and events company which has worked at the last three Olympics. When the owner was working in Australia for the Sydney games, he discovered a product called Barocca. He noticed that the people he was working with would drink and work long hours and just keep going and "People say, 'I'm trying this tonight, and I'll be back tomor-

going. He asked how they did it. They replied, 'Don't you take Barocca?' It turned out Barocca was an effervescent tablet which provided these sorts of vitamins." He tried importing the wonder tablets, but found it too difficult. "So he decided to manufacture it. He took a vitamin class at UCLA, and found a lab that worked with effervescent technology." (The effervescence, she said, helps the body assimilate the vitamins more quickly.) "Then he went Barocca one step better — he put in more B and elec-

trolytes, and took out the sugar."
According to McCarthy, "when you drink alcohol, it depletes your body of B vitamins and electrolytes. That's the hangover: that's why you feel so crappy. This is not a hangover cure — you can't take it in the morning and feel better. This is prevention. You take one packet before you drink and one before you go to bed. That way, you don't wake up feeling any symptoms."

"You're replenishing your body," added Dunn. The alcohol-taxed body holds on to the megadoses instead of expelling them, and the deficiency never sets in. That, together with the ease of use (the before and after

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doses) is what the two women say makes B Clear differ-

ent. "There are things on the market that mask hangover symptoms. You feel better, but the mask wears off. In an hour or so, you're going to feel the effects of what you did last night."

When it comes to marketing, the company likes to encourage field tests. "We do a lot of street

fairs and community events like Street Scene," said McCarthy. "We give out samples, and people say, 'I'm trying this tonight and I'll be back tomorrow!' They come back and say, 'I feel great! It works!""

'We also sell a lot to military bases. The guys tell us they use it for working out — the electrolytes keep them hydrated — and for drinking, partying. They have to show up for work the next morning and have their act together and have a good attitude. They can't just call in sick.

Dunn noted that B Clear was not aimed primarily at the hard-partying crowd, however. "In the workplace, people are socializing, or having their meetings over cocktails and such, and they just can't make it in the next

McCarthy said that dehydration also plays a part in jet lag, and that B Clear would be a help there as well. "You have longer-lasting hydration from electrolytes than from water alone, and you have the natural energy from the B vitamins" to help with travel across time zones. "Who wants to drink lots of water and always have to use the airplane rest room? Just take one package when you take off and one when you land. Unless it's time for bed when you land — then take it the next morning. There's no caffeine, but it does give that energy release.

B Clear retails for \$1.99 a two-pack or \$10.99 a 20-pack. It is available at Longs Drugs, Rite Aid, GNC, San Diego military bases, and specialty nutrition stores.

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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

PERSON who was looking for girl who was planning on going to India to see Maharaj Ji: she left after school got out in June but was going to write me (her ex-roommate) as soon as she got to France. No letters yet. Have you heard anything? Gwen.

— PERSONALS, August 22, 1974

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Late last April John Holtz brought home to San Diego four bullet holes in the trunk of his brand-new Renault station wagon as a souvenir of his most recent trip to Nicaragua. "I was an American driving a car with Venezuela plates, and a known sympathizer for the Sandanistas," said Holtz, recalling the shootout at the Nicaragua-Honduras border. "Not only that, I was bringing information across the border.' Holtz had left Nicaragua and was returning to San Diego at the request of Sandanista leader Eden Pastora (also known as Comandante Zero) in an effort to enlist support in this country for the guerilla fighters.

— CITY LIGHTS: "SAN DIEGO SANDANISTA," Dan Trigoboff, August 23, 1979

Twenty Years Ago

When the KGB Chicken (a.k.a. Ted Giannoulas) left radio station KGB in 1979, he made his debut as the San Diego Chicken.... Since then, he's toured with the team on their private team jet, and for the last three baseball seasons has been hired by the Padres for an undisclosed amount of money (rumored to be close to \$2000 per game) to appear at a minimum of fifteen home games each year. But weeks after the Chicken celebrated his tenth birthday, the Padres management ordered the bird off the field during ballgames.

— CITY LIGHTS: "THE CHICKEN OR THE PENNANT?" Thomas K. Arnold, August 23, 1984

Fifteen Years Ago

Fans eager to lay some simoleons on the new Jim McChargers will be in luck September 9. That's when Tijuana entrepreneur Jorge Hank Rhon opens his nine sports books tied in with the official Las Vegas odds on football, baseball, basketball, tennis, boxing, and golf. Hank, dogged by suspicions of being linked with the 1988 murder of Tijuana newspaper columnist Hector "Gato" Felix, owns the Agua Caliente Race Track and is the son of the Mexican Minister of Tourism. He aced out others who wanted to bring legalized all-sports gambling to Tijuana.

— SPORTS: "VEGAS TO T.J.: YEAH, BUT WE STILL GOT WAYNE NEWTON," Jerry Gross, August 24, 1989



Ten Years Ago

Excuse me, Gina Arnold, but who died and made you the almighty, all-knowing, indierock goddess you seem to think you are? The July 28 Reader had an article about the Lemonheads ("Of Note").

I've noticed, Gina Arnold, that once a band reaches the "big time," you find them unworthy of your affection. I realize the Lemonheads are popular and well-known. But they are still my favorite, and, no, I am not 14 years old.

One last thing, Gina Arnold, the Lemonheads are more than just Evan Dando; Nic Dalton plays the bass and David Ryan plays the drums. If you understood the Lemonheads as much as you think you do, you celestial she-god you, you'd know that.

- LETTERS: "GINA ARNOLD INSULTED EVAN DANDO," Connie Glenn, August 18, 1994

Five Years Ago

"THAT'S EASY ENOUGH FOR YOU TO

A man I'll call John accepted my argument that fat people have important stories to tell because he had been fat and had stories of his own. But while so many of those I met for this series refused to tell their stories, having been the objects of ridicule, John was at least willing to share an account of his life over the phone. However, he would do so only on the condition of anonymity. Yet I felt identification would offer his account legitimacy.

"Like I said, that's easy enough for you to sav. But what do you know about it? You sound like those assholes who used to tell me how nice looking I'd be if I'd lose weight, and now they're saying I better be careful about losing too much too fast. I mean, it's never enough."

— "THIS BODY, MY LIFE," Jangchup Phelgyal, August 19, 1999

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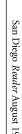
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THRILLA FROM MANILA

by Josh Board

grew up in Mira Mesa, which always had a large Filipino population. In elementary school, my best friend was Patrick Pandes. My first girlfriend was Loreen Demetrio. And my basketball teams were always half Filipino (great fundamentals, ball handling, and shooting; terrible rebounding — none were over 5'10").

So when I got a call from a Joe Maniquis, I was excited when he told me about his party. It was a second annual family reunion to be held in Balboa Park. I wasn't sure where Recital Hall was, but the giant banner with their family name on it helped.

When I walked in, I had a flashback to my childhood days. Occasionally the rec center we played basketball in would have the gym closed while the Filipino community had parties. The food smelled great, and everyone looked nice all dressed up. But as a 12-yearold forced to play on the outdoor gravel courts — with nets missing from the hoops — I was pissed. Now I was able to smell the food and enjoy eating it. (Note to self: if I started playing basketball the way I used to, and ate less, maybe I wouldn't be overweight.)

There were tables with lumpia, pancit (the most delicious way to prepare noodles), and a pig (which always grosses me out). There were



Top: Philippine Cultural Arts Festival; bottom: Maniquiz reunion party

soda, which are never cold at events like this.

They brought flags out and played the March of Colors, "Lupang Hinirang" (which is the Filipino anthem), and "The Star-Spangled Banner." I always think it's more powerful to hear another country's anthem along with ours.

I introduced myself to Joe, but he was busy putting his drum set together. His band had some of his brothers and was appropriately called Band of Brothers. The singer a Bee Gees tune that was sung way too high.

I was sitting near the end of the food line watching the band play. I overheard one lady in a thick accent say, "You never realize how many people are at an event like this until they line up for food and up, while others had shorts, sports jerseys, and tank tops. One had a T-shirt that said "Poorest Gump."

I kept seeing people go to the bathroom to change into colored Tshirts, red, yellow, and blue. I asked somebody about this and was told, "They represent the different colors of the flag."

Each had the clan name. It was spelled "Maniquis" on some, "Maniquiz" on others, and "Manikis" on still others. I quickly thought how many ways I could spell my last name, Board. I only came up with "bored." And, surprisingly, I wasn't bored at this event. I didn't know a single person, but it was fun watching people who had-

n't seen each other in years hugging. Others would introduce themselves and go into detail as to who they were related to.

Joe lived in Mira Mesa, so this wasn't a long trek for him. But others came from Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Canada; and one cousin of Joe's was from London. I heard somebody say, "I'm excited about going to this event in two years. We are having that one in Montreal, and I've never been there before."

A bunch of teenagers did some great dance routines. They were introduced once as the Mira Mesa Dance Team. Another time they were called the Mira Mesa Drill Team. I asked Joe for clarification, since his daughter is in the troupe. He said, "Oh, I don't know. They are in the drill team, but I don't think this is the entire drill team. You can call them whatever you want." I found out they've won a number of events, including a big competition at Magic Mountain.

When Band of Brothers went back on, a woman joined them and sang a Sade song. Somebody said to me, "Have you ever noticed that if a woman sings, she has to have this beautiful voice. But when men sing, they can sound like Bob Dylan, and not have great voices. Nobody cares how they sound, but women have to have these incredible voices." I replied, "Somebody tell Britney Spears that."

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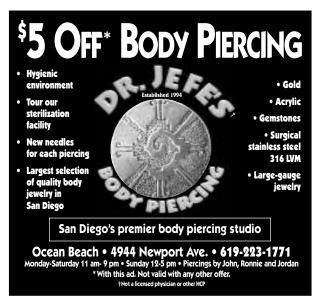
said, "We were originally going to be called Band of Maniquis, but when you abbreviate that, it's BOM. So we went with Band of Brothers."

I loved the song selection they did. It started with Carl Perkins's "Matchbox," going into a Ventures tune. And the crowd went nuts at you are starved." I smiled as I scarfed down my pancit. I heard MC Jo Jo Maniquis say, "Let the seniors get food first." It didn't seem as though anyone paid attention to that request.

People showed up dressed all different ways: some were dressed







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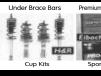


















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I asked Joe about how long it takes to plan an event like this. He said, "It was a year of planning, e-mailing, and things like that." As we were talking, someone walked away. Joe said, "Don't leave early. You're going to have to help clean up. We need you to carry stuff, mop floors." They both laughed.

I staved for another performance from the dance team, who did a great number with a mix of kids' songs and hiphop. I left before the awards ceremony, karaoke, and talent contest. I glanced at a family tree chart that was at least 15 feet long. As I looked at all the names, then glanced back at all the families at the 20 large tables they had set up, I thought about how I have such a small family and I missed out on things like this. Hell, I'd settle for a phone call from my dad, whom I haven't seen since I was four.

I waited to write about the Maniquis party until after another event at Balboa Park. It was the 20th Philippine Cultural Arts Festival. It is presented by the Samahan Filipino-American Performing Arts and Education Center.

They had 20 booths set up in the grassy area on Presidents Way. It was weird to be at one booth with interesting wind chimes made of shells, right next to a booth by Viejas that had a blackjack table and flyers for some of their events. I overheard one lady say, "It's good Viejas is a sponsor. After all, enough of us go spend our money gambling." I saw an SDG&E booth also. And I figured a lot of Filipinos also use their electricity.

The MC for this event was Ernie Flores, who is the publisher and editor of the Filipino Press. He was very entertaining. Aside from talking about the history and culture of the Philippines, he would joke when planes flew overhead. Another time he started into the history of something and said, "I'm just telling you this because I've got to kill time. It'll take the next group five minutes longer to get ready." And when he talked about this being the 20th year of this festival, he said, "We've done this almost every year." He quickly corrected himself and said, "Wait a minute, we've

done this every year. I can get fired for that."

The Samahan Kulintang Ensemble played some interesting music. On one side of the stage was a set of gongs, including three different ones dangling. The other side had four gongs. Chris Feraro explained that the three were for pitch, and the four were in the midlevel range. He also said the drum was a "skinned head drum," which is either made with lizard or goat skin and played with bamboo sticks. (No letters from PETA, please.)

Ernie joked about everyone thinking Filipinos are all short and have flat noses. He talked about the costumes and how a lot of people on the islands are dressed the way the folks in the States are dressed and these were the old traditional costumes.

He said, "If you took all the Philippine Islands and put them together, they would be the size of Arizona. And Arizona has 5 million people. The Philippines has 84 million. And each island has a different culture."

When the girls started coming onstage in the different costumes, it was interesting to see the variety of colors, and many were wearing headdresses ranging from fabrics to feathers to a giant water pitcher.

When there were costumes from the southern region, Mindanao, a woman said, "They are mostly Muslim in that part of the country. Most Filipinos are Catholic. I would say 90 percent of them. In Mindanao, they are mostly Muslim."

For when one lady came out dressed as a princess, I couldn't help thinking of the recent documentary I saw on Imelda Marcos. It was hysterical listening to her talk about how the media only focused on the over 1000 pairs of shoes she had. In the film she said, "They went into my closets looking for skeletons...all they found were shoes."

I'm sure she'd hate knowing that, with all this wonderful history and culture going on here in Balboa Park, I chose to end this with a mention of her shoe collection.

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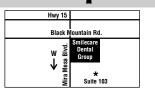
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KATHRYN STAFFORD & MICHAEL STROM

Met: August 2002 Engaged: June 24, 2004 Wedding: September 18, 2005

y brother's friends were off-limits," says Kathryn Stafford, 23, as she explains the rules she later broke. "He was in a fraternity at State. I used to hang around at the frat house when I was barely legal, go to parties. I knew his fraternity brothers were off-limits as far as dating was concerned."

Michael Strom knew the rules, too. "Kathryn was definitely off-limits." Mr. Strom, 25, confirms.

The rules changed when love

struck. "I went to UC Santa Barbara,"
Miss Stafford continues. "After I
graduated, I moved back to San
Diego. My brother was renting a
room from the fraternity." One night,
Miss Stafford's brother, a bunch of his
friends, and Miss Stafford went to
Norma Jean's, a College Area "superdive."

"We were singing karaoke and playing pool," Mr. Strom remembers. "I noticed Kathryn was a really good pool player. A hustler, you might say."

"I'm not a hustler," Miss Stafford corrects her fiancé and punches his arm. "I just played a lot of pool in college and got to be pretty good."

Later in the evening, Mr. Strom tried to kiss Miss Stafford. "I was, like, 'No way. You're off-limits,' " Miss Stafford remembers.

The following week, Miss Stafford's brother intervened. "He told me, 'Mike really likes you. Give him a chance.' He wanted to see me with a quality guy. In college, I dated a lot of losers."

The next week, Miss Stafford called the house to talk to her brother. Mr. Strom answered the phone. "We just fell into things," Miss Stafford says. "I was trying to find a job. Michael was in his last year of school. Neither of us had much money. We ended up going out to bars a lot. But we didn't go on an official, nice dinner date until we'd been together for about nine months."

"It was weird," Mr. Strom agrees. "For the first month or two we were together, all our friends were confused. Kathryn's brother would introduce us and say, 'This is Mike's girlfriend.' Everybody was thinking, 'I thought she was off- limits.'"

When Mr. Strom graduated from State with a degree in business and communications, the couple took a trip to Cancún. They've gone on several trips to Vegas. "We love to travel," Miss Stafford confirms. "We go to Vegas for Halloween. Last year, he was Batman and I was Wonder Woman."

This past spring, Mr. Strom decided Vegas would be a good place to propose. "We'd been shopping for rings," Mr. Strom says. "It always turned into a big fight. You go into these places that sell engagement

rings, and they work you like used-car salesmen. It always comes down to a meeting in a little room. The salesperson is on one side of the table saying, 'Do you want to make your girlfriend happy and buy today?' "

"I always wanted him to buy the ring right then and there," Miss Stafford says.

"And I wanted it to be a surprise," Mr. Strom continues. "One time she actually cried."

In June, Mr. Strom bought the ring. Miss Stafford didn't know. "We left that night for Vegas," Mr. Strom explains. "We stopped and spent the night in Barstow. I was worried about either losing the ring or Kathryn finding it. I had it in my suitcase wrapped up in my shorts. When I was in the shower, Kathryn called out, 'Do you want your shorts?' I said, 'NO!' I was sure she was going to find it "

The couple stayed at the Tropicana. "When I took my shower there, I kept hopping out and peeking into the room to make sure Kathryn wasn't going through my stuff."

That evening, Mr. Strom and Miss Stafford went to New York New York. "I just love the piano bar there," Miss Stafford explains.

"It was about 8:00," Mr. Strom says. "We were standing by the wishing well, tossing in nickels. I took the ring out of my pocket and said, 'Why don't you wish on this?'

"Then he got down on one knee and asked me to marry him," Miss Stafford remembers. "I was totally surprised. I cried."

Afterward, the couple went to the piano bar. Miss Stafford told the staff that they had just gotten engaged. During the show, the players pulled Mr. Strom and Miss Stafford up on stage. They danced to Eric Clapton's "Wonderful Tonight." "It *was* wonderful," Miss Stafford confirms.

The couple plans to be married in September of next year at the Rancho Bernardo Winery. "It'll be a pretty small wedding," Miss Stafford predicts. "Probably about 100 people."

When asked what she loves most about Mr. Strom, Miss Stafford doesn't hesitate. "He has a really good sense of humor. You never know what's going to come out of his mouth next. He's never boring."

Mr. Strom returns the favor. "Kathryn is super unselfish. She always thinks of herself last." Mr. Strom pauses and shoots his beloved a grin. "And she's pretty damn fine, too."

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Womano a Womano

"If we would build on a sure foundation in friendship we must love our friends for their sake rather than our own."

— Charlotte Brontë

've never been interested in having a "group" of girlfriends. Typically, I have one or two close female

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friends. Girls en masse always seem to deliver the same goods — drama. While in college, I spent a lot of time at a house close to campus where several young men lived, one for whom I had a "thing." Drinking, smoking, whatever we did was always a blast until I introduced a female friend into the mix. Weird things happen when boys smell fresh meat and compete with each other to win the affections of the "new chick."

Adding more than one female at a time was even worse — both sexes would vie for the attention of the same so-called "worthy" catches. Romantic struggles

can destroy friendships; I remained quiet about my interests, though I'm sure I was more transparent than I thought. Once I befriended a group of guys from work. I'd bring a girl to a party, and, familiar with the pattern, I was not surprised when the single vultures swooped in. Later, they would probe me about their chances with the new filly. I was never swooped upon (the fat chick rarely is), so their pestering was not only annoving, it was a painful reminder that no one else was being pestered about me. At the time, this was devastating. Looking back, I'm relieved I was spared the theatrics of being center stage to boys without knowing yet how to love and respect myself.

I've always been annoyed by women in large

groups. Add alcohol, and the result is a shrieking caterwaul that grates into the root of every tooth in my mouth until my head is pounding. For years, I found women so simple to read, to pick apart and analyze — but only in packs, where behavior is relative and therefore easier to decipher. Mano a mano (or more accurately, womano a womano) was a different story — without the distraction of competition (either for a man's attention or for self-esteem obtained via superiority/inferiority complexes), I was able to gain a new understanding of friendship with the feminine sex. Not the cliquey bullshit of high school, not the sorority cattiness of college, and far from the status-conscious crap of day-to-day life. Just two women, voicing emotions, putting words to ideas, and helping each other to interpret their wants and desires.

In case you're an oversexed man with too little fodder for your masturbatory machinations (you'll have to wait until I'm in the mood to share *those* stories) this is not a sexual thing. Aside from my sisters, my dearest female friend, whom I've known for almost 10 years, is Stephanie. She has watched me mature from a loud-mouthed, inexperienced 18-year-old to a loud-mouthed, high-maintenance, and a-little-*too*-experienced 27-year-old. Regardless of my antics, phases, and dramas, she miraculously continues to see me.

Coincidentally, Stephanie thinks women

are drama too, but she still takes them in larger doses than I do. For example, she enjoys a monthly Bunco game with female coworkers, whereas I'd prefer to sit at home and read than listen to 20 women try to talk over each other. Then again, I've never had that many coworkers (male or female) that I could tolerate, let alone party with. In our years of friendship, Stephanie has shown me how to be more accepting of others — she likes someone until they prove themselves unlikable; more often than not, I'm the other way around. She'll try anything, she's open to suggestions, and she's disarming in her honesty. Her philosophy is "The more the merrier," whereas I think "The fewer, the more exclusive."

In many ways, I want to be like her. I surround myself with people who possess the traits I want, people who make me think, "Man, I wish I could be, think, act, write, speak, feel — like that." I'm not the most thoughtful person I know. I'm sure this is difficult to believe (seeing as I only write about myself), but it's true: I'm selfabsorbed, self-centered, and self-assured. It amazes me that despite my self-obsessed concerns, someone could actually want to be around me. Regardless of my perceived selfawareness, I was in the dark about these eveopening facts for a long time. During a recent self-analytical moment, I asked David what he thinks I like to talk about, and his



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answer stunned me: "Yourself, babe. You like to talk about yourself." Um, yeah, but... Shit. He's right, I thought. I was mortified.

I thought about the female friends in my life, each with their own group of girlfriends. A common thread materialized so clearly I could have sewn with it (that is, if I were domestic enough to know how) not one of the women I love is half as self-absorbed as I am. They all share the trait I never acquired — selflessness. Well, sure, of course! It's no wonder I don't like to sit amidst a room of clucking hens; in such a scenario my own clucking is hard to hear. If I want to keep the wonderful friends I have, I know this is something I must fix. The plan: to make a concerted effort to not talk about myself when I'm with girlfriends and to be the friend they have been to me.

Last week, Stephanie invited me over for dinner and a movie. I was excited to spend time with her; we hardly get to see each other because of our busy schedules. On the day of our date, she called me and suggested we invite some mutual friends to join us. My gut reaction was to respond with a thoughtless remark intended to dissuade her to keep her to myself and avoid a group of women at all costs. However, when she listed the few names she had considered, I held my tongue; these were all women I would enjoy seeing.

I was even disappointed when one of the women Stephanie invited told us she couldn't make it, so I invited my sister Jennifer in her place. After dinner, while

the four of us were watching Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights (don't ask), I looked at the faces in the dark room and thought, I enjoy the company of women. I don't dislike groups of women; I dislike particular women in groups — ladies who exhibit those traits I wish I didn't

Renee was sighing heavily at the characters on the screen — she'd have preferred a horror or sci-fi flick. So that we could further enjoy her company, she endured her suffering (either that, or she has a secret fetish for B-movie chick flicks). Jenny sat next to me, and I tortured her with crude comments and nasty speculations about the film's starlet.

Stephanie sat in a bean

bag on the floor, having given up her couch to her guests. I still wanted oneon-one time with her, but I knew we'd have other opportunities. In the meantime, I was happy to be in her home, viewing the "not really a sequel" to the movie she forced me to watch three times in one week when we lived in L.A. Secretly watching her in the flickering light, I thought of stories we've shared and those we created together, parties we've hosted and those we've crashed, men we've dated and those we've loved.

Maybe I've been too harsh on women in my efforts to be the best me. As the essayist Joseph Addison wrote, "True happiness... arises, in the first place, from the enjoyment of one's self, and in the next, from the friendship and conversation of a few select companions."

The truth is, I'd be lost without my girlfriends. ■



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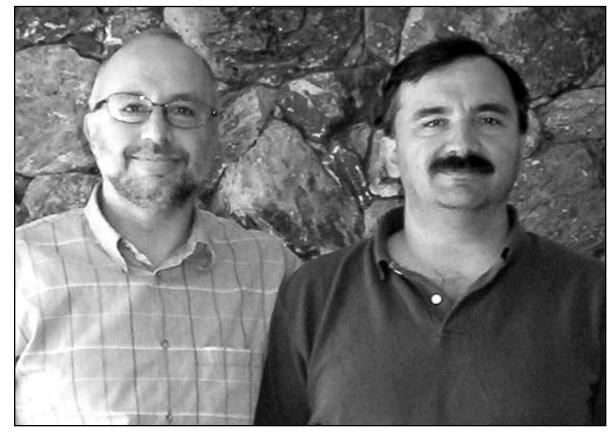
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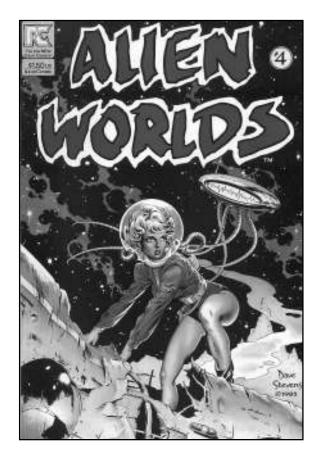
The siblings opened their first Pacific Comics retail store on Cass Street in P.B. in 1974, when Steve was 20 years old and Bill 16. "We started as a mail-order company, selling to consumers via ads in the *Comics Buyer's Guide*," says Bill. "Later on, we took out full-page ads inside Marvel comics. As our business built up, we decided to add some retail stores, and as that built up, we realized that we couldn't get merchandise for our stores, so we opened up a distributorship...other stores in the area didn't have a distributor to buy from, so they started ordering from us."

Due in no small part to the success of fantasy-themed movies like *Superman* and *Star Wars*, comics geared toward older readers were selling in record numbers, earning mainstream press, and becoming

popular — and collectible — with adults and teenagers. To service the growing network of comic-book stores, Pacific expanded its distribution nationwide, after raising \$200,000 by closing its four San Diego retail locations and selling off inventory. The Schaneses' rise in the industry put them atop a brand-new distribution network that would be called the "direct market," i.e., comic publishers bypassing the traditional distributors and making direct sales to comic shops through independent distributors like Pacific.

The explosion of comic shops from the late '70s onward was essentially made possible by the Schanes brothers and rivals such as Phil Seuling and his East Coast Seagate Distribution (begun in 1974). Direct-market distributors serviced comic shops almost exclusively, offering comics at a much cheaper nonreturnable rate than





Steve and Bill Schanes, 2003

did newsstand distributors. Retailers had the luxury of pre-ordering comics and keeping their extra copies to sell later as backstock, thus enabling collectors to purchase older issues of their favorite titles. Retailers could make a 40 percent profit on new comics instead of the usual 20 percent, then earn even more by marking up the older (and ostensibly rarer) leftover "back issues."

By 1980, around 1500 comic or fantasy-related specialty shops operated nationwide, many of them part of multistore chains, up from an estimated 200 or 300 in 1974. Pacific was operating out of a 2200-square-foot office-warehouse on Ronson Road in Kearny Mesa. The company had 500 wholesale accounts and grossed just under a million dollars that year, according to Steve. It soon rented an adjacent 2200-square-foot space as well.

Of course, Pacific's pipeline from the publishers direct to comic shops cut out the distribution firms that had long been supplying comics to retailers, under long-standing union contracts.

Greg Pharis ran a shop in Kensington called Golden State Comics. Currently the owner of San Diego Comics, near SDSU, Pharis recalls, "Steve was really worried about rumors that guys from the local ARA [periodical distributors], which was said to be Mafia controlled, were out to get him and Bill. He told me once that someone had knocked out his windows and he'd been personally threatened a few times...he was obviously anxious and scared, rightfully so, but you could tell he was also a little pleased and proud that he'd gotten the big guys' attention in such a big way."

Pacific's distributorship thrived in part because it carried titles produced specifically for the direct market — Jack Katz's *First Kingdom* had debuted in 1974, *Arcade* (edited by Bill "Zippy the Pinhead" Griffith and Art "Maus" Spiegelman) and Harvey Pekar's

Underground comic icon Robert Crumb once spent a day in the back warehouse with us, autographing plates in an art portfolio containing prints by him and various other artists.

American Splendor in 1975, and Dave Sim's Cerebus the Aardvark in late 1977. Wendy and Richard Pini's Elfquest and Eclipse Comics' first publication, Sabre, both started in 1978, Raw premiered in 1980, and Zap Comix creator Robert Crumb launched his magazine-sized comic anthology Weirdo in 1981.

Also in 1981, rival distributor Capital City launched its own black-and-white title, *Nexus*, a futuristic superhero series by Mike Baron and Steve Rude. With their own distribution network already in place, the Schanes brothers decided they were in a perfect position to become publishers themselves. This seemed unlikely, given their modest financial means — they were still paying off debt from a \$300,000 bank loan taken out in 1979 at 25 percent interest — but the brothers were industrious, not to mention ballsy.

Interviewed in October 2003, Steve Schanes explains, "I figured if you want to get people's attention with a new comic book, who better to do it with than the King of Comics, Jack Kirby! We were already friends with Jack. We used to send him free copies of comics he'd drawn for other publishers because they never sent him any! So I just went ahead and called him on the phone, and he turned out to be a nice

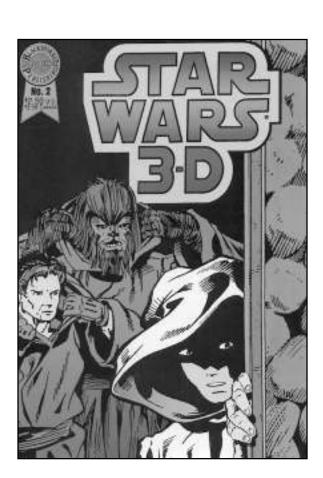
guy, completely accessible...we negotiated a whole detailed publishing deal between the two of us. No middlemen."

Jack Kirby was living in Thousand Oaks and doing animation designs for TV shows like *Thundarr the Barbarian*. He'd basically quit the comic business in 1977, after having received little more than a weekly salary since the '40s, despite creating or cocreating iconic characters Captain America, the Hulk, the Boy Commandos, and the Silver Surfer. Kirby received no money from the spin-off comics, reprints, TV shows, cartoons, or movies, nor from the lunch boxes, action figures, board games, Halloween costumes, trading cards, posters, buttons, T-shirts, footie pajamas, or Underoos.

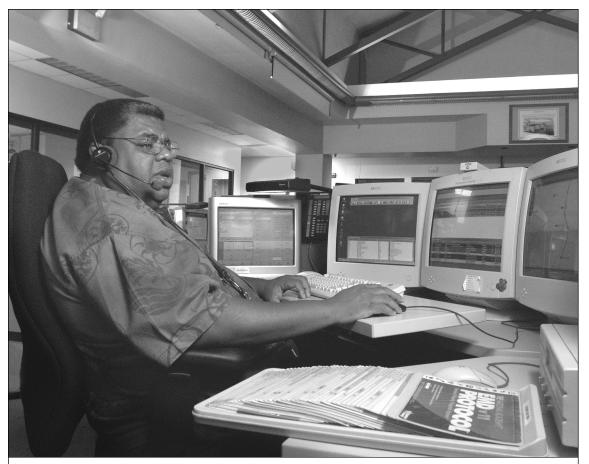
This was because creators at Marvel and DC labored on a "work for hire" basis; they were paid a per-page rate and forced to sign contracts that granted them no proprietary rights to their own creations. To cash their paychecks, they had to waive all rights to their work, even to characters, story lines, and entire series they had thought up and developed. The publisher owned it all, right down to the original hand-drawn artwork, and the notion of royalties was unheard of.











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The Schaneses told Kirby that they wanted only publishing rights to new works; he could keep ownership of anything new and copyrightable he created. They'd even help him license characters for use overseas or in television, film, or other media. Pacific was also the first company to offer Kirby royalty payments according to a comic's sales figures: 8 cents on the dollar and 10 cents for comics selling over 100,000 copies. If Marvel comics, selling around 150,000 copies on average, had offered royalties akin to Pacific's, this would have worked out to \$13,000 in payments to the artist.

But this was not done in comics previous to Pacific. In the '70s, Superman creators Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster had to sue DC Comics just to get meager financial compensation and byline credit for their billion-dollar creation (each settled for \$30,000 annual lifetime payments — Siegel and Shuster were both 17 years old in 1939, when DC paid them \$200 for the rights to Superman).

Kirby had a partially drawn project called "Captain Victory and the Galactic Rangers," originally the storyboard to a proposed screenplay and then planned as a booklength graphic novel with no publisher in mind. The artist was happy to let the Schaneses break up his story line into chapters – with Pacific staffers and freelancers inking and coloring the artwork to present Captain Victory as a bimonthly comicbook serial.

The first issue of *Captain Victory* hit comic shops in August 1981, selling around 70,000 copies. "Those were incredible numbers, right up there with Marvel and DC," Steve

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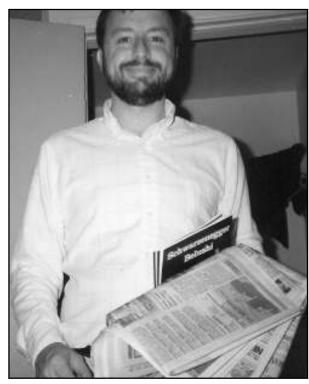
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1981 — The Year in Comics: Marvel takes notice of the growing direct market and produces a title specifically for comic shops — Dazzler #1, with a roller-skating heroine, sells 400,000 copies, about twice normal for a Marvel comic. Pacific Comics Distribution circulates 28,000 copies. Artist Frank Miller (who'd go on to revolutionize the Batman character in the Dark Knight Returns series) writes Daredevil, initiating a trend toward grim, urban

story lines. John "X-Men" Byrne begins writing and drawing The Fantastic Four. The Flash hits issue #300. Dean and Jan Mullaney found Eclipse Magazine, an independent black-and-white series. Midwest distributor Big Rapids goes under — two former employees, John Davis and Milton Griepp, form Capital City Distribution, headquartered in Madison, Wisconsin.

Steve Schanes says it fell upon him to find and negotiate deals with creators, while brother Bill took on the nuts-andbolts aspects of business and accounting. "I just was a little older, with a little better vocabulary, not any smarter than Bill — he's as smart as they come — but I was a little more comfortable on the phone. And also I have a background in art, I have a degree in sculpture...so I'm very familiar with the terms of art, its vocabulary and



Steve Schanes, 1987

how art is done, and that gave me insight into artists. It was natural that I was the one to talk to the creators."

Jack Kirby agreed to let Pacific publish a second creation, *Silver Star*, and the Schaneses began to envision a line of comics representing a variety of genres. Not esoteric black-and-white low-print-run underground comics like those being self-published by Robert Crumb and other West Coast contemporaries in San Francisco and L.A., but full-color titles that emulated — maybe even competed

with — the mainstream superhero comics from Marvel and DC. To that end, the Schaneses put out word that they were open to pitches, from pros and novices alike. Offered the chance to own and profit from their own creations, topname talents from the Big Two were soon talking to Pacific.

Mike Grell was

drawing the syndicated Tarzan comic strip and had written and drawn about 50 issues of the popular Warlord comic, a series he created for DC Comics under workfor-hire, when Steve Schanes first contacted him. "I was actually the first person to sign with them," says Grell. "Jack Kirby signed a couple of weeks later. But because Jack was Jack, he'd draw half a book while we were speaking! [laughter] He delivered his first, and it was printed first, but I was actually the first person to sign."

Grell recalls, "I had Starslayer originally planned as a DC project, and it was destined to be a direct counterpoint of Warlord. Instead of a modern man in a primitive society, I decided to go the other way around and take a primitive man and put him into the middle of a very futuristic society and watch what happened there. It was actually on the schedule at DC...it had been announced, but it fell by the wayside. So Steve and Bill knew about Starslayer, and they said, 'I understand you have a project, and we'd be very interested in having you come over and do it.'

Dave Stevens received a similar invite. An aspiring comic artist who'd shopped at Pacific's retail stores, Stevens met with the Schaneses at the 1981 San Diego Comic-Con, just weeks after *Captain Victory* hit comic shops







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and as Mike Grell's Starslayer was being launched. "The only reason I was even approached," Stevens says on his website, "was because Grell's second issue was shy a few pages and they had to fill those pages with something and they knew that I drew...they made the offer, 'Do whatever you want, but we need two installments of six pages.' So I said I'd see what I could come up with and went home and started kicking around some ideas."

After doing a promotional character drawing, Stevens devised his adventure strip, *The* Rocketeer, around that sketch: in Los Angeles in the 1930s, pilot Cliff Secord stumbles on a futuristic rocket pack, beginning an incredible world-spanning adventure. "It was my own personal homage to Commando Cody and all the other [movie]

serial heroes of that era. I'd always been a huge fan of the serials. I loved all those edge-of-yourseat, cliff-hanging chapter plays...I wanted to do a real period aviation strip but with one small element of science fiction added — the rocket pack! So I came up with the outfit and the name. You know, a funny take on the word 'racketeer': 'The Rocketeer.' I thought it sounded catchy, and the drawing seemed to work."

Stevens considered the strip as filler for Mike Grell's sci-fi comic, unaware that an ad for The Rocketeer in the back of Starslayer #1 had already generated letters from readers. The serial debuted in issue #2."I just had fun with it. The Schaneses liked it, but nobody made a big deal about it. Well, by the time the second installment came out, it was suddenly a very big deal, because Pacific had got-

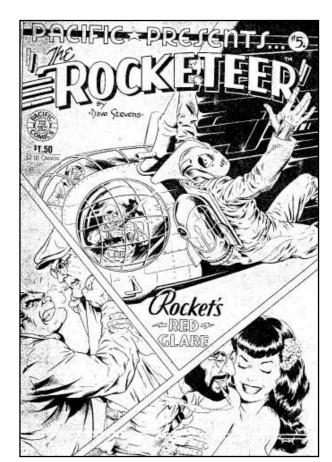


ten a ton of mail over it...the immediate thought was that they had a potential cash cow."

The majority of the meat from that cow eventually went to creator Stevens, not to the Schaneses, especially after the Village Voice called Rocketeer "The greatest comic book in the world," and even more so in 1991 when The Rocketeer became a high-profile Hollywood film. In 1981, however, when the character was chosen to headline the new Pacific Presents anthology title, Stevens says, "At the time, it was a flat rate of \$100 to \$150 per page for everything: art, story, pencils, lettering, coloring, everything, 'in advance against royalties'...I never viewed it as a job, per se. It was just something I was doing for myself, on my off-hours from advertising. I wasn't looking at it seriously in any financial

sense at all. It was, like, bus fare."

Stevens says he could have made money had he been willing to drop everything and work full-time for the Schaneses, but he'd already signed an agreement to do some 30 book illustrations for another publisher, and six months passed between Rocketeer installments in Pacific Presents #1 and #2. This killed sales momentum. "I gave it a shot and tried to give them what they wanted in a reasonable amount of time, but I just wasn't able to. So, since Pacific couldn't get a regular, monthly book out of me, they quickly created another character called Cliffhanger, written by Bruce Jones and drawn by Al Williamson. Then they had another guy come in and do a book called Crash Ryan, which was just [another] Rocketeer clone. It was strange to



Unpublished cover of fifth issue of Rocketeer

see what I'd done being almost copied in a sense by my own publisher trying to tap the same audience for quick sales. I guess I shouldn't have been so surprised — that

is the nature of publishing."

1982 — The Year in Comics: Camelot 3000, a 12-issue maxi-series, is the first comic DC produces exclusively for the direct market. Marvel caters to comic collectors with Wolverine, a fourissue X-Men spin-off. G.I. Joe comics outsell X-Men and Superman (whose sales hover around 200,000 per issue). Former Marvel creator Steve Gerber is suing the publisher over rights to a character he created, Howard the Duck. Sliceof-life series Love and Rockets (Fantagraphics) by the Hernandez brothers debuts. New indie publisher First Comics lures famed Dr. Strange artist Frank Brunner to do a new fantasy series, Warp. *To stop the flood of* defecting creators, DC Comics begins offering royalties to artists and writers of regular newsstand comics that sell more than 100,000 copies — about 5 percent of the 60-cent cover price — with Marvel

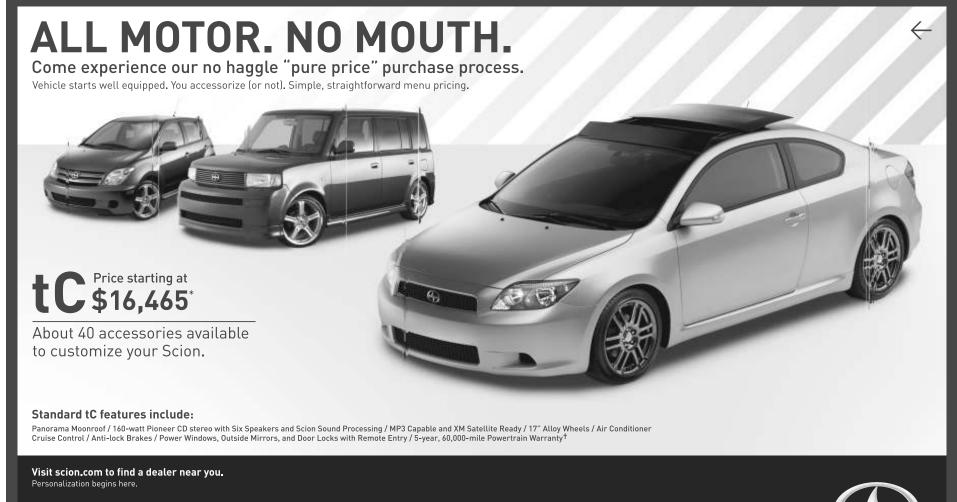
soon following suit. Epic

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Magazine is Marvel's

Metal, with the anthology's creators receiving royalty payments based on sales.

I bought my first fistful of Pacific Comics at the 1982 San Diego Comic-Con (where Dave Stevens won a Russ Manning Memorial Award as Most Promising New Artist). An aspiring comic artist myself, I was still 7 years away from my first professional assignment and 14 years away from launching the "Overheard in San Diego" comic strip for the Reader. I'd end up working on around 300 comic books, from a variety of publishing companies, including one I headed up — Revolutionary Comics — and one I owned — Re-Visionary Press — but at that time I was just another Jack Kirby fan who felt a thrill upon finding not only a new Kirby comic but one apparently released



what moves you

by a San Diego publisher. I paid my buck-apop and sat down to devour the first few Captain Victory issues on a busy staircase outside the dealer's room. The thrill quickly faded.

Kirby was 76 years

old, two or three generations out of touch with his audience. Captain Victory reeks of unhip dialogue steeped in '60s kid-show tradition. If you doubt how bad the comic is, that first issue contains the line "You

can bet your rootie toot tooties I'm a real alien!" Issue #4 introduces a troll-like character with a big red nose and 3-D glasses in a cringeworthy cover blurb reading, "Are you ready for the Goozlebobber!?!" Not Kirby's

best work — some would say it's his worst — but it wasn't as delusional as the Devil Dinosaur (and Moon-Boy) series he did for Marvel in 1978, rejected after nine issues by readers and employers alike. With Captain Victory, along with Kirby's equally joyless follow-up title Silver Star, now exposed to critical scrutiny, the comic-book kingdom could no longer ignore the fact that its king had lost his

crown. Letters printed in later issues confirmed that readers were scratching their heads, not sure what to make of the return of King Kirby or of this new company, Pacific Comics.

Irrespective of hastily drawn artwork, the poor visuals of Captain Victory weren't entirely Kirby's fault. Early issues were printed on porous newsprint that absorbed the color ink, making for muddy and often illegible pages. Even the initial preproduction coloring was problematic, since nobody at Pacific had ever worked on a color comic book before.

Steve Oliff was freelancing at Marvel when Pacific contacted him to do catalog covers and to color Frank Cirocco's artwork for a set of Lord

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of the Rings portfolio prints. The Schaneses chose Oliff as the colorist for flagship titles Captain Victory and Starslayer. "It was the first time I'd tried flat, coded, hand separated color," he recalls in an essay posted on his olyoptics.com website. "I had visions of doing flat color like it had never been done before by using some of the full-color tricks I'd learned on the Hulk and Moon Knight. I even went so far as to add Zip-a-tone [pasted-on dot patterns] to Jack's original art on Captain *Victory* #1 to get the added tonal values. My good intentions aside, the coloring came out dark and muddy rather than dramatic and moody.

"It [Captain Victory]

wasn't the best story Jack ever wrote, and I'm afraid I really wasn't giving it the look he wanted, so he fired me. I've never really been comfortable with flat color. Even though it was a shock to be fired by a boyhood idol, I probably deserved it. I still had Mike Grell's book, and I had some small side projects, so I just kept on searching for more fullcolor work." Oliff and his Olyoptics firm went on to color Marvel's *X-Men*: God Loves, Man Kills graphic novel, becoming one of the industry's most prolific and acclaimed production houses. Captain Victory ran for a total of 13 regular comic issues and a one-shot special.

"At that time," says Steve Schanes, "Marvel and DC were printing on the cheapest low-end newsprint paper with the most economical ink. We started experimenting, partly because we didn't know any better, with upgraded paper and ink. We went from standard newsprint to Mando book stock, coated covers, and then something called Baxter paper, perfectly white so that the inks don't bleed and the colors appear perfectly bright and almost three-dimensional. Our comics ended up looking far superior to what Marvel and DC were putting out."

Seeing the enthusiasm and the sales generated by comic-book shops, Marvel and DC began producing comics for the new, mostly adult and well-monied marketplace. Pacific's success in attracting top creators and generating sales forced Marvel and DC to play catch-up with Pacific by granting creator rights, paying royalties on sales, and upgrading printing processes and paper stock. The Big Two flooded the direct-sales market with glossy offerings, and Marvel even started up a creator-owned line known as Epic Comics with longtime comics editor Archie Goodwin at the helm.

distributing merchandise from others as well as publishing its own comics, running both companies out of a 17,000-square-foot office-warehouse where they'd moved in July 1982, just off Miramar Road at 8423 Production Avenue. That same year, the Schaneses purchased a firehouse in Steeleville, Illinois, for \$50,100, near

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World Color Press in Sparta, where the majority of U.S. comic books were printed. Pacific converted the firehouse into a distribution hub. It was also operating

warehouses in L.A. and Phoenix at the time.

The Schaneses were printing about 500,000 comic books in Sparta every month. They employed around 40







people at their San Diego operation alone. Steve Schanes told the Reader in a September 1982 cover story, "Two Boys and Their Comic Books," that Pacific had already grossed \$3.5 million that year and

expected to take in over \$5 million in 1983.

I caught that Reader article and determined that I would get a job at Pacific Comics.

Arnold Henning, a friend of a mutual friend, worked as

Pacific's foreign shipping manager. Promising to recommend me for the next available gig in his department, Henning invited me up to the Production Avenue headquarters to take a tour of the warehouse. I

was in nerd nirvana, shuffling around wideeyed and speechless as I checked out the seemingly endless, depthless shelves overflowing with new comics, graphic novels, magazines, toys, Japanese models, and

hundreds of other items, including years' worth of back issues of Cerebus, Zap Comix, and The Fabulous Furry Freak Brothers. Pacific-published comics in sealed boxes were stacked up by the palletload and being

shuffled around by guys on forklifts. About a half dozen employees packed customer orders in various departments spread out over two floor levels in the warehouse. I didn't step into the offices in front of the building until several weeks later, when I was invited by Bill Schanes in response to a playfully constructed résumé I'd sent comprising drawings of various Pacific comic characters extolling the virtues of my work ethic and experience via hand-drawn word balloons.

Bill hired me as a shipping and receiving clerk. My job involved filling orders from backstock and breaking up shipments of new comics from dozens of publishers once a week. This last endeavor, "newcomic day," was everyone's favorite part of the workweek. The center aisle of the warehouse would be filled with rows and rows of brand-new issues, sometimes even overseas and underground comics, all fresh from the presses and smelling of damp ink and newsprint. First we had to fill invoices for San Diego customers, who'd be pounding at the door in a few hours to get their goodies in order to open their shops, but then there was time to read the comics, to catch up on the numerous titles and types of creative offerings coming out from publishers and producers all over the planet.

On a typical workday, I might be putting together sets of Elfquest magazines for an account in Germany or designing a start-up rack with Mobile Suit Gundam blueprints, Battle of the Planets toys, and Speed Racer Viewmaster reels for a local retail store about to go into Japanimation. Or I could be standing in an assembly line, going through hand-drawn animation

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cels from the movie Heavy Metal and throwing away damaged or chipped cels, stuffing the rest into portfolio packets printed by the Schaneses (they'd bought a huge stash of production cels from the film company). Of course, we put aside ports with the best cels for ourselves, using our 25 percent employee discount to pay only \$56.25 (retail \$75.00) for ten complete cels — today, Heavy Metal animation cels go for \$500 to \$2000 each.

During my first few weeks at Pacific, I was given a peek at the production side of the business by new colorist Paul Tallerday. He took me into the artroom to show me a seat-of-the-pants technique he was using to add flesh tone to a drawing by Gray Morrow for the cover of the artist's new Pacific series Edge of Chaos. Tallerday took a clear sheet with a line drawing of a barechested male centaur and laid it over a Playboy centerfold photo, the woman's midriff seen through the clear acetate and forming what now looked like the texture of the centaur's back. "I'm just now figuring out how to shoot this stuff on the camera," he admitted. "I have no idea what I'm doing, but this seems to work, doesn't it?" I had to admit that it did, marveling at the inventive low-tech verve it took to just jump in and do something, learning how to do so as you go along. That was

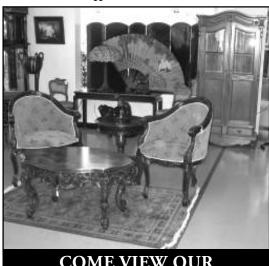


the vibe in the front office at Pacific — a bunch of overgrown kids whose clubhouse had suddenly, overnight, become a corporation, a corporation that published upward of a dozen comic books each month

It didn't feel like a corporation, however running the company had become a family affair, with the duo's father, Steven E. Schanes, hired in 1982 as financial vice president and mother Christine Marra serving as office manager. Bill and Steve's older brother Paul (everyone called him Pablo) quit his job as a welder to work in the financial records department, and sister Chris, an L.A.-based attorney, provided counsel on legal affairs. The pay was good (I started at \$6.50 an hour), and it was a more than pleasant workplace atmosphere, and not just because of

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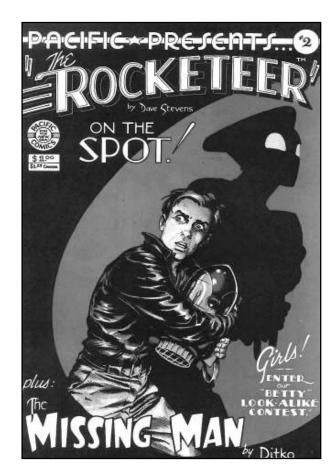
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Underground comic icon Robert Crumb once spent a day in the back warehouse with us, autographing plates in an art portfolio containing prints by him and various other artists. The creator of Mr. Natural and Fritz the Cat and the cofounder of the original Zap Comix stubbornly insisted on signing with a pencil rather than a pen, causing many of his plates to get smudged and discarded. "I didn't even want to do this, but it's the only way I can get paid," he told us. "I hate my fans, I hate autograph collectors, and I hope every one of my signatures rubs off later." I was starstruck. Meeting the wizened little guy in the wrinkled suit was like meeting a comic character — he looked just the way he drew

himself in his strips. Not only that, he *smelled* the way you'd expect Robert Crumb to smell. His personal aroma was a mixture of moldy paper, crotch sweat, dusty old 78 rpm record jackets, decaying food, and powerful four-alarm headto-toe B.O., surely adopted to shun interaction with other human beings, the bulk of whom he despised.

It was even more exciting to meet mainstream comic artist Neal Adams. His influential art style — realistic, fluid, and dynamic, whether depicting subtleties such as facial expressions or exaggeratedly violent action sequences — is credited with rejuvenating DC comics like Batman and Green Lantern/Green Arrow. Adams came to Pacific's office with an art portfolio he'd pub-



lished himself in 1979, "The New Heroes," containing a drawing of an ecologically correct superhero he was calling Ms. Mystic, which Pacific agreed to publish as a series. The first ad in Captain Victory #2 read, "Against all the forces that set to despoil all that is good in nature stands...Ms. Mystic!" The series was originally announced for release "sometime in 1982." Artwork dribbled in a few pages per quarter, and the comic finally came out in September '82. It would be the end of 1983 before Adams would finish enough pages to publish a second issue.

One afternoon during this period while visiting the office, Adams agreed to step out to the railroad tracks behind the warehouse with several staffers to get high. After the five of us passed around a hastily rolled joint, Adams pulled out a candlestick-sized metal box from his pants pocket and removed his own superdoobie, a joint of heroic

proportions, in keeping with the larger-than-life four-color heroes he illustrated. The thing was like a roll of tarpaper with an ash on the end. You practically needed fireplace tongs for the roach clip. After eschewing oxygen for the ten minutes it took to toast the monster joint, we all stumbled back into the building, squinting and giggling and reeking like Tommy Chong's beard. To my amazement, Adams made at least four more trips to the tracks that afternoon, though only one staffer to my knowledge managed to accompany him every time and apparently keep up with his prodigious intake. I was so zoned I could barely tell Robotech from Battletech from Star Trek. I now understood why there was a full year between issues #1 and #2



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of Ms Mystic.

The editorials for Pacific's comics were written by a shaggy, bearded, and bespectacled guy in the front office named David Scroggy. If you knew him back then, you won't be surprised to learn that he was the staffer who made it to the railroad tracks all five times with Neal Adams. Scroggy had been working in comics since 1975 as a retailer and had been general manager in the late '70s of Pacific's four San Diego stores (at SDSU, and in P.B., Clairemont, and Oceanside). He proved to be a great go-between in working with often temperamental and almost always ego-fragile creators, helping to bring to Pacific one of comicdom's most reclusive artists, Steve Ditko, cocreator of Spider-Man

and Doctor Strange. "He has created an entirely original, decidedly different character for your enjoyment: The Missing Man," Scroggy announced in a July '82 editorial. "We will preview The Missing Man in the next issue of Captain Victory...after his debut in Captain Victory #6, The Missing Man will be featured in a new title: Pacific Presents. This will be a 'three-shot' mini-series...so our line is growing, slowly but surely. We have some outstanding projects in the works, featuring some of the greatest talents in the world of comics. Stick with us for an exciting and surprisefilled year."

Steve Ditko ranks among the most talented comic creators ever, and this Missing Man was a

work, Ditko's offering wasn't "retro" enough to be quaint, and yet it was far too removed from his classic Marvel work two decades earlier to appeal to fans expecting that sort of minimalist superhero adventuring. Missing Man was ostensibly a private detective, drawn as a mostly transparent character — nothing but hair, ears, arms, legs, and a set of glasses hanging suspended in midair where his face ought to be. The script, by Mark Evanier, had people standing around a lot with dopey "Wot the..." expressions, saying things to each other like "He's here and yet he's not here. I don't know where to stab!" Subsequent Missing Man stories in Pacific Presents were increasingly incoherent, and the series

1983 — The Year in **Comics:** With the success of the direct market, new publishers emerge. Canadian artist Dave Sim, creator of Cerebus the Aardvark, begins his own publishing imprint, Aardvark-Vanaheim, to present comics by indie artists, such as Neil the Horse by Arn Saba and Flaming Carrot by Bob Burden. The motion pic-

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Pacific was releasing more than just monthly four-color comics. The company also published a magazine-sized blackand-white reprint of Rog 2000 stories that superstar Marvel artist John Byrne had done in the '70s for long-gone Charlton Comics. Under its parent company name, Blue Dolphin Enterprises, Pacific Comics published a 108-page sword-andsorcery graphic novel called Ghita of Alizarr (1983) by Red Sonja artist Frank Thorne and a comic-strip reprint booklet Famous Movie Stars of the '30s (1984). Schanes & Schanes was the firm behind dozens of art portfolios and autographed prints. All were designed and distributed out of the Production Avenue officewarehouse.

As word got around the industry about Pacific's sales momentum, more talents came over from the Big Two. Bruce Jones was a fairly established comics scribe who'd written Conan and Red Sonja comics for Marvel, as well as short horror tales for Creepy and Eerie. "I got a call from Steve Schanes at Pacific Comics offering me just about carte blanche on my own line of books and the opportunity to move to sunny California," he says. "It was too much to resist." Jones moved to Coronado and brainstormed and wrote two titles for Pacific: Twisted Tales and Alien Worlds, anthology comics designed in the old Tales From the Crypt/Weird Science vein, with three or more selfcontained "mature readers" stories in each issue.

Jones's third Pacific series, Somerset Holmes, was a noir crime drama

concerning a woman who wakes up one day unable to remember her own identity. Instantly embroiled in dangerous, life-threatening situations, she must solve the mystery of who she is while trying to stay alive. The suspenseful soap opera, cocreated with wife April Campbell and artist Brent Anderson (later of Astro City), was unusual fare for comics, both dramatic and cinematic. "I was terribly manic about the production details, rushing around to printers and typesetters and moving logos and color schemes all over the covers to get them just right, redesigning this, tinkering with that."

Jones reflects, "It was very rewarding creatively...we were breaking new ground at every turn back then with technical things — the coloring, the glossy

stock, the painted covers, the whole darker, adult feel. It was a very kinetic, very experimental, and fun time. And scary. We had no idea how this stuff was going to finally look or how it might be received. But it was exhilarating. I had total autonomy on my books. I was the packager, PC was the publisher, and Steve and Bill Schanes just left me alone to run things my way. I doubt I'll ever see that kind of unbridled freedom again. I'm not sure anybody should have that much carte blanche; it's too easy to abuse it."

Groo the Wanderer was a funny spoof of sword-and-sorcery comics drawn by popular Mad magazine doodler Sergio Aragonés and written by Mark Evanier. The character had first appeared in a 1981 comic, Destroyer Duck, from the independent

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publisher Eclipse. In his "POV" column for the trade magazine Comics Buyer's Guide (December 2, 1994), Evanier recalled that he and Aragonés originally considered forming their own company. "We talked for much of an afternoon, finally deciding that creating this new comic plus founding a firm to publish it equaled at least one task too many for the two of us...I suggested we offer the Schanes brothers the chance to publish Groo. We did, they agreed...and Pacific published Groo the Wanderer #1 in late 1982, after first previewing the little monster in the Starslayer comic then being done for them by Mike Grell." Other than Mad magazine, humor titles had long suffered a poor track record in comic shops, but initial orders for Groo mirrored

those of contemporary Pacific titles *Alien Worlds* and Kirby's *Silver Star*.

1984 — The Year in
Comics: Kevin Eastman
and Peter Laird self-publish 3000 copies of a new
humor comic called
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Turtles. The Supergirl
film fails to set any box
office records. Most newsstand comics from Marvel
and DC cost 60 cents —
Pacific's direct-market
titles, printed on
upgraded Baxter bond
paper, cost \$1.00.

In 1984, Steve announced his plan to bring 3-D back to comics, a fad that had flared briefly in the '50s, when printing techniques precluded satisfactory three-dimensional art separation. He'd been in contact with Ray Zone, whose production house, 3-D Zone, refined a way of



reconstructing line artwork into three-dimensional images. "I did a 3-D conversion job with

Jack Kirby for Honeycomb cereal," remembers Zone. "Jack drew great images of a kid on a skateboard, a baseball player, and a scene with a BMX bicycle. I sent down a proposal to Bill and Steve Schanes at Pacific with copies of the Honeycomb 3-D sports action posters and a specific proposal for a 3-D comic that had all the prices I was charging, including the glasses that could bind into the book. They got back to me in late 1983 and said they wanted to do a book [Alien Worlds 3-D]. Early in 1984, the art started coming in, and again, I was just thrilled and amazed to see incredible art by John Bolton, Bill Wray, Dave Stevens, Rand Holmes, and Art Adams. That was Art Adams's first published work, by the way." Adams later gained fame doing Longshot and various X-Men titles for Marvel.

Unfortunately, sales on *Alien Worlds 3-D*

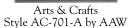
were disappointing, and there were mountains of unsold, expensively printed 3-D comics taking up half a warehouse row. Sales on many Pacific titles were dropping, and one-shots like Darklon the Mystic (1983, by Captain Marvel artist Jim Starlin) and Demon Dreams (1984, horror stories by Arthur Suydam) became more common. Ms Mystic was running later and later; Neal Adams always promised "more soon," but a year passed and only a handful of finished pages had arrived. Adams did manage to turn in a one-shot comic in 1983 called Skateman, a tale of a roller-skating superhero that made Marvel's Dazzler seem like Proust by comparison. Several palletloads of unsold Skateman comics gathered dust, and no amount of salesmanship could unload

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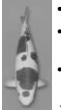
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them on accounts who were by now too savvy to believe that a "marquee name" on a comic cover guaranteed sales. We did moderate numbers with a six-part series called Elric of Melniboné (1984), featuring characters created by Michael Moorcock. But then First Comics acquired the rights to Elric, and Pacific, which had spent a lot of money to market and introduce Elric to comic shops, was put in the position of distributing it for a rival publisher.

Then Pacific lost Starslayer after only six issues when creator Mike Grell announced that he was taking his book to First Comics. It had been running late since the debut issue (originally announced for August '91, then October, and finally released just before Christmas). "Pacific had not succeeded in doing what they had intended," Grell said, "at least not very well, I had thought, and there was some organizational difficulty and some other problems they just couldn't surmount." Though Starslayer probably generated more income for Grell than it did for the Schaneses, the loss of a high-profile title to a rival publisher engendered bad industry PR. Other creators negotiating with Pacific began to wonder what the problems were and whether they should also be talking to alternate indies. However, Pacific's reputation was the least of its problems.

"The reason Pacific Comics failed can be summed up very simply," Steve Schanes informs me. "We had two lines of activity: publishing and distribution. Most of our comic books still made money hand over fist, but there was a big problem in distribution. We extended too much credit to retailers who didn't pay us on a timely basis, and we were already working on a minuscule profit margin, maybe 5 percent to 8 percent. We didn't push hard enough to get

the money from receivables, who owed us hundreds of thousands of dollars. If you had to boil down the single biggest reason we blew it, that would be our poor cash management on the distribution side."

Meanwhile, newer indie publishers, inspired by Pacific's success, competed with it for readers, as did resurgent underground publishers Kitchen Sink, Last Gasp, and Rip Off Press, whose titles were distributed through Pacific's warehouses. And surely other publishers — Capital City (whose Nexus comic outsold several Pacific titles), Comico, Aardvark-Vanaheim, Educomics, Quality, Eagle, Eclipse, First, Vortex, New Media, Fantagraphics, Mirage feared that having Pacific, a rival publisher, as their distributor could result in their being cut

off from comic shops. Seeing and exploiting this, dozens of smaller distributors were springing up all over the country, even in San Diego. Nearly a quarter of Pacific's 800 or so comic-shop accounts defected to alternate distributors in 1984, skipping out on paying Pacific for upwards of three months' worth of comic books. Compounding matters, often those distributors were getting their comics through Pacific, and they too would stiff us on the bill, using their unpaid booty to lure away wholesale customers already in debt to Pacific.

If you've never worked at a once-thriving company in its death throes, you can scarcely imagine the morale among the rapidly decreasing staff. During those final six months, before everyone became resigned to the fact that the company didn't have a chance, Pacific hired a new controller, a corpo-

rate troubleshooter who spent his first day interviewing the staff about our respective duties. "At that point," recalls Steve Schanes, "we recognized our shortcomings and hired appropriately but hired too late." The controller, a middle-aged, heavyset, stone-faced guy whose tie could have been welded to his thorax, was always prowling underfoot, studiously taking notes, and almost never making eye contact with those to whom he was speaking, thus increasing the uneasiness.

In the warehouse, shipping clerk Grant McKinnon was promoted to replace Henning as foreign shipping manager. A few weeks later, McKinnon was gone and I replaced him, despite having little idea what the job entailed — the controller just handed me a set of Rolodex and a stack of unfilled invoices and

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On paydays, at one second after 5:00 p.m., the remaining two dozen or so employees would rush en masse out the doors and peel out of the parking lot in all directions, racing to the nearest check-cashing outlets and devising the most inventive shortcuts to ensure we'd get our paychecks cashed, because the final few inevitably bounced. Warehouse manager Joe Bougious quit after three successive rubber checks, and by this point the corridors of the back warehouse nearly echoed with emptiness and inactivity.

Word got around the staff about lawsuits, either in progress or phin Enterprises Inc., was sued over "contract work" by Ready Data Services Inc. in Bergen, New Jersey, Superior Court, eventually losing a \$7241.19 judgment in December 1984. An article published in a comicindustry trade journal said that Pacific was nearly a million dollars in debt. I fielded several terse phone calls from lawyers representing comic creators like Sergio Aragonés and Neal Adams, attempting to confirm foreign circulation figures on titles for which their clients were owed royalties. Office managers from nearby businesses were walking through the warehouse as we tried to pack and ship orders, literally buying the racks and desks out from under us while we worked. Several hundred square feet of heavy-duty shelves were disassembled and sold to

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Warehouse personnel took turns loading boxes onto forklift pallets and then driving out Production Avenue and down Miramar Road, tooling along on our forklifts at 12 mph, averaging one load per hour through rush hour until almost sunset. Aside from being scared of cops, we were scared of getting killed! It seemed like a risky endeavor just to stash away a few thousand Alien Worlds 3-D comics and the Schaneses' collection of Creepys and Eeries, and it didn't help that, between trips, we were all sneaking off to the railroad tracks behind the warehouse and emboldening ourselves by passing around joints of increasingly Neal Adams-like proportions. We lived to tell,

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and nobody got arrested, but that day was one of many where just punching the time clock was akin to jumping out of an airplane — we never knew for sure if the parachute was gonna work.

In August 1984, Bill and Steve assembled the employees and told us that Pacific Comics was closing and we'd be laid off by the end of September. Bill wrote me a somewhat overstated but effective letter of recommendation claiming I was "responsible for all aspects of export sales to over 20 countries," which had been technically true for only my last ten weeks with the company. I never got around to figuring out what the job

description entailed. It was hard to do anything other than ship outstanding orders. We weren't allowed to answer the phones, and then one day they were disconnected anyway. Most everyone spent the final few days reading comics and trying to look busy and making deals with the Schaneses to purchase this or that. Tons of stuff was thrown out. Anything slightly defective or overstocked was tossed into Dumpster bins behind the warehouse — art prints, portfolios, comics, magazines, posters, back issues, toys, even production-related stuff like photocopies of uninked artwork, cover photostats, and advertising

slicks.

Employees tried to scavenge as much cool stuff as we could from the trash bins, but then Steve Schanes caught some San Diego comicshop owners loading up their cars with Dumpster treasure intended for resale. He became so upset that he grabbed a hose, climbed onto the Dumpster, and turned it on, hosing down the Pacific throwaways until the bin was a pulp-filled swimming pool. That was the only time I ever heard Steve use the Fword, and he used it a lot, standing atop the soaking refuse of his once-thriving corporation: "Fucking vultures wanna make fucking money off my fucking

dead hide, well, fuck them, I'll fucking teach 'em..."

Bruce Jones: "Unfortunately, when PC went belly-up and stopped with the paychecks, including mine, I was left holding the bag with the other creators to the tune of several thousand dollars. I wanted everyone I'd used on my books to get paid for what they did, even if it wasn't going to be published, so I did that by emptying my own bank account...there's a price to pay for creative freedom, sometimes quite a high one." The final issues of Twisted Tales, Alien Worlds, and the last two installments of Somerset Holmes were published by Eclipse Comics. Jones went on to work for DC's Vertigo line and on *Spider-Man* and *The Incredible Hulk* for Marvel, as well as writing novels for Doubleday, Dutton, and others.

Mark Evanier: "Pacific published eight issues of Groo the Wanderer, but the scent of their pending demise started to drift northward, from San Diego to our L.A.-based nostrils...they had comicshop distribution, not access to regulation news outlets [where readers were familiar with Sergio's work from Mad]. Not only that, but the firm was in financial trouble...while the lawyers were playing ping-pong, Pacific Comics went belly-up.

And right here is a splendid example of why creator-owned comics can better serve the creative community. Had Groo been owned by Pacific instead of Sergio, we couldn't have taken it elsewhere to keep it alive." Sergio and Evanier followed Bruce Jones to Eclipse Comics, which published the expandedlength Groo Special originally planned for Pacific. The bumbling barbarian next wandered over to Marvel for about ten years, moving again in 1994 to Image Comics and then to Dark Horse.

Dave Stevens was illustrating covers for Pacific during its final few months, earning from \$300 to \$500 per inked drawing, "By sum-

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mer of 1984," he says, "they wanted cover art for a Sheena 3-D book, and although nobody knew it at the time, the company would be bankrupt within a couple of months. I remember I had just finished the last issue of [Pacific Presents The Rocketeer, handed it in; then I did the Sheena cover. And I waited and never heard anything. So I called and reminded them I hadn't gotten the original art back yet. There was a hesitation on the other end of the line, and it turned out that the original had 'disappeared' from the offices the day it was shot, and it's never been seen since. Someone there had decided to take home a bonus! Boy, that one hurt. I was crushed, because I felt it was my best work to date, and I didn't even have a negative of it. Anyway, they did a quick fade right after that. Within a matter of weeks, they were basically gone as a publishing entity." A final Rocketeer special originally planned for Pacific (the

week that Pacific closed its doors.

In September 1984, when Bill and Steve signed the company's assets over to liquidators, those assets included about \$400,000 in receivable accounts. Around the same time, Seagate, the distributorship that had pretty much launched the direct market (begun by Phil Seuling, who passed away in 1984), also went out of business. Pacific sold its Southern California distribution centers to Bud Plant Inc., and its Steeleville, Illinois, warehouse and accounts went to Capital City Distribution. Capital used those assets to open an expanded facility in Seagate's old space in Sparta, alongside the comic-book printing plant.

1985 — The Year in Comics: DC celebrates its 50th anniversary. Half of all comic-book sales in North America are made in direct-market comic shops. Jack Kirby returns to DC for a graphic novel, Hunger Dogs. Kirby never revives Captain Victory or Silver Star; though, after his death in 1994, grandson Jeremy Kirby writes new Captain

stories around the King's old artwork, releasing them through a new imprint called Kirby Comics (1999).

"After we closed down Pacific and laid everyone off," says Steve Schanes, "it took Bill and me about six or eight months to work everything out with the bankruptcy attorneys, the liquidators, and all the grueling stuff that entailed. That takes a lot out of you, but one has to make a living. I decided that with what I now knew about publishing, and since I still had a lot of creator contacts, and since I now needed a job, my wife [Ann Fera, whom he married in 1981] and I would form our own comic-book company. We needed to create a corporation quickly, so we set up a company headquarters in our twostory house and took the name of the street that we lived on, Blackthorne Avenue, and called it Blackthorne Publishing."

Blackthorne's first release, in spring 1985, was *Sheena*, *Queen of the Jungle*, a comic book of reprinted quarter-century-old stories. It was originally scheduled as a

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Pacific publication, the one whose original Dave Stevens cover art had supposedly been stolen from Pacific's offices. "Dave didn't have a problem with me using it, and thanks to having his artwork on the cover, the comic was very successful." Continuing on with cost-effective comic-strip reprints, Blackthorne's Dick Tracy series was overseen and edited by Shel Dorf, founder of the San Diego Comic-Con and a friend of Steve's since the early '70s, when both were part of an informal local comic collector's club. Steve next made a deal to repackage old Ripley's "Believe It or Not" columns into comic-book format. each issue having a theme such as "Crime and Murder" or "Feats of Wonder." It was cheap to produce, with no upfront artist fees, and yet lucrative, especially when marketed in bookstores and through mall-type outlets and animationthemed gift boutiques.

"We had point-ofpurchase display racks in about 2000 retail stores, outside the comic-book market — a network we basically built ourselves from the ground up. Our sales representatives were going out there into

stores to sell our products, plus we were going to all the trade shows for the gift shops and licensing industries. That brought us into a marketplace that hadn't seen many comics before: America's malls."

Blackthorne next pursued licensed properties in order to produce comic-book tie-ins that exploited recognizable names with mass-market appeal. The problem was that rights to biggies like G.I. Joe and Transformers were already locked up by the Big Two, in particular by Marvel, which held a Star Wars license that Steve coveted. "The only way for us to get a product license based on Star

Wars was to create a new product category," Steve explains, "so I approached Lucasfilm with the idea of 3-D as a novelty comic book. It turned out there was a legal loophole in their contract with Marvel that didn't cover what we were proposing." Blackthorne's three-issue Star Wars 3-D series (December 1987 to August 1988) pumped cash into the company coffers, allowing Steve to move its headquarters from his house near Grossmont High School, where around a half dozen people worked five days a week, to an office-warehouse complex in El Cajon.

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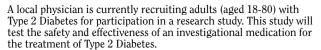
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legal loophole that allowed Blackthorne to do Star Wars 3-D comics landed them a license for The Transformers, a popular TV cartoon that had been a big success as a Marvel Comics series. Blackthorne's G.I. Joe license, also swiped from Marvel thanks to 3-D, produced three interesting installments that weren't tied to the continuity of the TV show or the earlier comics. Additionally, there was a three-issue sketchbook series, The Official How to Draw G.I. Joe, which fell outside the parameters of Marvel's license agreement. These mammoth properties generated mammoth sales; however, Steve tells me, "Strangely enough, our all-time best-selling 3-D comic was the California Raisins. They were a pop-culture phenomenon for years. We kept having to reprint that one again and again, 5000 or 10,000 copies at

a time." Aside from licensed properties, Blackthorne launched several dozen creator-driven blackand-white comic series. Like Pacific, Blackthorne provided aspiring creators with some of their first professional comic

work. Artist Paul Chadwick drew Salimba, a scantily clad jungle heroine with amnesia whose mostly ten-page adventures were written by Steve Perry (later to do Star Wars and Aliens comics). Chadwick went on to create the awardwinning Concrete series for Dark Horse. Artist Jeff Johnson was hired by Blackthorne straight out of high school, drawing Kull 3-D years before gaining recognition for his work on *The Amaz*ing Spider-Man and Justice League.

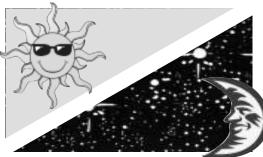
Unfortunately, most of Blackthorne's nonlicensed comics were poorly drawn imitations of other publishers' successful comics, like Mirage's Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Low-quality rip-offs Pre-Teen Dirty Jean Kung Fu Kangaroos and Cold-Blooded Chameleon Commandos did nothing to offset Blackthorne's growing reputation for exploitative, low-budget, lowestcommon-denominator publishing. Mildly interesting Blackthorne titles like Nervous Rex (by future Disney Comics mainstay William Van Horn) were usually overlooked and failed after only a few issues.

An industry-award ceremony known as the Inkpot Awards was scheduled to be held at the 1987 San Diego Comic-Con, with important and influential figures in the comics field receiving "lifetime achievement" plaques. "Bill and I got an award for 'Fan Support,' "Steve told me, "and to this day I'm not really sure what it was for, exactly. I think they just wanted to recognize that these two guys had done something interesting nobody was exactly sure what — that had somehow benefited and advanced the comic industry. People in the know, comics professionals and fans, they sometimes acknowledge and express appreciation to me about Pacific Comics and what we did, what we accomplished. It was nice to be recognized, but I still had to eke out a living and feed my family."

Figuring you can't beat the King of Pop for exploitable name recognition, Schanes bet the bank that a 3-D comic book based on Michael Jackson's Moonwalker, a longform 1988 video, would be a surefire sales success. He fronted a siz-

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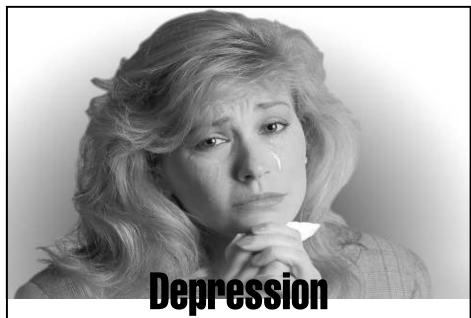
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able licensing fee as well as signing a promise of royalty kickbacks to Moonwalker's "author," Jackson. Released in 1989, six years after the breakthrough of Thriller, and falling between Jackson's 1987 Bad album and the child-molestation scandal that enveloped the singersongwriter in 1993, Michael Jackson's Moonwalker in 3-D was a flop. "We got involved with a distributor to the giftstore industry who promised all kinds of access-to-sales outlets, but unfortunately they never came through," explains Schanes. He declines to specify how much cash the fiasco cost Blackthorne, but my former employer at Revolutionary Comics, Todd Loren, once told me Steve claimed to him that Moonwalker incurred a loss of at least \$50,000.

"Two events happened simultaneously that put Blackthorne in a position where it could no longer survive," Steve says today, with over a decade's worth of hindsight. "One was bad receivables accounting that had left the company about \$150,000 in debt...in just one week, three different distributors went out of business, all of them owing us a ton of money." Unable to pay even his printer, 4L Printing, Blackthorne was sued in El Cajon Municipal Court, with the printer eventually winning a judgment in October 1994 for \$22,972.00 ("that was all settled out of court," Steve claims). "The second event was the fact that I had invested \$80,000 or \$90,000 in what I originally planned as a full line of color comic books under an imprint called Timeline, which Blackthorne was going to own outright. I had a hundred-page concept bible, there was planned product development for



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each character, we had sample artwork, character designs, everything. It never got off the ground, and all that time, effort, and especially money ended up being completely wasted."

On top of everything else, Steve says the IRS hit up Blackthorne with a bill for "well over six figures. The government basically used us as a test case to establish that freelance creators working from their own homes weren't classified as 'contract labor' but were actually employees, and I was responsible for paying all their taxes as such." He fought the matter for two years after Blackthorne ceased publishing ("We didn't go bankrupt; we just liquidated out," Steve says), losing his appeals. "We ended up getting the IRS to settle for a reduced payment plan from what they originally wanted...they eventually pretty much saw things our way." In 1992, the

California Franchise Tax Board suspended Blackthorne from operating for nonpayment of its taxes.

1988 — The Year in Comics: Bud Plant Distribution, which in 1984 had purchased Pacific's wholesale accounts in Southern California, is up to seven warehouses with 80 employees. Plant sells the business to Diamond Comics Distributors, which has hired several Pacific mainstays.

Ms Mystic is published on a semi-occasional basis by Neal Adams's own publishing company, Continuity. Sales on all comic books are dropping precipitously after a glut of self-published blackand-white comics. Retailers who overordered titles, hoping for another Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle-like sales boom, are stuck with piles of unsold comics and going bankrupt.

I asked Steve Schanes

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what he was most proud of from his career as a comic-book publisher, which essentially ended with Blackthorne. "I'd say paving the way for creators to retain the rights to their own characters and to get royalties when their work is a success. That probably never would have happened if it weren't for those deals we worked out with Jack Kirby and Mike Grell. Once we proved it could be done, it became industry standard, but before we came along, there was no reason or incentive for a publisher to reward the creative people who made their comics possible and popular."

One longtime area comic retailer interviewed for this article scoffed at this proclamation. "Steve isn't a friend or supporter of creators' rights. Maybe he was in the early days at Pacific, but not anymore. Just recently, he was reprint-

ing sets of Groo postcards, which were originally done as a promo item at Pacific, and auctioning them on eBay. The originals had a drawing of Groo by Sergio [Aragonés] printed on white cardstock. Steve totally exploits that this was a promotional item, not 'merchandise' like a comic book, and keeps reprinting and selling 'new' Groo postcards. He auctions them by the sheet, printed in hideous colors on flimsy laser paper so they aren't even technically postcards anymore. He gets \$5 or \$10 a pop, using a character that doesn't belong to him, that he has no rights to, and the auction description makes it sound like they're originals...it may technically be legal, but it's still lame."

Former Golden State Comics owner Greg Pharis says that Steve Schanes eventually showed little regard for comic-book artists and writers, despite Pacific's foundation on the notion of creators' rights and royalties. "He didn't seem to have much conscience or concern about all the people that they hung out to dry, people they owed money to. Like, how could Steve afford to immediately go into Blackthorne without paying off all those Pacific creators? How were those guys paying for their dinner while Steve signed some

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bankruptcy papers, bought a bunch of new equipment, and launched another comic-book company under another name?"

Several ex-Pacific staffers went on to notable gigs. Grant McKinnon took a job with Bill Graham Productions in San Francisco, as well as representing famed concertposter artist Rick Griffith. David Scroggy began hosting comicindustry trade shows in San Diego and representing creators with his art-brokerage firm. In 1993, he was hired by Dark Horse Comics, one of the few indie publishers to survive the '80s. As vice president of product development, he's overseen that company's successful expansion into action figures, lunch boxes, stickers, toys, and resin-statue kits. I began writing the series *Rock* 'N' Roll Comics in 1989, a title that became one of the best-selling comics of the '90s. In 1994, I founded Re-Visionary Press, whose Carnal Comics, cocreated with well-known adult film stars, remain the best-selling adultsonly comic line in industry history.

Not all former Pacific employees fared so well. One secretary turned up working at a College Grove nudie nightclub, Jolar, where women in "private show booths" masturbated behind a glass partition for dollar tips. I know this because managing Jolar was my first post-Pacific job, and it was strange to now be a pimp for my former coworker (I can say this for her — of all our girls, she had the biggest tips).

Bill Schanes was hired by Pacific's eventual successor, Diamond Comics Distribution. "When I first got here in '85," he says, "we were a rather small home office, so each person wore many different hats and performed many functions...I was working in customer service, sales, marketing, many different jobs. As time passed, we took over Bud Plant in 1988 with their more deluxe catalog system -I took on the role of supervising Diamond's graphic arts department to help promote that part of this business as well."

1992/1993 — The Year in Comics: Creatorowned comics are a hot

topic once again, after the formation of Image Comics, cofounded by Spawn creator Todd McFarlane and several other defectors from Marvel's top series. Initially solicited and distributed by Malibu Comics, the titles are eventually taken over by the creators. DC ships between 2.5 and 3 million copies of Superman #75, featuring the (obviously temporary) "Death of Superman." They instantly vanish from shelves — in Detroit alone, an estimated 175,000 copies sell in a single day. Many buyers think they're getting a surefire collector's item, unaware that the availability of so many copies guarantees them to be worth little.

In 1993, Steve Schanes decided to get back into comic retailing, opening two San Diego stores in a proposed chain of shops he called 100 Heroes. "There was a peak in the market in the early '90s, when it seemed like almost everybody was either reading or investing in comic books, around the time of the 'Death of Superman.' The first 100 Heroes store was at Parkway Plaza in El

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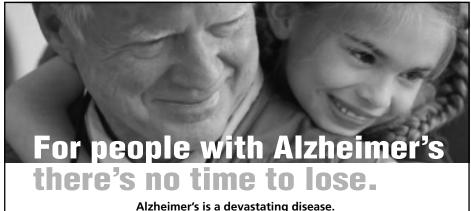
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Cajon, and then I opened a second store the following year at North County Fair." Neither shop did well. The North County Fair shop closed first, after only a year in operation; the second location locked its doors about 18 months later. Steve then moved to New Jersey to work for a start-up publisher, Broadway Comics, in Manhattan, serving as vice president of sales and marketing under Marvel's former

editor in chief, Jim Shooter. A year later, that company too was about to close down, and Steve returned to San Diego to begin a home-based marketing-consulting

Bill Schanes has risen at Diamond Comics Distribution to become vice president of purchasing, essentially second-in-command behind owner Steve Geppi. "My current responsibilities focus primarily on the purchasing of new product for Diamond. This includes reviewing all our contract negotiations with our suppliers, our vendors, making sure that the discounts and prices set by our brand managers are within our target goals to allow our customers to be competitive in the marketplace, while at the same time meeting our margin requirements. We've got about 25 people in the home office who report to me, as

does the Diamond UK purchasing staff."

Diamond gained an advantage over other comic-book distributors in August 1995, when DC signed a deal to sell its comics exclusively through Diamond. In 1996, the company absorbed Capital City, and eventually, just about every other smaller-scale directmarket distributor, at least those that didn't go bankrupt or disappear.

When it comes to

comic books and graphic novels, Diamond remains virtually the only full-service wholesale distributor to the comic-book, pop culture, gaming, specialty, and collectors' markets. The conglomerate enjoys exclusive handling arrangements with a number of publishers and provides the only sales network for all others. If Diamond doesn't carry a comic book, i.e., if Bill Schanes doesn't opt to purchase

it, it has almost no chance of reaching the marketplace. Any marketplace. Since absorbing Capital City and wheeling and dealing other rivals out of the comic business in the '90s, Diamond has become a monopoly similar in many ways to the union network that enjoyed exclusivity to newsstands in the '60s and '70s.

It would seem ironic that Bill Schanes, who had a hand in disassem-

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bling the original good ol' boy publication-anddistribution framework in the name of equal opportunity, ended up supervising the rise of a new corporate behemoth that today crowds out start-up competition.

In many ways, Pacific formed the template for Image Comics, today's most successful San Diego-based comic company. Image began in 1992 as a publishing imprint where creators could own and profit from their characters. It was founded by Todd McFarlane (who'd made his name drawing Spider-Man and the Hulk), San Diego illustrator Jim Lee (known for an acclaimed run on the Punisher comic), and several other mainstream Marvel artists. Others joined up to form a staff of creators, including Jim Valentino, who'd once worked as a shipping clerk at Pacific's San Diego warehouse (I'm told I was hired at Pacific as Valentino's replacement). Sales of Image titles, such as Spawn and Wildcats, quickly rivaled Marvel and DC in numbers that nobody before them, not even Pacific, had ever managed to pull off. Once again, the Big Two were forced to play catch-up with an upstart new indie publisher. Reportedly over a million copies of Todd McFarlane's Spawn #1 were printed and snapped up in multiples by eager comic consumers who made Image comics the bestselling independent titles of the past quarter century.

So, if Pacific arrived on the scene first with the idea, the distribution, the printing upgrades, the diverse comic-book titles, and the top-name creators, why didn't the Schaneses manage to grab ahold of the same brass ring that allowed Todd McFarlane

the luxury of purchasing Mark McGwire's recordbreaking 70th home-run baseball in 1999 for \$2.7 million?

Greg Pharis has been around the comic business long enough (31 consecutive years in San Diego) to have an informed opinion about the Schaneses' strengths and weaknesses, not to mention the duo's legacy in 20th-century comic books:

"Ultimately, what I recall most about Bill and Steve is that they were terrific fans. They had a lot of guts and

some great ideas at times, but the actual execution and timing of their efforts always seemed to just sputter, if not completely fail. They're both very cool

guys, excellent people to have in this hobby, in this industry, but together they were marginal to lousy businessmen." ■

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THE HAUSER CANYON FIRE, PART III: COLD-TRAILING

"I didn't see the forest ranger who got trapped with the Marines," recalled Colonel William Hastie, whose 10th Cavalry helped rescue burn victims from the Hauser Canyon Fire of 1943. "I heard he felt terribly. But no person who has ever fought treacherous brush fires could place blame on him. They can burn quicker along the ground than a man can run."

The ranger was Buel Hunt. In the official report for the Hauser Canyon tragedy, he took much of the blame.

The 34-year-old from Linda Vista
was in charge, he said in
by an interview, of "100

Jeff untrained Marines." Using
S m i t h shovels, brush hooks, and
Pulaskis, they were cutting

a line away from the main fire, in a tight canyon draw. When Santa Ana winds died — around 2:00 p.m., October 2 — someone set a backfire. The two fires joined, exploding like a bomb. Led by a tongue of flame licking ahead of the blaze, the white-hot conflagration rose 30 feet, flashed over a ridge and across the draw, and hit the crews like a blowtorch.

It charred Hunt's hands and legs, seared his hair and face. But given the severity of other victims, medics on the scene called his injuries minor.

Hastie and soldiers from the 10th Cavalry evacuated casualties. As the convoy of trucks and horse trailers wound its way seven miles east to Campo, Hunt passed out from shock. Shortly after he awoke in Camp Lockett Hospital, the man next to him died, "lungs burned."

The fire wasn't done. When the blowup occurred on Saturday, approximately 240 men fought the blaze. On Sunday, October 3, 622 men were mobilized. In the 1940s, fire lines were measured in "chains," one every 66 feet (a mile equals 80 chains). Saturday's crews dug 75 chains. When the fire was controlled the following Wednesday, it had required 2340.

On Sunday at 4:30 a.m., Hastie and the 10th Cav, the famous African-American "Buffalo Soldiers," went back to Hauser Canyon, into grayish-orange clouds thousands of feet high.

There aren't many places in the county that look today the way they did 60 years ago. Hauser Canyon lies 45 miles east of San Diego, between Morena and Barrett Dams. Massive Morena Butte watches over it like a wizened Old Testament patriarch. Except for hikers on the Pacific Crest Trail and occasional clusters of undocumented migrants, Hauser's the same empty brown gash of wilderness it was in '43.

"It's not like a movie canyon, all nice



10th Cavalry "Buffalo Soldiers," 1938

and wide," says Roger Challberg, president of the Mountain Empire Historical Society. "It's so tight in there, little clearings and side draws going this way and that...such steep terrain. When nature is against you, in a place like that, fire has all the advantages."

Without wind, on level ground, fires grow at a walking pace. They move faster up slopes, because they preheat the fuel in front of them. Add wind, which makes them burn hotter, to steep slopes, and they can flash like lightning. John Maclean: "Every firefighter knows the rule: Never let a fire get below you on a mountain. Only bears and fires, not firefighters, can run uphill faster than down."

Unlike the Marines the day before, who were trainees at Camp Pine Valley, Hastie's soldiers were a fixed, tactical organization, part of a division at Camp Lock-

ett. Though they didn't like the duty, they had fought several fires and, as a line unit, had an established chain of command. Years later, Hastie confessed, "I hate to admit this, but all this firefighting we did taught us a lot about leadership, logistics, and working under stress and fatigue."

Along with their equipment and a one-gallon canteen, many in the three 25-man crews had walkie-talkies. The cavalry soldiers may have fought in riding britches, which they wore almost exclusively.

Their task was to "cold trail" the eastern edge of the burn area. They scraped a fire-control line and looked for spots that could flare up, especially under hot white ashes. Amid ovenlike conditions in the canyon, they separated burned from unburned material, throwing "hot stuff" into the burned area, unburned outside.

QUOTATIONS:

 $1. \ Roger\ Challberg: "Fire\ will\ do\ unusual\ things, and\ those\ are\ the\ things\ that\ will\ kill\ you."$

2. Norman Maclean: "Coming to recognize you are wrong is like coming to recognize you are sick. You feel bad before you admit you have any of the symptoms and certainly long before you are willing

to take your medicine."

3. Zac Unger: "This is perhaps the hardest thing to learn, that you can never learn everything you need to know for every situation, that a blueprint for putting out a fire is an imaginary construct."

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They cleared brush from under scorched trees called "snags" — and felled those close to the edge. Some held the back of an ungloved hand three to four inches above the ground, feeling for heat. And since the fire still raged nearby, they tried to keep "one foot in the black," staying as close as possible to an already burned

"Nasty work," recalled Hastie, who also remembered thickets of manzanita "difficult to travel through and a real torch when on fire" and dry, wirelike brush on the rocky slopes where the fire hadn't reached.

On Saturday, the fire blew up in a draw near Cottonwood Creek (just north of the Marine Memorial). On Sunday, at 10:30 a.m., crews from the 10th and 28th Cav regiments were cutting a line south of the creek, along the dusty truck trail. Some say the main fire jumped the waterway. The

10th Cav's Company Morning Report says someone set a backfire on a grassy hill near a 25-man crew. If so, it was the second windaided, "accidental" backfire in two days, and the second to take human life.

The blaze crackled across dry grass, churning uphill like a flood.

"She's coming!" shouted a soldier.

"Into the black!" yelled Lt. Stiles Gaffney, ushering his platoon toward an

already charred area as the flames advanced. The men entered the relative safety of the scorched terrain, though cinders burned their knee-length riding boots.

Corporal LeRoy Carter, 28, became separated from the crew. Instead of racing to the burn area, the Kansas City native tried to outrun the fire up a steep, manzanita-thick slope.

Panic? Maybe not. Carter was about to be engulfed. A power-sprint straight uphill, fueled by the will to live, may have felt like the rational choice until, in a jolt of terror, he saw he couldn't make it. Sheets of flame consumed

The coroner's report says Carter died of "shock due to third-degree burns,

Hershel Higgins, a bulldozer operator on the scene, said they found Carter's smoldering body lying "in the burnt, three feet from living brush."

Carter became Hauser's 11th fatality. Over a fiveday period, the fire ravaged 16,000 acres. The cause, said Camp Lockett's Brigadier General Thoburn K. Brown, was "gunnery practice." A bullet — a tracer, most likely — ignited a brush area. Aided by the first rain in weeks, the fire ceased Wednesday, October 6. Between 72 and 85 were injured, at least 12 critically. and 11 men died: 9 Marines,

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Corporal Carter, and a civilian whose name, to this day, remains unknown.

On October 8 an investigation began that established blame for the casualties. The Hauser Canyon Fire happened six decades ago. Although that's a long time to reconsider an event, some cold-trailing is in order.

Carter panicked, the official report said. "The fatality resulted from the trooper's own disobedience of orders given him by superior officers." But Carter got separated from his crew, eyewitnesses say, and may not have *heard* the orders. He simply ran to the nearest safety. Disobedience, attested by junior officers on the scene, absolves higher ups - and whoever set the backfire.

Hunt took most of the blame, even though the report acknowledges an anomaly: "The change in fire behavior in crossing the mouth of the gulch was, while not unique, decidedly unusual." The fire spread downhill quickly, which is rare; it also shifted from the

front to a flank. All are changes "many fire leaders of substantial experience have never encountered in practice."

Though he'd worked 11 years in the forestry service, and even though the sudden wind-shift whipped the fire along unforeseen angles, the report says Hunt lacked experience and acted "imprudently." By not recognizing the danger and calling a retreat sooner, he placed his crew in harm's

Roger Challberg: "Peo-

ple look back and ask: what did we do wrong, what did we do right? But it wouldn't matter whose crew was there, given the location.

"I've learned not to second-guess. I've seen fires in high winds: flames leap an eight-lane freeway. [Fire-]breaks're normally 100 feet. An eight-lane freeway. That's *concrete*. And *vvvvvt*—right across, ka-poof! You could have the finest radios, finest fire departments, trucks, everything...With ripe conditions like in '43 — and today -nothing'll stop a fire."

Hunt was second in command. "One of the favorite scapegoats in history," writes Norman Maclean, is "the 'second guy." In an interview 40 years later, Hunt said friends told him he got "a dirty deal on that review."

The person in command, Jack Ewing, received a mild hand-slap for "overappraising" Hunt's abilities and for not checking Hunt's "indirect" fire-break (which may have been too close, say Hastie and Gunner Willard Wright). At no point does the report mention that Ewing, miles from the scene at the time, forgot he had Marines in that draw when he ordered a backfire.

The report concludes: "Disciplinary action directed at Hunt or his immediate superior would be, in effect, a denial that the proved process of producing qualified fire control leadership is essentially correct and necessary. The Board recommends that no formal disciplinary action be taken."

To admit mistakes, in other, less-convoluted words, would admit that the training process had flaws.

On July 9, 1953, ten years after the Hauser tragedy, Ewing was boss of the Rattlesnake Fire in Mendocino National Forest. He forgot he had a crew, 23 local missionaries and a ranger, down in Powderhouse Canyon. At around 10:15 p.m., a bizarre windshift to Santa Ana-like conditions turned the blaze downhill. Spot-fires, caused by fireballs igniting in the tall grass, trapped the men. "No one," writes John Maclean, "expected a major downslope wind after dark in this part of Northern California." As at Hauser, the change in fire behavior was "unusual."

But this time, writes

Maclean, Ewing had "a redemptive moment. The fire had fooled everyone. Ewing, the fire boss, made the same mistakes he had made on the Hauser Creek fire, forgetting a crew and failing to anticipate a wind shift. But when he realized the danger on the Rattlesnake Fire, he put his life at stake and ran toward the flames to help the survivors escape."

Between 1910 and 1957, there were seven "tragedy fires," in which ten or more died, in the U.S. Two — the Hauser Canyon Fire of 1943 and the 11-fatality Inaja Fire of 1956 — were in San Diego County. In 1957 a task force studied tragedy fires and devised the Ten Standard Fire Orders: a thorough reevaluation, writes Stephen J. Pyne, "of the whole state of the art, from research to training to protective clothing.

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On November 20, 1943, the Marine Second Division fought one of the bloodiest battles of World War II at Tarawa. Assault boats landed at low tide far from shore. Enemy gunfire pinned down Marines in waist-high water. Over 1000 died before they took the Japanese-held airstrip at Betio.

John Loop, 35 years a firefighter for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection: "The horrors of Tarawa, about six weeks after the Hauser Canyon Fire, turned San Diego's attention away from home and back to the war. In time, that hellish fire and the men who fought and the men who died became all but forgotten."

Not forgotten. ■

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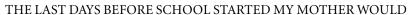
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SUMMER'S DONE



drag me, unrepentantly sullen, through hot city streets. While I was still brimming with memories of bottling fireflies and plunging underwater to swim between ghostly bodies, we would ride the creaking elevator up to the department store girls' section and buy plaid dresses trimmed with white collars. We would go to the shoe store. I would climb onto the seat and unbuckle my sandals. I would pull on stiff new socks over my stubbed toes, and the salesman, leaning over me, would force

my feet into ungiving leather oxfords. I would do as he said and walk in the tight shoes, up and down the carpeted floor, stopping in front of him and my mother. They poked at the leather over my big toe and talked about growing room.

At home my mother would make me stand on a dining room chair to try on last year's dresses, to see what fit and what needed a hem let down. The air would be muggy. Outside windows, beneath eaves, hornets whirred and on the kitchen windowsills, fruit flies circled above ripening tomatoes. Houseflies sleepily patrolled the tablecloth, straying

across our lunch leftovers. I remember thinking that when we were all dead, the insects would still be alive. They would be eating the leftovers we would be by then.

I would slip out of shorts I'd worn at camp (I'd be wearing my sun-faded swimsuit for underwear) and wriggle into one after another of the dresses, which inevitably would have grown snug. Buttoning the tiny buttons my fingers

would seem too big, and I would grow impatient with effort. I would perspire and scratch at a real or imaginary mosquito bite. I would fidget. I would feel as if I were itching all over. My mother, on her knees on the carpet, would look up at me, pins pinched between her lips at one side of her mouth, skewing her heart-shaped face. She'd frown, say, "Stand

While my mother adjusted hems, abjuring me again and again not to wiggle while



she stuck in pins, I would count down how many days left to Labor Day. I would tally the few remaining evenings I could stay up late as I liked and do all day what my mother when she scolded me said was all I ever wanted to do: "What I God damn well pleased." She would often add, "Left to your own devices, you would grow up wild."

I counted down how many days left to Labor Day. I tallied the remaining evenings I could stay up late as I liked.

She was right.

What was wild in me loved summer.

Those remaining preschool days, when neighborhood friends and I played out of doors under the evening sky, we would play as recklessly as gamblers down to their

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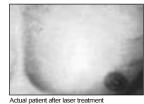


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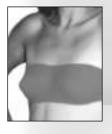


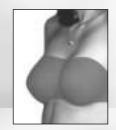






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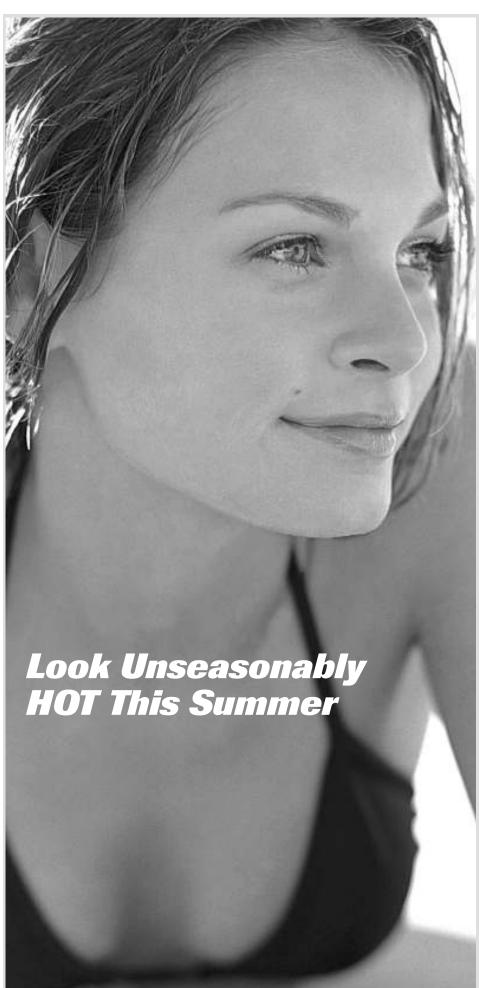
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last dime. We would swing each other perilously high on swings, throw balls without caring where they landed. Indoors, I would go around hunched over, and my mother, ten times a day, must have been saying, "Stand up straight!"

Summer existed in a golden present tense, past and future no more than vague margins. As Labor Day Saturday passed and Sunday arrived, the future gobbled up the hours. I brooded over the impossibility of eating Cream of Wheat at 6:45 in the morning and learning long division and conjugating *être*. I dreaded sitting



cramped behind a school desk, dreaded memorizing for piano lessons. I worried about who I would get for teachers. I see on Saturday afternoons showed scenes in which cowboys corralled and broke wild horses. The horses reared back their

Anyone who passed by could hear the break between mother and child. I did.

flinched against being bossed about and made to stand in lines and ask permission to use the bathroom. Gym mats' soured sweat smell came back to me. I worried about bullies. I mourned (with, I would guess, vast sighs) the lost hour after school that would be given over to scales and dull horrid compositions written for children, pieces whose tunes didn't sound anything like radio love songs I'd begun to learn the words to.

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huge heads and snorted and whinnied. Their unshod hooves stirred dust clouds. The cowboys kept after them. So that no matter how heroically the horses resisted, there always came the terrible moment when the cowboy triumphed and the horse relinquished its will.

This morning on my corner a woman with a red scarf tied over her hair hoisted what must have been a six-year-old boy up onto the first step of the school bus. From almost every window children's

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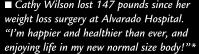
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faces looked out, and their voices, pitched high with excitement and reverberating within the closed metal, made me think of pet cages filled wing-to-wing with bright birds.

The boy's right foot reached the second step, then he turned, seeking out his mother's face, a terrible look stamped on his tiny features. His eyes, the dark brown velvety color of the horses' eyes, were filling. "Goodbye," his mother waved, her wave tense and unconvincing, "goodbye."

So palpably painful was their parting that even

and squawking children, it seemed that anyone who passed by could hear the break between mother and child. I did. The bus door wheezed shut, muffling the shrill children; the driver eased back into traffic. The mother watched the bus pull away and then headed back down our block, dabbing at her eyes with the red kerchief. She walked, then, as old women walk.

above the bus's noisy idle

Rising sun warmed the morning air, burned off dew. I took shoes to be reheeled and soled and polished, picked up the dozen brown eggs brought to me from a country henhouse, visited for a few minutes with their bearer, who added to her gift of eggs a fat warted Hubbard squash to which was still attached a frayed umbilical vine.

"Summer's over," my friend said matter-of-factly as she wrapped the squash in newspaper. As if to underline her statement, she led me out to her back yard and showed me her sunflowers. They had grown six feet high and flowered big around as her patio table and were strewing saffron powders

onto the fence. "The weight," she said, "the weight tipped the flowers over."

Some weight tipped me over, too.

Back home, I paid bills and answered the telephone when it rang and thought of the little boy, followed him in my mind's eye as the noisy bus swallowed him up. I had known as I walked by the bus stop that the story acting itself out there was primarily about a child's break with his mother. I knew the story was as much about mother as child. But what

the sight provoked in me was my own childhood sorrow at summers' endings.

I unwrapped the gray, warty Hubbard squash, spreading out on my counter the newspaper in which my friend wrapped it, noting beneath my hands the photographs of high school football teams — the boys' faces blunt — and the ads for lunchboxes and notebook paper and crayons.

While I licked the last stamp on my stack of envelopes, I thought, "The little boy must even now be opening *his* lunchbox."

I said to myself then, as rebelliously as I must have said it when I was ten, "Why does summer have to end, why does push have to come to shove, why do I have to wear shoes, why do I have to speak not sing, why do dreams have to be knit tediously — into thoughts, why all those long years ago did I have to learn to multiply vast sums I've never earned? Why, why, why? ■

— Judith Moore

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In *Out of Africa*, Isak Dinesen described the Kikuyu tribe's first exposure to writing: "I learned that the effect of a piece of news was many times magnified when it was imparted by writing. The messages that would be received with doubt and scorn if they had been given by word of mouth were now taken as gospel truth."

— Whereas we may have just weathered the cultural moment when erudite critical theorists devoted their best energy to "liberating the signifier from the signified," as if written discourse were actually a kind of Mad Hatter's tea party. Writers were the casualty of this campaign, replaced by what Michel Foucault called "the author function." As Frederick Crews said in *The Critics Bear It Away*, "Once writers have been discounted as the primary shapers of their works, critics are free to 'liberate signifiers from the signified' — that is, to

make a text mean anything or nothing according to whim."

As an operative author function myself, I'm reminded of a graffito I used to see carved into desktops

when I was an undergraduate at Notre Dame:

"God is dead."

- Nietzsche, 1899

"Nietzsche is dead"
— God, 1900

War and Peace would not have been distributed or probably even written without the steam that powered the locomotives and the presses.

We could do the same now for Foucault, but, as Richard Nixon said about Watergate, it would be wrong. Moreover, if we liberate Foucault's signifier it does indeed signify something: the decline in the prestige of writing from its dazzling introduction into preliterate culture to its diminished role in our own. There is no question about that. If the

prestige of writing is diminished — not by the collective failure of writers but by the once again dazzling new technologies of communication and memory, which are changing (just as writing did) the very nature of human

communication and memory — the prestige of writers, wizards of the old technology, is diminished. Not surprisingly, this makes writers anxious. It impinges on their livelihood, on what they can publish, and on what they write. It's impossible to know where we are going. We could end up in broom closets wearing virtual reality helmets and blinking across the galaxy at one another. Perhaps artfully. The two incontrovertible lessons of the history of technologies — the things humans invent to alter their world — are (1) they have a momentum of their own and (2) their cultural hence psychological effects are huge and unpredictable. This is what scares people, although the effects are usually a mixed bag and

occasionally unambiguously benign. Antibiotics have been swell, and we can really appreciate them now that resistant strains of bacteria have developed to make so many of them ineffective. There is no doubt that the American Revolution in 1776 would not have happened without the invention of movable type in 1452. On most days I think this was more good than bad. War and Peace would not have been distributed or probably even written without the steam that powered the locomotives and the presses. The ambition of Tolstoy's novels was obviously an outgrowth of his cultural and technological moment. At present, which is all I can even attempt to describe, there



are and can be no more Tolstoys: writers who immediately and significantly affect their society's political and cultural life, which in turn affects their writing and indeed all writing. There is certainly something in this to



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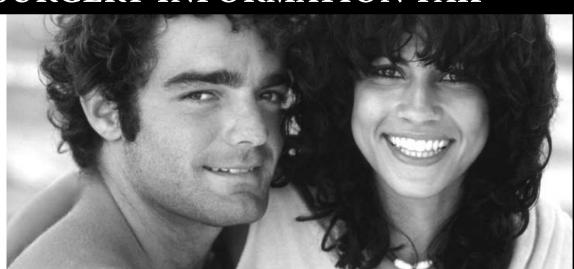
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mourn. When Chekhov heard Tolstoy was seriously ill, he wrote:

> I dread Tolstoy's death. If he died, a large vacuum would be formed in my life. In the first place, I have never loved any human being as much as I do him. I am an unbeliever, but of all faiths I regard his as the one nearest to me and the one that suits me best. Second, when Tolstoy is part of literature, it is easy and agreeable to be a writer; even the knowledge that you have not accomplished and never will accomplish anything is not so terrible, for Tolstoy makes up for all of us. His activity justifies all the hopes and expectations that are pinned on literature. Third, Tolstoy, with his enormous authority, stands firm, and as long as he remains among the living, bad taste in literature, all vulgarity, insolent or tearful, all harsh, embittered vanities, will remain remote and in deep shadow. Only his moral authority is capable of keeping



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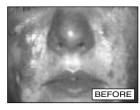
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so-called literary moods and trends at a certain height. Without him, it would all be a flock without a shepherd, or a jumble in which it would be hard to find one's way.

With a nod to Foucault, I must say that this homage says no less about Chekhov's great spirit than it does about Tolstoy's great work, but it seems unlikely that we will be hearing any such tributes to Michael Crichton or Danielle Steele. Nor are they our cultural movers and shakers. The real money guys, directors like Spielberg and Stone, make the real blockbusters, like Schindler's List and JFK (the latter of which caused a new congressional hearing on Kennedy's assassination). We live in a different world than Chekhov's and speak a language into

which it's hard to translate phrases like "moral authority." Both of these movies did have the effects they did in part because of their moral thrust, but they were and are impossible to watch (for me, at least) without an awareness that that

cially, it was essential for him to appear earnest, which was the business of his PR director and media coach. The possibility that he may in fact be earnest in his own mind does not in the least alter the fact that his movie is not, which is the

Auden, with characteristic perspicacity, said, "Sincerity, in the proper sense of the word, meaning authenticity is, or ought to be, a writer's chief preoccupation."

moral thrust is part of the product. Corporations do not have moral authority, as much as their spokesmen may want us to think so. Only humans do. Both must be known by their actions, not by their spin doctors. In Spielberg's case, espeonly evidence that matters. Schlock pervades everything in his Schindler's List from the shape of the narrative to the characterizations. There isn't a moment when Spielberg isn't looking at the audience instead of at his material,

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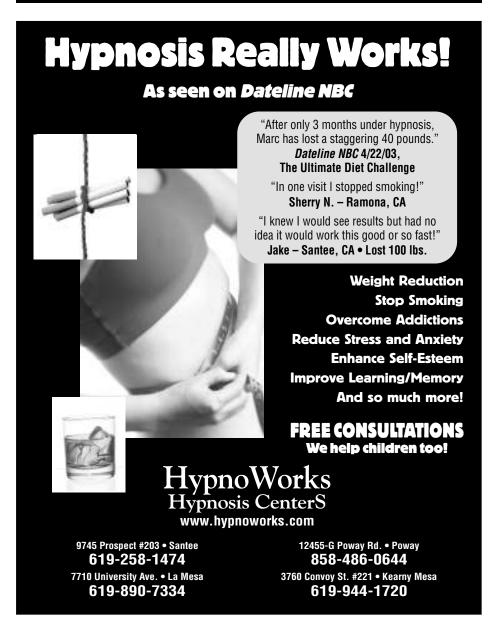
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and the places he departs most egregiously from Thomas Keneally's novel - such as Schindler's weepy speech at the end — are dead giveaways. Everything in the movie is just a whole lot too pretty. When the women strip to shower at the death camp, they could be heading for the Jacuzzi at Sports Club LA. To tell the truth about the Holocaust the way Primo Levi does in Survival in Auschwitz is not a viable corporate decision. In arguments about the movie I had with my friends, some of them forgave it on that basis. This makes me apoplectic, since reducing what we ask is one of the main symptoms of media drubbing — a Gresham's Law of aesthetic response, bad money driving out the good, producing one standard for "art" and another for "entertainment."

The brain, God help us, apparently registers every experience. Neurobiologists are now arguing over the best metaphor for what happens when we register an experience in memory; the dominant one at present is that the volume of certain synapses are turned up. That is, among the trillions of pathways in our brains the billions of neurons can take, a memory makes it easier for that pathway to be taken again, as if the neuron were attracted to the synapse that clamors loudest for it. This seems like an unconsciously positive and self-justifying description of our infoglut culture, as was the survival of the fittest for 19th-century British colonialism. The average teenager (whatever that is) watches six hours of television a day and he will see an estimated two and a half million commercials if he lives to be 65, not to mention the ads in newspapers and magazines and on almost every item of clothing he and his friends wear. What is this doing to people? Nobody really knows. Our brains are exposed to those whose only job is to profit from them, who bewilder and enchant us. But this is almost beside the point. The point is only a person can have moral authority and the evidence of it is spoken by the art, whatever its form. It's not that movies or TV programs can't have it; it's simply that they don't when every decision from casting to camera angles (not to mention what the story is and how it's told) is made to make money not to tell the truth. Everybody knows this and yet the idea of truth itself is consequently and continuously undermined. We who agree on

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nothing agree that there is no such thing. The champion platitude of our time is that we each have our own points of view. This is also just a whole lot too obvious. For a writer, it has to be the starting point not the finish line. Here's Chekhov again:

A writer should be as objective as a chemist; he must give up everyday subjectivity and realize that dunghills play a very respectable role in a landscape, and that evil passions belong to life as much as good ones do.

A writer is not a confectioner, not a cosmetician, not an entertainer; he is a man with an obligation, under contract to his duty, his conscience; he must do what he has set out to do; he is bound to fight his squeamishness and dirty his imagination

with what is dirty in life.

Literature is called artistic when it depicts life as it actually is. Its purpose is truth, honest and indisputable.

Survival in Auschwitz clearly embodies Levi's intention is to tell the truth. The importance of

writing works. Like many good ideas, this one merged with others floating in the air (from Symbolism and Surrealism) and evolved into a misconception: that the writer shouldn't have any intention in the first place. Chekhov said:

If one is to deny that

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intention, much less of telling the truth, has been a taboo topic since the New Critics (who taught Bishop's and Welty's generation how to read and consequently how to write) decreed that to identify the writer's intention was a fallacy. They did so in order to focus exclusively on how the

question and intention exist in creative work, it becomes necessary to admit that the artist creates without premeditation, without design, under the influence of an affect; therefore, if some author were to boast to me that he had written a tale without a previ-

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ously thought out intention but by inspiration alone, I would call him a madman.

This is not to argue that there isn't discovery and a sense of play in the process of composition just that there can't be only those if the writing is not to be merely trivial or eccentric. Auden, with characteristic perspicacity, said, "Sincerity, in the proper sense of the word, meaning authenticity is, or ought to be, a writer's chief preoccupation... Some writers confuse authenticity, which they ought always to aim at, with originality, which they should never bother about." Like happiness, originality comes as a byproduct. To seek it, to will it, is the best way not to get it. As for authenticity, we are dying for it amidst all the fakery and fragmentation. It's a reason to read and a reason

to write — for me, the compelling reason — and directs every decision about both subject and style

Authenticity ("that which can be believed or accepted") suffuses the writing of Survival in Auschwitz in its every aspect: its absence of sentimentality and self-pity, the rigor of its self-portrayal, its compassion for others, the efficient arc of the narrative, the unobtrusive brilliance of its style. When I read it, as I have 10 or 12 times (once aloud), I don't care in the least who Primo Levi was except as the writer of this book. But in this capacity I care absolutely. Henry James said, "What interests me most about a work of art is the artist's quality of mind." I would add to "mind": spirit, heart, talent (Chekhov: "Talent is the ability to distinguish the essential from the inessential").

Levi's writing tells me who Levi is. He is not Primo the character in the book. He is the book. In Flaubert's famous



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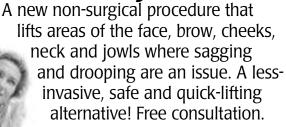
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words, "The writer in his book is like God in the universe, present everywhere and visible nowhere." It doesn't matter that Levi wrote his book on Sunday afternoons over the course of a single year, or threw himself from the fourth floor down the central stairwell of his apartment building 40 years later, or had a wife and two children, or loved his mother, or was a tiny matchstick of a man with a short pointy beard, or might have done some things he was ashamed of. The book speaks with moral authority across the distance of more than 50 years in a translation from another language. There may be people who do not love it. Happily, I have not met them. The three times I taught the book, none of my students were so unkind or impolitic to tell me they didn't love it. But when it

was published in 1947 the memory of the war in Italy was painfully fresh. It sold a few hundred copies and went out of print.

Here is a passage from the chapter entitled "October, 1944," which dramatizes one of the periodic selections of prisoners to be gassed. There was more than one selection in Auschwitz during the year of Levi's imprisonment, but this is the one that stands for them all in his book. Everything about the writing is designed to allow us to see what happens as through a skylight, to understand it as the writer does in the moment he is writing, and to be inside the experience with him as a character — all at the same time. This is something movies will never be able to do, for all their power of immediacy. Levi's writing, too, could not be

more transparent, and the rigor and simplicity of the style implicitly communicate the writer's understanding of what he's writing about. Note the verb tenses and the pronouns; notice where Levi positions himself both as a character in the story and as the writer who tells it and comments on it.

Now we are all in the *Tagesraum*, and besides there being no time, there is not even any room in which to be afraid. The feeling of the warm flesh pressing all around is unusual and not unpleasant. One has to take care to hold up one's nose so as to breathe, and not to crumple or lose the card in one's hand.

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tory and the Tagesraum outside. Here, in front of the two doors. stands the arbiter of our fate, an SS subaltern. On his right is the Blockaltester, on his left, the quartermaster of the hut. Each one of us, as he comes naked out

back and front, judges everyone's fate, and in turn gives the card to the man on his right or his left, and this is the life or death of each of us. In three or four minutes, a hut of 200 men is "done," as is the whole camp of 12,000

"Twain the writer and Twain the possessor of entirely personal experiences are never allowed to displace the subject-life on the Mississippi."

of the Tagesraum into the cold October air, has to run the few steps between the two doors, give the card to the SS man and enter the dormitory door. The SS man, in the fraction of second between two successive crossings, with a glance at one's

men in the course of an afternoon.

Jammed in the charnel-house of the Tagesraum, I gradually felt the human pressure around me slacken, and in a short time it was my turn. Like everyone, I passed by with a brisk and elastic

step, trying to hold my head high, my chest forward and my muscles contracted and conspicuous. With the corner of my eye I tried to look behind my shoulders, and my card seemed to end on the right.

As we gradually come back into the dormitory we are allowed to dress ourselves. Nobody yet knows with certainty his own fate, it has first of all to be established whether the condemned cards were on the right or on the left. By now there is no longer any point in sparing each other's feelings with superstitious scruples. Everybody crowds around the oldest, the most wasted-away, the most "musselmann"; if their cards went to the left, the left is certainly the side of the condemned.

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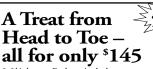
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There is of course a great tradition behind this

style. As Francis-Noel Thomas and Mark Turner write in Clear and Simple As the Truth, "The classic writer, no matter how abstract his subject, will present it as so sharply defined in itself and so independent of the writer as to count for all of us as a 'thing.' They argue cogently that a style is based on certain assumptions and decisions, that it has implicit meaning as well as communicates meaning, that it isn't superfluous or superficial. Classic style "rests on the assumption that it is possible to think disinterestedly, to know the results of disinterested thought, and to present them without fundamental distortion" - in other words, that "truth can be known." This is why for Chekhov the writer must give up "everyday subjectivity" and "be as objective as a chemist" (Levi was a chemist by profes-

sion), and what he meant in this compliment to Gorky: "When you depict a thing you see it and feel it with your hands. This is true art." It's also what Frost meant when he said, "A subject has to be held clear outside of me with struts and as it were set up for an object. A subject must be an object." It must be because this is the writer's duty and discipline. It's what saves his work, from even himself. It's what makes it authentic and valuable to others.

Thomas and Turner's fine observation about Mark Twain's *Life on the Mississippi* also applies to *Survival in Auschwitz:* "The experiences Twain presents are not private; had you been there, you would have seen what he saw and his job is to put you in a position to see exactly that... In this way, Twain the writer and Twain the possessor of

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entirely personal experiences are never allowed to displace the subject — life on the Mississippi. Twain the boy and Twain the steamboatman are part of that subject, and are presented as such." Never allowed to displace the subject: in Levi's case, the subject is survival in Auschwitz. His action in writing of putting this subject ahead of himself, of giving it precedence, says implicitly and constantly that he believes what happened there is more important than what happened to him. He tells us what happened to him because it is necessary to his telling what happened. Because the subject is so powerful, so annihilating ("which nothing at all in the power of man can ever clean again"), Levi's action-in-writing is extremely powerful, and it's the source of the writing's authority (the Latin

root of which means to enlarge). The reader is enlarged by it, the act of witnessing, by what the writer does. This enactment of his intention to tell the truth is far more beautiful and noble than any explicit expression of beautiful sentiments or noble convictions, which are in any case usually suspect. In Spielberg's interpolated saccharine scene at the end of Schindler's List, such sentiments are there to make us think Nice Guy Sensitive Fellow Good Person. For Levi, they would represent a debasement of moral intelligence — his moral intelligence in action, and ours as we experience it and are enlarged by it.

No matter what the political or cultural or personal conditions, there have always been writers who have been able to write with an authenticity that is permanently valuable to others and immediately necessary to the writer him or herself. Tolstoy certainly did it in his fiction and he certainly did not in his crackpot tracts about agriculture, politics, and personal hygiene, which often had more widespread and instantaneous effect. There are the dramatic examples of Mandelstaum in his prison cell and Dickinson in her bedroom, Keats and Chekhov dying of tuberculosis, Berryman and Faulkner in alcoholic despair and Plath furiously and fruitlessly trying to write her way back to the desire to live. Some of these are heroic; all are moving and useful if clearly understood. I've tried to imagine how Levi must have felt having written a great book if ever there was one and having it ignored for almost ten years until the world was ready for it.

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of such examples, but it's still a fatal error to sentimentalize writers' lives into a hagiolatry of the cultural victimization of the writer's superior, more sensitive being, because this is a form of "everyday subjectivity," self-pity, and mush-mindedness that infects writing and kills it. I believe it's part of the task of being writers at present to resist this intently and intentionally in what we have been told is becoming a "post-literate" culture in which we "post-moderns" are "post-humanists." We ain't post-nothin'. We are really here. Undead and loving it.

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Since I have used Chekhov's letters as my main guide through this moral minefield, I want to end with advice he wrote to his wife in 1899 while he was trying to regain his health in Yalta and she was acting in Moscow:

Art, and especially the stage, is an endeavor in which stumbling is unavoidable. There will be many unsuccessful days ahead, many entirely unsuccessful seasons, there will be great misunderstandings and deep disappointments and you have to be ready for all that, you have to expect it, and despite it all you must stubbornly, fanatically do what you think is right.

No matter how things change, they stay the same. It is a sign of our times and maybe of any time that Chekhov's *Letters*, also one of the great books if ever there was one, is currently out of print.* You can't buy it in any translation. But you can probably find it in the library.

-Michael Ryan

This story first appeared in TriQuarterly No. 100 (fall 1997).

Two paperbacks in print contain tiny samplings: Chekhov and His Times (A. Turkov, ed.), University of Arkansas Press, 1995; The Portable Chekhov (A. Yarmolinsky, ed.), Viking, 1947. The best editions in English taken together contain about five per cent of the more than four thousand letters available in Russian; these editions were published coincidentally in the same year: Chekhov's Letters (Yarmolinsky, ed.), Viking, 1973; The Letters of Anton Chekhov (Karlinsky and Heim, eds.), Harper & Row, 1973. The latter was out of print in 1996, when my essay was written. It has since been reissued by Northwestern University Press under the title, Chekhov's Life and Thought.

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low groove the other night, just chilling with my wife and our kids out at Humphrey's by the Bay. And then the scariest thing happened. Linda uttered a bit of praise for Michael Moore, and in the next moment, without a hint of warning, before I could say amen, a man yells at Linda like she was an umpire who had made a call that cost his team the World Series and him his life's savings. This heckling dude literally startled me out of my seat. He told her, "Stop the political bullshit and just sing!" Then he and other jeering people fled the premises, looking like mimes as "Desperado" drowned the sounds of their hideous hateful display. Has narrow-mindedness overtaken the USA?

Now as for me, I showed up expecting Linda to make a comment about something going on in society. She always has. And she does it from the heart, softly, openly, thoughtfully, never bashing

anyone — just like the other night. It's not in her blood to hurt anyone. I know from experience that Ms. Ronstadt was nurtured in love, and she and I bonded before she was born, back when my grandfather would say something to me like "Boy, take this money and go to Ronstadt's Hardware and get me a bucket o' six-penny nails." And I'd hustle because I knew that an ice cream cone or some kind of goodie was in the deal and that in my visit to the Ronstadt store I would never be subjected to that "What can I getcha, eightball?" kind of attitude that little black boys like me often had to put up with back then.

Ronstadt's Hardware was so refreshing on a hot Tucson day, one of the few places where I could fully relax, untaxed by my color. One of the few places where I saw that good people come in all colors. And before I knew who Linda Ronstadt was, she had already, on her family's coattails, entered my heart and soul, and over the years, as a follower of her music and views, I've come

to love and appreciate her unconditionally. So when they yelled at her the other night, they might as well have been yelling at me, because I, like Linda, want a better world, a world where



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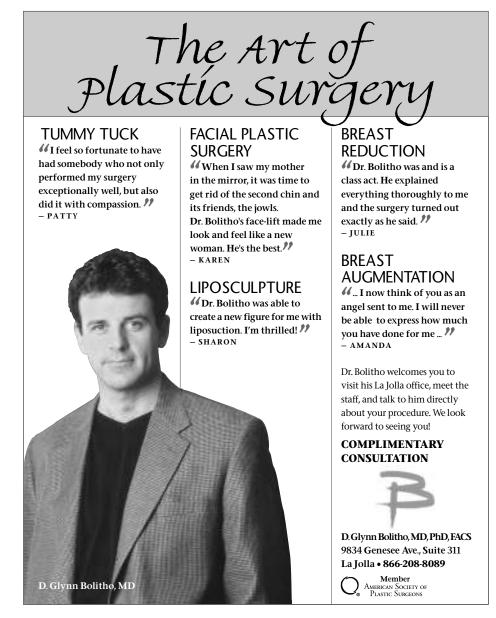
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those who bring us the truth aren't persecuted. And if the truth be told, Michael Moore is, as she declared, "a great American patriot who spreads the truth." I mean, if what Webster says is true, that a patriot is "one who loves and defends his or her country," then I cannot think of anyone who has tried harder than Mr. Moore to defend our nation against some of our worst enemies: apathy and ignorance and sometimes downright stupidity.

To people like those who interrupted Linda's brilliant performance, I say: Hey, leave my homegirl be. Open your eyes to the reality that Linda Ronstadt is an artist, and singing to us and sharing thoughts with us, political or otherwise, in entertaining ways is what an artist does. And nobody does it any better than she does, and in so doing, she's demonstrating what true patriotism is all about. Speaking out.

Ernie McCray South Park

Propaganda

This concerns the August 5 letters-section entry attributed to John S. He criticizes or questions Don Bauder's July 22 reportage on crucial San Diego County housing topics. Who the heck does John S. think he is? Does he fancy himself a full-blown prophet and seer? In fact, aren't his stated views about San Diego realities the merest windy speculations, mainly? We believe that John No-Last-Name offered the San Diego Reader advertising department some money, though, for sneaking into the letters section more of that worrisome, Yankee, vested-interest buildersand-realtors' propaganda rubbish, ad nauseam.

> Robby Emmet Center City

Selfish Homosexuals

Re "Day of Silence," August 5. Tyler Chase Harper, even though he is a teenager, deserves a pat on the back for having the courage to know that homosexuality is 150 percent wrong.

As a 75-year-old greatgrandmother, I think it just stinks too. I have lived in Washington, D.C.; Maryland; Virginia; and New Mexico, and I've never heard of any gay parade. California seems lacking in morals, values, and principles.

Not only that, but coming out of their so-called closets, they also appear to be coming out of the woodwork. And they plan on getting their way or else and plan on rearranging the system of a mother and father for all children. Which is extremely selfish, with no regard to how this will affect the future of babies and children. Since the beginning of the record here on earth, a female (woman) and a man (male) get married. Not two females and two males getting married. They don't seem to be bothered that they might be referred to as freaks of nature or nature's misfits.

It is very shocking seeing the police department and many other straight people condoning their actions and behavior. It is very understandable that they all flock to California.

In the 20 years I've lived in San Diego, homosexuality has been constantly shoved down our throats by the TV channels.

What is the reason for their yearly parades? To show off and make asses of themselves, as appears to be the main reason? If this is printed, I'm sure I'll get negative replies. What happened to my freedom to reveal my own true feelings towards a major issue?

> Name Withheld by Request

Perverted

Thanks for Thomas Larson's article "Grrrrrrr" (July 29) on pit bulls and dog fighting. As the adoring father of the two best dogs in the world (both black lab mutts adopted from local shelters) and a volunteer at the North County Humane Society, I was sickened by the passages on dog fighting. If there is a hell, there should be a special spot reserved for Brian Murty,

Dennis Murty, Ray Baumgartner, and any other subhuman who has anything to do with dog fighting. They should suffer unspeakable and never-ending pain every day for the rest of their twisted, pathetic lives for what they did to those innocent animals.

Now, for the other lesser villains in the article: Corbin Dailey, the back-yard pit bull breeder, purports to love the dogs. Gee, he must really care, since he is so careful who he sells them to. Here is a man who has let his dog sire 21 litters "that we know about." Apparently Corbin is blissfully ignorant of the fact that there is a severe dog overpopulation problem. Millions of beautiful, healthy, loving dogs are euthanized in this country every year simply because there are not enough homes for them. Every breeder, however well-intentioned, adds to this suffering.

The "hundreds" of puppies that Dailey is responsible for breeding translates to hundreds of shelter dogs

that had to be killed for lack of good homes. Oh, but wait, those shelter dogs can't trace their pure bloodlines back to the 1800s, so they don't matter, right, Corbin? People like Dailey don't love dogs; they love the power and control they get from their amateur genetics experiments. And I suppose the \$500 to \$1000 per puppy doesn't hurt either. Responsible humans who truly love their dogs spay and neuter and go to the local shelter, not a breeder or pet store, when it is time to find another dog. Corbin Dailey is not much better than the Murtys and Baumgartner. If he cares about dogs, he should stop pimping out his stud and instead volunteer at the local shelter, where he can help take care of the neglected and abused dogs that remain homeless as a result of his greedy power trip.

Then there is Peter Hawes, the owner of Lou. Despite Lou's history of "scuffles," Hawes manages to let Lou kill two dogs and two cats. While I applaud Hawes's

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devotion to his dog, he is an irresponsible dog owner who could not control his dog, and four other animals died as a result. As he is responsible for Lou's actions, I'm amazed he isn't facing civil or criminal charges. Keeping a dangerous, unpredictable pit bull and taking it out in public is only begging for problems and adds to the mostly unjustified hysteria surrounding the breed.

Unfortunately, there will likely always be perverted freaks of nature like the Murtys and Baumgartner, but at least they are rare. The far more common problems are people like Dailey — amateur breeders who profit from the obsession with "pure" bloodlines and pedigrees - and Hawes - irresponsible humans who cannot control their dogs. I only hope no reader thinks that the tragedies in "Grrrrrrr" are the result of "bad dogs" or a "bad breed." They are the fault of demented, greedy, or stupid humans who are not worthy of the privilege of sharing their lives with dogs. Bruce Willbrant Oceanside

Throw Bones

At first glance "Grrrrrrr" (July 29) by Thomas Larson appeared to be an article that would bring educational awareness about the growing numbers of pit bull terriers in shelters and the concerns surrounding their abandonment and adoptions. I was expecting some sort of guidance on how we as owners and/or the public can help alleviate the problem, but the only answer I received from your article was to euthanize these dogs. The article was so naïve and upsetting, my stomach was in knots.

I was completely disheartened by your article and actually found it to be nothing more than a reiteration of preconceived notions of pit bulls and their supposed unpredictable aggression. There are six pages of instances supporting your idea that pit bulls are a dangerous menace to society —

it seems to me that this is already the public's perception — so what was the point of eight more stories to support this notion? You teetered on the idea that there were some good-natured pit bulls out there, and I actually started to see a spark of hope for a good story, but each time that there was some sort of glimmer, you ended each story with a terrible incident that occurred. Instead of blaming the breed, why don't we take the time to reevaluate the owners? The real problem with pit bulls is people!

Pit bulls are very smart and loyal dogs, and in Reggie's story, his only downfall was trying to please the man he loved, who happened to be a man who was driven by the prey drive instilled into these dogs. All animals (including humans) have a prey drive. Of course they do — they are in fact animals. You did support this with evidence from pack behavior in the wild. "Remember," James Treece says, "there are no vets in the wild. The confronta-

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tion is usually over after one bite." Animals will stop after one bite unless they are trained by a higher being to continue to fight with perseverance, and without fail, the dog is trying to please.

The article's focus is the growing concern with pit bulls in shelters, and yet the only positive pit bull story you have is that of a breeder. The concept is absurd; we obviously have an overabundance of dogs in the shelters, and how can breeding more be a positive thing? The public needs to be educated and aware. Like any dog owner, you need to be prepared to devote your time and energy to training your animal. Know the breed you are interested in. Much like children, dogs need love, support, compassion, discipline, and positive reinforcement. Consistency is the key.

My husband and I have two pit bull terriers. One is from the Sweetwater, and the other is from the Pawd Squad Animal Rescue, and we have devoted our time to training and praising our dogs. We were educated on the breed prior to adoption. By no means is having any animal a casual walk in the park. But being prepared and by getting background on being a pit bull owner, we knew what to expect and

how to train our dogs properly. We couldn't be happier with our boys. Both are always right by our side, whether we are walking around the house or lying in bed — wherever we are, the boys are there. They exhibit loving behavior because they are well trained and thoroughly loved.

Throw the dogs a bone. Do not re-instill the fear-some reputation that pit bulls already have. They are great dogs. Educate people!

Spay and neuter your animals. Shelters are already overcrowded!

Kristen Berkenfield via e-mail

Fresh Barbarella

As a San Diegan for the past 20 years, I have enjoyed your paper for a number of reasons. I, like many others, rely on it as an excellent and thorough resource for movies, concerts, plays, and general events of interest around San Diego. To be honest, however, I have never really called myself a "reader" of the Reader because, until recently, I rarely read any of the articles, columns, or cover stories. Therefore, I thought it worthwhile to commend you on the latest addition to your staff — Barbarella. I have thoroughly enjoyed all of Barbarella's contributions to the *Reader*, starting with the cover story highlighting her blog. Her style is invigorating and forthright and a much-needed breath of fresh air amidst the stale, unoriginal writing that I have become accustomed to skimming over on my way to what I always considered the meat of the paper.

I was, of course, disheartened but not surprised to read Da Man's derogatory diatribe about Barbarella (Letters, July 22). I can only hope that more of your readers have the ability to discern real talent when they see it, for I suspect that if "Barbarella must go" anywhere, it will be on to a national publication that provides both peers who rival her skills and a wider audience for her unique brand of expression. For now, I thank you for highlighting this writer; I will continue to appreciate her clever wit and style while I can.

> S. Golly San Diego

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Drug War Critic

ike Gray, author of Drug Crazy: How We Got into This Mess and How We Can Get Out, will be in Solana Beach on Sunday morning to discuss the War on Drugs. Three weeks ago he was doing the same thing in South Dakota. Besides lecturing around the country on behalf of Common Sense for Drug Policy, he writes for *Rolling Stone* about drug issues and has been involved in filmmaking since the 1960s. His script The China Syndrome was made into the 1979 film about an accident at a nuclear power plant. It was

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accident at Three Mile Island. "Turns out I know what I'm talking about," Gray says.

Gray was born 69 years ago in Racine, Wisconsin, but grew up in Darlington, Indiana. "At the time the population was about 800," he says by phone from his home in Los Angeles. "There were 14 in my graduating class." Was he number one? "No, number one became a lawyer, and a judge, and a Republican. But I passed him. He quit learning and I kept

going." Gray compares the failure of alcohol prohibition $(1920-193\overline{3})$ with the failure of drug prohibition, which began with the Harrison Narcotics Act of 1914. In his book he writes, "If drugs and alcohol are too freely available — or if they're prohibited — you increase consumption." On the phone he puts it like this: "If we got a roomful of NASA rocket scientists together and tried to figure out a way to get the most kids involved with drugs, we could not have come up with a better plan than the current situation." In one sentence, can he say what he thinks our drug policy should be? "We should treat marijuana the way we treat alcohol and medicalize the rest.

Medicalization means involving the pharmaceutical industry, which many perceive to be the new villain. "Well, we're much better off having these huge — and in some cases totally profit-motivated — drug companies in

charge of the distribution of pharmaceuticals than we are the Mob." Merck is better than the Mob. Would that one sentence cover the issue? 'Yes," Gray says, "and actually Merck is better." Many of Gray's critics believe

that new drug users would be created as a result of decriminalization, but it's not something that overly concerns Gray. "The truth is, there aren't that many people interested in being stoned all the time," he says, citing government statistics of 13 million addicts overall, with 10 million of them marijuana-only users. "And if you can keep a serious drug addict alive until he's 40, chances are, he's going to resign from the addiction dodge, because he loses interest and energy. At some point, it becomes a drag.

Gray claims he has tried heroin once ("because I have tried every single drug in the illegal pharmacopoeia once — at least"). It's his way of saying that addiction doesn't necessarily follow experimentation. But he stops short of suggesting that some illegal drugs are good for us. In Drug Crazy, he tells the story of William Stewart Halstead (1852–1922), a surgical

pioneer who was apparently a high-functioning morphine addict. Gray is asked if he means to imply that the man accomplished all that he did because he used this drug measured doses. "The implication is that he couldn't have accomplished it without it," says Gray.

The last chapter of *Drug* Crazy is a 16-page "Prescription for Sanity," in which Gray advocates among other things the medical use of marijuana. On the phone he claims that 80 percent of those polled approve of the idea. "People are coming to their senses on this issue," he says. "It's probably the place to begin."

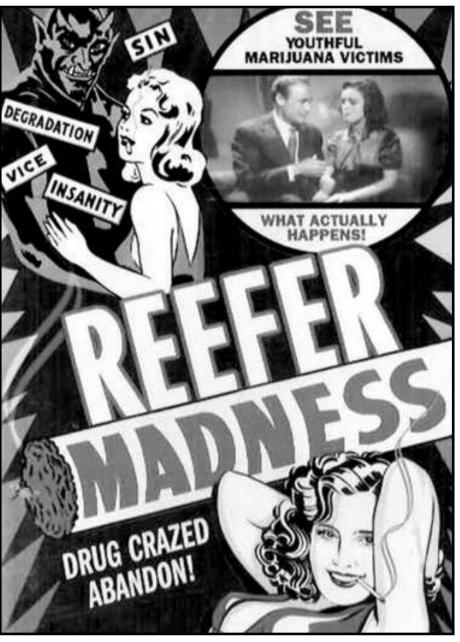
He acknowledges that the rest of what he proposes will be more difficult for a majority of Americans to accept. Is it because such a strong morality theme runs through the arguments of his critics critics who, for example, disbelieve the mere five-percent cure rate he cites for addicts in Drug Crazy and who think that being cured is a matter of willpower? And what does he think of willpower, anyway?

"I think we should all have it, but I also think we should address the human beings who are actually on the planet, not the human beings we wish were on the planet. If this were an ideal world, we wouldn't have sin, or human frailty, or any need for stimulants. We'd be such wonderful people, we'd just sit around worshiping the face of God." Gray goes on: Treating addicts as criminals has criminalized our society. What would Jesus do?' Would Iesus have assembled the world's

largest prison population? It's like we've set our hair on fire and are trying to put it out with a hammer.'

— Ieanne Schinto

Lecture by Mike Gray, author of Drug Crazy: "War on Drugs" Sunday, August 22 10:00 a.m. **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship** of San Dieguito 1036 Solana Drive (off Lomas Santa Fe and Marine View) Solana Beach Info: 858-755-9225



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Author Alfonso Reves is subject when Rogelio Arenas presents lecture on Thursday, August 19, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free, 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Donizetti's Opera Don Pasauale may be seen on Friday, August 20, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, August 22, at 5 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Harvest Festival continues on Friday, August 20, 1 p.m., at Cavas

"Fish Tales" at Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, August 21 (see Lectures)

Valmar and Saturday, August 21, noon at Bodegas Santo Tomás. 011-52-664-623-8875. (ENSENADA)

The Tecate Fair continues through Sunday, August 22, in Parque Los Encinos. Admission: \$3 U.S. In Palenque, see Climax on Friday, August 20; comedy by Lalo España on Saturday, August 21; and Ramón Ayala on Sunday, August 22. Performances begin at 11 p.m. 011-52-665-654-1095. (TECATE)

Mexican Association of Middle Eastern Dance celebrates first-year anniversary with performances on Saturday, August 21, 7 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328). Dancers include Kate

Ashleen, Javanti, Miza, Sandra, Rosy, Morgana, Samirah, many others. Cover: \$3 U.S. 011-52-664-621-0117. (TIJUANA)

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Alejandro Amaya, Diego Silveti on Saturday, August 21, 4 p.m., at Caliente Race Track, Tickets: \$60 U.S., benefiting Baja California Children's Cancer Association. 011-52-664-681-2752. (TIJUANA)

Run for Fun, 9k run on Sunday, August 22, 8 a.m., at CFE (on Boulevard Benitez). 011-52-664-682-9162, (TIJUANA)

 $\textbf{Semi-Truck} \ \ \textbf{Racing} \ \ \text{in} \ \ \text{bracket}$ one and bracket three categories. Sunday, August 22, 10 a.m., at Carpista, in Zona Río. 011-52-664-623-1589. (TIJUANA)

Mountain Bike Ride at Rancho Los Olivos, Cantamar, on Sunday, August 22, 9:30 a.m. 011-52-664-685-2448. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Tijuana's Finest Restaurant Tours hosted by Baja California Tours, Inc., continues with gourmet dinner at Cien Años Restaurant on Thursday, August 26, 6 to 10:30 p.m. \$57 fee includes dinner, transportation. Reservations: 858-454-7166 or 800-336-5454. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

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Jasmine's Thick, Sweet Odor wafts on the night breezes this time of year, especially throughout the older, well-landscaped neighborhoods of San Diego. The exotic odor is produced by the flowers of true jasmines (genus Jasminum), as opposed to the so-called "star jasmine" (genus Trachelospermum), which blooms in the late spring and early summer.

Enjoy Sun and Solar Viewing during day and evening when San Diego Astronomers Association hosts "Camp with the Stars" on Friday and Saturday, August 20 and 21, at Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). Slide show at 8 p.m. on Saturday, with overview of plants, telescope etiquette. Day-use fee: \$2. 858-694-3049. (JULIAN)

Head to San Elijo Lagoon with Audubon Society birders to look for lesser yellowlegs, phalaropes, barn swallows, other birds, Saturday, August 21, 8 a.m. to noon. Join group near barricade at end of Rios Avenue. 619-692-3246. Free. Bring a scope and water. Easy hiking. (SOLANA BEACH)

Help Remove Exotic Weeds and plant native vegetation during the Black Mountain trail restoration work party, Saturday, August 21, 8 a.m. to noon. Wear work clothes, hiking boots. Bring water. Directions: 858-538-8082. Free. (RANCHO PENASOUITOS)

Packrat Nests and Lizards can be seen during trail-guide-led outings on Saturday, Sunday,



'Weapons of the World: Art, Technology, and Symbolism" at San Diego Museum of Man, through May, 2005 (see Museums)

Wednesday, August 21, 22, and 25, in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Walks run 9:30 to 11 a.m. Free. 619-553-6275. (MISSION GORGE)

Twilight Nature Walk in cool of evening on Saturday, August 21, in Mission Trails Regional Park. Outing starts at 7 p.m. in Kumeyaay campground parking lot (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. Required reservations: 619-668-2748. (MISSION GORGE)

A Guided Nature Walk led by trail guide Don Wetzel begins at 9:30 a.m. on August 21, at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. Hikes offered third Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, August 21, 10 a.m., starting at park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Evening Hike to Summit of Volcan Mountain planned Saturday, August 21, 5:30 p.m. Wear

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Rediscover Escondido during historic walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Tuesday, August 24, 6 p.m., starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Banker's Hill After-Lunch Stroll hosted by Walkabout on Tuesday, August 24, including Spruce and Ouince Street suspension bridges, originally built to provide streetcar access to mansions above canyons west of Balboa Park. See architecture of Hebbard and Gill, Kate Sessions gardens. Outing starts at 1 p.m. at corner of Sixth Avenue and Upas Street. Free. 619-231-7463. (BANKER'S HILL)

DANCE

Bellydance Showcase featuring Gypsy Duende, Markos, Dhakira, Yesera, and live music by Middle-Earth, Thursday, August 19, 8 p.m., Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

King Biscuit Revue Swing **Band** performs for swing dance, Thursday, August 19, 9 p.m. to midnight, at Starlight Dance Studio (6506-H El Cajon Boulevard). Recorded swing music until 1 a.m. All ages. \$10. 619-339-7117. (COLLEGE AREA)

Celebrate Dance Festival showcases over 70 regional dance companies presented by Eveoke Dance Theatre, Friday through Sunday, August 20-22.

Performances on Friday begin at 6 p.m. in Casa del Prado Theatre. Performances and workshops on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in Casa del Prado Theatre, Prado Stage and Swingin' Stage (by Natural History Museum). Free. 619-992-8360. (BALBOA PARK)

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Arts Company, Omo Ache Comparsa Kids on Friday, August 20, 6 p.m., at City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Free. 619-641-6123.

Hey Wire makes music, Graham Hempel calls for contradance on Friday, August 20, 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)

Argentine Tango Milonga Dance Party on Friday, August 20, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays for dancing, 9 to 11 p.m.; dance lesson 9:10 p.m. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$6; first time free.

Foxtrot Lessons offered during vintage ballroom class, Friday, August 20, 7:30 p.m., in room 207 of Casa del Prado. All ages, singles, partners. Followed by open dance requests until 10 p.m. Beginner friendly. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Swing, Nightclub, Ballroom Dance Party on Saturday, August 21, 7 to 11 p.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Mary Manzella teaches lesson at 7 p.m. All skill levels, ages; singles, couples. 619-229-0141. \$10. (ENCINITAS)

Get Your Groove On when hiphop instructor Prince leads classes on Thursdays, 7:45 to 9 p.m., at Dancing Unlimited (3982 30th Street). \$10 per class, \$35 for four. 858-635-1211. (NORTH PARK)







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FILM

An Outdoor Family Movie Festival continues with Marcelino Pan y Vino on Thursday, August 19, and Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone on Thursday, August 26, at City Heights Urban Village Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Free. 619-641-6123.

Open Screening Night is Thursday, August 19, 6:30 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Co-hosted by Association of Independent Film and Video, event promises short films, food, music, opportunity to "show your work and network with other

local film/video makers." Free. 619-230-1938. (GOLDEN HILL)

Video Screening of Wee Geordie, described as "Scotland's greatest Olympian," promised when Robert Burns Club meets for meal, Scottish folk songs, tunes, recitations, on Thursday, August 19, 7 p.m., at Imperial House Restaurant (505 Kalmia Street). Free. 619-421-7337. (HILLCREST)

"Scratch" — a film exploring DJ subculture, from birth of hiphop to beat juggling and "turntablism" — screens Thursday, August 19, 7 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Free. Suitable for those 18 and older. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

The 1972 Surf Flick *Five Summer Stories* screens on Friday, August 20, 7 p.m., in community room at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Free; advance ticket pickup recommended. 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

Movies before the Mast, selected Fridays are date nights (with nautical games of skill), Saturdays are family nights (with games and exploration of the ship) on Star of India. See Crimson Tide with Gene Hackman and Denzel Washington on August 20; and Jason and the Argonauts on August 21. Films are projected on sails of the ship.

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

Movies by the Lake, series concludes with *Ice Age* on Friday, August 20, 8 p.m., at Santee Lakes (9040 Carlton Oaks Drive). Premovie picnic entrance at 4 p.m., children's games and contests at 7 p.m. Parking: \$8.619-596-3141. (SANTEE)

Classic Musicals, see *Annie* on Saturday, August 21, 8 p.m., at Santee Trolley Square's outdoor amphitheater (at Mission Gorge



The Barbarian Invasions for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library, August 23 (see Film)

Road and Cuyamaca). Free. 619-596-5677. (SANTEE)

Merry Musing on Morality! The Barbarian Invasions, directed by Denys Arcand, was awarded Best Actress and Best Screenplay honors at 2003 Cannes Film Festival. See the film — in French with English subtitles — when it screens for Film Forum on Monday, August 23, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

The Premiere of *The Miami Model* is Wednesday, August 25, 7 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Donation: \$5.619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Globetrotting Archaeologist Indiana Jones — played by Harrison Ford — is the reason to see *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, the concluding film in outdoor film series at San Diego Museum of Art, Thursday, August 26, dusk. Films screen on museum's east lawn. Free. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: Volcanoes of the Deep Sea (opening August 20), Forces of Nature, Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk, Coral Reef Adventure, Young Black Stallion. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"City Views: American Realism and the Ashcan School" explored when Orange County Museum of

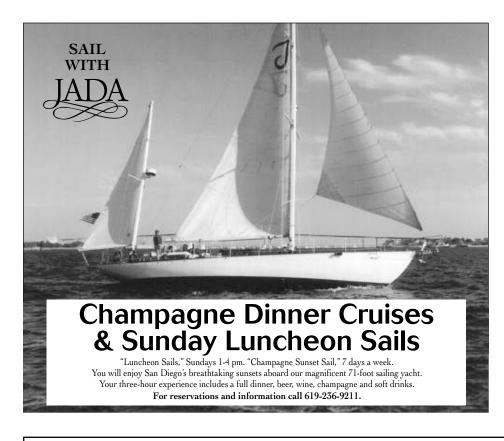
Art curator Sarah Vure examines images of urban realism on Thursday, August 19, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. In conjunction with "American Beauty: Painting and Sculpture from Detroit Institute of the Arts." Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Dog-to-Dog Aggression: Normal or Nasty?" Learn what aggressive dog behavior is, what to do about it during Happy Hour Lecture on Thursday, August 19, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street). \$10. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. No pets. (LINDA VISTA)

Walk and Talk With Artists James Aitchison (figurative painter), Michael C. Gross (pastel painter), and Burton Tysinger (sculptor) — whose work is displayed in "Out of Oceanside" — at Oceanside Museum of Art (704 Pier View Way), on Thursday, August 19, 7 p.m. \$5. 760-721-2787.

"Low-Flying Muses Writing Workshop" led by author, cre-

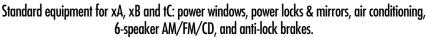
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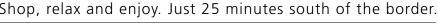


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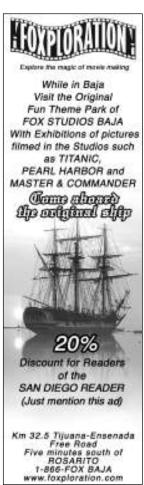
















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ativity coach Jill Badonsky on Thursday, August 19, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Triggers, writing prompts, ploys. \$15. Registration: 760-434-3436. (DEL MAR)

Learn About Artists included in "Chicano Visions" exhibit when curators Stephanie Hanor and Monica Garza lead gallery tour, Friday, August 20, 6:30 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Included in regular museum admission. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Eternal Egypt: A Contemporary View" offered by Jerry Schad during his slide-illustrated lecture for Sierra Club on Friday, August 20, 7:30 p.m., in auditorium of San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of zoo's main entrance). 619-585-3773. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Defending the Ballot" is topic when political commentator Jim Hightower speaks Friday, August 20, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Discussion ranges

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from fair media representation to computerized voting with a paper trail. Donation: \$10. 619-222-6036. (HILLCREST)

Sculptural and Whimsical Bead Wizard Wayne Robbins of Santa Cruz, California, presents slide-illustrated talk for Bead Society of San Diego County, Saturday, August 21, 10 a.m., at Mingei Museum. Nonmember fee: \$8.50 (includes museum admission). 858-566-7778. (BALBOA PARK)

"DNA Testing in Genealogy" explored when professional genealogist Everett Ireland addresses Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego on Saturday, August 21, 9 a.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

Hands-On GPS Class explaining "all of the functions and features of these high-tech devices," Saturday, August 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). \$55 nonmembers. Registration: 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Explore "San Diego's Coastline from Space" during talk planned on Saturday, August 21, 1 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Learn how local Ocean Imaging Corporation uses images from space to study plants in lagoons,

"Jiggling Jellyfish" at Birch Aquarium-Museum, August 22 (see For Kids)

sand on beaches, controlling pollution in ocean and rivers. Included in museum admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Fish Tales," marine naturalist Cecile Wadley discusses how shovel-nosed guitarfish, halibut, leopard sharks, others play key role in San Diego lagoon environments, Saturday, August 21, 9 a.m., at Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center (7380 Gabbiano Lane). Free. 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

"Five Categories of Wine" explicated during class led by Lum Eisenman on Saturday, August 21, 2 p.m., at Belle Marie Winery (26312 Mesa Rock Road). Participants learn about and taste each category, learn how they're made,

what each has in common. \$20. 760-796-7557. (ESCONDIDO)

"Drug Crazy: How We Got into This Mess and How We Can Get Out" illuminated when Mike Gray speaks Sunday, August 22, 10 a.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). Gray wrote *The China Syndrome*, has produced several documentary films. Free. 858-755-9225. (SOLANA BEACH)

Seaweed Basket Class led by Sharol Clay on Sunday, August 22, 1 to 5 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). \$45 fee includes all materials. Registration: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"Talking Science" is topic when Teresa Larsen, director of Foundation for Scientific Literacy, speaks for Association for Rational Inquiry on Sunday, August 22, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Larsen will discuss language in context of science, play some word games, address questions on "science speak." Free. 858-454-2529. (HILLCREST)

"How to Listen to Music" explored during "Monday Discussion Days" program, August 23, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Free. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

"Wine Appreciation 101," expect to learn "all the pertinent, fundamental aspects of wine in terms easily understood by the novice, or anyone" during class on Monday, August 23, 7 p.m., at WineSellar and Brasserie (9550 Waples Street, suite 115). \$30. Registration: 858-450-9557. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

"Lifestyles of Your English Ancestors" explored when England native and genealogist June Hanson speaks for North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, August 24, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 858-453-8469. (CARLSBAD)

"Naturalization Records" plumbed by Ellen Naliboff during genealogy class on Wednesday, August 25, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-584-7668. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Ethics in Today's Business World" delved during discussion on Wednesday, August 25, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Feng Shui in the Garden" explored when Patty Norton of Karmé Landscape and Design speaks for Mission Hills Garden Club, Wednesday, August 25, at 6:30 p.m., at Mission Hills United Church of Christ (4070 Jackdaw Street). \$5. 619-255-2110. (MISSION HILLS)

"The Pros and Cons of Digital SLRs" divulged by photographer Bob Harrington when North County Photographic Society meets on Wednesday, August 25, 6:30 p.m. in Ecke Building at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). \$3. 760-752-6375.

"Five Ways to Super Memory" divulged by Judy Cullins, Wednesday, August 25, 7 p.m., at San Carlos Library (7265 Jackson Drive). Free. 619-527-3430. (SAN CARLOS)

"You Have the Right of Way: Copyrights and Your Artwork" discussed by photographer and copyright expert Wayne Perry when "Getting Your Artwork Out There" series continues on Wednesday, August 25, 6 p.m., at San Diego Art Institute (1439 El Prado). \$3. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

Take a Look at "China by Train" when Bill Jordan speaks for North County World Affairs Council, Thursday, August 26, 10 a.m., at Remington Club phase 2 (16916 Hierba Place). Free. 858-487-1776. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Women Making a World of Difference: Eyewitness Reports" offered from Afghanistan (by Lilia Velasquez), Iran (Anne Hoiberg), Nepal (Dee Aker) during luncheon











on Thursday, August 26, 11:30 a.m., at Tom Ham's Lighthouse (2150 Harbor Island Drive). \$16. RSVP by August 23: 619-223-8074. (HARBOR ISLAND)

On a 2655-Mile Trek Angela and Duffy Ballard discovered nature, pushed their limits, and tested their commitment to each other. The Ballards present slide show based on their book, *A Blistered Kind of Love*, Thursday, August 26, 7 p.m., at Adventure 16 (4620 Alvarado Canyon Road). Free. 619-283-2374. (MISSION VALLEY)

Landscape Architect Alan Tate is head of department of landscape architecture at University of Manitoba, Canada; he's author of *Great City Parks*. Tate speaks for series co-sponsored by American Society of Landscape Architects and Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego on Thursday, August 26, 7 p.m. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. \$10. Reservations: 619-283-8818. (LA JOLLA)

"Spotlight on Human Trafficking — The San Diego and Tijuana Solution" presented by Marisa Ugarte and Anne Hoiberg for Women's Equity Council of United Nations Association on Thursday, August 26, 5:30 p.m., in United Nations Building (on Presidents Way). Free. 619-223-8074. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

Political and Cultural Satire are said to be fused with a coming-of-age story in South Africa in Tony Eprile's *Persistence of Memory*, which he'll sign and discuss on Thursday, August 19, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's



Bead craftsman Wayne Robbins for Bead Society at Mingei Museum, August 21 (see Lectures)

Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347), Free, (LA JOLLA)

William Shakespeare's Measure for Measure is presented by theater school students at North Coast Repertory Theatre, August 19-22. Performances start at 7 p.m. Friday through Saturday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$9 general, \$7 students. Find theater at 987-D Lomas Santa Fe; 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

San Diego Poet Tomas Gayton reads from his *Yazoo City Blues* on Friday, August 20, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). He's joined by local Gabriela Anaya Valdepena, reading from her book *Exaggerated Gender Signals*. 858-456-1800. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Known as New Jersey's Bad Boy, comic Mike Marino performs Friday, August 20, 8 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). \$20; two-drink minimum, 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

Summer-in-the-Park Concert series features Bayou Brothers playing Cajun, zydeco, and Mardi Gras music on Friday, August 20, 6 p.m., at Trolley Barn Park (1400 Adams Avenue). 619-297-3166. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

TGIF Jazz in the Parks series continues when Kenny Neal plays Louisiana swamp blues, funky rhythms, and vocals on Friday, August 20, 6 p.m., in Calavara Hills Park (at Carlsbad Village Drive and Glasgow Street). 760-434-2904. Free. (LA COSTA)

"San Diego-Born Poetess"
Theresa F. reads from original works during open-mike poetry event, Friday, August 20, 8 p.m., at R. Spot Barber and Books (3013 University Avenue). \$5. 619-297-7768, (NORTH PARK)

Radio Days, the U.S. Navy Band Southwest joins San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts conducted by Willis Delony on Friday and Saturday, August 20 and 21. Expect a re-creation of a vintage radio show presented live with dancers, singers, and announcers. Concerts conclude with fireworks.

Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: \$10 to \$62, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Summergrass San Diego bluegrass festival picks up August 20-22 outdoors at Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum (2040 North Santa Fe). Live music (Chris Hillman with Bluegrass Etc., Tim Flannery and Friends, Fragment, Ron Spears and Within Tradition, Laurel Canyon Ramblers, many others), workshops, food and craft vendors, dry camping. Friday, \$12; Saturday or Sunday, \$15; weekend rates available. 858-679-4854.

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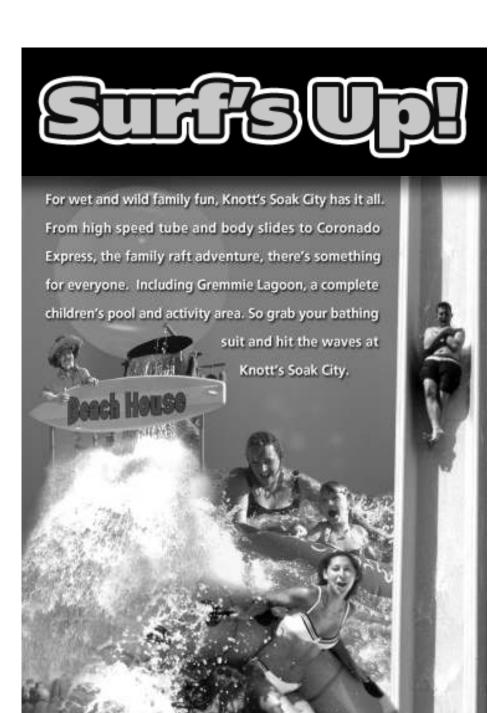
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Italian Fingerstyle Guitarist

Peppino D'Agostino immigrated to America 20 years ago. He'll perform in concert on Saturday, August 21, 7:30 p.m., for AcousticMusic-SanDiego, at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. Tickets: \$15, \$20. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Comforting Violin Music performed by Janet Hwu and Victoria Ryan, Saturday, August 21, 1 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Agents of Mission Improvible Improv Comedy Troupe present comic sketches based on audience suggestions, Saturday, August 21, 8 p.m., at Swedenborgian Hall (1531 Tyler Avenue). \$10. 858-581-0050. (HILLCREST)

Summer Concerts 2004, Eve Selis performs on Saturday, August 21, 6 p.m., at Bird Park (at Upas and Pershing Streets). 619-204-5606. Free, (BALBOA PARK)

Performer, Blogger, Author Wil Wheaton signs *Just a Geek*, Saturday, August 21, 1:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Tickets: 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

"Mainstream" Comedy show Saturday, August 21, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: \$10, \$15. Reservations: 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

Plays in the Park, Brehon Law opens benefit concert for Arts Off Broadway at 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 22, in Kit Carson Park Amphitheatre (3333 Bear Valley Parkway). Arts Off Broadway's children's musical and youth theater performers will entertain, followed by concert by Gary Puckett. Tickets: \$20 general, \$25 reserved. 760-735-3302.

Rhythm and Blues Concert by King Biscuit, Sunday, August 22, 5 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). \$25 fee includes buffet supper. Reservations: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

La Jolla Concerts by the Sea continue with swing music by Big

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Roam-O-Rama

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

Lake Murray's paved (closed to cars) perimeter path is near East County's most pleasant and most popular place to gulp some fresh air on a summer morning or late afternoon. Unfortunately, the recreation path ends at a point about three miles around from the reservoir's main entrance, and it is not possible to traverse the vintage 1918 concrete dam and complete a shore-line loop.

You can, however, circle the lake on foot by means of the following circuitous route involving back streets through San Carlos, Del Cerro, and La Mesa. Measuring six miles, with a couple of protracted uphill segments, this route is the shortest practi-

cal loop route on which you won't encounter "No Trespassing" signs.

Start at Lake Murray's main entrance, on Kiowa Drive, inside or outside the gate as you please. Pick up the perimeter path east of the parking lots and continue on near-flat pavement for two miles to the ball fields on the north end of the lake. Make your way north to Murray Park Drive, and pick up the left-side sidewalk. You soon cross Park Ridge Boulevard and commence

a steep ascent that takes you out of the neighborhood of San Carlos and into lofty Del Cerro. At the top of the hill, turn left on Crystalaire Drive. After a short block make a right on Ridgemoor Drive, and after a long block make a left on Glenlea Lane.

On your left, a sign indicates public land ahead and to the right. Curve down and around to the right on a narrow, sometimes rocky, dirt path, enjoying stupendous views of the lake on your left. Squirrels and cottontail rabbits bolt for cover practically at your feet.

The path eventually joins Dwane Avenue. As soon as you get there, make a left on sharply descending Elaine Way, taking note of an elaborate front-yard cycad and succulent garden on the right. After a block, make a right on Del Cerro Boulevard, continuing the steep descent. The SDSU campus



Lake Murray sunse

spreads over Montezuma Mesa ahead, and the Coronado Islands can be seen dimpling the ocean surface, clear air permitting.

When you reach the bottom of the hill, stay on Del Cerro Boulevard's left sidewalk. Just past Meredith Avenue (at 6475 Del Cerro Boulevard), veer left on a narrow asphalt path skirting Del Cerro Park and join Dartford Way. Continue down Dartford to Airoso Avenue, turn left, and endure a halfmile or so of freeway noise and fumes. You edge by Chaparral Canyon (the ravine below Lake Murray) on the left, where riparian habitat restoration is taking place and no entry is allowed. Bear left on Adelante Avenue, and make a forced right turn on Colorado Avenue.

It's uphill all the way on Colorado, through an isolated and obscure La Mesa neighborhood. When Colorado ends, follow a path on the right, down to the sidewalk on Lake Murray Boulevard and alongside the water-treatment plant fence. You'll pass a giant circular drinking-water tank in its final construction stages. Join Kiowa Drive and return to your starting point.

Friday, August 20, at Cottonwood Golf Club (3121 Willow Glen Drive). Practice clinic: 4:30 p.m., followed by shotgun start at 5:30 p.m. \$38. Required reservations: 619-442-9130. (EL CAJON)

Carlsbad Lagoon Ride — up the coast and back via El Camino Real — hosted by San Diego Bicy-

Carlsbad Lagoon Ride — up the coast and back via El Camino Real — hosted by San Diego Bicycle Touring Society on Saturday, August 21. Fifty-mile ride starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). 619-426-8192. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Tag Team Golf, season continues

with nine-hole coed shotgun event,

Vrooom! Cajon Speedway offers street, pony, and factory stock racing, along with legends, on Saturday, August 21. First race: 6:45 p.m., following qualifying runs at 5:15 p.m.

The 3/8-mile track is located next to Gillespie Field, at 1888 Wing Street. Adult admission: \$9 (west side) and \$10 (east side); \$3 for those 6 to 12; free for kids under 6 with an adult. 619-448-8900. (EL CAJON)

World Bodysurfing Championships, competition runs 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22, at Oceanside Pier (at foot of Mission Boulevard). Free for spectators. 760-435-5541. (OCEANSIDE)

Midnight Madness Fun Bicycle Ride, 31st year for event, during which a couple of thousand bicyclists follow a mostly flat 20-mile loop course route from County Administration Building (1600 Pacific Coast Highway) beginning at midnight on Saturday, August 21. Registration starts at 8 p.m. \$30. 619-645-8068. (DOWNTOWN)

Lake Jennings Fishing University convenes each Sunday through August at 1 p.m. at Lake Jennings County Park (10108 Bass Road). Topics: knot tying, gear, baits, casting for beginners. Free. 619-390-1300. (LAKESIDE)

Fernando Gutierrez Cup competition at San Diego Polo Club, Sunday, August 22. Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., featured polo match at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217.

Snorkel with the Sharks on Sunday, August 22, 8 to 10 a.m., during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Sharks in question are (harmless) leopard sharks, smooth hound sharks, guitarfish. \$30. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA SHORES)

Time Operator on Sunday, August 22, 2 p.m., in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove (at foot of Girard Avenue). 858-454-1600. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"The Myth of Solid Ground: Earthquakes, Predictions, and the Fault Line between Reason and Faith" will be signed by author David Ulin on Monday, August 23, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue).

Open Poetry Reading — read your poetry or selections by someone else, or just listen during open

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

poetry reading, Monday, August 23, in Green Room at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Sign-ups at 8 p.m., open readings 8:15 to 9:30 p.m. Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

The Twilight in the Park Summer Concerts conclude for season with performances by Art Deco and the New Era (Tuesday, August 24); the El Cajon German Band (Wednesday, August 25); and Kearny Mesa Concert Band (Thursday, August 26). Concerts run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free.

619-692-9265 or 619-235-1105.

Science Fiction Authors Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson sign *Dune: The Battle of Corrin* on Wednesday, August 25, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Tickets: 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Employment Lawyer Glenn Solomon signs and discusses *You Could Be Fired for Reading This*, Wednesday, August 25, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

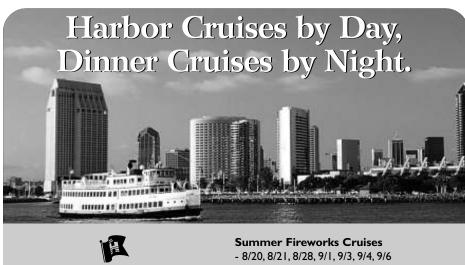
SPORTS

Billie Jean King National Junior Invitational Championships run Thursday through Sunday, August 19-22, at Barnes Tennis Center. Competition for those 14-18 runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free for spectators. 619-221-9000. (PACIFIC BEACH)

The Boys of Summer, San Diego Padres host Florida Marlins at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, August 20 and 21, and at 1:05 p.m. on Sunday, August 22. The Pads head to New York to meet up with Mets at 4:10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, August 23-25, with a game at 10:10 a.m. on Thursday, August 26.

Tickets: 877-374-2784. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS-AM (1090), television Channel 4.

Sunset Kayak Paddle on Friday, August 20, starts at Hike Bike Kayak San Diego (2246 Avenida de la Playa) at 6 p.m. \$25 fee includes equipment rental. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA SHORES)



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And They're Off! 2004 seaside racing season hosted by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club continues through Wednesday, September 8. Races every day except Tuesday. Post time 2 p.m. except Fridays, when racing begins at 3:30 or

Donavon Frankenreiter performs for 4 O'Clock Friday on August 20. Free doughnuts, coffee, orange juice during "behind-thescenes look into the world of thoroughbred racing" offered 8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 21. Track announcer Trevor Denman hosts festivities, which include question and answer with jockeys,

General admission: \$8 general. Find Del Mar Racetrack at San Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle. 858-793-5533. (DEL MAR)

SPECIAL

Taste of MainStreet International Food Festival, over 30 restaurants participate in events on Thursday, August 19, 6 to 9 p.m.; music by five bands; Rods and Woodies classic car show (on Coast Highway between D and G Streets). Tickets: \$20, available at 818 South Coast Highway. 760-943-1950. (ENCINITAS)

"Motorcycles: Wheels of Desire 2004," show features 35 bikes of all types, circa 1910 to 2005, continuing through Sunday, August 22, at 103 South Main (at Alvarado). Code 3 Cover Band takes stage at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 21. Admission: \$5. 760-728-1414 or 800-919-1159. (FALLBROOK)

Encanto Street Fair Cultural Arts Festival, multiethnicthemed festival with six stages, food, over 250 vendors, custom car show on Saturday, August 21, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Imperial Avenue between 63rd and 68th Streets. Free admission. 619-266-0936. (ENCANTO)

A Selection from "Ecclesiastes" in the Bible examined when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets Saturday, August 21, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Irthur

Julian Weed and Craft Show, a variety of woods, rocks, and weeds, floral arrangements (both hanging and table) on display Saturday, August 21, through Monday, September 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Julian Town Hall (2129 Main Street), Free, 760-765-1857, (JULIAN)

Horse Tack Sale and Luau with roast pig, sponsored by Tijuana River Valley Equestrian Association, Saturday, August 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Old Feed Barn (1953 Leon Avenue). Admission: free. 619-227-4360. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

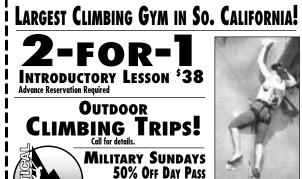
Ups and Down Agility Dog **Show** on Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

lawn program at International Cottages — with dance, music, and cultural costumes — Sunday. August 22, 2 p.m. Free. 619-239The International Indoor Gardening Expo is Sunday, August 22, noon to 6 p.m., at San Diego Concourse (202 C Street). Over 100 booths, experts to share knowledge of indoor gardening and hydroponics. Free. 250-882-1094. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Wine Opener, benefit for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation with wine tasting, food, exotic automobiles, live entertainment on Sunday, August 22, 1 to 5 p.m., at Rainforest Silks (5825 Avenida Encinas #109). Tickets: \$50 in advance, \$60 at door. 858-578-2945. (CARLSBAD)

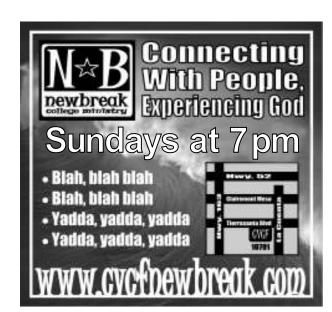
La Mesa Village Car Shows, with antique cars, classics, and hot rods every Thursday night along La Mesa Boulevard (right around Spring Street) through August 26, 6 to 9 p.m. Free. 619-303-5912.





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Taste of National City, with food from 15 restaurants, Thursday, August 26, 5 to 8 p.m., in Heritage Square (900 block of A Avenue). \$12 general. 619-477-9339. (NATIONAL CITY)

"The Bible as a Book." an exhibit illustrating history of biblical printing, featuring famous Bibles from Gutenberg to modern day, is on view through August in firstfloor lobby area and Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). View 13th-Century Bible written on parchment, original leaves from famous Bibles dating 1121 to 1935, rare facsimile edition of 1455 Gutenberg Bible. Free, 619-236-5800, (DOWNTOWN)

"Dr. Seuss between the Covers." exhibition focusing on children's books by Theodor Seuss Geisel with original sketches, finished drawings,

mock-up books, continues through Saturday, September 4, on main floor of UCSD's Geisel Library, 858-534-2533. (LA JOLLA)

A "Paper Theatre Festival" is planned by staff of Arts Libraries at UCSD. According to festival director Scott Paulson, "paper theater was a popular form of drawing room entertainment in the Victorian era." An exhibit of paper theaters, materials outlining history of the art form, paper optical toys runs Monday, August 23, through September, in exhibit cases of UCSD Arts Libraries.

A Paper Theatre Festival performance is planned on Saturday, August 28, 1 p.m., in Geisel Library. After performance, audi-

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ence members may help create a

paper theater or create optical toys.

Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

"Giddy Up, Cowboys!" presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble through Sunday, August 22, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre. You're invited to a Pirate Party when Big Joe Productions entertains August 25-29.

Showtimes: 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Find theater near



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"Sharks 101," get the skinny on sharks, find out which are local to San Diego when Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts family program with activities, stories, on Saturday, August 21, 11 a.m. Find Birch at 2300 Expedition Way. Included in regular museum admission. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Dino Day! Dennis Schatz reads from his books Totally Dinosaurs and Uncover a T. Rex during family day activities on Saturday, August 21, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Participants will examine fossils, build dinosaur models, learn to walk like a T. rex. Included in regular museum admission, 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Sound is subject when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, August 21, noon to 3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Jiggling Jellyfish, preschoolers and their parents explore beauty and mystery of marine jellies to find out how these creatures survive in ocean when Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts class, Sunday, August 22, 9:30 a.m. \$25 fee (adult admitted free) includes "role-playing," take-home craft. Find aquarium 2300 Expedition Way. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

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, "Woven Experiences: A Juried Exhibit" presented by San Diego Weaver's Guild, continues through Saturday, September 11. 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)

California Surf Museum. "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2005, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia - such as surfboards and clothing - of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

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 $\textbf{Museum,} \ view \ artifacts \ from \ San$ 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 water-

fall. Find the museum at 404 Third

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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, 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)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages open on fourth Tuesday of the month, *Children Around the World* videos are shown in Hall of Nations, fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and

CONCORD HYMN

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard round the world.

The foe long since in silence slept;
Alike the conqueror silent sleeps;
And Time the ruined bridge has swept
Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.

On this green bank, by this soft stream, We set to-day a votive stone;



That memory may their deed redeem, When, like our sires, our sons are gone.

Spirit, that made those heroes dare To die, and leave their children free, Bid Time and Nature gently spare The shaft we raise to them and thee.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). Find Rancho de los Quiotes at 6200 Flying LC Lane. Free. 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, currently on view: "The Parson's Study." Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center,

"ExploraZone 5," on view through June5, 2005, explores "what you *think* you see." The 38 exhibits use visual perception, thought, language, magnetism to test visitor's senses and abilities. Exhibit includes "Hoop Nightmares," "Cheshire Cat," "Black Sand," "Speech Dissector."

Ongoing exhibitions include "Technovation," "About Faces," "TryScience!," 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, "Fabulous Fifties: Hot Rods, Fins, and Drive-Ins," continuing through Monday, August 30, showcases "this legendary decade and its legendary machines." Exhibit features 18 automobiles including 1957 Ford Thunderbird, 1956 Chevy Corvette, 1953 Packard Caribbean convertible, 1955 Studebaker Champion; replica façade of Oscar's restaurant, vintage advertising art, artifacts.

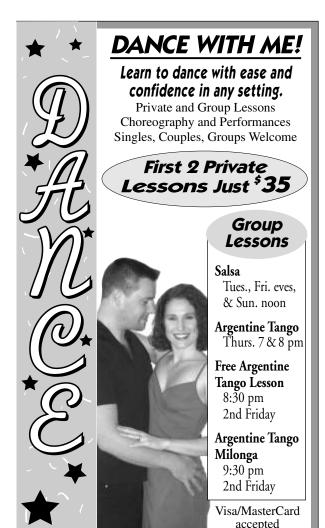
More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions,

"Shades of Greatness" is a 35-piece art exhibit on loan from Negro League Baseball Museum in Kansas City. Additional exhibits include "World's Largest Collection of Olympic Medals," featuring medals from as early as 1896. The museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, visit the H.M.S. Surprise while the ship used in film Master and Commander is on exhibit through Tuesday, November 30. See artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick.

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and



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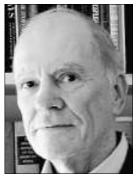
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Hawthorne in Concord



Grove/Atlantic Press, 2004; 342 pages;

FROM THE DUST JACKET: On three different occasions Nathaniel Hawthorne lived in the village of Concord, Massachusetts. With Hawthorne in Concord, Philip McFarland presents an appreciative portrait that illuminates those periods while capturing the flavor and the essence of the writer's life. On his wedding day in 1842, Hawthorne, the author of Twice-Told Tales, escorts his new wife, Sophia, to

their first home, the Old Manse. There, happy in his rural setting and enriched by friendships with Thoreau and Emerson, he enjoys an idyllic time that extends over three years. But ultimately, unable to make enough money from his writing, he returns ingloriously, with his wife and infant daughter, to live in his mother's home in

In 1853, Hawthorne moves back to Concord, now the renowned novelist of both The Scarlet Letter (1850) and The House of the Seven Gables (1851). Eager to resume writing fiction at the scene of his earlier happiness, he instead spends hurried weeks assembling a biography of his college friend, Franklin Pierce, who is running for president. When Pierce wins the election, Hawthorne is appointed to the lucrative post of consul in Liverpool. Soon he and his family set sail for England.

Coming home from Europe in 1860, as America hovers on the verge of civil war, the writer settles down in Concord once more, in a town that now is a hive of abolitionist sentiment. Emerson welcomes his returning friend with a neighborhood strawberry party, but Hawthorne in the months ahead begins withdrawing into the privacy of his home, partly because of his unpopular views on the war and partly because of his deteriorating

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

The Providence Journal: Nathaniel Hawthorne, born 200 years ago, is usually portraved as an isolated, rootless soul who could never linger in any one place for long, as if his early years in witch-haunted Salem lay too heavily upon his soul....

In tying Hawthorne to his Concord years, Philip McFarland has written a gentle and genial narrative that connects the writer to that pastoral village of farmers and dreamers. We get domestic details and family rites, webbed with the several friends and acquaintances Hawthorne came to know — from the quirky Thoreau to the intellectually rambunctious Margaret Fuller, from the lofty Emerson to the transcendentally addlepated Bronson Alcott.

From Publishers Weekly: In this pleasing biography, seasoned American history writer McFarland (The Brave Bostonians) focuses on two elements that defined New England as the center of America's 19thcentury literary world: the village of Concord, Massachusetts (a center for luminaries like Ralph Waldo Emerson and Bronson Alcott), and the blue-eyed "recluse" able to see "evil in every human heart," Nathaniel Hawthorne. McFarland focuses on the people and ideas that shaped the era as it moved from early industrialization to the turmoil of the Civil War. His short chapters lend themselves to portraits, of politicians Henry Clay and James Knox Polk, and thinkers Horace Mann and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, among others. Aspects of Hawthorne's everyday life are stressed, such as his constant money concerns, which in the 1840s sent him, with his wife and daughter, back to live with his mother and sister, and 20 years later still left him thinking, "I wonder how people manage to live economically." The physical precariousness of 19th-century life is also revealed, in the many examples of diseases and drownings within Hawthorne's family and community. The writer's meaningful friendships are well-drawn, particularly with his college chum and future president, Franklin Pierce, to whom he displayed his loyalty by writing a campaign biography. In the end, by depicting his subject's three sojourns in Concord, McFarland illuminates Hawthorne's art and the intellectual ferment originating in that small, bucolic town.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Philip McFarland was born in Birmingham, Alabama, in the summer of 1930. His father, a lawyer, and his mother, a homemaker, were born and reared in Ohio. As to how the family made its way to the deep South, Mr. McFarland said, on the afternoon that we talked, that his father was "working with an insurance firm in Hartford, and they sent him down there, way, way back before I was born, and he spent the rest of his life down there. I grew up in a household that didn't feel as southern as some households, because we would go back to southern Ohio to visit my grandmother in summers. I loved being up there.

As for Birmingham, Mr. McFarland said, "I've only been back once since I left, and I left there at a fairly early age. My mother died in 1965, and once she died — and my father had died before then - I had no occasion to go back. In the 1970s, I did take my wife and two boys back to show them the birthplace. It was quite a different city from the city that I'd left."

"You left a segregated city."

"That's right. That's the big difference. I had reservations about the city because of that. That's partly why I liked being in Ohio; that's partly why I went East to school. Then when I went back South, I discovered it was very different. It had integrated in a way that seemed to me more complete than up here in Massachusetts, where

Mr. McFarland graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire and went on to university at Oberlin, in Ohio, where he majored in history, graduating in 1951. He was awarded his M.A. in history from Cambridge University in 1957. He is an author of many books, most set in America's 18th- and 19th-century past; he is a longtime teacher at Concord Academy and a textbook editor.

We talked about Mr. McFarland's interest in writing about the 18th and 19th centuries. "I think why I liked the 19th Century so much is that I was born very late in my mother's life, and my grandmother — whose home we visited, as I mentioned, in Ohio — was still running her home the way she had when she (continued on page 97)

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 African Art, exploration of Dogon peo-

ple's culture, traditions offered in 'The Art of Mythology," continuing through Wednesday, September 15. Every aspect of Dogon life is said to be "centered on the veneration of ancestral spirits such as binu, leve and dege." Exhibit includes figurative sculptures, photographs, fabric. Find museum at 3562 Adams Avenue; 619-283-6622. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

San Diego Museum of Man, historic and symbolic role of weapons from around the globe examined in "Weapons of the World: Art, Technology, and Symbolism," continuing through May 2005. Collection showcases more than 150 weapons of all shapes and sizes, including blades, shields,

spears, bows, most from private collection of Joseph Jessop, who purchased the items from collectors and traders.

"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.

"Mapuche: Chilean People of the Land," on view through March 2005, includes more than 100 items such as textiles, basketry, modern and vintage photographs, silverwork. The Mapuche — who were

never conquered by the Incas or the Spaniards — boast a complex culture from pre-Hispanic times, speak their own language, earn income through their artwork.

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)

Valley Center History Museum,

the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego.' Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

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

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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had married at 15. She died in 1937 when she was 93 years old. I remember that very, very well, of course. She had seen Lincoln's funeral. She was born in 1854, so at that time she was 11 years old, and she could talk to me about that.

"That you could talk to someone who had seen that and who could bring it to life for vou! As a little child I was much impressed by the nearness of the 19th Century. As I read more about it, it all seemed as though I had lived there, because of the way my grandmother ran her home; she washed on Monday, she ironed on Tuesday, she'd beat the rugs outside in back on Wednesday. She had a washhouse outside and a wringer that we would push the clothes through. She had mangles and washboards and rug beaters and irons that were really irons. They didn't plug in; they heated up on the stove.

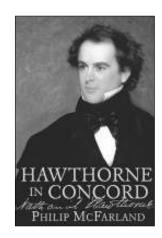
As I read Mr. McFarland's book, I had wondered how Hawthorne's wife Sophia kept all the housework done.

"Or how any of them did," he said. "I'm not sure that she worked much more than anybody else. She worked very hard, but they all worked hard. It's

just staggering."
"Yet, still," I said, "women like Sophia wrote long and beautiful letters and made daily journal entries, all in impeccable handwriting."

"That's true, and that takes time. Of course, they were more used to it. She was an extraordinarily good writer herself, Sophia was. She had painted earlier in her life. After marriage her gifts turned more to decorating the bedposts and the furniture and lampshades and fire screens and even to selling them at one point, because the family was so poor.'

As for writing, I mentioned to Mr. McFarland how perfectly



I thought his own expository paragraphs fit with quotations from his 19th-century subjects. 'There is," I said, "a certain charming archaism in your sentences." I asked how Mr. McFarland happened upon that means of expression.

He laughed. "That may just be the way I write. I'm not sure that it was a conscious decision. I was trying for that effect, although I've tried for the same effect in all of my books. I don't know what comes first. Whether it's that I write that way and hence I picked a subject that is hospitable to that kind of writing, or whether I'm consciously molding my style a bit to accommodate the citations, I simply do not know. But I don't have to strain very much for it."

"I never feel strain in the writing, and what I described as 'archaism' doesn't feel

"I don't know what would happen if I wrote a book on a 20th-century subject. I did write a novel many years ago that was 20th Century, and it didn't have the sense of Hawthornian style about it. And then I'd written another book on Washington Irving that accommodates the same kind of style, because he's a lovely writer, and it would be a shame to write a clunking book about as fine a stylist as is Washington Irving. You want to be able to hold your head up in writing your own prose.

"When did you first become interested in Hawthorne?"

"I'm trying to think what did attract me to him. As for the date, the time even, I can't say. Of course, there's a New England association. He's everywhere around here. I've lived here in Lexington since 1968, so I've had many occasions to bump up against him. I assume somewhere along the way I developed an interest to find out more about him and having read his novels and finding them very attractive and having read a number of his short stories. But it was more the man that intrigued me. And his being very shy.

"And melancholy."

Yes, and brooding and very handsome. That so attractive a man could hold the lovalty of his friends so firmly and vet like to be alone so much. that interested me. And then his attractive marriage and the high wisdom of his wife. All of that appealed to me. The more I looked into his life, the more interesting it became.'

When Hawthorne and his family returned from their seven years abroad, Emerson hosted a strawberry party in the family's honor. I asked about these parties that were often held in Hawthorne's time.

'I guess you ate strawberries. They might have made some kind of cream. Irving used to talk about whenever things were going particularly well, it was 'strawberries and cream.' Those things together comprised or constituted a high experience of joy so that I think strawberries were seen as a great treat. I assume they'd go out and pick them themselves. I'm sure that Emerson's strawberry party for Hawthorne would have been an attractive lure when you are back in the United States after many years.

"Hawthorne certainly was unhappy to return home from Europe, wasn't he?"

"He had mixed feelings about it, in the months before he set sail for home. He wrote about how there were times when he wanted very much to get home and settled down. Of course, he would say to the kids that they had been living from hand to mouth for many, many years, and he wanted his son to have the steadiness of an education in one place. But on the ship coming home, he did remark that he would have been content if it had just sailed forever and never pulled into port."

Hawthorne seemed, I said, so unsettled about the pre-Civil War national division in the United States.

'That must have been for

"[Grandmother] washed on Monday, she ironed on Tuesday, she'd beat the rugs outside in back on Wednesday... She had washboards...and irons that were really irons. They didn't plug in; they heated up on the stove."

everybody a horrible, horrible time. And he really was in the wrong town — Concord — for that moment in history. And feeling more and more alone and of course the illness that he wouldn't allow anyone to investigate. It's a very, very sad story, his last years. I don't know any author in American literature whose end is quite as sad as Hawthorne's.

"What did they do in 1904 to celebrate the 100 years since Hawthorne's birth?

'In Concord, Thomas Wentworth Higginson [who, among other endeavors, drew Emily Dickinson a bit out of her shell] was still alive and spoke. And another who spoke there was Julia Ward Howe. She had met Hawthorne several

All locations, all games. Specific sections,

rows and seats can be viewed at.

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times and could give her own recollections of him, which would have been a wonderful thing to hear in 1904. His son, of course, was very much alive and participating.

"The son — Julian — really made a business out of Papa, didn't he?"

"He certainly did; he did indeed. He thought very, very highly of his father. Sophia wanted to protect Hawthorne's reputation and put the best face on it, so Iulian did the same thing. He felt there was nothing he could spend his time on more worthily than to share his high estimation of Hawthorne to readers."

"How did you happen to decide to write about Hawthorne in his Concord setting?"

"My editor was responsible for that. I had proposed a more extensive treatment. She was trying to find ways that I could focus it down. My book on Washington Irving was quite a long book, and I had conceived this book as a companion volume. She liked the subject but didn't like that extensive of a treatment. She hit upon the idea, 'Why don't you just focus on Hawthorne and Concord.' There has been a book on Hawthorne and Salem, and a book on Hawthorne and England, and a third book on Hawthorne and Italy. But nobody had written about Hawthorne and Concord, so that seemed like a very good suggestion. All the more so because I live right here, and I have access.

"I spent a great deal of time in the Concord Free Public Library in the Special Collections and became a familiar face in the basement of the library. I spent hours under the guidance of the very gifted curator there, who would point me to things that make it worthwhile to do a subject like that.

'Concord is probably the best-documented town in America. There was a great historic sense in the town, a sense that dated back to 1775. So if you go to research any aspect of the town, you find a wealth of information stored in this superb little town library. It's got to be one of the best libraries for a town of that size in the United

"The conversations among all of the people who lived in Concord at the time Hawthorne lived there must have been wonderful.'

'Yes. And Bronson Alcott [Louisa May Alcott's father] presumably was one of the very best. It struck me how highly Emerson regarded him. Emerson was no fool. He thought Alcott was a great genius of his time. Whether he remained so committed to him right down to the end is probably doubtful. But as late as 1857, he was talking that way, and he met him in 1835, so that's 22 years that he kept his faith in Alcott. He lent him money and bailed him out of situations that he had gotten into."

"When Hawthorne wrote," I said, "he had his ink pot and his pen and his paper. But when he took his manuscript to Ticknor and Fields, his publishers, what happened to it?'

"They set it into type and then they sent it back to him. It didn't cost so much to amend back then so that some of the writing would take place in that form once they had the printed sheets, and not just of Hawthorne, who happened to be quite a fluent writer. He would make very few changes. He would think a long time before he started writing, but once he started writing, it's not heavily altered. But other writers, like Balzac and Joyce, would just write extensively on the galley sheets and send them back. They would do half their writing after the manuscript had been set in type."

"It must have been startling back then, before typewriters, to see your work in type."

"Oh, yes, more so than now because there wouldn't be the typewriter as an intervening form. It must have been much more startling than it is now." ■

– Iudith Moore





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Hands Across the Sea

It would be hard to exaggerate the excitement generated by this approach.

REV

JONATHAN SAVILLE

aniel Ratelle's lovely early-music chorus, Pacific Camerata, offered an interesting and pleasing concert of Spanish and Spanish-American music at the church of St. John of the Cross in Lemon Grove (where I

heard it), and then again at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul downtown. The Camerata consists of 14 excellent singers, a proper number for performances

of the late-Renaissance and early-Baroque works (most liturgical) that made up the program. This is a respectable compromise between the extremist school for which one voice on a part is enough, and the now somewhat antiquated tradition of massive choruses. With their impeccable pitch and their disciplined attention to Ratelle's incisive conducting, the singers achieved the clarity of diction and vocal line sought through the single-voice approach, while the resonant acoustics of the lofty and luminous church comfortably magnified their sound and gave them a remarkable heft.

Without pedantry, the program focused on the musical integration of Spain and Mexico in the latter part of the 16th Century and the early decades of the 17th. There was a particular emphasis on Andalucian composers, and especially on those associated with Seville, such as Francisco Guerrero, Juan Vásquez, and Alonso Lobo. The works of a number of these composers were used in services of the bishopric of Mexico as well, and the program concluded with a mass by an Andalucian composer who migrated to Mexico and became the music director at Puebla Cathedral.

The music also covered a diversity of styles in this transitional period. The persistent tradition of complex Renaissance polyphony, with the voices carrying independent lines that are woven together in an ever-changing web of sound, was most fully represented by the Latin motets of Guerrero (*O Domine Iesu Christe*), Alonso Lobo (*Versa est in luctum cithara mea*), and the Portuguese Duarte Lôbo (*Audivi vocem de caelo*). This is all sober and intensely expressive music, dealing with suffering and death. The Guerrero invokes Christ hanging wounded on the cross;

Versa est in luctum is a motet of mourning, written in 1598 for a memorial service in honor of King Philip II in Toledo Cathedral; and Audivi vocem, from the Office for the Dead, proclaims that "blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

One could not have asked for greater lucidity in the Pacific Camerata performances of these pieces, or more shapely phrasing, or a more warmly sensual tone.

But there might have been more drama, a greater sense of urgency in the expression of the religious emotions, and a more vital ebb and flow of sound. As it was, all three works sounded very much alike, and in each case the musical shape had a rather monotonous, undifferentiated quality, as though contrasts or climaxes of feeling were intentionally excluded. Beautiful and pious, yes. But this is not Spanish. All three composers, after all, lived in the era of the passionate, mystical Tomás Luis de Victoria, and if they were not quite at his exalted level, they were nevertheless participants in his type of religious culture.

I am not asking for excesses that would breach the limits on liturgical style imposed by the Counter-Reformation Church. The climaxes I am referring to are internal and subtle, quite unlike what you hear in a Beethoven symphony; but they are there, implied by the text and by the treatment of the motifs and the contrapuntal textures. And such effects as the exquisite harmonies and pungent dissonances of the masterful, sixvoice *Audivi vocem* really require more emphatic pointing than they received in the Camerata performance.

When it came to works of more popular character, the conductor's approach was completely idiomatic. Vásquez's *Descendió al valle la niña* is a *villancico*, and its genre demands a light and lively manner and a sense of fun, all of which Ratelle and his singers copiously supplied. They were even more terrific in Juan Arañés's delectable *Un Sarao de la Chacona*, with its demotic text about dancing and brawling at a spring wedding fiesta, its bouncing dance rhythms, and its general atmosphere of superabundant fleshy energies. The spirit of the performance was greatly enhanced by the use of percussion ac-

companiment, which helped to bring the fiesta vividly to life.

Arañés (1646-1712) was composing in full Baroque style, a far cry from the High Renaissance polyphony of Victoria and his contemporaries (although many conservative composers continued to imitate the earlier style well into the 18th Century). Similarly transformed by the Baroque "revolution" was the Mass Ego flos campi by Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla, the major work on the Pacific Camerata program. Padilla was the native of Malaga who wound up as maestro de capilla at the Cathedral of Puebla, and much of his musical production there incorporated elements from the music of the indigenous population. This setting of the ordinary of the Mass is filled with syncopated rhythms of the sort we associate with Latin America, and its style, with a prevalence of homophonic (chordal) singing, is evidently designed to appeal to a popular audience for whom intricate counterpoint would constitute a barrier.

It's not clear, however, just how far a modern performance of Ego flos campi ought to go in emphasizing the popular, Mexican ambience. A nice recording by Piers Schmidt and Mixolydian (Carlton Classics) treats the music more or less in the same manner as the Mass by Victoria with which it is paired. The singing is a cappella, the tempos are deliberate, the mood is fairly serious, and in many respects we might still be in the 16th Century. Schmidt brings out the Renaissance aspects of Padilla's writing. In radical contrast, Andrew Lawrence-King, in his Missa Mexicana (Harmonia Mundi), underlines whatever is "Mexican" in Ego flos campi, with the dancelike nature reinforced with instrumental accompaniment by Baroque guitars

and percussion. Lawrence-King also interpolates pieces of even more pronounced Latin-American flavor (including the singing style) between the sections of the Mass.

Ratelle avoided both these extremes, choosing a way somewhere in the middle, which proved quite successful. The pacing and rhythm

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"Music of Old Spain and New Spain"
Pacific Camerata (St. John of the Cross Catholic
Church)

Choral works by Francisco Guerrero, Juan Vásquez, Alonso Lobo, Duarte Lôbo, Juan Arañés, and Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla

were livelier than Schmidt's, but less daring than Lawrence-King's. A listener thought not so much of Mexico as of peninsular Spanish popular tradition, as already represented on the program by the Vásquez *villancico* and the Arañés *Sarao*. Even more significantly, Ratelle diverged from both recordings by giving far more prominence to the





fact that Ego flos campi is written for two choruses, something one scarcely notices on the CDs, even though it is basic to the music's structure. In this, he was aided by the expansiveness of the church venue, where he could separate the two choruses by the full width of the sanctuary and thus dramatize the antiphonal effects written into the score. Furthermore, he doubled one chorus with two bassoons and an oboe, and the other with the church organ, adding richness and depth to the sonic landscape.

It would be hard to exaggerate the excitement generated by this approach, particularly in the brilliant setting of the *Credo*,

where one chorus proceeds vigorously through the text of the Church's basic doctrines while the other punctuates the polyphonic stream with confident homophonic reiterations of the word "credo" ("I believe"). What came to mind was neither Puebla nor Seville but Venice, where over a century previously Giovanni Gabrieli and Claudio Monteverdi had created similar thrilling effects with their accompanied double-chorus music in St. Mark's. If some of the 16th-century polyphonic works had seemed deficient in climaxes, Pacific Camerata's program as a whole made up for it with a climax that sent the audience out in a state of exultation.

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Hurrah for SummerFest! La Jolla Music Society's SummerFest La Jolla 2004 promises concerts, workshops, open rehearsals, encounters. "Music by the Numbers: Duo, Trio, Quartet" is set for Thursday, August 19, 7:30 p.m. Artists from coaching workshops program interviewed by Eric Schultz at 6:30 p.m.

"Revolving the Globe: A World in Music" on Friday, August 20, 7:30 p.m., includes pieces by Falla, Fauré, Bright Sheng, Revueltas, Chavez. Preconcert activity features tour of "Chicano Visions" exhibit led by Stephanie Hanor, Monica Garza.

"SummerFest Finales" offered Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22, at 7:30 p.m. Programs include selections by Bach, Esa-Pekka Salonen, Bright Sheng, Copland, Brahms. Composer Bright Sheng interviewed by Eric Bromberger during preconcert talk at 6:30 p.m.

All these concerts take place in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Radio Days, the U.S. Navy Band Southwest joins San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts conducted by Willis Delony on Friday and Saturday, August 20 and 21. Expect a re-creation of a vintage radio show presented live with dancers, singers, and announcers. Concerts conclude with fireworks.

Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: \$10 to \$62, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Selections by Copland, Tchaikovsky, Bernstein, Williams, others may be heard when San Diego Symphony and new music director Jahja Ling present concert on Sunday, August 22, 7:30 p.m., at Embarcadero Marina Park South. Lawn and grandstand seating. Free. 619-235-

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Goodlin Scholarship Concert Winners — young, local music students perform their winning entries on Sunday, August 22, 2:30 p.m., for San Diego Public Library concert series. Find library at 820 E Street. Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs on Sunday, August 22, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

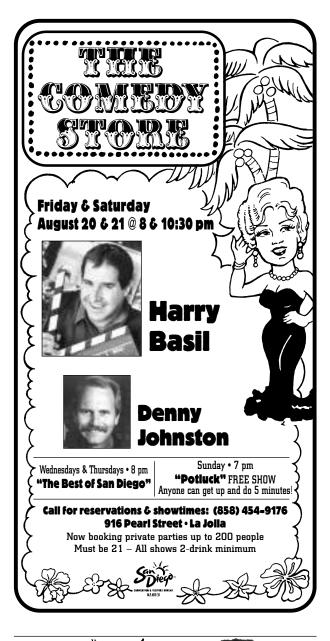
The 17th Annual International Summer Organ Festival boasts concert by Thomas Heywood on Monday, August 23, at 7:30 p.m. 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Best of Pirates and Pinafore," Lyric Opera San Diego brings Gilbert and Sullivan favorites onboard the *Star of India*, Thursday, August 26, through Saturday, September 4.

Performances at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday through Friday. \$28 adults, \$15 children. The *Star* is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street). 619-231-5714. (DOWNTOWN)









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"Drawing Is Back," with work by members of San Diego Drawing Group, is on view through September at Art Institute of California-San Diego (7650 Mission Valley Road). Artist's reception is Friday, August 20, 6 p.m. 858-598-1200. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Owning Pink," La Jolla ob-gyn Dr. Lissa Rankin celebrates the feminine, explores representations of women in society in paintings on exhibit at Artist's Colony Gallery (1150 Seventh Avenue). Meet artist during receptions at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, August 20 and 21. 760-815-5245.

Los Angeles Artist Charles Arnoldi exhibits new paintings at new location of R.B. Stevenson (7661 Girard Avenue, suite 201) beginning with reception on Saturday, August 21, 4 p.m. 858-459-3917. Through Saturday, September 25. (LA JOLLA)

"Stories from the Second Floor" by Tena Cohn opens with reception on Saturday, August 21, 5 p.m., at Phantom Art Gallery (suite E in Artist's Alley, 212 East North Coast Highway). 760-754-Through Saturday, October 2. (OCEANSIDE)

Original Production Cels, drawings, oil paintings, and conceptual art from Rocky and His Friends by Gerard Baldwin, one of the original three directors of the series, opens with reception for Baldwin on Thursday, August 26, 5:30 p.m., at Chuck Jones Studio Gallery of Old Town (2501 San Diego Avenue). Show closes Wednesday, September 15. 619-294-9880. (OLD TOWN)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum, "Navajo Weaves" includes 33 Navajo objects such as chief's robes, other blankets and rugs woven in the late 19th Century and in 20th Century. Pieces of Navajo silver and turquoise jewelry dating from same era as weavings (from a private collection) also on view.

"Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments, household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Ongoing.

Origami Masterworks — Innovative Forms of the Art of Paper Folding" 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. Through summer.

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,

"Chicano Now: American Expressions" is described as "an interactive multimedia exhibition offering expressions of Chicano cultural style through the eyes of Chicano and Chicana performing and independent film artists." Exhibit explores themes of borders, home, family, work, personal style through performance, installation, video art. Closes Sunday, September 12.

The "Cerca Series" continues with "Gad Shaanan Design," through Sunday, September 26. The firm developed the "sleek new $\,$ fleet of cars" for San Diego Metropolitan Transit System rolling out this summer. Exhibit focuses on trolley project but also introduces visitors to intricacies of product design, with hand-rendered sketches, computer modeling, handmade protypes.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Chicano Visions: American Painters on the Verge" offers introduction to concept of Chicana and Chicano identity in U.S. Show offers paintings by more than 25 artists ranging from abstraction to photo realism, dating from 1969 to 2001. See the exhibit through Sunday, September 12.

"Self-Help Graphics and Art: The Printed Image," on display through September 12, showcases selection of prints created at Los Angeles-based Self-Help Graphics and Art by artists whose work is included in "Chicano Visions."

Also on view through September 12, "Critical Mass," a largescale installation by Einar and Jamex de le Torre. The piece demonstrates their interest in addressing stereotypes and cultural

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Recent Gifts: For Eve and Mind" is an exhibit showcasing photographs acquired in the past few years. Many will be on view for first time in the museum. Concurrently, see "David Fokos: Borrowed Time," in which the San Diego photographer uses his minimalist style to focus on life on Martha's Vineyard and surrounding areas. Both exhibits open on Friday, August 20, and close on

"The Circle of Memory" is a provocative installation by six contemporary artists commemorating children and loved ones who are missing or have died. The installation utilizes a strawbale ceremonial structure and a series of photographs of kerbstones, inspired by ancient burial practices and a Neolithic Irish cairn. Continues through Sunday, November 7.

Sunday, November 14.

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

Oceanside Museum of Art, James Aitchison (figurative painter), Michael C. Gross (pastel painter), and Burton Tysinger (sculptor) have work gathered in "Out of Oceanside," continuing through Sunday, September 19. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art. more than 390 artifacts, documents, and works of art by artists including Giotto, Michelangelo, Bernini offered in "Saint Peter and the Vatican: The Legacy of the Popes." The "floors, walls, doors, and foundation of the Vatican have been recreated in order to trace the 2000-year history of the papacy, beginning with Saint Peter and culminating with Pope John Paul II." Exhibition continues through Monday, Septem-

The history of the nation's visual culture is explored in "American Beauty: Painting and Sculpture from the Detroit Institute of the Arts, 1770-1920." Approximately 90 works are featured, by artists including Benjamin West, John Singleton Copley, Mary Cassatt, John Singer Sargent, Winslow Homer, Frederic Remington, others. Enjoy exhibit through Sunday, October 3.

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

Timken Museum of Art, permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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Fool for Love

"What kind of barbarous place is this?"

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ou wonder what King Felipe IV thought, how much explanation was necessary. Here he'd commissioned the great Diego Velazquez for the painting of the era: the King and Queen of Spain, 1656. But Velazquez didn't paint

them. He painted what they saw: their young daughter, maids of honor and dwarfs, copies of Rubens's masterpieces, and a dog. The King and Queen are

scrunched in a mirror, reflected from the rear wall. Velazquez himself, five times their size, leans around the canvas, wearing a regal smile.

I'd love to have heard his explanation for *Las Meninas*. Not just why he put the King and Queen in the background (and why a backlit man in the doorway steals focus from them), but why the dog's down front. The painting inverts the social pecking order. Alive today, Velazquez would probably talk about "foregrounding the marginalized" and "postcolonial" art, spiced with quotations from Franz Fanon. Back then, who knows? But you can bet he had some explaining to do.

Lynn Nottage performs a similar inversion in her play *Las Meninas*. When it comes to baroque excess, only the ancient pharaohs could rival Louis XIV's court. The "Sun King" — who proclaimed himself the state — ruled France for 72 years. He built Versailles, persecuted non-Catholics, demanded rigid standards in art, and was one of history's biggest control freaks. Your life, if disparaged in one of his asides, could be over.

Nottage doesn't put Louis center stage. Like

Velazquez's painting and Tom Stoppard's Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead, which does the same to Hamlet, Nottage shunts the King into the background. She looks instead at people "lost to history": the King's wife, Maria-Therese; the

affair she had with Nabo, an African dwarf; and Louise Marie-Therese, their daughter.

Louise tells the story ("you won't go blind if you listen," she arear assures us). When she was born with dark skin, the King ordered her away. Now, in 1695, about to enter the Benedictine nunnery at Moret, Louise searches for her true identity. The task is difficult because the King, after having Nabo executed, did a thorough job of erasing the truth.

Louise learns that both her parents were outsiders. The Queen was from Spain and spoke mangled French. The King married her to settle a land dispute. Within a year he'd taken the first of a series of lovers. The rejected Queen slowly fell for Nabo, the court fool, who came to her gift-wrapped in a box, literally.

When Nabo comes out of the box, the playwright adds another reversal. Nabo takes looks at the opulence of Versailles, the power tactics of the court, the King's lethal whims, and asks, "What kind of barbarous place is this?"

Later, he sums himself up: "Bought, sold, bartered, and brokered until I do not know who I am... I've learned more than most men about this human race. And if my tongue were acid you'd now be dead."

The most surprising thing about a play full of gender politics, cultural codes, and potentially bitter ironies: Act One of *Las Meninas* is so funny it almost qualifies as a comedy. It's a behind-the-façade exposé (asked what she does, the Queen replies, "I'm queen of France. I don't know...I rule"). The first act's so strong, in fact, it's tough to follow. Act Two tends to lag in spots — we know what will happen; the only question is when — though it ends with a powerful conclusion.

The Cygnet Theatre, which opened its doors in August 2003, has become one of the most inventive, artistically exciting companies in San Diego. The posh production values for *Las Meninas*, however — a palace interior, Louis Quatorze costumes (including highheeled shoes for the men) — appear beyond Cygnet's current budget. In order to make its contrasts and humor work, the play demands genuine finery.

When you go see *Las Meninas*, and I hope you do, expect to be dazzled by Sean Murray's jet-black set, with gold embroidery. Two rectangular mirrors on the rear wall create a Velazquez effect: like the King and Queen of Spain, the audience sees a reflection of itself. But, in another Nottage reversal, the audience isn't itself. Young Louise keeps referring to spectators as "sisters." So we're actually the 17th-Century nuns hearing her story.

Murray's sleek set — is there such a thing as Versailles minimalism? — is matched by Jose Maria Martinez Ybarra's absolutely excellent period costumes: gold brocade, feathers, mountainous wigs. Eric Lotze's dreamlike light-



Las Monina

Las Meninas by Lynn Nottage

Cygnet Theatre, 6663 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area (619-337-1525)

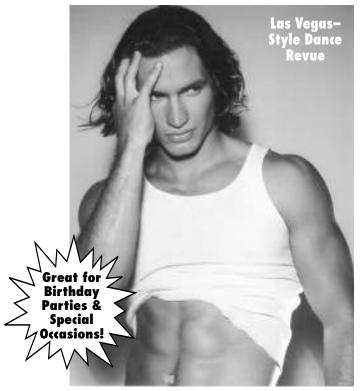
Directed by Sean Murray; cast: Robin Christ, Daren Scott, Christopher Wylie, Monique Gaffney, Jim Chovick, Judy Durning, David Serpa, Amanda de Treville Sitton, Rachael Carey; scenic design, Murray; costumes, Jose Maria Martinez Ybarra; lighting, Eric Lotze; sound, George Ye

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ing (is any of this real, or is it just a revisionist reverie in the mind of young Louise?) and George Ye's diverse background music also enhance.

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(you can almost hear a Louis XIV voiceover: "I'm the king of France, and I approve of this labeling"). It's hard to think of a character in drama more on the inside and outside at the same time: she's queen of France and invisible. The terrific Robin Christ gives Marie-Therese piety and playfulness, especially when she learns of the King's infidelities and, after lengthy deliberation, realizes she could reciprocate.

Although some performances had opening-night tentativeness, Christopher Wylie was sharp and assured as Nabo. It's crucial that Nabo be funny and, like an actual court fool, free to express emotional depths in an instant. In some of his best work ever, Wylie handles his assignment with ease. According to the ruling orthodoxy, Nabo and the Queen are an odd couple. But Versailles, seen from their much more human perspective, is one strange and scary place. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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The Ally Way

6th@Penn presents Marianne Mc-Donald's modern adaptation of Euripides' Alcestis. "Should a wife sacrifice herself for her husband, even though he's not worth it?" Robert Salerno directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1; MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Antony and Cleopatra Even though the cast wasn't always up to his speed — and if you don't

count his tacked-on, feel-good end-

ing — Darko Tresniak's direction

shows a keen awareness of Shakespeare's sweeping drama. Tresnjak's epic stage pictures and subtle nuances serve this difficult play. Maybe it's because they're cast in two repertory shows. Maybe not. But on opening night Dan Snook's earnest, beleaguered Marc Antony and Sara Surrey's attitude-thick Cleopatra had neither the size nor the range for their roles. Both were tentative when Antony should be having Rome's most pronounced male midlife crisis and Cleopatra should be the world's most liberated diva. Neither came close, which left major gaps in the production. James Joseph O'Neil makes Octavius statue-cold, an appropriate choice given that the leader of the Pax Romana was more calculating machine than human. Bruce Turk heads the support cast as an ethereal soothsayer who seems to walk on air. Unlike much of his work. Ralph Funicello's austere set - multileveled with fluted Roman columns — lacks eye appeal. A centerstage turntable offers striking visuals, however, as during a battle when, under York Kennedy's blistering red lighting, combatants freeze in a revolving tableau. Costume designer Linda Cho color-coded the characters: Romans in shades of red Egyptians in shades of cream (the brightest reds and whitest whites worn by the higher ups). Maybe in time the leads will inhabit, rather than just wear, Antony and Cleopatra's emotions. Maybe not. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE. SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26. (NOTE: ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH AS YOU LIKE IT AND THE TWO NOBLE KINSMEN: CALL THE THEATER FOR DAYS AND TIMES OF EACH.) 619-239-2255.

Art

But is it "art"? Serge, one of Marc's oldest friends, just bought an all-white painting. Okay, says Marc, "if you screw up your eyes, you can make out some fine white diagonal lines." But it's a '70s Antrios, boasts Serge, who paid "100 grand" for the four-by-three canvas. Does owning it suddenly make Serge a "collector"? Mark thinks not. Yvan doesn't care but tries to keep his best friends from each other's throats, the painting having put their friendship — and, even-

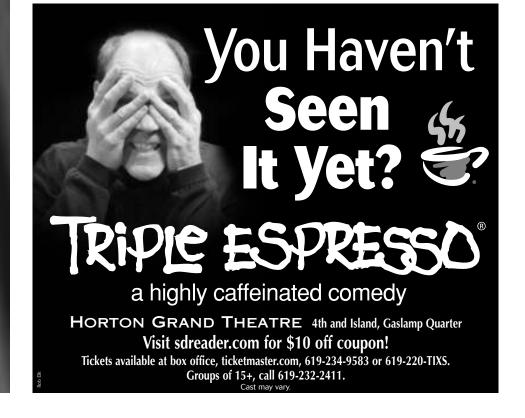
tually, Yvan (who calls it "apocalypse because of a white square") — in a new perspective. Unlike the painting, there is less to Yasimia Reza's play than meets the eve (it's rarely more than three one-dimensional characters bickering; did the Antrios trigger something, or have their friendships always been shallow?) But the Lamb's Players Theatre, under Deborah Gilmour's tight direction, gives the 90-minute piece life. Robert Smyth, as the controlling Marc; Paul Eggington, as put-upon, closet-snobbish Serge; and especially Tom Stephenson as Yvan, the group's Sancho Panza, do ensemble work so precise it verges on choreography. Stephenson stops the show with Yvan's long, hilarious monologue (which is about another example of friendships under pressure). Mike Buckley's excellent set has enough right-angles for a Mondrian. Lit by Bill E. Kickbush, the abstract set takes on the properties ascribed to the painting.

Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SAT-URDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-437-0600.

As You Like It

In the Old Globe's outdoor production Rosalind, Shakespeare's best professor on the subject of love, dons rustic male apparel and gives Orlando a seminar. Though at times given to mannered gestures, Katie MacNichol's Rosalind commands the stage with energy and intelligence. She has large, silent film-expressive eyes - or are they Rosalind's? Wearing a grungy bathrobe, Charles Janasz's melancholy Jaques is livelier and more spontaneous than most, as is Gregor Paslawsky's Touchstone, whom designer Lewis Brown dresses, in pantomime white with red trim, like a walking wedding cake. Though not all acting is of a piece (one could wish the younger actors had a better sense of how to fill the spaces), Jonathan Mc-Murtry makes old Adam memorable by paring him to the core. The simple wisdom Adam utters contradicts Jaques's claim that all old people are "sans teeth, sans eves, sans taste, sans everything." Overall the production, directed by Karen Carpenter, plays down the middle, attempting neither burning insights nor showstopping effects. It doesn't have to; this is As You Like It, after all. Tampering could only do harm.



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Worth a try.

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As You Like It

The La Jolla Stage Company presents Shakespeare's bucolic comedy, in which Rosalind gives Orlando a lesson in love.

LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY, YMCA FIREHOUSE, 7877 HERSCHEL AVENUE, LA JOLLA, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-459-7773.

Boomers

Class is in session: Intro to Baby Boomers, Born between 1946 and 1964, they're the largest generation in history, they're writing the book on "self-obsession," and one turns 50 everv seven seconds. Kerry Meads and Vanda Eggington's salute — in a new, "remixed" version — takes musical walks down all manner of memory lanes: historical, sociological, even televisional (at one point the cast blazes through TV theme songs, and mini-bursts of recognition ignite in the audience). The show alternates between nostalgia and hard looks at then (JFK, Vietnam) and now. Backed by a hot band, the cast sings snatches of songs. It's as if your time machine is channel-surfing. Just as you remember one, the cast does another. The result: waves, at times floods, of remembrances. Directed by Meads, the briskly-paced production boasts micro-accurate period costumes by Jeanne Reith, a set composed of countless logos (from golden arches to Alfred E. "What, Me Worry?" Newman of Mad magazine), and strong singing voices. For actual Baby Boomers, the show also includes advice for overcoming the "Big Chill Syndrome." It's lively, funny, and could run forever

Worth a try.

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-437-0600.

Bye Bye Birdie

Welk Resort Theatre stages the musical about rock star Conrad

Birdie's induction into the Army. Before goes, he wants "One Last Kiss." Lewis Wilkenfeld directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH AUGUST 22; THURSDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE THURSDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3348.

Cabaret

Moonlight Stage Productions presents Kander and Ebb's musical about life at Berlin's Kit Kat Club in 1929, where everyone is "wilkommen," for a while at least. MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE, BRENGLE TERRACE PARK, 1200 VALE TERRACE DRIVE, VISTA, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-724-2110.

Convention

6th@ Penn Theatre stages Gerald Zipper's new play about presidential intrigue.
6TH@ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 9;
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Footloose

Star Theatre presents the musical about a teenager who loves to dance and moves into a town where dancing is banned.
STAR THEATRE, 402 NORTH COAST HIGH-WAY, OCEANSIDE, FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, THROUGH AUGUST 29; FRIDAY AND SAT-

Forever Plaid

Laguna Playhouse presents Stuart Ross's tribute to pop hits, and male-harmony groups, of the '50s. Larry Raben directed.
LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH AUGUST 29; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SUNDAY, AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-2787.

Fritz Blitz: 2004 Festival of New Plays by California Playwrights

I want to plug this enterprise, sight unseen. For 11 years, the Fritz Theater has presented world-premiere works by California authors. This year top local directors (including Duane Daniels, Tim Irving, Jessa Watson, and Brendon Fox) stage 11 new plays lected from over 100 entrants. The four-week festival offers a different program each week, and a zodiac of genres, from comedies to drama to experimental pieces that otherwise might never find a hearing. The Blitz has become a cauldron for the creative process. It also showcases local actors and designers - and, quite possibly, future voices of the American theater. Worth a try.

LYCEUM SPACE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWN-TOWN, THROUGH AUGUST 29; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR A LIST OF SHOWS, DAYS, AND TIMES CALL 619-233-7505.

I Do, or Die: The Motherin-Law of All Weddings

For its summer show, onboard the sternwheeler William D. Evans, Mystery Cafe presents one of its best: best balance between written and ad libbed materials, best array of credible suspects and clues, and also funniest of those I've seen at Imperial House. Patricia "Patti" Peccarino (Emily Anne Smith), heir to the Peccarino cheese fortune ("The Cheese Stands Alone"), is about to marry Wilhelm "Willie" Schmeterlinck (Ben Gilbert), last of the Schmeterlincks (who, some allege, invented Cheez Whiz) and a groom given to quoting Shakespeare ("to wed, or not to wed"). There's a death Then another. Was the murderer "the Bavarian Battleaxe," Gretchen Schmeterlinck (Diane Thrasher)? Or Patti's mother, Theresa Rodham Peccarino (Bonnie Stone). Both exude insidious intent. Or was it lactose-intolerant Patti, who lost 17 minutes of her life at age nine? Or one of several other candidates, each eager to make a hostile takeover — of anything — and each living proof that "cousins shouldn't marry." Authors James Pascarella and the late Will Roberson set the piece in the 1950s (vet are somehow able to make numerous topical references to today). It's a consistently funny evening of interactive theater. Worth a try.

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comedy or drama, letting the audience choose its reaction (romantics can sigh, scoffers can, well, scoff). Andrea Chamberlain, Mylinda Hull, David Engle, and especially Stan Chandler, who must be one of the most versatile performers around, enhance every scene with strong voices and precise character details. Credit as well to the costume designer, unnamed in the program, who provided everything from tuxes to Charger T-shirts and enough Velcro to permit what must be, in many instances, splitsecond changes. Worth a try.

THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN: TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

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Late-Night Catechism

The Laguna Playhouse has extended the run of this popular show several times. It's an "interactive adult catechism" class, taught by a sister from the spare-not-the-rod school. The concept doesn't sound like much. The sister is substituting (it's the reg ular teacher's poker night, don't tell a soul). She used to teach but was deemed too strict for contemporary students. And the class is just that, part of a course in Catholic doctrine. But the sister's authoritarianism takes it to unforeseen places (you can hear cries of recognition from the audience, especially when sister brings out a hard ruler and taps her palm). The results, the two times I've seen the show: (a) an evening of almost nonstop 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 this show's run several times].

Worth a try.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH OCTOBER 21; MONDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 949-497-2787.

Macbeth

For its eighth annual Free Shakespeare Festival, the Coronado Playhouse stages the Bard's tragedy of vaulting ambition, Keith A. Anderson directed.

CORONADO PLAYHOUSE PAVILION, 1335 FIRST STREET (AT THE CORONADO FERRY LANDING, NEXT TO IL FORNAIO), CORONADO, THROUGH AUGUST 29; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. ADMIS

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Madama Butterfly The Torrey Pines Theatre, which

has staged everything from Shakespeare to Neil Simon, presents Giacomo Puccini's popular opera. Jef Olson directed. HASHINGER HALL, TORREY PINES CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 8320 LA JOLLA SCENIC DRIVE, LA JOLLA, FRIDAY, AU-GUST 20, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5; FRI DAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT

2:30 P.M. 858-597-9377. The Music Man

Starlight Theatre stages Meredith Willson's popular musical about traveling salesman Harold Hill. Is he just a fast talker, or can he in fact make music? STARLIGHT BOWL, 2005 PAN AMERICAN

PLAZA, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH AU-GUST 22: THURSDAY THROUGH SUN-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-7827.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on Actro-Turf. The night I caught the show three San Diego comedians played a

"challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Older Man Seeks Younger

Rude Dog Productions in cooperation with GB Productions presents the premiere of local playwright John Molina's "dramedy." Drew Hanson directed.

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making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla

Theatre" - five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (Improv) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art." Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822-B EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. (THE "FAMILY" SHOW) AND AT 9:45 P.M. ("RATED PG-13"), 619-465-7469,

Saturday Night at the **Palace**

The new Ion Theatre makes its debut with South African writer Paul Slabolepszy's drama about two white Afrikaner men and a sole Zulu waiter at a deserted roadside diner. Claudio Raygoza directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH SEPTEM-BER 11: THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-1020.

Singin' in the Rain

Christian Community Theater presents the popular musical comedy about the early days of sound film. Paul Russell directed. MT. HELIX AMPHITHEATRE, 4901 MT. HELIX DRIVE. LA MESA, THURSDAY. AUGUST 19, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 619-588-0206 OR 800-696 1929.

Smoke on the Mountain Lamb's Players Theatre presents

Connie Ray's gospel-musical about the Sanders Family Singers, "Of course the bus just broke down, Uncle Stanley's fresh out of prison, and sister June still can't sing. Kerry Meads directed. JOAN B. KROC THEATRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, RAY AND JOAN KROC CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER, 6611 UNI-VERSITY AVENUE, COLLEGE AREA (JUST SOUTH OF SDSU ON UNIVERSITY AV-

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The Sopranos' Last Supper

Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster

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Thief River

Diversionary Theatre stages Lee Blessing's drama about "one violent night and a lifetime of questions." Jeffrey Ingram directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD LINIVERSITY HEIGHTS SAT-URDAY, AUGUST 28, THROUGH OCTO-BER 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

Twelfth Night

Toward the end of Daniel Boone's life, the painter Chester Harding asked him if he'd ever been lost. Can't say as I ever was lost," Boone replied, "but I was bewildered once for three days." I've never heard a better description of Shakespeare's comedy. Viola and her brother Sebastian are shipwrecked, but every-

one else in Illyria's gone overboard: in imbibing, in practical joking, and in love. Bewilderment reigns. The Poor Players give Shakespeare's comedy their "no holds Bard" approach, both respectful and irreverent (you sense that if they can't make big, assertive choices, they'd rather be drinking beer). Some actors give heavy readings, and some scenes flag. But Richard Baird's amazing Malvolio's a must-see, as are Beth Everhart's gentle, smart, insistent Viola and Tara Denton's love-drunk Olivia. Plus the show — performed on a bare stage with modern costumes from wherever — has an infectious exuberance. You can almost hear the young cast (the oldest member's 26, maybe) proclaiming, "Hit or miss, we're doing the Bard, baby!"

Worth a try.

ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH AUGUST 22; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-246-7382.

Twelfth Night

New Village Arts stages Shakespeare's comedy in a Roaring Twenties version, "the world of Gatsby and Newport, bobbed hair and Charlestons." Brendon Fox directed. Admission is free. DAVID H. THOMPSON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, LA COSTA CANYON HIGH SCHOOL, 3451 CAMINO DE LOS

COCHES, CARLSBAD, THROUGH AU-GUST 22; THURSDAY THROUGH SUN-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. 760-433-3245.

The Two Noble Kinsmen

Imagine A Midsummer Night's Dream without Oberon and Titania bickering, or impish Puck botching an assignment with herbal juice liquor. Darko Tresnjak begins Shakespeare's Two Noble Kinsmen with the beginning to Dream. What follows - mixed-up lovers, much scampering about is a *Dream* unfolding in a parallel universe where irony reigns, as does what Olivia in Twelfth Night calls "midsummer madness." Not the first half, in which Palamon and Arcite both fall for Emilia and which gets played for laughs, but in the second, where the man Emilia doesn't choose must die. At the end of A Midsummer Night's Dream a new, humane order

emerges in Athens. At the end of Tresnjak's Kinsmen, madness threatens to devour the world. Even though edited a good deal (most of Act One's gone), Kinsmen's still a mite talky. But Tresnjak's lively direction and capable work by Karen Zippler (Emily, a tragic victor), Graham Hamilton (Palamon), Brian Sgambati (Arcite), and Bree Elrod (the jailer's Ophelia-like daughter) make for one of those rare evenings in the theater when you find yourself laughing, and then wondering

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"I haven't emptied the tank for days...we

are very cautious about how we do that sort of thing," stated Jerry Fitzpatrick, tour Street bridge."

The Dave Matthews Band was indeed in Chicago for two shows, but Fitzpatrick maintains he and the tour bus were nowhere near the bridge at the time in question.

The sewage splashed onto the boat and into the eves and mouths of

buses on our tour were parked at the time of this incident.

The Dave Matthews Band (hopefully with an empty septic tank) plays Coors Amphitheatre on Thursday, August 26, at 7:00 p.m.

– Michael Hemmingson

McFarlane, Alan "Watchmen" Moore, and La Jolla comic superstar Jim Lee (Punisher, X-Men).

In the wake of Disney's successful Pirates of the Caribbean, the notion seems sound: Diamond Comics Distribution reports that the first issue of Vampyrates sold around 10,000

Donaker-Ring's character is by no means a rocker. "He's educated, refined...the last thing he wants to do is leave behind his true love Anna Marie [based on Donaker-Ring's real-world wife] and chase down horrific apparitions in the deep Atlantic. He only does it because he's broke, and it's the only way to save the family estate from anxious creditors. — Jay Allen Sanford

rock-and-roll sensibility, but

The lead character in a

new comic book from Bloodfire Studios is based on local guitarist Kevin Donaker-Ring. Vampyrates features the longtime Manual Scan and Shambles player as Doctor Kevin Ring, "a man of science and reason." In the comic, Ring helps a ship merchant track down a band of pirates who have plagued the shipping lanes and encounter a demonic race called Vampyrates vampire pirates. Vampyrates creator Jeromy Cox worked for Image Comics in the late

'80s with leading industry

talents like Todd "Spawn"



VAMPYRATES DO THEIR THING

copies — a great number in a market that has shrunk to a third of its peak in the

Cox says the comic has a

San Diego-based MusicMatch.com,

launched in September 2003, charges users \$10 per month for access to unlimited song files from its catalog of 540,000 tracks. The company claims sales of over 1 million songs per month and just closed a deal with computer giant Intel Corp. -MusicMatch media player software will be included with desktop motherboards sold by Intel to PC packagers, replacing RealNetworks Inc.'s RealPlayer. An Intel spokeswoman declined to specify why the popular RealPlayer software was dumped but noted, "The deal [with MusicMatch] is not exclusive, so we may pick up RealNetworks again in the future.'

Apple's iTunes competes with MusicMatch by offering music fans the chance to sample and purchase music files for a fee averaging 99 cents per track. The catalog currently contains 700,000 songs from all five major music companies and more than 450 independent music labels. Launched just over a year ago, iTunes has surprised many by wooing the record labels, so far selling around 70 million songs with customers currently purchasing 2.7 million songs per week, accounting for an estimated (by Apple) 70 percent market share of legal downloads for singles and albums. "Apple charges per download with no monthly fee, which gets a lot of people's attention," says Bob Ohlweiler, senior vice president for business development at MusicMatch. "But will people stick with them? What we offer is a bit harder to sell...that, for the price of buying one album, they can access an entire catalog of music that's available."

— Jay Allen Sanford

the inside track

bus driver for the Dave Matthews Band, to members of the Chicago-area press via his cell phone on August 9.

Fitzpatrick said he's not the one who dumped the waste on a First Lady Cruises ship in Chicago on Sunday, August 8. According to the August 10 edition of the Chicago Tribune, "Witnesses on the architectural sightseeing cruise told police they saw a long black tour bus dump liquid waste...as their boat crossed under the Kinzie

tourists," stated the Chicago Sun-Times. Five had to be taken to a hospital for tests.

"One witness gave Chicago police an Oregon license plate number that belongs to the 2003 Monaco Royale Coach driven by Jerry Fitzpatrick," reported Matt Drudge on his website, The Drudge Report, "who has been Matthews's tour bus driver for three years."

The group's publicist released a statement that "management had determined that all of the

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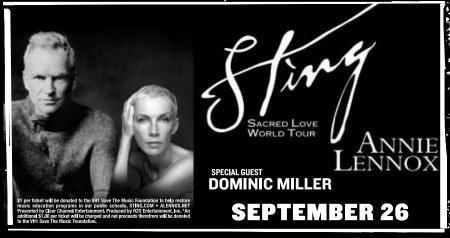




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beat juggling, originality, and crowd response. You get four minutes."

Those 12 finalists were narrowed to four, then two, who battled in the suddendeath round for \$10,000 in cash. It was down to DJs Virus and Kico.

"By the end of my set, I



DJ VIRUS TAKES CHICAGO

"I battled this hometown guy named DJ Kico. They loved him. I hadn't even gone onstage yet, and they are already booing me because I'm from San Diego."

In the guise of DJ Virus, Michael Virrey of Chula Vista will travel anywhere for a good DJ battle. Three weeks ago he made it to the finals at the annual Kool Mix DJ tournament in Chicago. The battle was between 12 winners of regional competitions flown to Chicago by Kool cigarettes. "They judge you on categories of scratching,

won over the crowd. It's like I beat out their pride and joy. They were, like, 'Damn, he's from where? San Diego? Everyone knows there's no hip-hop in San Diego.'

"It was a real good scene here in '97 and '98. Then for some reason it started dying out here. The scene still goes off in New York, Chicago, and L.A."

DJ Virus and other "battle DJs" use only vinyl records (no CDs), two turntables, and a mixer. Samplers or high-tech gizmos are not allowed. Although he started as a mobile disc jockey, DJ Virus

said his art is completely unlike a club DJ.

"'Turntablism' is not your normal mixing. There is a lot of scratching and beat juggling...to me the turntable is like an instrument, although I've never heard an instrument get played like this."

The big competitions can get serious. "It's like the Olympics." And, like the Olympics, people can get tossed out for not playing fair. "I was in a competition where a guy was ejected for hooking up an MP3 player. That's cheating. Everything has to be on vinyl."

— Ken Leighton

Eric Leitstein and Joe Longo were snowboarding in Vail, Colorado, last year when they noticed a nightclub, the Half Moon Saloon, running an operation akin to 'Canes, the bar they co-own in Mission Beach. Already joint owners of two sandbar-theme café bars, in San Diego and Florida, they decided the Vail venue would be perfect for another entertainment-oriented club.

The duo opened Sandbar Sports Grill in West Vail July 19 after remodeling the building with a sand-colored floor, barn wood and red brick walls, wooden deck tables and chairs, and fishing and surfing paraphernalia. The menu is "Baha-inspired" [sic], including fish and shrimp tacos, and of course 'Canes' signature rumdrenched Hurricanes, with intoxication levels indicated by increasingly high perdrink "storm" warnings.

The Sandbar in Vail will

feature local and national performers, including Cajun bands. Touring acts have already been booked, such as the Henry Parsons Project, the Funk Junkies, and Toaster. According to manager Dan Van Brummelen, who also worked for Half Moon, "It's a conscious attempt to capture the same lightning in a bottle you guys have out there [in San Diego], only without the beach setting. It's the same Tex-Mex theme and surfer feel, even though we have more snowboarders than surfboarders here and maybe we occasionally sneak in something we like in Colorado, like meatloaf with tomato sauce. And [customers] come in here wearing a lot more clothes than they do on the beach.'

— Jay Allen Sanford

When REO Speedwagon plays

Humphrey's August 25, their dressing room will likely be stocked with "a bowl of chilled tuna salad, one box low-fat wheat



DID EDDIE PASS ON THE BOOZE?

thins," and "two boxes Honey Maid Graham Crackers." To wash it down, 'one case Coors beer, six bottles good local beer," and six bottles Samuel Adams Ale or Porter." The band also usually requires "one box each Throat Coat Herbal, Earl Grey, and Constant Comment teas" and "one box Hall's light blue or light green Cough Drops." Who knew color and shading were important to rock star cough control, and how crowded must that tour bus be if they can't pack their own cough drops?

Van Halen didn't specify a ban on brown M&Ms while appearing at Coors Amphitheatre August 17. Their standard requirements do include "one half case premium beer (Pilsner, Corona), one pint Jack Daniel's (black label), one pint Absolut vodka, one 750

ml. Bacardi Anejo Rum, one 750 ml. tequila (the best you've got!), two bottles white wine top quality, small bottles of Grand Marnier, Cointreau," and "ingredients for Bloody Marys." They also bum their smokes with a request for one carton each of Winston Regulars and Winston Ultra-Lights cigarettes. The "one case Sharps nonalcoholic beer (must be in cans)" may be for reported teetotaler Eddie Van Halen. This information was obtained from backstage riders contracts that are a part of the performer's negotiation with a venue.

— Jay Allen Sanford

The "Rock Never Stops" 2004 tour featuring Ratt, Vince Neil, and Slaughter stopped after just one date. Patrons arriving at the Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom in New Hampshire July 23 were greeted by a sign informing them that "Vince Neil was in a car accident and broke his leg. Because of this, he will be unable to perform tonight. Both Ratt and Slaughter will still be performing."

Ticketholders who bought passes at the box office were given three options: enter to see Ratt and Slaughter and receive comp tickets to upcoming



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"The problem," according to a post on metaltemple.com, was "they weren't giving refunds [onsite]. You have to bring your receipt back to the box office or mail it with your tickets to the casino...who the fuck keeps ticket receipts?" Ticketmaster patrons were told on the casino website to "consult Ticketmaster," with no confirmation that refunds would be offered (as of this writing, they're not).

"You should have seen the stampede screaming for refunds after the show," posted FemmeFatle. "John Corabi [guitarist] from Ratt tried to sing a couple of Motley songs with Slaughter and got booed off the stage...he's not even their singer, he can't fuckin' sing! Ratt closed and they got massively booed too...it was a joke, they sucked."

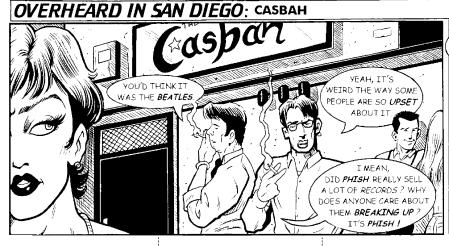
Upcoming Rock Never

Stops tour dates are tentatively canceled, other than one show still listed at Ticketmaster.com for October 1 in Westbury, New York. After the Hampton Beach show, Ratt flew direct to Winter Park, Colorado, to perform the following day at (we're not making this up) "Hawgfest."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Is Box Car Racer over?

"There's nothing to say about Box Car Racer," Kristen Worden of Rick DeVoe management said last week about the idea that the blink-182 side project with guitarist Tom DeLonge and drummer Travis Barker has



working on a new album with Box Car Racer instead he hopes to do more work with blink bassist Mark

Kut U Up's 2002 tour with blink.

When Box Car Racer (which included local guitarist David Kennedy and Riverside tattoo artist Anthony Celestino on bass) debuted two years ago, there

Riding in Vans with Boys, a

DVD feature on local band

Anthony Celestino on bass) debuted two years ago, there was talk that maybe DeLonge and Barker wanted a band with more musical heft than blink. One person close to the blink camp said Hoppus was "not stoked" about the side project.

The self-titled Box Car Racer yielded the radio hits "There Is" and "I Feel So" and was certified gold (over 500,000 units sold). Box Car performed live on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno and headlined a sold-out show at the 12,000-seat Cox

Arena in November 2002. Last week blink-182 started a tour of Japan, Australia, and the UK.

— Ken Leighton

These concert tickets

were on sale at various ticket resale websites as of August 12.

Los Lobos and the Neville Brothers, Humphrey's, August 19, section B, row 2 (includes dinner), \$185 each www.sandiegoticket.com). Face price \$44.

Keith Urban: Pechanga Theater Show Room, August 21, section A, row 3, \$255 each

(www.southbaytickets.com). Face price \$65. Toby Keith, Coors Amphitheatre, August 22, orchestra C, row A, \$665 each (www.southbaytickets. com). Face price \$60.75.

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

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Curiosa Festival with the Cure and the Rapture, Coors Amphitheatre, August 24, section 102, row B, \$308.50 each (www.advancetickets. com). Face price \$65.

REO Speedwagon, Humphrey's, August 25, section B, row 9, \$125 each (www.ticketsgalore.com). Face price \$50.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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BOX CAR PUTS ON THE BRAKES

been shelved indefinitely. DeLonge said last week on MTV's *Teen Choice Awards* that he has no plans to start Hoppus on their Resting Bird Entertainment film production company. Resting Bird produced



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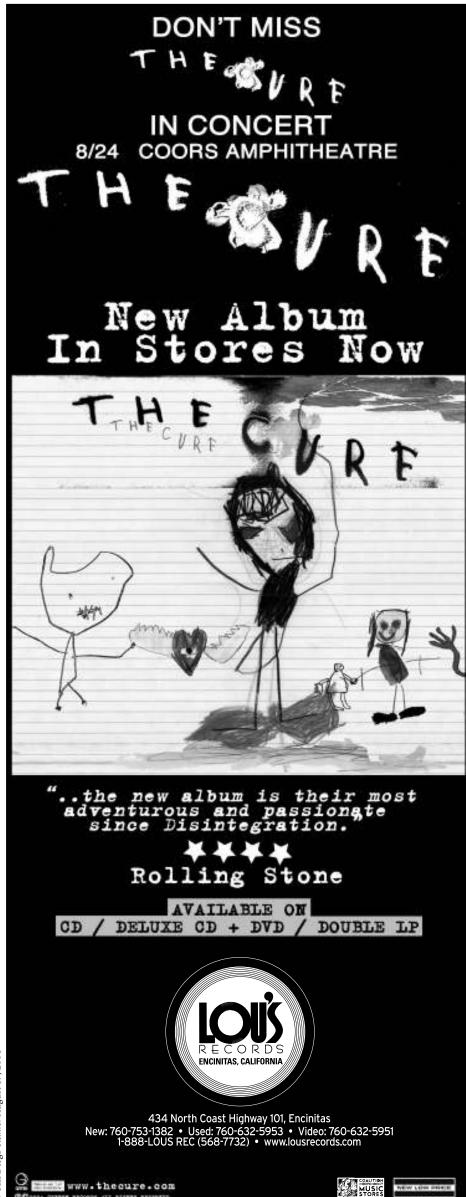
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Los Lobos [576] and the Neville **Brothers** [578]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 19, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Camper Van Beethoven: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 19, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 619-220-8497 or

FRIDAY

"Del Mar 4 O'Clock Fridays" featuring **Donavon Frankenreiter:** Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, August 20, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

SATURDAY

X: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, August 21, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Peppino D'Agostino: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, August 21, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Dokken, Hard Echo [510], and Tall: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, August 21, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Sweet & Tender Hooligans: The Casbah, Saturday, August 21, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown, 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

SUNDAY

Chaka Khan and Ledisi:

Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 22, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Four Tops [609]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Sunday, August 22, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380. Hepcat: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday,

August 22, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140. Toby Keith [771], Terri Clark, and

Scott Emerick: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, August 22, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

"Curiosa Festival" featuring the Cure, Interpol, the Rapture, Mogwai, and more: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, August 24, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Sonia Dada [477]: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, August 24, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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REO Speedwagon [509]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 25, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

AUGUST

The Dave Matthews Band [259]: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, August 26, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The Benoit Freeman Project featuring **David Benoit** and **Russ Freeman:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 26, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Asleep at the Wheel: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 26, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach 619-220-8497 or



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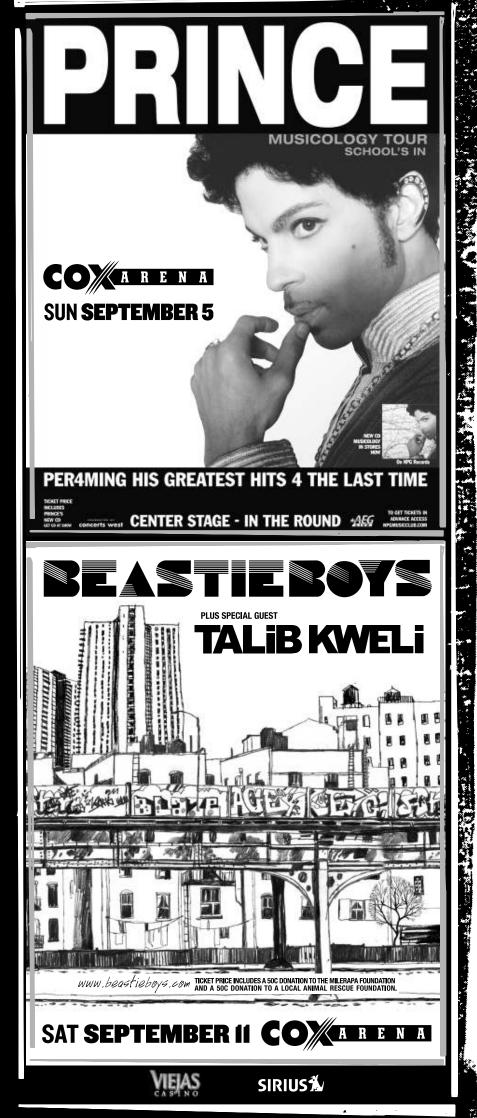
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Wynonna: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 27, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Teitur: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, August 27, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

"Street Scene 2004" featuring the Foo Fighters, Jack Johnson, Ben Harper & the Innocent Criminals [938], Social Distortion [466], Ludacris, Cypress Hill [244], the Black Eyed Peas [504], A Tribe Called Quest, P.O.D. [260], G. Love & Special Sauce, Wyclef Jean [275], Dilated Peoples, Blackalicious, Jimmy Eat World [475], Toots & the Maytals [737], Patti Smith, Slightly Stoopid [352], Galactic, Eek-A-Mouse [734], and more: Friday, August 27, and Saturday, August 28, San Diego Ballpark District, downtown.

Burt Bacharach [626]: "Summer Pops 2004," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Friday, August 27, and

Saturday, August 28, 7:30 p.m., downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-235-0804.

Lila McCann: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, August 28, 5:30 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Dave Stamey: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, August 28, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

David Byrne [431]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 29, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010

"An Evening with Siouxsie: Creatures and Banshees": 4th & B, Monday, August 30, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Doobie Brothers [561] and Gary Hoey [531]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 31, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Bebel Gilberto: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, August 31, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

SEPTEMBER

O.A.R., Guster, Howie Day, and Matt Nathanson: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, September 1, 7 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy [685]: "Summer Pops 2004," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Wednesday, September 1, 7:30 p.m., downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-235-0804.

Sarah Lee Guthrie and Johnny Irion: Acoustic Music San Diego, Wednesday, September 1, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Macy Gray [911] and G. Tom Mac: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 2, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Joe Nichols: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, September 2, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Linkin Park [529], Korn [264], Snoop Dogg [265], the Used, and Less Than Jake [132]: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, September 3, 2 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497. "Del Mar 4 O'Clock Fridays" featuring the Violent Femmes [156]: Del Mar

Femmes [156]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, September 3, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

The Duo-Tones: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, September 3, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic [997]: Copley Symphony Hall, Saturday, September 4, 8 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 1-800-268-9429.

Eek-A-Mouse [734] and **Crucial:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, September 4, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Prince: Cox Arena, Sunday, September 5, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Jimmie Vaughan: Belly Up Tavern Sunday, September 5, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Joan Osborne [587] and the Sonny Landreth Band: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 7, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"Standing in the Shadows of Motown" featuring the Funk Brothers: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 8, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Lyle Lovett [780]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 9, and Friday, September 10, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Face to Face [279], My Chemical Romance, and Seconds to Go: SOMA, Thursday, September 9, 8 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

The Beastie Boys [194] and **Talib Kweli:** Cox Arena, Saturday, September 11, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

The Samples [497]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, September 11, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Laurence Juber: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, September 11, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Jane Monheit and Willie & Lobo [674]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 12,

7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Billy Idol: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, September 12, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Keane and the **French Kicks:** Brick by Brick, Sunday, September 12, 8:30 p.m., 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

Chicago [611]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, September 13, and Tuesday, September 14, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Tackhead: The Casbah, Tuesday, September 14, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

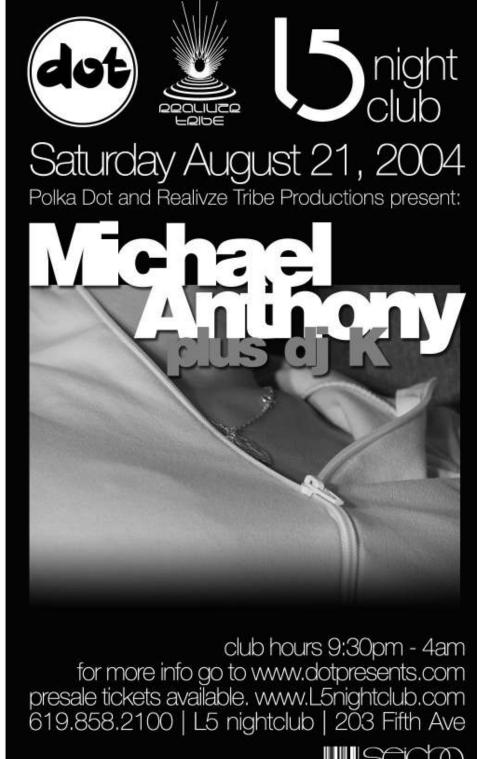
Crosby, Stills, and Nash [581]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, September 15, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Cowboy Mouth [604]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, September 15, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or

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Seal [612]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 16, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Brand Nubian: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, September 16, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Flogging Molly [316]: 4th & B, Friday, September 17, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Dickey Betts & Great Southern and the Marshall Tucker

Band [537]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 17, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Tish Hinojosa [830]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, September 17, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Christine Lavin: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Bobby Caldwell [621]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Gary Allan: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 20,

7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Ministry: 4th & B, Tuesday, September 21, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Pixies: RIMAC Arena, Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

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Jordan Knight: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, September 22, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

ZZ Top [541]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 23, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Sergio Mendes & Brasil **2004** [650]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 23, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or

Cheap Trick: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, September 23, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Richard Shindell: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, September 23, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Air and Stereolab [301]: Open Air Theatre, Friday, September 24, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.



BY DAVE GOOD

Who doesn't know Los Lobos by now? For almost three decades they have been accessible for little more than the price of a street-fair ticket. They are the kings of eclecticism; still, everybody's got an image of what Los Lobos sound like. Their secret has always been that no matter where their heads are in any given year, they can always make you dance. It would be easy to call them a roots-rock band, but Los Lobos owe as much to the accordion and the bajo sexto as they do the electric guitar and the saxophone. Along with Tex Mex, country, R&B, blues, and oldies, Los Lobos blend musica norteño into the mix. The thing to note is not that they like the old Mexican folk songs but that they perform them with ferocity equal to anything else they play.

Then again, recommending an album could be problematic. You could drop a needle at any point in Los Lobos' career and come up with a different band each time. Same core effort, but different sounds — say, from How Will the Wolf Survive? to Colossal Head.

After their label dumped them in 1996 (it's happened a few times), Los Lobos split off into side bands: Soul Disguise, Houndog, the Latin Playboys...it took them

nearly three years to regroup. But when they did they released This Time, one of their more ambitious and original records since Kiko.

I've heard criticism that Los Lobos music only works if you have some history with the band. I disagree, although their current CD The Ride sounds as if they made their own tribute album. And, pulling name



talent into the recording sessions (as they did for The Ride) usually signals a last-ditch effort to stay in the game. Whatever. Los Lobos will never be just another band from

LOS LOBOS. Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 19, 7 pm. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010. \$45.

Sting [582] and Annie Lennox: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 26, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Randy Travis [777]: Vieias Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, September 26, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Alice Stuart: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 26, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Styx [563]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 28, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Earth, Wind, and Fire: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, September 29, and Thursday, September 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

El Vez [824]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, September 30, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

OCTOBER

Tower of Power [949]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 1, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Deicide and Goatwhore: 4th & B. Monday, October 4, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Acceptance: Epicentre

Camper Van Beethoven: $\operatorname{Belly} \operatorname{Up}$

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The Dateless Losers: Sandbar Sports Grill

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The Displaced [104]: The Casbah

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Electrocrypt: Scolari's Office **Epicedium:** Brick By Brick

Exhausted Prayer: Brick By Brick

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Gatsby's American Dream:

The Guns of October: Epicentre

Gutrot: Brick By Brick

Half Pint: 'Canes

Hubris: Epicentre

Hepcat: Belly Up Tavern

The Knife in Iris: Brick By Brick Larger Than Leon: Blarney Stone

Lasai: Sandbar Sports Grill

Lift: Blind Melons

The Lost Disciples [203]: Brick By

Marah: The Casbah

Mylive: Blind Melons

Mystery Performer: Sandbar Sports

Never Been to Brooklyn: 'Canes Not Since Reagan: Winstons

Gregory Page [186]: Lestat's

The Perils of Being: $4th\ \&\ B,$

Rebirth: Blind Melons

Serious Issues: Brick By Brick

Seventrain: Brick By Brick Simon's Position: Sandbar Sports

The Snake the Cross the Crown:

The Stereotypes: The Casbah

Tall: 'Canes

3against1: Blind Melons Throwing Red Social: Blind Melons

Twenty-Year Fix: 4th & B

Undercover Slut: Scolari's Office

The Unicorns: Epicentre Unsteady: Belly Up Tavern

A Vital Few: Sandbar Sports Grill

Watching Charlie: Soma Waterline Drift: The Casbah

The Diane Waters Band: Caffeinds Lounge 634

The Waxapples: Belly Up Tavern Wayside: Sandbar Sports Grill

Winterthrawl: Brick By Brick

X: Belly Up Tavern

Your Favorite Something: Sandbar

Zero2NonE: Soma

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

The After Party: Belly Up Tavern Andreal the Artist: Blind Melons

The Bandits [451]: Tio Leo's

Big Backyard: Sandbar Sports Grill

The Big Dame Hunters: Blind

The Big Fellas: Brick By Brick

MONDAY • AUGUST 30

Blind Date: O'Connell's Pub and

Boneyard: Coyote Bar and Grill

Rufus Brown: Hennessey's Tavern

Sonia Dada [477]: Belly Up Tavern

Rheanna Downey: The Fishbowl

Brother Love [445]: Fat Katz

Critical Me: Soma, 'Canes

Dogmatic [248]: 'Canes

The Electric Waste Band:

The Evil Twins: $\operatorname{Di-mond} \operatorname{Jim's}$

Faded Chronicles: Sauid Ioe's

Matt Fowler: Blind Melons

The Friends for Heroes: Surf

Full Xposure: Dirk's Niteclub

Mike Gardner: North Bar Sports &

Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina, Cheers

The Heaving Grooves: Winstons

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's

Kat Jones: The Fishbowl Music Club

Danielle LoPresti [452]: Twiggs

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The Love Handles: Fannie's

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Nectarine [457]: Tiki House

Northstar: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last

The Purple Haze Experience: Bub's Whiskey Dive

The Quimbys: The Metaphor

Rebel Rebel: Scolari's Office

Night Shift: Boar Cross'n

One Rival: Brick By Brick

Psv-Fi: Brick By Brick

Munster Garage: Blind Melons

Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last

Fuzz-Huzzi: Blind Melons

Group Therapy: Pal Joey's

Hard Echo [510]: 'Canes

Honor Wounds: Soma

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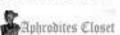
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The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II

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The Ultra Vires: 'Canes Urban Evergreen [406]: The

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Violator: Brick By Brick

Mike Warren: 'Canes

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EXTENSION 4004

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B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise
The Corvettes: Viejas Casino
Carol Curtis: Martini's Bar & Grill
Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno

Restaurant

The Funky Players: U.S. Grant Hotel

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Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits

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JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce [711]: Humphrey's, Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective:
Winstons

The Caballero-Verde Quintet:

John Cain [703]: Hotel del

The Jorge Camberos Quintet:

Bruce Cameron: Padre Gold

Benjamin Campbell: Dizzy's

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Mike Cassidy: Dizzy's

Tom Catanzaro: Dizzy's
Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I just read So You Wanna Be a Rock and Roll Star by Jacob Slichter, the drummer for Semisonic, and I'm left wondering why anyone would sign a major-label record contract. Why would you put up with the insurmountable debts, the sleazy business practices, the sheer humiliation of it all? In indie rock, Semisonic would not have had to spend \$300,000 on videos no one would ever see; the band members would not have been told that they were too old or had to go through many of the bad experiences Slichter

In indie rock, you don't even have to be very good. I mean, look at the **Unicorns**. Okay, I'm just kidding. Actually, the Unicorns are quite good. But if there's one thing this Canadian band is not, it's ambitious. Their record covers look like something a fifth grader scrawled on the cover of his three-ring binder. Their lyrics are jokey. Their songs lack structure. Their synthesizers are often out of tune. They are all men, and yet they wear a lot of pink. And still, this is one of the most huzzerdahout hands in ind

most buzzed-about bands in indieville circa now, largely because they seem to be doing everything just for the heck of it.

The Unicorns got where they are (wherever that is) through relentless touring, and that's hard work. But major-label acts have to do the same thing. The difference is a major-label band can come back from a successful tour and still owe \$1 million to its record



company. An indie band will come back from a tour owing gas money to MasterCard. The Unicorns will probably never have a huge hit like Semisonic's "Closing Time," but who knows? At least they're having fun.

UNICORNS, Epicentre, Wednesday, August 25, 7 pm. 858-271-4000 or 619-220-8497.

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Jo Dark: The German-American

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch

Deejha Marie: Caffe Calabria

Delta Nove: Winstons

Donnie Finnell & Co. East: Bistro 221

Glen Fisher: Dizzy's

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The Flounders: The Calypso Cafe

Larry Fogel: Moray's Lounge **Janet Hammer:** The Wyndham

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Coronado

The Jazz Project Big Band: Padre Gold

The Sam Johnson Jazz Trio: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

Simon Kafka: Dizzy's

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Mark Losaman: Coyote Bar and

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Sean McVicker: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Chris Mees: Dizzy's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Ba

The Mirage Big Band: Viejas

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

David Negrete: Dizzy's

Steve O'Conner & Friends: Rama
Thai Restaurant

Sue Palmer [641]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, Caffe Calabria

Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill

Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar Real to Reel: Humphrey's Ritmo Caliente: Sevilla

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel,

Sambada: Winstons

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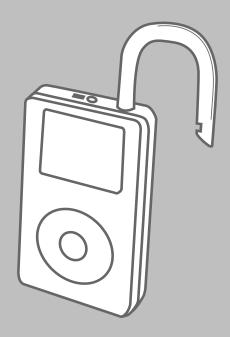
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The Tribe of Kings: Martini Ranch

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Calico Ridge: Mulvaney's Hill Country: Renegade Inn

Two-Lane Highway: Don's Cocktail

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Angela Correa [876]: Lestat's

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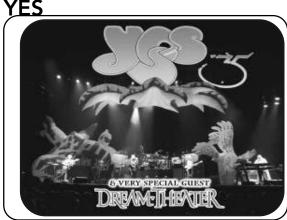
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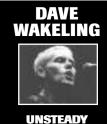


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Price/Where Available: Amazon.com for \$15.98 Band members: Brian Fahey (drums), Dave Gonzalez (guitar, vocals), Thomas Yearsley (vocals, bass)

Extra Info: The Paladins have been performing together since the mid-'70s and spend most of their time on the road. They released their first album in 1986.

Website: www.thepaladins.com

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While their sound is not inventive, it is certainly pleasant. Led by guitarist Dave Gonzales, each cut is rooted in a mellow framework, though most still manage to pack a punch. The album is loud, opening with the instrumental "El Matador." There are no long guitar solos here instead the guvs opt for short. sweet, and melodic. In addition to some excellent hooks, the instrumentation is solid. Bassist Thomas Yearslev creates a deep acoustic richness behind each tune, twisting each note into a concise statement and employing both humor and rhythm effectively.

Things slow down halfway through the disc with "Will It Ever Get Easier," one of the Paladins' softer acoustic numbers. Several songs are somewhat comic in their approach. as with the perky "Lookin' for a Girl Like You," a quintessential feel-good rocker: "Well, I know you want to give me all your love / and it's true I really need some bad / and I think you



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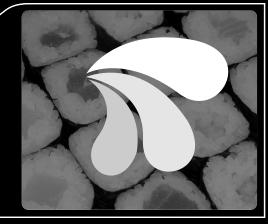
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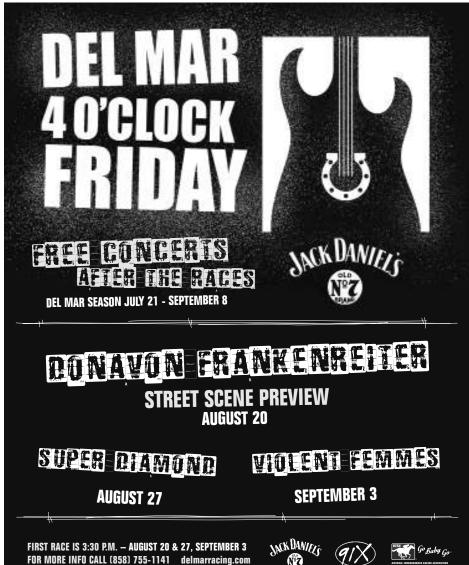
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Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Ouartet.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., Matthew Stewart, Simeon Flick, Danielle LoPresti, and Alicia Champion. Friday, Jane, the Coyote Problem, Dave's Son, Terry Matsuoka, and Isaac Cheong. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Aaron Bowen, Tristan Prettyman, Jen Knight, Jen Chapin, Michelle Lewis, and Rachael Sage. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Celtic Ensemble. 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Tony Taravella, jazz.

DOWNTOWN

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books & Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 9 p.m., *Radio Free Earth*. acoustic.

Caffeinds Lounge 634, 634 Broadway, downtown. 858-274-7605. Saturday, 9 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Diane Waters Rand* alternative resk/pop.



MUSIC ➤ piano bar, karaoke-style sing-along

SPECIAL NIGHTS ➤ only on holidays (like Easter brunch)

CLIENTELE ➤ all ages until 10:00 p.m. when the kitchen closes; mostly tourists staying here; some families; average age mid-40s; 80% Caucasian, 10% African-American, 5% Asian, 5% Latino

COVER ➤ none (but you have to buy at least one drink)

HOURS ➤ Monday, closed; Tuesday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m.—midnight; Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m.—midnight; Sunday, 7:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m. ("maybe 11:30 if we're busy," manager Catherine Darcis tells me)

DRINKS ➤ on tap, including Miller, Miller Lite, Sam Adams, Sam Adams Summer Ale, Murphy's (a dark Irish beer); happy hour Monday through

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lounge: there are four other

restaurants at the resort

ACCESS ➤ this is the first place you'll see when you take the 163 exit for Hotel Circle (at Convention Center); large parking lot (you get validated for three hours); trolley station within walking distance (in Fashion Valley), bus stops nearby

DRESS ➤ no dress code; the crowd was a mix of people: some dressed up (possibly from dinner in steakhouse) and tourists in shorts

with black socks and sandals; only one T-shirt ("JCC Basketball Champions")

DANCE FLOOR ➤ none
FIRE EXITS ➤ three; two
entrances from the lounge and a
third exit that goes into restaurant
BATHROOMS ➤ men's has one
urinal (auto flush) and one stall;
women's has two stalls; both have
one large sink with liquid soap,
paper towels, and a mirror; both
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looks as if it could hold 100 easily

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ the resort has
a full-service salon and spa,
ballroom dancing in one hall,
meeting rooms, and it is next to a
golf course and the Fashion Valley
mall

CAPACITY ➤ I'm told 50, but

FURNISHINGS ➤ old-fashioned popcorn machine (free popcorn), two TVs, piano, four tables, one booth, 25 seats at the bar, and an ATM; three walls have mirrors, one wall has windows (into restaurant); candle on each table

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 110 when someone sang "Bridge over Troubled Water," Joe Cromwell on

piano; last week 109 at Cheers in Ramona

WEIRDEST BAND NAME ➤ N/A (it's all piano players here: Paul Gregg, Kyla Black...)

QUOTABLE > "I can't believe I haven't heard a single Billy Joel song."

I was surprisingly entertained by this piano bar. They have seats all around the piano. Anyone can request a song to sing, and the piano player will play it.

Sometimes the pianist will play and sing the songs himself, other times he'll ask for requests. I heard somebody yell, "Do something from *Guys and Dolls!*"

Kelly's sounded better than a place that has just karaoke, and it's not at all like Bill Murray doing that lame lounge singer on Saturday Night Live. You may hear the standards — I heard "Moon River" as I walked to the bathroom. I loved the version of "Da Do Ron Ron" and my all-time favorite Sam Cooke song, "Bring It on Home to Me."

– Josh Board

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Marah and Urban Evergreen. Friday, the Paladins. Saturday, Sweet & Tender and Hooligans. Sunday, Waterline Drift, the Displaced, and the Stereotypes.

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-418-8858. Call club for information.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the David Patrone Jazz Quartet. Friday, Yavaz. Saturday, Primo. Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Camberos Quintet.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, Sue Palmer, jazz/swing. Saturday, Agua Dulce, Latin jazz.

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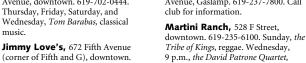
(corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday, 9:45 p.m., and Sunday, 6:30 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, 9:45 p.m., Superfunk Fantasy, disco/Top 40. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Mystique, jazz, funk, R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., the Soul Revue, Top 40.

The Latin Room, 560 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-237-7800. Call club for information.

Tribe of Kings, reggae. Wednesday, 9 p.m., the David Patrone Quartet,

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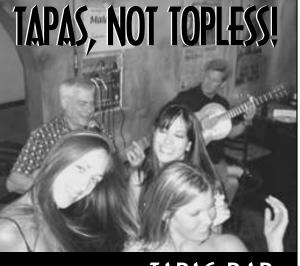
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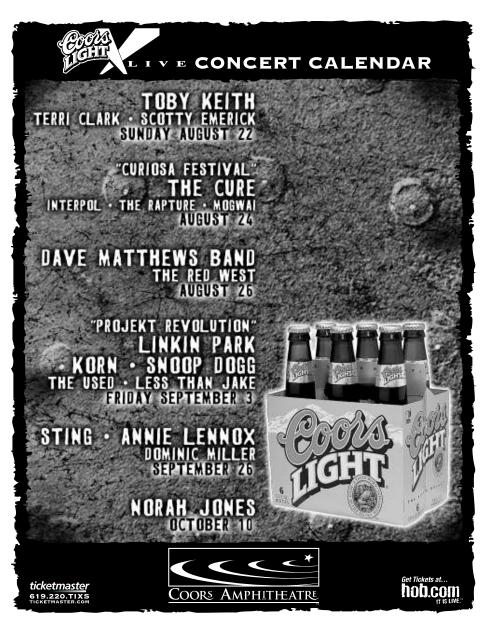
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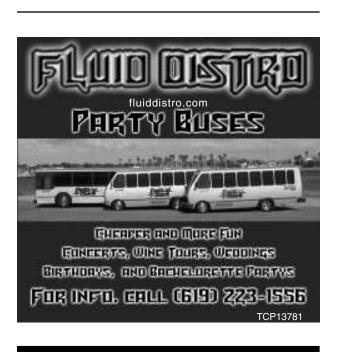
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Hunan restaurant has two menus, but they are not segregated by region. The plastic-coated main menu offers à la carte dishes and American-Cantonese "family dinners" (complete with egg roll). An attached single-spaced sheet of paper presents "Hunan Family Special Dinner[s]" for two or more. These offer a choice of one soup for your group, plus any of 64 entrées priced at \$9 apiece.

Dishes from both provinces mingle on the two menus, sometimes reappearing under different names. (Szechuan Tofu in plastic, for instance, becomes Ma Po Tofu on paper, with the same ideograms for their Chinese titles.) If you want to delve into the cuisine of one province or the other, you'll have to read for regional designations in the dish titles, or ask your server for help (good luck!).

My posse and I decided to split the regions down the middle, ordering half our meal from Szechuan, half from Hunan, and sharing dishes as if we were any other Chinese family. We began with Szechuan-style Three Shreds with Sizzling Rice Soup. Sizzling rice soup evolved as a way to use the cake of rice left at the bottom of the rice pot. Restaurants now make the rice cake on purpose. The kitchen reheated it until it was as crisp and fragrant as popcorn. The waitress brought it with a tureen of soup and immersed the cake in the simmering liquid, where it hissed and sizzled. The rice tasted nutty, and the clear chicken broth carried a freight of green onion, chicken, and shiitake mushroom shreds.

Tea-smoked duck is typical Hunanese fare. Cooks in Hunan love to slow-smoke meats and poultry and employ multistep preparations that add layers of flavor to the final dish. The bird is steamed, marinated, and then smoked over black



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tea leaves and seasonings. Smoke flavor permeates the flesh, while slow heat dissolves most of the fat, leaving the millimeter-thick layer under the skin. To finish, the duck is reheated by a flash deep-fry, which crisps the skin. Chopped scallions and a hoisin sauce dip top

off the feast.

After the soup, our dishes reached the table in rapid succession, covering all available space,

spilling over to the vacant table next to ours, and getting cold before we could taste them. We asked the kitchen to slow down. It didn't happen. Next time, we'll order two dishes at a time and tolerate the waits between visits.

One of my favorite Szechuanese dishes is twice-cooked pork. It gets its name from a double-cooking process: First the meat is simmered, then it's sliced and stir-fried. When we ordered it, the waitress asked, "Szechuan pork or regular?" The Schechuan version (which we chose) is made with pork belly (unsmoked bacon), while the American rendition uses lean loin. The flavors were zesty — but not as peppery as I expected. Even though

half our group were of Asian ancestry, the kitchen at Hunan has learned to default to the suburban comfort zone of spiciness. Adding hot sauce from table condiments doesn't have the same impact.

A couple of vegetarian entrées were stand-

outs. Eggplant Hunan-style consists of soft chunks of Asian eggplants in a rich, slightly sweet, dark-brown sauce. Szechuan-style shredded potatoes are cut into shoestring

fries the length of spaghetti and sautéed until they're heated through. The centers remain crunchy. It sounds weird, but it tastes wonderful, once you get used to the idea of eating half-raw spuds. We opted for a version garnished with minced Szechuan pickled vegetables (several species of mustard greens). The pickling vinegar mingled with the residual oil from the frying, forming a spontaneous vinaigrette. The plate was garnished with smoky-tasting, deep-fried, dried chiles, similar to those in Kung Pao dishes.

Without warning (no mention on the menu), brown gravies invaded our table in hordes. "Whoops, looks like we've fallen into a 'brown sauce

Hunan ★★ (Good)

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16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131

HOURS: Daily lunch, 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.; dinner, 5:00–9:00 p.m.

PRICES: Entrées average \$9 including soup; noodle and rice dishes, \$5.75; special American-Chinese set-menu "family dinners," \$10–\$13.55 per person.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Chinese specialties from Hunan and Szechuan provinces, with the spiciness played down. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines.

PICK HITS: tea-smoked duck; eggplant Hunanstyle; shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables. NEED TO KNOW: Casual family atmosphere. Over 20 vegan entrées. Accommodating but limited-English staff. Order a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once.

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joint," said one of my party, as the platters cloaked in soy mixtures multiplied.

These dishes tasted as if the two chefs were sharing the same broth. A Szechuan-style braised fish fillet featured slices of tilapia in a carrot-flecked brown gravy thickened with cornstarch. It was pleasant tasting but bore little resemblance to the same-named dish that I enjoyed at a Szechuan restaurant in Kowloon. Tasting similar was the cornstarch-free glaze, concentrated by reduction, that moistened a Hunan scallop sizzling platter, cooked and served on a heated iron tray. The watery scallops were a more serious problem than the nondescript sauce. Sour Garlic Chicken featured another brown sauce — a thick gravy enlivened by a spike of vinegar but minimal hot pepper. In no way did its flavors resemble any



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Hunanese food I've eaten else-

For the most part, I found the Szechuan dishes here tastier and more authentic than those purported to be from Hunan. Yet, except for a handful of entrées, you'd be challenged to distinguish between the two cuisines as they're cooked at Hunan, unless you're familiar with both.

HUNANESE FOOD AT HOME AND IN AMERICA

Our local Hunan is run by Jennifer Briggs, former manager of tiny Spicy City on Convoy Street. She was away on vacation at the time of this writing, so instead let's talk about the history of Hunanese cuisine.

Open 4 pm on Friday,

3 pm on Saturday

The first Hunanese eatery to reach America arrived 30 years ago, when Henry and Diana Chung opened Hunan Restaurant in San Francisco's Chinatown. A couple of years later, *New Yorker* writer Tony Hiss named the cramped storefront "the best Chinese restaurant in the world." These words ignited a short-lived explosion of Hunanese restaurants — or at least of restaurants claiming to serve that cuisine.

Most of their chefs were actually from Guangdong, Beijing, or, at best, Szechuan, because natives of Hunan rarely emigrate. While the Hunanese craze fizzled out elsewhere, in San Francisco, the Chung's authentic restaurant relocated

to a big building in the financial district and eventually evolved into a mini-chain. During the years when I ate at the counter of the original Hunan, Henry Chung taught me a great deal about Hunanese cooking. His words, the food he cooked there, and the cookbook he wrote are the sources for this discussion.

Hunan, the birthplace of Mao Tse-tung, is a mountainous inland province the size of Ohio, tucked between Guangdong (Canton) and Szechuan in south central China. It's cold and rainy in winter, hot and humid in the summer. Its population wouldn't have it any other way. "Hunan has the richest farming land in China,"

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wrote Tony Hiss in his introduction to *Henry Chung's Hunan Style Chinese Cookbook* (Harmony Books, 1978). "It is the only province in China whose people have always had three square meals a day... This is, of course, the reason why the Hunanese — including most of their best cooks — stay in Hunan."

Along with vegetables, the diet of Hunan includes pork, poultry, fish raised in the farmers' ponds or netted from the four rivers that flow into the Tung Ting Lake. Beef isn't a favored meat: to paraphrase Chung, people would rather have their oxen alive to pull plows. Unlike Szechuan, which is more dependent on dried and pickled

ingredients, Hunanese food is seasonal, with most dishes adapted to use fresh ingredients of the current harvest. Dried seafood from the coast is valued at gala feasts, however, in part, I learned, because its high price demonstrates the host's generosity.

Central to the Hunanese kitchen is the scorching Hunan chile pepper. "All Hunan people have one thing in common," wrote Chung, "that is, love of hot pepper." Chiles warm the belly during the cold, wet months, Chung explains, and in summer, they rouse languid appetites and produce cooling perspiration. They also provide a flavor jolt to substitute for salt, which is expensive so far inland.

Complementing the hot peppers are toasted sesame oil, fermented black beans, garlic and leek greens, black pepper, scallions, ginger, star anise, chicken broth, white vinegar, soy sauce, and dry white wine — and a bottled condiment borrowed from the neighbors, Szechuan spicy bean sauce. Soy sauce is used sparingly in stirfries but is employed in "red-cooked" meat braises. Hunanese cooks use less oil than Szechuanese, little cornstarch, less sugar — and no MSG. As Chung points out, any grandma (or chef) caught possessing the stuff would be the laughingstock of the village, since Hunan's food is supposed to have plenty of flavor without it.











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I half expect the joint to be swinging with ruby miners dancing a clog dance.

ey, buddy, where in hell's name are we?"
Hank doesn't answer. We're driving down this winding road

through a forest. I mean, real forest. We're completely canopied over with live oaks. It's a green,

green world in here. Got to admit, it's beautiful, specially with the afternoon sun slanting through, but I'm starting to feel woozy, all these

"How the heck would I know?" Hank says, finally. He's just hauled us out of a little mining place that sells gems. We

wanted to see the mine. Go down, hack out a couple of rubies, whatever. But no. Wrong mine. We needed the Stewart Mine, they said. You can do dude mining there.

So we've been coming down Live Oak Park Road; now it's turned into Reche Road. Sherwood Forest, more like. Trees, trees, trees.

"Let's just turn around. Forget it," says Hank.

"Hey! Here! Turn off here!"

"The ruby mine?"

"No, no. A gold mine. Look, dude, food. Grandma's place in the middle of the woods.

Hank swerves off the narrow blacktop and up into a hillside clearing.

Okay. It's not Grandma's, like, little ol' thatched cottage. When the dust clears, we see a cream-colored metal-shed-looking place with a kind of long gazebo built in front. It all looks out into the canopy of live oaks.

'But is Grandma home?" says Hank.

Seems deserted. Except I can hear chopping sounds coming from behind the door. And now faint Mexican music drifts out.

"Hey, dude. Recognize the tune? 'Ay, Papacito.' Alicia Villareal.'

"So they're playing Mexican tunes. Don't mean they're open. Go see. If you're not back in five minutes..

A California vulture circles above the trees as I crunch across

the gravel. I swing the screen door open.

¡Ay, papacito!

I half expect the joint to be swinging with ruby miners dancing a clog dance with each other. But, no. It's just one guy behind the counter, chopping giant carrots up in time to the tune, singing away.

Guy nods, keeps on chopping. I lean out, give Hank the thumbs up.

'Oh, wow," he says when he bangs in the door. The place is painted sky blue and white. Bud and Bud Light posters plaster the walls, along with a bunch of señorita babes looking down on us from a Modelo beer poster. "¡Sus Modelos, Señores!"

The guy stands at the counter now, waiting to take our orders. I notice trophies packing the display cabinet below. Baseball, soccer. Above, the usual list of Mexican fare. But, state of my hunger, they all look great. Combination plates include tostada and beef taco, two fish tacos, and burrito and enchilada. All come with rice and beans, all cost \$5.25. Combos like chorizo or carne asada or carnitas (pork) cost \$5.75. A machaca torta is \$3.25, carne asada burrito runs \$3.50, and you can get four rolled tacos with a bit of shredded beef and lettuce for as little as \$1.80.

You can also get beers. Negra Modelo, Modelo, Bud.

"Hey, cerveza!" says Hank.

But then he thinks narrow road, curves. He orders a jamaica (hibiscus flower drink, \$1.50) and a number five. Taco and enchilada combo, \$5.25. I'm still trying to decide when this gal, Melissa, comes in, ear cocked to a cell phone. She orders a carne asada burrito (\$3.50) with 50 cents' extra guacamole and lettuce, and a Negra Modelo beer (\$2.50). "I just come down here to get away," she says. "Fallbrook's only five minutes north if the traffic's light and the lights are right.' Then she's back into her cell. "Look, I have lots of coping skills," she tells someone. "It's better than waiting for bad things to happen.

I end up ordering a chorizo burrito (\$3.25), a fish taco (\$2.30), and an horchata (the sweet rice drink, \$1.50). Hank wants a little side of jalapeños and hot carrots (50 cents), but Felipe, the guy behind the counter, says all those carrots he's been chopping will need a good 24 hours to soak in their brine.

So we end up chowing down at a corner table, looking out at the green world. "Man, what a

great place to spend a couple of hours at sunset, couple of Negra Modelos, couple of friends, right?" I say. Hank nods. "The food's good," he says. "Honest. That's what counts." I like my chorizo well enough, but one bite into my fish taco and I know I should have gone fish taco all the way. Oh, man. Eat your heart out, Rubio's.

Felipe says there's no secret. The sauce mix in the fish taco is just sweet pickles, mayonnaise, and salsa. "Hey, don't spoil it, man," I say. "You've got some secret ingredient in there." Or maybe it's just the Food in the Forest effect. Everything tastes great.

"I bet this gets crowded around sunset. Music, dancing. Pretty wild," Hank says.

But Felipe says lunch is his basic business, for local avocado farm laborers. "And our busiest is Sunday morning, when all the workers who live nearby come in for our menudo. We cook 150 pounds of it every Sunday." He points to a giant three-foot-high pot. Wow. Talk about a morning-after pill.

Turns out the trophies are all Felipe's and his brothers'. "I won the soccer one with our team, La Venta, in 2000. My brother, the family, has had this place for the last 7 years. But it has been going 30 years, more, forever," he says.

Hank is sold. "We're definitely coming back,"

We're at the door. "Hey, ask Felipe about the

Stewart Mine," I say.
"Forget it," Hank says. "We're full. Who needs rubies?" ■

The Place: El Parque, 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook (760-731-2775)

Type of Food: Mexican

Prices: Tostada and beef taco with rice and beans, \$5.25; two fish tacos, rice, and beans, \$5.25; burrito and enchilada, \$5.25; chorizo, carne asada, or carnitas (pork) combos, \$5.75; machaca torta, \$3.25; carne asada burrito, \$3.50; four rolled tacos, \$1.80; chorizo burrito, \$3.25; fish taco, \$2.30

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Wine tends more toward temperance than its liquorish cousins.

ichardson Wright, in his charming Bed-Book of Eating and Drinking (1943), calls Book of Eating and Dilliang (2027), English Wine and Food Society founder Andre Simon "the French-Anglo leader of the discerning palates." Wright relates a story in

which Simon, served two different vintages of the same wine blind, proved able to identify by taste both the wine and the vintages — 1872 and '78. He also quotes Simon on the subject of excess in the matter of wine," and in so doing shows him to be a man after my own heart. Excess,

says Simon, "cannot be gauged in terms of quantity. It depends entirely on the nature of individual wines and the disposition of individual drinkers." Simon does include this caveat: "The average wine drinker would be likely to consider anything over and above a bottle a day as excess in the matter of wine" — a thoroughly reasonable estimate.

The Bed-Book, while it does argue that wine is an alcoholic beverage that tends more toward temperance than its liquorish cousins, is no piece of propaganda. On the matter of excess, it cheerfully admits that "whereas we are accustomed, in this later generation, to drink claret with our meals, the Irish country gentry of the early 18th century drank it after. There was a time in Ireland when, apart from riding splendid horses, the chief sports were dueling and drinking great quantities of an inferior Bordeaux. No gentleman could maintain his title as such unless he drank glass to glass with the others. Failing to do so might bring on a duel the next day; to spurn a host's hospitality was an offense fit to call for shooting irons."

It provides, by way of example, the story of one Beauchamp

Bagenal of Dunleckey House in County Cork. At his feasts, writes Wright, "all seated, the master entered carrying with him a brace of pistols which he laid beside his plate. When they had stuffed

themselves to repletion, footmen brought a cask of claret and set it at the other end of the dining room. This was a signal for Bagenal to extend his ultimate gesture of hospitality — he raised one of the pistols and shot out the bung. The other bullet, it is said, he kept for those who failed to do justice to his wine.

Other, less lethal households imposed more obvious penalties. "There were those lusty dinners in the great houses of 18th-century Ireland where a huge goblet called a 'Constable' was placed on the table to terrorize those who flinched their glasses. Let a man fail to keep up with the others on these claret bouts," reports Wright, "and he was forced to down the Constable filled to the brim.'

Richardson Wright and Andre Simon were friends, which may or may not explain the presence of the Bed-Book in UCSD's portion of the American Institute of Wine and Food's library. The seed for that library was Simon's own book collection, which was later purchased and augmented by Eleanor Lowenstein. Lowenstein sold it to a Harvard professor, who then sold it to the AIWF, which then stashed the books at UC Santa Bar-AIWF bara. When co-founder Julia Child's dream of a gastronomic academy at UCSB got sideswiped by scoffing faculty and regime change at the university, the books ended up being divided between UCSD and Radcliffe.

California got the old wine stuff, happily, along with some more recent gems, the Bed-Book among them. Wright classifies wine writers into the breathless ecstatics, the insufferably superior, and the true believers. He puts Simon in the third group, and if he were a little less modest, he might have included himself. His own appreciation of the grape came early, even before he was allowed to partake. "On Christmas Eve," he recalls, "before we children went to bed, our father used to set out a bottle of wine for Santa Claus to drink while he was trimming the tree and arranging the presents. Invariably, on Christmas morning, he could show us the empty bottle!"

Even in 1943, the old "wine-snobs vs. the unwashed masses" division was in place, and Wright handles it with aplomb. On the one hand, he has little patience for the elitists. "When the dawn came after Prohibition, most Americans were completely bewildered by the high-falutin' talk of alleged wine experts who mentioned only great wines and vintages. Anything below an Ausone 1923 or a Hermitage 1874 apparently never

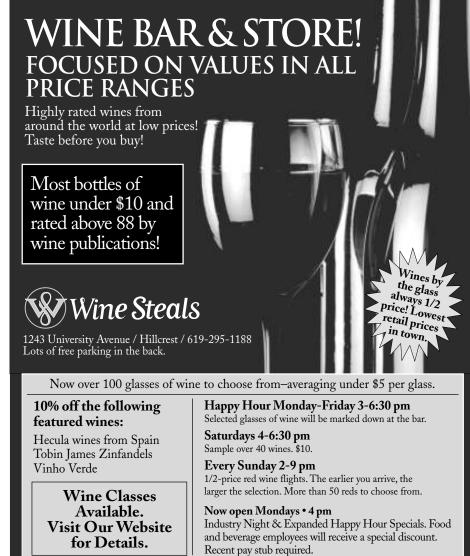
passed their lips. This was all Greek to most Yankees, who were willing to try wine with their meals, but all this bated-breath talk of vintages drove them back to what they knew — dry Martinis, Bourbon straight, and blended Rye. The sane drinker uses an ordinary good wine for daily use."

At the same time, he is willing to admit distinctions. "We must remember that in France, the world's greatest wine-drinking country, the average man never tastes a great wine. He couldn't afford it, and, if he could, it is doubtful whether his palate...would be capable of enjoying the subtleties of a great wine. This I learned to my grief some years back in trying to honor a distinguished French scientist of the upper middle class with my last bottle of Batard-Montrachet '23. He drank it without comment. When I asked him if he knew the wine, he said he hadn't the foggiest notion except that it was unusually good." Later, he admits to holding back his best bottles for appropriate company, saying that it is not snobbery but common sense that leads him to match superior wine to superior palates.

While he is on the subject of dining with wine, he lays out an opinion that I have encountered only once before (and never in print), one that I have always been inclined to believe. "The planning of a distinguished meal can be approached from two different angles," he







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writes. "Either you choose the dishes first and then the wine or wines to accompany them or else select the wines and have the dishes that are suitable for them. It is axiomatic that the better the wine, the simpler the food. When two alimentary aristocrats meet. one must give way to the other. So few people seem to consider this fact; indeed, Americans rarely appreciate the nicety of balance that makes up the perfect meal." Simpler wine with fancier food might sound like heresy to a celebrity chef, but Wright is forthright about his preference for home cooking, a realm free from market pressures.

He expresses that preference best in the following anecdote: "A group of ardent gourmets were sitting around the other day discussing the meals they most enjoy. They were men and women who had eaten magnificently in a dozen or so foreign lands and in most of our own centers of

sectional gastronomy. They had lapped up bouillabaisse on its native Marseilles heath and waded in the abundance of Russian caviar in Leningrad.... And what were their most enjoyable meals? Those snitched from the icebox after arriving at home from the theater or a party. The choice? Cold turkey and a bottle of champagne that really shouldn't have been opened, but saved for a more partified occasion.'

Wright relates that seminal wine writer Frank Schoonmaker said that "in his opinion, fully 50 percent of the wine produced in France is perfectly terrible." He reveals that importing giant Frederick Wildman made a practice of stepping out for a palatecleansing cigarette after every six tastings in the cellars of Burgundy. He professes a fondness for Ohio Catawba along with his love for red Burgundy and Chateau D'Yquem and warns consumers not to overlook Spain. And he includes tasty morsels such as this one: "And what did Horace say to the Romans when he heard that Cleopatra was dead? Nunc est bibendum! Now is the time to drink!" Cheers. ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Mid-dle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish ke bab is the house specialty, a "loss leader' featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese kibbe (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her kashta lea dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rose

water syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great "Armenian salad" and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egglemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Live music and belly dancer weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/03)

Bird House Grill 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with bird-cages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all over. The most popular order is the "Su-per Combo Plate" of charbroiled gyro meat, kofte (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and *tzatziki*, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill and a thick, luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable kebab or the house special *Iskender* kebab, dressed with tomato sauce and billows of the terrific yogurt. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. – N.W. (9/01)

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. The restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room, Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/00)

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo **Tepatitlan** 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy

little taqueria, where the food's cooked n the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalaiara. Its local specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, nonreasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro laden mild tomato salsita. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer"—it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans our cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the side walk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of imu-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to musubi (Spam sushi), with a donuts) to *musuot* (Spam susn), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch early dinner. Inexpensive. N.W. (10/01)

Rosanna's Italian Deli and Trat**toria** 806 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-0738. Long-time deli Rosanna's has grown into a full-service

restaurant. The chef-owner couple, Jeanouis and Rosanna Martin, are from France and Venice respectively, but their menu covers the map of Italy, with dishes from nearly every region. You can't go wrong with pastas like *rigatoni alla norcina* or the lighter-than-usual *lasagna* della casa done in Bolognese style. Save room for one of the ethereal custardy desserts, perhaps a panna cotta or bavarese. Best seats in the house are on the front and back patios way 101 is quieter than the charmingly rustic but rackety interior. Vegetarian friendly, with nearly 20 meatless pastas and pizzas. Wheelchair access to rest rooms requires help. Lunch and dinner daily. Pastas and pizzas low moderate, entrées upper moderate.

N.W. (12/03)

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery; the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the veganveggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a wholewheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other

healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke



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When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressycasual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi poké and excellent chicken katsu; the kalbi short ribs are tough, though, Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (8/03)

Centre City Cafe 1680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffeeshop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — N.W. (9/03)

Chieu-Anh Vietnamese Cuisine 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10 (Rancho Bernardo Town Center), Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. This very pretty restaurant in an attractive Asianthemed mini-mall offers South Vietnamese specialties rarely found in the North Inland area. Not all dishes on the lengthy menu are equally successful, though. Among the best are the "royal egg roll" wrapped around a shrimp, the pineapple-sweetened "tangy and sour" soups, the tender roast Cornish hen with Five Spices seasoning and the catfish clay pot with herbs. The crêpes are a good bet, too. In salads and stir-fried dishes, though, the kitchen may overcook red meats until tough, and sauces can be heavy with cornstarch. Incidentally, don't look for pho on the dinner menu — it's served at lunch only. Numerous vegetarian choices. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday



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The Fireside 439 West Washington Avenue (at Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as "North County's Finest Steak House." It also seems to be the area's community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub, poolroom, and meeting rooms for many lodges. The dining room is large and lovely, plush and quiet, with soft lighting, a freestanding central fireplace, and seating in cushy booths. The menu is part steakhouse, part 1975 French Continental — think duck à l'orange, tourne-dos rossini, breaded rack of lamb — by now, these are American comfort foods. Steaks and roast beef are juicy USDA Choice cooked to your preference. The simpler appetizers and side dishes are mainly more successful than the fancy choices. Dinners include house-made soup or salad. Bargains include weeknight twilight dinners, weeknight prix fixe dinner for two, and à la carte sides for just a pittance. Good handicap access. Casual-dressy atmosphere; full bar. Lunch and dinner seven days. Moderate. — N.W. (9/03)

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from

standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown—not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor—this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Three vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — N.W. (9/03)

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients including certified organic rye and whole wheat that are stoneground at the bakery. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours — F. W.

GOLD COAST

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cappucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

Ruth's Chris Steak House, Del Mar 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — E.W. (6/00)

LA JOLLA

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and

toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

Donovan's Steak And Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666, At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with housemade tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-pan-eling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (University Towne Center), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef,

chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braze on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. This country-style Italian restaurant serves admirable Italian dishes with light sauces and moderate prices. Not-to-be-missed items are the daily soups, rotisserie chicken and garlic mashed potatoes, vegetarian lasagne with zucchini, and ravioli with lemon sauce. Saturday and Sunday à la carte brunch offers 11 items, including pizza. Patio dining for all meals. Superb service. Arrive early for more leisurely dining. Very crowded weekends. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate

ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras tor-chon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" weeknights. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — *N.W.* (9/03)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Boo Cho Korean Barbecue 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The galbi (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called pan chan), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean dinners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order vour main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Ko-





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IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (tong galbi) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef gui). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in gar-licky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (yukhwoe). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — M.N. (12/99)

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The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays, lunch and dinner until mid-night; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. –

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just \$1.98 — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you—pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/04)

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985, Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else - supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers, and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican Black Bass). If ambition occa-

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French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725, This pleasant, airy dining room serves French

food with California influences. It's light, good-tasting, and easy on your purse. Breakfast items and lunch are served simultaneously. Ravishing desserts and bakery at one end of the restaurant. Open daily, Moderate. — E.W.

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *ca*marones borrachos are big white shrimp

cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/02) Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont

Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and

many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W.* (2/03)

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to

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Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weedends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Chicken Pie Shop Of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lin-ing the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — M.N. (8/99)

Old Mill Cafe 3949 Ohio Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-294-3804. The best-kept secret in North Park looks like a Swiss chalet inside, but serves 1950s American eats in big platefuls. Breakfast buffs should check out the pork chops with two eggs, potatoes, and toast, or biscuits and gravy, or the famous pigs in a blanket (three

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Rib Masters Express 4297 Market Street (at 43rd Street), Chollas View, 619-262-7993. They split Hermie's Market to create this Chicago-style BBQ, New Orleans-style Southern food joint. It started off short on facilities (like no tables), but long on great food. This is the baby of Tony Seales, the San Diego pro heavyweight boxer. Tony's originally from Chicago. He knows ribs, and he invented his own BBQ sauce recipe; even his employees don't know the formula. But try it on cheap deals like the BBQ chicken sandwich. Add other great deals like collard greens, red beans and rice, jambalaya, spicy spaghetti, sweet potato pie, macaroni and cheese, and that ohso-delicious peach cobbler. Then, of course, there's the ribs themselves. Everything available "to go." Lunch to early dinner, seven days. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.B. (10/02)

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Geno's West Coast Style Barbe**cue** 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBO place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: "Round-up" (mild), "Giddy up" (spicy), or "Stampede" (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shred-ded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and corn-bread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open for lunch and early dinner six days, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Sham Rocks Shack Bar & Grill 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in

back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food — yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalepeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to "please don't steal the forks." But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Stone Ground Coffee Works 8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-698-4217. If the odd ghost doesn't bother you, this light-fare eatery (located beneath a reputed ex-house of joy) is a great place to bring your book or lap-top, slurp coffee, and munch. The food is basically sandwiches, soup, salad, but it's all good and homemade. Try the turkey, avocado and bacon sandwich on dark squawbread, or the toasted tuna melt with tomato, cheese, and avocado. Half-sandwiches available. Other pluses: the owner's arty (she painted the whimsical tabletops and plays the hammer dulcimer) and she has a resident lady ghost who's dying to meet you. Breakfast and lunch daily except Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/04)

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Caion Boulevard. College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everythinggoes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the sea-weed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows oc-topus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — $A.M.\ (4/02)$

Village Garden Restaurant and **Bakery** 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flower-shaped lamps sprouting out of overhead fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sand-wiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "signature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three-course meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursday through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

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Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard. Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven: It's all Certified Black Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. Lunch and dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. -

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-Ger man border - who else would offer



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both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible choucroute garni (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this lo-cal favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge ele-phant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel 'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B.* (10/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), 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 its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their sag paneer — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori

chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu - say a creamy tikka masala with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), o the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner: buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Mon-soon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — E.B. (4/03)

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the high lights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mush-room" that grows on corn ears. (In Eng-lish it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a foodfriendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.~(2/01)

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, machaca, chile rellenos). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the stan dard fare to better approximate the di-vine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the carnitas verdes, the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a rawbeany intensity. Less heavenly: season-ings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive
— A.M. (11/01)

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. - M.N. (1/00)

The Gathering 902 W. Washington Street (at Goldfinch), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hours Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable with a Cheers atmosphere at the bar. Live jazz on Friday nights. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

The Grill 420-E Robinson Avenue Hillcrest (near Fouth, opposite Crest Café), 619-683-7725. You get no clue from the name that this tiny place is Armenian and comes with a live mesquite fire to cook everything from corn on the cob to *afi* (ground beef with onions, tomato, parsley, and garlic). Shrimp, mahi, salmon, filet mignon, and chicken are served up on beds of rice, in wraps, or on salads, along with "Mediterranean" standards like hummus, baba ghanoush, and tabbouleh. Don't leave without trying the delicious corn, cooked directly on the embers. Lunch and dinner seven days; closes at 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/04)

Parallel 33 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the suberb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or sea bass sauced with sake lees show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/99)

Trattoria Positano 142 University venue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-by-the Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty but refined Italian food, but also for the warm atmosphere. Try sea bass, salmon, or any of the pasta dishes. A treat. Lunch and dinner daily. Upper moderate. E.W. (5/99)

DOWNTOWN

Cafe 828 828 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-8282. It's worth making your way past the construction project next door: Jay Greenfield (long-time chef at the celebrated Bernard'O in Rancho Bernardo) warmly presides at this "find," a small, civilized bistro serving almost homey Mediterranean dishes with some California touches. Everything's carefully cooked from scratch and presented without pretension. Don't miss the home-style fried calamari or the scallop on lobster risotto. Desserts alone are worth the trip the classic warm apple *tarte Tatin* on a crackly-thin crust... the pecan "cannoli" filled with a dense, satin-soft white chocolate mousse.... Full bar, below-average corkage for BYO wines. The "Sunset special" three-course dinner is a bargain. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. on weekends when there's usually live jazz. -N.W. (6/02)

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, down town, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. M.N. (10/98)

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest

China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluev cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. —

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clap-board house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers try-

N.W. (10/01)

ing valiantly to learn to love the house made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — E.B. (11/00)

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza. Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — M N (3/00)

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. E.W. (4/00)

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleansstyle cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oys-ter po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed



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approximation of a muffaletta, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for chaurice or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. -N.W. (3/01)

Stan's 901 E Street (at Ninth), East Village, 619-696-MAMA (6262). It's named after Joe Stanley Hay, ex-con from San Quentin who transformed his life and spent years working with inner city kids here. He died in 2000. This little place sits kitty-corner to the main post office. Only a few tables, more outside than in. The pork sandwich is their most popular item, but if you've got the bread, go for the beef or pork ribs. They're terrific — rich, falling off the bone. Corn bread's great too. Also baked right here: sweet potato pies and peach cobbler. Weekday lunch, dinner to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday open till way-late, sometimes with a DJ in the corner to make this a great after-bar scene. Closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice

steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price - and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream nov-elties. Casual, no reservations, streetpatio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompar Dinners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inex pensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/02)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Mar ace, 1201 First Street, Coronado 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pas-tas, grilled meats, a few sautée items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young

in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — from the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture to the "teriyaki" ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server vill tell you about the day's fresh-fish se lections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily lunch and dinner, with weekend break fast. Moderate to slightly expensive. -

Chula Vista Farmers' Market Center Street (between Del Mar and 3rd), Chula Vista, 619-237-1632. Most folks come here for flowers, fruit, lucky bamboo, and olive oil. But the food tents give the event its smell and soul. What's here varies, but try Argentina's national snack, empanadas, at the Argentinean Gourmet tent. They come with chicken, spinach, corn, or, of course, beef. Chicken-chut-ney tacos from Zia's (of Zia's Afghan Café) are rich. The savory California Super Crêpe (with bacon, avocado, and cheese) from Tunisian-run La Crêperie's tent fills you nicely. Also try their wicked "Summer Blush" strawberries and Grand Marnier crêpe, Cheaper here? No. Medieval market atmosphere? Definitely. 3 p.m. to 7.00 p.m., Thursdays only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/04)

L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort 2000 Second Street Coronado 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/03)

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Ye Olde Plank Inn 24 Palm Avenue Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last true beach pub on the coast? It's a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food's pretty much always available, but the must-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substitute six sausages or ham or a pork loin), plus a one- to *ten*-egg scramble (or any style), home fries, and a pick-me-up drink (like a Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Salty Dog, Bud, or Coke) from the bar, all at a standard coffee shop breakfast price. No wonder the place has stayed open since 1886. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

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From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Cafe Français La Belle Claude 8186-A Calle Galeana (at 7th Street, two steps off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-3415. Maybe it's no surprise: the most Frenchlike patisserie of all is in Tijuana. La Belle Claude, named after the owner's daughter, looks far too expensive, but it's not. Inside it's a light and airy place, full of beautifully varnished wood, almost like a ship's saloon, with little Eiffel towers painted here and there, Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, and a counter of dis-play cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as *Le Croque Monsieur* (openfaced sandwich on honey bread with

What the Chef Eats

JOHN'S #89 OMELET

BY JOHN LOVETT

Owner, the Golden Egg Omelet House, Escondido

When I fix what I want in the kitchen in the morning, this is what I will make.

I don't have a name for it because I only fix it for myself and it's not on the menu. Since we have 88 omelets on the menu, this would be number 89.

I used to eat number 71, with avocado, bacon, tomato, green onions, and I would add cheddar cheese and sour cream over it. Why did I switch? I think I switched to this

because we were sort of doing a low-carb thing, and so I made Egg Beaters, bacon, and green onions. Then I added some cream cheese. After that I thought some avocado would be good sliced on the top.

We don't use "bacobits." We take fresh bacon and we slice it and chop it up and cook it. I guess you'd say we make fresh bacon bits, not something you'd buy in a iar.

I have a cup of good

decaffeinated coffee with this dish.

HOW TO DO IT

Mix all ingredients except the avocado together in a small bowl. Cook in a medium-sized nonstick frying pan on medium heat until the egg mixture is set. Slide the omelet out of the pan until about one-half is on the plate. Fold the other half of the omelet over and arrange avocado slices on top.

This recipe serves one.



6 ounces Egg Beaters (or 3 large eggs) 1/4 cup crisply cooked bacon, broken in small pieces 1/8 cup green onions, sliced 2 ounces cream cheese, cut in

Salt and pepper, to taste 1/2 ripe avocado, sliced

small dabs

INGREDIENTS

(opposite Dorian's department store),

Heidi and Bernie's German Bratwurst Tent North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Dou-ble Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. -E.B. (12/01)

people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided it-

self on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib

eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're or-

dering the flank, well-done is a no-no.

That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and espe-

cially its pesto-like chimichurri sauce.

Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza,

where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken

pers. And Mediterranean Chickens alad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies,

with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a *carne asada*

burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); East-

lake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway,

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619-277-9977), Moderate. — E.B. (8/02)

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza You have a vast choice of wood-fired pizzas here, including many exotic toppings. Salads are popular and are available as half-orders. Same menu lunch and dinner. Continuous service. Open daily. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. Inexpensive. — E.W.

sauce), the *Croque-Madame* (same as the "Monsieur" but with an egg), and *salade* nicoise (tuna, anchovies, tomatoes, cucumber, potatoes, egg, onions, and black olives). You can even order a *Provençal* omelet (zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes, and onions). Unusual bonus: the round cheeses, Cornish hen eggs, fresh vegetables, and honey on display all come from the owner's own farm, Rancho El Eden, beyond the Rodriquez dam. Open every day. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

D'Stefano Pizza Restaurant 7835 Carrillo Puerto (at 3rd Street), between Martinez (D Avenue) and Mutualismo (E Avenue), three blocks west of Avenida Revolución, 638-4309. Evening around nine is the best time to come, when groups are in here carousing with tarros and pizza. Tarros are giant mugs that hold caguamas (large "sea turtle" bot-tles) of Tecate beer. There's plenty of good standard Italian food to go along with it. You can pay a little — for basic dishes like spaghetti or lasagna — or up to around twenty dollars for a "gigantic" pizza. Inexpensive. Midday to midnight, seven days. — *E.B.* (2/04)

El Cid 993 Lopez Mateos (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from Like Water for Chocolate) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles* en nogada (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crepes with cajeta (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through din-

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ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad,

tomato slices, fresh-scooped avo-cado...it's a double-wide, double-high

burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beef-

steak ranchero, all served in huge, three-

ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger

buff, one of these is quite enough. Open

seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

D'Lish Pizza And Pasta 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from











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The anticipation of the next little kink, the next little quirk, takes the place of story interest or character interest.

ittle ones: Garden State, written by Zach ■ Braff and directed by Zach Braff, features Zach Braff as the most impassive sadsack this side of Dustin Hoffman in The Graduate: impassive

amid the surrounding panic of a plane-crash dream scene; impassive in the sanatorium ambience of his bed-

room, lying motionless on his back and listening to the news of his mother's death in a phone message from his father; impassive in the face of abuse from customers in his moonlighting job as a waiter at a Vietnamese restaurant. (Hard to picture him being as impassive in his other job: actor.) There turns out to be a medical, a medicinal, reason for his impassivity, but no such internal rationale arises for the nonstop assaults on the hero's, or the viewer's, sensitivities: the excessive vibrato of a Jewish funeral singer in a graveside rendition of "Once, Twice, Three Times a Lady," the knight-inarmor at the breakfast table, the guide dog who humps the hero's leg in the doctor's waiting room, the backyard pet cemetery. It goes on and on like

that, an endless parade of embarrassments and bizarreries. "I'm just impressed," at one point comments Natalie Portman, the love interest for Zach Braff, but more aptly addressing the writer-director than another character, "how each

place you bring us continues to be weirder and weirder." I myself was not impressed.

The real, the external reason for this onslaught of oddities, photographed with a Diane Arbus-like bluntness, might be sought in the filmmaker's commonplace desire to be Wes Anderson. (For a time it appeared that the Pied Piper of the American independent cinema was going to be Quentin Tarantino, but Anderson of late has been drawing the bigger following.) Another way to say the same thing, in broader terms, would be the filmmaker's dread of being dull and ordinary, notwithstanding his ostensible concern for ordinary people in a dull New Jersey suburb. Í ĥave never seen Zach Braff's TV series, Scrubs; do not even know whether it's a comedy or drama; so I can only diagnose his problem as the pandemic television



Garden State

disease of impatience. The anticipation of the next little kink, the next little quirk, takes the place of story interest or character interest, a poor inducement to stay in your seat. If a few seconds of nothing tick by, someone will helpfully pipe up, "I can tapdance. Wanna see me tap-dance?" A decent cinematic idea - putting on a headset to shut out the outside world

and listen to a pop song promised to "change your life" — will be cut short before you can decide whether you even like the song, much less whether it will change your life. You cannot stop the tap dance, and you cannot prolong the pop song. You're in the hands of a full-time fidgeter. And the important fact about the disease of impatience is that it's highly conta-

gious, highly transferable, not just filmmaker to filmmaker but filmmaker to spectator.

Code 46, with primary locations in the Far East and the Middle East, is set in a not too distant future when a global Big Brother keeps a close and censorious eye on human coupling and breeding. While neither very original nor skillful as storytelling, the



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vision of the future is well textured on a small budget: a sun more to be shunned than worshipped; a population divided into geographic insiders and outcasts; an English language liberally salted and peppered with French and Spanish; elective viruses for the inculcation of anything from mindreading empathy to Mandarin Chinese; surgical memory erasure reminiscent of (was it only this year?) Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind. The film comes up shortest where more budget would have been least helpful: the writing of the illicit love affair, a garbled futurization of the Oedipus myth, at the heart of the film. Tim Robbins and Samantha Morton lack either the charisma or the chemistry to plaster over any cracks. For those who like to keep tabs on such things, the "brief graphic nudity" responsible for the "R" rating refers to a close shot of shaved pubes, framed and edited by director Michael Winterbottom in such a way that you could not swear under oath it belongs to the leading lady.

Intimate Strangers goes from one improbability to another: an abstracted thirty-something woman walks through the wrong door and tells her innermost troubles to a tax

lawyer instead of a psychoanalyst, and, when he points out her mistake at their third session, she continues to visit him all the same. Patrice Leconte's psychological nonthriller (the Bernard Herrmann-esque music and the visual allusions to Rear Window are red herrings, and the frequently jostled camerawork is the furthest thing from Hitchcock) rewards our forbearance with nothing but a lot of talk. In spite of the intrusions of an actual psychoanalyst, a secretary, a husband, and an ex-lover, it's essentially a twocharacter piece, like the director's immediately preceding Man on the Train. Softest moment: the private boogie of the buttoned-down taxman, Fabrice Luchini. (Not a straight copy of, but an exact equivalent to, Hugh Grant's number in Love Actually.) The haunted, hungry eyes of Sandrine Bonnaire, in a face that looks to be growing leaner, offer a measure of compensation, albeit inadequate.

We Don't Live Here Anymore, based on two short stories by Andre Dubus, one of the same name and another named Adultery, is a bludgeoningly dull chamber piece centered on two faculty colleagues, with matching scrubby beards for that academic look, who each have an extramarital affair with the other's wife. Director John Curran's pattern of parallel cutting between angst-ridden couples rather emphasizes the feeling of repeated blows from a blunt object. Peter Krause, of HBO's Six Feet Under, gets markedly shorter

shrift than Mark Ruffalo, who seems to have been in more movies this year than even Ben Stiller; and Laura Dern goes further over the top than Naomi Watts. All four of them do a lot of surface embossment.

News of note:

Hou Hsiao-hsien's *Millennium Mambo*, if you were left high and dry when Madstone folded up shop after its opening weekend in June, is now out on DVD, available for rent at Kensington Video.

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Alien vs. Predator — Plural, more accurately: Aliens vs. Predators, facing off in the arena of an ancient pyramid under the Antarctic ice. Notwithstanding the outward hostilities, it's a pragmatic pooling of commercial assets by the Fox studio, profit motive only. A clearer motive, at any rate, than that of the dreadlocked Predators, who, it comes to light, once taught humans to

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build pyramids (in the assorted styles of Egypt, Mexico, Cambodia), while also using them to breed Aliens, in order to have a worthy prey on which to test their own mettle as hunters. With Sanaa Lathan, Raoul Bova, Lance Henriksen, Ewen Bremner; written and directed by Paul W.S. Anderson. 2004.

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Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy — Promising comic premise a swinging single San Diego newsman in

a swinging single San Diego newsman in the Seventies, and his personal attraction but professional resistance to a female colleague — subjected to a strategy of anything-for-a-laugh: wild exaggeration, improbability, impossibility, fantasy, absurdity, ribaldry, animal abuse, cartoon interlude, musical numbers, celebrity cameos (Vince Vaughn, Jack Black, Luke Wilson, Tim Robbins, Ben Stiller). There are indeed some laughs, but at a poor rate of return for the effort. Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate, Fred Willard; directed by Adam McKay. 2004.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Barbarian Invasions — Writer-director Denys Arcand's follow-up to his

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Decline of the American Empire, albeit following along at too far a distance seventeen years — to have much meaning for those who never bothered, through follow-up viewings, to commit the predecessor to memory. It may be that this highbrow weepie — the accelerated sunset of a self-described "sensual socialist," who bears a striking resemblance to Lon Chaney, Jr. — is as smart and sophisticated as advertised, but surely not cinematically. Even theatrically or literarily, the smartness and sophistication are apt to register as a bit precious, a bit unctuous, a bit ostentatious. And the plot mechanics of obtaining a private room on an unoccupied floor of a hospital, plus a sub-rosa supply of heroin in place of the prescribed morphine, are a shade too smart and sophisticated for their own good. A millionaire in the family can make things easier on everyone, especially on a wily, weaselly scriptwriter. With Rémy Girard, Stéphane Rousseau, Marie-Josée Croze, Dorothée Berryman, Marina Hands.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 8/23, 6:30 P.M.)

Before Sunset — Richard Linklater's sequel to Before Sunrise, after a nine-year hiatus: not nearly as long as the twenty years between Claude Lelouch's A Man and a Woman and its sequel, just barely longer than the delay between Jacques Demy's *Lola* and his *Model Shop*. It seems appropriate to reference French forerunners (although The Model Shop is in Los Angeles and in English), inasmuch as Linklater elects to reunite his young lovers in Paris, more specifically at the Shakespeare and Company bookstore, where the man (a hollowercheeked Ethan Hawke) is reading from, fielding questions about, and signing his John Hancock to, a semi-autobiographical novel that recounts the events of Before Sunrise. The woman (a hollower-eyed Julie Delpy) turns up in the audience on her own initiative to resume their conversation. The premise allows Linklater to replay clips, during the O-and-A session, of their one night stand in Vienna in the summer of '95 — a helpful refresher for the viewer who wasn't moved to add that title to his video collection. The lovers, should you need reminding, did not swap numbers and addresses at their parting; and their proposed six-month reunion, we now find out, never came about. So they hasten to catch up. They walk in the street, sit in a cafe ("I love this cafe. I wish they had places like this in the U.S."), walk in the park, sit in the park, take a boat ride on the Seine, take a cab to, or toward, the airport, stop by her apartment on the way: the camera keeps quiet and keeps rolling. The rhythm of conversation, albeit an abnormally gushing and bubbling one, dictates the rhythm of the film: it would almost be Rohmer-esque (for another French reference) if it had more of a moral dilemma, more of a narrative situation, to accompany the yackety-yak.

2004. ★★ (GASLAMP 15) The Bourne Supremacy — The Bourne sequel. Admittedly, the basic premise of an amnesiac spy who remembers none of his assignments but all of his training is intrinsically ridiculous, internally illogical. (His unusual handicap — groping along a fogbound Memory Lane — never seems to slow him down, never lets his scheming adversaries get ahead of him.) But one of the side benefits of sequels is that any quarrel with a basic premise will tend eventually to die down — or get worn down. We get used to it and over it. Or we just get tired of quarrelling. And, at least for a fair distance, this sequel is fast, ferocious, diverting - yet in the end, and after it, unsatisfying and unsustaining. That strain of incongruous, incompatible sentimentality that so weakened the first film lingers on in the second, despite the early exit of Franka Potente and her civilizing, softening, feminine influence. And the climactic car chase in Moscow is perfectly laughable: every law-enforcement vehicle in the city is hot on our hero's tail and still he manages, after four or five neck-snapping collisions, to find some "alone time" with the very assassin who took a shot at him at the start of the film in India. And — an early and unrelenting quarrel — while the





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replacement of Doug Liman as director is no great loss, the choice of his actual replacement is highly questionable: Paul Greengrass, maker of the British docudrama Bloody Sunday. In the best of circumstances, his sloppy, scrambling, pseudodocumentary camera style would be a poor fit for so cool and controlled and perfectionist a hero. But this hero is more than just that. Greengrass seems to be laboring under the same misapprehension as Liman the first time: that he is presiding over an exposé of the spy racket rather than over a paean to its supreme practitioner. The title of the sequel can only be read as a coronation. Matt Damon, Brian Cox, Joan Allen, Julia Stiles.

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Catwoman — Batman's feline foe flies solo (say that five times at top speed) — off on an empowerment trip to explore the duality of Everywoman, but especially the suppressed "bad" side, as long as it's put in service to Truth and Justice if not necessarily the American Way. (A role this complex cries out for an Academy Award winner: Halle Berry answers the call.) Because of the redefinition of the character, we are obliged to back up to a time when she was not yet Catwoman, when she was only a mouseburger known as Patience Phillips, an ace ad designer for a major cosmetics firm, all set to launch a health-hazardous skin cream marketed as Beau-line (and pronounced, in a blend of French and

ignorance, Bee-oh-leen). Almost an hour ticks by before she slips into the peekaboo dominatrix outfit with bullwhip accessory. First she must be drowned, artificially respirated by a magical Egyptian cat, and infused with computer-generated superpowers. (Berry could sue over the animated back spasms and gimpy gait that are supposed to pass for slinky.) The imported French director, the single-named Pitof, brings to the film some swooping cameras, bronzing light, oxidizing color, but nothing from within. Benjamin Bratt, Sharon Stone, Lambert Wilson, Frances Conrov. 2004.

• (CHULA VISTA 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

A Cinderella Story — Laborious reworking of the staple fairy tale in the San Fernando Valley: the high-school football star (Chad Michael Murray, so sensitive that his forehead never smooths out) can't recognize his copiously blond classmate (Hilary Duff) at the Halloween costume party, even though she's hidden behind a mask no bigger than the Lone Ranger's: his only clue to her identity is her dropped cell phone in lieu of a glass slipper. No magic; only mechanics. With Jennifer Coolidge and Regina King; directed by Mark Rosman.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18: PALM PROMENADE 24)

Code 46 — Reviewed this issue. With Tim Robbins, Samantha Morton, Om Puri, and Archie Panjabi; directed by Michael Winterbottom

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Collateral — Director Michael Mann situates Tom Cruise under a silver-fox hair dye in the back seat of a taxi cab crowned by an ad for Bacardi Silver. That matchingcolor fashion statement says a lot about this sleek, cool, preening, glamorous thriller in the Mann-ly manner (Thief, Manhunter, Heat, not to forget the TV series Miami Vice). The philosophical, nihilistic, sociopathic contract killer who hires an offthe-meter cab for \$600 to drive him around to five hits in a single night in Los Angeles. and who peppers his conversation with farflung references to Darwin, the I Ching, Charlie Mingus, and recent events in Rwanda, is a bit of a stretch for Cruise. Then again, anything more flexible than a mannequin is a bit of a stretch for Cruise.

The film, and in particular Jamie Foxx, does a good job of establishing the hapless cabbie as a nice guy: the "cleanest cab in L.A.," a photo of a Maldives island fastened to his sun visor as a meditational escape, pipe dreams of his own privately operated fleet of limos, speaking Spanish to a conveniencestore clerk, offering sage counsel to an overstressed federal prosecutor in the back seat. And although a couple of the stepping stones are unsteady (the cracked windshield, after the very first hit, immediately draws the attention of a patrol car but doesn't prompt the hit man to revise his plan; and hospital visiting hours seem to extend past

closing time at a jazz club), the storyline makes its way to an exciting convergence on a nightclub called Fever, a collision course for a team of FBI operatives, a free-lancing cop, a couple of mob torpedoes, and of course the hit man and his chauffeur. The messy result on the dance floor derails the film if not the unstoppable terminator, who has by now been built up so big that his ultimate takedown cannot help but be a source of disbelief. Jada Pinkett Smith, Mark Ruffalo, Bruce McGill, Javier Bardem, 2004. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10;

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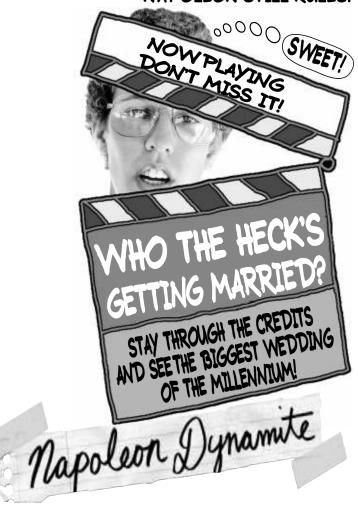
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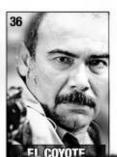
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De-Lovely — Modernized biography of songwriter Cole Porter, digging up all the bisexuality that *Night and Day* in 1946 could not go near. Despite the theatrical device of reviewing his life as a musical show emceed by the Grim Reaper, it remains a rather banal backstage story, lacking much in the way of a focus or an angle, unswallowable as a Grand Romance, and chiefly of interest simply because its subject wrote a lot of memorable songs. These are performed in glorious abundance (by the likes of Elvis Costello, Diana Krall, Sheryl Crow, and Natalie Cole), and Kevin Kline clearly demonstrates his gratitude for so glamorous a role, without bubbling over into effusiveness. He has a particularly affecting farewell to his old friends near the end of the film, but the film then bashes ahead to a couple of more endings, less affecting. With Ashley Judd and Jonathan Pryce; directed by Irwin Winkler. 2004.

★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Donnie Darko — Dark comedy, photographically as much as temperamentally, about a disturbed adolescent (Jake Gyllenhaal of October Sky) who has an imaginary friend in a demonic bunny suit giving him mischief-making orders. (The bunny's end-of-the-world forecast, however, carries little weight when the action is set in the thick of Dukakis's run for the Presidency.) First-time filmmaker Richard Kelly, age twenty-six, reveals an individual voice and an eccentric sense of humor (i.e., sometimes actually funny), and even when he hits predictable notes (e.g., the Grundy-ish old crone on the high-school faculty, who, when asked whether she knows who Graham Greene is, responds, "I think we have all seen Bonanza"), he hits them at his own unforced pace. Much the same can be said for his frugal use of special effects.



Alien vs. Predator

The time-travel resolution is nonsensical even by time-travel standards, and it has the effect of wiping the slate clean in the chicken-hearted fashion of the it-was-all-adream convention. "Clever" is the compliment it was fishing for. "Gimmicky" might be the reasonable compromise. Jena Malone, Drew Barrymore, Mary McDonnell, Patrick Swayze, Noah Wyle. 2001.

★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

The Door in the Floor — Tod Williams's adaptation of only a fraction of the John Irving novel, A Widow for One Year. That fractionalization may account for the slight feeling of aimlessness and lack of focus. The basic situation is tidy enough: an aspiring author in his junior year at Exeter comes for the summer to work as the personal assistant, mainly chauffeur, to a successful

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writer and illustrator of children's books and unsuccessful straight novelist. "I'm just an entertainer of children," is his practiced line of humility, "and I like to draw." His beach house is a shrine to his two dead sons, ex-students themselves at Exeter, and he keeps an apartment in town, alternating occupancy nightly with his estranged wife, allowing him ample freedom to chase the local skirts. The summer helper, for his part, cannot find adequate freedom even to masturbate, interrupted first by the husband when he's abusing himself over a black-andwhite photograph of the wife, and then by the wife herself when he's abusing himself over her bra and panties. But that second incident serves as the springboard for an older-woman-younger-man thing, a Summer of '42 thing. A four-year-old daughter, the protagonist of the complete novel, is not so much caught in the middle of all this as caught on the periphery. Our natural point of identification, our point of entry into the entire situation, would seem to be the adolescent outsider, but while well played in an awkward, withdrawn, cowed manner by Jon Foster, he has a hard time

holding the screen, and sometimes gaining admittance to the screen, in the presence of the Great Artiste, who on the other hand is not so much to be identified with as made sport of, in his Lawrence of Arabia caftan, or in his Van Gogh straw hat, or uninhibitedly in the buff. Jeff Bridges does a nice job of shoring up his defenses and not tipping us off that he's in on the joke, except in one off-key episode of rollicking, romping comedy around the jilting of a well-heeled lover and the pick-up of prospective mother-and-daughter replacements. (The distinctively Irving punch line: just when Mom wants to know what sort of posing they'd be doing in his studio, a shredded sketch of the jilted lover's vagina lands facedown on the car's windshield.) Kim Basinger, as the estranged wife and sexual initiator, holds a pivotal position but is too static and stationary a figure to command much interest: a pair of dark eyes in a pale face, almost a plaster mold with bottomless holes instead of eyes, a mask of tragedy. 2004

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

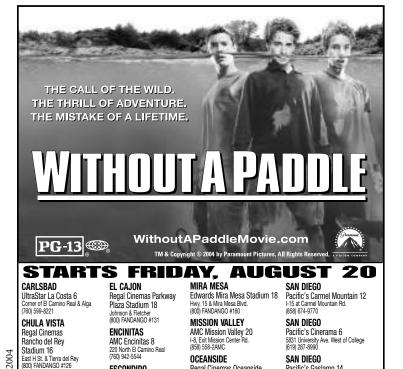
Exorcist: The Beginning — Horror prequel with Stellan Skarsgard and Izabella Scorupco, directed by Renny Harlin. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR

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Fahrenheit 9/11 — Michael Moore's blistering critique of the Bush administration in toto and its War on Terror in particular (just in time for the 2004 presidential campaign, too) is at bottom a pair of devil's horns drawn on the head of Dubya. But if Moore were only making fun, he'd only be Leno or Letterman. He sees the big picture (sometimes too big to be easily grasped: the serpentine connections between the Bushes and the Saudis), and he sees also the little picture (the police infiltration of a middleclass protest group calling itself Peace Fresno, or the bottle of breast milk stopped at an airport checkpoint). He often stoops to frivolity (a Dragnet montage to illustrate proper interrogation techniques, a couple of promo spots for at-home panic rooms and take-to-work parachutes, John Ashcroft's full-chested rendition of his self-composed "Let the Eagle Soar"); and at times he stretches himself to the utmost gravity (a mother's grief over the loss of her soldier son, grisly war footage you won't see on American television). The shifts in scale and in tone are as stimulating as they are startling. And finally, to secure the ties to his earlier work, Moore revisits the fear theme, or in other words the mind-control theme, from Bowling for Columbine, and inevitably he revisits his hometown of Flint, Michigan (see Roger and Me as well as Columbine), a prime spot for military recruiters to round up cannon fodder from among the unemployed. Moore himself — his rebellious rumpliness, his defiant untidiness, his cultivated slobbiness - is less on view in this one (though he is continuously in our ear in that singsongy, snide, sardonic tone of voice), and his relative scarcity on screen could even be seen as a shortcoming insofar as it signals a fall-off in original material and a heavier reliance on found footage. Found, that is, or scrounged or wheedled or donated, 2004.

★★★★ (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12: MISSION VALLEY 20)

Father and Son — The second installment in an Alexander Sokurov trilogy begun with Mother and Son (still to come: Two Brothers and a Sister), no less abstract than its predecessor, but more abstruse in the bargain, less emotionally direct. It makes minimal use of the distorting lenses of Mother and Son, and maximal use of the murmuring dialogue of the director's Russian Ark. The more or less



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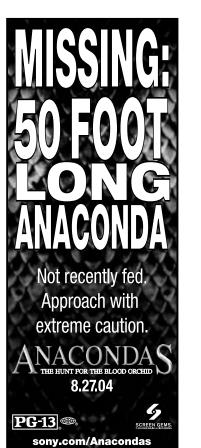
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monochromatic images range on the color spectrum from Cream of Wheat to Quaker Oats. Altogether a severe bore, mitigated by a running time of only an hour and twenty minutes. Andrei Shchetinin, Aleksei Neimyshev, 2003.

• (KEN, 8/20 THROUGH 26)

Festival Express — A record, plus splitscreen reminiscences, of a chartered train trip across Canada in the summer of 1970, carrying Janis Joplin, the Grateful Dead, the Band, Buddy Guy, Ian and Sylvia, The Flying Burrito Brothers, and others, from a concert date in Toronto to successive dates in Winnipeg and Calgary. The concert footage — an album's worth of unedited songs — is nothing special, but the footage of the on-board iam sessions offers privileged access. Directed by Bob Smeaton.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14 FROM 8/20: KEN THROUGH 8/19)

Garden State — Reviewed this issue. With Zach Braff, Natalie Portman, Peter Sarsgaard, and Ian Holm; written and directed by Braff.

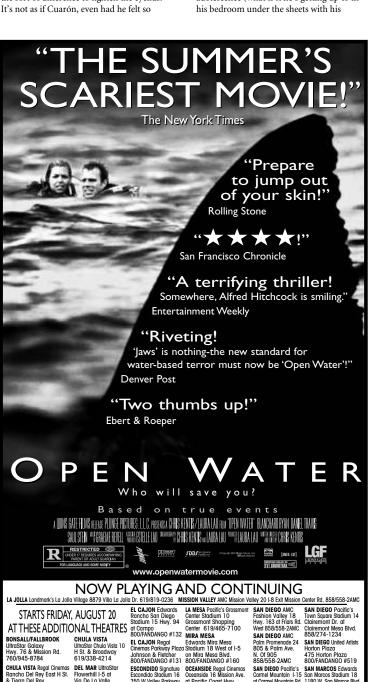
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Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban — Or for short, Pot III. It has a



new director — Alfonso Cuarón, of A Little Princess and, less pertinently, Y Tu Mamá También — and a new Dumbledore -Michael Gambon, in place of the late Richard Harris — in addition to new roles for the likes of Gary Oldman, David Thewlis, Timothy Spall, Emma Thompson, and Julie Christie, thus closing in rapidly on the apparent goal to employ every name actor now alive in the British Isles. None of this makes much difference, or at least not the sort of difference to lighten the eyelids.

inclined, could put his foot down and stem the tide of fulsome special effects, or crack the whip and bring in the elephantine kiddie film at under two hours. (It may be - if you care to go back to the earlier installments to check — that he has leeched out more of the color and has added a percentage of formstretching wide-angle shots.) He can only go along for the ride. And what a long ride it is. Story interest, even with all that time on his hands, is minimal: Harry, now fully into adolescence (what is it he's getting up to in



wand?), seems to be the target of a wizardly escaped convict called Sirius Black, who does not turn up till the hour-and-a-half mark. Werewolves play a major role (Prof. Lupin's name rather gives him away), and there's a mythical equine bird or avian horse known as a hippogriff, as well as a flying flock of faceless soul-suckers called Dementors. The whole sticky mess is only partially cleaned up through the expedient of two-places-at-once time travel. Now if only the Patronus Charm — those magic words to expel objects of dread — could have been hurled at the screen itself! With Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Alan Rickman, and Robbie Coltrane.

● (VOGUE)

A Home at the End of the World -

The filmmaking debut of stage director Michael Mayer cannot much profit from the line of promotion stressing its shared origins in the author of The Hours, Michael Cunningham. It's true that the storyline spans a number of years, though nowhere near generations, the principal upshot of which is that the protagonist has to pass through three actors in the space of fifteen years. (His boyhood pal passes through only two in half that time.) In other words, this novel is more resistant to adaptation: the three central characters of The Hours didn't have to split their parts with anyone. Too, it emits louder noises of axe-grinding in the setting-up of a Nontraditional Family Unit:

two dads, one gay, one undecided, and an unmarried mother and Woodstock alum who makes hats for pocket change, but not out of a need to hide her paprika hair. Colin Farrell, in trying to act like a provincial twenty-four-year-old, acts instead like a village idiot. But Sissy Spacek does her usual unadorned good work in the role of a middle-class suburban parent who goes beyond mere permissiveness to willing participation. And Robin Wright Penn, albeit more adorned, also does some good work, despite the unkindness of the cut and color of her hair. With Dallas Roberts, Matt Frewer, Erik Smith, Harris Allan, 2004. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Intimate Strangers — Reviewed this issue. With Sandrine Bonnaire, Fabrice Luchini, Michel Duchaussoy, and Anne Brochet; directed by Patrice Leconte. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

I, Robot — A travesty of the science fiction of Isaac Asimov, who pretty much wrote the book on robots, and not only the book of this name, a seminal collection of short stories. Filmmaker Alex Proyas (The Crow, Dark City) retains Asimov's Three Laws of Robotics, and — from the novel The Naked Sun, second in a series of four — the lockedroom mystery of a roboticist's murder that may have been perpetrated, or at any rate not prevented, by one of his own robots, in clear contravention of the First Law. (To quote in full: "A robot may not injure a



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human being, or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm.") The film has done away, however, with the android cop partner who would continue through the entire tetralogy, even beyond the life span of the human partner, and has instead fixated on a Dirty Harryish lone-wolf detective who, from the outset, carries a boulder-sized chip on his shoulder: "Can a robot write a symphony? Can a robot turn a canvas into a beautiful masterpiece?" (These are some of the concerns of an atavistic he-man in Converse high-tops in the Chicago of 2035.) Ensuing developments are more in line with the vision of the original literary inventor of robots, Karel Capek — a table-turning revolt of the slaves against their masters — in the stage play of 1920, R.U.R. (A play, by the way, that Asimov deplored.) In place of a bona fide sciencefiction classic, then, we get just another oneweek box-office wonder, another summer showcase for the swaggering and "styling" of Will Smith, another state-of-the-art portfolio of computer-generated imagery, another wave after wave of overscaled action. The repeated sight of identical robots duplicated on screen ad infinitum somehow seems to symbolize a very different and much more immediate threat to the future of humankind: the manufacture of interchangeable Hollywood blockbusters. Another and another and another.... With Bridget Moynahan, Chi McBride, Bruce Greenwood. 2004.

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Ju-On: The Grudge — Japanese haunted-



Father and Son

house thriller, released in America just ahead of its Hollywood remake, simply called The Grudge. Sympathy may be stirred, if nothing like terror, at the spectacle of lowbudget filmmaking reliant on imagination and ingenuity instead of special effects. Narrative context, however, is filled in so sketchily and belatedly that it plays less like a ghost story than like an audition: a wellstocked bag of tricks that might come in handy in a ghost story. Evidently director Takashi Shimizu passed the audition, as he was hired to do the Hollywood version, too, and handed a bigger budget to play with. So, then. What would be the motivation of the

remake: to make better sense or to make better dollars? 2003.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

King Arthur — A printed preamble tells of scholarly investigation to trace the legendary title figure to a real historical personage, a Fifth-century Sarmatian dubbed Artorius, who was posted by the Romans to hold the line against the Saxons in Britain. The film then authenticates this research by investing its hero (Clive Owen) with the egalitarian ideals of the Age of Enlightenment, schooling him and his knights in the combat techniques of samurai films, and giving one of them (Ray Winstone) the personality of a soccer hooligan: head-butts and the like. Guinevere (Keira Knightley) emerges as some sort of Amazon Queen, or Woman Who Runs With Wolves, or Kick-Ass Chick, or what-have-you. In any case she takes to the battlefield herself in leather and facepaint, and is undeniably good for a laugh. Lancelot (Ioan Gruffudd) gazes at her with appreciation, but makes no move to come between her and her Arthur, who've only just met. Merlin and his pagans, meanwhile, wait in the woods for the advent of Alice Cooper. Camelot is never mentioned, but a tangible Round Table serves as a rebuke to a papal emissary who expects to sit at its head. From start to finish the beauty of the legend bows to the grubbiness of the potboiler Which is pretty much what you would expect from the director of Tears of the Sun. Antoine Fuqua. In fact what you get is pretty much the same plot: a commando rescue operation behind enemy lines, except in this instance it's behind Hadrian's Wall. With Stellan Skarsgard and Stephen Dillane. 2004.

(PALM PROMENADE 24)

Little Black Book — A bubbly blonde who aspires to be Diane Sawyer settles temporarily for being a production assistant on the Kippie Kann Do sleaze-TV show, where, in an excruciating climax, she is shoved in front of the cameras to confront her current boyfriend and his three exgirlfriends on live television. If you took away the early Goldie Hawn-isms from Brittany Murphy, you wouldn't leave her with much. But then, she doesn't start with much as it is. Holly Hunter confers an illusion of respectability, and Theo Van de Sande's cinematography is crisp and clean. The befouling is gradual. With Ron Livingston, Julianne Nicholson, Kathy Bates; directed by Nick Hurran. 2004.

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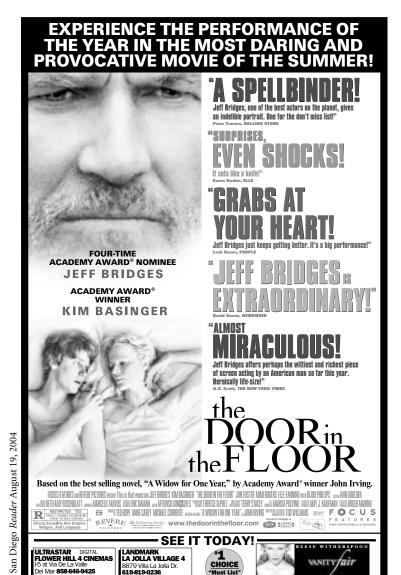
The Manchurian Candidate — Jonathan Demme's ill-advised remake. The main point to be made about the 1962 original is that, with its historical co-ordinates of McCarthyism, the Cold War, and the Yellow

Peril, it dates rather badly, and thus cries out for a major overhaul. But while the John Frankenheimer version — positing a Right Wing political movement as a clever disguise for Chinese Communists - may have seemed ridiculous beyond repair, the remake demonstrates that even if the material could not be repaired, it could still be made more ridiculous: more science fictional, more nonsensical, yet more portentous and ponderous at the same time. The Korea of 1951 has now given way to the Kuwait of 1991, and inasmuch as Muslims are not so notorious as the Communists as infiltrators and brainwashers, we will need a new villain. And here we have one: a warprofiteering Halliburton-like corporation inexplicably and inconceivably called Manchurian Global. One of the most withering remarks possible about a piece of science fiction is that events in the real world have already passed it by. And to suggest in this case that a Vice Presidential nominee might be a puppet of big business hardly removes us to the realm of science fiction, and hardly necessitates the intervention of behavior-controlling electronic implants in the brain and on the shoulder blade. We have already got a Vice President like that, and we have no reason to suppose he is acting on anything other than free will. Nor is the current President perceived to be so hostile to the next-in-line's ideology that only a sniper's bullet could clear the way. Denzel Washington, Liev Schreiber, Meryl Streep, Kimberly Elise, Jon Voight. 2004. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Maria Full of Grace — Banal tale of how a nice, pretty, pregnant, unmarried Colombiana becomes a mule for drug smugglers, flying to New Jersey with a bellyful of plastic-wrapped packets of white powder: Maria Full of Shit. Plenty of squalid details lend credibility, if not exactly freshness. With Catalina Sandino Moreno, Guilied Lopez, Yenny Paola Vega, and Patricia Rae; written and directed by Joshua Marston, 2004.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Napoleon Dynamite — A catchy name for a movie, but not a name that fits its owner: the nerd of nerds at Preston High in podunk Idaho, a misfit for much more than just his name. Sporting a tumbleweed of kinky blond hair atop his gangly slopeshouldered frame, breathing through a troutlike open mouth, speaking in a monotone by turns belligerent and resentful,









peering out at the world through half-closed eyes and an oversized pair of aviator glasses, he is almost an Expressionistic caricature of adolescent discomfort. And the unknown actor, Jon Heder, gives not so much a performance as a mere presentation: here I am, like it or lump it. His unfamiliarity (is he really like that?) harmonizes beautifully with his many discomforts: his clumsiness with the opposite sex ("I see you're drinking one-percent. Is that 'cause you think you're fat?"), his mortification over his closest relatives (an older brother involved in an Internet courtship, an uncle pathologically ostalgic for his footballing heyday in the Eighties: "It's a time machine, Napoleon, We bought it on-line"), his bond of alienation with the only Latino in his class, his favorite pastime of solo tetherball. The clever credits sequence, composed of unappetizing plates of food and assorted other mundanities (a Chapstick, a library check-out card, and so on), correctly forecasts the relentless quirkiness of the film, a feel-odd comedy that takes a hard turn at the end toward a feel-good comedy (not without adequate preparation: a closed-door practice session in which the hero "gets his groove on" with a dance-instruction video found at a thrift

shop). The equally unknown director, Jared Hess, whom we might like to imagine got to know his star by way of alphabetical seating in Study Hall, would appear to have undergone some sort of artistic epiphany while watching a Wes Anderson film: flat, squared-up images, dealt out in a kind of hammer-and-anvil rhythm. The consistency of it all, not just the rhythm but the tone, is ultimately persuasive. The viewer is given plenty of time to attune, to adjust, to acclimate. He is given no special inducement, Jon Gries, Aaron Ruell, Efren Ramirez, Tina Majorino. 2004.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18)

Nicotina — Mexican caper comedy with Diego Luna, Marta Belaustegui, and Norman Sotolongo, directed by Hugo Rodriguez. (HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM

PROMENADE 24: RANCHO DEL REY 16: SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 8/20)

The Notebook — Young love relived in the old folks' home: James Garner, every

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day, reads to a memory-impaired Gena Rowlands the story of a different-worlds romance ("It was an improbable romance. He was a country boy, she was from the city"), the story — you guessed it — of their own romance in the Forties, in the hopes of jogging her memory. (The very differentlooking Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams play them in flashback.) Another river of slush from the pen of novelist Nicholas Sparks, sluggishly navigated by director Nick Cassavetes (Rowlands's son), unable to dredge up even the snickers of Message in a Bottle and A Walk to Remember. With James Marsden, Kevin Connolly, Joan Allen, Sam Shepard, 2004.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18 LA JOLLA 12)

Open Water — An island getaway gets serious: two amorous scuba divers a abandoned for plausible reasons by a Caribbean pleasure boat (another diver goes back in the water with the requisite "buddy' and throws off the head count), and they're left literally swimming with sharks. Digitalvideo shoestringer works efficiently within very limited means, though even at an hour and a quarter it feels padded. With Ryan

Blanchard and Daniel Travis; written and directed by Chris Kentis. 2004. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10;

ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18: FLOWER HILL 4: GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; MIRA MESA 18: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SOUARE 14: FROM 8/20)

The Princess Diaries 2: Royal

Engagement — Princess Mia, now age twenty-one, must forfeit the throne, according to an obscure bit of Genovian fine print, if she isn't married within a month. A forced-march sequel, in a creative desert. With Anne Hathaway, Julie Andrews, Hector Elizondo, John Rhys-Davies, Chris Pine, and Heather Matarazzo; directed by Garry Marshall. 2004.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10:

CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Riding Giants — Pedestrian surf film, pieced together of archival footage and present-day talking heads, in salute to the pioneers of wave-riding. ("It was George Downing who carved the mold from which all other big-wave riders were cast," etc.) The earlier pioneers, pre-Gidget, are more credible as pioneers, and their photo documentation has more charm. Directed by Stacy Peralta. 2004.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Shrek 2 — Another dose of foam-rubber



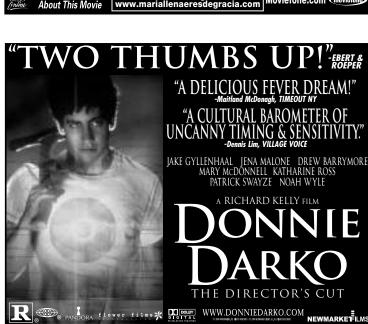
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animation, rapacious capitalism, mainstream hipness, and coy vulgarity ("It looks like we're up Chocolate Creek without a popsicle stick"). Viewers of the forerunner will know what they are in for, and will have only themselves to blame. One new character, Puss 'n Boots, is well drawn whether coughing up a hairball or soliciting poor-kitty pity, and well voiced by Antonio Banderas. With the returning voices of Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz, and Eddie Murphy; co-directed by Andrew Adamson, Kelly Asbury, and Conrad Vernon, 2004. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; VOGUE)

Spider-Man 2 — Two years later, Sam Raimi adds the inevitable second chapter to an above-average comic-book adaptation, pushing his slugging percentage even a little higher, following up the bloop single of Spider-Man with a ground-ball double just inside the foul line. The approach stays the same: a stress on character and relationship, on psychology and emotion, relieved at tolerable intervals with above-average cartoon action scenes. (The physics of the hero's superpowers are somehow never made as comprehensible or as compelling as

his psyche.) The movie is nicely paced and

put responsibility ahead of romance

proportioned: an hour or so of struggling to



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(mundane little detail: the spandex Spider-Man costume in the laundromat, discoloring the other clothes in the load); then, at the halfway point, a half an hour of determined renunciation of responsibility (the costume in a trash can); then a final half-hour after a return from retirement and a bumpy reentry: the high-flying hero's triumphant "I'm back!" will be transposed, through an undignified crash landing, to "My back!" In due time, much is revealed — which is to say Spider-Man's true identity is much revealed — and real progress is made along the storyline, although the last-minute head start on the next sequel feels more tiresome than the entire two hours. Tobey Maguire, more hesitant than Hamlet, more demure than Dumbo, makes the most of the Peter Parker alter ego, but must defer to a computer-generated double for the superhero bits, Kirsten "Dimples" Dunst

and James "Dean" Franco are back on hand as well, and weigh little in the balance. The big difference, the big improvement, is in the new villain embodied by Alfred Molina. In place of Willem Dafoe's Green Goblin. the Batman-type antagonist of the first installment, Molina delivers a robust Dr. Octavius, alias Dr. Octopus, or Doc Ock for short, not really a bad guy at all, but an altruistic scientist whose experiments in fusion go horribly awry, leaving him fused to four metallic robot arms, or tentacles, with a mind of their own. Now more spidery than Spidey, he turns into a monster in the tradition — the species — of such sciencefiction deformities of the Fifties as The Amazing Colossal Man and The Fly. Perhaps, however, the simplest way to appraise the overall level of improvement would be to say that, this time, the irascible newspaper editor of J.K. Simmons ("I don't pay you to be a sensitive artiste!") does not steal the whole show. Only his own scenes. 2004.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

Touch of Pink — Rhymes with That Touch of Mink. And on cue, Kyle MacLachlan essays a nervy impersonation of Cary Grant, an impossible assignment (almost the first words out of his mouth are misinformed: "I first died when I made The

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Mann Hazard 7

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Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Exorcist: The Beginning; Without a Paddle; Benji: Off the Leash; Alien vs. Predator; The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement; Collateral; Little Black Book; Open Water; Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle; The Manchurian Candidate: The Village: The Bourne Supremacy; Catwoman; I, Robot; Spider-Man 2; Fahrenheit 9/11

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Cinerama 6

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4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Festival Express (R) Thu. (5:25) 7:30, 9:35; Father and Son (Not Rated) Fri. (5:25) 7:30, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (5:25) 7:30, 9:35

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LA MESA

Grossmont Center

ont Center (619-465-7100)

Alien vs. Predator (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 2:55) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20; Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:25 7:45, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 2:55, 5:25) 7:45, 10:05; **The Bourne Supremacy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:40, 10:10; **Collateral** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 3:10) 7:45, 10:25; Sun.-Thu. (12:10, 3:10) 7:00, 9:50; **Exorcist: The Beginning** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05) 4:20, 7:40, 10:40; Sun. (1:05) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **I, Robot** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 7:50, 10:25; Sun.-Thu. 7:35, 10:10; **The Manchurian Candidate** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:15, 7:10, 10:10; Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:05, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:05, 10:00; **Open Water** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:05, 7:25, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:40; **The** Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (G) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; Sun. (1:35) 4:30, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:30) 7:20, 9:55; The Village (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:35, 10:05; Sun. (1:40) 4:45, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:45) 7:30, 10:05; Without A Paddle (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:55, 10:15; Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:15; **Yu-Gi-Oh!** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:25) 5:35; Sun. (1:15, 3:25) 5:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:25, 5:30)

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) **The Bourne Supremacy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10; Collateral (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:25, 2:00) 4:35, 7:15, 9:50; Sun. (11:25, 2:00) 4:35, 7:15; Mon.-Thu (11:25, 2:00, 4:35) 7:15; **De-Lovely** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 1:45) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45, Sun. (11:05, 1:45) 4:25, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 1:45, 4:25) 7:05; **Exorcist: The Beginning** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 3:30) 6:45, 9:50; Sun.-Thu. (11:30, 3:30) 6:45; **Fahrenheit 9/11** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:25, 9:55; Sun.-Thu. 7:25; **Garden** State (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:20) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 4:50, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 2:20, 4:50) 7:30; Little Black Book (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:15; Sun. (12:00, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 3:00, 5:25) 7:50; **Spider-Man 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:50) 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; Sun. (11:10, 1:50) 4:30, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:10, 1:50, 4:30) 7:20

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Iamacha Road **Alien vs. Predator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:45, 2:35, 3:35, 5:10) 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20; 12:45, 2:55, 3:55, 3:10) 700, 745, 9:40, 10:20; Benji: Off the Leash! (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:50, 5:30); The Bourne Supremacy (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:30) 7:05, 9:50; A Cinderella Story (PG) Fri.-Thu. 7:55, 10:25; Collateral (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:25, 4:25) 7:25, • (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 8/19)

The Village — Writer-director M. Night Shyamalan painted himself into a corner with *The Sixth Sense*, and has climbed the walls ever since: Unbreakable, Signs, and nov this. His outsized initial success seems to have given him an inflated sense of selfimportance, an inflamed sense of mission: not simply to top the sensationalism but simultaneously to deepen the spirituality. All of which, on the plus side, grants him unusual license to take chances, take pains, take time. His films invariably have a great intensity and a grim mood. The flip side, though, is that they tend to be slow, overextended, and overly dependent on the element of surprise. When the final surprise falls short, as almost inevitably it must, the entire film crumbles to nothing. This one, a fable of fear, an allegory of innocence vs. corruption, centers on a community of Amish-like isolation and austerity. surrounded by a dark forest inhabited by "those we don't speak of," and never, on any account, to be entered by the villagers. If 'we" don't go into "their" woods, "they" will



Without a Paddle

stay out of "our" valley. There would be no film if the truce could last for the duration. Among the assets, prior to the inevitable crumbling, are some effective sound effects of cracking and rustling in the forest, and atmospheric photography by Roger Deakins, and a creditable acting debut by Bryce Dallas Howard, daughter of Ron Howard, far less affected than such co-stars as Joaquin Phoenix, Adrien Brody, William Hurt —

him especially - and Sigourney Weaver. But the preferable showcase would have been a Twilight Zone half-hour or at most an Outer Limits hour: brief and ephemeral. That way, no one could "spoil" the surprise beforehand, and everyone who cared to watch it could talk it over in the lunchroom the next day. 2004.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

We Don't Live Here Anymore

Reviewed this issue. With Mark Ruffalo,

Naomi Watts, Laura Dern, and Peter Krause; directed by John Curran.

Without a Paddle — Three boyhood pals. facing their mortality at thirty, head out on a treasure hunt for the lost loot of D.B. Cooper. Or at least a hunt for low comedy: city slickers in the backwoods. They find a lot of the least. With Seth Green, Matthew Lillard, Dax Shepard, and Burt Reynolds; directed by Steven Brill. 2004. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/20)

Yu-Gi-Oh! — Japanese animated fantasy, from Hatsuki Tsuji, based on a trading-card

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Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Exorcist: The Beginning; Alien vs. Predator; Collateral: I. Robot

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Alien vs. Predator (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30) 5:00, 6:00, 7:30, 8:30, 10:00, 10:45; **The Bourne Supremacy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:45, 7:45, 10:15; **Catwoman** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15); Collateral (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:45, 10:30; Exorcist: The Beginning (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 2:45, 4:15) 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; **Open Water** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:15, 4:30) 6:30, 8:30, 10:30; The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; The Village (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Without A Paddle (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Yu-Gi-Oh! (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30) 5:15

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)
Open Water; Exorcist: The Beginning; Without a Paddle; Benji: Off the Leash; Garden State; Nicotina; Alien vs. Predator The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement: Yu-Gi-Oh!; Collateral; Little Black Book; Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle; The Manchurian Candidate; The Village; The Bourne Supremacy; Catwoman; Napoleon Dynamite; I, Robot; A Cinderella Story; King Arthur; Anchorman; Spider-Man 2; White Chicks

Rancho Del Rey 16 East H Street (619-216-4707)

Alien vs. Predator (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:30, 1:40, 2:10, 4:15, 4:45) 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10; **Benji: Off the Leash!** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 1:30, 5:30); **The Bourne Supremacy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:40, 10:25; **Catwoman** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:55, 10:35; **Collateral** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:20) 7:25, 10:30; Exorcist: The Beginning (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 3:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Garden State** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:50, 4:35) 7:20,

10:15; I. Robot (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:40) 6:45, 9:35; **Little Black Book** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:50, 10:25; The Manchurian Can**didate** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:15) 7:20, 10:20; **Nicotina** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:45, 4:20) 7:10, 9:45: Open Water (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:55, 1:10, 3:25, 5:35) 7:45, 10:00; **The Princess Diaries** 2: Royal Engagement (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 11:40, 2:05, 3:05, 4:55) 7:05, 7:40, 9:50, 10:30; The Village (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:05) 7:15, 10:20: Without A Paddle (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:35, 4:10) 8:00, 10:35; **Yu-Gi-Oh!** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 1:10, 5:30)

Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 8:00; Shrek 2 (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 6:15; White Chicks (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 10:30

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND

FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) **Alien vs. Predator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Collateral** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:15; Exorcist: The Beginning (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30 (2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; Open Water (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:15; The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; Without A Paddle (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Alien vs. Predator (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:00, 3:25) 5:45, 8:05, 10:30; Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40; **The Bourne Supremacy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:10, 10:35; Sun. (10:30, 12:55, 3:20) 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; Collateral (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:35, 1:10, 3:50) 7:05, 10:20; Sun. (10:35, 1:10, 3:50) 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:30, 4:00) 6:40, 9:20; Exorcist: The Beginning (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:30) 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30; Sun. (12:30, 3:30) 6:30, 7:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:55, 2:55, 5:55) 7:45, 9:00; **I, Robot** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 9:25; **The Manchurian Candidate** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 1:45) 4:30, 7:25, 10:15; Sun. (10:40, 1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:30) 6:20, 9:10; **Napoleon Dynamite** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:35, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:10, 1:20, 3:25, 5:30) 7:35, 9:45; **Open Water** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 7:40, 9:50; The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 1:20,

3:55) 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 1:40, 4:15) 3:55) 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 1:40, 4:15) 6:50, 9:25; **The Village** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 12:55, 3:20) 5:40, 8:10, 10:35; Sun. (10:30, 12:55, 3:20) 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Without A Pad**dle (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 1:10, 3:30) 5:50. 8:05, 10:30; Sun. (10:50, 1:10, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40; **Yu-Gi-Oh!** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:05, 3:10) 5:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 1:15, 3:25, 5:35)

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Alien vs. Predator (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; The Bourne Supremacy (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Collateral (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Exorcist: The Beginning** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **I**, **Robot** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:00, 9:30; **The Manchurian Candidate** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Open Water (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; The Village (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Without A Paddle (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Yu-Gi-Oh!** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30,

RAMONA

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) **Alien vs. Predator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 11.20, 1.00, 2.10, 3.45, 4.40) 6.30, 7.20, 9.15, 10:00; Benji: Off the Leash! (PG) Fri.-Thu. (9:30, 12:10, 2:50, 5:30); The Bourne **Supremacy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:40, 1:55, 4:45) 7:25, 10:10; **Collateral** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 1:05, 4:05) 7:05, 10:15; **De-Lovely** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:25, 1:20, 4:10) 7:15, 10:20; **Exorcist: The Beginning** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 7:50, 10:20, 10:45; **Garden State** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:45, 1:35, 4:25) 7:00, 9:45; I. Robot (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 8:00,

10:45; Little Black Book (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:05; The Manchurian Candidate (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:35, 1:40, 4:35) 7:40, 10:40; Napoleon Dynamite (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:30, 5:15) 7:45, 10:30; Nicotina (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:00, 5:00) 7:45, 10:10; **Open Water** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 3:00, 5:10) 7:35, 9:50; **The** Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (G) Fri.-Thu. (10:10, 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 12:40, 3:20) 6:40, 7:15, 9:30; **Spider-Man 2** (PG-13)

Fri -Thu (10:00, 1:10, 4:15) 7:10, 10:05: The Village (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:20, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:15; Without A Paddle (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:30, 5:15) 7:50, 10:35; **Yu-Gi-Oh!** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (9:45, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30)

VISTA

Vista Village Metroplex 13

Highway 78 at Vista Villlage Drive (760-945-7469) Call theater for program information

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147) **Alien vs. Predator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:25; Collateral (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Exorcist: The Beginning (R) Fri.-Thu, 11:30, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55; **The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:55, 1:20, 3:50, 6:20, 8:45

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Alien vs. Predator (PG-13) Fri -Thu 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; **Benji: Off the Leash!** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30) 5:15; **Col**lateral (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Exorcist: The Beginning (R) Fri.-Thu $\begin{array}{l} 10:15\;(12:45,\,3:15)\;5:45,\,8:15,\,10:45;\,\textbf{I},\,\textbf{Robot}\\ (PG-13)\;Fri.-Thu.\;7:15,\,10:00;\,\textbf{Little Black}\\ \textbf{Book}\;(PG-13)\;Fri.-Thu.\;2:45,\,7:45,\,10:15;\,\textbf{The} \end{array}$ Manchurian Candidate (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; The Princess Diaries **2: Royal Engagement** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; **Without A Paddle** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Yu-Gi-Oh! (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45, 4:45)

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) The Bourne Supremacy (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; The Door in the Floor (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Garden State** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Open Water** (R) Fri.-Thu, 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00,

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) Open Water; Without a Paddle; Benji: Off the Leash; Alien vs. Predator; The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement; Yu-Gi-Oh!; Collateral; The Bourne Supremacy

471 South Coast Highway 101

(760-436-SHOW)

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri. 12:00: What the #\$*! Do We Know? (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00, 8:35; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 6:45, 9:20; Mon.-Wed. 6:00, 8:35

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

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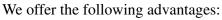
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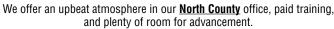
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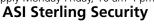
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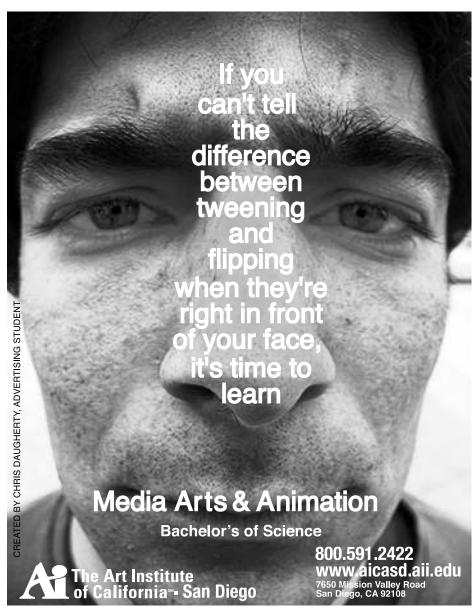
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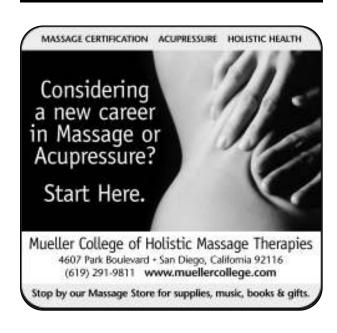
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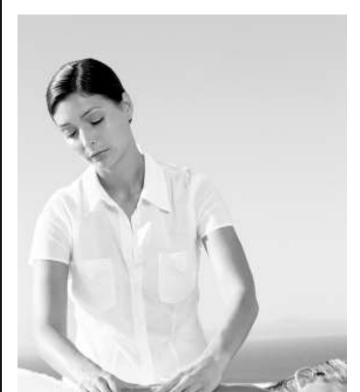
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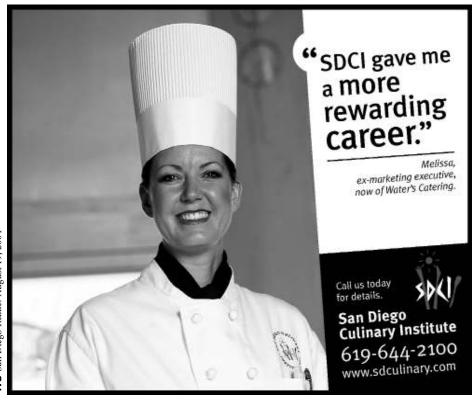
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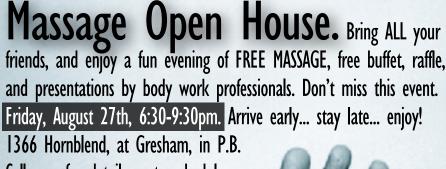
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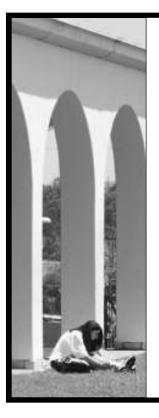
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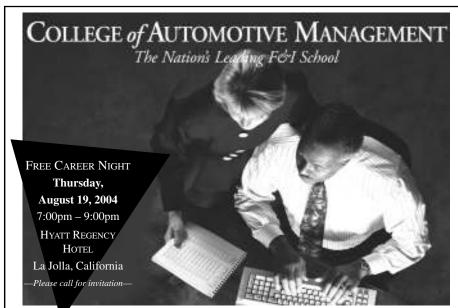
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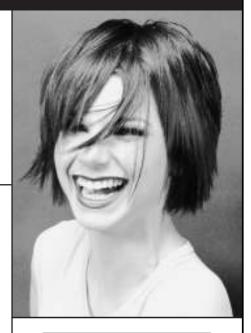
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- 25. Paul Simon's "____ Rock"
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- 30. Dodeca- halved
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- 39. "Jabberwocky" start
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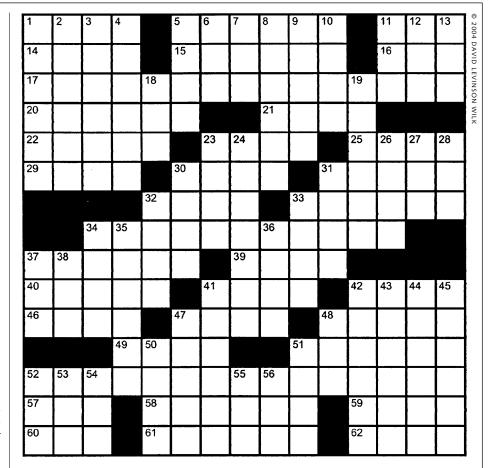
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- "On the nose!"
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- another unhappy": Mencken 28. Pop-up nuisances
- 30. Farmer, on occasion
- 31. Sharer's word
- 32. Home Depot rival 33. Campus meeting place
- 34. Rain delay protection
- 35. Duds
- 36. Wilson of "Starsky & Hutch"
- 37. Mortarboard, e.g.
- 38. Lobster eggs
- 41. Something to catch or save
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- 44. Rocker Dee Dee, Tommy, Joey or Johnny
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- 47. Balloon
- 48. Winner's take
- 50. "Don't look ____!"
 51. Tiny fraction of a min.
- 52. Stick in a parlor
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FRY'S, June 15, petite Chinese girl. We talked at wall with Fry's newspaper advertisements. You needed a computer part. Let's talk again. Respond here.

HEY LOVE CAT. I saw you once. I saw you twice. Now what? Meet me in the

MASTER RAY-BEAR G. LANCASTER. The

infamous spirit of Lore, legend, my per-sonal hero and husband. May you rule

our draygun domain in death with con-

NANCY B. and Beverly who lived in Imperial Beach in the 1950s and 1960s. Call

NICK K. NICK K. NICK K. Call home Ur-SMARTY-MARTY, still crazy after all these

years. Daviebabe.

SO FAR DOWN, away from the sun again. I'm tired of living in the dark. Pray and work for peace, love, and happiness.

UNIVERSAL FACT: You must give to get, energy in, energy out. Law of giving, universe operates through dynamic exchange. Giving/receiving: Different aspects flow of energy throughout universe, including you. Aton.

MATCHES

SHARED INTERESTS

CRAFTS. Anyone out there interested in getting together and doing craft projects? I need some motivation. I'm 50, live in East County, nonsmoking, open race. (9/1) ☎30742

FRIENDSHIP. Energetic widow, active RN, 57, nonsmoker/nondrinker. Seeking tides and gentlemen for theatre, dining, movies, outings, travel, concerts, etc. 50-65, active, reliable, stable, nonsmokers. (9/1) \$\overline{\text{3069}}\$

ers. (9/1) \$\overline{\alpha}\$30699

FRIENDSHIP. Youthful, 41, black female, night owl. Seeking outgoing, positive, open minded, reliable, secure individuals for fun and enjoying all the city has to ofer. (9/1) \$\overline{\alpha}\$30743

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT or in? Movies, music, dancing, walking, shopping, restaurants, and videos. Age 40, platonic. I call back! (9/1) \$\infty\$30714

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COURTNEY COX LOOK-ALIKE. Active,

petite, young woman seeking male counterpart in 40s or early 50s. Must be educated and financially secure. (9/1)

ATTRACTIVE BRITISH- American gentlean sought by green-eyed attractive lady, 45, humorous, outdoorsy, nature lover, easygoing, simple lifestyle, world traveler, German-Irish descent. (9/1)
330257 WHITE AROUND THE WAY woman seeks write AROUND THE WAY woman seeks LL Cool J. Her: 34, blonde/green eyes, pleasantly plumb. You: Educated gentleman, fun and financially stable. (9/1)

LOVELY AFRICAN-AMERICAN LADY, 48, wants to be spoiled and pampered. Seeking that down to earth gentleman, 45-52, very romantic, affectionate, and fun. Race unimportant. (9/1) \$\alpha\$ 30250

ADVENTUROUS, BLUE-JEANED, 51 years, 5'1", (dieting) Italian. Seeking funny, successful, Caucasian gentleman, 48-65, who loves kissing, pets, boating, fishing, barbecues, golf, dancing, poker, business. (9/1) \$\frac{1}{2}\$30247

YOUR SEARCH IS OVER. Beautiful Hispanic, 37. No: children, smoking, drugs, games. Looking for same. Seeking healthy, adventurous, meaningful relationship. Let's enjoy our lives together. (8/25) \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 30224

5'2", EYES OF BLUE, that's me! Lady, 73, seeks gentleman who enjoys crusing, gaming, country-western music, easygoing, fun to be around. No grumpy old men. (9/1) \$\infty\$30264

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE and loving it! In-SINGLE WHITE FEMALE and loving it in-telligent, successful, personable, enjoys dining, flying, outside activities. Seeking smart, funny, professional, futuristic, self-aire. First acquaintances, later friends, 35-45. (8/25) 230203

PRETTY BLONDE, 5'7", college degreed, 47. Seeking confident, tall, independent partner, 45-55, for outdoors fun, sailing, hiking, biking, travel, classic rock, con-

▲ 30225

LOKING FOR FRIEND, companion, white gentleman between ages 40-48, tall, muscular, nonsmoker, living in North County coastal area to meet 53", 120lb. fun-loving woman. (8/25) ★ 30206 WANTING A BLACK GUY. Female seeks passionate guy. I'm white, 41 and loads of fun. Call me, you won't be sorry. (8/25) \$\infty\$30201

certs, dancing, movies, laughter. (9/1) \$\alpha 30234

ZANY YET INTROSPECTIVE, jovial yet serious, independent yet wanting closeness, talkative yet a listener. Seeking male counterpart, 58-78. Me: curvaceous, petite. (8/25) \$\alpha\$30218

PASSIONATE ABOUT LIFE! Professional,

32, 5'4", curvy, sweet, happy, active, humorous, affectionate. Seeking nice guy, 29-40, educated, nonsmoker, caring, honest, fun, romantic, for sincere relationship. (8/25) \$\mathbf{x}\$30228

MISSION HILLS AREA man wanted. Professional, outgoing, serious, humorous, conversations, laughter, culture, friend-ship, romance for red/blue attractive, worldly, honest, playful, communication, liverse, obstring - string - stri

diverse, sharing, positive.

LET'S GO TO THE RACES! Slim, petite, attractive real estate professional, 58. Seeking reasonably fit traveler for conversation and a glass of wine. (8/25) \$\infty\$ 30207

PRETTY ASIAN, sweet, personable, enjoys travel, outdoor dining, sunsets. Seeking white professional, 50s, fit, educated, financially secure, generous, good value, nonsmoker, caring, understanding, serious relationship. (9/1) \$\textit{3}\$30243

ous relationship. (9/1) \$30243
SENSUAL, ATTRACTIVE, loving, youthful lady, 56", trim, athletic, enjoys outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 55-65. Wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (8/25) \$30211 YOUNG AT HEART, WHITE female looking

for gentleman companion, intelligent, financially secure, retired, age 68-80. Loves dancing, music, golf, travel, selective, energetic and funny. (8/25) Tail springs. Divorced white professional female wants to share frugal fun weekends with a beach guy, easygoing, early mornings, sailing, laughter, serendipity, 63, 5'8". (9/1) Tail 30242

Seeking Special Gent

To share laughs and special friendship. Attractive, 50ish, self-assured, high spirited feminine black lady, impeccable character, great personality, open minded and flexible. Enjoys races, concerts, movies. You: 50+, nonsmoking, high integrity, generous heart, financially and emotionally secure. Race unimportant. (9/1) \$\infty\$ 30260.

EXOTIC, AFFECTIONATE, FUN, outgoing, 5'2", 115lbs., long hair. Enjoys dining, Gaslamp. You: 25-40, mature, honest, sense of humor. Serious callers only. (8/25) \$\overline{\text{TailOnd}}\$ 30205 ATTRACTIVE RUSSIAN LADY, 51, warm-hearted, charming, kind, educated, En-

hearted, charming, kind, educated. Enjoys cooking, exercising, traveling, walking. Seeking true partner, genuine, trustful, gentle, caring gentleman, 50+, for serious relationship. (8/25) \$\oldsymbol{\textit{T}}30208

for serious relationship. (8/25) ★30208
36-YEAR-OLD QUALITY lady, 5'4",
125lbs., brunette/blue, petite and attractive. Seeking physically fit, kind gentleman, 36-46 years, for lasting relationship. (8/25) ★30200

BLUE-EYED BLONDE, 5'8", 125lbs. Attractive, vivacious and 54. Seeking tall, nice-looking, educated professional, 49-56, who enjoys music, art and an active lifestyle. (8/25) ★30222

ATTRACTIVE, FUN AND FIT Asian female,

30s, 5'3", 125lbs. Seeking well-educated, loving, supportive, sincere man for lasting relationship. Enjoy sports, hiking, ski, family, friends. (9/1) \$\overline{a}\$30239

PRETIY TEACHER, blonde/blue, 41, 5'8", slender, bikini looks. Enjoy beach, concerts, working out, boating. Seeking fun, successful, attractive, fit, nonsmoking, moderate drinking, Christian, 34-48. (8/25) \$\overline{a}\$30197 48. (8/25) \$\alpha\$30197 **GOT LOVE? WELL I'M** 31, white, full-figured, attractive, compassionate, caring. I need a real man, white, 21-50, serious minded, plays no games, loves life. (8/25) \$\alpha\$30217

VERY ATTRACTIVE, cultured lady would like to meet you for conversation over glass of wine. (8/25) 🕿 30202

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SEEKING CUDLING counterpart for lots of romance and fun times. If you are 60+, 5*10*+, monogamous, unencumbered, and easygoing, sexy, pretty lady awaits your call. (8/25) ☎30212

your call. (8/25) \$\Pi\$ 30212

SHORT, SERIOUS, true blonde, Pisces. Seeking construction-type dude with clean fingernails, honest, considerate, for friendship, romance, fun. No games, no addicts, homebodies OK. (9/1) \$\Pi\$ 30238 FEMALE, 52, 5'3", 110lbs., adventurous, positive, witty. Seeking professional male, 47-57, with same attributes, preferably tall, fit, health conscious. (9/1)

LET'S KISS, HAVE FUN, share meaty conversations, liberal politics, theater, foreign films, family and friends. In search of best friend, 60-70 years. (8/25) \$30204

NORTH COUNTY, attractive, classy, blonde/blue, 70s. Seeking fun-loving man, 70s-80s to share interests. Movies, dining, musicals, travel, financially secure. Must provide transportation. (9/1)

BET ON ME. YOU MIGHT WIN. I'm Cau casian, 5'9", senior, active woman, searching for Caucasian male, 70+, tall, healthy nonsmoker for happy, long-time relationship. (9/1) \$\infty\$30248

LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plussize brunette, very loving and sincere, nonsmoker. Seeking long-term relationship. Let's go for it, big boy! (8/25) ATTRACTIVE, SINGLE BLACK female. 52.

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SEXY, VIVACIOUS, SMART, fun, positive, stable, white. Seeking 30+, 5'10"+, nve, stable, white. Seeking 30+, 5'10"+, nonsmoker gentleman who's honorable, romantic, huggable, lovable, exciting, adventurous. (9/1) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$30233

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LOOKING FOR ROMANCE, pretty blonde blue eyes, curvy, loves life, positive, playful, stable, affectionate. Searching for long-term relationship with Christian gentleman, 45-60. (8/25) \$\infty\$30195

STOP HERE, LOOK NO MORE. Sincere, petite, caring, affectionate senior lady would like to meet classy senior gentle-man to enjoy life. Let's meet for cof-fee. (8/25) 30213

ASIAN, SWEET, SULTRY, sensational ASIAN, SWEEL, nice legs, curvaceous, humorous, 5'3", 115lbs., healthcare professional, child-less, homeowner. Seeking tall, fit, non-smoker, successful, compatible, 35+Caucasian professional. Let's ex-

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EXCUSE ME, WOULD YOU like a cup of coffee? Good friend, widow, 60. Looking for one good man, nondrinker, smokers OK. I smoke. Barona? (9/1) 23:30241

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figured, African-American queen, liberal politics, artistic, loves travel, films, reading, intelligent conversations. Seeking honest, loyal, respectful, passionate, stocky, white professional. (9/1)

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WARM, LOVING, CARING, affectionate tall, white male, 53, honest, sincere, down tall, white male, 53, honest, sincere, down to earth. Seeking female who is loving, playful, affectionate, enjoys dining, quiet, fun times. (9/1) \$\mathbf{3}30727\$

fun times. (9/1) \$\infty\$30727 \$
\$4, LOOKS 40, Caucasian, East County homeowner, active, humorous, easygoing, passionate. Looking for soul mate. You: attractive, slim, smart, ready for Catalina and more. (9/1) \$\infty\$30713

JUST ONE VERY OPEN, tactile, curious lady, for me: young senior, two out of three. All welcome. South Bay ne. South Bay, very genes. (9/1) 30733

HANDSOME, SEXY, Successful executive, 60, trim, 5"10", blonde, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship, (8/25) 230647

I'M A KEEPER IF YOU'RE a great catch I'm 37, athletic, attractive, humorous and I'm 37, athletic, attractive, humorous and even normal. Wow! So let me be the one. Race unimportant. (8/25) \$\infty\$30649

cere. Let's share life together. (8/25)

20, 5'3", 180lbs., GREEN eyes. Seeking 20-28-year-old male for friendship, possi-bly more. Outgoing, sensitive and fun with a big heart. (9/1) 330261

HORSE GAL, 47, 5'8", medium build, white. Seeking faithful man with similar interests. You: supportive, caring, communicative. Me: honest, loving, passionate. Outdoors, movies, horseback riding. (8/25) \$\tilde{\tilde{A}}\$30210

PRETTY. PERSONABLE. slender. intelli gent, communicative. Seeking college educated, politically liberal, handsome, huggable, generous-hearted male 45-60, 5'10"+. Enjoy fine dining, cinema, lying back with you. (9/1) 🛣 30252

DYNAMITE FIGURE, stunning blonde, blue, 5'8", 135lbs. Seeking 45-55, single white male, 5'10"-6'6" soul mate; fun, dancing, romance. Must be homeowner, financially secure, no baggage. (9/1)

VERY CUTE. I'm a shapely size 4, white skin, dark red hair. Wanting very goodskin, dark red hair. Wanting very good-looking college graduated, well em-ployed, fit, nonsmoker. (9/1) \$\frac{1}{42}\$30246

CLASSY BLONDE: 60s, 5'7", gregarious nature, eclectic interests, avid reader, active. Seeking easygoing Caucasian male counterpart, 55-65, nonsmoker, no drugs. roll! (8/25) **a**30215

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DANCING IN MOONLIGHT, all that is missing is you. Slender, attractive, happy woman, 55. Seeking a partner to share evening walks and morning sunrises. (9/1) \$\oldsymbol{\pi}\$30263

Latina, 40, 5'5", medium built, enjoys movies, dancing, reading cultures. Looking for serious relationship, friends first, with 40-55 male, same qualities. (9/1) \$\oldsymbol{3}\$30236 ATTRACTIVE, TALL, SLIM, 58, Jewish,

BEAUTIFUL INSIDE/OUTSIDE, 40, slim

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CUBAN FEMALE, 46, 5'5", 145lbs. Seeking gentleman, 43-49, for long-term relationship. Be romantic, sincere, understanding, and educated. Lets share it all together. Serious only. (9/1) ☆30249

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FEMALE, 52, LOOKING FOR a retired gentleman who has time to travel, ocean fishing a plus, possibly marriage, a commitment, outdoors man, looks unimportant, sincere. (9/1) \$\tilde{\tag{30230}}\$ PRETTY ARGENTINEAN redhead, 45 125lbs., 5'4", long hair, professional. Love outdoors, camping, hiking, sailing, classical music. Seeking white professional male, 50-75, for romano. ...,

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sensitive man, who's in-

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SEEKING OPEN-MINDED woman, 46-60, any race. I'm 5'6", 146lbs., fit, 54, Caucasian. Enjoy film, videos, museums, TV,

some sports, KPBS, walks. Seeking liberated woman. (9/1) \$\alpha\$30738

ated woman. (9/1) \$\overline{\pi}\$30738

SEEKING EXOTIC DIVA, beautiful, smart, petite, sexy and romantic for handsome, athletic, happy, productive, prosperous, generous, 46s man with respect, integrity and honesty. Divas only! (8/25) \$\overline{\pi}\$30651

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life. (8/25) ☎30682

TALL, WARM, POINT LOMA Christian, 51 years. Well traveled, diverse interests, loves beach and home. Desires affectionate, beautiful and accomplished woman for new life together. (9/1) ☎30707

HANDSOME, TALL, white, very young, 60, divorced father, conservative. Seeks stylish, sexy, passionate, sensuous, available, generous woman for intimate, romantic evenings, hugs, kisses, lasting relationship. (8/25) \$\mathbf{\textit{2}}\$30678

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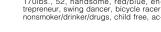
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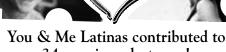
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SINGLE WHITE MALE, medium build, financially secure. Looking for a medium-built single black female. Friends first to get acquainted, then maybe more. Ages 30-45. (9/1) \$\mathbf{3}\$ 30703

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TALL AND GOOD LOOKING, young 49 nonsmoker, educated, financially secure, athletic, white, professional, honest, responsible, unencumbered, humorous, hugger, North Coastal homeowner. You: enriched, shapely fox. (9/1) \$\mathref{\textit{2}}\alpha\$30726

YOURS TRULY BABY! Take me, I'm yours. It's time to have some fun in San Diego. Put on your sexiest outfit because we're going dancing! (8/25) \$\infty\$ 30681

ALL GOOD MEN AREN'T TAKEN. Attract tive black gentleman, 45, 5'7", honest, sincere, intelligent, romantic, healthy. Enjoys life, adventures, outdoors, cooking, beaches, movies, music. Race unimportant. (9/1) \$\frac{1}{2}\$30737

WARM BROWN EYES. Kind, masculine employed male professional, 6'2", slenemployed male professional, 612", stender, clean-cut. Seeking relationship with strong, feminine lady, 40-55, who's emotionally available. I'll put you first. (8/25) \$30688

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SPIRITUAL, ROMANTIC, sensual man,

CHARMING, HANDSOME, TALL, confident, romantic, fun loving, 46. Looking for that special lady for intimate and lasting relationship. Affectionate, loyal, responsi-

Healthy, slender, pretty. moker. (8/25) ☎30694

TALL COUNTRY GUY, honest, loves horses, animals, camping. Seeking funloving female, 40-47, for great times, camping, horseback riding or just plain hanging out. (9/1) \$\mathbf{3}\$30728

FITNESS FANATIC, handsome, affectionate, 54, 165lbs., 5'11", Caucasian, financially secure, enjoys triathlons, dinners, movies, adventure. You: nonsmoker, slender, feminine, lives healthy lifestyle, 40-55, (9/1) \$\tilde{\pi}\$30729

GENTLEMAN. 70. RETIRED, healthy in mind and in body. Love travel, movies, outdoors, East County. Would like to share life with like-minded lady. (9/1) \$\infty\$30736

sought by attractive, white, 42, 5'10", 165lbs., blond/blue, nonsmoker, social drinker, no kids, Mission Valley, enjoy motorcycles, movies, blues/jazz. (8/25) 30666

TALL, FIT, FUN, handsome, 43, blue eyes, good communicator, happy with life, sense of humor. Seeking slender, attractive soul mate for dining, dancing, travel, relationship. (8/25) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$30691

raver, retailorismip. (9/25) ~3-30091 ASIAN LADY WANTED, by caucasian gentleman in his 50s. I'm 5'11", athletic, romantic, financially secure, homeowner, on the beach, no baggage, well groomed. (9/1) ~30745

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CAMPING IN BAJA, romancing in San Diego. Handsome guy, 55, trim, healthy, nonsmoker, gray/blue, homeowner, dogs, photography. Seeking female for dating and outdoor adventure. (9/1) \$\tilde{\tilde{\tilde{\tilde{1}}}}\$30718

wHITE MALE, 32, GOOD listener seeks North County female for love and silly sense of humor, 30-45, must love animals and great music. No games. (8/25) \$\frac{1}{2}30655\$

WANTED: MATURE WOMAN. 60+. by single male, 47. Seeking granny girlfriend, masterpiece of creation, timeless beauty of fiery desires. (8/25) \$\infty\$30667

fessional, OK looking, tall, stout, fun, cook, romantic. Seeking romantic, fun, happy, intelligent female to explore rest of our lives. (8/25) \$\alpha\$30679

YOUNGER LADY WANTED. Very attractive, nonsmoker, 25-45, honest, sweet, monogamous, sensual, loving, fashionable, who seeks 49, tall, handsome, successful entrepreneur, who's fun, great personality, honest, great dresser, who loves to pamper, and wants companion, maybe more, for upscale lifestyle. Your future is secure with me. (8/25) 273:080-1 YOUNGER LADY WANTED. Very attrac

POWAY WHITE GENTLEMAN, 55, 5'9' 172lbs., clean shaven, handsome, well-groomed, great qualities, romantic, lov-ing, supportive, intelligent, secure. Wants attractive long relationship, single parents welcome, 35-60. (8/25) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$30674

I WOULD LIKE to meet a special Asian lady for a date. I myself enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, and football. I teach preschool. (9/1) \$\frac{1}{2}\$30719

YOUTHFUL 73, SHARING life, movies, ater, dining, dancing, caring, conver-ions, with compassionate, nonsmok-, health-oriented lady in East County a. Simple things in life. (9/1) \$\alpha\$30704

29, 6'1", 185lbs., nonsmoker/drinker, walking, biking, Padre games, seeing live music, jazz and blues. No kids. (9/1)

SAN MARCOS, 52, self-assured, integrity happy, honest, open communicator, adventurous, spontaneous, and humorous. Seeking North County woman for romantic getaways, fascinating times, playful fun. Nonsmoker. (8/25) \$\oldsymbol{\textit{T}} 30663

TRULY HONEST, SINCERE, secure homeowner, lonely, widowed, young 77 liking outdoors and travel. Seeking sincere lady for lifetime caring and sharing, (9/1) \$\infty\$30705

ing. (9/1) \$\frac{1}{2}30700\$ **RETIRED WORLD TRAVELER,** physically fit, excellent health, secure, caring. Seeking 35-52 female for fun, romance, longfit, excellent health, secure, caring. Seeking 35-52 female for fun, romance, long-term relationship, travel, backpacking, sailing, scuba. Must be retired. (9/1)

SEARCHING FOR COMPANION. Slender, 57, brown/blue, 5'7", easygoing with varied interests and time to give TLC to my match. No games. Let's talk. (9/1) \$\tilde{\tilde{\tilde{9}}}\$ 123.

GORGEOUS LATINO, slim, fit, 5'8", 50

husband material, for vegetariar babe. Me: 40, 5'11", 170lbs., dark, good looks, degreed professional, intelligent athletic, affectionate, kind. You: 25-35 cute, fit, giving, happy, aware, no kids (yet) or smoke/drugs. (8/25) \$\mathbf{3}\$30684

YOUNG LOOKING, 52, wants you (maybe). Need more happiness in my life. I'm 5'10", slim, with hair. Graphic designer. Loves nature, dogs, quiet, making music. (8/25) ☎30654

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ACTUALIZED MAN. Heaven is now following my bliss. Independent, no kids. Liberal, compassionate, 42, nonreactionary, giver, honest, faithful. Living the dream, in the moment. (9/1) \$\alpha\$30715 INTELLIGENT, UNENCUMBERED, affec

tionate, attractive, strong willed, physi-cally fit, 50. You: easygoing, honest, pet tite, 40s. Jaguar, cross-country adventure, photography, share philoso-phies, enjoy earth, life! (8/25) \$\alpha\$ 30670

BAJA BOUND. Attractive, easygoing, open-minded, white male, 42, seeks down to earth, fun, adventurous woman interested in spending 6 months in Baja starting mid-November. (8/25) \$\mathbf{2}\$30671

CHRISTIAN, BORN AGAIN, funny, happy. Loves Jesus, animals, people. Likes music, dancing, concerts, outdoors, festivals, sports. You: attractive, slender, sweetheart, positive! Nonsmoker. (8/25)

WARM HANDS, WARM HEART, handsome, Encinitas businessman, апислаю, eclectic. Seeking intelligent, open, attractive, sensuous, successful professional woman. (8/25)

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SEEKING WARMHEARTED, affectionate lady, light drinker, under 65, for healthy relationship with white male, retired wid-ower, 60s, 5'7", 165lbs, well groomed, financially secured. Let's enjoy. (8/25)

LOOKING FOR A DATE, girlfriend, friend. I'm 56, 5'3", 145lbs., good looking. I love music, nature, walking, fun at home. La Mesa area. (9/1) \$\overline{\Omega}\$30723

ARTIST TO THE CORE, 45, heart full of passion, creativity and kindness, active mentally, physically. Seeking woman of depth to share honesty, laughter and intimacy. (8/25) \$\mathbf{\alpha}\$30653

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BADA BING WHERE'S MY Mrs. Soprano?
Have house, got connections, just need my gumba. Comfy life awaits. Want little Tonys too. The whole shabang. Ciao. (8/25) \$\mathbf{T}\$30665

GOOD-LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered, nice guy, approximately 6, 180lbs., 46. Seeking slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 30-43, for balanced, long-term relationship. (8/25) 30657

ATTRACTIVE, AFFLUENT, independent bachelor wishes to share life and beautihachelor wishes to share life and beautiful home with 30-something female counterpart. Me: Caucasian, trim, childless. You: the same! North County. (8/25)

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stance, integrity, heart, creativity. Seeking life partnership/romance with spontaneous, unjaded, communicative, sensual, arts oriented, cuddling cutie! 57, 5'10", attractive. (9/1) \$\alpha\$30724

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TALL GENT, 6'6", Caucasian, 56, and fit. Seeking counterpart who enjoys fine dining, the arts and travel. Exclusive relationship desired. La Jolla area. (9/1) \$\infty 30734\$

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SINCERE, 6'1", SLIM, mannered, bright, fun, father, degreed, varied interests. Seeking 42-52, bright, trim, nonsmoker, North County for conversation, outdoors, music, friendship, sharing life. (9/1)

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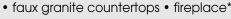
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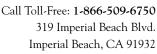
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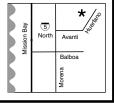
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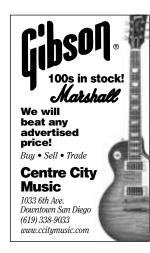
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DEL MAR. Neighborhood block sale. Saturday, 8/21, 7am-noon. 1983 Jeep, musiurday, 8/21, /am-noon. 1905 Jeep, mos-cal instruments, sports equipment, household items, weight bench, more.

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MORTH PARK. Neighborhood yard sale.

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A Police Officer's Dream Question: Vincent Morrissey's police brutality lawsuit went to trial in New Haven, Conn., in 1997, and the alleged perp, West Haven police officer Ralph Angelo, was on the witness stand, claiming that Morrissey himself had provoked the encounter by swinging at Angelo. Morrissey's attorney, openly skeptical of Angelo's version of the incident, asked Angelo to demonstrate to the jury just how hard Morrissey had swung at him. Before the lawyer could clarify what he meant by "demonstrate," Officer Angelo popped the lawyer on the chin, staggering him and forcing an immediate recess.

Creme de la Weird

 In Milwaukee in 1997, Gary Arthur Medrow. 53, was charged with 24 counts of impersonating a police officer in connection with his unique obsession. What Medrow does, according to police (who have arrested him various times over the last 30 years for the same thing), is telephone a woman and try to convince her to lift another person in the room and carry her or him a short distance, sometimes telling the woman that he's a police officer and that it's an official request. A 49-year-old woman in Scotland passed away in 1999, only the third starvation death among the world's alleged 5,000 disciples of Australian Ellen Greve who follow a no-food, no-water, "breatharian" diet. Greve sells her philosophy ("liberation from the drudgery of food and drink") to Westerners in part as conferring a spiritual connection with third-world hunger.

Can't Possibly Be True

- Only-in-California Rage: Ms. Cathomas Starbird, a member of the Sausalito, Calif., school board, was sentenced to 15 days in jail in 1999 for assault-

ing a female friend who had joined her and her husband to celebrate the husband's birthday. At the couple's houseboat after dinner, Ms. Starbird became furious at her friend, jumped on her, and bit her on the face because she had refused to engage in oral sex with the husband. - Ms. India Scott of Detroit dated both Darryl Fletcher and Brandon Ventimeglia starting in 1993 and the next year gave birth to a boy. Neither man knew about the other, and she told each he was the father. For two years, Scott managed to juggle the men's visitation rights, but in March 1997 when she announced she was marrying a new boyfriend and leaving the area, Fletcher and Ventimeglia each separately filed for custody of "his" son. Only then did the men find out about each other. In May 1997, they took blood tests to settle the paternity once and for all. (Of course, the test revealed that the actual father was yet another man.)

Great Art!

 Featured at the Donn Roll Contemporary Museum in Sarasota, Fla., in 1996 was Ms. Charon Luebbers's Menstrual Hut, a 6-by-6-by-5-foot isolation booth to symbolize the loneliness that society has forced upon menstruating women. Accompanying it were 28 canvasses created by Luebbers's pressing her face into whatever discharge was present in each of the 28 days of her cycle for one month, to show the contrast.

— A 1998 Los Angeles Times report described the unusual sustained success, in turbulent economic times, of the Cat Theater of Moscow, Russia, whose 300-seat shows remained sold out weeks in advance. Despite conventional wisdom that cats are untrainable, proprietor Yuri Kuklachev had them climbing poles, walking tightropes, pushing toy trains, leapfrogging over human backs,

and balancing atop tiny platforms.

Least Competent Criminals

- Ronnie Darnell Bell, 30, was arrested in Dallas in 1998 and charged with attempting, all alone, to rob the Federal Reserve Bank. (In the movie Die Hard with a Vengeance, knocking off the New York Federal Reserve Bank required a small army of men and truckloads of weapons.) According to police, Bell was initially confused because there were no tellers, so he handed a security guard his note reading, "This is a bank robbery of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, of Dallas, Texas, give me all the money. Thank you, Ronnie Darnell Bell." The guard pushed a silent alarm while an oblivious Bell chatted amiably, revealing to the guard that only minutes earlier he had tried to rob a nearby post office but that "they threw me out."

Obsessions

- Author-athlete Sri Chinmoy sponsored an endurance race for runners in New York City in 1998, won by Istvan Sipos of Hungary, who finished the 3.100-mile course in 47 days (running from 6 a.m. until midnight). Four other runners competed on the concrete grounds of a Oueens school, circling the facility about 115 times every day (only prizes: a trophy and a photo album). Said one runner, "To me, what the race is all about is the blossoming of the human spirit," but according to the wife of another, the runners are "nuts." In January, Fort Worth, Texas, murder defendant Robert William Greer Jr. agreed to plead guilty to a 1988 killing provided the judge keep him in the local jail for two more weeks before sending him to the penitentiary — so that he would be assured of seeing the Super Bowl on TV. (Greer thought TV privileges in prison were less cer-

tain.) Greer was excited about the prospect of his favorite team, the Minnesota Vikings, going all the way. Two days after his guilty plea, the Atlanta Falcons beat the Vikings to knock them out of the playoffs, but the guilty plea stood.

- Scripps Howard News Service profiled former lawyer James Kelley of Washington, D.C., in 1997, one of a small group at his local church who are enthusiastic Episcopalians but who do not believe in God. Said Kelley, "We all love the incense, the stained glass windows, the organ music, the vestments, and all of that. It's drama. It's aesthetics. It's the ritual. That's neat stuff. I don't want to give all that up just because I don't believe in God."

- As of May 1999, the city-supported Icelandic Phallological Museum in Reykjavik was closing in on its goal of housing at least one sample penis from every mammal native to Iceland. Only "man" and one species of whale were missing, and curator Sigurdur Hjartarson had solved the first problem with a letter from an 83-year-old former Lothario promising his organ upon his death (in an erect state if doctors can act quickly enough). Some whale species, though, have only the tips displayed because the entire organs are too long (10 feet) or too heavy (over 100 pounds).

Tough Week in Texas for People Named After Animals

 Obituaries from the Tyler (Texas) Morning Telegraph during the first week in August 1998: Aug. 2, Mr. Charles E. "Catfish" Loving, 69. Aug. 4, Mr. W.S. "Bull" Barber, 79. Aug. 6, Mrs. Ada L. "Turtle" Jowell, 83.

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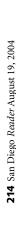
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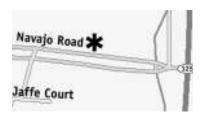


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ARMED ROBBERY

Location: 8856 Navajo Road, Lake Murray **Time/Date:** 9:44 p.m. on 7/26/04

Investigation: An unknown gunman entered the Carl's Jr. fast food restaurant and demanded money from the employees. The suspect displayed a gun and forced the employees to cooperate with his demands. Upon my arrival, I saw no customers inside the restaurant. The on-



duty manager was Norma S. Norma was very upset and was crying almost uncontrollably. I watched

the security tape inside the manager's office. The suspect was pacing back and forth a few times outside the store prior to robbing it. He entered the store...and removed a black handgun from his blue or black JanSport backpack.

One of the employees, Omar A., was slightly uncooperative and evasive when I interviewed him about the incident. I requested Robbery Detective Keene #4032 to respond to the scene and re-interview A. because of some inconsistent statements he provided me with. During the re-interview with Keene, A. suddenly remembered he saw the suspect drive away from the scene in a four-door newer Toyota Tacoma pickup truck. When pressed about some of the inconsistencies with his statements, A. became hostile and uncooperative. A. told me, "I am going to get you in trouble. You are an asshole. This is fucked up. You are so fucked up, man. I am going to tell your sergeant..."

Statement of Norma S.: I was working the ice cream machine. I looked to my right and I saw this man with a gun pointed at me. He told me, "Get your people out of here." I screamed in terror. My mom was shot in the

head when I was younger. The bullet killed her. I totally panicked. I yelled to the other two employees, Omar and Richard. The bad guy told us like three or four times to "get on the floor and do not look at me!"

Statement of Omar A.: The bad guy told us to hurry up, because his homie was waiting outside. He talked like he had a Spanish accent. We placed the money in the gray backpack he tossed to us. I would be able to identify the gun if I saw it again. It had a magazine that holds eight rounds, very slim and small. His face was covered up so all I saw were his eyes. I think he was a Mexican. The guy looked familiar. I do not want to give you my name or phone number. This is bullshit. I gave you enough information already.

STABBING

Location: 600 Coast Boulevard South, La Jolla Cove

Time/Date: 8:50 p.m. on 7/28/04



Investigation: Officer Padgett #6022 and I responded to a radio call of a stabbing that just occurred at the La Jolla Cove at 1200 Coast Blvd. We arrived at the scene and could not

locate the victim or the witness. We began to search the area for the victim, and eventually found him on the beach below 600 Coast Blvd. South. The victim, Clifford T., [was] standing at the foot of the cliff. He was bleeding from his left shoulder area. T. was intoxicated. Officer Padgett began a witness check of people on the beach. Medics arrived and treated T. They transported him to Scripps Hospital. I spoke to witness William H.

H. stated he was on the beach below 600 Coast Blvd. South with his wife, Kimberly, his sister, Kayla, and one other male. He saw T. on the beach yelling at another male. The male spoke to H. and told H. that his name was "Doug" and that he was a Navy Seal. Doug told H. that the other male, T., had a knife.

Next, T. hit Doug in the stomach and they fought. H. and another male broke up the fight. T. walked up the cliff and yelled down, "I hope you die in Iraq!" Doug came up to H. and asked for a cigarette. H. gave him a cigarette and a beer. Doug then walked northbound down the beach. T. came up behind Doug and tackled him. Doug and T. fought again. Kimberly used her cell phone to call the police. T. left the beach.

T. returned several more times and yelled insults...he picked up a metal trash can and threw it at Doug. T. came down onto the beach where H. was with his group. T. started yelling obscenities at Kimberly and Kayla. They saw he had a lot of blood on his arm. T. accused the

group of stabbing him.

BATTERY

Location: [7900] Silverton Avenue,

Miramar

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on 7/26/04



Investigation: I responded to Express Funding and Realty to investigate a report of battery by William K. William K.'s company is specialized in real estate re-financing. He is the manager there. Mike F.'s wife, Malia, works there as one of the loan officers. Malia has only been working there four months. Malia recently accused K. of owing her some money. K. disagreed and refused to pay her any money. She has been mad at him ever since.

K. said at 7:30 p.m., while walking back into his office, Mike F. and another Asian male suddenly came out of K.'s office and started grabbing K....shoved him and tried to push him into his office. Mike F. then grabbed K. from behind and put a chokehold on K. F. yelled, "You better pay my wife!" Two of K.'s coworkers showed up and F. let go of K. K. then saw Malia F. sitting in a chair in the hallway approximately 25–30 feet away [and] believes Malia saw the entire incident.

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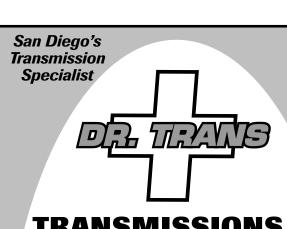
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"I hurried over to Peter's house. We did the paperwork, and they explained where the car was, in North Park. They said, 'It's a Nissan Sentra; it's in this alley right off of 36th Street. You go around the back and the car will be there. Here are the keys.'

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"I told the sheriff's officer how I got the car. He said, 'The car's stolen.'

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substation. I told them several times, 'Here's a phone number you can call to verify that this isn't a stolen car.' They never called.

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The house is quiet. Jack has left for work. Only Johnny has gotten out of bed. I can hear him in the next room watching Clifford the Big Red Dog on KPBS. "I'll turn it off during the pledge drive part," Johnny promised when he came downstairs.

Upstairs, Rebecca, Angela, Lucy, and Ben still snooze on this mid-August morning. During the school year, we would be up and going by 7:00.

For these last long weeks of summer, I let the kids sleep in. Angela will roll down the stairs in another 15 minutes. Then Ben, Rebecca, and Lucy would sleep until noon if I let them. I'll go upstairs and wake them if they're not up by 9:00.

In the office, with my coffee in the big Disneyland mug I bought myself last summer and a breeze moving the blinds, I write my last "Kid Stuff." I came to writing midcareer. Before I stopped working nearly 12 years ago to stay at home and raise Rebecca, I was a lawyer. I wrote a lot — briefs and motions for summary judgment and declarations. I hadn't written anything other than a legal document for a long time.

One afternoon while 15-month-old Rebecca napped, I sat down and wrote a sample column for the Reader. I wrote about diapers. "Pretend you're talking to a friend," an editor had encouraged. I wrote about yellow baby poop and meconium and how BM got everywhere despite my best efforts to contain it.

I wrote four more sample columns —

about going to the park and going to gym class and what it was like staying home with a small child. The editors liked them. Since May 1994, I have written a column every week except last week.

I had a lot to write about. I wrote about being pregnant and giving birth to four more children. I wrote about moving from Clairemont to North County. I wrote about depression and miscarriages and first days of school and good byes. I always remembered my editor's advice about those first columns. Every time I sat down to write, I imagined I was sitting with a dear friend over coffee and telling her about my

In the past few months, I've had growing concerns about "Kid Stuff." If a column like this is interesting, what makes it so are the details, the intimate thoughts and feelings and interactions that take place within a family. Rebecca and Angela are now 11 and 9. Writing about their diapers was one thing. Revealing their adolescent secrets would be quite another.

Like all married couples, Jack and I have had problems of our own, problems I have not included in the column out of respect for our marriage. Those problems have recently overtaken us. I decided it was time to hunker down and work on my marriage. I don't want to do that work in

To those of you who have enjoyed the column, thank you for your support, spoken and unspoken, all these years. Every time I received a letter or met someone who said, "That's what it's like being a mom," I knew I was doing my job. And to those of you who have read the column with a mixture of disbelief and disgust, thank you, too. Every time I received a letter expressing hatred for me or for the column, I knew I was pushing buttons and raising issues that needed to be pushed or raised.

I will miss sitting down over coffee with you every week. Summer will turn to fall. The kids will go back to school. Jack and I will do what we need to do. And I will pray, as always, for God's blessings upon you.

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