Whitworth Snooze

"The Curse of the Ranch" (October 21)? Pretty scary stuff there.

I picked up a copy of your paper today and for the first time in 20 years made myself read the cover story. Maybe, if you're still in business, I'll give it another go 20 years from now.

I found it curious that there was no mention of the purple-shrouded mass suicide, the Applewhite debacle ten years ago. That in itself was worthy of a Halloween cover story. But this Whitworth drama is without a doubt one of the most boring articles I've ever read. And reading is what I do. While laid up for the last month after foot surgery, I've read 20 books. Everything from Madam Bovary to Bob Dylan's Chronicles, Volume One.

Already a hundred pages into *The 9/11 Commission Report*, I can only say that it is a breath of fresh air in comparison to "The Curse of the Ranch," which in my opinion might well have been better titled "The Curse of the *Reader*."

Jeffrey Schulze Rancho Santa Fe

Kook Diploma

In reference to "Wild Nights" (October 21), let me get this straight: the state university had a drug addict leather fag teaching poetry to our nation's young people. He had a special class where he discussed his drug use. Oh, dear, well, just put his name on the top of the payroll for SDSU because that, my friends, is such a valuable asset to our society, you know...and something special for the Mormon Church to be proud of.

I'm glad I dropped out of school and never went to church. I would rather be an average working-class stiff than a degreed professional. The next time I see a diploma on some kook's wall, I will wonder what they did for it.

When I was young, I would cut school and wander in the woods. The animals and trees taught me what was important. Not society, school, or religion. Good luck to our poor children of the coming generations.

H. Vaccaro Pacific Beach

SDSU Situation So Sad Thanks for shedding light on SDSU athletic prowess: sex, money, and video ("Football Scandal Rocks State," September 30). So sad that SDSU supporters aren't willing to listen to collective criticisms. Maybe if fewer people were so willing to pay the major daily for spoon-feeding them their propaganda they could see the reality of our region: regular collusion, no matter of legality or ethical position, to get taxpayer funds to promote or build their projects. To Mr. Boyd (Letters, October 7), I say he forgot that coach Brad Holland (or Hill), whose team regularly kicks SDSU butt, is a D1 coach making less than Fisher, with a lot fewer perks, I imagine. It's sad to see our tax dollars and "public" education system abused like this. Needless to say, what it is teaching the collegiate student.

John Moores's abuse of power, and of stockholders, is what has enabled SDSU to hold its place in D1 sports. This is so disturbing that someone so unethical can get his, and the family name, upon public-institution structures. Not only is that illustrating that bad and unethical behavior is tolerated but that it can be rewarded.

As for your cover, being a born-again Christian (I personally chose Christ), I realize we were all born naked and most with nipples. Though I don't appreciate the business illustrated, I'm aware it happens. If it takes that type of artwork to waken society to unethical and immoral behavior, then God bless you. Blinders never dismiss truth. Children are aware of nakedness. Too bad they aren't aware of the naked truth of public abuse and unethical behaviors of our civic leaders.

Because I don't need hate mail, I'll just give my initials.

DMB

via e-mail

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Sempra's Murphy juice The struggling reelection campaign of San Diego mayor Dick Murphy has been getting some under-thetable financial support from Sempra Energy, the utility giant that owns San Diego Gas & Electric and depends on Murphy's friendship to assist it in a variety of regulatory matters. The scheme works this way: two weeks ago, on October 15, the San Diego County Republican Central Committee paid \$44,161.61 to Lemon Grove-based Western Graphics for mailings "to support Friends of Mayor Dick Murphy," according to the committee's latest campaign-disclosure report filed in Sacramento. That same day, Sempra wrote a \$75,000 check to the central committee. Under city law, donations to Murphy's official campaign committee are limited to \$250 each, and corporations like Sempra are prohibited from giving any money at all. To get around those restrictions, Sempra and other big donors are taking advantage of a loophole in state law that allows groups like the GOP to make "independent expenditures" in support of mailers and other material aimed at their "members" — in other words, registered Republican voters. The same ploy is being used in races for the board of the San Diego Unified School District, where on October 7 the Lincoln Club, another group of GOP fat cats, purchased \$33,850 worth of radio advertisements in support of Miyo Reff, who is favored by chief Alan Bersin over her opponent Mitz Lee. The Lincoln Club reports it spent another \$21,000 in radio spots promoting another board candidate, Sharon Whitehurst-**Pavne.** who is running in a different district. Subsequent filings show that the club has so far spent more than \$100,000 for Reff and \$31,000 for Whitehurst-Payne. If both candidates win, insiders say, San Diego's GOP establishment will be in a position to gain the crucial fourth board vote it has long craved to allow the sell-off of large amounts of district real estate to developers.

Job preservation movement It

turns out that civic watchdog Mel Shapiro isn't the only one spending money to defeat Prop F, the measure on San Diego's ballot that would abolish the city's traditional city-manager form of government in favor of a strong mayor. Last week foes of F picked up \$15,000 from the Washington, D.C.-based International City/County Management Association, which bills itself as a "professional and educational organization for chief appointed managers, administrators, and assistants." The California City Management Foundation, which anted up another \$5000, says its purpose is to foster the "well being of city managers." Ex-city manager Jack McGrory, who now works for La Jolla financier and Democrat



Sol Price — who signed the ballot argument against Prop F - gave \$1000. Those on the other side of the issue include Padres owner John Moores and Carl De-Maio, a self-billed government efficiency expert who Carl DeMaio so far has raised \$150,000

for a campaign committee in favor of Prop F and against Prop J, the hotel room tax increase backed by Mayor Dick Murphy.

DeMaio's committee has also taken positions on three other city ballot measures. DeMaio has personally contributed \$85,000, and his Performance Institute has given \$15,000, according to campaign-finance filings. The balance of \$50,000 has come from Summit Resources and the Taxpayer Protection Association. Both entities have the same address: the 33rd floor of the Hvatt Grand Regency Hotel downtown, which just happens to be the nerve center of hotel mogul



Doug Manchester and his sprawling real estate empire. State records list Republican Manchester, who opposes the hotel tax, as president of Summit. In addition, another Manchester entity, the Mighty 1090 sports radio station, has been giving free spots to the Yes-on-F effort. On

a related front, Prop F insiders are blaming ex-mayor Maureen O'Connor for the Union-Tribune's editorial opposition to the measure. The paper has long editorialized in favor of a strong-mayor system, and the insiders claim that O'Connor intervened with publisher David Copley, her close friend, to order a flip-flop after the August death of his mother **Helen**. O'Connor did not respond to phone messages.

Borderline If those Mexican migrantbashing messages from GOP assembly candi-

date Tricia Hunter sound like the commercials in favor of controversial antimigrant Proposition 187 back in 1996, there may be a reason. George Gorton. onetime political guru to Pete Wilson, who masterminded the Prop 187 campaign that featured TV spots of immigrants



storming the Tijuana border crossing, is a key Hunter strategist ... Just in case someone wants to know, Jim Bell, San Diego's perennial "pro-



environment" mayoral candidate who has yet to make it past any primary election, has endorsed Ron Roberts over Donna Frye and Dick Murphy. In an e-mail to supporters he savs, "I didn't endorse Donna because: She didn't ask me. Ron and Dick did." Bell added, "To

her credit, Donna did vote against a number of things I would have voted against, but you can't run a city by just saying no to stupid things."

— Matt Potter

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Pols Wanted to Give Candy to Unions

By Don Bauder

ho dines on filet mignon when pension accounting is baloney? The Securities and Exchange Commission may

look at that question, now that it is probing how phony pension accounting is used to inflate companies' profits. in inflating profits and stock prices," say the authors. That's most likely to happen when the company is making an

building, self-enrichment. The City of San Diego's pension morass, if not the nation's worst, is its most publicized. So the question arises: who advanced their careers and lined their pockets as they played a role in worsening the crisis? As interviews reveal, city officials reaped political capital as well as financial capital.

For city councilmembers, "It was raw political gain," says Carl DeMaio, head of the Performance Institute, which







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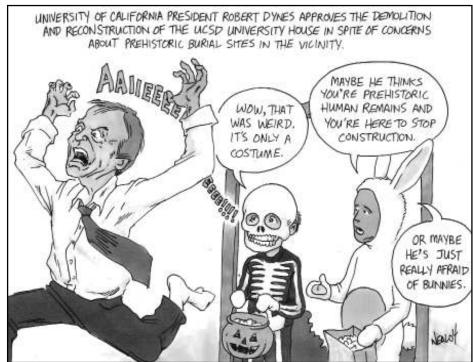
This month, three business professors (two at Harvard, one in Chicago) published a paper looking into the motivation behind corporate pension accounting deceit. Pensions are manipulated "when managers are most interested acquisition or the chief executive officer is exercising his or her stock options. "Managers are inflating profits to enable empire-building and self-enrichment through option exercises."

Ah, those words: empire-

is trying to introduce reforms into city government. "The continued on page 6

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They're Practically Salivating

By Joe Deegan

ark Ruford (not his real name) understands that the cab company he works for makes plenty of money off

people stranded when their cars are towed at the beach. He drives them so often to pick up the cars that he cites from memory the \$15.50 fare from the parking lot of Longs Drugs on Mission Bay Boulevard in Pacific Beach to Western Towing Company's yard on Pacific Highway.

The most dramatic scene takes place in the Belmont Park parking lot at 3:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings. "The flow is continuous, a regular assembly line," says Ruford, who sometimes cruises the lot as soon as the action starts. "You'll see five or six tow trucks driving into the lot and three or four driving out loaded. Drivers coming are very animated. Their bodies look tense, and they are craning their necks to see how many vehicles are there for the picking.

"When drivers get into the lot, they move quickly," according to Ruford. "You can tell they're hustling. They're practically salivating. They sometimes even set up before

3:00. Their trucks are already angled into position in front of the cars. Their chains are out, and they will be moving their equipment around. As soon as 3:00 a.m. comes, they hook the cars up and drive them away."

People whose cars are parked in the Belmont Park



Belmont Park parking lot

lot between 3:00 and 4:00 a.m. are violating a posted private-property restriction. But parking in Mission Beach is so difficult to find that many people still try to park in the lot overnight. They

soon find that Western Towing has towed their vehicle and, to retrieve each vehicle, they must pay a fee of \$240, give or take, depending on times of day, days of week, and what equipment the company had to use.

Contrast this with the \$40 fee (plus mileage) most towing companies charge — including Western Towing to tow your car to a service station when you can't start it. There is a big difference, according to Western Towing's general manager Mick Malone, between privateproperty removals and consensual towing. "When you're there," he says, "you've got the keys. It's a straightforward situation. If you're talking about removing a vehicle when the keys aren't available, when timing is often crucial, the costs are double, triple, and even quadruple [the rate for consensual towing]."

Tow-truck drivers who can do the job safely and without damage to vehicles are in demand, Malone adds. They usually receive commissions for the tows they complete. "And our charges are within what's allowable by the state," he says. "We're not the highest, and we're not the lowest. The situation is market-fueled. At the beach, 95 percent of no-parking signs on properties are our signs. Everybody at the beach has cars towed. It's not the



Scott Hardy

towing company's fault."

Scott Hardy runs a wireless Internet business out of his home in Mission Beach. He and other people, he says, used to leave their cars overnight in the Belmont Park lot. But since 2000, local businessman Tom Lochtefeld has had a lease with the City of San Diego to renovate the historic attraction. This past August, Lochtefeld opened the Wave House Bar across the street. That's when everything changed, and cars started disappearing in the middle of

the night from the Belmont Park lot.

According to a June 26 *Union-Tribune* article by Terry Rodgers, Lochtefeld said, "A key to making the property profitable is fixing the parking shortage, which won't be easy." The article goes on to say that whenever "Lochtefeld has suggested converting all or a portion of the center's free parking to paid parking, he has met stiff resistance from business and community leaders. He has also suggested building a lowrise pay-to-park structure in

partnership with the city."

In Hardy's view, "Since Lochtefeld can't convince either the Mission Beach town council or planning commission to put in paid parking, he is doing it the sneaky way — in the middle of the night."

Both Hardy and his wife have had their cars towed from the Belmont Park parking lot after 3:00 a.m. Once he arrived a minute after 3:00 to remove his car only to find it already in the clutches of a tow truck. "I asked the driver how much I could pay him to drop my car and let me take it," he says. "He told me \$62. I said, 'I'll have to run over to that ATM across the street to get \$80' and pointed it out. On my way back, I noticed the driver was already starting to tow the car down Mission Bay Boulevard. But I flagged him down, and he finally dropped my car for

"I go out real late to look at them towing the cars," says Hardy. "A Western Towing Company manager is sometimes out there waving tow trucks into the lot. Once, even though I stayed out of the parking lot on the sidewalk, a driver called the police on me. I told one driver who was about to tow a car shortly after 4:00 a.m. that it was too late and that he couldn't do it. The guy said, 'Watch me.'"

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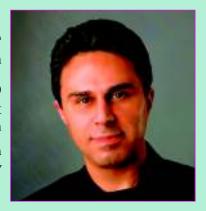
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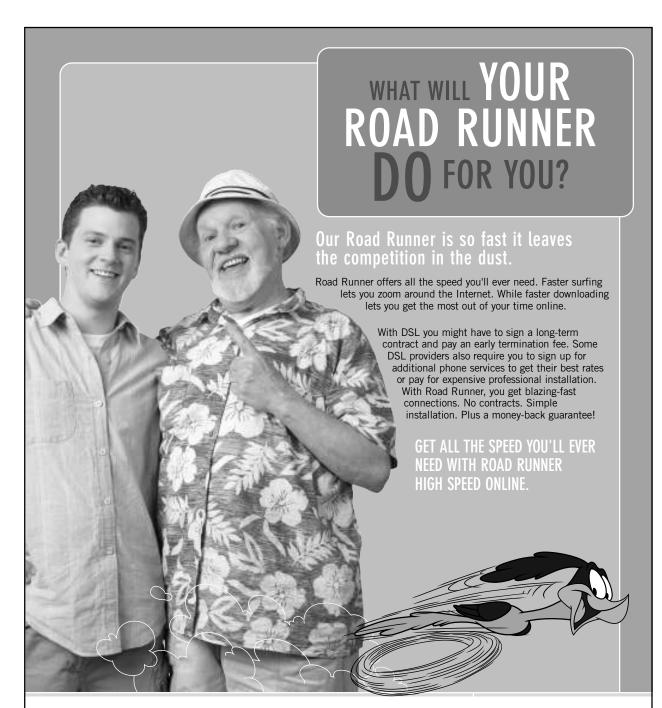
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city politicians were driven by two major things: they wanted to give candy to unions, but they didn't want to go to the taxpayers, so they concocted an elaborate and illegal scheme to not pay the mortgage."

City attorneys, financial personnel, auditors, and managers also deserve scrutiny: they were raking in the generous benefits the council handed out. "There is personal financial gain. It's the oldest motivation in the world besides sex," says De-Maio. These bureaucrats should have raised red flags, but there is a mitigating factor, he concedes. "A manager is not to say 'no' to a majority on the council. If they do, they will be on the next bus out of town."

Mike Conger, the attorney who successfully sued the city over the pension scandal, blames both politicians and bureaucrats. In November of 2002, the council voted to continue the underfunding of the pension system. The city faced making a balloon payment of \$500 million over the following two years. "The mayor [Dick Murphy] was trying to avoid financial Armageddon on his watch," says Conger. The councilmembers knew the balloon payment "might mean bankruptcy or dramatic cuts in services. By 2002, every member of that council knew the magnitude of that situation, so they were furiously covering it up." Only Donna Frye voted against the measure.

Says Conger, "The city manager, city auditor, city attorney had the additional motivation of knowing the balloon payment would alarm Wall Street." Also, they knew that the underfunding had not been revealed in bond prospectuses, and the city was vulnerable to fraud charges, he says. They were protecting their own rear ends.

Then there were the laborunion representatives who were on the pension board. They were granted large pension benefits in 2002, apparently as a quid pro quo for getting the pension board to go along with the council's November 2002 vote to ex-

tend the underfunding. Those union members must share the blame, and some may be held legally accountable, Conger says.

CITY LIGHTS

Frye blames the many officials who contribute to city government's "culture of secrecy." One example was the critical vote in November of 2002 being placed on the socalled consent agenda normally, quickie votes without discussion. "It's standard procedure — putting critical issues on the consent agenda to discourage public discussion."

Who should have prohibited that? "The city attorney [Casey Gwinn] allowed that to go on the consent agenda," says Jim Gleason, who served 12 years on the city pension board, including two terms as president. Overall, "I do blame city management; they were the proactive people causing this to happen." (Gwinn would not comment.) But employees took gleeful advantage of the goodies they were offered. "They could purchase service credits for pennies on the dollar; guys with 15 years of service all of a sudden had 20. You contributed to the system at a lower salary, but you got your pension at the higher salary of your last

This mentality goes back years, says Gleason. In 1996, city manager Jack McGrory began the underfunding to finance the Republican convention. Also that year, the voters approved Proposition D, a measure that would fund healthcare benefits by skimming surpluses off portfolio earnings in good investment years. On the ballot argument, voters were assured that "it would save taxpayers between \$5 million and \$6 million a year," says Gleason. This strategy was a disaster because there are good years and bad ones, and skimming the cream off good ones guarantees poor long-term performance. The reports by the Pension Reform Committee and by city-hired Vinson & Elkins indicated this skimming was one of the major factors that got the city into trouble.

In 1996, then-city attorney John Witt refused to let his department rule on Mc-Grory's underfunding proposal because it was an obvi-



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ous conflict of interest, says

Witt says he can't remember the incident, but such a

refusal "might have been a logical response," he says. Mc-Grory claims that the city attorney's office was in on the consideration of the moves at the time, which he refuses to call "underfunding" and denies had anything to do

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with the Republican convention — positions that veterans such as Gleason find unsupportable. "McGrory personally benefited, everybody in management benefited; it was the start of the culture of corruption," says Gleason. A

number of people, such as former city auditor Ed Ryan, could have blown the whistle but didn't. They were too busy raking in the escalating benefits, says Gleason.

"It's like an addiction," says Conger. "In 1996, the city started smoking cigarettes. By 2002, it was on crack cocaine." DeMaio compares it to the proverbial frog that will leap out when dumped in a pot of hot water, but will remain if the heat goes up to the same temperature grad-

ually. "It was a culture of people year after year taking more license. It started getting outrageous, but no one noticed there was a culture of mismanagement."

Rob Butterfield, pension attorney who was on the Pension Reform Committee, agrees that the situation got worse, "but there is not a smoking gun," he says. "People were carried along by the stock-market bubble. There was a false sense of euphoria." Also, both the city administration and the pension board had been told that, if the system were actuarially funded over 30 years, "it was acceptable. But the pension reform committee was able to analyze" that methodology and show that it put the system in the hole. "I'm not sure it's proper to assign blame to any one person or group," continues Butterfield. "I have a hard time believing people have criminal problems," although the U.S. attorney's office has a criminal investigation to go along with the Securities and Exchange Commission's civil probe.

Former councilmember Bruce Henderson says that the city used the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP), by which employees' pay is doubled in their last five years, "to buy off almost every single person in a position to know what was going on. Did any of these people have a duty under the law to step forward and blow the whistle? Did they have conflicts of interest? There needs to be a thorough investigation of who got what, when, and how much." State government codes 1090 and 87,100 and city charter section 94 ban officials from influencing decisions that would advance their own financial interests, yet city employees and their labor-union leaders vote on their own benefits as members of the pension board.

And there was a more pernicious consequence: because of the culture of secrecy and corruption, "it was open season on city money. Wherever you looked, everyone who had access to the public trough was told there was room," Henderson says, citing big spending by the Data Processing Corp. and Convention & Visitors Bureau, along with till-tapping by

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Ruford has paid special attention to the way people's cars get towed at Longs Drugs. "I've noticed a 55- to 60-year-old Caucasian man slouching down in a sports car in the parking lot marking on a clipboard," he says. A Longs employee told him that people who park there but walk off the lot to another business are given 15 minutes until the tow truck gets there to take their cars. "But the tow trucks get there in one or two minutes," says Ruford, "because several of them hang out in the alley behind the Taco Bell next to the Longs lot waiting for the calls.

"Wouldn't it make more sense for Longs to hire someone to warn people off the lot rather than towing them away? It would only cost them about \$65 a day. Since they do it by towing instead," says Ruford, "it makes me wonder about a possible percentage of the towing fee, maybe 20 percent, being paid to Longs. In all this, the money motive is too great."

Western Towing's Malone says "spiffing" is the name for the practice Ruford is talking about. He also insists that his company has never engaged

Still, says Ruford, "Think of the profits. If the towing company tows 20 cars a night near the beach at \$240 each, they're taking in \$4800. And that's probably a low

As a cab driver, Ruford looks for return business. "An East Coast woman who had her car towed told me that she will never come back to San Diego. I tried to point out other good things she could enjoy in town if she would only follow the rules. 'I'm never coming back here,' she said." ■

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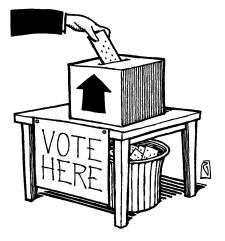
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Hello, Matt:

tion by Rick Geary

I was talking to a customer at my business yesterday about the election. I commented that I found it handier to go to the Registrar of Voters office on Ruffin Road and vote rather than my regular polling place. He said you shouldn't do that because they don't count absentee votes unless the outcome is close. Is that true? You always hear the commentators on TV talk about waiting for the absentee ballots to be counted before they declare a winner, so I am of a mind that they are counted. What do you think?

— Andrea McCarren, the net

I think you need brighter customers. So this whole "one man, one vote" thing, the basis of American democracy, is a lot of hooey? It should be "one man, one vote, unless it's a landslide, in which case we won't waste our time counting your useless opinion"? Does the registrar just trash those "unnecessary" votes? And who decides if the race is "close"? Too many holes in your customer's logic, I'm afraid. The registrar's office loves to count ballots. The more we vote, the happier they are. Of course all votes are counted; some are just counted sooner than others

If you vote at the registrar's office, they give you an absentee ballot because you're not at your regular polling place. If you vote at the registrar's office (or your mailed-in ballot is received there by election day), not only is your vote counted, it's counted first, before the ballots that have to be shipped in from the hinterlands or later-arriving absentees.

Absentee-ballot envelopes must be signed. That signature must be checked by human eye against the sample signature on the voter's registration card before the ballot is accepted. The sooner you get your ballot in to them, the sooner they can do the tedious work of qualifying it. The envelope is opened, and they pop your ballot into a lock box, where by law it must sit, uncounted, until the polls close on election day.

Ever wonder how the TV folks can have seemingly instant election results? You know — "The polls have just closed in Weedville, and with 1 percent of the vote counted, we predict Donald Duck will be the new mayor"? Those early returns are the counts of ballots already received and processed by the registrar's office at poll-closing time. That means you, Andrea.

Usually, absentee ballots are newsworthy only when a race is close and could be decided by the later-arriving, later-processed ballots (absentee ballots mailed on election day or turned in at a polling place). Since this is what we most often hear on the news, that might be where your misguided customer got his daffy "facts." So don't worry, Andrea. You keep votin', the registrar will keep countin'. It's the law.

Mr. Alice:

Here it is. There is a mouse, a rodent; and a mouse, a thing you direct the arrow with on your computer. Plural for a mouse — the rodent — would be mice. I know that 'cause I'm booklearned. But what is the plural for mouse, the computer thingy? If you have four of them, would you refer to them as mice...mouses? I've asked a few people in the know, and they don't know

— Lucious Periwinkle, Normal Heights

Sometimes a little book larnin' just gives you a headache, Lucious. Grandma is applying compresses to the elves' overheated domes even as we speak. They say, "Use either one! Use either one! Who cares? Go away and leave us alone!" They couldn't find any general agreement at all. Some conflicting trends, but no straight answer. Linguists and the press and anyone who deals with words for a living has from the beginning been in favor of "mice." Mice is the plural of mouse, and that's that. Doesn't matter whether we're talking about a field mouse or a computer mouse, and the answer is so obvious the word squads can't imagine why we would even bother to ask.

There was a time, early on, when techies snickered if you called more than one mouse "mice." Mouses was the preferred word for those in the know and still is for some. Maybe it's the nagging from their editors, but lately many tech dictionaries give "mice" as the preferred choice but hedge their bets by saying either one is correct. Any Internet search of device sellers will show that both are in use. Microsoft has always advised its employees to avoid the issue completely by referring to "mouse devices." A typically crafty solution.

Independent thinkers from both sides of the fence argue that "mouse" is no different from, say, "Walkman," the portable radio. The plural of Walkman isn't Walkmen, so why should the plural of a computer mouse have to be "mice"? If somebody pinches your butt, then pinches it again, that's gooses, not geese. But the elves suggest you might want to throw in a third possibility, the always-popular "meeses."

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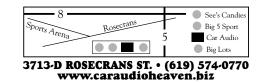
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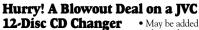


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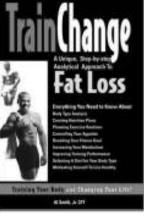
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Length of reviewed service: 1 hour

Website: www.newhopefriendship.org

This September, Reverend Dr. Robert E. Houston Sr. submitted his resignation as the pastor of New Hope Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. After serving nine years as the senior pastor, Reverend Houston decided to enter a preaching-evangelism ministry. Assistant Pastor, Alonzo Brooks Sr., since has taken over as the interim pastor. Reverend Brooks

said, "[The resignation] was a bit of a surprise to a lot of people in the church. We are still going on. It is a process but the church is moving on."

Last Sunday, as the 8 a.m. service began, eight people sat in pews covered with gold velvet. In the front of the sanctuary, three well-dressed black men led the congregation, without instruments, in singing hymns selected from The New National Baptist Hymnal. The congregation sang "Pass Me Not," "God's Unchanging Hand," and "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus." In the middle of the second hymn, a woman entered the sanctuary, walked up to the front, and began playing a keyboard to accompany the singing of the small

congregation.
Following the hymns, an elderly black man called the congregation to worship by reading Psalm 54.
After the Call to Worship was the Fellowship Period. The congregation, which now numbered 40 people, stood and greeted one

another. Congregants walked across the sanctuary to embrace and welcome one another. The congregation was all African-American. Many of the men were attired in pressed suits, polished shoes, and cuff links. The women were garbed in dresses or skirts. Several women looked out from beneath brims of large ornate hats.

The well-used sanctuary was wrapped with '70s faux-wood paneling that rose six feet high on white walls. Thick wooden beams supported a vaulted ceiling. In the front of the sanctuary were a small stained-glass window of Jesus, a few chairs, a keyboard, and a see-through Plexiglas pulpit.

Reverend Brooks walked up to the pulpit. "Today, we are going to have a guest preacher. And the best way for a preacher to introduce himself is for him to preach the word of God," Brooks said as he invited the Minister Lieutenant Hodges to preach. Reverend Brooks returned to his seat up on the stage, a few feet behind and to the side of the pulpit.

"I see this church is a lively church and I love a lively church. I can talk a little bit. Can I hear you say amen! It's no fun preaching to a graveyard, so if you aren't lively I will be here one-and-a-half hours." The congregation laughed.

Hodges preached a sermon based on Ezekiel, chapter 37:1–3, where God tells Ezekiel to preach to a valley of dry bones. Hodges said, "The reason the bones were dry is because the Spirit was not in them. Without the Spirit of God, nothing lives."

Hodges focused on delivery. He varied volume and tempo of his speech. Dramatic arm and hand movements emphasized points in the sermon. He repeatedly asked, "Can I get some hand-praises to God?" and the congregation replied with vigorous applause. The congregation shouted "amen," "preach, reverend," and other encouraging phrases throughout the sermon. When the congregation responded well to a particular sermon point, Hodges smiled and turned to Reverend Brooks and shook Brooks's hand.

Hodges broke into song three times during his preaching. Taking a lead from Ezekiel's mention of dry bones, the minister sang, "The knee bone is connected to the thigh bone and the thigh bone is connected to the hip bone...the neck bone is connected to the head bone." Minister Hodges ended his sermon by reminding the congregation that "God can

do anything, including bringing life to the dry bones of people who do not believe in Jesus."

After service, three of the church deacons handed out Krispy Kreme doughnuts as people left the building. I spoke to Reverend Brooks about the two services and what a visitor would expect. He said, "The 8 a.m. service is a little faster, the 11 a.m. can go to 12:30 or even 1 p.m. I preach topical messages or preach verse-byverse. It depends on how the Spirit is working on me. The Lord decides his message each day."

During the week, Brooks works as an Immigrations and Customs officer. He plans to pursue the full-time position of reverend, which Dr. Houston left open. I asked what he would do differently if he were full-time pastor. "My big dream is to be a preacher in a multicultural, multiethnic church. Right now, Sunday morning is the most discriminated hour of the week in America. Christians are all going to be in

heaven and we need to get together down here. Earth is a good rehearsal for when we are up there." Brooks said his church is "probably 2 percent Hispanic,1 percent white, and the rest African-American."

Brooks remarked that he would build his dreamed-of multicultural church "through evange-lism efforts. We would talk to people of all races and cultures. Sometimes we don't talk to people because they don't look and talk like us. Some of the things we are working on doing is door-to-door evange-lism and outside services at the park. If people see us worship at the park, they are always interested in joining us and praising the Lord."

I asked Reverend Brooks what his church believes about life after death. He explained, "We believe your soul goes to heaven if you are a Christian. If not, your soul is doomed to eternal damnation. To become a Christian, God chooses us before the foundations of this world. He sends the Holy Spirit to give us the unction to follow him. Without the Holy Spirit indwelling us as believers, we would never accept Him."

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SENSITIVE KENSINGTON BROTHER

Dear Sensitive,

If you don't say something to your sister, she's going to lose you as an important ally. You don't want to function as "the pillow she punches when angry" forever. This has been going on a long time. I think it's perfectly reasonable that you're sick of it and reluctant to belly up to endless doses of her unmitigated frustration. She needs to find other ways to exorcise her demons: talk to a shrink, exercise, cry on other shoulders, and work on solutions to her longstanding dilemmas. Express your love and tell her you need her to be more mindful of how she talks to you because it's starting to grind you down. If she goes off again, remind her, "I'm really interested in what you're saying, but could you change your tone a little? I feel like you're mad at me when you use such a furious voice" or something like that. Sometimes we sink so far into our own despair that we forget how we sound or how we're treating loved ones. Being careless of your feelings

doesn't help her and is injuring you. She needs to get a grip on herself.

Dear Saffron,

My husband is a super-gregarious guy. It's part of his charm. He loves people and people love him. I'm shyer than he is. He is always spontaneously inviting people over, or out to dinner with us, or to a ball game that he and I had planned to go to ... just the two of us. This is usually okay with me, although I would rather be consulted ahead of time. I've gotten used to it and usually have fun, even if it wasn't what we had originally agreed on. He and I had planned a nice quiet Thanksgiving this year with one other couple we both like very much. I was really looking forward to it. Now he has gone and spontaneously invited another two couples without consulting me. So not only are we suddenly hosting dinner for eight instead of a simpler meal for four, but I'm not crazy about one of the couples he invited. I'm trying to be open and game and flexible like he is, but I find myself fuming when I think about how I will have to spend Thanksgiving, my favorite holiday, with people I dislike because my husband up and asked them without letting me have any say in the matter.

BLUE IN GROSSMONT

Dear Blue,

Repeat after me: "Honey, I love your warm and inviting spirit, but our shared social life needs to be just that: shared. I want to have a vote. I want to participate in these decisions to invite people over - not just hear about it after it's a done deal. Can we please make this a family policy? 'Ask, don't tell? Ask me first, before you tell someone they're invited over?' Thanks, darling. I knew you'd understand."

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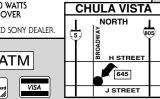
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Electric sweepers, automobiles, and eyelash curlers. Those are the three things my dear old Aunt Azelda gripes about on a regular basis. "I hate to say it," she'll begin, "and Lord knows I don't want to sound like some old codger, but they don't make them like they used to.'

I felt sorry for my aunt, left behind as the world marched along - sorry, and a little jealous. I decided to give her a little taste of the past. I promised her a Halloween party, one that, besides screaming kids in costumes, would feature red candy apples. I hadn't seen one in at least 20 years. but I couldn't believe they had disappeared completely. Surely there were other old-timers like my aunt, people with a nostalgic sweet tooth?

It took a little looking, but I finally found my confection at La Jolla's Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory (858-454-0077). There, David Stroud, who owns the Factory with his wife Georgia, turns out a wide variety of candied apples, from the plain caramel (\$3.50) to the extravagant Love Apple (\$9.95, covered with milk, dark, and white chocolates; caramel; almonds; walnuts; pecans; and cashews) to the red candy apple of Aunt Azelda's eye (\$2.95).

"The red candy apple was invented around the turn of the last century on Coney Island,' offered Stroud. "Many modern food treats — like the hot dog or the pizzawere popularized there." Maybe that was why I hadn't seen one in so long - because I'd gone and moved out West.

Stroud was kind enough to take me through the process, offering tips for the home cook along the way. For starters, he said, "we feel the best apple to use is the Granny Smith. The sweetness of the candy and the tartness of the apple make a good combination. First, we twist the stems out. We take a standard wooden stick and put it in the bottom of the apple so that the apple is upside down. It looks more attractive, and gives the apple a little more stability." After that, the only ingredients are sugar, water, corn syrup, red food coloring and sometimes cinnamon oil.

"Basically, all candy

making is like a chem-

istry experiment. It's

important to have the proper ingredients, make sure they constantly are stirred, and know when they hit the correct temperature. All the pots we use are copper; it spreads the temperature evenly, so you don't have to worry about hot spots. And it's best to stir with a wooden paddle, because it doesn't absorb the heat. The red candy apple is the hottest thing we cook; it takes about 45 minutes for it to get up to the correct temperature of 290

The mixture starts as just water and sugar, and the trickiest part is getting it up to temperature without burning it. "When you cook, heat rises incrementally. It gets to 220 degrees really fast. Then it takes about 20 minutes to go up those next 30 degrees. Once the mixture crosses 250 "All candy making is like a chemistry experiment."

degrees, it tends to shoot up again; but the most critical time is between 220 degrees and 250 degrees. We add the food coloring at 250 degrees, and the cinnamon oil when it's fully cooked." Stroud waits on the cinnamon because "the more items you add, the more likely the mixture will burn. If it burns, it turns light brown, and smells and tastes burnt."

Stroud stressed again the importance of continual stirring, but noted that even if you do, "the sugar tends to rise up the sides of the pot, and can burn. So, we take a brush and do three or four 'wash downs' with cold water on the outside of the pot as we cook. Also, it's good to dip the thermometer in hot water and get it up to around 115 degrees before checking the temperature of the mixture. That way, you're less likely to break the thermometer — you're saving it from the extreme temperature change."

He also noted that, while 290 was the correct temperature for him in La Jolla, it was not a county-wide absolute. "The temperature is very altitude-sensitive. The higher you go, the lower the temperature. Humidity also affects

it. If you were up, say, 2000 feet in the mountains — where it's also drier — your candy tem-

perature might be 270-275 degrees. If it's humid, you have to be very careful to make sure your candy comes out bright and shiny and not grainy. It's easier in the desert than it is in Florida or Atlanta." He gave his best guesses for the region. Julian got the mountain estimate of 270-275;

downtown, 290; La Mesa and inland North County, 280. At the correct temperature, a drop of the candy placed in cold water will separate into brittle threads.

Once the mixture is ready, "we take the apple on a stick, dip it, spin it, and wipe off the excess. We leave an inch around the top of the apple uncovered. The contrast of the red candy and the green apple catches the eye, and the apple tends to stay fresher, because the fruit can still breathe. We put a nonstick coating on the tray, because the apples are very sticky. They cool quickly — about 10 to 15 minutes. The apples generally last about three to four days. You want a hard, snappy shell; by the fourth day, it'll be a little bit soft."

Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory prepares red candy apples every Thursday evening, and sells them daily during the summer and weekends all year-round. Do It with Icing in Clairemont Mesa (858-268-1234) sells wooden popsicle sticks (\$1.75 for 30) or sucker sticks (\$.99 for 25). Candy thermometers range in price from \$6.99 to \$19.99. Cinnamon oil runs \$1.49 per dram.

Candy Apples 8 Granny Smith apples 8 wooden sticks 3 cups sugar 1/2 cup light corn syrup 1 cup water 1/4 teaspoon red food coloring 3 drops cinnamon oil Follow directions outlined in this column.

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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

(ED. Phil Gross is a longtime local musician who grew up in Lakeside.)

With Blue Ridge, in Encinitas, closed for concerts, there's only one real possibility in San Diego proper for performers. Can you give us a history of the places?

Blue Ridge, one year, small guitar shop, most of the audience local. Mostly local performers: Jack Tempchin, Tom Waits, Wayne Stromberg, Rob Strandlund, Ray Bierl. Evidently, the reason for their closing was not lack of audience or problems with management, but that performers were not showing up.

—"CONVERSATIONS WITH A LOCAL FOLKIE,"

Anne Hutchison, October 31, 1974

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Scattered around a small back room in the Pennant Bar in South Mission Beach, the board of directors — seven men ranging in age from their late twenties to midforties, all clutching a Bud, Lite, or rum and Coke tone down their jabbering long enough for Millenbah, president of the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club, to call for the treasurer's report.

"Well, we started out at the Brass Rail with two yellow school-bus loads of OMBAC members," Daly begins, a rising crest of snickers acknowledging the Brass Rail's reputation as a gay bar in Hillcrest. "I was going nuts!" howls Daly along with the other men. "Buddy's in his little disco fag rig!" The board of directors pauses a moment to savor the vision of about 70 OMBAC members, mostly former jocks gone to seed, dancing with each other.

- "FOR BIG KIDS ONLY." Neal Matthews. November 1, 1979

Twenty Years Ago

[Helen] Copley and [Dick] Silberman were seen together publicly as late as last year, but this summer he married Golding.

Now the Golding campaign sees Copley's shadow lurking everywhere.

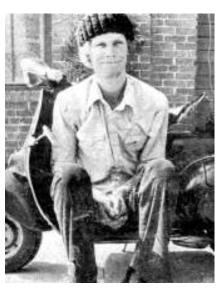
Golding had called Senator Wilson several days before Reagan's appearance to ask for help in securing a seat on the presidential dais. But on the morning of Reagan's arrival, rumors flew through the Golding camp that Copley, who had a front-row seat on stage, had asked the Reagan advance team to bump Golding from the platform.

— "THE INSIDE STORY," Paul Krueger, November 1, 1984

Fifteen Years Ago

Mr. John D'Agostino:

I have been a Donny Osmond fan for 17 years. Never in that span have I ever heard or read such "regurgitation" of "new lows" with your "chunky spews" of pure hatefulness toward Osmond in your article (October 19).



You say, "a new generation of girls with bad taste" are making Donny popular. I don't think those girls have anything but good taste. I'm ecstatic that they're excited over him.

Donny has worked hard for ten years to change his music so that people can enjoy it. His new music is hot!

— LETTERS: "CHUNKS OF HATEFULNESS," Deanna Rossi, November 2, 1989

Ten Years Ago

"Respected Animal Trainer Ioan Embery Attacked by Cheetah," howled a recent news release from the show, which reported that Embery received "two long, deep gashes" to her face, and was treated on the set by "another guest, celebrity dermatologist Dr. Howard Murad." But zoo spokesman Jeff Jouett insists Embery's cat fight was overblown. "It was not an attack, there were no long, deep gashes, and the dermatologist did not rush to her aid," he says. Another guest, Stefanie Powers, was "playing footsies" with the cheetah's tail, "and the cheetah just reacted and flicked out, like a house cat."

— CITY LIGHTS: "CHEETAH FALSELY CHARGED?" Thomas K. Arnold, October 27, 1994

Five Years Ago

The October 5 edition of San Diego State's Daily Aztec included accounts of two acts of exposure in the school's library on September 27. In the second, a female library employee was kneeling between two book stacks when she looked up and saw a man in his 20s facing her. "He pulled down his shorts and began to masturbate in front of her."

On that same October 5, a group of 15 or so students met in the Chicano room to discuss Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. The week previous, they had treated his second letter to Timothy. "I charge you preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort."

— "SET AGAINST THE STATUS QUO," Matt Lickona, October 28, 1999



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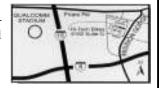
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THE NAME'S THE SAME

by Josh Board

hen the bands Arthur came to 4th & B, I knew that would be one Saturday I wouldn't go to any parties, even though I had just seen the Zombies six months earlier in San Juan Capistrano.

Arthur Lee is somebody I've spent hours and hours talking about with fellow music writer Jay Allen Sanford. Jay was once interviewing him when Lee freaked out, grabbed Jay's tape recorder, and smashed it to the ground. He claimed Jay was working with the police.

I wanted to interview him before his Belly Up Tavern show a few years ago. When I saw him walk by in his cowboy hat, I grabbed his arm, smiled, and said, "Are you Mr. Lee?" He said, "Don't touch me, man! Don't ever touch me." And he walked away.

When Lee played at the Street Scene with an entire string section, the "will call" lady couldn't find my tickets. and I ended up missing their

I wasn't about to miss this show at 4th & B with both bands. The parties would have to wait. Then I got a call from David Sams saying his party was starting in the afternoon. I



decided I could make that before the show. My photographer and I drove into Pacific Beach and spent 20 minutes trying to find a parking space.

When I showed up, David was on the front patio cooking tacos. They smelled great, and he immediately hooked me up with a few. He said, "We bought 30 pounds of meat for all these. Ten pounds are carne asada. We also have a keg of Sierra Nevada in the back and a full bar, so help yourself."

I asked the occasion of the party, and David said, "My neighbor is named David Paleno. They call me D1 and he's D2. And both our birthdays are today."

Having heard that Siskel and Ebert once had a big fight

"I told her she still owes us ten women."

The tacos were great, and I asked him where he got the meat. He said, "I can't say. If a bunch of gringos show up there, then the prices will go up. It's a place near the border. It's a secret market that I go

over whose name would be first, and having read that Paul McCartney is now putting his name first in the Lennon/McCartney song catalog, I jokingly asked if they had an argument over who was number two.

Even though D1 was born

and raised here, he has a job working for Apple computers and is probably going to be moving up to San Francisco for a job. He said, "If I do move, I'll throw one last party before I leave. It'll be a moving party."

I'd rather be invited to that than be asked to help somebody move.

There was a front patio and a back yard, but for some reason the bulk of the people were crowded into a small alleyway between the two houses. At first I thought it was because that's where the table was set up with all the alcohol. But it wasn't as if people were crowded around that. And there was more booze inside and a keg out back. It was hard walking through so many people.

When I told Steve to take a picture showing the number of people in the alley, everyone wanted to look at his photos. With digital cameras, it's strange. You can take pictures and immediately the people in the photos want to see them. If they were blinking, you reshoot. If someone wasn't smiling, they tell you to do it again. If one girl says, "I look

David Paleno walked over and said. "No. I've come to grips with being number two. You see, we were both born on the same day in 1971. He was born five hours earlier, so that's how it was determined."

> D1 added, "It's so weird that we ended up being nextdoor neighbors, having the same name and same birthday."

D1's sister Sarah came down from San Francisco for the party. She's a chef in a fancy restaurant. I asked her why chefs wear those big white hats. She said, "Nobody does. At school you do because it's part of the uniform. Those are







fat in that photo," you shoot it again (and you want so badly to say, "Maybe that's because you are fat").

I asked if digital cameras have made it harder or easier doing photographs. Steve said, "Oh, it's so much easier. And it's made me a better photographer. I can do the shot over and over until I get it the way I like. I can see how the light looks and try different angles. It's kind of the same way the spellchecker on the computer has made me a better speller."

"How is that?"

"Well, when I see that I've spelled a word wrong five times and I have to correct it, I remember how to spell it the next time."

With Steve continuing to shoot photos that would make each person in the shot happy, I slipped around the corner into the back yard. One couple had a baby who wouldn't stop crying. After ten minutes of the baby carrying on, they finally left.

There was a DJ spinning tunes. It was mostly '80s stuff.

Since the houses were all small and close together, I asked D1 if the neighbors would complain about the noise. He said, "We went and told everyone all around here, and we invited them. And we told them if it was too loud to come tell us." It must've worked. I never saw the cops show up.

I heard a few guys near the keg talking about being naked. One was telling a story about how, when he was a teenager, his parents came home early while he and his girlfriend were naked in the Jacuzzi. And they didn't have towels nearby. They were forced to get out and go inside to get dressed. The parents stood there the entire time they both climbed out of the Jacuzzi naked.

Another guy told a story about being in the backseat of his car with a girl, and the cops showed up and shined flashlights into the car as they scram-

bled for the blanket. They didn't get a ticket. The police just laughed and said they had to check out why a car was parked there late at night.

I told a story about my senior year of high school. It was Valentine's Day, and I gave my girlfriend of two months a couple of dozen roses and a box of chocolates. We went out to dinner and a movie. When we got back to her place around midnight, we went to her room. It was the first night we were together. Two hours later, she was fast asleep under

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the covers, and I was wide awake, completely nude, on top of the sheets. I heard a knock on her bedroom door. I didn't move, because I thought they would hear the springs of the bed (although it did not occur to me that they

springs a few hours earlier). After the second set of knocks, the door opened and the light was turned on. My girlfriend's mom screamed. And, for some reason, instead of trying to cover myself up with my hands, I started rubbing my eves as if I was just waking up. I thought that, if she thought I was sleeping, maybe she wouldn't think we had sex. I still laugh thinking how silly I must have looked rubbing my eyes while a woman was staring at my naked body screaming. (If I had a nickel for every time a

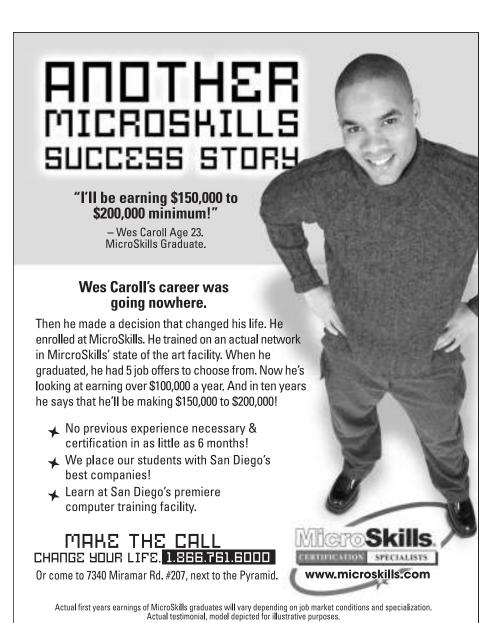


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woman laughed at my naked body...)

Her father got up, thinking somebody had broken into the house. I'll never forget the screaming as I was looking all around the bed for my underwear. But I digress...

Later at the party, I

was standing by myself watching the crowd. A gal named Kimmie Mullen came up and started talking to me. There was an Oingo Boingo song playing, so we talked about them. She also brought up Björk and said that some people said she looked a little like her. For some reason, I brought up Tom Waits and the record Swordfishtrombones. She said she loved Waits. D1 then came over and said. "So vou're talking to the prettiest girl at the party." I couldn't argue with him there. He later told me, "For my birthday, and David's, she said she'd bring 14 girls to this party. That was supposed to be our present. She only brought 4. But she just got back from Costa Rica yesterday, so she didn't have much time. I told her she still owes us ten women, though."

I thought that sounded like something you might hear at Hugh Hefner's bashes.

Kimmie and I were talking about a guy who was getting drunk, and she did an impression of a drunk woman at a party that had us all rolling. She had the beer over her head and was screaming.

One guy grew up with D1, and I asked if he had any good stories from their time growing up together. He said they had a bar fight in Mexico when they were teenagers. He then laughed and said, "Oh, the glider story!" He went on to tell about how they went to these cliffs in Mexico to throw these electronic gliders that they had. "We were walking and he stepped right into quicksand. He started sinking and held the glider over his head. All I could do was laugh and point. He was yelling for help and I just kept laughing. When he stopped sinking, he was yelling for me to take the glider so it wouldn't get ruined. I was just on the ground rolling around laughing."

The party was so much fun, and Kimmie was so funny, I didn't want to leave. But Steve and I had already bought our tickets. And we had eight minutes to make it downtown for the concert.

As we walked in, proud of ourselves for breaking the speed limit big time and not getting pulled over, the security guards grabbed Steve. They wouldn't let him in with his camera. The car was parked a mile away, and the band had just hit the stage. I threw him the car keys and walked in.

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by Barbarella

Power of Persuasion

Manipulate: to control (others or oneself) or influence skillfully, usually to one's advantage.

- thedictionary.com

hen my sister Jane asked me what I was doing next Monday, my response was, "What do you want?" I learned years ago that if one inquires after your availability, you do not reveal it until you know the extent of that person's design on your time. Ironically, it was the same passive-aggressive sister who was instrumental in teaching me this lesson.

Once, I answered my ringing phone to hear Jane ask, "What are you doing three weeks from today?" She was refer-

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ring to the second Saturday in December. I thought she might be looking to share some quality time, so I offered, "Nothing," and then asked, "Why?" She told me she had a work function and hoped I could help her with it. Imagining myself next to Jane at a booth, handing information to doctors (she was, and still is, a pharmaceutical sales rep), I said, "Sure! That sounds like fun. Is it like a fair? A Christmas party or something?"

"Yeah, something like that," she said, and then added,

"But there's more."

Jane told me we'd have to arrive at 6:00 a.m. I am rarely conscious on a Saturday morning before 11:00. Then she said the event was being held in La Jolla. The line was silent for a moment as I did the mental calculation — to be in La Jolla by 6:00, we'd have to leave, at the latest, around 5:30. Add time for getting ready, and...I'd need to be up by 4:30! In order to help her on Saturday, a Friday night would have to be sacrificed.

"That's really early," I said.

"Yes, I know. But Dad's coming too," she informed me. At this point, I was committed. She knew I was available, and I had already said I'd help her out. As the rest of the conversation unfolded, I regretted my inability to back out of the deal. But how was I to know what she expected of me? I asked her what kinds of things I'd be "helping" with — handing out

packets? Greeting guests? What? Then she dropped the bomb: I would be reading to children. Before I could question or object to this bit of information, her voice dripped honey into the phone in a litany of praise: "You're so great with kids, your voice is perfect, there probably won't even be that many of them. But you can handle it, you'll be wonderful, I have no doubts! Thanks so much, Barb, you're awesome for helping me!"

How could I say no? Though I've never cared for most children, it was true that I could handle them well. "Fine," I said, "I'll help you with your work function, I'll be there before dawn, and I'll read to children for you." My ears couldn't believe what my lips were saying. I detected a deep intake of breath on the other end of the line, which was slowly let out before Jane said, "There's one more little thing."

"What?"

"I need you to dress as a snow fairy."

For the next few weeks, my mother and I shopped for fabric and accessories befitting a "snow fairy." While Mom toiled away to create and sew a costume, Jane continued to reinforce my role with comments like, "You're so good at doing makeup, you wear costumes all the time, this will be fun!" It's true I had a side job as a makeup artist and enjoyed dressing up for clubs, but that was no reason to go prancing around as a snow fairy at my sister's work function.

On the big day, I looked like a Macy's Christmas display. Covered in glitter from the crown on my head to the snowflake ornaments dangling from hooks around the neckline of my

silver sweater, my face an advertisement for the many shimmery shades of blue available at Sav-On, and with the fabric of my skirt dragging on the floor, I waved my wand as I entered the hotel ballroom. Surrounded by kids and the many viruses dripping from their noses and living on their fingers, I read stories for hours. The only thing my father had to do was put on a Santa hat and smile.

Though I resented Jane at first, I had to give her kudos — I was the one dressed like a Disney misfit. In the end, Jane was happy. I'm not the only sister Jane has suckered in this way. Once, Jane's friend Ellen was at LAX with a two-hour layover. She asked Jenny to ride with her to L.A. and cited reasons such as, "You'd be great company," and "Ellen would love to see you!" Jenny agreed, and an hour into the drive, Jane told her that the real reason she asked her along was because she wanted to beat traffic in the carpool lane and needed another body. At the airport, Jenny took pictures of the women and sat silently while the two exchanged stories.

Every woman in my family is adroit at getting what she wants, and each of us uses our own individual tactics of manipulation to do so.

Manipulation is not necessarily a bad thing — it is a skill required by any person in a position of power or influence, and it can be a strong tool, if wielded properly.

In order to get what you want from others, you must be able to accurately read people. It also helps to be a bit of an actress (if I'd gone into the business, I'd have an Academy Award by now).





Maybe it's because we moved around a lot as kids. Maybe it's because we have a tight yet outgoing family. Whatever the cause, my three siblings and I are experts in communication, deft at recognizing reactions, and skillful in the art of manipulation. Because of this, we now see through each other's schemes.

After Iane revealed that next Monday she needed someone to watch Isabella, I disclosed my availability. Sitting with my ten-month-old niece brings me joy, and if I have nothing else on the schedule, I'm happy to do it. But Jane, out of habit, continued in her natural persuasion technique — "You don't have cable, but I do, so if you're

here, you can watch it!" I assured her it is the baby in which I'm interested, not the television. In the family, Jane is the most notorious for using the bait-and-switch tactic to get what she wants.

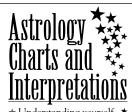
Our sister Faye has the subtlest approach, using a mixture of honest, calm reasoning with a pinch of guilt. This works with her family, as well as with her students and their parents. Jenny uses

aggressive persistence. When she was 14, she told my parents she would have a Toyota 4-Runner by the time she could drive. She told them every day. Sure enough, when she turned 16, there it was in

the driveway.

And as for me, well, I have my very own sly tactics of getting what I want, but I'm hesitant to state them here and give away my secrets. Instead, I will reveal them in parts

throughout the next few months in my column. It takes three people together to work out the coded messages, so you might want to get two friends to help decipher my words each week. ■



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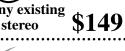
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NO WORKING MAN IS FIT TO HOLD OFFICE.

(Continued from front page)

Supervisor Ron Roberts and Mayor Dick Murphy, combatants in 2000, still seem interchangeable: Republican barons of their county and city manors; white males in their 60s; buddies with the developers; supporters of municipal unions; and overseers of massive pension deficits, which in the case of the city amounts to \$1.17 billion. Many believe that Roberts wouldn't be any better than Murphy — a mayor who was saddled with the pension mess by his predecessor, Susan Golding. Murphy voted with all but one member of the council in 2002 to continue the underfunding.

The case stood until Donna Frye, the councilwoman who voted against pension underfunding, declared herself a write-in candidate for mayor on the last day of September. Whether or not Frye wins next Tuesday, her candidacy has been the biggest hurrah in local politics in years. A Democrat seriously challenging the Republican dynasty in San Diego is as rare as August rain. Almost unheard of in the lore of local elections was Frye's disclosure: she was running because everyday people had urged her to run so that they had, in her words, "somebody to vote for." In the wake of the pension debacle, she was listening: "It's hard to explain sometimes," she told the Union-Tribune, "when the public becomes very, very frustrated. Sort of like a big wave riding over the ocean just keeps building and building and building momentum."

Frye's candidacy is a phenomenon, which a look at our political history confirms. Since 1850, when the city was incorporated, nearly all of the men and women who've run for local, state, and federal office have, with a few wild

vatives; they are the anointed ones. And who has anointed them? The owners of land and capital; builders and developers; wealthy "carpetbag-

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exceptions, been cut from the same conservative cloth. But these are not just *any* old consergers" who fight wealthy "pioneers" for local control; political parties; newspaper publishers



and editors; and, since the 1980s, special interests like labor unions, environmentalists, religious factions, issue-oriented attack groups, and a new class of hired guns - partyless campaign consultants who commission and interpret polls and spin the political news.

A.J. Liebling, the New Yorker's preeminent critic, once said that freedom of the press belongs to the man who owns one. San Diego media owners are no exception; they, too, are players in the game. Their TV and radio stations as well as newspapers bring us the candidates' messages and in so doing shape that message. How? By placement, frequency, and choice of stories (which means only the anointed get covered). By running campaign ads (whose often controversial content means opponents must respond in kind). By covering the spintions and polls the media find newsworthy). And by endorsements (which in newspapers once were found on both the editorial and the front pages). On occasion, a TV station will endorse a mayoral or congressional candidate. But most stations practice campaignseason "neutrality": they avoid local politics (unless celebrities are involved) and save time to report on controversial ads that "make" news. When candidates go mano a mano in their 30-second TV spots, the stations tally up the profits.

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We think that the difference between candidates stems from their different positions. But in local races, the candidates' positions are seldom substantively different, which is one reason most political ads avoid issues. Instead, ads highlight an opponent's putative demon — a flawed

character, a broken pledge, a tainted donation: all of us have at least one Willie Horton in our pasts. The goal is simple: pound away at the flaw until a seed of distrust is planted in the voter's mind. Distrust is the surest way for a candidate to widen the division between himself and his opponent. A clear division, the consultants say, produces a winner. However, such manufactured divisiveness attack ads, political rhetoric, media skewing — rarely serves the interests of the voters, rarely holds a candidate to a promise.

When you study the most contentious and covered campaigns in our history — from the Workingmen's mayoral victory by William J. Hunsaker in 1887; to the rise and fall of white supremacist Tom Metzger, the Democrats' candidate for Congress in 1980; to the dirtiest

campaign of all, the bitch-slapping between Susan Golding and Peter Navarro in 1992 — you find you're soiled by the same spill. It's the September-October stain of negative campaigning, in which both camps rouse our fears (or defend themselves from an opponent's provocation) until we're convinced that one candidate must be the worst, the one we should vote against. Conditioned by smear, we find it near impossible to see that the candidate we choose may be a cutout of the one we don't. Long ago, Englishman Thomas Hobson, who ran a livery stable, told those who asked for a choice of a horse that yes, the customer always had a choice. He could take the horse nearest the stable door or he could take nothing. For more than a century, Hobson's choice has been at work in our political stable.

D.C. Reed v. William J. Hunsaker (1887)

In 1885, San Diego was a fledgling city of 5000, a funny little movie-set town of clapboard houses and dirt roads. Tall ships dotted the harbor; the railroad had just connected the city with the East. In the next two years, San Diego grew quickly. Tourist and adventurer arrived for the pristine bays and perfect weather but more often came for the real estate boom. By 1887, the population had spiked to 30,000. New investors, pumped up by speculation on Wall Street, watched local land parcels double in value overnight; one parcel increased tenfold within three months. To those who were profiting from the sudden wealth land speculators and laborers — the right mayor needed electing to keep the city growing.

After years of being

administered by a board of five trustees, San Diego had, in 1887, chartered the election of a mayor and a council and set the election for November. Two parties emerged to run candidates. The first party, the Citizens, was composed of "genuine San Diegans." These men had settled San Diego and believed the boom threatened the quiet of the city and the quality of its civic life. The other party, the Workingmen, were the newcomers, men looking for work and men looking to invest in land and to open new businesses. The Citizens dubbed them "carpetbaggers," a post-Civil War term that referred to anyone whose profit motive might destroy what the "genuine" San Diegans held dear.

The mayoral candidate of the Citizens' party was D.C. Reed, an elegant Victorian and

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The papers were as wild as the West and as bellicose as the boom. With few graphics, their table-

size pages, either four or eight in number, featured tiny print and airless columns. The columns changed willy-nilly from city hall news to gossip, help wanted ads, ship arrivals, and letters from tourists.

In September, the quarreling between the two parties was launched when the Daily San Diegan published the Workingmen's platform. The laborers wanted a larger share of the wealth and profit their bosses were reaping; they believed their "producing interests...should be of first consideration in the legislation pertaining to the city government"; and they called for businesses to hire native-born workers instead of foreignborn, namely, the Chinese who had arrived by the thousands throughout California during the 1880s.

The *Union* didn't print the Citizens' platform but, rather, declared that by voting for the Workingmen, investors

and workers would lose their money. In one story, the paper said "idle capital" was lying in the vault of a "leading banker" and that several big depositors had refused to "make any large investments in city property or improvements unless the Citizens' ticket should be elected." The Daily San Diegan responded that it would "produce twentyfive reputable, legitimate real estate men" who'd prove that land sales were increasing. The list of men included the McGarvin brothers, who held that articles in the Union "would have no effect on people of brains."

Next, on the front page, the *Union* printed a visitor's letter. The man warned that with Hun-







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saker's election, San Diego would become like Chicago, "an object of terror to other cities on account of the domination there of brutal, dastardly hordes of lawdefying, bomb-throwing Anarchists and Socialists." He was referring to the 1886 riot in Haymarket Square: seven policemen had been killed by a bomb while fighting strikebreakers. The letter implied that San Diego's Workingmen would, if elected, unionize, strike, and, if necessary, riot.

The Daily San Diegan accused the Union of labeling the Workingmen "an irresponsible mob of Stingaree gutter snipes" and Mr. Hunsaker "the friend and bosom companion of drunkards, blacklegs, and thieves." Attorney Hunsaker had defended "saloon criminals, the denizens of Chinatown and other disreputables." The paper also reminded its readers that the Citizens had bought votes during an earlier primary election "wherever they could find wretches low enough.... They bought whisky by the barrel and pumped it into their rotten and degraded followers with a hose, until many of them became noisy, reeling drunk, and on the public street were indiscreet enough to show and boast how much they had been paid" by the Citizens' party.

The Union trotted out its moral servant, Reverend Harwood, pastor of the First Congregational Church. On the Sunday prior to election day, the paper printed his "political sermon": "The tendency of life in the cities is downward.... All the institutions of sin and evil are there. The saloons are there. The houses of ill-fame are there. The gambling places there. The vicious congregate there. Thieves ply their trades there.... Multitudes of the sons of the best families are corrupted by these things."

To underscore the evil, the *Union* carried a story three columns to the right sympathetic to Harwood's claim. One of its headlines read, "How Men Are Made Captives and Robbed — Dens of Vice on Second and Third Streets." Affixing salvation, the Golden Rule, and the love of Christ to the principles of citizenship and prosperity, Harwood made his truest feelings known: "I would not vote for the capitalists against labor, never; but I would vote for the people against the saloons, always." It was a careful bit of religiouscum-political rhetoric, designed to impugn the morality of the Workingmen.

Lost in all this "reporting" were comments by the two candidates, Hunsaker and Reed. At one point the Daily San Diegan quoted Reed as declaring with "his usual gusto and contempt for the laboring classes" that no workingman was fit to hold office. Little else, however, from either candidate was deemed attributable. Presumably candidates spoke on soapboxes in Horton Plaza. Presumably they said things that the newspapermen reasoned they could say better.

On November 9, across the Daily San Diegan's six front-page columns ran a graphic of six crowing roosters. "Hip. Hurrah!" "The Result." Of the men-only vote, Hunsaker received 1041; Reed, 867. At the bottom of the page, beneath a jab about the *Union*'s mudslinging (the paper had enough "unused mud to start a brickyard"), was a rooster vomiting.

Although Hunsaker won, the majority of the new council were members of the Citizens' party. For 11 months Hunsaker and his conservative opponents stalemated: his every proposal was turned





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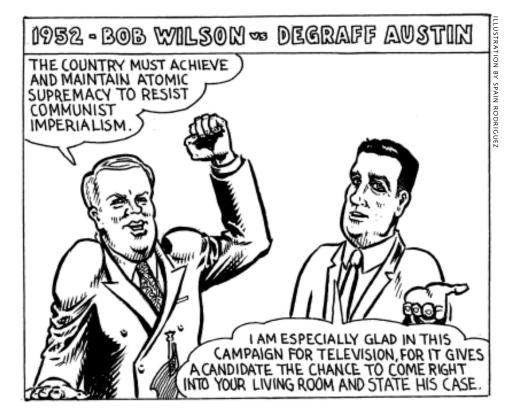
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back, he stopped attending meetings, and he resigned in November 1888. With the Citizens controlling the council and the boom faltering, the Workingmen disbanded.

Overseeing all was the Union, where Douglas Gunn had been editor and proprietor for 17 years. In 1886, Gunn had sold the paper to John R. Berry, and Berry continued the paper's Republican stamp. In April 1889, Gunn and Berry were the candidates for mayor. Gunn ran on the Straight Republican ticket; Berry, on the Citizens' Non-Partisan ticket. (Gunn won.) In 1887, there was a choice; in 1889, there was only an echo. San Diego's election norm had been



George Marston v. Louis Wilde (1917)

It would be incorrect to suggest that the local battle between labor and capital ended with the demise of the Workingmen. And yet, except for the occasional socialist candidate or New Deal Democrat, except for E.W. Scripps's liberal San

Diego Sun, which folded in 1939, working-class issues have seldom been a force in local elections. San Diego's political trail has been blazed by the growers, not the field hands. To grow slowly or to grow fast has been for a century the city's and the region's prime political issue. This issue has dominated nearly every election, insuring that candidates either kowtow to the city's growth-andwealth machine or risk unfunded and uncovered campaigns.

Slow growth took to the political stage first in 1899, when Edwin Capps, an engineer, ran for mayor on the following plank: "We should cater to the entertainment of the tourist, make [San Diego] pleasant and congenial, have public

places of resort in the nature of beautiful parks, fine boulevards, roads and drives." That popular philosophy, combining development with preservation, got Capps elected mayor twice, in 1899 and 1915. But catering to the tourist required that someone bring the resources of civilization - water, railroads, schools, culture to the garden. Enter John D. Spreckels, a carpetbagger whose father's sugar profits in Hawaii allowed him to buy rights and access to much of the city's water supply as well as, in 1890, the San Diego Union. For years, Spreckels and his ilk helped lay development's fast track.

In 1917, the city's population had reached 50,000, and the speed of







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the city's growth became the issue of the mayor's race. Slow-growth advocate George W. Marston opposed Texas oil tycoon Louis Wilde. Marston was a department store owner, a city councilmember, and a park builder. Wilde was a banker who invested in imported silkworms, downtown apartment and office buildings, and hotels, one of which, the U.S. Grant, he rescued from bankruptcy with a \$1.35 million shot in the arm.

In a 1917 photo, Wilde is a pasty-faced man whose pince-nez enlarge the judgmental aspect of his deep-set eyes. In his photo, Marston has a haughty countenance, a man who used a small pocket comb on his mustache before speaking to the Ladies' Auxiliary. Wilde tagged the mayoral battle a contest between his wool socks and Marston's silks.

San Diego had recently held its Panama-California Exposition in Balboa Park, which, like other local park and waterfront projects, Marston had shepherded. Such a display of commercial possibility had infected San Diegans with the desire for another boom. The city fathers, though, knew Los Angeles was being overrun by capital. There, the economy's foundation — based in motion pictures, clothing manufacture, oil wells, fish canning — meant further expansion would likely be unstoppable. Did San Diegans want this?

Wilde said, yes, bring it on. He announced that unless the city invited manufacturers in, we'd remain a convalescent center. "We don't want San Diego to become 'the amen corner' of the United States." For Wilde, it was a simple choice, "whether we are to be a second Palm Beach or another

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The Wilde-Marston

race was nicknamed "Smokestacks v. Geraniums." Marston became Geranium George, Wilde, the "Smokestack" candidate. Marston opined that those leaning toward Wilde were "terrified at the thought that

the aroma of flowers may destroy the fumes emanating from ten thousand smokestacks." Though Marston had a sizable payroll of workers, he ignored labor during his campaign. In his slow-blooming Eden,

productivity was not the point. Wilde courted labor's vote, arguing that as a capitalist he was really their candidate. What else but smokestacks would bring good jobs and good wages? "Remember," he

wrote, "that this is a fight to the last ditch [for] the wage earner, against big interests, high taxes, bond issues and expensive parks and flowers along millionaire row, against big expenditures for the pleasure of a few smug plutocrats."

Marston stuck to his aesthetic. Dedicating the Spreckels pipe organ at the exposition, he'd said, "I consider the giving of this instrument greater than building railroads or steamships. We who are in San Diego can live without means of transportation, for we never intend leaving here anyway, but we cannot live without music." Wilde boasted of his religious ties: his parents were Methodist, his uncle a Lutheran minister, his wife a Catholic, and he belonged "to the big Church of Gratitude, Loyalty, Freedom and

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Marston often refused to respond. His daughter remarked later that the "name-calling and slandering" of Wilde's attack ads "wearied" him. Marston made the fatal calculation that by championing restraint, he'd win. Sure, he may have predicted urban sprawl in a letter — "Here in Southern California there is bound to be a great population. The land will be so well covered...that there will be very little wild woods left for future generations" — but the visionary's insight didn't do the politician much

good.

Despite support from Scripps's Sun and Spreckels's Union, where Marston was the biggest advertiser, the Geranium withered. Wilde received 12,918 votes, Marston 9167. A few days after Wilde's election, Congress declared war on Germany. Into San Diego, as one local historian wrote, a massive new industry came via naval ships "belching smoke." From that day on, San Diego was a Navy town whose growth would accommodate a whole new enterprise.

The day before the election Wilde had published The Daily Smokestack, a four-page newspaper/campaign ad with an unforgettable illustration: in one panel, a George Marston-like dandy is snoozing in the park, basking in the sun's resplendent light; in the other panel, Louis Wilde beams at smoke-spewing factories. Such clever and grandly designed ads would become the central means by which candidates became known. Since most candidates weren't rich like Wilde, they would have to seek contributors to pay for the ads. Donors wanted to know what their money was buying. A political favor? A seat on

a commission? Access? Contributors began to influence candidates unduly, as their money bought campaign ads. Until television came along, the newspapers cashed the checks.

DeGraff Austin v. Bob Wilson (1952)

Kevin Starr, California's former state librarian, describes Marston's political conviction as "public interest detached from economic motive." It was a losing conviction. San Diego would rarely unhitch its wagon from the oligarchical team of banker-builder. Such would be the case not only in most city elections but also in congressional races. In 1952, one campaign for Congress turned on the region's relationship with its biggest partner in development, the Navy, and the now-flourishing military-industrial complex in Southern California.

Following the 1950 census, in which the county population reached more than a half-million, Southern California gained a new congressional seat. In 1951, the San Diego County Republican Central Committee began trolling for a candidate. The committee fell on 35-year-old Bob Wilson,







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who earned \$500 a month in an advertising firm. Flat-topped and iguana-eyed, Wilson was not an attorney nor did he possess a college degree. Though he'd served in the military, he hadn't fought overseas in the Second World War. But he had spearheaded Eisenhower's local campaign for president, and he had an exceptional talent for cooking the Republican meal. When he phoned the missus with the news of his selection, she laughed: "You a Congressman?"

The Democratic nominee was DeGraff Austin. He was brownbear big with a paddleface like actor John Goodman. His handlers offered him to the voters as Mr. San Diego, a local boy who'd been secretary-manager of the Rowing Club; class president at San Diego High



School; a former member of the city council and the board of supervisors; and, most recently, a U.S. Customs collector.

Wilson's campaign was fear-based, buttressed by churchly virtue. As he reports in his political memoir, Confessions of a Kinetic Congressman (1996), a piece of ghostwritten puffery, Wilson wanted the country to "achieve and maintain atomic supremacy" as well as "resist Communist imperialism," allusions to McCarthyism and a deep-pockets Navy. He

was also "running on a platform of truth and reform, convinced that most Americans were ashamed of Truman's administration." Wilson said the president's "morally bankrupt administration was riddled from within by graft and grand larceny. The Trumanites had had their day.... It was time to turn the rascals out, to make a clean sweep and reinstate Christian principles of morality on a national level."

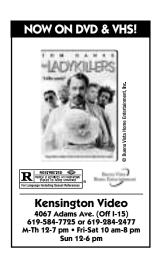
In the narrow canyon of San Diego politics, Democrat Austin echoed the Republicans. "We must pay close attention to prevent big government from taking over...activities which are...our local and individual responsibilities." He championed other GOP values. Peace "lies in being a strong America, militarily and economically." "We are taxing ourselves far beyond our capacity to pay.... Waste, inefficiency, futile projects, premiums on idleness must be eliminated. The keystone of democracy is the free enterprise system."

Wilson got a big boost from the San Diego Union. In a 1953 letter, Wilson touts Herb Klein, the editorial page editor of the Union who would later become President Nixon's communications director. Wilson writes that the newspaper is run by "ardent Republicans and substantial contributors [to the party] of many years standing"; the Union is "of unestimable [sic] value to the Eisenhower campaign, as well as to my campaign. I have personally gained substantially by favorable editorials written by Mr. Klein." At bottom, Klein's inestimableness meant













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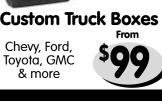
















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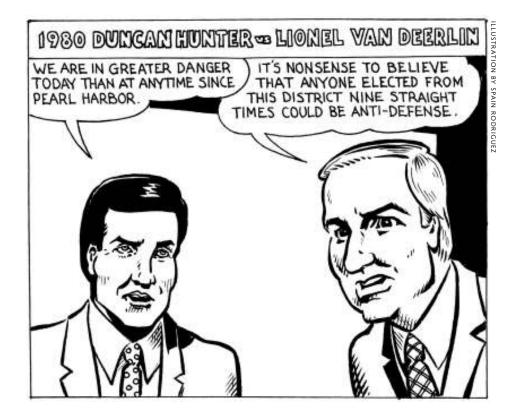
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In 1952, the *Union* was the Fox News of its day. Its coverage was neither fair nor balanced. The major story was the presidential race, Adlai Stevenson v. Dwight Eisenhower, along with his running mate, California senator Richard Nixon. The "informed voter" page showcased stories favorable to Eisenhower four times more often than stories favor-



able to Stevenson. The headline slants toward the Republicans were blatant, as in "Stevenson Sees No Tax Relief Before 1955." The *Union* also ran, in several variants, "news" about commiehunter Senator Joseph McCarthy, including a

front-pager, "McCarthy Says Reds Support Gov. Stevenson." Translation: a vote for Stevenson was a vote for communism. Wilson even outscored Austin, three to one, in the number of personal photos featured on the "informed-voter" page.

The only news story about Bob Wilson cited his honorable solution for ending the Korean War: "put in the Republicans."

Beloved by Klein, Wilson spent his money on flyers, buttons, posters, and cars with

bunting and bullhorns announcing his candidacy — all part of Wilson's bailiwick as an ad man. To level the field, Austin countered with five-minute TV spots. Preproduction notes for these spots show that in one, Austin will use a former soldier who supports the Korean War. He is "very handsome would look well on TV — remarked that he would like to be back in Korea — he hates the commies so much." Other notes promise to present a range of people (or potential voters) — a physician, a dentist, a skilled worker, a fisherman, an insurance salesman, a person of Spanish ancestry, and "a colored man." Additional topics touch on "fear, inflation, high taxes...Social Security, roads, pensions." In his business telecast, Austin talks about the "healthy climate" in San Diego "for small business to succeed under Democratic Party leadership." In another telecast, he discusses "the need for maintaining the peace of the world" because these two young men (the camera shows two soldiers) "are fathers of three children" and "I will do every possible thing...to prevent these youngsters [from] ever having to go to war." Austin even brings his grandson Brucie on camera and reminds voters that Brucie's dad is fighting in Korea.

Austin used television to advertise his anticommunism and toughness on Korea, both of which meant money for the Navy. And yet he did so positively, red-baiting no one, seldom mentioning nuclear war, and never stating his religious beliefs. Rarely did Austin share his feelings publicly about the Republican Party and San Diego's major papers, the Union and the Evening Tribune. But he did write his feel-

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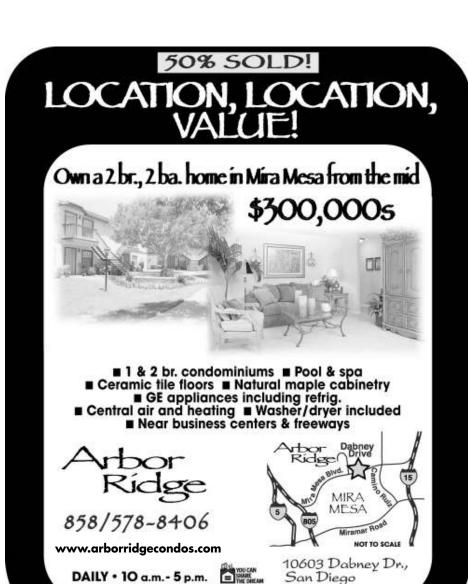
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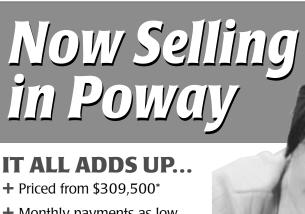
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He notes that "dollar for dollar I cannot hope to match my opposition, the local Republican Central Committee and their 'boy' Bob Wilson. In the primary race, my friends, Republican and Democrat alike, said, 'De, there's nothing to worry about. You're the only man that can be elected — who else is there to choose?' And at

that time I was foolish enough to...believe them. They pointed out my opponent's complete lack of qualifications and told me not to worry. [Elsewhere, Austin calls Wilson an "amateur" who "has never been outside the Junior Chamber of Commerce sphere," working only on "Bathing Beauty contests and the Yellowtail Fishing Derby!"] Yes, my biggest mistake was underestimating the value of a high priced and high pressure advertising campaign. Not fully realizing that thousands of San Diego's citizens are new here. And that all they base their selection and judgment on is advertising. Yes, political campaigns today are likened to any other type of advertising. 'I smoke soand-so cigarettes because' — Followed by illogical but appealing reasons. Today's political

campaigns are on this

same level — A flip of a

coin — would be a good way out, after the voter has been caught amidst two advertising battles."

In bitterness, Austin devises a scenario in which he asks the "TV viewer" to imagine himself a declared Democratic candidate. "Immediately you become their target; they unload Communism, Korea, High Taxes, and every other burden the country bears upon your shoulders. Why? Simply because you're a Democrat trying to be elected. They care not what your individual views or record has been, they only try to pin the administration's mistakes upon your head. And if your views are good and will appeal to the voters — then you are stealing their platform. Because you are against corruption and governmental waste and will not follow the party line on every single point, they call you a masquerader.... I believe,



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as do many people I've talked to locally, that the Republican Campaign here in San Diego is not the crusade they'd have you believe, but simply a mighty big and expensive high-pressure campaign to put in office their own candidates."

Austin was creamed by Wilson, 121,332 to 82,311. Even Wilson admitted "Ike's coattails" had helped secure his victory. Ninety-five percent of congressional incumbents are reelected; Bob Wilson was typical, serving 13 more terms. At his 1981 retirement, Wilson was ranked number three on the House Armed Services Committee. The warm seat came from his backing the aerospace and defense-industry smokestacks that proliferated here during the 1950s and 1960s.

Was Austin a sore loser? Was it naïve of him to expect issues, not ads, to rule? From his notes, it appears he knew that he was losing and that he had to push even harder against the Republican machine. In fact, he expresses concern about amassing a \$6000 debt, most of the money spent on TV. Throughout, though, he was outwardly upbeat, stopping short, as we say today, of going negative. At some level we think we prefer a positive campaign to a negative campaign. Despite what we think, Austin's integrity — and the fact that he was not quite as conservative as Bob Wilson — did him in.

Lee Hubbard v. Pete Wilson (1975)

Otis Jones was a brightfaced, straight-talking attorney in 1975 when he — along with councilmember Lee Hubbard

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and several others challenged Mayor Pete Wilson for his job. Jones's campaign was rooted in what he thought was the number-one issue of the day: unemployment. Double-digit inflation, a stock-market slump, and bank failures had stymied the economy severely. San Diego's especially. In November 1974, with an unemployment rate near 8 percent, labor unions marched down Broadway, demanding that Wilson hire more city workers.

Jones believed that, as the city's first African-American mayor, he could make a difference. The only problem was, by mid-August, one month before the September primary, the media had ignored his candidacy. So Jones held a news conference to berate television and newspaper alike for disregarding him. He began by saying that this news conference proved his point: only a handful of reporters had showed up. They were, Jones said, busy attending to the two top candidates, Wilson and Hubbard. Jones was mad as hell that he was tagged a "minor candi-

date." He understood the reason; he lacked the contributions to be considered major. He scolded the media for implying that the amount of money one raised determined a candidate's viability. "The major candidates — or those who the media say are the major candidates — say growth and crime are the issues. I don't think the average person is interested in growth or no growth. That is a bigbusiness platform. The average person wants to know about jobs." Jones was right about his treatment: the Evening Tribune covered this news conference and then returned to tracking donors and the supposed divide between Wilson and Hubbard. Jones stewed and got disgusted. The debates rolled around, and he

refused to participate. In 1971, when Pete Wilson was first elected mayor, he was 38, the youngest mayor in San Diego history. A moderate Republican, he had advocated "controlled growth" in a city that had begun sprouting suburbs like crazy. In his campaign, Wilson got mileage by stating, "We don't want to be another sprawled-out Los Angeles monster." A workaholic, his face was, according to Patricia Lee Murphy of the Los Angeles Times, "no big advertisement for San Diego sunshine and outdoor life." That Cub Scout visage also had, Murphy wrote, an almost "Wall Street pallor." His main opponent in 1975 was the curly-haired, sixfoot-four Hubbard, a San Diego native and businessman whose concrete company built warehouse slabs, bank floors, and city sidewalks. Hubbard, whose service on many local boards had won him the cuddly nickname "Mother Hubbard," differed strongly with Wilson about growth management.

The savvy Wilson played the geranium card against his smokestack foe. He announced that Hubbard was being supported by the developers who wanted "a return to the good old days" of unchecked growth, before Wilson took office. He charged that Hubbard and other city councilmembers were making their decisions about San Diego on behalf of the builders. Wilson said he would continue to put the "brakes on sprawl." Voters should know that if they elected Hubbard, the owner of a \$6 million construction firm, he couldn't be trusted to curb development.

Hubbard drew his

lance. In a debate five days before the primary, he insisted that Wilson's "no growth" policies had been "dragging people beyond our city limits." Towns like La Mesa were booming because Wilson had pushed the developers out there. On that basis, Hubbard said, Pete Wilson had lied about slowing development. Wilson volleyed that he wanted to stop the proliferation of urban sprawl because it necessitated more city services and higher taxes to pay for those services. Wilson said he was a tax-cutter, hoping to shrink the city's payroll by reducing the number of public employees. Hubbard countered that Wilson's policies drove up the price of existing homes and made property taxes higher as well.

Fearing that the "no growth" position would prevail, the builders went after Wilson on their own. The leaders of five construction associations called Wilson's policies "contradictory" and wondered "how much 'managed growth' the public can afford." The contractors noted that the slowdown put San Diego in "a dangerous economic and social position." In response,

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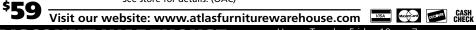
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Wilson portrayed himself as the victim — all he was trying to do was preserve land, "mostly canyons and sloping areas...as open space." Besides, Wilson charged, changing the subject, Hubbard was the real villain. He had a blatant conflict of interest: 27 percent of his cement-pouring business came from contracts with the city.

The combatants also argued about relocating the airport. Hubbard called Wilson's idea of moving it to Otay Mesa "the height of idiocy." Only one in five people, Hubbard said, would drive that far; the loss of the airport near downtown would ruin tourism. Wilson said he wanted the airport moved because "juries

are awarding plaintiffs in lawsuits," those suing against airport noise. The Los Angeles airport had "already paid out more than \$120 million," which was more than half of what a new airport would cost. The award for pandering, however, had to go to Hubbard. The pavement king called Wilson "out of touch" with voters because he, Wilson, "evades the issue of Black's Beach nudity." Hubbard tried to cast Wilson as a libertine on an issue of social conservatism. But it was the 1970s, and few people were worried about naked sunbathers.

In the September primary, Wilson gored Hubbard badly. Wilson received 62 percent of the vote, well beyond the 50 percent required to win the election outright. Hubbard said he lost because he was "pictured as being pro-growth, and it was made to sound like a dirty word." And yet, eight months into his second term, Wilson was speaking to the chamber of commerce, hoping to clarify his slow-growth position once and for all. He said his job as mayor was to rein in the "leapfrog development" of the suburbs. Since new tracts hadn't been paying for their police, fire, and road services, taxes on citywide residents had to be raised. His crusade during the campaign, he now said, was more antitax than it was managed growth. Wilson said he desired to redevelop downtown, creating pro-

jects for builders and

sources of new tax revenue. To achieve development friendly to the city, he said, we needed to do a better job of "selling San Diego, and I think it's time we got off our fanny and did so." That

was his Job One, "being a salesman" for the city. The businessmen cheered. It was the first of Wilson's many invitations to commercial businesses to relocate to San Diego. Even beyond

downtown. Two years later, in a nod to local builders, Wilson ventured into the growth column with the suburban development North City West, now Carmel Valley. Wilson's support

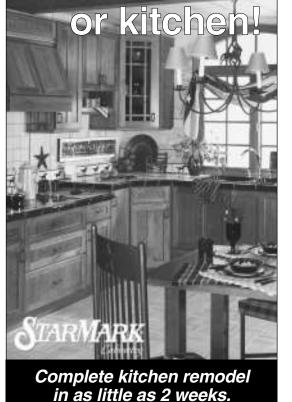
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In a 1979 piece for San Diego Magazine, Harold Keen assessed

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Wilson's near-decade of maneuvering. Keen quoted Ed Butler, the man Wilson beat in 1971 for mayor, who was "awed by Wilson's ability to retain the blessing and financial support of the very people whose industry might be hobbled by his crusade for controlled growth." Keen also quoted Democrat Si Casady, who had run against Wilson for mayor in 1979 and lost. Casady characterized Wilson's ongoing support of downtown redevelopment with public funds, often earmarked for a select set of builders and donors to Wilson's election bids, as "welfare for the rich." This, 15 years before John Moores unpacked his bags downtown.

Casady wasn't fin-

almost all the "establishment leaders" in San Diego history to date had been Republicans. "And those who aren't Republican, act Republican when the indications are it would be beneficial to them." Our local political races have been the domain of what the San Diego Sun once termed "a divided majority" of Republican leaders. Countervailing political forces such as labor, environmentalists, or Democrats seldom have the money or a strong enough vision to challenge the stranglehold of the city's designated conservatives.

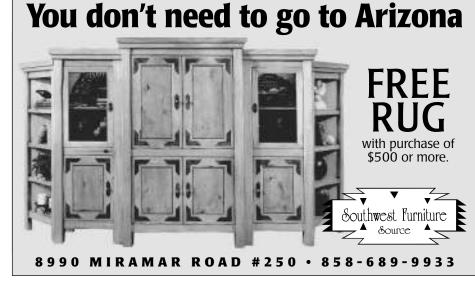
ished. He said that

Tom Metzger v. Clair Burgener (1980)

In June 1980, San Diego

took its first political terrorist strike: Tom Metzger, Ku Klux Klan supporter and founder of the White Aryan Resistance (WAR), narrowly won the Democratic primary for Congress in the 43rd District. (At the time, the 9000-squaremile district extended across San Diego, Imperial, and Riverside Counties.) Metzger, a Fallbrook TV repairman whose hairpiece and swagger were his way of representing the forgotten and abused "white working class," faced Republican Clair Burgener. Burgener was as patrician as Metzger was pugnacious, businessman v. bigot. The fivetime representative wasn't planning on campaigning. How could he lose to a Klansman who









was to most voters neither choice nor echo? But Burgener, like everyone else, got hot once the press started reporting, in detail, Metzger's every claim:

- that the creed "all men are created equal" could never be proven;
- that Jews were a "parasite people" who should be deported to Israel "first class";
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- that blacks were "inferior" and that all the "colored" races were descended from Satan;
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shot";

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- that he'd stopped being a practicing Catholic "when the church started making a saint out of César Chávez and people in the radical left";
- that he'd never advocated violence and couldn't be blamed if those who hated him were violent, comparing himself to the "goodlooking gal who gets raped when she walks down the street and then someone tries to blame her for the rape just because she's attractive"; • and that "win, lose, or draw, I come out winning...I come out far

Some Democrat. By October, Burgener had endorsements

better than how I went

in."

from Governor Jerry
Brown and Senator Alan
Cranston, both
Democrats. The big
issue, Burgener said, was
no longer inflation but
the Klan. He called Metzger "an admirer of
Hitler." Metzger didn't
deny it. Burgener's
biggest worry was that
the Klan-man might
receive 40 percent of the
vote. Such a high "losing"
percentage, he said,

would be a "moral victory" for white supremacy. Worse, it might suggest that his constituents were racists. By November, however, the *Union*'s spotlight (both anti-Klan and anti-Democrat) had overexposed Metzger's oddity. Of the nearly 300,000 votes, Burgener garnered 82 percent. But it was clear that a good 35,000 Southern Californians

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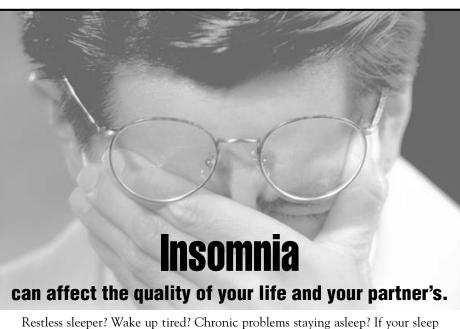
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That same year, the race in San Diego's 42nd Congressional District pitted 66-year-old Democrat Lionel Van Deerlin against Republican challenger Duncan Hunter. Van Deerlin had been San Diego's lone Democrat in the House of Representatives since 1962; Hunter, a 31-year-old Vietnam War Army paratrooper, was a strong-ondefense and tax-cutting supporter of Ronald Reagan. Unlike the Burgener-Metzger race, the Van Deerlin-Hunter fight was civil. Unrelated to the civility, though, was a significant push by one religious group that insisted on moral issues that voters and candidates could not escape.

The stocky Hunter,

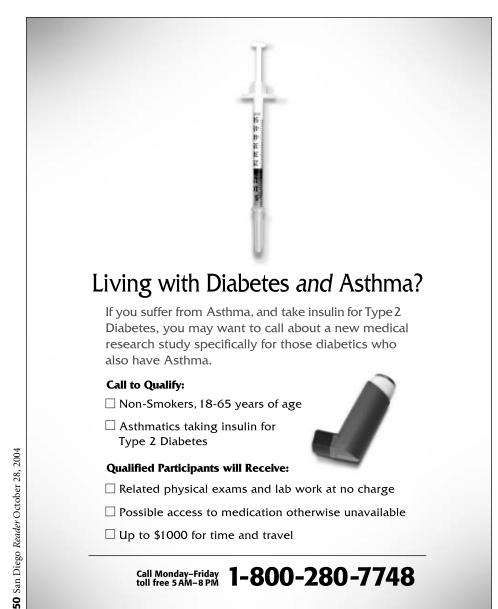
with the set jaw of a Georgia football coach, walked precincts in the 42nd, which had the lowest per capita income of San Diego's three congressional districts. Registration of Democrats in the 42nd outnumbered Republicans two to one, and the non-Anglo population was close to 50 percent. As workers entered plants and shipyards at 6:00 a.m., Hunter met them with the message that Van Deerlin was weak on defense spending. Translation: you — and your jobs — aren't safe. He got 55 retired admirals, most living in Coronado, to sign a petition that stated, "We are in greater danger today than at any time since Pearl Harbor." The "open letter" also said that Hunter's opponent voted "regularly against adequate national defense even though he is one of the big spenders

in Congress." As important as national security was to Hunter's campaign, so too was military-related employment. From his law-office base in Barrio Logan, he appealed, according to the Union, to "an area of steel fabricating, boat building, large and small businesses" that contained "many minorities." In one of Hunter's TV ads, he showed his National Avenue neighbors, a welder and an immigration counselor, who decried the lack of defense jobs in San Diego. Hunter made much of his pre-lawschool working-class background: he had "operated heavy equipment, built homes, laid pipelines, and farmed."

Van Deerlin, educated at the University of Southern California, was a former newspaperman and TV producer who had regularly won reelec-

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tion by 70 percent. He was lanky and dapper, a man who was, by several accounts, "no ball of fire" but decent. In Washington, he conducted congressional hearings into deregulating the \$300 billion broadcasting and telephone industries in what would become the breakup of AT&T. At first, Van Deerlin wasn't worried about his opponent. He made it known that he would retire in 1982; he hoped this last dance would be a waltz. One early poll had him out in front of Hunter 61 to 22 percent, so his campaign neither polled nor bought ads. After Hunter's early TV attacks, Van Deerlin responded that "it's just utter nonsense to believe that someone could have been elected from this district nine straight times and be antidefense."

But Hunter was gaining from his weakon-defense claim and from a political tsunami that was carrying him and other New Right candidates with it. Stoked by the national Republican Party, disaffected Democrats were being told to rethink their party affiliation. Traditionally, Democrats were aligned with labor, the working class, and professional and trade classes like teachers and government employees; Republicans represented the interests of businessmen and the rich. The Republican Party was already promilitary, pro-tax cut, and anti-union. But once the liberal indulgences of the 1960s Democrats were counted, Republicans repositioned themselves as antiregulation, antiwelfare, antiabortion, and pro-Christian. As a result, the party recast itself as the mad-as-hell domain of antigovernment working-class Christian Americans. This movement of "populist conservatism" has meant that today, according to Thomas Frank's

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very narrow issues, like keeping "God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, gay marriage, prayer in school. This backlash against Democrats found its first expression locally with Hunter and Van Deerlin.

In September 1980, the San Diego Evangelical Association, following the model of the Moral Majority, sent a "morals" questionnaire to all candidates in the county. The questions sought their views on "civil rights for homosexuals, legal penalties for prostitution and drug use, sex education, abortion for minors and protections for the tax-exempt status of churches." Another query asked the candidate to describe "your

relationship with God." One of the evangelicals was the Rev. Tim LaHaye, who cofounded the Moral Majority with Jerry Falwell and later coauthored the Left Behind series. LaHaye's comment at the time was that "God created the church, the family, and the government." And government had, in his words, "become the enemy of the family, and therefore must be changed."

Hunter responded to the questionnaire, his answers reflecting Christian values. Van Deerlin made news by refusing to fill it out. He disapproved strongly of evangelicals assessing his or anyone else's morals. He complained in a letter that the

queries "deal with complex social problems, on which it seems to me we might well differ without attributing our differences to higher or lower moral standards. Your questions seem to restrict morality to the confines of sexual morality. In fact, you seem to equate morality itself to sexual morality. There is not one question regarding my views on the virtue of justice which together with charity, mercy and peace, form the heart of the Christian message." The director of the San Diego Evangelical Association noted Van Deerlin's refusal to cooperate and published that fact but not Van Deerlin's letter — along with the results of the question-

naire in the group's newsletter. Thirty thousand copies of the newsletter were printed and distributed in 150 churches on the final two Sundays prior to the election.

Suddenly, Van Deerlin was trailing — and it was too late to mount an attack against Hunter. Besides, Van Deerlin was dispassionate by nature; typically he would hold his tongue rather than accuse his rival of dirty politics. He did respond, angrily, during the last week, when Hunter suggested that Van Deerlin's support of AT&T's spinoff of the Baby Bells would raise everyone's long-distance phone rates. He was especially pissed when national

GOP strategists sent voters a mailer designed, as the *Union* reported, to "look like a telephone company letter that attacks his bill to deregulate major portions of the phone industry."

Van Deerlin lost by 9500 votes, or 6.5 percent; he blamed his own "complacency." In the past, he had "won too easily, too often." He vowed he would not become a lobbyist "like many former legislators. I don't want to be grubbing around utilizing my friendship with congressmen on behalf of any industrials." And then, expressing a conundrum of political life, he noted that "if you have relied on the people's judgment for 18 years, and bene-

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fited by it, it's hard the morning after the people have turned to someone else to say their judgment has gone awry."

Duncan Hunter benefited greatly from voters who were reidentifying their loyalties. What was perhaps most interesting about this change was that such loyalties could be expressed not only by the candidate and the support of his or her local newspaper but more so by partisan groups. From 1980 on, campaigns would outsource their party's historic role of attacking opponents to organizations bent on a single issue. One such group, the National Conservative Political Action Committee, targeted 51 Democrats for defeat in 1980. After knocking out half of them, the committee announced that it would, in the future, give half its money directly to Republican candidates and spend the other half on "negative campaigning against" the next set of "torrete"

of "targets." How did the *Union* perform that year? Though it had endorsed Van Deerlin, it said in a postelection editorial that its board was "impressed" by Hunter's "logic." The editors "came away from a preelection interview with Mr. Hunter convinced he was a likely candidate to take over the seat...but two years from now, when Mr. Van Deerlin intended to retire. Our instincts were right but our timing was off." The Union covered the Metzger-Burgener race two to three times more often than any other race, once

headlining a story about a Jew in Imperial Valley who was voting for Metzger. One other thing: the *Union* had stopped editorializing for Republican candidates on the front page. That practice was finally confined to the editorial page. Wherever possible, though, the moral issues of the campaigns were given prominent position.

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enmity; no combatants in San Diego history have ever hated each other with as much Cyclopean fury as these two. Golding and Navarro tried to rely on direct mail to proffer image and position. But whenever they got into each other's space, typically in their radio debates, they went berserk. The slashing was so scissor-toothed, one felt they weren't running for office, they were divorcing.

Republican Golding was, as Navarro identified her, an insider. The 46-year-old had been a city councilmember and, since 1984, a county supervisor. She had also been married to Richard Silberman, who was caught laundering

cocaine money in an FBI sting; convicted, he had begun serving a term in federal prison. In early 1992, she and Silberman had divorced. But his specter followed her everywhere: she was, one observer wrote, "walking around with a big bull'seye on her back, and Dick Silberman is in the center of it." In leaked memos, Golding was told not to discuss her ex and to emphasize campaign ethics as an issue to "dispel doubts about her own ethics." She was also reminded to play to her strength. As Tony Perry of the Los Angeles Times noted, Golding had always been a vicious campaigner; she was "one of the foremost practitioners of the politics of

demonization."

A self-christened "conservative Republican," Navarro had changed his affiliation to independent not long before the primary. At 42, he had a Ph.D. from Harvard in economics and taught at the University of California Irvine. Navarro had held no elective office but had organized and chaired the growth-control group Prevent Los Angelization Now!, or PLAN! The group was popular in a year of anti-incumbency; during a recession-weary 1991, both Ross Perot and Bill Clinton had arisen to challenge George H.W. Bush. Navarro applied the local tonic: San Diego was "a Republican town that

takes pride in the fact that we don't spend enough for public services. The developers are making a lot of money. Their fees are five to ten times too small. We need to force them to pay full price."

Preprimary adjectives befitting each candidate were indistinguishable: both were labeled aggressive, arrogant, attractive, abrasive, and ambitious. Navarro was termed "a cross between Robert Redford and Roger Hedgecock." A political novice, he often revealed "unending inconsistencies" and was said (by many) to be on "a colossal ego trip." Golding epitomized the dressed-to-kill businesswoman; her lust to be the future "CEO" of San Diego, a \$1 billion-a-year enterprise in 1992, was palpable. Like her mentor Pete Wilson, she blueribboned herself as San Diego's "chief salesperson."

In the June primary, Navarro got 38 percent of the vote to Golding's 31. Golding was livid, but she took a breath and let the city's Republican power structure shape the fight for her. Even before the primary, Navarro saw it coming. "She's going to try to position herself," he said, "as close to me as possible and then bury me with her developer money. We know that they're going to get dirty. The only question is whether Susan's campaign is going to do it or whether her surrogates will."

But before the big donors could sign their checks, Navarro started the fight. On the night of his primary win, Navarro and Golding were watching the returns at Golden Hall. At one point, Navarro tried to get by Golding's press secretary, Nikki Symington, to join Golding in a TV interview. Navarro and Symington began shoving each other, and Navarro called Symington a "pig." What's more, he had to fess up to the insult because it was, like the Rodney King beating, caught on tape. The slope slipped south from that moment on.

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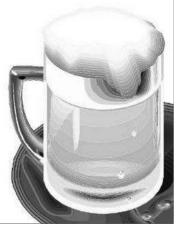
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version of their pointcounterpoint. Navarro was an outsider and inexperienced; Golding, an insider and an incumbent. Navarro was dubbed Professor Navarro; Golding, Supervisor Golding. Navarro was "scary"; Golding, a "megalomaniac." Navarro's ideas were "idiotic," "classroom, cockamamie"; Golding's were "trickle-down to the last drop," a reference to Reagan's voodoo economics. Many of Navarro's supporters were "academicians"; Golding's, "developer dawgs." Navarro relied on volunteer academics for strategy, and they pumped him full of "ivory-tower theories"; Golding relied on pricey consultants — some of whom had helped get the master political chameleon Roger Hedgecock elected mayor ten years earlier — and they were "angling for posi-

tions" in her administration. Navarro was antibusiness and antijobs; Golding was bought and paid for by the developers.

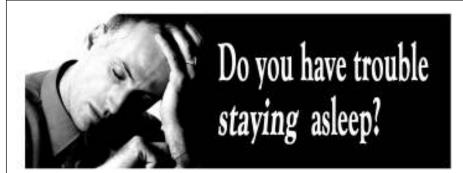
The pair prepped strategies to get San Diego out of its funk. Usually recession-proof, the city had lost the Naval Training Center, aerospace industries were closing, and the unemployment rate had risen to 10 percent. Navarro repeated the old-time challenger's refrain that the council was a "toady" to builders, and he would turn that around by advocating development of the inner city over the suburbs. While Golding said that things needed changing at city hall (as if she were the outsider), she crowed that "seeing what's broke from the inside makes it easier to fix."

In August, the hesaid, she-said began.

Navarro wanted more debates than Golding did. He said she was avoiding them because "she's trying to reserve a lot of time for big-dollar fund-raisers with the fat cats." Golding responded that Navarro's words were "really juvenile." If he were looking for fat cats, "he ought to look in the mirror."

Next was the jailbeds controversy. Navarro said there were only 3200 beds in the county for inmates. Golding said there were 6800. Navarro called her number "fantasy" because she included beds in East County that had not yet been open. A bed was a bed, Golding said, occupied or not.

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had inherited the money from his mother, a fact he told no one. He said his secrecy was to protect Mom. What's more, Navarro, a critic of "real estate speculation," had made money by selling properties in Massachusetts. Golding called him a hypocrite. In return, Navarro questioned Golding's loan of \$278,000 from her financier ex-husband Silberman, a man she married during her 1984 run for supervisor. How was that money acquired? Navarro's salvo was remarkable for his apparent unawareness of what he was actually saying: "I have no intention of personally attacking Susan Golding — I have not and I don't intend to.

However, if she wants to get tough with me personally, I will get tougher with her. If she wants to throw dirt at me, I'll bury her with her own dirt." Navarro wasn't being cute. After reminding voters that Golding's previous races had spawned lawsuits, he poured his money into TV ads in late October; he alleged that Supervisor Golding in 1986 supported a change in tax law that would have benefited Silberman's clients.

While Golding and Navarro gibed in forums, while aides for both said their bosses exaggerated their attacks, the issues other than growth that the public was interested in - jobs, crime, homelessness — died. In fact,

some argued that issues weren't discussed because there wasn't much difference between Golding and Navarro - and that's why they fought. Aside from slower v. faster growth and Navarro's opposition to NAFTA, which Golding supported, they had similar stances: higher utility rates; new power plants; no new taxes and no tax raises; needle-exchange programs to fight AIDS (though when pressed, Golding changed her mind); controlled expansion of the suburbs; public funds to build homeless shelters; tax breaks for biotech development; no upgrade of the city's sewage treatment process; more cops; and less red tape at city hall.

Newspaper reporters and the papers' editorials continued covering the dirt, attacking the pair for their "petty charges and countercharges." Only one or two astute journalists bothered to show that Golding and Navarro were peas in a

In September a poll showed Golding trailing Navarro 29 to 41 percent. Navarro might have been content to let his candidacy appear as a choice for voters. But, for some reason, he felt a face-lift was in order. He began calling himself — like his famous mayoral forerunner Louis Wilde — the "jobs candidate." He was also hoping to resurrect one of Pete Wilson's policies, namely, that managed development would lead to greater productivity. Calling him the "jobs terminator," Golding giddily said that Navarro's new tack was "one of the most unbelievable political flip-flops in history."

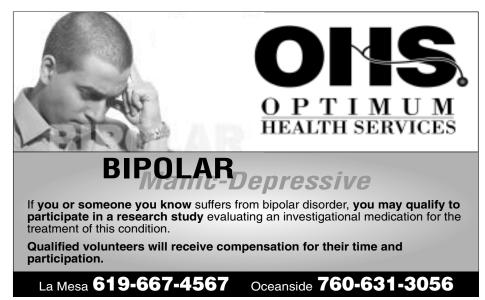
What Golding saw in Navarro was a person whose decisions would lead only to fewer jobs, higher home prices, and less expansion. What Navarro saw in Golding was a person whose decisions would lead only to more gridlock, more economic depression, and more paved-over greenbelts. Voters knew things were not that polarized. And yet this was the choice: no matter how you voted, according to either candidate, you were voting for a demon.

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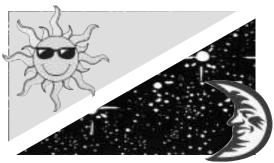
One day in September, Barry Horstman wrote in the Los Angeles Times that in an effort to clean up their negative campaigns the two pledged "to stay on the high road during the remainder of the race but took a detour minutes later and by day's end were again stuck in a muddy rhetorical ditch." Golding accused Navarro of taking money from pornographers; Navarro accused Golding of having a prostitute on her campaign staff. Golding's camp ran an ad that

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wenty-one-year-old Joni Conner lives in University City and attends Mesa College. She says she will be voting next

Will it be the first time you've voted? "In a presidential election, yes. I turned 18 in April of 2000, so, unfortunately, I was a couple months too late. Since registration, though, I have voted in the state elections during the governor recall as well as on local propositions and so on."

Have you already registered to vote? "Yes. It was incredibly easy. All I had to do was fill out the form. I went to the DMV to

do it. I was also signing up to get a California ID card that day. The best times to go to the DMV, be it for anything, is midmonth, midweek, at about 10 a.m. They did a study for that on one of the local news channels."

Do you consider yourself a liberal or conservative? "Conservative, in general, but more accurately I am middle-of-the-road. I registered as a Republican, but when it comes to certain issues I go back and forth. I am pro-life. However, I



think the drinking-age minimum should be abolished as a civil rights violation. It isn't about having the opportunity to get drunk with friends and party — I'm not the partying type, really — it's more about being able to observe religious practices that do involve alcohol consumption. As an orthodox Jew, to participate in these observances is critical to the faith, but it

breaks the law. Also, it's interesting that at 18 we are considered old enough to fight and die for our country, but not old enough to make responsible decisions about alcohol."

What are the political leanings of the rest of your family? "My family is very liberal; both of my parents are Democrats. However, the issue of partisanship isn't very central to my political understanding because I do not believe we should only vote within our party; rather, we should make voting decisions based on the overall qualifications of whoever is running and the facts behind the proposition."

Did the views of anyone in your family influence your political outlook? "I'm very big on thinking for oneself. My family of course had an influence, if only because I take a look at everything presented to me, my family's perspectives included. We talk about a lot of different issues, like gay marriage, war in the Middle East, or other social and political issues and come to our own conclusions."

Can you name anyone in the entertainment industry who influenced your

political beliefs?"[Bill] O'Reilly. He's a very cool guy. He isn't a Nazi like he gets pinned as. People who say that obviously have never watched his show nor listened to what he actually has to say. If you sit down and listen, he is a very genuine person. He also isn't afraid to change his mind; he has the integrity to admit publicly when he has made an error in his judgment, and he doesn't gloss it over."

What or who influenced your political views more than anyone/anything? "Not to be too bland, but I feel that the state of the world is what influenced me. Seriously. I look at 9/11 and the terrorist

attacks in Israel. I look at the culture of hate that permeates the Middle East and much of the world and I say, 'Gee. This can't be right. We have to put a stop to it!' "

Who would you like to win the presidency? "I'm not decided yet. Presently I am leaning for Mr. Bush. Mr. Kerry will have to show me some more and build my confidence in him to get my vote."

Who will you vote in as San Diego's mayor? "I have yet to make any decisions on that as well."

Are there any other campaigns or issues that you're interested in voting on? "Well, I was asked to sign a petition at school to get something on the ballot for a clean-water act that would cost the city lots of money and it might not even be a real problem. Thing is, these people who are there to get your signature don't know the facts even about what they're pushing!"

an Diego native Gemma Markham, 20, lives in Chula Vista. She goes to Southwestern College and will be voting in the upcoming elections.

Will it be the first time you've voted? "Yes."

Have you already registered to vote? "Yes; several websites had very helpful information on how to register to vote; however, it did take me a while to mail in these websites should have

my signature due to my hectic lifestyle. I think the electronic signature Gemma Markham

Do you consider yourself a liberal or conservative? "I consider myself more of a liberal although I come from a Catholic background, and that religious background gave me a conservative response to many ideas that I later had to rethink when I had

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positive exposure to nontraditional or unconventional ideas and circumstances. The area I grew up in has played a major role in keeping me liberal, because I lived in one of the San Diego suburbs that had a lot of racial and classist diversity: Paradise Hills. I am a white and Filipino mixed-heritage female who has been raised very close to the street culture while maintaining average suburban customs and lifestyle. I go to church to sing every Sunday but you can also find me rallying for gay rights."

Do you consider yourself a Democrat or a Republican? "Although I don't consider myself either, I am probably more along the lines of a Democrat. In spite of the little information I have on both parties, I've come to think that the Democratic Party has always geared more towards helping those who are financially unstable, as opposed to Republicans that favor tax cuts for the wealthy."

Are you a registered Democrat or Republican? "I am neither; I registered as independent because I felt all the parties lacked what I was really looking for."

What are the political leanings of the rest of your family? "My father is a Republican; my mother, however, does not participate in political parties or issues. Both my sisters are not registered to vote at this time."

Did the views of anyone in your family influence your political outlook? "Yes, absolutely. When I was younger I favored my father's view of politics. As I grew older and became a college student, the examples of my dad's political views I saw in the news; [then] my experiences shifted my perspectives and I became totally opposite. Since my dad is a war veteran, his views of going to war — such as the one in Iraq — are easily justified because of these so-called terrorists. Many heated debates have gone on in my

home due to this issue because I feel that Bush and his administration led us to war for oil and money purposes."

Can you name anyone in the entertainment industry who influenced

your political beliefs?

What or who influenced your political views more than anyone/anything? "College has made a very big impact on my political views, and I feel

I have changed more in my two years of college than in all the years I have lived. Many of my professors have had an impact on me."

Who would you like to win the presidency? "I

would like Kerry to win the presidency. In any other case, I would most likely vote for the underdog, who in this situation would be [Ralph] Nader. However, it is important for me that

Bush doesn't get reelected because I feel he has led this country blindly and he has lied to many Americans in order to fulfill his own agenda. He has led us on the wrong track and

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taken away many jobs. I also believe September 11 could have somehow been avoided."

Who will you vote in as San Diego's mayor? "I have no clue who the candidates for the next mayor of San Diego are, and I really think they should publicize this more. Most young adults, I presume, don't take voting in the mayor of their cities seriously, but it is just as important as the presidency because many issues that go on on the local level the president has no authority over, and these are the things that directly affect us all."

Are there any other campaigns or issues that you're interested in voting on? "I haven't really had the time to really look into any propositions, but I most definitely would vote against the budget cuts in public schools and colleges."

my Killingsworth, 21, was born in Everett, Washington. She lives in Linda Vista and attends Mesa College. She plans to vote next month.

Will it be the first time you've voted? "No."

Have you already registered to vote? "Yes. It was easy...[at]

Rockthevote.com. I didn't know where to register to vote online, and it was one of the only websites I knew of, which goes to show what a good campaign it is. I was 18 and I thought, 'Why

Do you consider yourself a liberal or conservative? "Liberal. I've never identified myself with the typical Republicans who are all stuck in their ways and are narrow-minded. I have a Republican standpoint on a lot of political issues, but at the same time many of my beliefs and ideals lean to the left. I know it sounds weird:

I'm just in the middle." *Do you consider*

yourself a Democrat or a Republican? "Republican. I think it would have to be the way I was raised. My parents are both Republicans. Although we don't agree on a lot of issues — I'm a lot more open-minded than they are — I still hold the same core values that I was raised with. Issues like abortion, gun control — I am generally pro-life and pro-gun ownership. The basics that Democrats and Republicans are always split on, I'm usually still on the Republicans' side. But I think much more

liberally than the oldschool, hard-core Republican. For example, gay rights. I'm all for the gay rights."

Did the views of anyone in your family influence your political outlook? "Yes. I have great parents; I really respect them a lot and I value their opinions. I see a lot of the person I want to become in them, as far as my values go, how they treat other people. I also see a lot of what I don't want to become; my father is a very stubborn man and I have a little bit of that sometimes and I hate it. I don't want to be close-minded to the

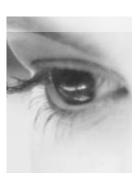
world around me and stuck in my own ways."

Can you name anyone in the entertainment industry who influenced your political beliefs? "Not that I can recall."

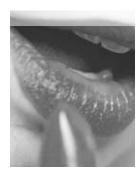
What or who influenced your political views more than anyone/anything? "My closest friends and family members. My good friend Zach is a huge influence, if not necessarily toward his own beliefs then as a catalyst for me to delve into information and knowledge. We have a lot of great discussions about politics and current events. He teaches me to think for myself more

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and gives me more of a desire to learn more about politics. We will argue for days, both looking on the Internet and in the library for facts to support our opinions."

Who would you like to win the presidency? "Bush. Despite the pressure about all of the mistakes he unfortunately made in and about Iraq, he's done a lot of wonderful things and I am still a Republican at heart. I will vote for Bush because I recognize the Republican Party's endorsement for him, and I feel more comfort-

able voting within my party."

Who will you vote in as San Diego's mayor? "I don't pay much attention to local politics, just federal and state. Sometimes Washington state, since it's my home state."

Are there any other campaigns or issues that you're interested in voting on? "I'll look into it more when the time comes.... Until then, I don't think I have time available to follow other issues. I also think awareness of local issues isn't being pushed enough, considering I haven't even heard of any."

ordan Jacobs, 18, lives in University City. The Lancaster, California, native goes to Mesa College. He plans to vote.

Will it be the first time you've voted? "For a president, yes. I voted during the recall election not too long ago."

Have you already registered to vote? "Yes. It was easy. I did it at the DMV. I was there to do something else; I was registering for my driver's license. I knew I had to register to vote at some point in my life."

Do you consider yourself a liberal or con-



Jordan Jacobs

servative? "Well, in current events, being a liberal basically is saying war is bad and don't fight; meanwhile, conservatives are the opposite opinion, right? I'd say I'm a liberal, mainly because I do oppose war.

People don't need to die for virtually unknown to the public — reasons or allegedly fictitious reasons. I oppose war because it's ridiculous and good people die. I only want to see peace across the world, and if we haven't figured out how to resolve conflicts without war, then we aren't very clever. But also, I lean toward liberal because a liberal is typically a person who believes in the protection of civil liberties, is for progressive thought, supports social reforms, and is usually very openminded. That's me."

Do you consider yourself a Democrat or a Republican? "Democrat? Because the word 'democracy' is in it? That must have come across as ignorant of me!"

Are you a registered Democrat or Republican? "I'm registered as independent."

What are the political leanings of the rest of your family? "I think my family leans to Democrats, and I think we have similar values; [we're] liberals who don't involve themselves heavily in politics."

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look? "Not really. A lot of my views developed in myself when I looked at the world as a whole. For example, I see war; I see a waste of good people. I don't understand the losses and how they are necessary to make some kind of ideological point. I could understand if a country strikes you, you strike them back. As far as I know, Iraq specifically did not strike us; and as far as I know, many people have suffered for our strike ever

Can you name anyone in the entertainment industry who influenced your political beliefs? "No."

What or who influenced your political views more than anyone/anything? "My high school government teacher at UC High, the infamous Mr. Fox, was responsible for much of my brainwashing — I mean, beliefs! At the time I had him as a teacher, he was supporting Gore and

talked about how our country is always in debt and, however, since Bush had been in office the U.S. was in a downfall. He helped me to figure out my own sense of truth about our country."

Who would you like

to win the presidency? "I honestly don't know anything about Kerry, but I will vote for him because I am very adamant about Bush not returning to office. I'm so sick of Bush. I remember that he seemed to have our interests at heart in surviving 9/11. But ever since this 'war on terrorism' began, it seems we've had another big loss of lives as those who died that day. He's sending good people off to die without offering up concrete reasons that hold up under speculation, and we don't need a president who makes critical decisions that way, especially when these decisions impact us

Who will you vote in

as San Diego's mayor?
"I'll support anyone who isn't a crony for Bush. I hope whoever is running will support education and put our state's budget to good use. Not that education would even matter if these young minds are sent off to die at 18."

Are there any other campaigns or issues that you're interested in voting on? "Any decision I make will be toward the bettering of California and to positively support individual freedoms."

ineteen-year-old Diana Elyse Snyder, born in Fallbrook, lives in Clairemont. The Mesa College student says "of course!" she'll be voting.

Will it be the first time you've voted? "No. I voted in November 2002 because I wanted my views to be represented and heard."

Have you already registered to vote? "Yes. I registered online. It was

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rather than having a constitutional amendment."

leanings of the rest of your

family? "The generations

above me are Republi-

can, with the exception

mother's side, who is

Democrat. Being Christian, they believe that the

Republican Party best

represents their views

of my grandfather on my

What are the political

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thus losing support;

liberal, but I feel both

conservatives and Democrats mostly mod-

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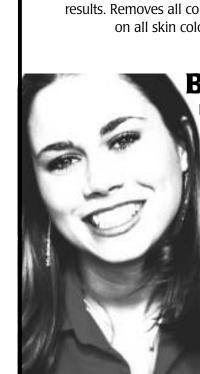
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and their wishes for the citizens of the country. My sister is liberal, and I believe she is registered Democrat although she shares my views that that party is too conservative.... My mother has never voted."

Did the views of anyone in your family influence your political outlook? "When I was growing up I disagreed a lot with my family's views.... Because I was unable to get out of my house when I was younger, the insulation of that purist environment only fueled my disagreements. So when my political ideas and beliefs developed, they directly opposed those of my family. My respect for my sister, on the other hand, tends to pull me toward her views. The only issue we have any real difference of opinion on is abortion, and even then I can see her points."

What or who influenced your political views more than anyone/any-

widespread support of an artist such as Eminem has made me more aware of the homophobia in this country because whether or not he intends to, his music tends to perpetuate negative stereotypes about homosexuals that are already difficult enough to fight — such as perversion. The music also popularizes an acceptance of hatred and even violence towards both homosexuals and women — songs like 'Kim.' It has made me realize that we still have a long way to go for accep-

thing? "I think that the

day basis."

What or who influenced your political views more than anyone/anything? "My mother influenced my political beliefs more than anyone else. By witnessing her [views] toward others in society, I saw in her everything I did not

tance, and [it] has moti-

vated me to speak up

politically on a day-to-

want to be."

Who would you like to win the presidency? "Ideally, I would have to say I would like Ralph Nader to win, for his viewpoints are closest to mine. However, I don't think he is an appropriate candidate to run this country, and as such I would prefer Kerry to Bush by far."

Who will you vote in as San Diego's mayor? "I haven't researched the candidates for mayor, and until I do so I cannot say. I do remember that during the governor elections I voted for a woman from the Natural Law Party."

Are there any other campaigns or issues that you're interested in voting on? "Of course I am interested in all kinds of issues, especially those listed above. Certainly I am most interested in pressing for equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons."

— Marcel Reyes

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We had known each other since high school and were best friends. It was natural for us to be roommates when we were accepted at the same college. After several months, his grades went downhill, and he started keeping strange hours. I figured he was partying. I often loaned him my truck; he didn't have a car.

One Sunday morning a loud knock came at the door. I found two police officers on my porch. I was taken down to the station, booked, and charged with three counts of armed robbery. Seems two guys wearing ski masks had robbed two liquor stores and a gas station the night before, using my truck as a getaway vehicle. My truck and roommate were long gone, but the police found the ski mask and gun in my house. I matched the description of the

.....

NOGOOD by Saturday, they'd all, inexplicably, be gone. Maybe I was in denial; I mean, a roommate who is pudge DEDGOES UNPUNISHED

driver and didn't have an alibi, so my lawyer advised me to plead guilty. I didn't, and the day of my trial, my roommate was busted during a drug raid in Nevada and confessed to the robberies.

> — Shawn Dennis, San Diego

BOTTOMLESS ROOMMATE

I knew Roxie from high school — a sweet girl, she seemed — a bit shy, polite, approval-seeking. Roxie had a long-distance boyfriend, Dominick. I liked Dominick; we all liked Dominick. Dominick was thin, almost translucent. He was

conscious is a good influence, right? But, wait a minute, how does she consume three one-pound bags of Doritos and a tub of guacamole in one evening and still appear so thin, so healthy?

repulsed by pudge. I didn't

think anything of Roxie

losing ten pounds every

time she was about to visit

ceries Thursday night, and

I'd spend \$35 on gro-

him in Chicago.

Okay, so pinch me that I didn't understand why our toilet kept overflowing when Roxie was home alone. And why did she, in

tandem, run the shower and flush the toilet every night?

Then, after a while, Roxie didn't have money to go to Chicago. I had a friend, Travis, who was known to have money and a heart of gold. Travis was the next victim on my list for becoming more than a friend; I had it all planned out: "He will be mine," I schemed. "Oh, yes, he WILL be mine..."

And then a friend told me, "Travis approached me, all freaked out, and said Roxie called him asking for money. He asked her what it was for, and she told him you needed an abortion..." Wow.

— Kelley Jhung, Del Mar

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Jimmy was a transfer student from OSU. None of us knew him well, but we needed a fourth roommate. It took a month, but it became apparent that he was the odd man of the bunch. The only food we could recall him bringing home was Lucky beer (\$2.49 a 12-pack), pork rinds, and mashed potatoes.

It also became apparent that cleaning anything, including himself, was against Jimmy's religion. His unwillingness to do dishes was annoying.

After a while, the general consensus was that if we refused to do his dishes, he might get the point after they started piling up. This went on for a month until one of my other roommates decided subtlety wasn't working. Once each day he would hurl one of Jimmy's dishes or pieces of silverware out the balcony window

into a big pine tree. All of Jimmy's dishes eventually disappeared, and he never seemed to notice. One evening, during a party, a gust of wind blew one of his plates out of the tree, and it landed in the grass next to him. With a hurt look on his face, he mumbled, "There's one of my plates..." He put it back in the sink, petrified mashed potatoes and all. It remained unwashed and sailed back into the pine tree several days later.

Jimmy's personal hygiene and laundry habits were on the same level as his kitchen cleanliness. He would wait until he had no clean clothes before doing laundry. If he ran out, he would retrieve some dirty article of clothing out of his pile. After a while, our whole downstairs (where the utility room was located) began to smell like a bus station bathroom. When all of his clothes were either too slick or too smelly even for him, only then did he do laundry.

One time, during one

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I came home an hour later and discovered the red disaster downstairs. Everything on the floor, especially the nice gold carpet in the adjacent family room, was now permanently dyed red and waterlogged. I rounded up David and Mark, and we spent a good two or three hours getting the water out. I wasn't looking forward to telling the landlady about the carpet. The basin was still full, and I reached down into the drain and pulled the clog out. I held it up for the others to see. I laid the sock, now dyed pink, on top of the washing machine. We all went back upstairs, each of us cursing Jimmy. Jimmy

we heard the high-pressure whoosh of the toilet. About a minute later, the same whoosh, and then the sound of the door closing. I came down a little later to discover a sewer flood (as opposed to a red dye flood). Apparently Jimmy had clogged the toilet, flooded the place, and then left.

She was especially unhappy when she stepped in the six quarts of drained motor oil Jimmy had dumped in her rose bed.

came home later and called up in a hurt voice, "Hey, who dyed my sock pink?"

This same downstairs had a toilet that flushed up, which Jimmy loved. He used it every occasion he could, even though he had his own bathroom upstairs. One day we saw Jimmy go downstairs, and after a while,

Instant replay. I rounded up David and Mark, and we spent the morning cleaning up. At this point, the downstairs was so bad off, we could only hose it out. As a little poetic justice, however, sometime during the hose-out, a box of Jimmy's extremely cheap detergent tipped over and

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caught a portion of the turdlet flood. I picked the box up and set it outside, where it eventually dried. Jimmy recovered the box and continued to use the "detergent" the rest of the time he lived there. Since all of us were plotting to either kill him or kick him out, none of us felt it was our duty to inform him of the new secret ingredient in his White King.

Jimmy's next trick was performed the day the land-lady was coming for an inspection. After she saw the carpet and woodwork downstairs, we could tell she wasn't happy. She was especially unhappy when she stepped in the six quarts of drained motor oil Jimmy had dumped in her rose bed. She read us the riot act and told us we had one month to clean up or we were evicted. We eventu-

In the space of one week, we had our gas and electric, water, and cable TV shut off.

ally did get evicted, but not before Jimmy screwed all of us over in his grand finale.

About two weeks after the motor-oil trick, Jimmy announced he was "going on vacation." We presumed it was back to Corvallis, where he had transferred from, and where his parents lived. We didn't give it much notice when we saw him packing some suitcases one particular Friday night, and we all went to our various destinations that night. That was the last time we saw Jimmy, but he was about to get even for the pink sock.

I came home from work the next day, which was a Saturday, and was the first home. I was astonished to discover all of the major furniture, the TV, the dishes, and even most of the food gone. Someone had even tried to take the refrigerator (which belonged to the



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landlady) but apparently found it too heavy. Luckily, I had installed a lock on my door at this point, because food, supplies, and things like radios and LPs had started disappearing. I came up with food missing, but Mark and David were relieved of all their furniture, stereo gear, and LPs. One of the neighbors recalled Jimmy and another man loading furniture into a U-Haul truck that morning.

Jimmy wasn't through with us yet. Still stunned from having all of our furniture ripped off, we started getting shutoff notices for everything. Seems we had trusted Jimmy to collect the money for the utilities and supposedly pay them. What he had been doing, in fact, was not kicking in any of his own cash and playing hopscotch with the bills. In the space of one week, we had our gas and electric, water, and cable TV shut off. After paying the past-due balances and forking out for new deposits, we were all bankrupt.

We tried everything to track Jimmy down, including writing to our fraternity chapter at Corvallis. They wrote back telling us Jimmy had been expelled from the fraternity. No one had ever bothered to check him out. Turns out he was leaving SDSU because he was failing every class he had taken, and judging by the ensuing calls from banks and collection agencies, he was deeply in debt.

David, whom I still hear from now and then, still wants to break Jimmy's legs. I've lost track of Mark now, but for several years we kept in touch. Strangely enough, one of the last times I talked to Mark, he said he had run into someone who said they had spotted Jimmy in a suburb of San Francisco. "Not washing dishes or clothes, obviously," I said. "No, would you believe branch manager of a [well-known] bank?" replied Mark. As ridiculous as it sounded, somehow it was appropriate. All we could do was laugh.

— Joe Kievit,

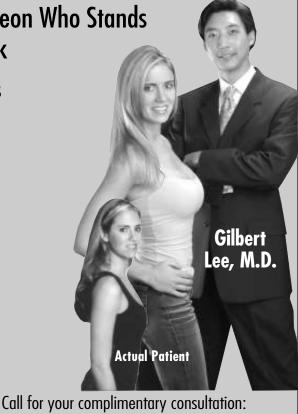




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Most people who bother with the matter at all would admit that the English language is in a bad way, but it is generally assumed that we cannot by conscious action do anything about it. Our civilization

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

is decadent and our language — so the argument runs — must inevitably share in the general collapse. It follows that any struggle against the abuse of language is a sentimental archaism, like preferring candles to electric light or hansom cabs to aeroplanes. Underneath this lies the half-conscious belief that language is a natural growth and not an instrument which we shape for our own purposes.

Now, it is clear that the decline of a language must ultimately have political and economic causes: it is not due simply to the bad influence of this or that individual writer. But an effect can become a cause, reinforcing the original cause and producing the same effect in an intensified form, and so on indefinitely. A man may take to drink because he feels himself to be a failure, and then fail all the more completely because he drinks. It is rather the same thing that is happening to the English language. It becomes ugly and inaccurate because our thoughts are fool-

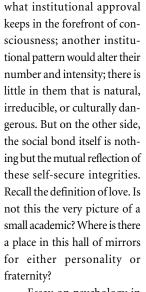
ing of what I have said here will have become clearer. Meanwhile, here are five specimens of the English language as it is now habitually written.

These five passages have not been picked out because they are especially bad — I could have quoted far worse if I had chosen — but because

bitter in each year, more alien [sic] to the founder of that Jesuit sect which nothing could induce him to tolerate.

> - Professor Harold Laski (Essay in Freedom of Expression)

(2) Above all, we cannot play ducks and drakes with a native



transparent, for they are just

Essay on psychology in Politics (New York)

(4) All the "best people" from



This mixture of vagueness and sheer incompetence is the most marked characteristic of modern English prose, and especially of any kind of political writing.

point is that the process is reversible. Modern English, especially written English, is full of bad habits which spread by imitation and which can be avoided if one is willing to take the necessary trouble. If one gets rid of these habits one can think more clearly, and to think clearly is a necessary first step toward political regeneration: so that the fight against bad English is not frivolous and is not the exclusive concern of professional writers. I will come back to this presently, and I hope that by that time the mean-

ish, but the slovenliness of our language makes it easier for us

to have foolish thoughts. The

they illustrate various of the mental vices from which we now suffer. They are a little below the average, but are fairly representative examples. I number them so that I can refer back to them when necessary: (1) I am not, indeed, sure whether it is not true to say that the Milton who once seemed not unlike a 17th-century Shelley had not become, out of an experience ever more

battery of idioms which prescribes egregious collocations of vocables as the Basic put up with for tolerate, or put at a loss for hewilder.

> — Professor Lancelot Hogben (Interglossia)

(3) On the one side we have the free personality: by definition it is not neurotic, for it has neither conflict nor dream. Its desires, such as they are, are

the gentlemen's clubs, and all the frantic fascist captains, united in common hatred of Socialism and bestial horror at the rising tide of the mass revolutionary movement, have turned to acts of provocation, to foul incendiarism, to medieval legends of poisoned wells, to legalize their own destruction of proletarian organizations, and rouse the agitated pettybourgeoisie to chauvinistic fer-

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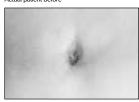
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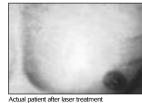


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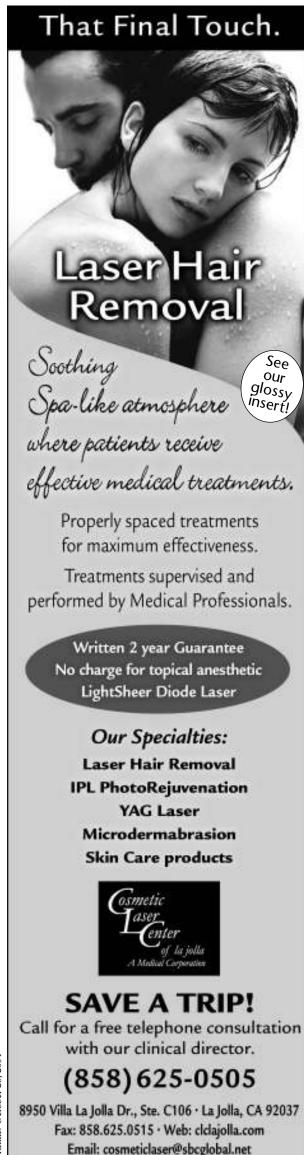
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Letter in Tribune

Each of these passages has faults of its own, but, quite apart from avoidable ugliness, two qualities are common to all of them. The first is staleness of imagery; the other is lack of precision. The writer either has a meaning and cannot express it, or he inadvertently says something else, or he is almost indifferent as to whether his words mean anything or not. This mixture of vagueness and sheer incompetence is the most marked characteristic of modern English prose, and especially of any kind of political writing. As soon as certain topics are raised, the concrete melts into the abstract and no one seems able to think of turns of speech that are not hackneyed: prose consists less and less of words chosen for the sake of their meaning, and more and more of phrases tacked together like the sections of a prefabricated henhouse. I list below, with notes and examples, various of the tricks by means of which the work of prose construction is habitually dodged:

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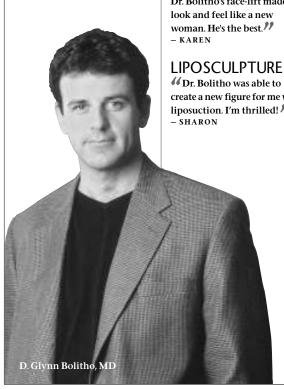
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of simple verbs. Instead of being

a single word, such as break, stop, spoil, mend, kill, a verb

becomes a phrase, made up of

a noun or adjective tacked on

to some general-purpose verb

such as prove, serve, form, play,

thought by evoking a visual

image, while on the other hand a metaphor which is techni-

cally "dead" (e.g. iron resolution) has in effect reverted to being an ordinary word and

can generally be used without

loss of vividness. But in between

these two classes there is a huge dump of worn-out metaphors which have lost all evocative

power and are merely used

because they save people the

trouble of inventing phrases

for themselves. Examples are:

Ring the changes on, take up the

cudgel for, toe the line, ride

roughshod over, stand shoulder

to shoulder with, play into the

hands of, no axe to grind, grist

to the mill, fishing in troubled

waters, on the order of the day,

Achilles' heel, swan song, hotbed.

Many of these are used with-

out knowledge of their mean-

ing (what is a "rift," for

instance?), and incompatible

metaphors are frequently mixed,

a sure sign that the writer is

not interested in what he is say-

ing. Some metaphors now cur-

rent have been twisted out of

their original meaning with-

out those who use them even

being aware of the fact. For

example, toe the line is some-

times written as tow the line.

Another example is the ham-

mer and the anvil, now always

used with the implication that

the anvil gets the worst of it.

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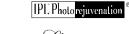
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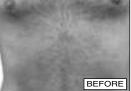
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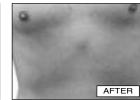
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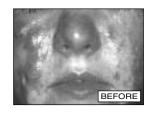
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render. In addition, the passive voice is wherever possible used in preference to the active, and noun constructions are used instead of gerunds (by examination of instead of by examining). The range of verbs is further cut down by means of

the -ize and de- formations, and the banal statements are given an appearance of profundity by means of the not unformation. Simple conjunctions and prepositions are replaced by such phrases as with respect to, having regard

to, the fact that, by dint of, in view of, in the interests of, on the hypothesis that; and the ends of sentences are saved by anticlimax by such resounding commonplaces as greatly to be desired, cannot be left out of account, a development to be

expected in the near future, deserving of serious consideration, brought to a satisfactory conclusion, and so on and so forth.

Pretentious diction.

Words like phenomenon, element, individual (as noun), objective, categorical, effective, virtual, basic, primary, promote, constitute, exhibit, exploit, utilize, eliminate, liquidate, are used to dress up a simple statement and give an air of scientific impartiality to biased judgments. Adjectives like epochmaking, epic, historic, unforgettable, triumphant, age-old, inevitable, inexorable, veritable, are used to dignify the sordid

rifying war usually takes on an archaic color, its characteristic words being: realm, throne, chariot, mailed fist, trident, sword, shield, buckler, banner, jackboot, clarion. Foreign words and expressions such as cul de sac, ancien regime, deus ex machina, mutatis mutandis, status quo, gleichschaltung, weltanschauung, are used to give an air of culture and elegance. Except for the useful abbreviations i.e., e.g., and etc., there is no real need for any of the hundreds of foreign phrases now current in the English language. Bad writers, and especially scientific, political, and sociological writers, are nearly always haunted by the notion that Latin or Greek words are grander than Saxon ones, and unnecessary words like expedite, ameliorate, predict, extraneous, deracinated, clandestine, subaqueous, and hundreds of others constantly gain ground from their Anglo-Saxon numbers. The jargon peculiar to Marxist writing (hyena, hangman, cannibal, petty bourgeois, these gentry, lackey, flunkey, mad dog, White Guard, etc.) consists largely of words translated from Russian, German, or French; but the normal way of coining a new word is to use the Latin or Greek root with the appropriate affix and, where necessary, the size formation. It is often easier to make up words

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to think up the English words that will cover one's meaning. The result, in general, is an increase in slovenliness and vagueness.

Meaningless words.

In certain kinds of writing, particularly in art criticism and literary criticism, it is normal to come across long passages which are almost completely lacking in meaning. Words like romantic, plastic, values, human, dead, sentimental, natural, vitality, as used in art criticism, are strictly meaningless, in the sense that they not only do not point to any discoverable object, but are hardly ever expected to do so by the reader. When one critic writes, "The outstanding feature of Mr. X's work is its living quality," while another writes, "The immediately striking thing about Mr. X's work is its peculiar deadness," the reader accepts this as a simple difference of opinion. If words like black and white were involved, instead of the jargon words dead and living, he would see at once that language was being used in an improper way. Many political words are similarly abused. The word Fascism has now no meaning except in so far as it signifies "something not desirable." The words democracy, socialism, freedom, patriotic, realistic, justice have each of them several different meanings which cannot be reconciled with one another. In the case of a word like democracy, not only is there no agreed definition, but the attempt to make one is resisted from all sides. It is almost universally felt that when we call a country democratic we are praising it: consequently the defenders of every kind of regime claim that it is a democracy, and fear that they might have to stop using that word if it were tied down to any one meaning. Words of this kind are often used in a consciously dishonest way. That is, the person who uses them has his own private definition, but allows his hearer to think he means something quite different. Statements like Marshal Petain was a true patriot, The Soviet press is the freest in the world, The Catholic Church is opposed to persecution, are almost always made with intent to deceive. Other words used

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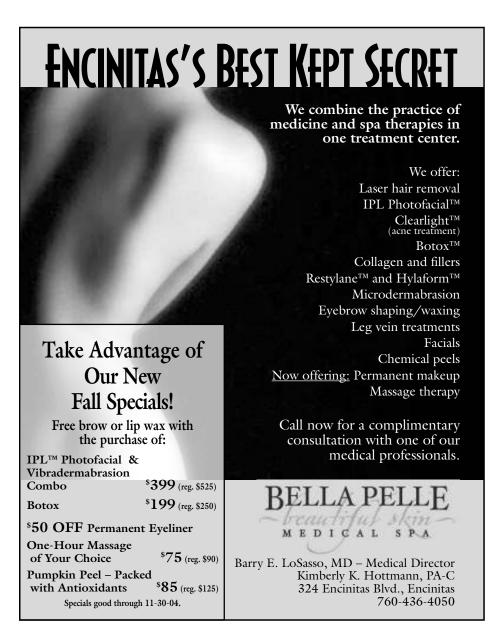


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are: class, totalitarian, science, progressive, reactionary, bourgeois, equality.

Now that I have made this catalogue of swindles and perversions, let me give another example of the kind of writing that they lead to. This time it must of its nature be an imaginary one. I am going to translate a passage of good English into modern English of the worst sort. Here is a well-known verse from Ecclesiastes:

I returned and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

Here it is in modern English:

Objective considerations of contemporary phenomena compel the conclusion that success or failure in competitive activities exhibits no tendency to be commensurate with innate capacity, but that a considerable element of the unpredictable must

invariably be taken into account.

This is a parody, but not a very gross one. Exhibit (3) above, for instance, contains several patches of the same kind of English. It will be seen that I have not made a full translation. The beginning and ending of the sentence follow the original meaning fairly closely, but in the middle the concrete illustrations — race, battle, bread dissolve into the vague phrases "success or failure in competitive activities." This had to be so, because no modern writer of the kind I am discussing no one capable of using phrases like "objective considerations of contemporary phenomena" — would ever tabulate his thoughts in that precise and detailed way. The whole tendency of modern prose is away from concreteness. Now analyze these two sentences a little more closely. The first contains 49 words but only 60 syllables, and all its words are those of everyday life. The second contains 38 words of 90 syllables: 18 of those words are from Latin roots, and one from Greek. The first sentence contains six



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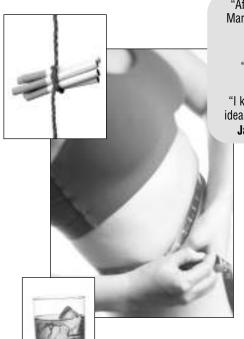
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fresh, arresting phrase, and in spite of its 90 syllables it gives

only a shortened version of the

meaning contained in the first.

Yet without a doubt it is the

second kind of sentence that is

gaining ground in modern English. I do not want to exag-

gerate. This kind of writing is

not yet universal, and outcrops of simplicity will occur here

and there in the worst-written

page. Still, if you or I were told to write a few lines on the uncer-

tainty of human fortunes, we

should probably come much

nearer to my imaginary sen-

tence than to the one from

Ecclesiastes. As I have tried to show, modern writing at its

worst does not consist in pick-

ing out words for the sake of

their meaning and inventing images in order to make the meaning clearer. It consists in

gumming together long strips of words which have already

been set in order by someone

else, and making the results

presentable by sheer humbug.

The attraction of this way of

writing is that it is easy. It is easier — even quicker, once you have the habit — to say *In* my opinion it is not an unjusti-

fiable assumption that than to say I think. If you use readymade phrases, you not only don't have to hunt about for the words; you also don't have to bother with the rhythms of

your sentences since these phrases are generally so arranged as to be more or less euphonious. When you are composing in a hurry — when you are dictating to a stenographer, for instance, or making a public speech — it is natural to fall into a pretentious, Latinized

style. Tags like a consideration

which we should do well to bear in mind or a conclusion to which

all of us would readily assent

will save many a sentence from

coming down with a bump. By

using stale metaphors, similes, and idioms, you save much

mental effort, at the cost of

leaving your meaning vague,

not only for your reader but

for yourself. This is the signif-

icance of mixed metaphors.

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the melting pot—it can be taken as certain that the writer is not seeing a mental image of the objects he is naming; in other words he is not really thinking. Look again at the examples I gave at the beginning of this essay. Professor Laski (1) uses 5 negatives in 53 words. One of these is superfluous, making nonsense of the whole passage, and in addition there is the slip — alien for akin — making further nonsense, and several avoidable pieces of clumsiness which increase the general vagueness. Professor Hogben (2) plays ducks and drakes with a battery which is able to write prescriptions, and, while disapproving of the everyday phrase put up with, is unwilling to look egregious up in the dictionary and see what it means; (3), if one takes an uncharitable attitude towards it, is simply meaningless: probably one could work out its intended meaning by reading the whole of the article in which it occurs. In (4), the writer knows more or less what he wants to say, but an accumulation of stale phrases chokes him like tea leaves blocking a sink. In (5), words and meaning have almost

parted company. People who write in this manner usually have a general emotional meaning — they dislike one thing and want to express solidarity with another — but they are not interested in the detail of what they are saying. A scrupulous writer, in every sentence that he writes, will ask himself at least four questions, thus:

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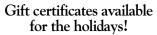
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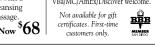


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meaning even from yourself. It is at this point that the special connection between politics and the debasement of language becomes clear.

In our time it is broadly true that political writing is bad writing. Where it is not true, it will generally be found that the writer is some kind of rebel, expressing his private opinions and not a "party line." Orthodoxy, of whatever color, seems to demand a lifeless, imitative style. The political dialects to be found in pamphlets, leading articles, manifestoes, white papers, and the speeches of

undersecretaries do, of course, vary from party to party, but they are all alike in that one almost never finds in them a fresh, vivid, homemade turn of speech. When one watches some tired hack on the platform mechanically repeating the familiar phrases — bestial, atrocities, iron heel, bloodstained tyranny, free peoples of the world, stand shoulder to shoulder—one often has a curious feeling that one is not watching a live human being but some kind of dummy: a feeling which suddenly becomes stronger at moments when the light catches the

speaker's spectacles and turns them into blank discs which seem to have no eyes behind them. And this is not altogether fanciful. A speaker who uses that kind of phraseology has gone some distance toward turning himself into a machine. The appropriate noises are coming out of his larynx, but his brain is not involved as it would be if he were choosing his words for himself. If the speech he is making is one that he is accustomed to make over and over again, he may be almost unconscious of what he is saying, as one is when one utters the responses in church. And this reduced state of consciousness, if not indispensable, is at any rate favorable to political conformity.

In our time, political speech and writing are largely the defense of the indefensible. Things like the continuance of British rule in India, the Russian purges and deportations, the dropping of the atom bombs on Japan, can indeed be defended, but only by arguments which are too brutal for most people to face, and which do not square with the pro-

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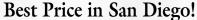
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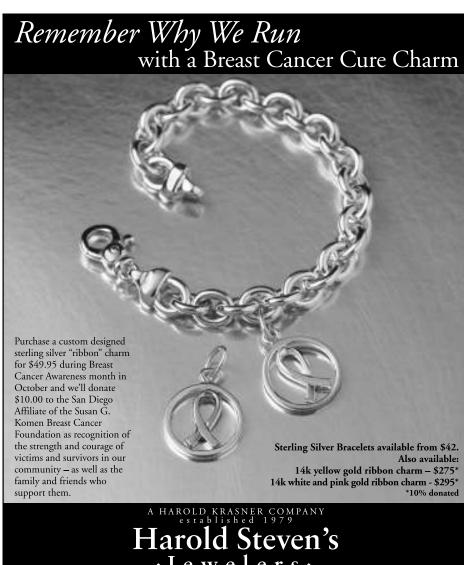


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fessed aims of the political parties. Thus political language has to consist largely of euphemism, question-begging, and sheer cloudy vagueness. Defenseless villages are bombarded from the air, the inhabitants driven out into the countryside, the cattle machinegunned, the huts set on fire with incendiary bullets: this is called pacification. Millions of peasants are robbed of their farms and sent trudging along the roads with no more than they can carry: this is called transfer of population or rectification of frontiers. People are imprisoned for years without trial, or shot in the back of the neck or sent to die of scurvy in Arctic lumber camps: this is called elimination of unreliable elements. Such phraseology is needed if one wants to name things without calling up mental pictures of them. Consider for instance some comfortable English professor defending Russian totalitarianism. He cannot say outright, "I believe in killing off your opponents when you can get good results by doing so." Probably, therefore, he will say something like

While freely conceding that the Soviet regime exhibits certain features which the humanitarian may be inclined to deplore, we must, I think, agree that a certain curtailment of the right to political opposition is an unavoidable concomitant of transitional periods, and that the rigors which the Russian people have been called upon to undergo have been amply justified in the sphere of concrete achievement.

The inflated style itself is a kind of euphemism. A mass of Latin words falls upon the facts like soft snow, blurring the outline and covering up all the details. The great enemy of clear language is insincerity. When there is a gap between one's real and one's declared aims, one turns as it were instinctively to long words and exhausted idioms, like a cuttlefish spurting out ink. In our age there is no such thing as "keeping out of politics." All issues are political issues, and politics itself is a mass of lies, evasions, folly, hatred, and schizophrenia. When the general atmosphere is bad, language must suffer. I should expect to find — this is a guess









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which I have not sufficient knowledge to verify — that the German, Russian and Italian languages have all deteriorated in the last 10 or 15 years, as a result of dictatorship.

But if thought corrupts language, language can also corrupt thought. A bad usage can spread by tradition and imitation even among people who should and do know better. The debased language that I have been discussing is in some ways very convenient. Phrases like a not unjustifiable assumption, leaves much to be desired, would serve no good purpose, a consideration which we should do well to bear in mind are a continuous temptation, a packet of aspirins always at one's elbow. Look back through this essay, and for certain you will find that I have again and again committed the very faults I am protesting against. By this morning's post I have received a pamphlet dealing with conditions in Germany. The author tells me that he "felt impelled" to write it. I open it at random, and here is almost the first sentence I see: "[The Allies] have an opportunity not only of

mation of Germany's social and political structure in such a way as to avoid a nationalistic reaction in Germany itself, but at the same time of laying the foundations of a co-operative and unified Europe." You see, he "feels impelled" to write — feels, presumably, that he has something new to say and yet his words, like cavalry horses answering the bugle, group themselves automatically into the familiar dreary pattern. This invasion of one's mind by ready-made phrases (lay the foundations, achieve a radical transformation) can only be prevented if one is constantly on guard against them, and every such phrase anaesthetizes a portion of one's brain.

achieving a radical transfor-

I said earlier that the decadence of our language is probably curable. Those who deny this would argue, if they produced an argument at all, that language merely reflects existing social conditions, and that we cannot influence its development by any direct tinkering with words and constructions. So far as the general tone or spirit of a language goes, this may be true, but it is not true in detail. Silly words and expressions have often disappeared, not through any evolutionary process but owing to the conscious action of a minority. Two recent examples were explore every avenue and leave no stone unturned, which were killed by the jeers of a few journalists. There is a long list of flyblown metaphors which could similarly be got rid of if enough people would interest themselves in the job; and it should also be possible to laugh the not un-formation out of existence, to reduce the amount of Latin and Greek in the average sentence, to drive out foreign phrases and strayed scientific words, and, in general, to make pretentiousness unfashionable. But all these are minor points. The defense of the English language implies more than this, and perhaps it is best to start by saying what it does not imply.

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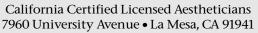
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departed from. On the contrary, it is especially concerned with the scrapping of every word or idiom which has outworn its usefulness. It has nothing to do with correct gram-

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mar and syntax, which are of no importance so long as one makes one's meaning clear, or with the avoidance of Americanisms, or with having what is called a "good prose style."





On the other hand, it is not concerned with fake simplicity and the attempt to make written English colloquial. Nor does it even imply in every case preferring the Saxon word to the Latin one, though it does imply using the fewest and shortest words that will cover one's meaning. What is above all needed is to let the meaning choose the word, and not the other way around. In prose, the worst thing one can do with words is surrender to them. When you think of a concrete object, you think wordlessly, and then, if you want to describe the thing you have been visualizing you probably hunt about until you find the exact words that seem to fit it. When you think of something abstract you are more inclined to use words from the start, and unless you make a conscious effort to

prevent it, the existing dialect will come rushing in and do the job for you, at the expense of blurring or even changing your meaning. Probably it is better to put off using words as long as possible and get one's meaning as clear as one can through pictures and sensations. Afterward one can choose — not simply accept the phrases that will best cover the meaning, and then switch round and decide what impressions one's words are likely to make on another person. This last effort of the mind cuts out all stale or mixed images, all prefabricated phrases, needless repetitions, and humbug and vagueness generally. But one can often be in doubt about the effect of a word or a phrase, and one needs rules that one can rely on when instinct fails. I think the following rules will

cover most cases:

- 1. Never use a metaphor, simile, or other figure of speech which you are used to seeing in print. 2. Never use a long word where a short one will do.
- 3. If it is possible to cut a word out, always cut it out.
- 4. Never use the passive where you can use the active.
- 5. Never use a foreign phrase, a scientific word, or a jargon word if you can think of an everyday English equivalent.
- 6. Break any of these rules sooner than say anything outright bar-

These rules sound elementary, and so they are, but they demand a deep change of attitude in anyone who has grown used to writing in the style now fashionable. One could keep all of them and still

write bad English, but one could not write the kind of stuff that I quoted in those five specimens at the beginning of this

I have not here been con-

sidering the literary use of language, but merely language as an instrument for expressing and not for concealing or preventing thought. Stuart Chase and others have come near to claiming that all abstract words are meaningless, and have used this as a pretext for advocating a kind of political quietism. Since you don't know what Fascism is, how can you struggle against Fascism? One need not swallow such absurdities as this, but one ought to recognize that the present political chaos is connected with the decay of language, and that one can probably bring about some improvement by starting at the verbal end. If you simplify your English, you are freed from the worst follies of orthodoxy. You cannot speak any of the necessary dialects, and when you make a stupid remark its stupidity will be obvious, even to yourself. Political language and with variations this is true of all political parties, from Conservatives to Anarchists is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind. One cannot change this all in a moment, but one can at least change one's own habits, and from time to time one can even, if one jeers loudly enough, send some worn-out and useless phrase some jackboot, Achilles' heel, hotbed, melting pot, acid test, veritable inferno, or other lump of verbal refuse — into the dustbin, where it belongs. ■

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representation of the radio version of Invasion of the Body Snatchers, says Scott
Paulson, "the sound of the pod people coming out of the pods was made by slowly removing a plastic dishwashing glove." Paulson, who is the outreach coordinator for UCSD Arts Libraries, will provide sound effects for the Libraries' Halloween celebration of "spooky radio drama." The one-hour program will feature selections from Flash Gordon, Lights Out, and other classic radio science fiction and horror series. "Better to listen to zombies," jokes Paulson, "than to become one in front of a TV."

I ask Paulson if he had to reject any shows because they were too scary or lurid. "No," he says, "the Federal Communications Commission was

LOCAL EVENTS much stricter in the days of radio drama than it is today. Our patrons and librarians

recommended the selections. But we didn't want anything too long, so that eliminated Orson Welles's Mercury Theatre drama 'The War of the Worlds,' which runs about an hour and would otherwise be perfect. I may play it in the back room for those who want to stay after our program is over."

Two of the instruments Paulson uses as accompaniment to the radio selections are the Theremin and Moog synthesizers. All that's required to get ethereal sounds from the Theremin is to wave a hand near an electronic wand on the instrument. Paulson says he owns four Theremins.

For "weird, transcendent" sounds, Paulson likes the ocean harp. He describes it as "a metal instrument with spokes, which you draw a bow across or tap with a mallet. There is water in the core of it. It makes what some people call high-pitched whale sounds and looks like a bassoon or odd piece of drug paraphernalia."

Paulson says the scary radio drama will be interactive. He will allow audience members to play his Theremins and give them a number of other noisemakers, including ones in the form of animal hooves and goat toes, a jawbone of an ass that rattles, and large cocoons filled with seeds to create rasping sounds.

The Halloween show will occur in front of an exhibit of radio history that has been in place in the Arts Libraries since October 12 and runs through December 22. For radio history, Paulson likes Robert Mott's book *Radio Live! Television Live!*: Those Golden

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"For a tense gunfight," says Paulson, "the old shows dragged twoby-fours with Christmas jingle bells attached to them over gravel to create the crunch-crunch of cowbovs in spurs. How embarrassing for that cowboy! Publicity photos of radio drama productions often showed a gun in hand ready to make the gunshot sound. And they tried firing off blanks from real guns for the scenes. But far more reliable was a simple clipboard placed over a resonating box and snapped near the microphone. There are embarrassing stories from the early days in which a character says, 'Put

down that gun,' and one has expectations of gunfire. Then no shot is heard, leaving the actors to improvise a new line, such as 'Put down that knife.' Later that gets contradicted by the coroner's dialogue indicating a fatal gunshot wound."

In Radio Live! Mott describes a more successful bit of ad-libbing to emphasize how much fast thinking was required. It was on the Jack Benny radio show "When the sound effects artist's telephone bell wouldn't ring. What would you have done? Sorry, your time is up," writes Mott.

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—Joe Deegan

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Exa Concert by Yahir, Reyli, Elefante, Tres de Copas, Obie Bermúdez, others, Thursday, October 28, 6 p.m., at Los Toros Stadium, Cerro Colorado, Free. 011-52-664-681-9688. (TIJUANA)

Festival de Africanos sponsored by WorldBeat Center on Thursday, October 28, 1 to 7 p.m., at Instituto de Baja California. WorldBeat African music department drummers, dancers, workshops, African art show, reggae music en español by Elijah Emanuel and the Revelations, Stranger, Canamo, Afrorumberos. Free. 619-230-1190. (TIJUANA)

Cartel de Santa in concert. Thursday, October 28, 11 p.m., in Box Underground, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 011-52-664-685-8676. (TIJUANA)

El Recodo Band in concert, Thursday and Friday, October 28 and 29, 11 p.m., at Las Pulgas (on Avenida Revolución). \$25 U.S. 011-52-664-685-9594. (TIJUANA)

GETAWAYS



"Fall Fireworks" by San Diego Ballet, November 3 (see Dance)

New Paintings by Terase Zinser go on exhibit with reception on Friday, October 29, 7:30 p.m., at Galeria de la Cuidad de Ensenada. Centro Cultural Riviera. Show

continues through Saturday, November 20. 011-52-646-185-1513. (ENSENADA)

A Tribute to AC/DC presented Saturday, October 30, 11 p.m., at Box Underground, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 011-52-664-685-8676. (TIJUANA)

The New One-Act Opera Hell, with libretto by UCSD literature professor Eileen Myles and music by Los Angeles composer Michael Webster, is performed Sunday, October 31, 6 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Opera — based loosely on Dante's Inferno - is about "public speech, corporate silence, global politics, and poetry." 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Biathlon with two 5k runs and 20k bike ride is Sunday, October 31, 7:30 a.m., at Playas de Tijuana. \$12 U.S. 011-52-664-971-0952. (TIJUANA)

Day of the Dead in Ensenada, participate in Dia de los Muertos celebrations during outing hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Tuesday, November 2, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Participants learn history and ways of celebrating this tradition; visit sites to compare altars; walk through cemetery; Day of Dead meal; shop in Ensenada. \$89. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

OUTDOORS

"Under the Desert Sky" is sub-

ject when astronomy author Dennis Mammana presents program for Anza-Borrego Institute on Saturday, October 30, 7 p.m., at Anza-Borrego visitors' center. Bring binoculars and small flashlight covered with red cellophane (if you have them). \$15. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

"Secrets at Low Tide" divulged when marine naturalist Cecile Wadley leads talk and hike focusing on tidal pool life at south end of Ponto Beach, Saturday, October 30, 3 to 5 p.m. Free. Directions: 760-931-0800. (SOUTH CARLSBAD)

Birding Basics, learn five simple techniques to identify birds at a glance when trail guide Winona Sollock presents one-hour class, Saturday, October 30, 1 p.m., Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free, 619-668-3275, (MISSION GORGE)

Tour del Día, Offshoot Tours offers an hour-long guided stroll highlighting the Park Palisades

area of Balboa Park on Saturday, October 30, 10 a.m., beginning at the visitors' center, 619-235-1121. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Hike to Summit of Volcan Mountain on Saturday, October 30, 9 a.m. Bring water, wear sturdy shoes. Free. Directions: 760-765-4098, (JULIAN)

Explore the "Haunts" of Del Mar with Walkabout perambulators on Saturday, October 30. Moderate-plus paced 2.5-hour walk starts at 9:30 a.m. at northwest corner of Del Mar Heights Road and Durango Drive. See "Del Mar Castle," *Snake Wall*, and "controversial Pink Lady." Free. 619-583-7644. (DEL MAR)

Visit a Working Paleontology **Laboratory** and see Stout Research Center with Colorado Desert District experts during programs hosted by Anza-Borrego Institute on October 30 and 31. Groups leave Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitors' center every half-hour, 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday \$5. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Silverwood Work Day, Saturday, October 30, 9 to 11:30 a.m., in San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary (13003 Wildcat Canyon Road, five miles from

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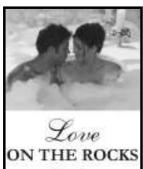
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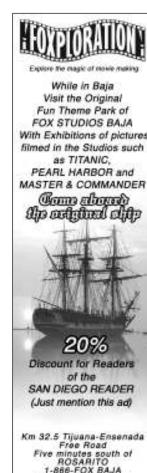
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Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday morning, October 31, at 2 a.m. With the resumption of standard time, midday (the time when the sun reaches its maximum altitude in the south part of the sky) will again be close to 12 noon on our clocks, rather than 1 p.m., as before.

Early Halloween Evening (Sunday, the 31st) promises to be quite dark, except where the city lights cast their glow. The moon on that date, four days past full, clears the east horizon after 7 p.m. Over the next half hour, the moon will appear like a squashed pumpkin in the eastern sky as it climbs steadily higher due to the earth's

rotation.

The Haunted Trail, an "all-out-door haunted attraction," is open through Sunday, October 31. Hours: 7 to 11 p.m. Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. \$12.99. Find trail at Marston Point (just east of Sixth Avenue and Juniper Street). Not for those under 10. 619-231-0261. (BALBOA PARK)

La Jolla Walking Tour, Halloween Special hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego on Sunday, October 31, starting at noon at 2246 Avenida de la Playa. Two-hour tour focuses on human and natural history of area, surrounding ocean area. \$30. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

Sensory Discovery Hike on Sunday, October 31, 3 p.m., explores fragrances, textures, sights, sounds, tastes found in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Join group at 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. Free. 858-484-3219.

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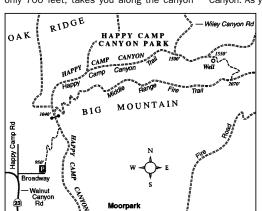
GETAWAYS

Roam-O-Rama

A Guide to Unexpected San Diego • By Jerry Schad

Happy Camp Canyon, near Simi Valley and Moorpark, nuzzles in a crease between two long, rounded, oak-studded ridges — part of the many caterpillar-like, parallel segments making up Ventura County's share of the east—west-trending Transverse Ranges. Oilbearing shales predominate in the region, evidenced by various oil wells and dirt roads built to access them. While visiting the canyon, keep an eye out for bright red stones, sometimes exhibiting a glassy texture, some right under your feet and others visible in outcrops. These rocks were formed by the slow combustion of oil-like organic material trapped in layers of shale.

Happy Camp Canyon and its surrounding hillsides are included in a 3000-acre Ventura County regional park spacious enough for hikes of a half day or more. The walk described here, with an out-and-back distance of 9.4 miles and an elevation gain of only 700 feet, takes you along the canyon



trigger impressive displays of fire-following wildflowers, perhaps by February or March.

To get to the Happy Camp Canyon's principal trailhead, follow the 118 Freeway west from Simi Valley or the 23 Freeway north from Thousand Oaks to the New Los Angeles Avenue exit. Go west 1 mile to Moorpark Avenue (signed Highway 23), turn right, and proceed 2.6 miles to where Highway 23 makes a sharp bend to the left. Keep going

bottom where much of the native riparian and

oak woodland vegetation managed to survive

last year's Simi Fire. This coming rainfall sea-

son's hopefully abundant rainfall will likely

Avertue (signed highway 23), tulin right, and proceed 2.6 miles to where Highway 23 makes a sharp bend to the left. Keep going straight there, then make a quick right turn on Broadway. Proceed a short way to the east end of Broadway, which is where you will find a dirt parking lot and marked trailhead.

On foot, follow the trail, which winds north and east along gentle, grassy slopes down onto the wide floor of Happy Camp Canyon. As you look down on a golf course at

the canyon's mouth, note the terraced aspect of the landscape on both sides. These are fluvial (streamside) terraces — sedimentary deposits from earlier flows of Happy Camp Canyon's creek.

At 1.0 mile you join a dirt road in the bottom of the canyon, and 0.2 mile later you pass through a gate marking the start of the "wildemess" section of Happy Camp Canyon Park. Ignoring dirt roads on the right and left, keep straight (north) into the main canyon.

By 2.0 miles, the canyon



Old well, Happy Camp Canyon

floor has become narrow, you've turned decidedly east, and you are strolling through beautiful coast live-oak woods (plus native sycamore and walnut trees), which continue intermittently up the canyon in the next 3 miles. A small stream flows in the bottom of the canyon during and for some weeks or months after the winter rains. You pass the ascending Wiley Canyon Road on the left at 4.1 miles, and at 4.7 miles you reach the site of an old well and pump. Large oak trees nearby provide enough shade for a convenient lunch stop. Savor the splendid isolation of this secluded retreat before you head back the same way.

ame "Schuplattler Quadrille" taught by
w. Rodney Henderson, Friday, October 29, 7:30 p.m., at Dancing Unlimited (3982 30th Street). All-request program follows teaching.

Quadrille and Waltz featured during vintage ballroom class, Friday, October 29, 7:30 p.m., in room 207 of Casa del Prado. All ages, singles, partners. Followed by open dance requests until 9:45 p.m. Beginner friendly. Free. 619-583-9956 (BAL ROA PARK)

\$5. 619-281-5656. (NORTH PARK)

"I Miss My Swiss Mixer" and

Learn About Samba and Belly Dance during class on Saturday,
October 30, 10:30 a.m. to noon, at
Chai and Chat (5919 Balboa Avenue). \$18. 858-717-5665.
(CLAIREMONT)

Urban Tribal Dance Company celebrates Halloween with dinner shows on Sunday, October 31, 7 and 8 p.m., at Abbey Cafe (127 East University). Cover: \$5, free with dinner. 619-692-0311. (HILLCREST)

"Angels Among Us" is theme when Toni Michael leads Sufi dancing with live music, Monday, November 1, 7 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). \$3. 619-692-3079.

Basics of Bellydance with Veil Choreography taught in sixweek course Tuesday, November 2, 6:30 p.m., at Bamboo Yoga (1127 Loma Avenue). \$54. 619-884-7707. (CORONADO)

Fall Fireworks, San Diego Ballet opens its season with *Firebird* and *Mambomania*, Wednesday, November 3, 6:30 p.m., at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). *Firebird* is collaboration between choreographer Javier Velasco and Culture Shock Dance Troupe. Tickets: \$17-\$27. Reservations: 619-294-7378. (ROLANDO)

World-Beat Music and Dance performed by Damaru with guest dance troupe Velvet Gypsy, Thursday, November 4, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5.619-688-9845.

Demystifying Dance performances! Students in MiraCosta College's dance classes perform modern, ballet, tap, jazz, ballroom, and world dance styles for Dance Studio Hour, Thursday, October 4, 7:30 p.m., in room 204 of San Elijo campus of MiraCosta College (3333 Manchester Avenue). Free. 760-795-6815. (CARDIFF)

FILM

The 1954 B-Movie *The Creature from the Black Lagoon* will be shown with live accompaniment

per hour (as seen under clear, dark skies) peaks this year around November 2 and 3. Best times for viewing are approximately 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. This year the waning gibbous moon, above the horizon during that time, will interfere with observations. Individual meteors belonging to Taurid shower are relatively slow-moving (they're caused by particles burning up when colliding with the earth's atmosphere at a mere 18 miles per second). All Taurids seem to radi-

ate from a fixed point in the direction of the constellation of Taurus, hence their name.

Venus and Jupiter, the two brightest-appearing planets in the sky, stand less than 1 degree apart from one another in the eastern sky at dawn on both November 4 and 5 (early Thursday and Friday morning). This unusually close conjunction can be viewed in the sky as early as about 4 a.m. over the eastern horizon and as late as 5:30 a.m. when the two will be high in the east, bathed in the bright glare of dawn. Turn a simple back-yard telescope toward

these planets and you will be able to see both of them in the same low-magnification field of view.

DANCE

Mock Turtle Soup cooks up music, Nils Fredland calls for contradance on Friday, October 29, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$8. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)





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(Haunted) Movies before the Mast, see Dead Calm during date night, Friday, October 29; and The Goonies on family night, Saturday, October 30, on board Star of India. The Star is rumored to be "one of the most haunted locations in San Diego." Film is projected on sails of ship. Costume contests.

Dress warmly; consider bringing blankets. Gates open at 7 p.m., movies at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$12 general, \$7 kids. Find *Star* at 1306 North Harbor Drive, at Ash Street. Reservations: 619-234-9153.

Sundance Award-Winning Documentary The Corporation screens Saturday, October 30, 3:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Donation. 619-482-0061. (HILLCREST)

See Michael Moore's Provocative Documentary Fahrenheit 9/11 when it screens for Sunday Matinee on October 31, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. See it before you vote on November 2!

Catch the "Cartoon Fairy Tale" Love Me If You Dare by Yann Samuell when it's shown on Monday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m., for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. In French Fully 1990.

See *Dead Poets Society* when the First Monday Films series exploring "controversial social issues posing difficult moral dilemmas" continues November 1, 6:15 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Ensuing discussion







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Calendar Local Events

led by Richard Dell'Orfano. Free. 760-839-4656. (ESCONDIDO)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: Volcanoes of the Deep Sea, Forces of Nature, Coral Reef Adventure. Ticket prices and showtimes:

619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Science as One of the Humanities" discussed by author Kim Stanley Robinson, author of *Forty Signs of Rain*, Thursday, October 28, 7 p.m., in Great Hall at UCSD's Eleanor Roosevelt College. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

"Beyond the Property Line: Housing, City, and Territory" is theme for ongoing "Dialogues in Art and Architecture" series, Thursday, October 28, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Faith-Based Activism and the Sharing of Good in the

GETAWAYS

World" is theme for panel discussion and presentation on struggles for social change and justice, in conjunction with ongoing "Stories of Faith" series. Discussion starts to p.m. on Thursday, October 28, at UCSD's Cross-Cultural Center. 858-534-9689. (LA JOLLA)

"Line and Color in American Art" discussed by European art curator Steve Kern for docent guest lecture series at San Diego Museum of Art, Friday, October 29, 10 a.m. \$10.619-696-1953.

"George Sand à Nohant," Anne Prah-Perochon presents lecture — in French — for Alliance Française of San Diego on Saturday, October 30, 2 p.m., in Maher Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Talk is in celbration of bicentennial of Sand's birth; "Sand" was nom de plume of Amandine-Aurore-Lucile Dupin, 1804-1876. \$10 general. 858-824-6694. (LINDA VISTA)

Designing with Natives, landscape architect Kay Stewart discusses design features and benefits of using natives in landscape on Saturday, October 30, 9:30 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Free.



Dead Calm for Movies Before the Mast on Star of India, October 29 (see Film)

Required reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Drum Workshop and CD-release party led by Paulo Mattoli on Saturday, October 30, 1 to 4 p.m., at Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Workshop: \$20, with "continuous jamming afterwards." 760-723-1899. (FALLBROOK)

Call to Action hosts talk on Vatican II decrees on ecumenism, interfaith dialogue, and the "oriental churches" by USD theology and religious studies assistant professor Elaine MacMillan, Saturday, October 30, 9 a.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4761 Cass Street). 619-222-5676. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Parrot Education and Adoption Center offers seminars on variety of topics on October 30 and 31. Subjects are "Living With Amazons" (1 p.m.) and "Everything Your Parrot Wants You to Know" (3 p.m.) on Saturday.

Explore "Parrot Personalities" (1 p.m.) and "Excessive Screaming" (3 p.m.) on Sunday.

All classes offered in room D-6 at Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Quivira Way). \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. Reservations: 619-287-8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Decorate for Dia de los Muertos during sugar-skull–making workshop on Saturday, October 30, 10 a.m., at Back from Tomboctou (3564 Adams Avenue). \$15. Reservations: 619-282-8708. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Use the Maieutic Approach to discuss "The Objectivist Ethics" in *The Virtue of Selfishness* by Ayn

Rand with Objectivist Discussion Group, Sunday, October 31, 6 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). 619-291-5754. Free. (HILLGREST)

Create a "Synergistic Floral Design" when Velma West leads workshop on Tuesday, November 2, 9:30 a.m., in room 104 of Casa del Prado. \$25. Materials, registration: 619-232-5762 or 619-298-5182. (BALBOA PARK)

"Mexican Repatriation, Japanese Internment, and Urban Redevelopment in East Los Angeles" is topic when USD American Ethnic Studies professor George J. Sanchez speaks Wednesday, November 3, 3 p.m., in room 107 of UCSD's social sciences building. Sanchez links three examples of forced movement of peoples from the Boyle Heights neighborhood of East Los Angeles. Free. 858-534-3276. (LA JOLLA)

Tour the Night Sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, November 3. After show, view real sky through telescopes set up by Fleet Center staff and San Diego Astronomy Association (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

Backcountry Cooking is subject for clinic on Wednesday, November 3, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"Jealousy: I'm Green With Envy — How to Put Normal Color Back on Your Face" is topic for lecture by Rabbi Jeffrey Wohlgelernter when he speaks Wednesday, November 3, 7:45 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). \$5. 858-535-1196.

"Marketing Tools That Get Results" discussed during workshop on Wednesday, November 3, 6 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Topics: design and use of print materials, advertising, more. Registration: 619-238-6630. (DOWNTOWN)

Learn to Use 38 Flower Essences "discovered by Edward Bach" during class on Wednesday, November 3, 6:45 p.m., at Monart School of the Arts, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza (983-C Lomas Santa Fe Drive). \$50. Reservations: 760-942-3440. (SOLANA BEACH)

"The First Amendment in Crisis: Does Free Speech Exist Today?" Find out what others think at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue) on Wednesday, November 3, 7 p.m. Free. (HILLCREST)

Caffe Salotto (2240 Otay Lakes Road) hosts discussions on Thursday nights, 7 p.m. "Democrats and Republicans: Any Difference?" is topic on November 4. Free. 619-295-7911. (EASTLAKE)

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"Negative Painting" when Foothills Art Association members gather for meeting on Thursday, November 4, 7:30 p.m., in Ben Polak Fine Arts Theater (8053 University Avenue). 619-464-7167. (LA MESA)

Encinitas Artist Doris Keats demonstrates her floral painting on canvas, Thursday, November 4, 7 p.m., at Gardenology (587 South Coast Highway). 760-753-5500.

IN PERSON

Fifth Annual GoGirls Music Festival 2004 takes place on Thursdays, October 28 and November 4, 6 p.m. to past midnight, at Humphrey's (2241 Shelter Island Drive). On October 28, performers include Kathi Burg Band, Josie's Ghost, Abigail's Attic, Hydroplane, Saba, many others.

Roster on November 4 includes Karen Real, Simply Complex, Rynata the Shredmistress, Saturn's Day, others. Tickets: \$10. For those over 21, 858-759-3567 or 281-541-0981. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Shirley Lauro's Play A Piece of My Heart is based on real-life experiences of nurses stationed in Vietnam during the war. La Jolla High School advanced drama presents the play October 28, 29, 30, and November 4 at 7 p.m.; 2 p.m. on October 31 and November 7, in Parker Community Auditorium, La Jolla High School (750 Nautilus Street). \$8 general, \$5 students, free for military and veterans. 858-454-3081 x4402. (LA JOLLA)

Drew Carey's Improv All-Stars take stage on Friday, October 29, 7 and 10 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Carey is joined by comics Brad Sherwood, Chip Esten, Kathy Kinney, others. Tickets: \$55, \$65, 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Reknowned Chef Emeril Lagasse signs copies of Emeril's Potluck, Friday, October 29, 4 p.m., at Costco Wholesale (12155 Tech Center Drive). 858-457-2500 x3557. (POWAY)

Mark Twain Unplugged presented Friday, October 29, 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theatre (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$40, \$45, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Comedian and Actor Paul Rodriguez performs on Friday, October 29, at 7 and 9 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). \$40. 619-445-6002. DEHESA)

Celtic Music Promised when fiddler Liz Carroll and folk guitarist/vocalist John Doyle perform Friday, October 29, 8 p.m., at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). Tickets: \$18 in advance, \$20 at door. Reservations: 858-689-2266. (OCEAN BEACH)

Boo the Villain and Cheer the Hero when Julian Triangle Club presents its 48th annual "Old-Time Melodrama and Olio, weekends through October 30, at Julian Town Hall (2129 Main Street). This year's play: Drusilla's Dilemma, or Burned at the Stake. Live entertainment between acts including singing by Floozies.

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Drew Carey's Comic All-Stars at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, October 29 (see In Person)

munity sing-along at 7:15 p.m., followed by melodrama at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, community sing-alongs at 1:15 p.m., melodrama at 1:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$2 for those under 12. 760-765-3177 or 760-522-7745. (JULIAN)

Terri Hendrix and Lloyd Maines perform in concert for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Saturday, October 30, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street).

Lisa Sanders opens. 619-303-8176. Tickets: \$15, \$20. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Tony and Emmy Award-Winning Performer Ben Vereen sings, dances, and entertains on Saturday, October 30, 8 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Tickets: \$42, \$45. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Financial Planner Sheryl Garrett signs and discusses Just Give Me the Answer\$, Saturday, October 30, 2 p.m., at Borders Books and Music

(1072 Camino del Rio North; 619-295-2201). Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Spooky Stories Promised when Storytellers of San Diego convene on Saturday, October 30, 7:30 p.m., in Manchester Conference Center, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Suitable for adults and those over 12. \$12. Reservations: 619-298-6363 or 619-260-4585. (LINDA VISTA)

Authors Virginia Swift (Bye, Bye Love) and Jim Fusilli (Hard, Hard City) sign their books on Saturday, October 30, 1:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard: 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Humorist and Mystery Author Steve Brewer signs Boost on Monday, November 1, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747, (CLAIREMONT)

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"Get Out the Note Pre-Election Eve FunkFest 2004" presented by Trummerflora Collective on Monday, November 1, 8 p.m., at Dizzy's Place (344 Seventh Avenue). Organizers say, "What America needs is more musical improvisation." \$10. 619-263-8002. (DOWNTOWN)

Post-Halloween Pre-Election Dia de los Muertos Multimedia Shindig set for Monday, November 1, 7:30 p.m., at 4862 Voltaire Street. On tap: Castanets, XN, musical pieces by Cornelius Cardew (1964) and Vinko Globokar (1973) by Charles Curtis, Tucker Dulin, others; films (including one by Mauricio Kagel). Donation: \$2. 619-692-0942. (OCEAN BEACH)

Bluegrass Veterans populate the bluegrass band Gone Tomorrow. See the group when San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club meets on Tuesday, November 2, 7 p.m., Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-726-8380. (ESCONDIDO)

Beth Sussman performs for First Wednesday series on November 3, 4 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Admission is free, available on a first-come,

first-served basis. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Jazz in the Park, Lynne Arriale Trio performs for concert series on Wednesday, November 3, 5:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art. Jazz pianist Werner is joined by Johannes Weidenmueller (bass), Art Hoenig (drums). \$17. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series continues with reading by poet Christopher Buckley on Wednesday, November 3, 7 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Free, 619-594-5318, (SDSU)

Poetry Unlimited showcases poet Sylvia Levinson on Wednesday, November 3, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Guest musicians Joana Skvarka (vocals), guitarist Matt Hanson perform original folk and alternative music. Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

"Kafka's Last Love" signed and discussed by author Kathi Diamant, Thursday, November 4, at Upstart Crow (835 West Harbor Drive). Discussion at 6 p.m., signing and party at 7 p.m. Free. 619-232-4855. (SEAPORT VILLAGE)

Bluegrass may be heard when Del Dios Highway performs on Thursday, November 4, 7 p.m., for Escondido Library's First Thursday series in Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

"Evviva la Madonna Nera: Devotion to the Black Madonnas in Italy and Among Italian Americans" at San Diego Public Library, through November 22 (see Special)

"A Very Good Year in the Life of George Marston, San Diego Pioneer and Merchant Prince" presented by historical actor William Dovle for "History Alive" series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society on Thursday, November 4, 7 p.m. in H. Lee House (3205 Olive Street). \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

TNT, the Thursday Night Thing at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard) celebrates opening of "Lewis DeSoto: Paranir-

vana" on Thursday, November 4. In attendance: artist DeSoto, yoga instructors performing postures and movements around sculpture, Iulio Morales and Eamon (known as Kilo!), other DJs performing live sets. Donation: \$3. 619-234-1001.

Hugo Award-Winning SDSU Professor Emeritus Vernor Vinge signs and discusses his book Marooned in Realtime, Thursday, November 4, 4 p.m., at San Diego State University bookstore. Free. 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

Four to the Nth featured for First Thursday Poetry Reading, followed by open mike, November 4, 8 p.m., at Exotic Bamboo (1475 University Avenue). Free. 619-818-4099. (HILLCREST)

Hip-Hop Wordsmiths and DJs unite with Sovereign Clothing for Standupforkids.org benefit, Thursday, November 4, 9:30 p.m., at Aubergine (500 Fourth Avenue). Roster includes Pep Love, Deep Rooted, Cipheroptics; front room hosted by Earthbound radio; 21 and older. Admission: \$10, or \$5 with canned good donation. 858-336-5978. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

SPORTS

A Marathon Distance Hike of 26.2 miles is planned by naturalist Don Parnell on Saturday, October 30, starting at 7:30 a.m. in Daley Ranch main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Expected duration: 11.5 hours, with one lunch and two snack/rest stops. Water replenishment, portable toilets at around third and seventh hours

Pumpkin Patch Dash, fourmile run is Saturday, October 30, 8 a.m., at Sweetwater Regional Park (5055 Sweetwater Road. 619-475-8244. (BONITA)

into hike. Registration: 760-839-

4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Chargers Host Oakland Raiders for football game in Qualcomm Stadium on Sunday, October 31, 10 a.m. Broadcast on CBS. Tickets for future games: 877-CHARGERS. (MISSION VALLEY)

Halloween Tour of Graveyards,

Knickerbiker bicyclists head out for 25-mile tour of local graveyards in celebration of Dia de los Muertos on Sunday, October 31. Ride for novices starts at 9 a.m. at Santee Town Center (at Cuyamaca and Mission Gorge). Participants will visit "a couple of early cemeteries," lunch at farmers' market (on 22nd and Imperial Avenue), possibly tour (haunted?) Villa Montezuma. Bring money, sense of humor. 619-262-3969 (SANTEE)

Lake Jennings Fishing University convenes each Sunday, 1 p.m., at Lake Jennings County Park (10108 Bass Road). Free. 619-390-1300. (LAKESIDE)

Swim, Bike, and Run during 11th annual San Diego Triathlon Challenge hosted by Challenged Athletes Foundation on Sunday, October 31, 8 a.m., at La Jolla Cove. 858-793-9293. (LA JOLLA)

Learn to Play Kayak Polo with San Diego Kayak Club, Monday, November 1, 7:15 p.m., at City of Poway pool (13094 Civic Center Drive). Beginners welcome. Whitewater kayak needed; some polo boats available to try. Beginners' sessions free. 858-320-9708.

San Diego Gulls host Alaska Aces for ice hockey fun on Wednesday, November 3: and Florida Everblades on Thursday, November 4. Games begin at 7:05 p.m. at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. (SPORTS ARENA)

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Community altar building at Women's History Museum starts at 6 p.m. on Friday. Altar will pay "homage to women in our histories." Free.

Mary Lou Valencia leads mask-making workshop on Saturday, 2 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). \$15.

At 7 p.m. on Saturday, "A Celebration: Ofrenda of Palabras" starts at Women's History Museum with community altar display, refreshments, talk by Sue Gonda, spoken word. Participants proceed to Voz Alta for music by Cabeza de Vaca, spoken word by

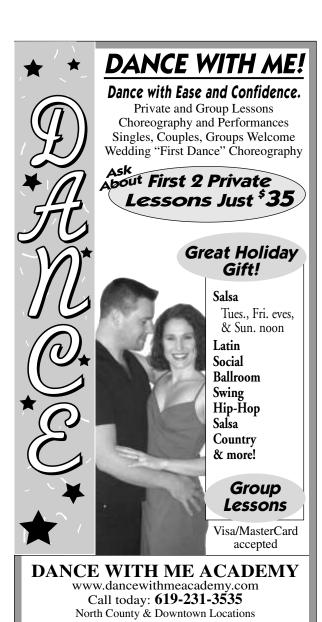
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Dog-friendly trainers offer training tips on how to keep dogs calm and civilized while around distractions such as food, people, other canines. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. (MISSION VALLEY)

Haunted Twilight Theater runs Friday through Sunday, October 29-31, 7 to 11 p.m., at Sunshine Brooks Theater (217 North Coast Highway). Fee: \$5 for those 18 and older, \$3 for kids 5-17. 760-435-5227. (OCEANSIDE)

"Meet Your Spirit" Halloween Seance and party led by "gifted mediums" on Friday, October 29, 7 p.m., at Rainy's Mystic Books (801 Grand Avenue #3). "Scary snacks," costume contests. \$25. 760-744-9818. (SAN MARCOS)

Borrego Days Desert Festival starts with "Flower Power" parade on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Palm Canyon Drive. Festival with arts and crafts, food, games, runs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Christmas Circle. Sunday's festival continues 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Christmas Circle. Free. 760-767-5555 or 800-559-5524. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Queen Elizabeth I and Her Royal Court, accompanied by a troupe of entertainers, food vendors, merchants, and Renaissance re-enactors, converge upon Felicita Park for "Renaissance Faire and Shakespeare in the Park," Saturday and Sunday, October 30 and 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Costume contests and treats (Sunday), period music, battle pageants, Shakespearean theater, children's activities. Tickets: \$12 general, \$5 for those under 12. Find the park at 742 Clarence Lane. 805-496-6036. (ESCONDIDO)

The 27th Annual Tournament of Bands is on Saturday, October 30, hosted by Mount Carmel High School (9550 Carmel Mountain Road). Morning field show: 8 to 11 a.m. (free); parade at noon; awards 2:15 p.m. (free). Marching bands from all over Southern California compete in field show, 3:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets: \$8. 858-538-6380. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)



Ben Vereen at Poway Center for the Performing Arts, October 30 (see In Person)

Celebrate the Reunion of the Nonliving and Living during Dia de los Muertos festivities at Sherman Heights Community Center (2258 Island Avenue). Mexican foods, arts and crafts, outdoor altar exhibitions, sugar skull demonstrations, paper cutouts, more, on Saturday, October 30, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, October 31, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Historic home altar tours depart Villa Montezuma at 1 and 3 p.m. on October 30 and 31. Donations accepted.

Altar viewing Monday and Tuesday, November 1 and 2 (no festival). Free, 619-232-5181, (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

Sledgehammer Halloween Bash promises multimedia performances, circus freaks, aerialists, music and dancing, costume contest. Party is Saturday, October 30, 9 p.m., at Ventanas (338 Seventh Avenue). \$20. 619-338-0526. (SAN DIEGO)

Walk 'n Write with Jan and Jo'el in Old Town on Saturday, October 30, 4 to 6:30 p.m. Events begin in courtyard at Whaley House (2482-A San Diego Avenue) with pan de muerto and hot cider; participants proceed by candlelight to El Campo Santo Cemetery "for writing exercises celebrating death and honoring spirits." Bring mementos or photos to share. \$8. Bring pen, notepad. 619-523-4355. (LA JOLLA)

Warm-Up America helps charitable organizations with blankets created from knitted or crocheted squares. Customers of Michael's arts and crafts stores may pick up free project sheets with directions on how to make squares through Friday, October 29. Completed squares may be dropped off at Michael's (Clairemont Square, 3994 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Donated pieces will be "joined" during party on Saturday, October 30, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 619-275-2920. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Circle of Life Community Arts Fiesta presented by Ilan-Lael Foundation on Saturday, October 30, noon to 4:30 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). In spirit of Halloween and Dia de los Muertos, expect mask-making workshops, altar making, poetry and "word" art, jewelry making, costume contests, parade with artists and musicians, more. Admission: \$8 general; additional fees for workshops. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Fall Wine Classic, Saturday, October 30, noon to 4 p.m., at Belle Marie Winery (26312 Mesa Rock Road). Tasting of 33 different wines and barrel samples, Petit Syrah "futures," food court, watercolor exhibition. Admission: free; food and wine-tasting tickets extra. 760-796-7557. (ESCONDIDO)

Monster Bash in the Gaslamp, Saturday, October 30, 5 p.m. to midnight, on Island Street (between Sixth and Eighth Avenues) and Seventh Avenue (between I and Market Streets). "Pumpkin splat," costume contests, entertainment, food and beverages, live

music. \$20. Guests must be 21. 619-233-5008. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

San Diego Pet Expo, October 30 and 31, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Halloween costume contests, performances by Muttley Crew K9 Entertainment, Heel Along Drill Team sponsored by Obedience Club on San Diego County. Show opens at 10 a.m. both days, closes at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. \$6 general. 619-328-5576. (DEL MAR)

"Come As You Were in a Past Life" is theme for costume contest and Halloween psychic fair and metaphysical conference at Alexandra's BookStore, October 30 and 31, noon to 6 p.m. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G: 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Eat Some Tamales, Tour Paradise Creek, celebrate Dia de los Muertos on Sunday, October 31, noon to sunset. Music by Mariachi Juvenil Mi Mexico: art activities for kids led by artist Veronica Cunningham, Find Paradise Creek at 1815 Hoover Avenue. 619-477-6764. (NATIONAL CITY)

Day of the Drum and African Marketplace, Sunday, October 31, noon to dusk, at Embarcadero Park South (behind Seaport Village). Headliner is Francis Awe, founder of Nigerian Talking

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$m{L}$ he San Diego Public Library invites you to participate in the "Gendered Stories" Book Discussions

Social Dance



Central Library, 820 E Street, San Diego $3^{\rm rd}$ Floor, Wangenheim Room Wednesday, November 3 & 17 at 6:30 pm

These book discussions will compel participants to relate different gender issues prevalent in Muslim and Christian societies in both the West and the rest of the world, challenging them to look at racism and religious bigotry in our own contemporary society.

Participants who need copies of the books may pick them up in the Literature Section of the Central Library, or call to have a copy sent to a branch library, (619) 236-5816.



November 3

THE BRIDGE OF BEYOND Simone Schwarz-Bart



IN THE PALM OF DARKNESS: A NOVEL Mayra Montero

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Sunday

12:00-1:00 Beginning Salsa 1:00-2:00 Intermediate Salsa

8:00-9:00 All Levels Salsa Tuesday

Thursday

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Egyptian Halloween, a "multimedia Egyptian Halloween" is planned Sunday, October 31, 9 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). Presentation by author Jordan Schaffner (Naked Skydiving), open readings, bellydancing, videos, costumes, dancing. Free. 619-265-7287.

Time to Scream, head start on Halloween offered at 2004 Haunted Hotel (424 Market Street; 619-231-0131) and Blood Bayou (530 Market Street; 619-231-3611). Tickets for either spot: \$12.99. Houses open through October 31, 7 to 11 p.m. Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday; 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

House of Scotland presents lawn program at International Cottages on Sunday, October 31, 2 p.m. Admission is free; food for sale. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

An Homage to "The War of the Worlds" is included in radio exhibition continuing through Wednesday, December 22, in UCSD Arts Libraries. See vintage microphones and radios, radio drama scripts, sound effects tools, radios created by local schoolchildren.

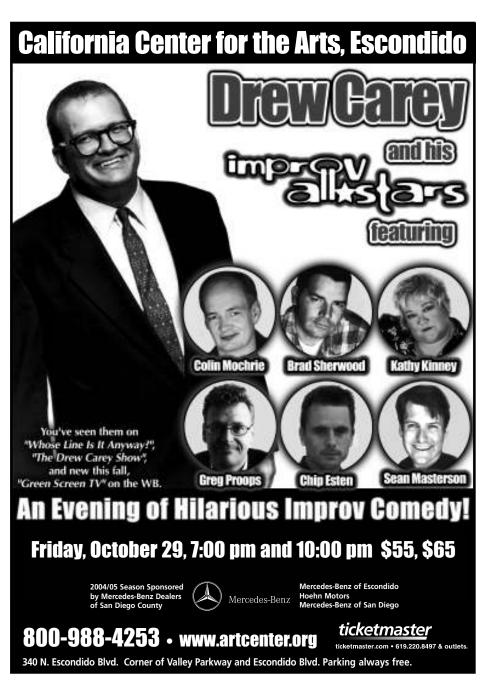
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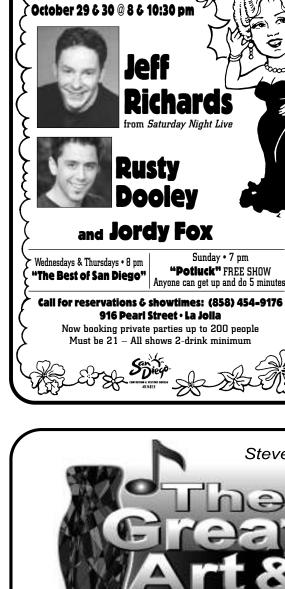
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Friday & Saturday

Calendar Local Events

drama/sci-fi/horror show on Sunday, October 31, 7:30 p.m. Expect horror tales and science fiction stories, with live music by Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra.

Musical radio recital show on Wednesday, November 24, 12:30 p.m.; "Imaginary Landscape No. 4 for 12 Radios" by John Cage on Wednesday, December 15, 12:30 p.m. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Street Rod Day hosted by Over the Hill Gang for auto swap on Sunday, October 31, 6 a.m., at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Vehicles on display and for sale, along with "acres of parts and accessories." Admission: \$5 general, kids under 13 free. 858-484-9342. (EL CAJON)

Celebrate Lives of Deceased Loved Ones during Dia de los
Muertos festivities on Sunday, October 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Pier
View Way (between Coast Highway and Ditmar). *Ofrendas* (altraywill be built; food, music, dancing, educational presentations, "thousands of marigolds." Free. 760-754-4512. (OCEANSIDE)

Hallo-Wiener Dachshund Picnic, 16th annual gathering on Sunday, October 31, noon to 3 p.m., at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Bring dachshunds (on short leash), picnic, lawn chairs, snacks and water for canines. No fees, no competition. 858-755-9270. (BALBOA PARK)

Mira Mesa Monster Manor opens at 7 p.m. through Sunday, October 31, at Target shopping



Celtic Music by Liz Carroll and John Doyle at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, October 29 (see In Person)

center (8235 Mira Mesa Boulevard). Tickets: \$9, benefiting Mira Mesa community Fourth of July festivities.

Also on offer: "Light Fright," daytime version of manor for children up to 12 years old. Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. October 23, 24, 30, 31. \$4. 858-693-8536. (MIRA MESA)

Eloy Tarcisio's Muerte de todos ofrenda de participación/Death Comes to Everyone: A Participatory Offering, opens with community reception on Monday, November 1, 6 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Installation consists of more than 100 wooden crosses, clay bowls filled with grains, beans, and other organic materials symbolic of Mexico's pre-Hispanic past — and votive candles, which viewers are invited to light. 760-839-4170. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Day of the Dead Altars created by local artists with sugar skulls, photographs on view through Fri-

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day, November 5, at Korova Coffee Bar and Art Gallery (2770 Fifth Avenue). Reception: Tuesday, November 2, 7 p.m. 619-295-7900. (SAN DIEGO)

Add a Loved One's Name to traditional Dia de los Muertos altar set up through Tuesday, November 2, at Back from Tomboctou (3564 Adams Avenue). 619-282-8708. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

El Campo Santo Cemetery in Old Town (2411 San Diego Avenue) hosts Dia de los Muertos celebrations on Tuesday, November 2, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Cemetery will be decorated with luminarias, flowers, sugar skulls, more. Guides in period attire lead tours, introducing you to "the dead people interred there." Free. 619-491-0110. (OLD TOWN)

Dias de los Muertos celebrated through Tuesday, November 2, at Bazaar del Mundo (2754 Calhoun Street). Sugar skulls, decorated altars, traditional gifts featured and explained in displays. Artist

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"Gendered Stories" provide theme for a four-book discussion series hosted by San Diego Public Library in conjunction with ongoing "Stories of Faith" program. Participants will be challenged to examine "racism and religious bigotry in contemporary society."

Series continues with Simone Schwarz-Bart's *Bridge of Beyond* on Wednesday, November 3, 6:30 p.m., in Wangenheim Room at library (820 E Street). Free. Registration: 619-236-5816. (DOWNTOWN)

Royal Tea and tea tutorial "in the distinguished British tradition" offered by Linda Bibalo on Thursday, November 4, 2:30 p.m., at Westgate Hotel (1055 Second Avenue). History of tea, tea facts, tasting of six different tea varieties. Guest is San Diego British Consul General William Black. \$35. Reservations: 619-557-3655. (DOWNTOWN)

"Evviva la Madonna Nera: Devotion to the Black Madonnas in Italy and Among Italian-Americans" is a traveling exhibition on view through Monday, November 22, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Exhibit explores "in a collage-like fashion the origins, the centuries-old devotions, and contemporary Italian-American women's reclamation" of certain black Madonnas. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Japanese Ceramicist Yuji Uchida has an exhibit of work on view through November at Japanese Friendship Garden. Admission: \$3 general, \$2 for students, children 6 and under free. 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

"Life Cycles" is a series of quilts created by fiber artist Jill Le Croissette to celebrate her 70th birthday, on view Monday, November 1, through December, at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). The artist uses metaphor of plant growing from seed to portray decades of her life. Free. 760-602-2049. (LA COSTA)

FOR KIDS

Haunted Halloween at Birch Aquarium-Museum runs Thursday through Saturday, October 28-30, 6 to 9 p.m. Costume contests, crafts and spooky science activities; \$13. Find the Birch at 2300 Expedition Way. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)



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A Magic Purple Potion is served up by Puppet Express through October 31, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Theater located near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

Fright Night Stories told Friday, October 29, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Christian Youth Theatre productions include *Tom Sawyer*, October 29-November 7, at Crawford High School Performing Arts Center (4191 Colts Way). (SAN DIEGO)

See Aladdin through October 31, at Ruth French Chapman Performing Arts Center, on campus of EastLake High School (1120 EastLake Parkway). Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 for children. Showtimes: 619-588-0206 or 800-696-1929. (CHULA VISTA)

The Musical *Seussical*, takes audience on ride through Theodore Geisel's popular children's tales. San Diego Junior Theatre presents production through November 7, in Casa del Prado Theater.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Performance on November 6 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$9 to \$12 adults, \$7 to \$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

"A Job for Wittilda" and *The Hallo-Wiener* are on tap during Halloween story time, Saturday, October 30, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley

Parkway). Wear a costume! Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Wear a Costume and listen to *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything* during story time at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 30, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (2615 Vista Way). 760-529-0270. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

"Folk Life Day" offered during Family Open Studio in conjunction with "Beasts and Bones: The Cartonería of the Linares Family," on Saturday, October 30, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in courtyard at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Expect hands-on art projects, bilingual storytelling, traditional Mexican dancing, demonstrations, food. Free. Materials provided. 760-434-2904 or 760-602-2021. All ages. (LA COSTA)

Halloween Trick or Treat Teas offered Saturday and Sunday, October 30 and 31, 2:30 p.m., at Westgate Hotel (1055 Second Avenue). Children in costume will enjoy full tea, spooky storytelling by Melody. \$26 for adults, \$19 for children under 12. Reservations: 619-557-3655. (DOWNTOWN)

Etiquette Consultant Linda Bibalo conducts "Modern Manners" at Escondido Children's Museum for kids four and five years old on Saturday, October 30, 10 a.m. Handshaking, eye contact, introductions, tea manners, snacks. \$15.

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Also offered on 30th, 1 p.m.: "Everyday Etiquette" for eightand nine-year-olds, focusing on handshaking, remembering names, eye contact, dining savvy, napkins, snacks. \$25. Find museum in studio 1 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard). Reservations: 760-294-1147. (ESCONDIDO)

Fallback Festival, dress in costume and head back in time when Gaslamp Quarter hosts events on Sunday, October 31, 11 a.m. to



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Knives of the Saints

I returned your book of poetry to the store.

I returned to the scene of the crime because once I'd had you the words floated into a ribbon of type.

Because it was where we once slung violent hash.

I returned a favor.

I returned the box to its proper shelf

that made not sense to me smelling of lavender,

and it waited to be made into a miracle.

I came carrying my wings in my teeth.

I came to under the organza influence of your best slap.

I came out. I came around.

I came back like a cat, the kind from hell.

I came to believe I'd been returned.

Chives of the Saints

When the waiter said "vou're welcome" she was waylaid, completely soup. Dumplings healed her. Broth sustained. Between the server and the servee passed an Olympic torch of familyhood, a fruit crepe of happiness. She was thankful for being welcomed into his arms like a brown rice bowl. She was thankful to be so single, so unbetrothed to the service she gratefully received. You are welcome, she thought of herself, an utter dish festooned with gratuity.

Lives of the Saints

Most are quite ordinary.

They speak in English, the tongue of regular paperbacks.

They read for awhile, looking occasionally away.

They get hungry at the usual times slated for hunger.

They do not write the script on a chalkboard held by a ceramic pig in a toque.

They simply make humble but delicious

grilled cheese sandwiches, pressing their handprints into the flaming bread, branding it,

blending ascientifically four kinds of cheese, including a dry jack. They prefer to drink along a tomato juice.

They like to later drag a bicycle down from its stern hook and squeeze the wheels.

They like to spend time in the garage, damply almost dying on pur pose.

Then they go back inside the split-level ranch and eat potato chips. casually licking the bottom of the bag salt from their fingers.

Arielle Greenberg was born in Columbus, Ohio, in 1972 and grew up in Schenectady, New York. She received a BA from Purchase College, a public arts school, then worked for cultural nonprofits in New York City before completing an MFA from Syracuse University. She is the author of Given (Verse Press, 2002) and coeditor, with Rachel Zucker, of an anthology of essays by young women poets writing about influences upon them (forthcoming from Wesleyan University Press in 2005). She teaches in the poetry program at

Columbia College in Chicago.

Of "Saints," Greenberg writes: "As a child I loved that my first name in its original spelling, Ariel (changed when my family lived in Israel for a year to indicate that I was a girl) was on the cover of a slim volume my mother kept with the Bibles and art books in our house. I started writing poetry at a very young age, so for a long time, Plath was my lodestar, and everything I wrote dark and cynical. Finally, in grad school, I realized that many of the writers I loved most were the playful ones (Joyce, Nabokov, McHugh, Tate, Notley), and I made a conscious effort to welcome humor and joy into my work. My mentor, Michael Burkard, encouraged me to move in this direction, a direction that still seems risky, if one takes the humor seriously (and I do). I also draw inspiration from other women artists of my generation who dare to make serious art with the cute, the ephemeral, and the girly (I've coined a term for this, 'the Gurlesque,' and written about it; there's some online). 'Saints' illustrates these risks, and therefore alarms me slightly: I'm represented by a poem about a grilled cheese sandwich! I wrote the poem because I was amused by the phrase/rhyme 'chives of the saints.'



The stuff about the waitress is based on a real waitress who spoke with spontaneous, genuine kindness, and kindness in everyday encounters seems a blessing to me. And as a Jew, I've always had saint envy.'

From The Best American Poetry 2004; Lyn Hejinian, Editor; Lehman, Series Editor; Scribner Poetry, 2004; Scribner Hardcover, 288 pages, \$30; Scribner Paperback, 288 pages, \$16.

4 p.m., on Fourth Avenue at K Street. Gold panning, pony rides, Wild West shootouts, music, carriage rides, ghost stories, ice cream and pie-eating contests, more. Tickets: \$3, kids under 2 free. 619-233-4692 or 619-233-5008. (GASLAMP OUARTER)

"The Wonderful World of Water." Ms. Frizzle and the Magic School Bus lead adventures on Sunday, October 31, 11:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Included in regular museum admission. 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Many Voices," this original musical based on a Haitian tale inspired by Greek legend of Orpheus is presented by Icarus Puppet Company for ongoing "Stories of Faith" series, November 2-4, 10 a.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Free. 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Quail Trail, head to Quail Botanical Gardens for tour of the gardens oriented for kids (aged three to six), Tuesday, November 2, 10:30 a.m. Meet at visitors' center located directly north of parking lot, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"Stellaluna" Author Janell Cannon — whose books include Crickwing, Verde, others — signs her latest, Pinduli, Thursday, November 4, 7 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). (LA JOLLA)

Author and Caldecott Honor artist David Shannon - creator of the delightful No, David! - discusses and signs his new book, Alice the Fairy, Thursday, November 4, 4 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA

The Brothers Grimm Tale Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs is presented by theater school students. November 4-7, at North Coast Repertory Theatre (987-D Lomas Santa Fe). Performances begin at 7 p.m. Thursday through Satur-

day, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$9 for adults, \$7 for children, 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Giant Kids' Workshop," learn 'safe do-it-yourself skills" and build a "useful project" during workshop on Saturday, November 6, noon to 5 p.m., hosted by Home Depot and Midland Elementary School (14614 Garden Road). Fee: \$2 per child, per workshop; first come, first served. Also: "Noah's Ark Animal Workshop, musical entertainment, food. 858-486-3686. (POWAY)

The Musical Seussical is presented by J*Company through November 7, in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Tickets: \$14-\$16. Show times, reservations: 858-362-1348.

"The Boy Who Fell Into a Book" by Alan Ayckbourn, directed by James Saba, is presented by Lamb's Players Theatre through November 13, at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Tickets: \$6 to \$24. 619-437-0600. (COLLEGE GROVE)

MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the Chula Vista Star News. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

The Roots Oct. 30

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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 760-721-6876. Highway; (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 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

The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Extension features "Jade from the Past," a collection of over 100 nephrite jade sculp-

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tures, from amulets to animal and plant designs. Also on view: "Cloisonné: A Perfect Fusion," with over 35 pieces of animal forms and domestic objects. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

Gemological Institute of America Museum, permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of iewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x 4116. (CARLSBAD)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains,

and 20 other types of collections - is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with "some classics and a concept car.'

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

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 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)

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 Archaeological Center. "The Harris Site Exhibit: San Diego's Place in the Past" showcases traditional Kumeyaay objects complement-

ing artifacts excavated from site, which has yielded important information about prehistory of West. Exhibit continues through January 2005. The museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370.

San Diego Automotive Museum, "Oldsmobile: Farewell to a Classic," on display through Tuesday, January 25, 2005, offers a sampling of cars from the Brass Age through the Rocket era and beyond. Parent company General Motors shut the company down in the spring. Cars on display include a 1902 Curved Dash, two of the 88s (from 1949, 1957), 1969 Hurst Olds, 1970 442 W-30 convertible.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the mu-

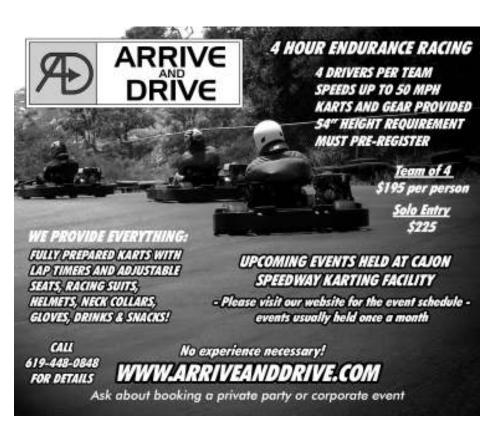
seum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champi-

ons. "Shades of Greatness" is a 35-piece art exhibit on loan from Negro League Baseball Museum in Kansas City, highlighting history, lessons of Negro League baseball. Exhibit includes paintings, statues, other works.

Additional exhibits include "World's Largest Collection of Olympic Medals," featuring medals from as early as 1896.







READING

The Darling



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HarperCollins, 2004; 392 pages; \$25.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: The Darling is Hannah Musgrave's story, told emotionally and convincingly years later by Hannah herself. A political radical and member of the Weather Underground, Hannah has fled America to West Africa, where she and her Liberian husband become friends and colleagues of Charles Taylor, the notorious warlord and now ex-president of Liberia. When Taylor leaves for the United States

in an effort to escape embezzlement charges, he's immediately placed in prison. Hannah's encounter with Taylor in America ultimately triggers a series of events whose momentum catches Hannah's family in its grip and forces her to make a heartrending choice. Set in Liberia and the United States from 1975 through 1991, *The Darling* is a political-historical thriller — reminiscent of Greene and Conrad — that explodes the genre, raising serious philosophical questions about terrorism, political violence, and the clash of races and cultures.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: The darling of the title is narrator Hannah Musgrave, a privileged child of the 1960s and '70s, who now,

at 59, reflects on her life. After participating in sexual experimentation and radical politics, Hannah is wanted by the FBI for her involvement in the Weather Underground. Under an assumed name, she flees the U.S. for Africa...where in 1976 she meets and marries Woodrow Sundiata, a government official. Taking on another identity — that of foreign wife, and eventually mother to three sons — Hannah finds herself increasingly involved with the highest members of Liberia's government as Woodrow's political star rises. She also finds purpose in establishing a sanctuary for endangered chimpanzees. When Liberia explodes into civil war, Hannah's life and the lives of her family are in danger.

From *Booklist*: American Hannah Musgrave, a.k.a. Dawn Carrington...finds work in a shabby medical lab that houses a group of traumatized chimpanzees, and forms a deep bond with them that is more meaningful to her than relationships with humans. Even so, she is grateful enough for the protection of Liberia's minister of public health, Woodrow Sundiata, to marry him. She and he are essentially unknowable to each other — Hannah's visit to Woodrow's village is a brilliant rendition of culture shock — but their marriage is mutually beneficial, and Hannah quickly produces three sons. But not even chameleon-like Hannah and Woodrow can steer clear of the bloodshed that erupts when corrupt and vicious Samuel Doe comes to power and is, in turn, challenged by the equally ruthless Charles Taylor.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Russell Banks was born in 1940, and raised in New Hampshire and eastern Massachusetts. The eldest of four children, he grew up in a working-class environment. The first in his family to go to college, Mr. Banks graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Before he could support himself as a writer, he tried his hand at plumbing and as a shoe salesman and window trimmer. More recently, he has taught at a number of colleges and universities, including Columbia University, Sarah Lawrence, University of New Hampshire, New England College, New York University, and Princeton University. A prolific writer of fiction, Mr. Banks's titles include Searching for Survivors, Family Life, Hamilton Stark, The New World, The Book of Jamaica,

Trailerpark, The Relation of My Imprisonment, Continental Drift, Success Stories, Affliction, The Sweet Hereafter, Rule of the Bone, Cloudsplitter, and The Angel on the Roof, a collection of short stories. Mr. Banks has lived in a variety of places, from New England to Jamaica. He currently lives in upstate New York with his wife, the poet Chase Twichell. He is the father of four grown daughters.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Mr. Banks and I talked on an early autumn afternoon. I was at home in California, and he was at home in New York. "In 1944," he said, "I was in San Diego. I was back again in the '60s and the '70s, when my mother lived there. So I knew it when it was just a Navy town. And I knew it later in the '60s and '70s, and now it's a wholly different kind of city again. It's like three different kinds of cities, really."

I asked Mr. Banks if his new novel, set in part in Liberia, was like Walter Abish's *How German Is It?* Mr. Abish, when he wrote *How German Is It?*, had never been to Germany. Mr. Banks has been to West Africa but *not* Liberia.

He said, "I was trying to get in there a year ago this past summer, in July. I was in Sierra Leone, which is not that different, really; right next door, and in its history bears the same relationship to England that Liberia bears to the United States. That was when the bodies started piling up in Monrovia. The roads were blocked and no flights were going in. I got stopped in Sierra Leone. But I had spent time there and in Ghana and Senegal and also in East Africa. There's a tremendous amount of material on Liberia in print and many Liberians living in the United States. In the '60s and '70s, the largest number of Peace Corps volunteers were in Liberia, and the most CIA agents as well. Perhaps not unrelated.

"So, many American men and women my age, my generation, were there, and many religious, fundamentalist churches have been working there over the years. So there's a tremendous amount of material available. I did end up also interviewing a person who was a CIA station chief in Liberia in the '70s. An older man, now retired. So I got an awful lot of information from various sources. And travel was one, certainly. But you're right; it's a little like *How German Is It*? insofar as I did not get into Liberia. I could get there now, (continued on page 99)

The museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "From Blueprints to Buildings," an exhibit of San Diego architecture, traces this region's architectural history from early Indian bark houses to modern and postmodern buildings. The exhibit showcases the most significant examples of various architectural styles and types of structures. See the historical artifacts, photographs, and ephemera through December.

"Romp! Children Discover

Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915-16 and 1935-36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there.

Also on view: "Filming San Diego: Hollywood's Backlot," through Tuesday, November 23. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, visit the H.M.S. *Surprise* while the ship used in film *Mas*- ter 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 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.

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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but it's too late. I'm afraid to go now because then I'd have to make changes in the book."

"How did you get interested in doing this book?"

"Really, it grew out of *Cloud-splitter* and the research that I did on the early abolitionist movement and the early antislavery movement here in the United States. I came across it back in the middle '90s. I realized how intimately connected Liberia's history was to the history of race in the United States and what an important chapter it was in that story.

story.

"So I kept it in the back of my mind while I was working on that other novel. And then Liberia erupted in violence again in the late '90s, after having gone through a civil war earlier in the decade. Most American newspapers started describing our relationship to Liberia as if it were a benign and kindly, avuncular one. I was dismayed and said, 'No, that's not the case. It's a much more complex relationship than that. It's been our surrogate colony for 150 years.'"

"Since before the Civil War."

"Exactly. And right up through the Cold War. And this is happening because of the nature of that history. It isn't just a bunch of crazy Africans out there killing each other. It's much more complex, and we are implicated in it. That particular aspect of the

of all that."

"People," I said, "tend to forget, about Africa, that it is a continent populated by many tribe."

novel [the revolution] grew out

tribes."

"I know. It's kind of American myopia and denial too. We don't want to think about it. It's too complicated."

"What do you make of Hannah? The 'darling' of your title?"

"She's a complex person in a country full of contradictions and ambiguities and conflicts. But then, I assume we all are."

"She's an innocent, in a way, a kind of Jamesian 'innocent abroad.'"

"I hadn't thought of her in a Jamesian sense. But you're quite right. The title is meant to be somewhat ironic, of course. But I think you're quite right, and that is a dimension of hers — an innocence that James Baldwin pointed out among white, privileged people. An innocence that is a guilty innocence. I've thought about that for years, and I guess I've written about it over the years. But she really does have that kind of guilty innocence. And unacknowledged until the very end. It's partly due to her class privilege and her education and partly due to her historical moment. And the fact that she's an American. A white American. The most powerful people on the planet right now.'

"She's about your age."

"And she lives in the same town I live in. I imagined myself, you know, listening to her as a trusted and intimate friend. That was how her voice evolved for me, was to imagine myself first as a listener."

"I think Hannah was always crying out to the reader, 'Help me.'"

"True, it's a direct address. But really, that comes from my having imagined myself sitting on her porch or at a table at a bar, just listening to her story and lis-

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tening to her tell me what was true so far as she knew it. There are a lot of things she doesn't tell me, of course, because I'm a man, and I don't share all her experiences.

"It's real interesting for me as the book is now beginning to circulate, and I've had a chance to talk about it with other people and listen to other people's responses, that readers are having an intense and anxiety-producing engagement with Hannah. They don't know whether they should admire her or not admire her. She's like all people that you finally know deeply and well enough; she's a little bit of everything."

'She's even somewhat

omnisexual."

"I think so. She floats pretty freely. But I think of her in a basic way as heterosexual. What her real problem is, insofar as her sexual life, is that she cannot be intimate with anybody and can't give herself up to anybody."

"Except to the chimps. Whom, interestingly, she calls 'The dreamers.'"

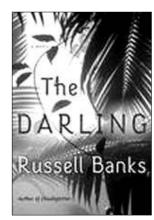
"Right, exactly, 'The dreamers.'"

"Why do you call them The dreamers?"

"Beats hell out of me. It iust came while I was writing. I, too, like Hannah, have a problem with the word 'chimpanzee.' The word itself has always been slightly ridiculous to me and uncomfortable. I was writing from Hannah's point of view and trying to say, 'What are they like: what are they really like?' And, 'What would I call them if I had a chance to name them myself?' 'The dreamers' seemed to be a good one. I was trying to think what it must be like for a chimpanzee in the world. And I was watching; I happen to own two border collies.

I interrupted to ask, "Doesn't Hannah own border collies?"

"Yes, she has two border collies too. They're the only characters based on real people. But I notice with my border collies, everything is important to them. There is no foreground or background. A leash twitches, it's very important. Small sounds, everything is



important. The way it is in a dream. I didn't mean that they're half-asleep. I just meant in a way, as in a dream, where everything is important, every detail is significant and bears interpretation."

I asked Mr. Banks how it felt to "inhabit" Hannah.

'It wasn't a huge stretch. I've written from the point of view of a woman before, but this is intense and 400 pages too, so it's a long haul. And you do, of course, end up embodying or inhabiting the character. But I didn't feel any particular restraint or any greater difficulty than I did with a 14-yearold drug-addled kid in The Rule of the Bone, or Owen Brown, John Brown's son in Cloudsplitter. It wasn't any greater stretch for me because of the gender difference. When I was able to declare for myself who she was talking to, then I was fine. I did not imagine her speaking to a woman because I know a

woman would speak differently to a woman than to a man. That's the person I've never been and have a hard time imagining.

"A woman who's listening. A woman who speaks only to women. That would be very, very difficult for me. Or a black person speaking only to black people. I can easily imagine because I know it from personal experience, what women say to men. And what black people say to white people. But I don't know what it's like to be in a room in which there was no white person present or in which there was no man present."

"What didn't I ask you that you wish I had asked?"

"Let's see. You didn't ask me about the fact that the book opens and closes around 9/11."

"Tell me about that."

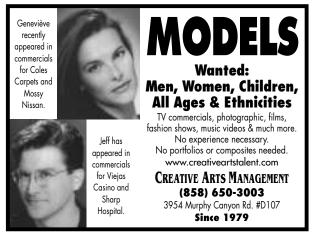
"One of the themes of the

novel is that this is a historical story in the sense that it's a historical novel. And her story, as she says at the end, could never be told, her life could never be lived now. It was very much of that moment. I wanted to rethink the late '60s and early '70s, especially the radical political movement of the time, because we really are, in this election even, still fighting the Vietnam War."

"And still fighting FDR in

"Exactly. The culture wars and the class and economic wars of the '30s. Here we are. I wanted to try to imagine how that looked in the context of 9/11. I didn't want to make a big deal out of it. I just wanted to locate it in time so that we could see we were looking at it through a prism. But not until we got to the end."

— Judith Moore







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Formed in Madrid in 1990, the Jones/Maruri cello-guitar classical music duo presents concert on Thursday, October 28, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$20. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Dvořák's "Serenade for Wind Instruments" may be heard when Dvořák Ensemble performs Saturday, October 30, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Free. 760-438-5996.

Cuarteto Latinoamericano performs works by Villa-Lobos, Del Aguila, and Dvořák during Revelle

Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society on Saturday, October 30, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Also on program: "Altar de Muertos" by Mexican composer Gabriela Ortiz, with preconcert interview with composer. Tickets: \$25, \$55, \$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

"Autumn Atmosphere" Concerts presented by Palomar Symphony Orchestra on October 30 and 31 in Howard Brubeck The-atre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Program includes "Totentanz" by Liszt and "Danse Macabre" by Saint-Saëns. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

"Celebration of All Souls Day" offered when organist Tom Leonard and Point Loma Trio perform Sunday, October 31, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street, at Fourth Avenue). Listen for selections by Bach, Harris, Beethoven, Schumann. Offering. 619-232-7513. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrate Halloween when San Diego Civic Youth Ballet and civic organist Carol Williams perform on Sunday, October 31, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Free, 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

The Goliards Medieval Quartet presents mini-concert at noon on Monday, November 1, at Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Free. Bring your lunch. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

Public Manifestation of Music, SONOR, the graduate student and faculty ensemble at UCSD, performs in concert on Wednes-

day, November 3, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. \$8, 858-534-4830, (LA JOLLA)

Kremerata Baltica performs Desvatnikov, pieces by Shostakovich, and Schubert during Celebrity series recital hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Thursday, November 4. Concert starts at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$35, \$60, \$85, \$105. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

Two Works by Camille Saint-Saëns may be heard when violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg and San Diego Symphony, led by Jahja Ling, perform Thursday, November 4, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$29, \$39, \$49. Reservations: 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

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GALLERIES

"Collection Applied Design" is an exhibit by Kim MacConnel based on a series of advertising books published in China in the 1970s, on view through December at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Mac-Connel has transformed the books into paintings, drawings on paper, printed matter, collage, cloth hangings, site-specific murals. Meet MacConnel at reception on Friday, October 29, 6:30 p.m. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Blue Fall Series," recent artwork by Theresa Vandenberg Donche is on view through Friday, November 12, at Frame Maker Gallery (3102 Revnard Way). Artist's reception is Friday, October 29, 6 p.m. 619-692-4910. (MISSION HILLS)

"Declan Haun: A Retrospective" opens with reception on Saturday, October 30, 6 p.m., at Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue; 858-456-5620). Closes Saturday, January 8, 2005.

"In the Spirit of Dia de los Muertos: Alternative Altar Creations" are on exhibit through Friday through Sunday, October 29-31, at Mixed Media Art Gallery (4576 Federal Boulevard). Show includes work by 15 artists, along with guest artists from San Pasqual Academy. Reception: Saturday, October 30, 6 p.m. 619-527-2508. Altars may also be viewed through November 13 by appointment. (SAN DIEGO)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, time for Eloy Tarcisio's ninth annual site-specific installation Muerte de todos ofrenda de participación/Death Comes to Everyone: A Participatory Offering. Opening community reception, Monday, November 1, 6 p.m. The installation consists of more than 100 wooden crosses, clay bowls filled with grains, beans, and other organic materials symbolic of Mexico's pre-Hispanic past — and votive candles, which viewers are invited to light. Through November.

"Niki de Saint Phalle: California Dreaming" explores works said to be "inspired by and created in California" through models and related drawings, paintings, and prints from the artist's archives and from private collections. Through November. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120, (ESCONDIDO)

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.

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, "Lewis DeSoto: Paranirvana" is a "26-foot-long air-inflated installation." In the piece, "religion, biography, and technology converge to raise profound questions about life, death, and spirituality." DeSoto portrays himself as Buddha at moment of death and supreme consciousness; he was inspired by rock carving of 12th-Century Gal Vihara Buddha in Sri Lanka. Closes on Sunday, November 7.

The "Cerca Series" continues with "Informal Economy Vendors" by artist Julio Morales (a Tijuana native), on view through Sunday, November 14. Morales creates conceptual works of art based on digital technologies. The project "explores the influence of Latin American economic strategies that appear in California as a result of economic adaptation."

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe

Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Recent Gifts: For Eye and Mind" is an exhibit showcasing photographs acquired in the past few years; many are 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 close on Sunday, November 14.

"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.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Art,

"Visions of the Great Goddess: The Divine Female in South Asian Art," focuses on cultural and artistic significance of goddess imagery in South Asia in paintings from Edwin Binney 3rd Collection. Works feature Devi, the "Great Goddess" or the "First Cause of Things" in four aspects — as a great power, a bestower of fortune, a beloved, and a human saint. Continues through Sunday, March 13, 2005. Concurrently, there's a small display of related sculptures from South India, including a newly acquired Cholaperiod bronze of Goddess Devi.

Explore aspects of "the Golden Age of Dutch culture" through "rarely exhibited and relatively unknown medium of domestic tiles" in "Seventeenth-Century Dutch Tiles from the Museum's Collection," on view through Sunday, January 9, 2005. Show focuses on history of tile making, its use, pictorial sources.

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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one of us were saints," says Nick Massi of the Four Seasons. "Sell a hundred million records — see how *you* handle it!"

The La Jolla Playhouse's wonderful new mu-

sical, *Jersey Boys*, celebrates the Hall of Fame group. Led by Frankie Valli, the Four Seasons sang "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Sherry," "Rag Doll," and "Walk

Like a Man." You can't say this about too many recording artists: for people of a certain age, into whose genetic code these songs have become embedded, it's impossible to hear a title without the song suddenly booming in your head, and Valli's falsetto soaring above it like a silver lining. When said persons hear — or even read — the word "dawn," for example, they jump to "Go a-way I'm no good for you. Whao-whao Dawn..." And once started, the song won't quit ("think-what-the-future-would-be-with-a-poor-boy-like-mee-ee, meee-ee—yeeee"). Nearby youngsters suddenly find themselves talking in a voiceover.

Jersey Boys isn't just a nostalgic greatest-hits event. It tells the stories behind the songs, many of which the group would rather forget. In the process, it explores parallel dreams: the mythical "American" one and the nightmare that comes with an overnight fame only Doctor Faustus could conjure.

And things don't start innocently enough. Before they join up, Nick Massi and Tommy DiVito are in and out of New Jersey jails and juvie halls. They and Frankie (né Castelluccio) have several brushes with Tony Soprano types, including a pseudo-mob hit. And DiVito, who narrates much of the first act, gets in debt "150

large" and goes into forced retirement. As their story develops, so does a major irony: given the behind-the-scenes chaos — from groupiemania to alleged mob

connections—how could these guys create such tight, ordered harmonies?

One of the early highlights, in a show full of them, happens when the group first comes together. Up to this point, they're just loose ends, stray cats (you aren't even sure which actors will end up the final four). Then — as when the Commitments do "Mustang Sally" in the movie — they sing "Cry for Me," and there's that sound! On opening night, the audience rose to its feet, as if assuring the performers, "That's IT! Do it that way!"

The writing often has that quality of surprise. Though scenes move at top speed, Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice's funny, poignant book scores points throughout. Brickman, who cowrote *Annie Hall* and *Manhattan* and was head writer for Johnny Carson's *Tonight Show*, even writes a witty bio: "His plans for the future include dying in bed, surrounded by his loving family and their attorneys."

At first, Klara Zieglerova's minimalist set



Christian Hoff, David Norona, Daniel Reichard, J. Robert Spencer in Jersey Boys

Jersey Boys, book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, music by Bob Gaudio, lyrics by Bob Crewe
La Jolla Playhouse, Mandell Weiss Theatre, Mandell Weiss Center for the Performing Arts, La Jolla
Directed by Des McAnuff; cast: David Norona, Christian Hoff, Daniel Reichard, Peter Gregus, Tituss
Burgess, Sarah Avery, Marisa Echeverria, Steve Gouveia, Donnie Kehr, Jennifer Naimo, Sean Smith, J. Robert
Spencer; scenic design, Klara Zieglerova; costumes, Jess Goldstein; lighting, Howell Binkley; sound, Steve Canyon
Kennedy; choreographer, Sergio Trujillo; music director, Ron Melrose

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looks derivative. A chain-link fence covers much of the stage. A platform in the rear frames a silhouetted urban skyline — Newark? You half expect Russ Tamblyn and the Jets to slink on, snapping their fingers and trash-talking Officer Krupke. Once the show begins, the design makes up in function what it lacks in eye appeal. Under

Des McAnuff's superb direction, *Jersey Boys* unfolds cinematically, with narv a wasted frame.

Throughout the show three large screens above the platform comment on the action in comic book form. Why — other than using the upper space in the tall Mandell Weiss proscenium — is a mystery. It could symbolize some





mythical, bubble-gum version of the story but often tends to mock the drama below.

Much more striking are Michael Clark's multimedia effects. When the Four Seasons sing on American Bandstand, we see them live, and also on washed-out black-and-white TV, interspersed with clips of the original audience ("It had a great beat, but I couldn't dance to it"), chewing Wrigley's spearmint and going ga-ga on cue.

The production, in fact, pays acute attention to details from the late '50s and early '60s: rinses of pink and gray, skinny neckties, grease-trained hair like the prow of a battleship, references to The Blob and Plymouth Belvederes. In Chronicles: Volume One — a book that deconstructs strict notions of influence — Bob Dylan says this transitional period was "like a judge in his last days on the bench." The music isn't innocent, but it still trusts the big picture. JFK is still alive. After 11/22/63, you no

longer hear songs like "Purple People Eater" or "Short Shorts," the latter sung by the Royal Teens and written by 15-year-old Bob Gaudio, who became the Four Seasons' missing link and wrote their music (Joe Pesci, the actor, played by Buddy Holly lookalike Steve Gouveia, introduced him to the group). And it's their music not fancy sets, or infinite wardrobes — that Jersey Boys is all about. Everything else gets pared away.

Almost always there's at least one (often more) live musician onstage. The piece becomes a movable concert where music's made in every conceivable mode from a cappella under a lamppost to full band sound. And, most astonishing of all, the four performers cast as the singers are so talented they could hit the road, right now, and land high-paying gigs. They could, but they're headed to Broadway instead.

If each were a separate "sea-Christian Hoff's tough-talking Tommy DeVito would be winter. Daniel Reichard's gentle Bob Gaudio would be summer (especially when we learn that "Oh What

a Night" commemorates his first sex). And J. Robert Spencer's Nick Massi (who died in 2000) would be autumn.

That makes Frankie Valli spring, which is fitting since his voice explodes with the freshness of something brand new — as does David Norona's. He plays Valli so well that the most unforgettable moment on opening night actually happened in the audience. Bob Gaudio, Bob Crewe (who wrote most of the group's lyrics), and Frankie Valli were seated in the center. about ten rows back. Toward the end of Act One, after a spot-lit Norona sang "My Eyes Adored You," Valli sprang to his feet, pounding his hands and — so it seemed to the crowd who soon stood with him — passing the torch. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box

Artists for Intelligent Politics: Readings of Controversial New Plays

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Brownstone: The Musical

SDSU presents the San Diego premiere of Peter Larson and Josh Rubins' musical about the lives of five New York brownstone dwellers. EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, THROUGH OCTOBER 31; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P M MATINEF SUN DAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-594-6884.

A Chorus Line

San Diego City College presents Michael Bennett's popular musical about the group that backs the star, performed with a live orchestra. SAVILLE THEATRE, SAN DIEGO CITY COL-LEGE, 15TH AND C STREETS, DOWN-TOWN, FRIDAY OCTOBER 29, THROUGH NOVEMBER 14: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-388-3676.

Constant Star

The Laguna Playhouse stages Tazewell Thompson's musical tribute to Ida B. Wells, a fearless turnof-the-century civil rights activist who organized the first anti-lynching campaign in America. Thompson directed.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, TUES-DAY, NOVEMBER 2, THROUGH DECEM-BER 5; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-2787.

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Crowns

8:00 P.M. 619-544-1664.

A crown is the top part of a hat and a symbol of royalty. Regina Taylor adds new definitions as she recounts the "church hat" tradition of African-American women, where a chapeau expresses "hattitude," a proud statement of identity. Adapted from Michael Cunningham and Craig Marberry's book, the piece combines music from rap to gospel — and monologues. Crowns packs a lot into 90 minutes. And though the monologues are often arresting, their

sheer number tends to slow the pace. But then a terrific ensemble will sing "That's All Right," while dancing a "ringshout," or Valerie Payton will shimmy across the stage as the preacher's wife, and the Lyceum Theatre roof will rise. Led by stately Peggy Ann Blow and the wondrous Karole Foreman, the cast performs on Jerry Sonnenberg's sleek unit set, which Jennifer Setlow's lighting bathes in peach and florid pinks. Special mention must go to Jennifer Brawn Gittings who designed the costumes and all those elegant, ornate, instant heirloom hats - correct that, crowns. Worth a try.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTOBER 31: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P M SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

The Desert Song

The 1926 operetta, which many say is the best of its era, has a book by Otto Harbach and Oscar Hammerstein. It's Lawrence of Arabia does Zorro, in French Morocco. The mysterious Red Shadow aids the Riff Rebellion against French oppressors. But who is he? The creaky book can't mask its tricks, but Sigmund Romberg's exotic score couldn't care less. It proceeds with artistic arrogance. It knows it's got the goods. So does the Lawrence Welk production. From full choral explosions to terrific leads, everyone contributes with assurance

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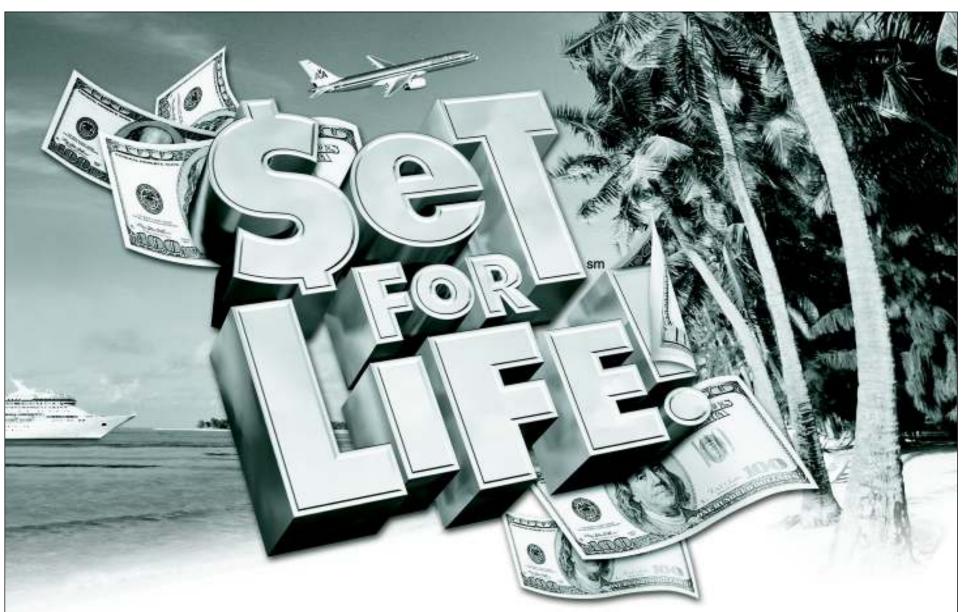
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especially Andrew Husmann as Pierre/the Red Shadow. His remarkable voice is matched by the ease with which he employs it. Other highlights: Moorish sets and flowing silks add to the production's allure. Dan Tullis's booming baritone makes the ground shake — even when he speaks! Jennifer Bangs scores as Margot, in particular her singing of the arioso like "Romance." And Katie Wilson and Ciro Barbaro provide savvy comic relief as Susan and Benny, middle-aged innocents. Barbaro gets to say lines like, "Nice suit. Whadja do...shoot a couch?" Worth a try.

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Dial M For Murder

In Frederick Knott's psychological thriller, you know who done it, and who planned it (in absolute detail). The question is: can a Columbolike detective and a writer of detective fictions solve what looks to be sly Tony Wendice's (Rick D. Meads) perfectly plotted crime? From afar Inspector Hubbard (David Cochran Heath) and Max Halliday (Matt Scott) don't strike one as a viable CSI unit. But, by combining fact with fictional techniques, they prevail with 59 min-utes gone in the 11th hour. Before Alfred Hitchcock made it a movie, in 1954, Dial M was a play demanding extreme precision; who moves where, and how; the exact placement of gloves, letters on the desk. At Lamb's Players director Kerry Meads and her cast honor these intentions (as do Mike Buck ley's scenic design, Cecelia Church's props, and the stage managers who make sure they're in place). Compared to today's thrillers, which move at the speed of sight, Dial M unfolds at a much slower "Can I freshen your drink? pace. But though things feel languid and talky at times, it's a rip ping good brain-scratcher. And when action's called for, Jennifer Austin and Nick Cordileone do a scary-convincing piece of stage combat.

Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH NOVEMBER 14; 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.

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

Go out of your way to see the Old Globe's remake of the 1988 movie! The brand-new musical's a joyous hoot. The performers relish singing David Yazbek's rich, eclectic score and spicy lyrics and speaking Jeffrey Lane's witty, pinpoint-accurate one-liners. With every moment like a two-sided coin, Scoundrels is silly and sly, and always funny but plays only through October. Then it's on to Broadway for a March opening. And it's almost ready. Jack O'Brien's staging and David Rockwell's gorgeous French Riviera scenic designs have an astonishing fluidity. And though John Lithgow and Norbert Leo Butz could explore their characters' differences in greater detail, they're a winning tandem (having them play opposites, instead of a single type, as in the movie, opens up

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male gender dupes when the real sting goes down). The musical will need some cutting. But the writing's so tight, the scenes so solid, difficult choices lie ahead. But whatever else goes, one hopes they keep the lines "the Bushes of Tex / Became nervous wrecks / Because their son was so dim / ...but look what happened to him." Critic's pick.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH NOVEMBER 7; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (AND WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3) AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

The Dream Play

Michael Meyer, August Strindberg's foremost biographer, wrote, Dream Play "is over-long and needs cutting by not far short of half its length; thus abridged, it makes a brilliantly exciting and disturbing 90 minutes." Sledgehammer's current, uncut version runs over 2 hours and 45 minutes. It's got a sharp, funny new translation by Anne-Charlotte Harvey ("the world got turned the wrong way around when the copy was made, a character explains); it's got one of the all-time great entrances in local theater (a glittering red gangplank lowers Janet Hayatshahi to the stage); and it's got other arresting visuals (legal scholars with piles of dusty books for hats; excellent slides that pixel in and out); but it's also got dull stretches, long ones, in which the actors drone about truth and the mysteries of existence in loud, epic monotones (the last 30 minutes play twice that long). As a result, the production pulses for-ward, offering some of Sledgehammer's best physicality (hotlit by

David Lee Cuthbert) but several flat sections that don't do justice to Harvey's (or Strindberg's) script. *Worth a try.*

SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, ST. CE-CILIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1602 SIXTH AV-ENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH NOVEM-BER 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1484.

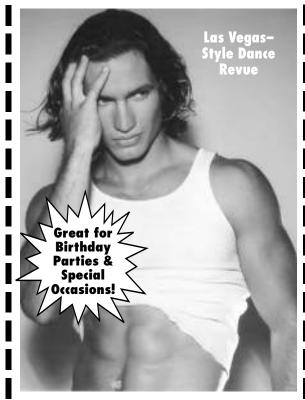
An Enemy of the People

NewWorks Theatre and the Cathedral Center for the Performing and Visual Arts present an American version of Henrik Ibsen's drama (reset, by adapter Jack G. Barefield, in Maine). Jerry Riker directed. ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, 2728 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH OCTOBER 31; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-898-7261 X356.

Escanaba in da Moonlight

Buck fever, Yooper style, eh? Deer season begins tomorrow in Upper Michigan (a.k.a. "U.P.," a.k.a "yooper"), and Reuben Soady's yet to bag a buck (Escanabans swear he's cursed and shield children's eyes when he passes on the street). To change his luck he'll have to break family rituals. He forgets, of course, that marble statues're the only thing more set in their ways than a Soady on Opening Day Eve. Clashes ensue, and religious epiphanies, and flatulence with restorative powers. Silly, testosterone-manic, and good-natured, Escanaba's a backcountry farce (imagine an extended parody of The Deer Hunter). Though some of the Yooper accents were hard to follow on opening night, Manny Fernandes and Kenny Taylor, as Remnar and Reuben Soady, struck a deft combination of humor and angst. Sean Murray's done first-

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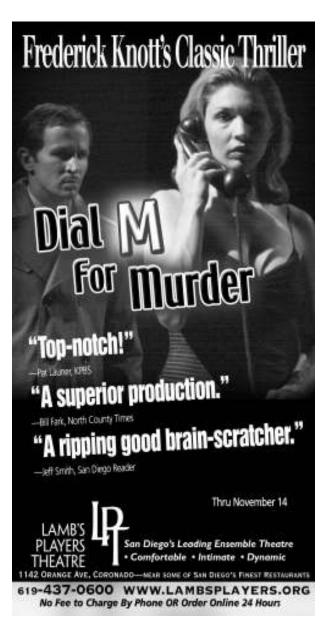
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rate double duty again. His direction is crisp and his scenic design, the cluttered interior of a deer camp cabin, looks authentic. There are times, as when the Soadys crank the Jimmer's (a hilarious J. Michael Ross) legs like a bellows to produce — but this might be more information than you want....let's just say times when an audience might want to distance itself from the stage. But George Ye's sound design permits no escape. He surrounds the audience with eerie noises: some human, some automotive, many animal, and some — da troot. I swear — of unknown, possibly extraterrestrial origin.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY, 6663 EL CAION BOULEVARD COLLEGE AREA THROUGH NOVEMBER 7; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525, X3.

Fiction

Linda and Michael Waterman are successful writers. During all their years of marriage, each has kept a private record: she a diary, he a journal (they also, small world, used the same woman as a muse). Suddenly she has three weeks to live and wants to read his journal. He can read her diary after she dies. The play's more interesting theoretically than dramatically. Can a diary be another "fiction"? The play could resonate if Linda, Michael, and their muse Abby, had lives below the neck. But they're more parts of a formalist pattern of ironies than people. Fiction might work, and has elsewhere apparently, if the Old Globe production gave it the equivalent of a Bad Hair Day. Instead, the Globe gives it a slick surface and surrounds every word with an aura of forgiveness. Nothing Linda or Michael can say or write about each other will weaken their eternal bond. The aura undercuts potential conflict. But both are cultural snobs who, if nothing else, should conflict with the audience. Nance Williamson and Kurt Rhoads, however, turn barbs into polished literary banter. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 31: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255

Fit to Be Tied

Diversionary presents Nicky Silver's "over-the-top holiday comedy." Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed.

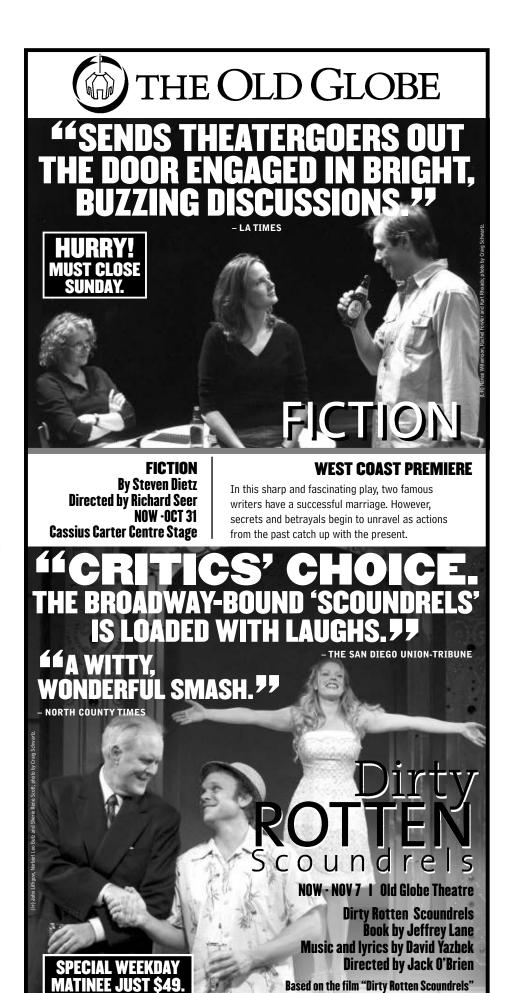
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. THROUGH DECEMBER 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

The Goat, or Who Is Sylvia?

The San Diego Repertory Theatre stages Edward Albee's bizarre comedy about a man who falls in love with a goat. No. You don't under stand: he really loves that goat. Sam Woodhouse directed. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29. THROUGH NOVEMBER 21: SUNDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

Goodnight, Desdemona

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Grassroots Greeks: Aiax

The extremely popular series of Greek play readings now has a new location: El Centro Cultural de la Raza. To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, Linda Castro and David Cohen offer staged readings The approach is refreshing. There's no attempt at polished work or choices set in granite. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal, the threshold of exploration. There's some movement, a suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free, though donations are appreciated. Next reading:Ajax. Worth a try.

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Habeas Corpus

South Coast Repertory presents Alan Bennett's "farce without doors" about a doctor's lust for his patient, who prefers his son, and

the doctor's wife looks elsewhere as well. Bill Rauch directed. SEGERSTROM STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWN CEN-TER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH NOVEMBER 21: TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555

The Heidi Chronicles

Poway Performing Arts Company stages Wendy Wasserstein's comedy-drama about Heidi Holland's attempt to "find her bearings in an ever-changing world."
POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, 13250 POWAY ROAD (IN THE LIVELY CENTER). THROUGH NOVEMBER 7: FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

One of the longest-running shows in Off-Broadway history, Perfectcovers the zodiac of relationships, starting with a first date ("Will I be a date from hell?"), through the singles scene ("Single Man Drought"), to marriage, children, even a funeral. Along the way a San Quentin con scares a timid couple into taking the Big Step ("You gotta compromise a little, you dickheads!"), and Rose Ritz tells the truth for her dating service videotape. Theatre in Old Town's engaging production features a four-person cast. They have the smarts not to push for 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.



The Goat, or Who Is Sylvia?

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, THROUGH JAN-UARY 2: 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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Jersey Boys

Reviewed this issue. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, UCSD, THROUGH DECEMBER 5: TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010

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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-therod school. The concept doesn't sound like much. The sister is substituting (it's the regular 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 DECEMBER 16; MONDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 949-497-2787.

Les Miserables

Jean Valjean, the fugitive, is back in town, chased once again by selfrighteous Inspector Javert. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 202 C STREET, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OC-TOBER 31: THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M.. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M., SUNDAY AT 6:30 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. 619-570-1100.

Macbeth

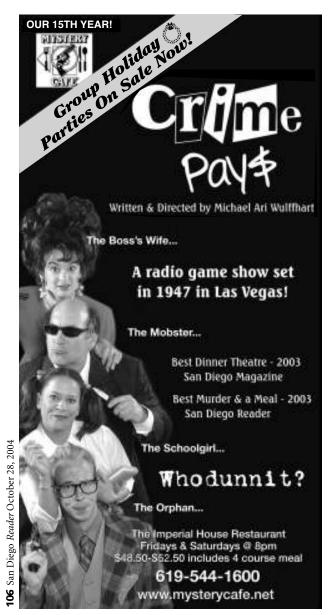
Richard Baird's burly-voiced Macbeth struts and frets and seems to carry Hamlet inside of him. Only Macbeth's growing madness isn't feigned, nor — in some of Baird's most striking moments — is his eerie calm before confronting Macduff. Though his facial expressions tend to overexplain the lines, Baird gives an intelligent, full-bodied, compelling reading as the famed misreader of signs and portents. The Poor Players stage the Scottish play in shadows and modern dress: black fatigues, uniforms, and berets, the soldiers carrying assault weapons. But no one in the cast approaches Baird's achievement, Beth Everhart's Lady Macbeth is well spoken but lacks the force of will to win the epic clash with her husband over the taking of human life. Brian Taraz's tame Macduff rarely gets above a whisper. And Nick

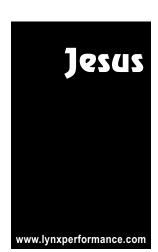
Kennedy performs Malcolm with slow, mannered, ultimately annoying speeches, as if in a different production. The ensemble work on opening night felt underrehearsed. the timing was consistently off, and the pace lagged whenever Baird was offstage. But when he was on, and Macbeth's ambition wrestled with his conscience, something primal this way came.

ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE PER-FORMING ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS. THROUGH NOVEM-BER 14; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-584-3593

Mrs. Farnsworth

'A suburban lady of a certain age," Mrs. Farnsworth's conflicted: she wants to write a tell-all novel but won't name names. So she brings her writer's block to English 124 and tells the story of Emily (who sounds a lot like Mrs. F.) and Miles, a Yale undergrad "with a slight alcohol problem," who impregnated her and paid for an abortion (guess which current American president Miles might be?). Thanks to its subject — one of a handful of plays to lambaste the Bush administration directly and performances by Sigourney Weaver and John Lithgow, A.R. Gurney's comedy has been an off-Broadway hit. But Gurney pulls more punches than he lands (and pulls the plug, changing focus during the 90-minute piece). Compared to Michael Moore's Farenheit 9/11, Farnsworth's mild stuff. The Laterthanever production made two wise moves, casting Jim Chovik and Rosina Reynolds. He plays Mr. Farnsworth, who appears conservative and then, owing to contrived writing and adept acting, blurs the stereotype. Reynolds gives Mrs. F. layers not found in the text,









ARK CENTER, 3554 KETTNER BOULE-VARD, MIDDLETOWN, THROUGH OCTO-BER 31; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 866-811-4111.

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 Terri-ble 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 Garv Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians

played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-

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COMMUNITY ACTOR'S THEATRE, 2957 54TH STREET, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391.

San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add com-

petitive 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 sugges tions 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 the ater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art." Worth a try.

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Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While

patrons sip a house blend -"Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever* Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd

quit trumping up the pseudodrama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Worth a try.

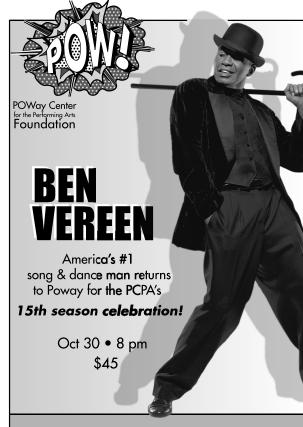
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"It was a horrible summer for concerts."

Ray Johnson, general manager of 4th & B, was repeating what

Arguably, no local show illustrated the concert industry's giant sucking sound as clearly as last week's show by RCA country artist Andy Griggs at 4th & B. Griggs is known for two national country hits, "You Won't Ever Be Lonely" and "She Thinks She Needs Me." "As of Friday [six days

the inside track

representatives of House of Blues Concerts, Fineline Entertainment, and SOMA have all said: the summer of 2004 was a washout for local concert ticket sales.

San Diego was not alone. The Wall Street Journal reported a national blight as tours were canceled (Lollapalooza), downsized (Norah Jones, Gloria Estefan), or were money losers (Kiss). The WSJ suggested that high ticket prices were the biggest cause for the downturn.

before Griggs's October 21 show at 4th & B] they had sold less than 100 tickets,' said KSON music director John Marks. (4th & B holds 1400 people.) "Initially, 4th & B contacted [KSON country music competitor] KUSS 95.7 to help them with the show. They [4th & B] had concerns about the promotional support they were getting from 95.7, so they came to us. KUSS was replaced by

Marks said 4th & B gave KSON the \$13 Andy Griggs

tickets for free to give away at KSON's "Country Fest" held Saturday, October 16, at the Lakeside Rodeo Grounds. That event featured live shows by Phil Vassar and Steve Holy, two midlevel country artists who, like Griggs, have had a couple of national hits. Tickets for KSON's Country Fest were \$5, free for kids under 12. The lower ticket price paid off. "We had 7000 people there," said Marks.

"It's tough to get people out to see a show," said Marks. "We rented out the fairgrounds and hired the bands and paid for all expenses and charged just \$5 to make sure we could give our listeners an event the whole family could afford to go to."

"It's called papering the house," Marks said, referring to the industry term for giving away tickets in order to get drinking customers in the door. He said 600 KSON Country Fest fans ended up with Andy Griggs tickets (which is how many a 4th & B spokesperson said showed up at his concert on October

4th & B's general manager Johnson said his decision to take the show away from

KUSS and give it to KSON 'was a business decision.... If we would have canceled the show outright, we would have lost the deposit [usually 50 percent of the headliner's guarantee]. Plus there is a certain amount of good will you have to establish with your patrons."

— Ken Leighton

"I was furious," says Candve Kane about her rejection on the upcoming VH1 show Celebrity Fit. "They wasted my time and they are ageist.'

Kane claims she was bumped off the show that shows beefy "B-list celebrities" (as she termed them) competing to lose weight.

"After several interviews with VH1 and glowing compliments from

the execs at the show, I was asked my age. The producers decided to pass on me because at 40, I am over the

age considered fashionable for VH1 viewers."

Kane, a former porn star, says she currently weighs in at 240.

"The idea was that a Marine drill instructor type would yell at you and tell you to do sit-ups and stuff like that. The show would have eight to ten people, and they would be divided into teams. I knew the whole premise was size-ist, but I could have used the exposure on VH1, and the money was huge.

Kane begins recording her seventh CD, White Trash



CANDYE SAYS 40+ IS A DEFICIT FOR VH1

Girl, next month in Austin. 'They paid each person \$50,000, and whichever team won would get extra money. Besides, do I want to lose weight? Sure. For my health."

Laurie D. Muslow, who helped book the talent for Celebrity Fit, said Kane's age did not cost her a slot on the

"That's not true.... There are other people on the show who are older than her." Muslow would not say who they were.

"That's not what they told me," said Kane. "They told me that they liked me but that VH1's median age was

Kane is noted for being a provocative TV guest. She has appeared on shows hosted by Roseanne Barr, Oueen Latifah, and Penn and Teller.

A call to VH1's L.A. offices was not returned. Celebrity Fit debuts in early 2005.

— Ken Leighton

For reasons that have not been disclosed,

Tim Pyles, the longtime host of the 91X local music show Loudspeaker, has left Clear Channel. His last show was October 17.

Pyles had been a full-time employee for Clear Channel.

Al Guerra, Pyles's partner on Loudspeaker, said he would continue hosting the show on his own. Guerra said he had no comment on the





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matter. A call to 91X program director Jim Richards was not returned.

Pyles had been part of Loudspeaker, San Diego's longest-running local music show, for over five years.

Pyles still spins new CDs at "Test Site Tuesdays" in the evening at the Whistle Stop bar.

— Ken Leighton

Kill Bill Volume I starts with the **Nancy Sinatra song**

"Bang Bang," and that's the song she started her show with at the Belly Up Tavern on October 16. Nancy, 65, was wearing a leather vest with Vietnam patches on it. One said, "In memory of over 58,000 who never returned."

She asked if there was anyone in the crowd who was in the military. She called one guy to the stage, thanked him for his service, and gave him a yellow Lance Armstrong "Live Strong" wristband. She then held the microphone to him, and he said, "No, no, no." She said, "I didn't want

you to sing, dodo. I just want to know what branch of the military you're in."

She signed her new CD after the show. One man told her he was a Vietnam vet, and he thanked her for everything she's done. Another guy had her sign the *Playboy* she was on the cover of in 1995 (at age 55).

I bought her new CD,



A LIBERAL SINATRA STILL SINGS FOR SOLDIERS AT 65

which has songs written for her by Morrissey, Pete Yorn, Thurston Moore of Sonic Youth, Steven Van Zandt, and U2.

As she was signing it, I asked her what she felt about the war in Iraq. She said, "I

don't like it. I don't like it at

I asked her what she thought of President Bush, and there was a long silence. She looked up and said, "I'm not happy. But I don't really want to talk about that."

I then told her I missed her show at Humphrey's a year ago, so I was glad she came back so soon. She responded, "Well, it looks like everyone else missed this show [there were fewer than 200 in attendance]. Maybe this show was a secret, I don't know."

— Josh Board

"I do synth-pop, techno, and trance [musical tracks]. I use

synthesizer sequencer programs called Fruity Loops, Orion Pro, and Rebirth."

Tony Reed admits some acoustic musicians sniff when he shows up to openmike nights with a keyboard and a laptop.

"Some people say there is no soul in electronics, and I would argue completely the opposite. There is just as much soul in a drum machine as there is in a piece of plastic with some hide stretched over it.'

He's also heard that he's not a real musician.

"It's preprogrammed, yes, but I've played every note of

Reed is the manager of

the Flower Hill movie complex in Del Mar. He said his one and only paid musical gig was an accident.

"It was at the Humboldt County State Fair four months ago. We used to live there. I helped put my wife through college. I was at the



REED PREFERS FRUITY LOOPS TO ANIMAL HIDE

state fair doing my clown gig, making balloons on stilts. They had an act that canceled, so they hired my one-man show. I got

Tony Reed appears 9 p.m. Tuesday at R.T.'s Longboard Grill in Pacific Beach; free admission.

— Ken Leighton

Local clarinet player Stephen Lowell

Spencer spent much of his time over the past four years playing with the Mississippi Queen steamboat band. On September 30, while bound from Davenport to the Port of Burlington, Iowa, the 54-year-old finished his last set with the band around 11 a.m. and went to his cabin, saying he planned to sleep all day. When he didn't show up for lunch the next afternoon, crewmembers checked his cabin and found him lying dead on the floor.

Burlington police officers were waiting at the port when the ship arrived about 8 p.m. Witnesses told the Hawk Eye newspaper that after the ship's gangplank was set, passengers and crewmembers lit candles and gathered at the bow to offer silent tribute to the popular player as his body was taken off in a stretcher.

"There was no foul play. He had a massive heart attack, probably in the late morning or early afternoon," says the medical examiner for Des Moines and Lee Counties, Eugenio Torres. "He told others he wasn't feeling well.... He was also diabetic, which it seems nobody [on the ship] was aware of.

Spencer's body was returned to San Diego for burial.

— Jay Allen Sanford

"I'm one in a million.... Anyone who tweaked for 15 years...there's really no way they would be alive today.

Jeff Turk, 38, hasn't done crystal meth since he went to jail in 1997. After he got out he worked construction and restaurant jobs. Then he found his groove, hosting comedy nights.

His most requested bit is "The Sketchin' Pad Song." Sung to the tune of *The* Beverly Hillbillies theme, it shamelessly outlines the life of a tweaker.

"Come listen to a story



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"I wrote it while I was in the hole [solitary confinement] at the George Bailey Detention Facility.... I started selling and using coke in 1982 when I was in high school. From 1988 to 1997 I used crystal meth every day, drank a bottle of 1800 Cuervo tequila, and smoked at least an ounce of high-grade pot."

"Well, the next thing you know everybody's flying high / Feelin' bulletproof like we're never gonna die / Playin' guitar and tearin' shit apart / Never seem to finish a fucking thing we start / Tweakin', that is, sidetracked, brainwashed."

"I got busted for having a loaded gun and possession of meth. I was looking at ten years in prison, because they had just passed a law that said if you are busted with a weapon and possession of meth, you had to serve a mandatory ten years. My lawyer found out they passed the law one day after my bust. I missed ten years by one day. My life would have been over. I would have been in jail until I was almost 50. I ended up getting out after one year."

When he got out his employment possibilities were limited.

"If you are a convict, nobody will hire you. You have to work construction. That's where all the convicts are. That's why you see so many construction workers

with tattoos on their necks and faces. And restaurants don't check to see if you've had any felonies."

Turk runs music-andcomedy nights every Tuesday at Squid Joe's in Carlsbad and

Thursdays at the Flying Bridge in Oceanside.

— Ken Leighton

"A lot of women were throwing themselves at him," a

friend of mine said about DJ Icey's set at L5 during the wee hours of Sunday morning, October 17.

Icey was in San Diego from Orlando, Florida; his

on workers

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DJ ICEY ALLEGEDLY FROTHS UP THE WOMEN

new CD, *For the Love of the Beat*, was released last April. "They were all over him,

if possible."

"How so?"

"Dancing in front of him, touching him, yelling things like, 'I love you, DJ Icey!'
They were also taking their shirts off and throwing the shirts at him, stuff like that. I also met his girl."

"Was she angry or jealous

that these women were vying for his attention?" I asked.

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: VARIOUS CLUBS/BARS

THIS DJ DOES IT

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"Nah, she knows the life."
"Things are usually cool
here," an L5 doorman later
told me. "The only problem
we had the night Icey was
spinning was a drunk we had
to toss out."

— Michael Hemmingson

Hundreds of props seen on the set of

MTV's Real World: San Diego were auctioned on eBay. Here's what people were paying:

Custom coffee table with seashells embedded in clear fiberglass top (\$325 top bid), an Ikea surfboard-shaped desk (\$182.50), and the Olhausen pool table seen on the exterior patio (\$1225.00). That bronze sunburst mirror

seen in Robin and Frankie's room was bid up to \$122.50, while the photo next to it showing palm trees and a hammock closed at \$56.

BATTLE OF THE SEXES: PT. 7

NOT ROCK, IT

CRAP.

LIKE STARGAT

A Sector Nine skateboard attracted eight bids, topping out at \$61, even though it had no wheels or hardware and had been nailed to an entry door as set decoration. The blue surfboard-shaped rug seen in the main bathroom gazebo (the one with no door!) drew 19 bids totaling \$202.50.

The "confessional door" (minimum bid \$250) had not received any bids, nor had the large *House of the Pirates Cove* oil painting by Nathan Horner (\$4500 minimum).

Profits from the auctions will be donated to the San Diego Film Commission

Foundation, which ran the auction listings. Object descriptions close with the caveat: "Item was used as a prop or furnishing in the TV series documenting the lives of seven strangers and may show normal wear and tear from the six-month period of filming."

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

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BUT IT'S HARD TO TAKE .

BACKSEAT TO DVDS AND

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That includes the used bathroom surfboard rug, so no complaining about the smell.

— Iav Allen Sanford

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"For each set they would hand-stitch a homemade mask — he would sew the mask to his face."

MICHAEL HEMMINGSON

oud, very loud. That's the first thing most people will say when asked, "So how is that San Diego four-piece, Die Princess Die?" They're no boy band, that's for sure. Their self-titled CD is now out from local Cut Lips

Records. Die Princess Die consists of Pete Cechvala on guitar/vocals, Bryce Martin on guitar/vocals, Ely Morgan on bass, and Danny Harmon on

The subject of music and dreams comes up. "I hear music in my dreams, but rarely do I play," said Pete. "Once I did dream of a pink pony and a yellow pony. The two of them were under an oak tree in the middle of a green open field. I remember the air was very fresh with just the slightest breeze rolling in. It was midday; the sun was shining bright but the air was cool. It was a great day to be outside. The leaves of the oak tree as well as nearby trees had started to turn orange. Now and then you could see a few leaves fall from the tree as the breeze scattered them throughout the field. The pink pony and the yellow pony were very friendly and seemed to have a close relationship. From what I could make out, it appeared that they were making love. I remember yellow being very gentle with pink, but pink was a bit feisty. While they were making love the song 'Sounds of Silence' by Simon & Garfunkel played very softly. I just remember watching them and enjoying the

"I don't remember my dreams — I generally fall asleep by blacking out," says Danny. "I have been daydreaming a lot though...

TRICKIEST MUSICAL PROBLEM?

Pete "I can't ever seem to get the amp loud enough. I've played Hiwatts, Fenders, Marhalls, Sunns...but nothing has yet come close to what I'm looking for.

Ely "Not spilling my beer onstage."

Bryce "When my stuff gets un-

plugged, I get confused and have no idea what is going on, like

usual. Everything just seems loud. Sometimes I just keep playing without realizing that there is no sound coming out of my amp.

Danny "I just recently started using drum triggers. The introduction of electric equipment for me is a whole new realm of problems. Little details like having an outlet within reach or an extra cord when the one I brought suddenly isn't working — I've never had to think about this stuff before. Also it's more stuff for me to forget...I am always the guy that leaves behind something, like my drum stool or kick drum pedal, now I have to remember all the little adaptors and stuff for this new setup...but when it's all together it brings a great new ingredient to the sound."

MOST MEMORABLE SHOW OR EN-**COUNTER WITH FANS?**

Ely "I would have to say Las Vegas — all I remember is that when we woke up the next morning, the van door was wide open, and we were surrounded by puke, piss, and broken

Bryce "Probably the one in Michigan where some guy wanted to fight Pete in front of his

Pete "That would probably have to be 'Stitch.' A kid we met on tour. We played with his band,



Bryce Martin and Pete Cechvala

which consisted of four guys, each with their own special name. Chaos was the lead singer while Stitch played drums. Stitch was something else. He was probably 16 or 17 years old, and for each one of their sets, they would hand-stitch a homemade mask — he would actually sew the mask to his face."

Danny "I always enjoy playing smaller places where drunken patrons ask if they can 'jam out' on my kit before the set or start rapping on the mike to my beats. In my last band a really drunk dude in Olympia, Washington, turned a latenight, lackluster show into a Marvin Gaye tribute

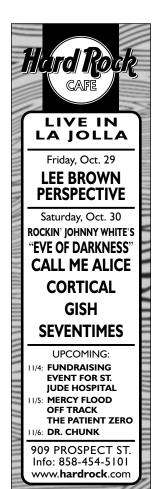
LIST OF INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT? Ely "Ampeg SVT solid-state full stack, Turbo Rat, Holy Grail reverb, Line 6 delay, Boss Loop Station.

Pete "Fender and inexpensive Japanese-made guitars, Musicman 150-watt head with a 200-watt Sunn Concert slave amp powering a full stack consisting of a Hiwatt 4x12 and a Mar-

Bryce "Old Fenders and an older Musicman head.'

Danny "A white Pearl Export kit with a matching vintage Remo snare, cheap and/or borrowed mismatched hardware, Zildjian cymbals (including a vintage Turkish 22" ride with only 'mild key-holing'), and a Roland acoustic kick trigger with a Roland V-Drum TD3 module played through either a bass amp or direct into the PA, depending on the show."













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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

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Steel Pulse *[730]* and **Southland:** 4th & B, Thursday, October 28, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

The Misfits [497], Agent Orange [195], the Millionaires [416], and the Creepy **Creeps:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, October 29, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Interpol, Secret Machines, and On Air Library: SOMA, Friday, October 29, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

SATURDAY

Kenny Wayne Shepherd [938]: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, October 30, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Roots [267]: 4th & B, Saturday, October 30, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Five for Fighting [225] and Keaton Simons: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, October 30, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Sleepytime Gorilla Museum, Bunky [251], the Long and Short of It, and Viscus Edo: The Casbah, Saturday, October 30, 10 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Terri Hendrix and **Lloyd Maines:** Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, October 30, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

SUNDAY

Good Charlotte and **Sum 41** [*188*]: RIMAC Arena, Sunday,
October 31, 7 p.m., UCSD campus, La
Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Alejandra Guzman [431]: 4th & B, Sunday, October 31, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

They're young; they're well dressed. They play dark, atmospheric music with delicate guitar parts giving way to bursts of high drama. They've got a vocalist who conveys emotion best by holding it back. A lot of bands over the past 25 years have tried to do something similar, but this band is particularly good at it. In short, what's not to like about **Interpol**?

I thought I had an answer to that question after hearing *Turn on the Bright Lights*, the New York City band's much-hyped 2002 debut album. I'll boil it down to this: I already have a collection of Joy Division records and I don't need a soundalike, thank you. But

after hearing Interpol's new follow-up, *Antics*, I'm not so smug. In fact, I'm almost won over.

This is the kind of band that attracts a devoted following among young people with a lot of black in their wardrobe, and *Antics* is the kind of album those people won't be embarrassed to listen to when they grow up.

Interpol singer **Paul Banks** still sounds like Joy Division's tragic lan Curtis, although less so than he did on *Bright Lights*. But Interpol has tightened up its songwrit-

ing this time around: atmosphere is now a means to an end, rather than an end in itself. It used to bother me that Banks's lyrics were about love rather than something as dark as the music, like Curtis's tales of existential angst. But Interpol tackles their new material with a sense of authority; this



is their sound, and they can do with it whatever they want.

Secret Machines and On Air Library also perform.

INTERPOL, Soma, Friday, October 29, 7 p.m. 619-226-7662. \$18.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

NOVEMBER

Glen Campbell [767]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, November 4, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Juliette Lewis & the Licks and Vice Versa: The Casbah, Thursday, November 4, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or **Peter Lang:** Dizzy's, Thursday, November 4, 7:30 p.m., 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467.

Bela Fleck & the

Flecktones [674]: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, November 5, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Mindy Smith [603], Tift Merritt, and Garrison Stamm: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, November 6, 8:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Strawbs: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, November 6, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

George Winston [771]: La Paloma Theatre, Sunday, November 7,

7:30 p.m., 471 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-436-7469.

Putumayo Latinas: Mandeville Auditorium, Sunday, November 7, 8 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Diana Ross: Civic Theatre, Tuesday, November 9, Third Avenue at B Street, San Diego. 619-570-1100 or 619-220-8497.

And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead: Brick by Brick, Wednesday, November 10, 8 p.m., 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

Guided by Voices [120] and **Tommy Keene:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, November 11, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or

Tracy Grammer: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, November 11, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Bad Religion *[226]*: SOMA, Friday, November 12, 7:30 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Tristeza [300] and **Arabella Harrison:** The Casbah, Friday, November 12, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Super Diamond: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, November 12, and Saturday, November 13, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Gov't Mule: 4th & B, Saturday, November 13, 9 p.m., 345 B Street,

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downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Hot Club of Cowtown:

California Center for the Arts, Saturday, November 13, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The Derailers [768] and the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash [761]: The Casbah, Saturday, November 13, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355

Les Savy Fav [575] and **Cobra High:** The Casbah, Sunday, November 14, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Le Tigre [164], Lesbians of Ecstasy, and Willpower: SOMA, Monday, November 15, 7 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lobos [404]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Switchfoot [103], the Format, and Honorary Title: Spreckels Theatre, Thursday, November 18, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Chaka Khan: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, November 19, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Boney James: 4th & B, Friday, November 19, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Cramps [175], the Dead Billys, and Texas Terri Bomb: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, November 19, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Avril Lavigne [259] and Butch Walker: Cox Arena, Saturday, November 20, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Alejandro Fernandez [880]: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, November 20, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Green Day [265]: Cox Arena, Sunday, November 21, 6:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

B.B. King [935]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Sunday, November 21, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Blonde Redhead [253] and the Liars: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Monday, November 22, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Scorpions [475], **Tesla** [244], and the **Keith Emerson Band:** Cox Arena, Tuesday, November 23,

7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Metallica [275] and Godsmack [279]: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, November 24, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

"A Peter White Christmas" featuring Mindi Abair and Rick Braun [654]: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, November 26, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-230-8497

Bruce Hornsby [523] and Sonia Dada [477]: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, November 27, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Jim Brickman [862]: Copley Symphony Hall, Saturday, November 27, 8 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

DECEMBER

Kenny Loggins *[536]*: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, December 2, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Neko Case and the **Sadies** [282]: Brick by Brick, Sunday, December 5, 8 p.m., 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

Pinback [398]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, December 5, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Paul Anka [609]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, December 10, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Pedro the Lion [123]: The Casbah, Friday, December 10, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Mike Watt & the

Secondmen [140]: The Casbah, Saturday, December 11, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Joseph Arthur [533]: The Epicentre, Sunday, December 12, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000 or 619-220-8497.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Copley Symphony Hall, Wednesday, December 22, 7:30 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

Joe Satriani [459]: 4th & B, Tuesday, December 28, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli [270]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, December 29, and Thursday, December 30, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

moe. [564]: Cox Arena, Friday, December 31, and Saturday, January 1, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

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EXTENSION 4002

ALTERNATIVE

The Able-Minded Poets: Voz Alta Agent Orange [195]: 'Canes And the Hero Fails: Brick By Brick **The Apocalypse Dudes:** The Kensington Club

The Biddy Bums: Triple Crown Pub The Big Choke Allstars:

The Big Provider: Lestat's

Born Tonight: Brick By Brick Bunky [251]: The Casbah

Call Me Alice [149]: Hard Rock Cafe (La Iolla)

Change Up: The Jumping Turtle Changing Names: Brick By Brick

Cheeky October: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company Cheva: Brick By Brick

Citizen Cope: The Casbah Clay Colton: Tom Giblin's Irish Pub

staurant Corten: Blind Melons

Cortical: Hard Rock Cafe (La Iolla) The Creepy Creeps: 'Canes Death Cab for Cutie [392]: Soma

Destruction Made Simple: Soma

Die September: Brick By Brick Dogmatic [248]: Brick By Brick **Dynamite Boy:** Soma

Erase the Day: Brick By Brick

Fith: The Jumping Turtle Five for Fighting [225]: Belly Up

Flame & Glorious: Dreamstreet Genix: Brick By Brick

Helmet: The Cashah Hialeah: The Kensington Club

His Irate Life: Brick By Brick The Hot Snakes: The Casbah Hvde: Dreamstreet

Interpol: Soma Jack the Original: Twiggs Tea and

Last Advent: Epicentre

Like Warrior Poets: Dreamstreet The Living Dead: Dreamstreet Lucky Boys Confusion: Soma

The Mickeys: Dreamstreet Misty & the Moby's: Pounder's Mop Level 4: Dreamstreet

Mr. Airplane Man: The Casbah

Mylie: Blind Melons Netzer: Epicentre

Not Since Reagan: Winstons

Now It's Overhead: Epicentre On-Air Library: Soma

One Theory: Brick By Brick Otis Turbine: Dreamstreet Outline: Epicentre

The Parker Theory [264]: 'Canes Pretty Girls Make Graves: Soma

Psycho Queen: Brick By Brick Rilo Kilev: Epicentre Rivondell: 'Canes

The Roots /267/: 4th & B

The Saturday Mourning Band:

Scar'd Sanity: The Jumping Turtle Seven to One: The Jumping Turtle Seventimes: Hard Rock Cafe (La

Ziggy Shuffledust and the Spiders from Mars: 4th & B

Six-Foot Death Trap: Brick By

Sleepytime Gorilla Museum: The

Slug Face: Dreamstreet Spade: Epicentre

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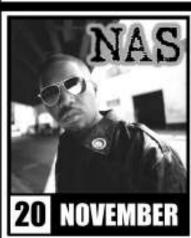




















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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Altered Time [514]: The Jumping Turtle

The Army of Freshmen: Soma Bad Credit: Blarney Stone Pub

Cathryn Beeks [507]: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Johnny Blackwell: Dreamstreet Blind Date: The Manhattan Lounge Booby Trap: Brick By Brick

Brax: The Ould Sod

The Lee Brown Perspective: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

The Buzz Bombs: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Cilantro: Squid Joe's

Closer to Recovery: Epicentre

Cold Fire: Cheers

The Detroit Underground: Humphrey's

The Duotones: The Calypso Cafe
The Electric Waste Band:

Winstons

The Evil Twins: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

Fish & the Seaweeds: Coyote Bar and Grill

Footloose: The Bailey Barbecue Restaurant and Bar

4-Sale: Surf N'Saddle

Full Xposure: Dirk's Niteclub Funk U: Moondoggies G-Blasian: Longshot Saloon

Mike Gardner: Cheers

Giant Sand: The Casbah Gish: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 4th

The Griffith Project: Blind Melons
Alejandra Guzman [431]: 4th & B

The Handsome Family: The

The Hearts of Heroes: Brick By

Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort

The High-Strung Ramblers: Tio

Leo's Lounge

Holly Golightly: The Casbah

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's

Mark Huettman: Brick By Brick

Inside Out: Viejas Casino **Instruction:** The Casbah

The Jackson 3 [495]: Carvers

Jet City: Fannie's

Jumpstart: Island Sports & Spirits

KBZ: Dreamstreet

Knock 'em Stiff: The Jumping

The Kobbs: The Casbah

Larger Than Leon: Blarney Stone

Pub

Leftover Crack: Soma



BY DAVE GOOD

In 1992, Jim Gundlach, a University of Alabama sociologist, published the results of what he termed an "accidental research project." The Gundlach study put forth that is the suicidal tendencies. He chalked it up to what he called the "downer quality" of the music. Gundlach now says this is no longer the case: that country music of a decade ago was darker than country music of today. Still, his old research paper netted him an Ig Nobel Award this month — Ig Nobels being a lampoon of the Nobel Prize.

I'd like to get **Terri Hendrix**'s take on the subject of country music and suicide. Home-based in San Marcos, Texas, Hendrix is an emerging indie country artist with six CDs to her credit. It's hard to imagine listening to

Hendrix with one's head in the oven — her songs are positively upbeat and as tight-knit as a crossword puzzle. A review of her current album, *The Art of Removing Wallpaper*, said to be her most personal yet, reveals a straightforward interest in subjects like love, cancer, breakdowns, and religion. There is a naïve texture to her voice, not yet tarnished by the trauma of smoke-filled bars, and I like that. She dilutes her country with blues, jazz, folk, reggae, gospel, and even rap there's an LL Cool J cover

(it's been done by other folkies previously) that Hendrix deconstructs and manages to feminize

Hendrix's press handout says she walked away from an opera scholarship and paid for guitar lessons by milking goats. She is part of the record industry's growing concern: she owns her own label and sells her records via the Internet. She doesn't need airplay to turn the nut. I detect clear-headed



business smarts when she sings these words about broadcast conglomerate Clear Channel: "There ain't no clear channel / clear channel it's clear to see / one choice takes the voice / from individuality."

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The Long & Short of It: The

Los Tres Sapos: The Calypso Cafe

Love & Violence: Brick By Brick

Manic Hispanic: Soma
MC Funk: Dreamstreet

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The Millionaires [416]: 'Canes The Misfits [497]: 'Canes

Modessa [537]: Dreamstreet

The Monsters: Etta's Place

Sue Moreno & the C.C. Jerone Trio: Tio Leo's Lounge

Nectarine [457]: Tiki House

Omar & the Swing Poppers: Tio Leo's Lounge

Panic in the Streets: Epicentre

The Pine Mountain Logs: Belly Up

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last

Raw Candy: Belly Up Tavern Remedy Motel: Surf N'Saddle

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Stiletto Silhouette: Epicentre

The Stilettos: Second Wind (Santee)

Taz Taylor: Brick By Brick 3 Against 1 [456]: 'Canes

3 EZ Pieces: The Kraken

Through These Eyes: Epicentre Tommy Homicide: The Jumping

The Transit War: Brick By Brick Triple X: Second Wind (San Carlos) Uglv: 'Canes

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EXTENSION 4004

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POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise Crush: Jimmy Love's

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The New Breed Band: Dick's Last Jack Pollack: Elario's Bistro & Sky

The Ratz Pack: La Scala Dean Paul Ratzman: T.D. Hays Bar

& Restaurant Rising Star: Humphrey's

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits

Roz & the Wrecking Crew: Jimmy

Wilson & Sills: Martini's Bar & Grill

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar The Ray Barrie Big Band: The

Blue Largo [636]: Coyote Bar and

Breez'n: 5ifth Otr.

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado John Cain [703]: Hotel del

The Jorge Camberos Quintet:

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze The Karin Carson Trio: Cafe Cerise Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Jo Dark: The German-American

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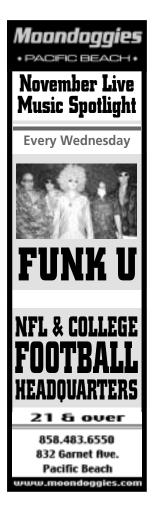
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Album Name: Momentum (2004)

Artist: Lewis Label: Lewismusic

Songs: 1) Whatever Happened 2) Train My Brain 3) San Jose 4) Down Time 5) Wonderin' Why 6) Elements 7) Feelin' Silent 8) Wait 9) Summer Rain 10) Gone Too Far 11) Watch the Sea Price/Where Available: The \$10 CD can be purchased

through the website if you send an e-mail request.

Band Members: Matt Call (lead vocal, quitar), Craig Sowby

(drums, vocals), Jeremy Kumik (bass, vocals)

Extra Info: Lewis is currently on the road. When in town, the band can be seen at Blind Melons and the Hot Monkey Love Café.

Website: www.lewismusic.net

Three-piece alt-rock band Lewis specializes in popsoul acoustic melodies fronted with tender male vocals, but there isn't a lot to distinguish Lewis from

other bands on the radio. Upbeat tracks like "Wonderin' Why" and "Summer Rain" prove to be Lewis' best efforts.

The song "San Jose" has

lead vocalist Matt Call fiercely emoting half-baked sentiments. "If I was to go / would you even know / and would you cry tomorrow if I was gone / If you want me around / you gotta make a sound / 'cause this time, I want you to fight for me." The group's passivity is manifest in the lyrics.

There are a few catchy numbers, good on a fundamental level but too formulaic. "Whatever Happened" and "Elements" are perfect examples of songs with gimmicky hooks and overdone

Each cut sounds similar when vou're not really listening, and even more so when you are. The work is musically adept, but the melodies are uninteresting. Heavier guitar work in "Train My Brain" isn't so much a shout as it is a sigh. The song starts out with complexity



in layered guitar work, but it soon regresses into something shallow and empty. There's energy to the band's sound, but nothing meaningful supporting that vigor.

(To hear a sample of Momentum, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4260.)

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Faction-6: Tuesdays, elektroclash, indie, and synthpop with DJs B-czar, Talbot, and NarcoLept. No cover. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, booty bass, and reggae. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-9393. Hands on Wax: Thursdays, house, hip-hop, and downtempo with DJs SK. Matsu, and Dylan Iones: live percussion by Ken. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Surf 'N' Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue downtown. 619-702-4455.

Musique: Every other Saturday, deep to disco with DJs Mateo and Billy O. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Seven-17, 717 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-232-4440.

One Nation: Second Saturday of the month, bootleg remixes, '80s classics, and hip-hop with DJs Bart Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, South Park. 619-284-6784.

Plum Loco Saloon: Thursdays, Latin Night with DJ Rick La Voz.

Fridays, hip-hop with DJ Lenny. Saturdays, old skool and hip-hop with DI Rick La Voz. Sundays, Regga Night with DJs Nico and Josh. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 2511 Sweetwater Road, National City. 619-475-7313.

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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love* Rangers, Top 40/pop.

Axis Martini Bar & Restaurant, 2010 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-5036, Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Billy Watson* jazz/blues.

The Bailey Barbecue Restaurant and Bar, corner of Main Street and A Street, Julian. 760-765-9957. Saturday, Footloose,

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South venue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Music is rock/pop/alternative. Friday, 8 p.m., the Pine Mountain Logs. Saturday,

9:15 p.m., Five for Fighting and Keaton Simons. Sunday, 8 p.m., Raw Candy.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Donnie* Finnell & Co. East, standards and light jazz.

The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos, 760-510-0004. Thursday, hip-hop/R&B. Friday, on the patio, 6 p.m., D.A. & the Hitmen, blues/rock. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, 4:30 p.m., the Stone Senses, reggae, 10 p.m., Dulce. Monday, 10 p.m., local bands. Tuesday, live hip-hop. Wednesday, country.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *60ne9*, classic rock.

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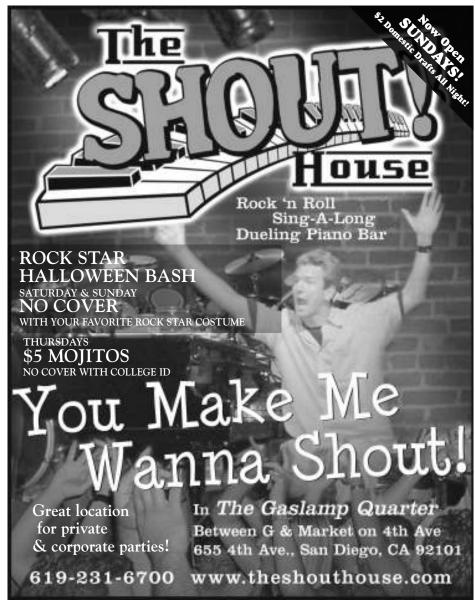
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Bub's Whiskey Dive. 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Saturday, D.A. & the Hitmen, rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Los Tres Sapos*. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, C.O.I., reggae. Sunday, the Duotones, surf music.

Le Petit Calypso: Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Flounders, acoustic/surf/rock.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *the Jackson* 3, rock.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, Cold Fire, classic rock, Sunday, Mike Gardner, acoustic rock. Wednesday, Coyote Moon, country.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Billy Watson, blues, Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Fish & the Seaweeds, rock. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Blue Largo, blues; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Ruby & the Red Hots*, dance blues. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Billy Watson, blues; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet*. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Johnny* "B" Blues.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, Change Up, the Starlight Wranglers, and Knock 'em Stiff. Friday, Altered Time, Scar'd Sanity, Fith, and Seven to One. Saturday, Whole Hog. the Screaming Yeehaws, and Tommy

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, 3 EZ Pieces, rock. Friday, Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors, blues, Saturday, Blues Brokers, blues. Sunday, Blues Brokers, blues. Monday, Charles Burton Blues Band.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, G-Blasian, rock, Saturday, 9 p.m., *Thin Will*, alternative rock.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday and Friday, live rock/alternative, Wednesday,

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside, 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., the California Rangers, country.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924 Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., John Foltz, acoustic folk/rock.

Pounders, 125 West Grand Avenue Escondido. 760-739-1288. Friday and Saturday, Misty & the Moby's,

Rancho Bernardo Inn. 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Monday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

Scalini, 3790 Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-259-9944. Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Sambajazz*, American and Brazilian jazz.

Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996. Friday, Rickshaw, Cilantro, the Shrines, and *Velvet Tongue*, alternative rock. Saturday, call club for information.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Remedy Motel*, rock. Saturday, 4-Sale, rock. Wednesday, open mike.

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Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Elliot Louis*, contemporary piano/vocals.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Friday, Corten, alternative. Saturday, the Griffith Project, rock. Sunday, Wonka Bar and Mylie, rock.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 3 Against 1, Valley of Visions, and Ugly. Friday, the Misfits, Agent Orange, the Millionaires, and Creepy Creeps. Saturday and Sunday, call club for information. Wednesday, Ugly, Rivondell, and the Parker Theory.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Charles Burton Blues Band*.

Daddio's Superior Bar & Grill, 4556 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-272-4656. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the* Blues Dusters, blues.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, Johnny Blackwell, Flame & Glorious, and the Big Choke Allstars. Friday, Mop Level 4, MC Funk, and Session. Saturday, Saturday Mourning Band, Hyde, Modessa, and the Living Dead. Sunday, Slug Face, Like Warrior Poets, and KBZ. Wednesday, Trifecta, Otis Turbine, and the Mickevs.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jack Pollack*, contemporary. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and

Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sean

McVicker.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Music is rock. Friday, the Lee Brown Perspective. Saturday, 9 p.m., Call Me Alice, Cortical, Gish, and Seventimes, modern rock/alternative.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Something*, rock. Saturday, *NZ Rough*, reggae. Sunday, *Uplift*, rock. Wednesday, *Cathryn Beeks*, acoustic/folk.

La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Kristi Murray and Ted Williams. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Ratz Pack, American classics.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross*, jazz.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Wednesday, *Funk U*.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, *Rick Ross*, jazz, piano, saxophone, and vocals. Friday through Wednesday, *Larry Fogel*, singer pianist.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, 8 p.m., cover bands, call club for information.

T.D. Hays Bar & Restaurant, 4315 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-270-6850. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Dean Paul Ratzman*, American

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *the Boogiemen*, R&B. Saturday, *Nectarine*, rock.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, Not Since Reagan, alternative rock. Friday, Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations, reggae. Saturday and Monday, the Electric Waste Band, classic rock. Sunday, call club for information.

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Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m., *David Timothy*

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bays. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Monday, *Sean O'Donnell* and *Allison Gayle*. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Larger Than Leon* or *Bad Credit*, rock.

The Blue Agave, 6608 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego. 619-521-3194. Call club for information.

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DRESS ➤ everyone seemed to be in jeans; a few polo shirts and a few T-shirts; on outdoor patio there were a few sweaters

DANCE FLOOR ➤ bartender says, "Sometimes we'll move a table or two if people want to dance; otherwise there isn't much space."

FIRE EXITS ➤ two from inside the

dining room (and I saw a fire extinguisher near the entrance and near the bathrooms)

BATHROOMS ➤ men's had two urinals and a stall with wheelchair access; women's had three stalls

(one with wheelchair access) and a baby-changing table; both were large, clean, and graffiti -free

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SPECIAL AREAS ➤ ten tables outside with large umbrellas; covered area with 14 tables (no smoking in that section)

FURNISHINGS ➤ outside there's a beautiful fountain where the band plays

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 108 when Elijah Clark did a cover of "The First Cut Is the Deepest"; 125 last week at Dream Street

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN
LAST MONTH ➤ Kemosabe
QUOTABLE ➤ "Why do fans at
the bar act like they are so into the
sporting event on TV? If they liked
that team so much, they'd be
watching at home, where they can
hear and see everything clearly."

This place has been here for two and a half years, and another bar is being built a few doors down. The bartender told me they close early on weeknights because things are dead on that street after 8:00 p.m. The only thing I saw on Main Street was a skateboarder jumping the curbs

I asked if they are busier when there's a show at the Performing Arts Center. The bartender said, "Oh, yeah. We usually will have a little rush before the performances, but not many people afterward."

I talked to a lady sitting with her friends. She said, "We come here once every few weeks. We love to sit by the fountain. And when they have bands play, it's usually good songs. We heard this guy [Elijah Clark] sing an Eagles song and a few others we knew. And it's not loud, so we can all talk and enjoy ourselves. One of my friends is mad they don't have karaoke, but I hate karaoke. It actually made me dislike songs like 'Crazy.' I got tired of hearing

- Josh Board

music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Mark Huettman and Taz Taylor. Friday, Erase the Day, Six-Foot Death Trap, Cheva, and Genix. Saturday, Die September, Changing Names, Dogmatic, Born Tonight, the Transit War, and And the Hero Fails. Sunday, Booby Trap, Love & Violence, and Psycho Queen. Wednesday, One Theory, the Hearts of Heroes, and History Life 1997.

Caffe Calabria, 3933 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-1759. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sue Palmer, Sharon Shufelt, and Deejha Marie, boogie-woogie/jazz.

Egyptian Tea Room, 4644 College Avenue, College Area. 619-265-7287. Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., *Pat Molley*, classical jazz/guitar. Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. All music is alternative/rock/heavy. Thursday, Netzer, Last Advent, Spade, and Outline. Friday, Rilo Kiley, Now It's Overhead, and Tilley & the Wall. Saturday, Closer to Recovery, Panic in the Streets, Through These Eyes, and Stilletto Silhouette.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, the Stampede Jam, open mike, classic rock. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., the Monsters, rock.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego 619-688-1120. Friday, *Todd Stedman* & the Fat Tones, blues.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area.

619-582-5908. Friday, 7 p.m., live rock/acoustic/punk. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., salsa. Monday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Karin Carson Jazz Jam, classic jazz.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Friday, 9:30 p.m., the Detroit Underground, Motown/dance. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., Rising Star, disco/Top 40. Sunday, call club for information.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

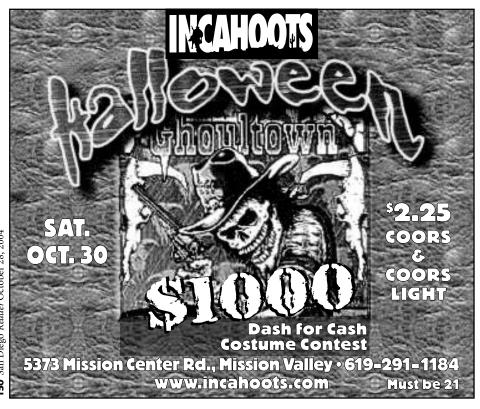
The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with the San Diego Concert Jazz Band.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, *Louis & Friends*, blues.

Jamar's Restaurant and Lounge, 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-469-7777. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, the Bert Torres Band. Wednesday, call club for information.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is alternative. Friday, 3-Minute Miracle and Transfer. Saturday, Watch It Burn, the Apocalypse Dudes, and Hialeah.

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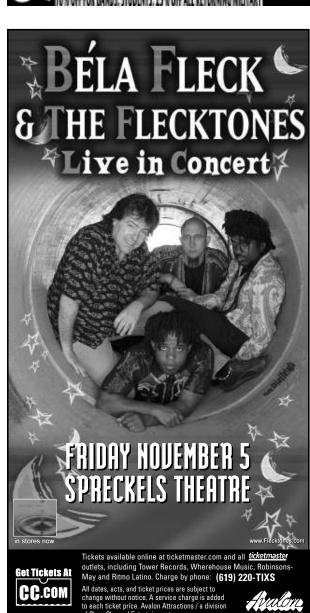
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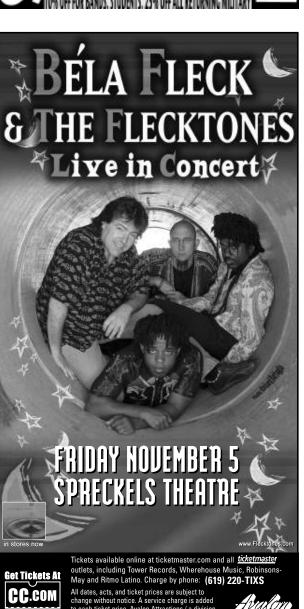
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The Latin Room, 560 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-237-7800. Call club for information. Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Sunday, reggae/dancehall/hip-hop/R&B. Wednesday, 9 p.m., the David Patrone Quartet, jazz.

Martini's Bar & Grill, 3940 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-293-0232. Friday, *Carol Curtis*, piano/guitar. Saturday, *Wilson & Sills*, piano and saxophone. Sunday, *John Garcia*, piano bar.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Lafayette & the Leasebreakers*. Friday, *Crossfire*. Saturday, Family Style. Sunday, Bill Magee Blues.

Princess Pub & Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, J.D. Boucharde, piano.

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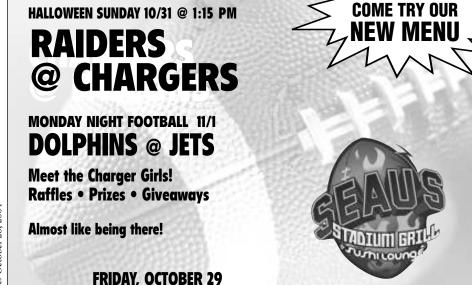
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The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., Ray Correa, standards/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Sandy Chappel and Sammy Canonizado, jazz/blues.

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When Assaggio first opened about a year and a half ago, it was an Italian bakery, a bit of real-life retail among the surrounding pubs and restaurants. I loved its crusty breads, and it was open late enough that I could send my boyfriend to score a loaf while I was cooking dinner. But not by bread alone can a business survive in the rapacious heart of the Gaslamp. Soon Assaggio switched from serving Continental breakfasts to cooking lunches and light dinners of Northern Italian sandwiches, Chicago-style pizza by the slice, a few pastas. Whenever I walked past, the front patio was full of people evidently enjoying themselves. Now Assaggio has entered its third incarnation. The retail breads are gone, and so are the pizzas.

. What we have here is a full-blown trattoria an authentic one, with the casual charm that resembles Italy itself. "I feel like I'm back in Savona, having dinner with my friends at a sidewalk café, I sighed to Benito Micheli, the chef-manager. "Ah, that is exactly what we are aiming for!" he answered in his animated Northern Italian accent.

What drew me inside for the first time since the bread counter vanished was the current special: a four-course dinner for two for \$50, consisting of an appetizer, soup or salad, entrée, and dessert, plus a bottle of house wine (an Italian chardonnay or a Sangiovese). The eligibles list for each course consists of at least two options, so you and your partner can mix and match.

This isn't the sort of restaurant where they ask you which expensive mineral water you want. Instead, they pour you filtered tap water and bring a basket of house-baked bread slices with a crucible of bagna, balsamic vinegar and extra-virgin olive oil. Unfortunately, the olive oil is bland (Bertolli, if you want to know), the balsamic insipid. That's when you realize that the restaurant has a problem: the dolce far niente atmosphere matches the low-moderate prices, but the owners have to pay Gaslamp rent. The cost of leasing the property together with the restaurant's minuscule size, hence smaller orders from suppliers and less access to the best products — extracts its penalty through some lower-quality ingredients. Several dishes (see "Pick Hits") merited four to five stars, but randomly inconsistent ingredients and cooking dropped my rating down to "good."

Given two appetizer choices on the couples



dinner, my companion and I ordered both. Bruschetta consisted of a slab of soft Italian bread. barely toasted and topped with olive oil, ripe Roma tomato chunks, minced garlic, and slivers of pun-

choice had bresaola (thinly sliced air-cured beef) and slivers of Parmigiano-Reggiano draped over an array of mixed greens domi-

nated by peppery arugula in a clean oil-and-lemon dressing. The young, nutty cheese (misidentified on the menu as Grana Padano, a recent switch) couldn't stand up to the powerful meat, but it got along fine with the salad.

ini and frozen porcini from Italy, in a creamy broth flavored with the intense mushroom juices. The waiter asked if we wanted cheese on top. After taking a sip, we chorused, "No way!" defending

maine hearts, crisp croutons of house-baked bread, and a creamy Italian herbed dressing with imperceptible anchovies mashed into it to lend their salty flavor.

The half-dozen entrée choices for the couples dinner aren't merely the cheaper dishes but go all the way up to the most expensive, seared beef tenderloin (\$22 à la carte). I chose

spaghetti allo scoglio, with clams,

mussels, and shrimp in a simple, focused sauce of wine, olive oil, and shellfish juices. Minced Italian parsley was generously sprinkled over the al dente pasta. But the seafood was slightly overcooked, the clams a bit gritty, and the mussels peculiar — not bad, but with a spongy texture I've never encountered before. When I phoned the chef a few days later, he confessed that he hadn't tasted the current mussels and swore he would do so.

Salmon with capers was served on a bed of spinach spread over a cake of oven-baked risotto. The concept was fine, less so the ingredients and their treatment. The fish was a bland, farm-raised specimen, slightly dry. The spinach tasted fresh,

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and the rice was wonderfully soft and sticky, almost like sushi rice, but it was oversalted past the point of pleasure. For the couples-dinner wine option, I chose the white — a Farnese chardonnay, which was unoaked, tasted slightly sweet, and had a floral aroma — molto italiano and very food-

Assaggio's tiramisu is one of the few credible versions I've encountered in San Diego, where too many restaurants weigh down this airy dessert with superfluous chocolate. Here, a base of ladyfingers soaked in marsala and espresso supports a soaring whipped mascarpone topping, dusted with unsweetened cocoa and wearing one small squig-

gent fresh Italian basil, a stronger basil than the supermarket variety. The other REV

The soup du jour that evening (and that week) was a wild mushroom puree, made of fresh crem-

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gle of bittersweet chocolate sauce. Another impressive sweet, called *dolce di crema*, resembles *tres leches*, its fluffy sponge-cake layers separated by slicks of marsala and chocolate zabagliones, poufy egg custards beaten to a whipped-cream consistency.

If the restaurant's general ambiance is comfortable, I can't say the same for the chairs — most have metal frames with dead-flat wooden seats that get harder as you linger. The two primo tables nearest the bakery kitchen in back have black metal chairs with plush red cushions. Get 'em if you can. The dining room is a narrow space with one long wall of brick and a tiny kitchen near the front, its stove hood perpetually droning.

We returned a few days later with reinforcements from the homeland — my friend Provvidenza and her sophisticated Sicilian mother, Maria, who'd just returned from a trot all around Italy. This time we reserved a patio table. The outdoor patio chairs are cushioned in straw, the best seats in or out of the house, weather permitting.

Maria quickly zeroed in on a red wine, a Nero D'Avola from Sicily, which proved smooth and easygoing. Our favorite appetizer was also her suggestion, *zuppetta di cozze e vongole*, an Amalfi-style "little soup" (more like stew) of clams and mussels sautéed in white wine, finished with a spicy marinara sauce and garlic toasts. We loved the sauce, but the bivalves were the same weird creatures as at the previ-

ous meal. "These mussels just don't feel like mussels in your mouth," said Provvi.

The tagliere is a meat, cheese, and grilled veggie antipasto served on a small paddle-shaped wooden board. Its contents gave us further unwelcome insights into Assaggio's ingredients. "I can see that salami is terrible,' said Maria, scrutinizing it across the table. "It's all white, too much fat in it." She did like the bresaola. There were also a few perfunctory shreds of grilled eggplant and red peppers, some chopped unripe tomatoes, and a good little salad of pungent greens. "This Brie cheese is no good. Maybe from Wisconsin?" said Maria when the board reached her place. "The prosciutto is cheap too, and the ham - eh!"

A trio of crostini (again on soft toast) had three different toppings. Everyone's favorite was a mixture of eggplant and zucchini lightly bound by tomato. Another, of sautéed mushrooms topped with halfmelted Brie, was flawed by a plebeian cheese that resembled Brie-based Velveeta. The third, thinly topped with marinara and melted mozzarella, was okay, resembling a Frenchbread pizza. "At home, we cut crostini into triangles or fancy shapes and cook them until they're very hard," said Maria. Together we mourned the lack

Asparagi fantasia offered soft braised green asparagus spears wrapped in the unremarkable ham, with a little cheese sauce — pleasant, but close kin to its American cousins in the supermarket

freezer case. A bowl of minestrone would have been magnificent if the chef hadn't murdered it with an overdose of salt. None of us could handle more than two sips. "I'm not somebody who is sensitive to salt," said Maria, "but this is too much!"

In Italy, pasta is usually a small midcourse, not an entrée, but Assaggio has adapted to the American meal plan. In any case, by the second dinner, I'd come to suspect that pastas are this kitchen's forte. The hunch proved right. *Involtino ricotta e* spinaci was outstanding. Delicate crepes were rolled around an ethereal filling of spinach and ricotta, with a topping of sautéed cremini mushrooms and a daub of béchamel sauce. We all agreed it was food fit for angels.

Penne ubriache was a bolder mixture. My boyfriend gave me a scornful look when I ordered it, grumbling, "You know I've never met a penne dish I liked. Penne (the word means quills) are ribbed straight macaroni with angled ends, about as thick as a pinkie finger. Few sauces can withstand their weight — it takes body, complexity, sheer gumption. This sauce handled them neatly, a parsley-flecked marinara dotted with luscious crumbles of Sicilian fennel sausage cooked in red wine and finished with brandy. "Mmm, perfectly al dente," said Maria, nibbling a noodle. "That's how

Gnocchi are a difficult pasta too, potato-dough curls that often end up as chewy as bubble gum. Assaggio's aren't the lightest gnocchi in the world, but they're well above average. They're served in a silky Gorgonzola cream sauce with a little bite from the blue-veined cheese and crunch from fine-chopped walnuts, which go with Gorgonzola the way Ken goes with Barbie.

Our meat entrée was horrid. Polpette con piselli e polenta are beef meatballs in brown gravy with peas and polenta. The meatballs, another oversalted creation, resembled matzo balls, rife with bready filler. The polenta was clearly made with plain salted water lacking dairy enrichment and arrived in bland, bouncy cubes, lightly browned on the surfaces. "This is just fill-up stuff," said Provvi and her mom almost in unison. To give the devil his due, my boyfriend liked the polenta. He has relatives from Arkansas, and it reminded him of half-baked corn bread.

A dessert sampler called Dolci Assaggio lets you choose any three desserts you want. All are house-made, fresh from the day's baking. We repeated the terrific tiramisu, which met the high standards of our Sicilian friends. Crostata di noci was a nut tart, dense, and delicious. Tarte tatin (yes, it's French) had a tasty if slightly tough puff pastry with a still-hot apple topping and vanilla ice cream on the side. The decaf espresso was superb, a different order of being from the average cuppa. Even if you don't want to risk the potential inconsistencies of a multicourse dinner here, don't dismiss Assaggio entirely. It's an ideal spot to check out the alluring dessert case and enjoy a sweet with a velvety espresso.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Benito Micheli, who does double duty as executive chef and manager of Assaggio, arrived in San Diego three years ago, but his restaurant experience in Italy goes way back. He's a native of Emilia-Romagna, the Northern Italian province surrounding Bologna that's reputedly the home of the best food in Italy. "I just got back from there," he said. "There's still something new to eat every night.

"I had a restaurant in Italy for 17 years. It was a family business, kind of small, and my mother and I ran it. I thought I'd [replicate] the same thing here, but it's kind of hard. I used to own another restaurant, Ciao Bella, in La Mesa. I'm still in the company, but now I'm a silent partner.

"Assaggio opened just serving breakfast and lunch, but downtown is kind of difficult, so they [owner Attilio Po and his partners] decided to close for breakfast because there was not enough business and open for dinner instead. In life, you make mistakes...you discover you can't do any business if you're doing exactly the same as in Italy. You have to adapt it for America. I don't know why they decided to have a bakery downtown. But 70 percent of the space is still bakery equipment — a huge oven in the back and so forth. We have just 50 seats, and it's not enough. I don't know who designed this place, but there are a lot of mistakes! The stove hood in the kitchen is too noisy for the dining room, the kitchen space isn't big enough, there's so much more that we could do, but we need a real kitchen first.

"For a while I used to take our breads and desserts to the farmer's markets in Point Loma and La Jolla, but I'd go to bed at two in the morning on Friday and get up at four in the morning Saturday. It was good publicity for the restaurant, but it was too hard. If you want to have a bakery, you have to bake a lot, not just a little.

"We cook by Italian recipes, but I have to Americanize the food a little bit. The portions have to be bigger than in Italy. A lot of people here eat a salad and pasta. In Italy, pasta is more like an appetizer, served in a smaller portion. Then we have a little meat or poultry course. We eat a small quantity of many things. In Europe, I researched more the quality than the quantity. I think that here we have a really good value for quality and price for downtown.

"Next month, the owner and I are thinking of moving the kitchen to the back, where we still have plenty of space, and putting in a real pizza oven to make a completely different pizza, thin-crusted.... We're thinking about doing a dessert night as a special, and an osso buco night. I like eating osso buco the same day it's made, with saffron rice or soft polenta. A lot of places, they make it twice a week and reheat it, but I don't like it that way. And in the winter we'll also have fettuccini with duck sauce. That's from Mantova. It was really successful in my restaurant in Italy. I think people here will like it too." ■



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"D'aagh...don't know."
"'Twice cooked' his guit Franch

" 'Twice-cooked,' bis-cuit. French How about 'bistro'?"

"*Uh-h-h-h...*give up."

"From Russian soldiers in Paris after

Napoleon was defeated. They were always in a hurry when they came into eateries. They'd say, 'Bistro, bistro!' 'Quick, quick!' in Russian. The French adopted it. Became a restaurant for quick food."

Huh. I can't decide whether to be impressed or annoyed at

Bruce. But no, today's too good to get annoyed. This is great, to get out of town, into the mountains. The big sky. Vultures, chipmunks, hawks, Border Patrol wagons.

We're swinging along, four of us, down Old Highway 80. Been to a job Julio has out here — a house. He's an architect. So is Bruce. Julio's wife Eugenia is driving. 'Course being with these eggheads is heady stuff. You expect them to launch off into academic talk about "ectoplasmic construction" or whatever.

But actually, Bruce is saying what I'm thinking. "Gotta eat." So Eugenia pulls into a swirling driveway in the middle of nowhere that takes us up to — hey! — the Golden Acorn casino.

Whew. Sea of slots and flashing lights, nice and cool, but a general smell of cigarette smoke. "Food," says Bruce. "Gotta be smoke-free

there."
"But we're not leaving without losing something on the slots," says Julio.

The Golden Grill is in the far right corner. And yes, it's smoke-free. Decor? Green carpets, wood-varnished tables, chairs, green and redlit ceiling swirls. Tired-eyed couples decorate maroon Naugahyde booths. The men have hat lines, where the suntans stop at their brows.

Pale above, red below. "Farmers, from Imperial Valley, for sure," says Bruce. "Come up to escape the heat."

"Today's special, Chicken Challenge Bucket," says a sign, "served with our salad bar, \$10.99." It includes a cherry pie dessert.

"Welcome," says the hostess, Karen. "You folks from El Centro?" Turns out 70 percent of folks are from "the Valley."

Karen leads us to a table beside the creampainted lattice work that separates the kitchen. We start off with drinks. Julio goes for iced tea (\$1.50), Eugenia a coffee (\$1.50), Bruce a Pepsi (\$1.50), and for some reason I ask for a hot tea (\$2). Eugenia gets a whole pot of coffee for her \$1.50, and I get extra hot water too.

The menu is big, and everything's served all day. Has to be, I guess, with this place being open 24 hours. Prices are, like, 6, 7, 8 bucks, up through 13 for, say, a 16-ounce Tbone steak and eggs. Huh. I thought at these places you eat like a king and pay like a pauper, 'cause they want you to stay until you *are* a pauper. Still, I can't complain. The prices are doable. So I'm looking at things like Spanish Benedict (three eggs with cheeses, red or green chili sauce, frijoles, four bacon or sausage, and

tortillas, \$8.50), or a Golden Glory burger — two pounds of beef in a bun for \$13. "If you finish it by yourself, your choice of dessert is free!"

Uh, no. Tried that. Lessee... Others look as if they've decided. Campo firehouse chili, \$4; Thai chicken salad, \$9, or a half-rack of Jack Daniel's BBQ ribs, "St. Louis-style" pork ribs "glazed with our Jack Daniel's BBQ sauce." But it's \$13.50. (Though the full rack's only three bucks more, \$16.75.) Even a "Texas Melt" sounds interesting. "Thinly sliced prime rib, melted Swiss cheese, grilled Ortega chili and caramelized onions on Texas toast" (\$8.50).

In the end I go back to breakfast. Almost choose the "Waterfront" omelet with shrimp or cured salmon, mushrooms, spinach, and guacamole (\$7.50), but biscuits and gravy beckon. "Four homemade biscuits, smothered with country gravy, with choice of four apple-smoked bacon or four sage sausage links or patties," \$6.75. The half order is two of everything for \$4.75

You kidding? I get the full order. Then, just to make me feel bad, Bruce and Julio order the health-conscious tuna melt ("Albacore tuna salad and melted Swiss cheese, on Texas toast, \$7.50") and Eugenia just asks for a single biscuit to go with her coffee.

We start feeling less smug about the place when we start reading our paper place mats.

"History of the Campo Band of Kumeyaay Indians."

"The Kumeyaay were the most resistant of all the California tribes to the conversion efforts of the Spanish priests," it says. After the United States took over, "State-sponsored militias sought to enslave or exterminate all Indians in California...their population...dropped by 90 percent from 1850 to 1860."

"Ninety percent," says Julio, who's Mexican-American. "That's awful. And you talk about our conquistadores?"

"Kind of makes you happy for them to take our money back with these casinos," Eugenia says.

The food comes. Bruce douses his melt with ketchup.

"My God," says Julio.

"Hey, tomatoes are healthy," says Bruce.

My ceramic plate is crammed: four big biscuits, oozing gravy, a golden meadow of hash browns, and four large sausage discs. And boy, that sausage has a real spicy twang to it.

But oohh, it's the biscuits. Those biscuits are *grr-eatt*. Crunch through the outer lava dome into soft magma below. Gravy greases the way.

"These biscuits," I start to mumble. "Nice."
"Yes, but were they cooked twice?" says
Eugenia.

"Bistro, bistro," says Julio. "We've got to gamble." ■

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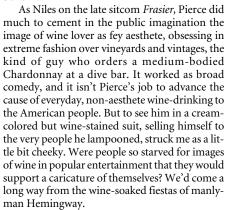


Literacy Thirst

"I drank a bottle of red wine thick as blood and afterwards repeated jolts of grappa."

had to chuckle when I saw the 2004/2005 catalog for the Wine Appreciation Guild (voted Wine Book Publisher of the Year by the Gourmand World Book Awards in 2004). There amid the lush photo atlases and the authoritative guides

to Port and Champagne was a four-CD set put out by Niles Crane — er, the actor David Hyde Pierce. Napa Uncorked and Sonoma Uncorked revealed "the popular TV comedian" to be "a wine connoisseur in real life as well" who would "share with you his insider's tour" of Napa and



But then, Hemingway, American though he

was, was describing life in Europe. As much as I loathe the "It's better in Europe" mantra regarding attitudes about wine — why are producers of vin ordinaire in the Languedoc going belly-up if it's so much better in Europe? — I have to admit

there are differences. One of the more famous pop-culture references to wine comes in the James Bond film Diamonds Are Forever. Bond is served Chateau Mouton-Rothschild by a waiter who is actually his enemy in disguise. He tastes, and comments, "The wine is quite excellent. Although, for

such a grand meal, I would have expected a claret." "But of course," replies the ersatz waiter. 'Unfortunately, our cellar is poorly stocked with clarets." "Mouton-Rothschild is a claret," responds Bond. The enemy is unmasked through basic connoisseurship — any serious waiter would have known about Mouton. Bond triumphs because he knows his wine. Had the scene involved an American, however, it would have had to be played for laughs.

Lord knows I don't read enough, but in what I have read, wine sees better use in European hands. Consider Charles Ryder and Sebastian Flyte in Evelyn Waugh's novel Brideshead Revisited. The two are students taking their first wobbly steps among the ranks of the adult and the pleasures adults enjoy. One day during break, they visit the cellars of Sebastian's palatial home with the butler Wilcox and take a fancy to the stores of wine there, some of it 50 years old. What follows is a scene mixed from mirth and seriousness:

'Wilcox welcomed our interest; we had bottles brought up from every bin, and it was during those tranquil evenings with Sebastian that I first made a serious acquaintance with wine and sowed the seed of that rich harvest which was to be my stav in many barren years. We would sit, he and I, in the Painted Parlour with three bottles open on the table and three glasses before each of us; Sebastian had found a book on wine tasting, and we followed its instructions in detail. We warmed the glass slightly at a candle, filled it a third high, swirled the wine round, nursed it in our hands, held it to the light, breathed it, sipped it, filled our mouths with it and rolled it over the tongue, ringing it on the palate like a coin on a counter, tilted our heads back, and let it trickle down the throat. Then we talked of it and nibbled Bath Oliver biscuits, and passed on to another wine...

As the two get progressively drunker, they get goofy with the descriptors:

- ...It is a little, shy wine like a gazelle."
- "Like a leprechaun."
- "Dappled, in a tapestry meadow."
- "Like a flute by still water."
- ...And this is a wise old wine."
- "...And this is a necklace of pearls on a white neck."
 - "Like a swan."

"Like the last unicorn."

This is as it should be. Yes, there is silliness in unfettered winespeak, but there is also something real and worth pursuing in the boys' investigation. The first steps look funny, but they sow the seeds of "that rich harvest."

In Irishman John Banville's Shroud, an aged but still famous scholar and critic whose entire



Niles Crane (a.k.a. David Hyde Pierce)

life is built upon a lie is found out and accused by a young woman. He travels to meet her in Turin, and while he is there, he gives up his affected taste for bourbon and begins abusing wine. Just after arriving, he drinks "too much red wine" while waiting in a hotel bar. The next day, he drinks a bottle of red wine with lunch. At a reception that night, he keeps drinking and describes how "the sour wine had parched the lining of my mouth." The next day, he meets his accuser for lunch. "I had no appetite, but a great thirst, as always. I drank a bottle of red wine thick as blood and afterwards repeated jolts of grappa...." And at lunch the next day, he drinks himself unconscious in the company of old colleagues/lovers/enemies, and the binge nearly does

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him in. There is something grotesque in the old man's rapacious consumption of a drink that tends somewhat naturally towards moderation. The great man has fallen; in vino veritas — and doubly so. It reveals him for the wreck he is, and it is during his recovery from the binge that he confesses all to his accuser.

Back in the States, it's back to comedy. Garrison Keillor, lashing out at the Press in his book We Are Still Married, uses his own genuine love of wine to portray the unfair way a man can be portrayed by his critics. He knows his oenophilia is a big fat target. In the dark fantasy "My Life in Prison," he recounts a news story about a dying young fan, hoping in vain for an autograph from selfish Mr. Keillor. The news item includes the following:

"Last Tuesday, while Timmy was running a 110-degree fever and moaning, 'Please, please, an autograph, over and over in an inaudible voice, Keillor was stuffing his face with expensive crab salad in the company of fancy-pants friends at the Stork Club, two of them known homosexuals.

'With so many Americans unemployed, you might think that the bard of Lake Wobegon would at least choose a domestic wine.

> "Well, guess again. "A 1984 Pouilly-Fuisse.

"Thirty-five bucks. "Meanwhile, a little boy lies

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 kebab 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 rosewater 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 birdthis cute, small care decorated with ord-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, hade here with pienty of din and a drick, 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

101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Entic-ing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, nongreasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantroladen mild tomato salsita. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" - it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed 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 versign that says staffilm (for rawans ver-sion of Top Ramen), this island of the Is-lands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes ser-enades 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 Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive.

N.W. (10/01)

Rosanna's Italian Deli and Trat-Kosanna's Italian Dell and Irattoria 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, Jean-Louis 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 - even Highway 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)

St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-eggers (or

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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 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 coffee shop 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 Asian-themed 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 through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/03)

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 light





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ing, 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)

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — S.M. (8/04)

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. — *E.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.

Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sundried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta ("Pizza Carlsbad"), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms ("Pizza Solana"). Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/03)

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 house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are avail-

able at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

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)

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 Provencal 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 di play 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 (in cluding 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)

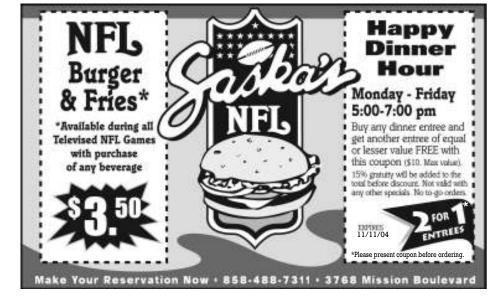
MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

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 it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Moderate. — N.W. (11/03)

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the soundlevel loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu re-turning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. — *N.W.* (1/04)

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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 garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked pota-toes 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)

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day nday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W. (8/99)

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand ie, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921, A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays, lunch and dinner until midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. E.B. (10/01)

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK

(9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 dif-ferent four-egg omelets (which you can rerent rour-egg ometets (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 mush-rooms, 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 volk's on you pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-eg-ger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/04)

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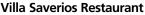
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Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue). Pacific Beach. 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside 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 camarones borrachos are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends Open daily. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02) Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont

Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. 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, Mis sion Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-thepremises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamu from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Open seven days: lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m.

weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — A.M. (8/02)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weedends. Inexpensive. E.B. (10/01)

Chicken Pie Shop Of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens 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 per-

cent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Ave nue, 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)

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *in-jera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarianfriendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. - N.W. (12/00)

Rib Masters Express 4297 Market Street (at 43rd Street), Chollas View, 619-262-7993. They split Hermie's Market to create this Chicago-style 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 oh-so-delicious peach cobbler. Then, of course, there's the ribs themselves Everything available "to go." Lunch to early dinner, seven days. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.B. (10/02)

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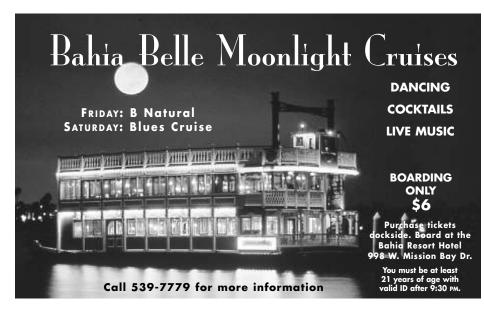
Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: "Round-up" (mild), "Giddyup" (spicy), or "Stampede" (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread 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)

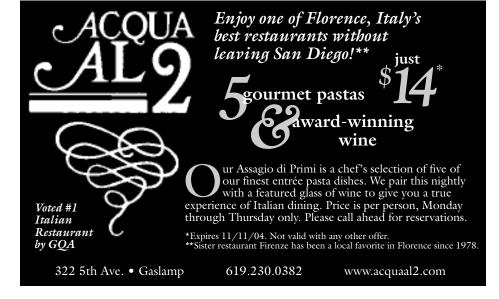
Sham Rocks Shack Bar & Grill 7059 El Caion Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool

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 Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536, Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everythinggoes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add fla-







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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, sandwiches, 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 Thurs-day through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. -

FAR EAST

Bernard's The Mall (way in back). 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible choi garni (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order - mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The theme is Tuscan-American, shrimp involtini along-side applewood-smoked pork salad (the latter, especially, is a smoky, nutty, tangy hit). The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Vol-cano"-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)



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Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoorbaked 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), or 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, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — E.B. (4/03)

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hill-crest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!," an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special - it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

El 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 vou'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusua 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 en-tertaining 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,

What the Chef Eats

CHICKEN-FRIED STEAK FOR TWO

ARON SCHWARTZ

Executive Chef, Bernard'O Restaurant, Rancho Bernardo

If I go out to breakfast, this is the dish I order. And if a restaurant serves chicken-fried steak for dinner, it's what I order. I don't know what it is about this dish. Maybe it's because it's fried and it's greasy and it's good.

You find that certain food that hits the spot, and that's comforting to you. Chicken-fried steak is that comfort food for me.

For this recipe, I took

what you find in a regular chicken-fried steak and then doctored it up a little bit. I like it with the herb breadcrumbs, and I make coffee gravy for it. I don't eat pork so I use chicken or beef stock, but with no butter. It's a variation. Be sure to use fresh herbs when you make the breadcrumbs.

You could use any type of beef, but if you have the chance to use a better-quality beef, do. I know people say, "Oh, you're fryin' it and you pound it out," but it does taste different. If you can buy good meat, you should. I don't care if you're braising it or frying it. If you start with a good product then you'll finish with a good dish.

What do I toss back with this? It all depends. If it's breakfast, it's orange juice and water. At night it



can be anything. You could drink wine with it or beer, but when I eat this, it's just about enjoying myself.

HOW TO DO IT Combine the flour, cayenne pepper, paprika,

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. Éntrées like grilled salmon atin appetizer. Entirees like griffed samfor 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 Avenue (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 Cerise 1125 Sixth Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-595-0153. The name is French for "cherry," and although the café's logo looks more like a cherry bomb, this craftsmanly kitchen is no dud. Chef-owner Jason Seibert seems blessed with an instinct for deciding what goes with what, and in what proportions. His daily-changing Euro-Cal bistro menu emphasizes fresh, in-season pro-duce and plenty of slow-cooked comfort foods, prepared honestly from scratch. Don't miss the day's choice of house-made pâtés or sausages, the herbstuffed organic chicken, or the fish en papillotte. There's an adventurous, affordable wine list and a full bar. The modest bill for such an indulgent feast is

the cherry on top. Lunch weekdays; dinner Thursday through Saturday. Moderate to slightly expensive. N.W. (5/04)

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, 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 peronality. 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 gluey 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 in serted 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. — N.W. (10/01)

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What the Chef Eats

salt, and pepper. (Taste for seasoning.) In a separate bowl, combine panko breadcrumbs, thyme, parsley, rosemary, and chives. Pound the steak thin (easiest way is to place meat between sheets of wax paper and pound with the flat side of a meat mallet or equivalent). Bread the steak in the flour mixture and then dip it in egg, then into the panko breadcrumbs. In a sauté pan add enough oil so that it will come up to

half of the thickness of the steak. Once oil is hot, add the steak and fry until golden brown. Remove steak onto paper toweling and keep warm.

Remove most of the oil from the pan, but leave just enough to sauté the onion. Sauté the onion until translucent. Add a pinch of flour and the coffee. Simmer until liquid is almost completely reduced. Add stock and reduce until it is a thick

sauce. Season with salt and pepper. Plate the steak and serve topped with the coffee sauce. Cook up some eggs, if you like, to go with it. This recipe serves two.

INGREDIENTS

1 cup flour Cayenne pepper, to taste Paprika, to taste Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste 2 cups panko breadcrumbs 1 tablespoon thyme, finely

1 tablespoon parsley, finely chopped 1 tablespoon rosemary, finely chopped 1 tablespoon chives, finely chopped 2 eight-ounce New York strip

2 eggs, beaten Canola or grapeseed oil (see instructions for figuring the

steaks, pounded thin

½ yellow onion cut in small dice 1 pinch of flour 1/2 cup black coffee 2 cups beef or chicken stock

chorizo con huevos (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — E.B. (11/00)

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)

Sally's on the Water Manchester Grand Hyatt, 1 Market Place (Market and Harbor Drive, adjacent to Seaport Village), downtown, 619-358-6740. On an isolated "island" between the Hyatt and Seaport Village, in fair weather you'll catch great marina views from the terrace. The fare is California-French with a summery Provençal accent and an accent on seafood; the dishes are tossed off with ease and consummate assurance by Alsatian chef Stephane Voitzwinkler. Don't miss the exquisite crab cakes (fresh Maryland blue crab with minimal interference) or the tender salmon en croute Among the entrées, the porcini-crusted ahi and the classic bouillabaisse are wor-

thy of attention. If you'd like to know what the chef can do when he isn't limited by the conservative tastes of hotel diners, you can book "The Chef's Table" inside the kitchen for six to twelve people with 48 hours notice, and collabo rate with him on a custom menu. Sally's interior is hard-edged modern and can be noisy. Full bar, good mainly-Califor-nia wine list. Validated parking in hotel garage. Call for wheelchair-access directions. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — N.W. (12/02)

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleansstyle cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for chaurice or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/01)

Star of the Sea 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-7408. Chef Paul McCabe preents sparkling-fresh seafood in creative California-style treatments with organic, locally farmed produce. Mussel soufflé and seasonal *agnolotti* stuffed with Chino corn are among the delights you may find here, along with a long, interesting wine list offering some wonderful offbeat whites at moderate prices (along with the expected, exorbitant Chardon nays). Light eaters on a budget could make a luxury meal of any pair of appetizers. A recent renovation has given every table a clear view of the bay, but the price exacted by all that glass is a rau-cous noise level when full. Go early in the week for relative quiet. Service is friendly and knowledgeable. Valet parking fee; street parking feasible in cooler months. Reservations needed — the joint is jumping. Dinner only, seven nights. Very expensive. - N.W. (11/03)

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 giresembling namourger outsi with gi-gantiasis. 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 accompaniment. Dinners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/02)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

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-chutney tacos from Zia's (of Zia's Afghan Café) are rich. The savory California Su per 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 bonein filet mignon with black pepper zin-fandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Arme-nian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as lo-cals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Reserva-tions advised for weekends, pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive — N.W. (7/01)

Tango Grille Argentine Steak **House** 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine parrillada (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for

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numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — *N.W.* (4/02)

BAJA

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Cafe Français La Belle Claude Calle Galeana #8186-A (at 7th Street, two steps off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-3415. Maybe it's no surprise: the most 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 display cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as Le Croque Monsieur (open-faced sandwich on honey bread with ham, grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce), the Croque-Madame (same as the "Monsieur" but with an egg), and salade niçoise (tuna, anchovies, tomatoes, cucumber, potatoes, egg, onions, and black olives). You can even order a Provencal omelet (zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes, and onions). Unusual bonus: the round cheeses, Cornish hen eggs, fresh vegeta-bles, 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)

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting se-lections. 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 dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

El Faro De Mazatlan Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-2236, or 684-8883. This fish and seafood restaurant offers a gorgeous dining room, an extensive menu with English translations, and fresh fish and seafood items which include abalone, squid, crab, clams, shrimp, and lobster. The atmosphere and service are lovely, but the fish may be too dry. The style of cuisine will appeal to those who prefer simple preparations. The price of the main course includes an appetizer (fried fish plus ceviche), seafood soup, and Mexican rolls. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., same menu for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Moderate. — E.W.

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

D'Lish Pizza And Pasta 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolo bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a carne asada burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 10 619-277-9977). Moderate. E.B. (8/02)

Heidi and Bernie's German Bratwurst Tent North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's...San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley. 619-298-8222. — N.W. (7/04)

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ow was I expected to keep up with the movies when the Red Sox were coming back from the brink, and back and back and back, against the Yankees? I am slow, in con-

sequence, getting to Team America: World Police, but the advantage of a little perspective, a lot of mixed reviews,

and a middling box-office is a clearer understanding of the insignificance of the thing. Along with many others, I thought the idea — as gleaned from the trailers on television and in theaters — of an anti-terrorist action film with marionettes, and animatronic faces for their closeups, seemed a good one: a hipper *Thunderbirds* (not to be confused with the flesh-and-bone remake over the summer). But just because a filmmaker — Trey Parker, in partnership with his South Park collaborator, Matt Stone - has one good idea does not mean that others will follow, although the opening shot of a marionette that turns out to be only a marionette manipulated by a bigger, "human" marionette is a good idea, too, and the entire opening sequence of the elite American commando unit in a firefight with Middle Eastern terrorists on the streets of Paris has much

to say about Hollywood action films (the puppets, otherwise known as "distancing devices," provide an automatic shortcut to parody) as well as about the jingoist mentality of shoot-first-and-

aim-later: knocking over the Eiffel Tower on top of the Arch of Triumph (in an another arrondissement alto-

gether) and firing a missile into the Louvre. The minutely detailed miniature sets, particularly the ones of blithely stereotyped foreign lands, are invariably fun. And an air of giddiness can be recaptured at any instant by the herky-jerky movement of the puppets, as when disco-dancing in celebration of a commando victory; or by their scale, as in a montage of D.C. monuments to a country-rock song entitled "Freedom Isn't Free," with a soulsearching marionette standing no taller than the headstones at Arlington National Cemetery.

Too often, and for too long at a time, however, the movie gets stuck in adolescence. The lovemaking montage might have been as giddy as the soul-searching montage had it not lost sight of the target of parody and turned into a triple-X lovemaking montage. The obsession with homosexual oral



Team America: World Police

sex is no less off-base. And potty talk is not wit. And vomit, even at fire-hose force and swimming-pool volume, is no funnier from a puppet than from any other creature. And despite the mandate of journalistic balance or satirical indiscrimination, it hardly constitutes a lampoon of Hollywood liberals (poor likenesses of Alec Baldwin, George Clooney, Sean Penn, Tim

Robbins, Susan Sarandon, Janeane Garofalo, Matt Damon, et al.) to conscript them into apologists, and even armed security guards, for North Korea's Kim Jong Il (his speech infected with Elmer Fuddisms), and then to blow their heads off one by one. The trailers, needless to point out, did not have any of that sort of stuff. Which leads to the speculation that maybe the movie would

have been better off, in a five-minute Saturday Night Live spot or somewhere, as a make-believe trailer for a nonexistent movie. Maybe it was never really such a good idea for a movie

I am slow, also, to get to Shall We Dance (no question mark on screen, in contradiction of the ads and posters), but this one never seemed a good idea



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in the first place: an American remake, under British director Peter Chelsom, of the 1996 Japanese film of the same name (plus question mark), a success as much artistically as commercially. The social stigma, for starters, which we learned was attached to ballroom dancing in the regimented Land of the Rising Sun, hardly obtains in the doyour-own-thing Land of the Free. And Richard Gere, from the outset, is too glamorous, too confident, too cool for the lead role of the closet twinkle-toes, and is not a good enough actor to pretend otherwise. And Jennifer Lopez, no matter how withdrawn from the world her character is supposed to be, or how subordinate her role, cannot help but act as though she's the center of the universe. (The dark costuming, the dim lighting, the discreet framing, however, de-emphasize the famous derrière — the center of the universe is not just that! — and it falls to a different, fuller-figured gal to protest, if only as a diversion, "Stop lookin' at my ass.") The muddy photography, to seal the doom, casts a pall over what is or was — an overt fairy tale.

The Grudge, this week's Number One Movie in America, is yet another remake of a Japanese film, Ju-On: The Grudge, which reached our town only

this year, but which wasn't much good to begin with. Perhaps a better rationale, there, for a remake, especially because the same man occupies the director's chair, Takashi Shimizu: a second chance to get it right. No change, either, in the Tokyo locale, albeit repopulated with such Western invaders as Sarah Michelle Gellar (boning up on a Japanese phrase book), Clea DuVall, KaDee Strickland, and Bill Pullman. The rudimentary hauntedhouse premise (a curse on all ye who enter here) permits little development — a fact underscored by the backward jumps in time — but permits nonstop games of hide-and-seek and peekaboo with a tag team of malevolent spirits. If the game-playing is slicker the second time around, that's precisely what's wanted when you're pulling a series of fast ones. The means are still modest, and the frights honest. Best of them: the police detective, alone in his office, watching a surveillance tape of an inky shadow that pools in an empty hallway, solidifies into a female form, and advances straight toward the camera — or is it toward the TV screen?

Birth — I am right on time with this one — is the sophomore effort of director Ionathan Glazer after his auspicious debut with Sexy Beast, and is nothing if not ambitious: a reincarnation mystery wherein a somber little ten-year-old (Cameron Bright, the little creep of Godsend) shows up at the doorstep of a newly engaged widow

(Nicole Kidman in a Peter Pan haircut) to inform her that he is her reborn husband. A couple of generations ago, such a starting point might have led to a racy farce in the tradition of Thorne Smith. But that was then; this is now. When the jealous fiancé takes his halfpint rival over his knee to paddle his behind, it isn't for laughs; it's in spluttering response to the breath-stopping episode in which the tiny tyke strips down and joins the full-bloom woman in her bathtub. There's no knowing whether the farcical approach would have worked, then or now, but it's a certainty that the striven-for note of New Age wonderment (what modern woman, especially with a fiancé as damp as Danny Huston, could resist so transcendent a love?) is the wrong one. And the working-out of the plot serves only to invalidate the treatment. It's almost as if no one had troubled to read the script all the way to the end. A number of serious actors, including Anne Heche, Peter Stormare, Arliss Howard, Alison Elliott, Cara Seymour, Ted Levine, and Lauren Bacall, are left looking pretty foolish. But there's no fun in it for anybody. The musical score by Alexandre Desplat, all by itself, would see to that, administering the aural equivalent of a Chinese water torture, with the flutes, the harps, the horns taking turns attacking our fortitude.

Thanks go to a Bill Jones for his Emailed tip that Turner Classic Movies, this Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Pacific, will rebroadcast Saddle the Wind, a title arbitrarily withdrawn from my memory bank when I was lamenting, a few weeks back, the evanescence of recent

releases. I can unwaveringly recommend it, with the caveat that I was writing about it at a remove of over a year. I'm sure it's worth watching; I'm not sure it exactly matches my description of it. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Around the Bend — Old Henry's last will and testament includes an ashes-scattering map for the three succeeding generations of males, Turner, Jason, and Zach. An insufferably cutesy salute to family ("A family carries each other"), regularly interrupted by ads for Kentucky Fried Chicken: mandatory stops on the map. With Christopher Walken, Josh Lucas, Michael Caine, Jonah Bobo, and Glenne Headly; written and directed by Jordan Roberts.

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Being Julia — Annette Bening takes to the role of an aging diva of the London stage, ca. 1938, like a starving lioness to a raw steak. Her range of expression is most impressive (whether suffering the attentions of a young admirer in an elevator or rising to the challenge of an ingenue on the stage), and the role by its very nature will excuse any excess. The backstage antics of amorous alliances and betrayals do not amount to much: a platform, merely. Based on the Somerset Maugham novella, Theatre. With Jeremy Irons, Shaun Evans, Lucy Punch, Bruce Greenwood, Juliet Stevenson, Maury Chaykin, Michael Gambon; written by Ronald Harwood; directed by Istvan Szabo, 2004.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Birth — Reviewed this issue. With Nicole Kidman, Cameron Bright, Danny Huston, and Lauren Bacall; directed by Jonathan Glazer.

• (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18: PALM PROMENADE 24: TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/29)

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 weak-ened 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 lawenforcement 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 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. 2004

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

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 off-themeter 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 convenience-store 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

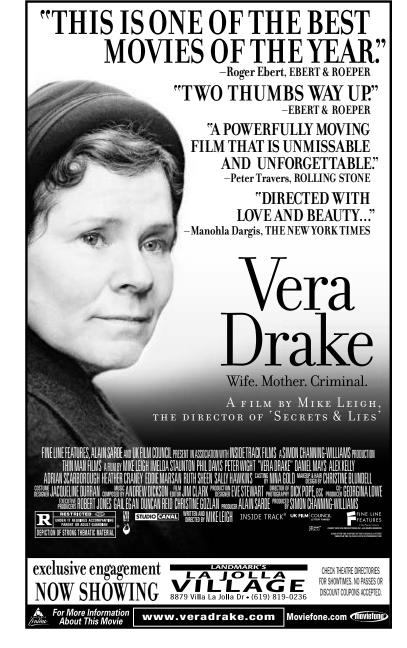


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so big that his ultimate takedown cannot help but be a source of disbelief. Jada Pinkett Smith, Mark Ruffalo, Bruce McGill, Javier Bardem. 2004.

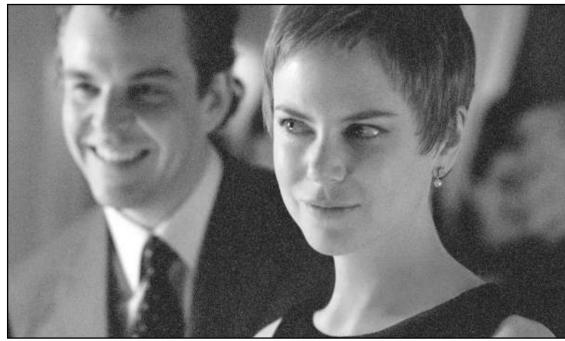
★ (VOGUE)

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 middle-class 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 vou 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: SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LI-BRARY, 10/31, 2 P.M.)

The Final Cut — The feature debut of writer-director Omar Naïm imagines a future world in which one out of every twenty citizens has been fitted before birth with a Zoe Implant, a sort of lifelong built-in camcorder, and in which a highly trained "cutter" will be commissioned after death to edit the footage into an official record known as a "rememory." A protest move ment has sprung up under the slogans of "Open Your Eyes," "Remember for Your-self," and "Live for Today." Hard as it is to comprehend the technology, never mind the magnitude of the task of editing half-amillion hours of footage down to manageable length, it is almost as hard to comprehend the moral objections to it: hard to see, that is, how the "rememory" of the future is much different from the selective home videos, photo albums, printed obituaries, and spoken eulogies of today. The implant, to be sure, has little enough effect on its recipient, failing even to deter a pillar of the community from molesting his own daughter. Robin Williams, as a master cutter with the unfortunate name of Hakman, practically biting his lower lip to stay in charac-



ter, doesn't encourage us to take this seriously. Mira Sorvino, Jim Caviezel, Mimi Kuzyk, 2004.

(FASHION VALLEY 18: MISSION VALLEY 20)

The Forgotten — Science-fiction thriller that takes a good long while to declare itself as such. A grieving mother, Julianne Moore, acting as if this were no less serious a business than *The Hours* or *Far from* Heaven, continues to make daily visits to her nine-year-old son's bedroom - his dresser, his Mets cap, his baseball mitt, his

photo albums — fourteen months after he went down in a plane, plus weekly visits to a psychologist. Then, suddenly, all photographic evidence of the child disappears; and the mother is told, first by her husband and then by her therapist, that he never really existed. The therapist has a word for it (telamnesia?), signifying the invention of an alternative reality. Friends and neighbors unanimously confirm the child's nonexistence. So far, so intriguing. But then the National Security Agency comes into it, as well as a mystery man who

bounces up after getting run down by a car and shrugs off bullets in the leg, shoulder, and back. (Alfre Woodard, in compensation, comes into it, too, as an ordinary New York cop.) The seeming impossibility of a satisfactory explanation and the seeming indestructibility of the antagonist impose heavy burdens on the film, and on the spec tator's patience. In the end, there's a logical explanation, albeit a supernatural one, but it's also a weak one, a partial one, a dissatisfying one. The film as a whole mirrors the career of its director, Joseph Ruben: some early promise (Dreamscape, The Stepfather) followed by disappointment (Sleeping with the Enemy, The Good Son, Money Train, Return to Paradise). The handsomeness of the cinematography by Anastas Michos is a constant. Dominic West, Anthony Edwards, Gary Sinise. 2004.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Friday Night Lights — Pedantic pigskin story, based on the well-regarded nonfiction book by H.G. Bissinger, set in footballmad West Texas: the pressures, the twisted passions, the bitter pills, the life lessons. Billy Bob Thornton, who appears to take more than just the overbite from G.D. Spradlin in North Dallas Forty, is the beleaguered coach of the Permian High Panthers in the small town of Odessa. Derek Luke, pronouncing Nike to rhyme with Mike, is the one-man offense who tears up his knee after ripping off five or six TDs in the opening game. Jay Hernandez is the second-stringer who steps into the big shoes. Garrett Hedlund, a screen newcomer, is the butterfingers with an abusive alcoholic father (country singer Tim Mc-Graw). And Lucas Black is the tightly wound quarterback who must shoulder most of the burden as well as an embarrassment of a mother. The affectations of authenticity in the directing style of Peter Berg — the jiggly camerawork, the jagged editing, the windblown dialogue, the desic-cated color — can scarcely forge a single coherent scene, let alone a whole coherent football game. 2004. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-

ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSSMONT TROLLEY: LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Garden State — Small-screen actor Zach Braff, who also wrote and directed, as the most impassive sadsack this side of Dustin Hoffman in The Graduate: impassive amid the surrounding panic of a plane-crash

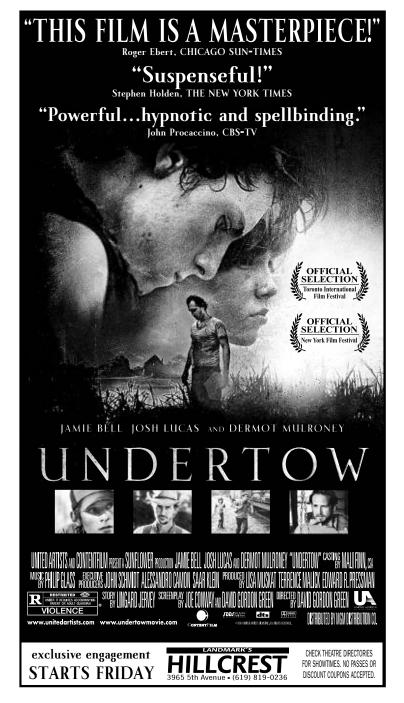


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Going Upriver: The Long War of John Kerry - A haven for the moviegoer who just wants to escape awhile from any and all Republicans. It recounts, through archival footage and up-to-date interviews with classmates and comrades, the young Kerry's transformation from war hero to war protestor. Essentially no more than an extended commercial for the Democratic presidential candidate (though director George Butler has good credentials as a documentarian: Pumping Iron, The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition, et al.), it nonetheless can boast, with the best of commercials, some effective manipulation of emotion, helped along on the soundtrack by such voices of the times as Dylan, Lennon, Hendrix, Richie Havens, and Crosby, Stills, Nash. It takes you back; it makes you remember. 2004. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Grudge — Reviewed this issue. With Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr, KaDee Strickland, Clea DuVall, and Bill Pullman; directed by Takashi Shimizu.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VAL-LEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-COS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN: SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN: TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

I Heart Huckabees — A self-declared Existential Comedy revolving around the personal crisis of an environmental activist (Iason Schwartzman), currently getting squeezed out of the Open Spaces Coalition by his duplicitous but much better-looking and more charismatic colleague (Jude Law), who is literally sleeping with the enemy, the cheerleader-perky spokesmodel (Naomi Watts) of the expansionist Huckabees department store: "The Everything Store." The impetus of the crisis, or the impetus of the plot anyway, is the business card of an Existential Detective agency fortuitously found in the pocket of a loaner sport coat at a jackets-required restaurant. The question the client wants answered is the meaning of three separate sightings of a beanpole black man — it can't just be coincidence, can it? - but the husband-andwife detective team (Dustin Hoffman in a gray Beatles wig and the slyly deadpan Lily Tomlin), tackling their 353rd case in seventeen years of operation, are more interested in the larger issues of their client's identity and his place in the grand scheme of things. Rounding out the cast of characters are the client's assigned "buddy" (Mark Wahlberg), an anti-petroleum fanatic who

in his job as a firefighter, conscientiously bicycles to the source of the alarm, and a renegade disciple of our detectives (Isabelle Huppert), a French nihilist whose antithetical business card reads, "Cruelty. Manipulation. Meaninglessness." Though the movie boots around Buddhist truths to do with the interconnectedness of everything in the universe, the oneness of humanity, the sameness of opposites, and so on, it is, in its heart of hearts, a typical piece of American commercialism hell-bent on supplying constant diversion: nervous, anxious, restless, relentless. Perhaps the nervousness, the anxiety, etc., make better sense when you observe that Huckabees is the first film in five years by David O. Russell (Three Kings, Flirting with Disaster, Spanking the Monkey, in reverse order) and that he has a reputation to maintain. Or to resuscitate. The trendy ideas in this highbrow Three Stooges comedy, this metaphysical Thin Man mystery, might give you the feeling of often being on the verge of something - something quite different, something special, something unique without ever really crossing over the verge. 2004.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILL-CREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS: VISTA VILLAGE)

Ladder 49 — Solemn post-9/11 tribute to firefighters, although these are Baltimoreans rather than New Yorkers. The central one, Joaquin Phoenix, lies injured and trapped in a burning building as his life flashes before him. Or to be more exact, he consciously flashes back on his life at length and at intervals — his first day on the job,

his first fire, his first love, his first funeral, his first rescue, his first-born, etc. — as he recovers his strength and struggles to survive. John Travolta, at maximum charm as the station Captain and later citywide Chief, joins the struggle from the outside. Director Jay Russell treats this fraternity with an adulation that, if aimed in another direction, would have embarrassed to death Jesus and the twelve Apostles, and would have driven to drink Jimmy Cagney, Pat O'Brien, Lee Tracy, and the rest of the regulars in Warner Brothers working-man films of the Thirties. 2004.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROME-NADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Lost Boys — If we must have a vampire youth movie (something of a contradiction in terms, isn't it?), then a leatherjacketed motorcycle gang, with a leader fashioned after Billy Idol, seems an all-right idea for the vampires. And a couple of earnest comic-book buffs seem an all-right idea for the vampire hunters. But must we? With Corey Haim, Jason Patric, Jami Gertz, Corey Feldman, Kiefer Sutherland, Dianne Wiest; directed by Joel Schumacher. 1987. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 10/30 MIDNIGHT)

Love Me If You Dare — Two

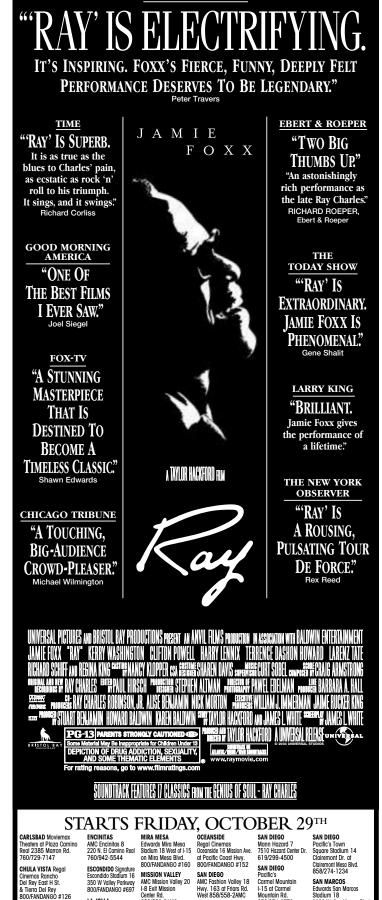
schoolchildren, bound together by a spirit of anarchy and a never-ending game of "dares," can't escape the binds as they go their separate ways into adulthood: an unwinning combination of the cute and the cruel. The most "daring" escapade is perhaps the pillow fight that has the nerve to evoke Jean Vigo, the French cinema's poet of childhood anarchism. With Guillaume

Canet and Marion Cotillard; written and directed by Yann Samuell. 2003. • (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY,

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



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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

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Lopez, Yenny Paola Vega, and Patricia Rae; written and directed by Joshua Marston. 2004.

(LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Motorcycle Diaries — Mythologizing biopic on the critical year of 1952 in the life of Che Guevara, before he was Che, when he was still just a med student called "Ernestito," embarking with his biochemist best friend on a road trip from his native Argentina, up the entire west coast of South America, on the back of "an aged, leaky 1939 Norton 500," nicknamed "The Mighty One." The motorcycle, after four spills, conks out in Chile, but the journey continues on foot: a desultory, mildly diverting narrative that, in the end, turns quite touching. With Gael García Bernal and Rodrigo De la Serna; directed by Walter Salles. 2004

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK WAY PLAZA 18: VISTA VILLAGE)

Napoleon Dynamite — A catchy name for a movie, but not a name that fits its owner: the nerd of nerds at Preston High in

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Shall We Dance

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 halfclosed 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 nostalgic 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 danceinstruction 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. Ion Gries, Aaron Ruell, Efren Ramirez, Tina Majorino. 2004.

** (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15; GROSS-MONT TROLLEY: MIRA MESA 18: PALM PROME NADE 24)

Primer — Small-budget science fiction written, directed, produced, and edited by Shane Carruth, who also stars. (KEN, 10/29 THROUGH 11/4)

Ray — Taylor Hackford's biopic on soul

singer Ray Charles, played by Jamie Foxx. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINI-TAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CEN-TER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MAR-COS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 10/29)

Saw — Shocker starring Cary Elwes, Monica Potter, and Danny Glover, directed by James Wan.

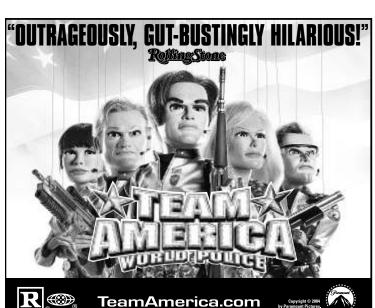
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Shall We Dance — Reviewed this issue. With Richard Gere, Jennifer Lopez, Susan Sarandon, and Stanley Tucci; directed by Peter Chelsom.

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Shark Tale — Subaqueous computer animation; or, Finding Nemo's Sunken Treasure. Not only is the plasticky animation done by computer, but also the plotting, scripting, casting, everything. We have here, plugged in as variables in the formula, hip-hop fish (voice, and lips, of Will Smith), Mafia sharks (voice and facial mole of Robert De Niro), a temperamental blowfish (voice and evebrows of Martin Scorsese), Rastafarian jellyfish (Ziggy Marley, Doug E. Doug), and so on. One of the younger sharks (Jack Black) is "different," specifically vegetarian (read "effeminate"), symbolically whatever you please. Pop-culture references are rife: the sharks hum to themselves the theme from Jaws, etc. Wordplay is compulsory and compulsive: shell phones, prawn shop, Coral-Cola. As long as the box-office stampede persists, there is no reason for the manufacture of these things to slow down or aim higher. With the voices, also, of Renée Zellweger and Angelina Jolie; directed by Bibo Bergeron, Vicky Jenson, and Rob Letterman 2004

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18: GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-



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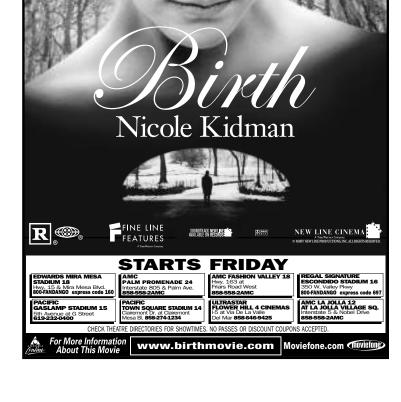
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Shaun of the Dead — British takeoff, or send-up as you prefer, of George Romero's imaginative, morbidly witty zombie film, Dawn of the Dead. All of the imagination in this one has gone into the humor and none into the horror. Put more simply, all of it has gone into Shaun (and his associates) and none into the Dead, who could pass for direct spillover from the outskirts of Romero's Pittsburgh, Co-writer/director Edgar Wright and co-writer/star Simon Pegg make great sport, early on, playing on our expectations — raising false alarms by zeroing in on the zombie-like demeanor of the ordinary man on the street. But while the real zombies await their cue in the wings, the first order of business is to scope out, at leisure, the social dynamics of the central ensemble: the title character (Pegg), a white-shirted clerk in an electronics store, who neglects his long-suffering girlfriend (Kate Ashfield) and uncomplaining mother (Penelope Wilton) in preference for the company of the slobby slacker (Nick Frost) with whom he has been best friends since boyhood; and a romantically linked couple (Lucy Davis, Dylan Moran) who take the side of the girlfriend, the male of the couple taking her side so ardently as to arouse the suspicions of his own girlfriend. Where the Romero film, and its vision of America, was centered around the shopping mall, this one, and its vision of twenty-something Brits of arrested development, is centered around the pub. (Rhymes with hub.) The only place our Shaun can ever think to whether to make up to his girlfriend on a Special Night Out or to fortify himself against an army of zombies — is the place he goes every night of his life: "You go your pint. You got your pig snacks. What more do you want?" There would be no insult in saying that, nimble and diligent though this comedy is, it is not quite as funny, and not nearly as scary, as the Romero prototype. Or to say it another way: the joke in the Romero is not only more double-edged — the zombies and the humans both have their own reasons to gravitate to the mall — but at the same time it is less of a joke. The shopping mall as a refuge is a genuinely good idea. 2004. ★★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow — Juvenile yet antiquarian adventure

yarn, a pastiche of 1930s science fiction and Saturday-matinee serials, a more or less black-and-white film with just a blush of color, a blend of antecedents as diverse as Max Fleischer's Superman cartoons, Spielberg's Indiana Jones series, Lars von Trier's Zentropa, Prince's Under the Cherry Moon. Shot entirely (so they claim) in front of a "blue screen," with backgrounds filled in later by computer, it evokes the studiobound filmmaking of the era; and it unmistakably has the air of a Personal Artistic Vision, a sharing of a private enthusiasm, that of first-time director and writer Kerry Conran: often interesting to look at, if a tad static; more like poster art than like an ac tual motion picture. And the purposely naive doomsday storyline doesn't carry much interest. With Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law, Angelina Jolie, Giovanni Ribisi, Michael Gambon. 2004.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Stage Beauty — Jeffrey Hatcher's adaptation of his own play, directed by Richard Eyre, erects a protofeminist milestone, early Restoration period, to mark the end of one era and the dawn of another: Charles the Second's edict which lifted the ban on women on the English stage, and a secondthought edict (sped along by a royal blow job) which imposed a new ban on men playing women. Billy Crudup hardly seems pretty enough to be thrown Pepys's bouquet as "the loveliest woman on the stage" (was Jonathan Rhys-Meyers booked up?), and Claire Danes seems too whiny and wilty to be a feminist spearhead. They each however, have a good audition scene, Crudup having the tougher of them, trying

in vain to suppress his ingrained femininities. The film trifles with notions of gender, beauty, art, and artifice ("A woman playing a woman — what's the trick in that?") in an engaging way, when it isn't flogged to tatters by an overinsistent musical score. With Tom Wilkinson, Rupert Everett, Ben Chaplin, Richard Griffiths. 2004.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 10/28; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 10/29)

Surviving Christmas — Holiday comedy with Ben Affleck, James Gandolfini, Catherine O'Hara, and Christina Applegate, directed by Mike Mitchell.

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Tarnation — Self-therapeutic autobiography of a thirtyish homosexual Texan, Jonathan Caouette, from a small-town dysfunctional family. Shuffling through the pile of still photos, home movies, video diaries, phone messages, pop songs, TV and film clips, etc., has something of the fascination of poking into other people's closets and drawers. The narcissism and exhibitionism diminish the guilt, but also the pleasure. Touted as the first film edited entirely on Apple's iMovies software — whatever that means. 2004.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 10/28)

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Taxi — Americanization of an unimported French farce written by Luc Besson: a bumbling white male cop (Jimmy Fallon) and a brassy black female cabbie (Queen Latifah, the new Whoopi Goldberg) on the trail of a bank-robbing gang of Brazilian bombshells (supermodel Gisele Bündchen, et al.). Undemanding and unrewarding. With Jennifer Esposito and Ann-Margret; directed by Tim Story. 2004.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HOR-TON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

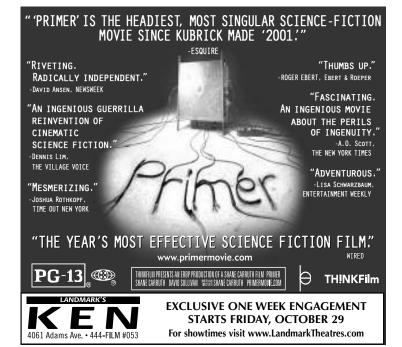
Team America: World Police — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Trey Parker and Matt Stone; directed by Parker. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18;

MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VAL-LEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RAN-CHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Undertow — David Gordon Green retains the Southern rural naturalism of his George Washington and his All the Real Girls, but adds a jolt of melodrama: a sort of downto-earth Night of the Hunter, crashingly prosaic and squalid ("Ya wanna smell my armpit?"), about the Bad Brother who covets his late father's cache of Mexican gold, and is willing to hack his way through the Good Brother and chase down his two nephews to get it. The director throws a whole bag of tricks at the viewer throughout the opening credits - slo-mo, freezeframes, negatives, black-and-white — but dips into it very sparingly thereafter. Philip Glass's phoned-in musical score seems to have been written without looking at the movie. With Jamie (Billy Elliot) Bell, Devon Alan, Josh Lucas, and Dermot Mulroney.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 10/29)









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Vanity Fair — Not, please be advised, a throbbing exposé of life at a trendy New York monthly, but just the latest screen treatment of the William Makepeace Thack eray warhorse, a grand-scale pageant of class, snobbery, and hypocrisy in early 19thcentury England. As Classics Illustrated go, the illustrations are supremely fussy, clut-

tered, glutted; and the Bhubaneshwar-born director, Mira Nair, manages to bring out more Indian flavors than you would have thought possible or desirable. The large cast displays that familiar, team-oriented British proficiency, excepting only Reese Witherspoon, the lone Yank, lightly accented, and proficient in a more sharklike way, as the resilient Becky Sharp, the undeniable heroine of this "novel without a hero." Of the rest - Iim Broadbent, Bob Hoskins, Gabriel Byrne, Romola Garai, James Purefoy, Jonathan Rhys-Meyers, and others Eileen Atkins in particular does some delightful work with some delightful lines ("I

had thought she was a social climber. I see now she's a mountaineer!"), and Rhys Ifans is quite touching as the doggishly loyal Dobbin. It would be no small feat, however, to extract a strong narrative line from the seven or eight hundred pages of the book, and the feat of the filmmakers is indeed a small one. Years pass, matches are made, births and deaths occur, and the social climb is long and slow and not always uphill. In the course of time (two and a quarter hours), the show goes by, though not without a silent wish for someone to crack the whip. 2004. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

portrait of a middle-aged homemaker and housecleaner who performs the occasional abortion on the side: "All right, then, dear, first thing we've got to do is put the kettle on." (Tools of the trade: a cheese grater, a bottle of disinfectant, a bar of soap the color and nearly the size of a canned ham, and a rubber tube and squeezable bulb collectively known as a Higginson Syringe.) A master of euphemism, the very embodiment of cheery British sublimation, she doesn't so much do abortions as "help young girls out." And the fetus will not miscarry so much as simply "come away."

Vera Drake — Mike Leigh's post-WWII

And everyone is to be addressed as "dear," even the police inspector conducting her interrogation. The rights and wrongs of abortion, as distinct from the legality of it in early-Fifties England, or the fact-of-life of it in any place and period, do not enter into it. Far, far from the run-of-the-mill problem picture, the movie is loaded with what might be termed irrelevancies, the flavors and textures of the characters' lives irrespective of any overriding "issue": Vera's husband, in coveralls, at work in the garage with his business partner and brother; their son taking measurements at the haberdashery or having a night out with his chums at

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La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Saw; Ray; Birth; The Grudge; Surviving Christmas; The Forgotten; Team America: World Police; Shall We Dance?; I Heart Huckabees; Friday Night Lights; Shark Tale; Garden State

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) The Lost Boys (R) Sat. 12:00; Maria Full of Grace (R) Fri.-Tue. (1:50) 7:15; Wed. (1:50); Thu. (1:50) 7:15; The Motorcycle Diaries (R) Fri. (2:25, 5:20) 8:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:25, 5:20, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:20) 8:15; **Stage** Beauty (R) Fri. (4:50) 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 4:50, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (4:50) 9:35; **Vera Drake** (R) Fri. (2:00, 5:00) 8:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:00) 8:00; **Zelary** (R) Fri. (2:15, 5:30) 8:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 2:15, 5:30, 8:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:30) 8:35

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Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Saw; Ray; Birth; The Grudge; Surviving Christmas; I Heart Huckabees; Team Amer-ica: World Police; Shall We Dance?; Friday Night Lights; Raise Your Voice; Taxi; Shark Tale; Ladder 49; The Forgotten; Napoleon

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Saw; Ray; Birth; The Grudge; Surviving Christmas; The Bourne Supremacy; Team America: World Police; Shall We Dance?; The Final Cut; Friday Night Lights; Raise Your Voice; Taxi; Shark Tale; Ladder 49; The Forgotten; Wimbledon

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4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **Tarnation** (Not Rated) Thu. (5:35) 7:45, 9:55; **Primer** (PG-13) Fri. (5:30) 7:30, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (5:30)

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) Being Julia (R) Fri. (1:55, 4:35) 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 1:55, 4:35, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:35) 7:20, 9:50; **Garden State** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:40) 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:10, 9:45; **I Heart Huckabees** (R) Fri. (2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 10:00; **The Motorcycle Diaries** (R) Fri. (2:10, 5:10) 8:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 2:10, 5:10, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:10) 8:10; **Undertow** (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25)

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) Call theater for program information

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Africa: The Serengeti (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00; Sat. 2:00, 6:00; Sun. 3:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:00; Forces of Nature (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 8:00; Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 5:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00; Island of the Sharks (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; Sky Tonight Wed. 7:00; To Worlds Beyond Sat. 10:00; Volcanoes of the Deep Sea (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00; Sat. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Finding Neverland (PG) Sat. 7:00; The Forgotten (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **Friday Night Lights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:35, 5:20) 8:05, 10:50; **The Grudge** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:45, 2:10, 3:10, 4:35, 5:35) 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 10:25; **I Heart Huckabees** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; **Ladder 49** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30; **The Motorcy** cle Diaries (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) Cie Dianes (K) Fri.-1 Ini. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) 8:05, 11:00; Napoleon Dynamite (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:45, 10:10; Raise Your Voice (PG) Fri.-Thu. 7:55, 10:35; Ray (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 12:30, 3:35, 3:55) 7:00, 7:20, 10:25, 10:45; **Saw** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:25, 5:00) 7:35, 10:10; **Shall We Dance?** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30: Sat (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 9:30: Sun -Thu (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Shark Tale** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 2:10, 2:40, 3:10, 4:35, 5:05, 5:30) 7:00, 7:30, 9:25, 9:55; **Spook-ley the Square Pumpkin** (Not Rated) Sat. (10:30); **Surviving Christmas** (PG-13)

Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:15, 4:40) 7:05, 9:30; **Taxi** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 4:55) 7:25, 9:55; Team America: World Police (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:25, 5:05) 7:45, 10:25

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) Finding Neverland (PG) Sat. 7:15; Friday Night Lights (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:15) 7:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 3:20) 7:05, 9:50; The Grudge (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 5:05, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:25, 5:05) 5:05, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-1nu. (12:10, 2:25, 3:07:30, 10:00; **Ladder 49** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:20) 4:55, 7:35, 10:10; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 3:25) 4:30, 7:00, 8: 10:20: Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 1:00, 3:25, 4:30) 7:00, 8:00, 10:15; **Saw** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:55, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:50, 5:15) 7:55, 10:20; **Shall We Dance?** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:10) 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; Sat. (11:35, 2:10) 4:40, 9:50; Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 9:50; **Shark Tale** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:05) 4:35, 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu, (12:25, 2:35, 4:45) 7:10, 9:30; **Surviving Christmas** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:15) 4:50, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:40, 4:50) 7:15, 9:55; **Team America**: **World Police** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:40,

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) The Forgotten (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 2:40) 5:00, 7:15, 9:40; Sun. (12:35, 2:40) 5:00, 7:15; **Friday Night Lights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:15, 7:35, 10:20; Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:50; **Garden State** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 4:30, 7:05, 9:45; Sun. (1:10) 4:30, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:30) 7:05; I Heart Huckabees (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:50) 5:20, 7:45. 10:10; Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:20, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:20) 7:45; **Saw** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05) 4:35, 7:25, 9:55; Sun. (1:05) 4:35, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:35) 7:25; **Shall We** Dance? (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15; Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:10, 5:35) 7:55; **Shark Tale** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50; Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:40; **Taxi** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:00, 5:15) 7:30

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road Finding Neverland (PG) Sat. 7:00; The Forgotten (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:20, 4:55) 7:10, 9:50; **The Grudge** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:15, 2:15, 2:45, 4:45, 5:15) 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:20; **Ladder 49** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:25, 5:05) 8:05, 10:45; **Napoleon Dy**namite (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:55, 5:25) 7:50, 10:25; **Raise Your Voice** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:40, 5:20) 8:00, 10:35; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 3:00, 3:30) 6:30, 7:00, 10:00, 10:30; **Saw** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:15, 5:00) 7:40, 10:10; Shall We Dance? (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:05; Sat. (11:25, 2:00, 4:40) 9:40; Sun.-Thu. (11:25, 2:00, 4:40) 2:00, 4:40) 9:40; Stin.-1ntt. (11:25, 2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:05; Shark Tale (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:05, 2:05, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:25, 9:30, 9:55; Spookley the Square Pumpkin (Not Rated) Sat. (10:30, 10:30); Surviving Christmas (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:10) 7:35, 10:00: Taxi (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:35) 7:05, 9:40; **Team America: World Police** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:55, 4:50) 7:30,

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Friday Night Lights; Team America: World Police; The Grudge; The Forgotten

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
The Forgotten (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Friday Night Lights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **The Grudge** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:15; **Saw** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Shall We Dance? (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Shark Tale (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) /:00, 9:15; **Surviving Christmas** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; **Taxi** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; **Team America: World Police** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Saw; Ray; Birth; The Grudge; Surviving Christmas; Woman Thou Art Loosed; Team America: World Police; Shall We Dance?; The Motorcycle Diaries; Friday Night Lights; Taxi; Shark Tale; Ladder 49; The Forgotten; Resident Evil: Apocalypse; Napoleon Dynamite

Rancho Del Rev 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)
Finding Neverland (PG) Sat. 7:10; The Forgotten (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:10) 7:20, 10:25; **Friday Night Lights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:45) 6:55, 9:50; **The Grudge** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 1:15, 3:50, 5:00) 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:35; **I Heart Huckabees** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 4:15) 7:20, 10:20; Ladder 49 (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:55) 7:10, 10:00; **Raise Your Voice** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:20) 7:05, 9:45; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:45, 3:30, 4:15) 7:00, 7:50, 10:30; **Saw** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:30) 7:55, 10:35; **Shall We Dance?** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:35) 7:10, 9:45; Sat. (12:45, 3:35) 9:45; Sun.-Thu. (12:45, 3:35) 7:10, 9:45; **Shark Tale** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 12:50, 3:30, 4:20) 7:00, 7:25, 9:30, 9:55; **Surviving Christmas** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 4:35) 7:40, 10:30; **Taxi** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:25) 6:50, 9:35; **Team America: World Po**lice (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:40) 7:30, 10:10

Vogue 226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) Collateral (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 6:00; The Manchurian Candidate (R) Fri.-Thu. 3:30, 10:00; Resident Evil: Apocalypse (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:45, 8:15

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND **CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Finding Neverland (PG) Sat. 7:35; Friday Night Lights (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Sat. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:25, 10:00; Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:25, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45) 6:45, 9:15; The Grudge (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 1:05, 2:30, 3:20) 4:45, 5:35, 7:20, 8:05, 9:35, 10:30; Sat. (11:05, 12:00, 1:15, 2:15, 3:25) 4:30, 5:35, 6:45, 7:55, 9:15, 10:15; Sun (11:05, 12:10, 1:15, 2:20, 3:25) 4:45, 5:30, 7:10, 7:50, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 1:05, 2:30, 3:20, 4:45, 5:35) 7:20, 8:05, 9:30; **I Heart Huckabees** (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:55) 5:25, 7:45, 10:10; Sat. (11:20, 1:35, 3:55) 7:20, 9:55; Sun. (11:15, 1:35, 3:55) 6:20, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:05, 9:20; **Ladder 49** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sat. (11:55, 2:20) 4:45, 7:10, 9:40; Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:30, 7:05, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50) 6:50, 9:20; Napoleon

the dance hall; their hopelessly mousy daughter testing lightbulbs on the factory assembly line or throwing herself at — no, not exactly throwing herself at, but leaning ever so timidly toward — the lonely bachelor neighbor whom Mum has calculatingly invited to dinner; the circumspect war stories that make up the liveliest topic of conversation at that dinner. The movie narrows its focus and slackens its pace (never very swift) once the police come calling, but by then the reality of the situation — wonderfully, horribly, excruciatingly real — has become so engulfing that you would not want to skip a beat. Faultlessly acted from

top to bottom: from Imelda Staunton and Phil Davis (tops) to Alex Kelly, Eddie Marsan, Daniel Mays, Peter Wight, Ruth Sheen, Lesley Manville, Sally Hawkins, Jim Broadbent, 2004.

★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

What the Bleep Do We Know? — Essentially an old-fashioned classroom film presented (at a price) in theaters: a team of scientists and scholars, with heavy grounding in quantum physics, take turns explaining how the brain shapes reality. Illustration comes from computer cartoons on a par with TV ads for household cleaners,

and a live-action Marlee Matlin in an underdeveloped fiction. It's interesting material, but it's not a movie. See Alain Resnais's $Mon\ Oncle\ d'Amerique\ for\ a\ better\ model.$ Directed by William Arntz, Betsy Chasse, Mark Vicente. 2004.

• (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Wimbledon — Tennis courtship. An overthe-hill Brit in the men's bracket (ranked 119th in the world, down from a high of eleventh) meets and mates with a rising American on the women's side, and gains the confidence to make a final run at

a Grand Slam title. Not much sense of reality in either the relationship or the sport (the animated tennis ball is no help), de spite the authentic backdrop of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, and the participation of John McEnroe, Chris Evert, and Mary Carillo as commentators. The unaggressive charm of Paul Bettany fends off obnoxiousness. With Kirsten Dunst, Sam Neill, Bernard Hill, Eleanor Bron, Jon Favreau; directed by Richard Loncraine. 2004.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Woman Thou Art Loosed — Michael

Schultz's screen treatment of Bishop T.D. Jakes's novel about the struggles of a black woman (Kimberly Elise) with poverty and addiction

(HORTON PLAZA 14: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM

Zelary — Second World War story from Czech director Ondrej Trojan, with Anna Geislerova and Gyorgy Cserhalmi. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 10/29)

Dynamite (PG) Fri. (12:40, 2:50) 4:55, 7:15, 9:30; Sat. (11:15, 1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30, 9:35; Sun. (11:10, 1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:35, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 2:50, 5:00) 7:20, 9:35; Rav (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 1:00, 3:30) 4:15, 7:05, 8:00, 10:15; Sat. (12:15, 1:20, 3:25) 4:35, 6:35, 7:45, 9:45; Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 2:10, 3:10) 5:15, 6:20, 8:20, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 1:00, 3:30, 4:15) 6:30, 8:00, 9:30; Saw (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:05) 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; Sat. (11:10, 1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10, 10:25; Sun. (11:50, 2:00) 4:15, 7:15, 9:35 Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:00, 4:10) 6:45, 9:05; Shall We Dance? (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 7:35, 9:55; Sat. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 9:50; Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 4:45, 7:05, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:40, 4:25) 6:55, 9:10; **Shark Tale** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:10) 4:20, 7:10, 9:25; Sat. (11:30, 1:40, 3:50) 7:00, 9:20; Sun. (11:10, 1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:10, 4:20) 7:10, 9:25; **Surviving Christmas** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:45) 4:50, 7:25, 9:45; Sat. (11:35, 1:35, 3:45) 5:50, 8:05, 10:20; Sun. (11:05, 1:10, 3:15) 5:20, 7:25, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 2:35, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6

Road (760-945-8784) Friday Night Lights (PG-13) Fri. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; Sat. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; Shall We Dance? (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Shark Tale** (PG) Fri. 2:30 (4:45) 7:00, 9:15; Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:30 (4:45) 7:00; **Surviving Christmas** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00 (4:30) 7:15, 9:30; Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 9:30; Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (4:30) 7:15; **Taxi** (PG-13) Fri. 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:45, 5:15, 7:30: Team America: World Police (R) Fri. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 3:15,

POWAY

Poway 10

vay Road (858-646-9423) Friday Night Lights (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:30, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:30, 4:15) 7:15; The Grudge (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; I Heart Huckabees (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Ladder 49** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; Sun. 11:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:00, 1:15, 3:30, 4:30) 7:00, 8:00, 10:15; Sun -Thu 10:00 (12:00, 1:15, 3:30, 4:30) 7:00. 8:00; **Saw** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Shall We Dance?** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; Shark Tale (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Sur**viving Christmas (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

626 Main Street (760-789-3422) Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
Finding Neverland (PG) Sat. 7:20; The Forgotten (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, (11:05, 1:30, 4:10) 6:55, 9:20; **Friday Night Lights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:45, 1:35, 4:20) 7:05, 9:50; **The** Grudge (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:10, 2:00, 2:50, 4:30, 5:15) 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30; **I Heart Huckabees** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 9:45; Ladder 49 (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:20; **Napoleon Dynamite** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 5:00) 7:40, 10:15; Raise Your Voice (PG) Fri.-Thu. (2:05) 7:25; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 12:15, 2:45, 3:50) 6:15, 7:10, 9:45, 10:40; **Saints** and Soldiers (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:10, 4:35) 6:50, 9:15; Saw (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:40; Shall We Dance? (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 2:15, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50; Sat. (11:25, 2:15, 4:50) 9:50; Sun.-Thu. (11:25, 2:15, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50; **Shark Tale** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 12:00, 1:50, 2:25, 4:10, 4:55) 7:15, 7:45, 9:35, 10:10; Shaun of the Dead (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 4:40) 10:05; **Surviving Christmas** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:40, 4:15) 7:00,

O FASHION VALLEY 18

Hwy. 163 at Friars Rd. West 858/558-2AMC

9:40; Taxi (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45, 5:10) 7:50, 10:35; **Team America: World Police** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:30, 5:10) 7:50,

NORTH COASTAL CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) The Grudge (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:30, 9:35; Sun. 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:30, 9:35; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00; Sun. 12:30, 3:45, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00; Shall We Dance? (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:25; Sun. 12:15, 2:45,

5:00, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:25; **Shark Tale** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:40; Sun. 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:40

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Friday Night Lights (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **The Grudge** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **Saw** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Shall We** Dance? (PG-13) Fri. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:00.

Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; Shark

Tale (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; Surviving Christmas (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00 (1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Wed. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; 5:15, 7:45; **Team America: World Police** (R) Fri. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15

Flower Hill 4

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La Paloma

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La Costa 6

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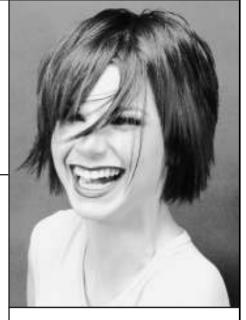
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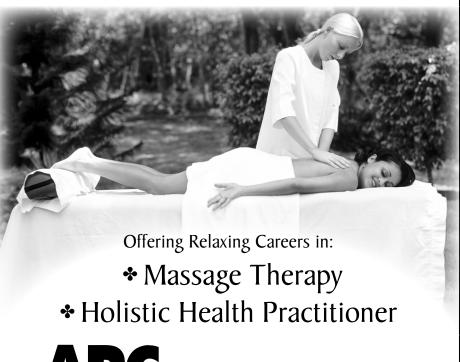
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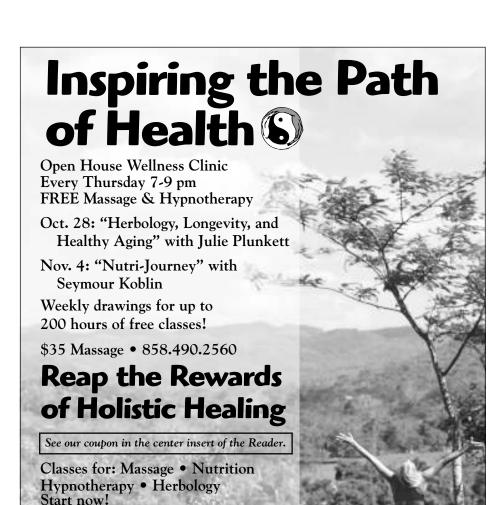
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- 22. Fisherman's wish
- 23. Owl
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- 30. Belt
 31. Like in the face
 33. far, far better thing ...
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- know of 37. "Not
- 39. Unveiling cries
- 40. Full of modern gadgetry
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- 55. Suffix with cash or cloth
- 56. Fictional ringbearer
- 57. North Dakota city
- 58. Joanne of "All the King's Men"
- 59. They're all over the map
- 60. It winds through Paris
- 61. Fortuneteller's claim
- 62. Otherwise 63. "Coffee

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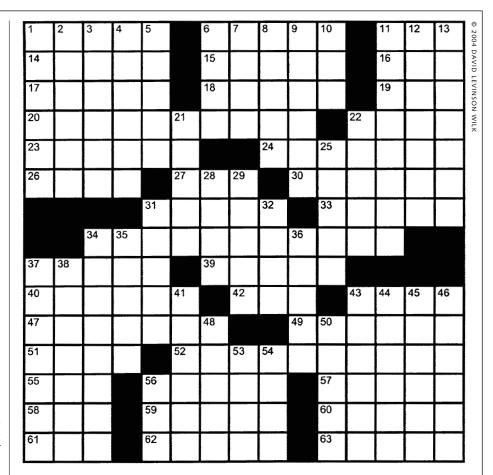
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- 7. Suffix with switch ___ go on?'

- 9. Refuses
- 10. Sullivan and Asner
- 11. The 21st state
- 12. Tidies up
- 13. One of the Huxtable girls
- 21. Take forcibly
- 22. Small nightclub
- 25. Cuts off, as fat 28. Blind piece
- 29. Fergie, formally
- 31. "Cold ____" (Foreigner hit)
 32. Goals for some graduate
- students
- 34. Home plate umpire's cry 35. Wombs
- 36. One-name New Age musician 37. What someone might be
- along for 38. Intimating types
- 41. Find out about
- 43. More gross
- 44. "I've already been to that movie"
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- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by
- your name and address.
 4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

 5. In the event of disputes or ties,
- decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
 6. All answers must be entered in the
- space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.





Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 10/21/04

Of the 59 entrants, 55 were correct.

- 1. Dennis Sulzer, Chula Vista
- 2. Mark Henshaw, Vista3. Gregory M. Jablonski, San Diego
- 4. Farl Gresh, Cardiff 5. Judith Rolle, San Diego

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dential.

HGS. 11/16/04. Two months and one day ago I never would have believed the past two wonderful months would happen, TYS. Michale.

HGS: If you are reading this, it's because you know I love you madly, sweetheart. Michale.

I LOOK BACK NOW and realize what a toloon I was. You've shook! Shook, ook, shook! Shook this boogie man.

I'M BLACK and I'm proud! James Brown. Don't help them bury the lies. Don't give in without a fight. Pray for peace. MELTING INTO THINGS. Synchronicity where I long to be. Creativity, beauty, and kindness. God is in us all. Peace. Missing you. Love, Muse. NICK K. NICK K. NICK K. Call home ur-THANK YOU Holy Spirit for prayers answered JP

> MATCHES SHARED

FRIENDSHIP. Everyone has moved, so seeking a few platonic pals who enjoy movies, music, light walking, videos, happy hours, etc. Ages 30-50, femals (11/3) \$33101 male. (11/3) \$\alpha\$ 33101

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NAME This Place



Greek-style amphitheater seating atop Mount Helix (completed in 1925); Mark Austerlitz uses it in his fitness regimen. (Last week's winners: Dan Toleno, Ryan Cornell, Greg Deuerlein, Steve Covault, Mrs. Woody Porter)

Q: Sea shores sculpture?

Describe this location, name the nearest cross-streets, and win a Reader T-shirt. E-mail to NameThis Place@SanDiego Reader.com; fax to 619-231-0489; or mail to Reader, Name This Place, Box 85803, San Diego 92186 — include your name and address. (Deadline, Tuesday, 9 a.m. In case of ties, lottery will determine top five winners.)



FRIENDSHIP. Fun, slim, easygoing, 50. Seeking friends, male/female, for activities, biking, jazz, coffee, etc. San Diego bay areas! Ocean/Pacific Beach. Will respond back! (11/3) ☎33102

MATCHES

Women SEEKING MEN

ASIAN PROFESSIONAL, 50s, attractive, 5'3", 120lbs., honest, sincere, loving, and kind heart, degreed, homeowner. Seeking same qualities, 55-63. (11/10) ing sam 30560

A Lady With Flair!

Life is good, missing only youl Attractive, refined feminine, open-minded, black lady, 50ish, seeks quality gentleman to share this wonderful world with. You: 55+, nonsmoker, financially and emotionally secure, mild mannered, kindhearted with integrity and class. Race unimportant. (11/10) \$\frac{2}{2}\$ 305-58

Immportant. (1710) \$\alpha\$30558 Amportant. (1710) \$\alpha\$39, size 18, I am still searching for one man who is looking for honest, sincere, family oriented, long-term wonderful relationship. (11/10) \$\alpha\$30550

REGGAE, MOONLIGHT, laughter, nature, art! Artistic, romantic, eclectic, sweet, red hair, green eyes. Looking for mature, tall, strong, kind, intelligent, humorous, black man. Dreadlocks optional! (11/3)

Tall Slender Fit And Fun

Carlsbad, attractive, healthy, nonsmoker, 5'10", blue eyes, 51, ultra feminine, seeks fun, romantic, attractive, fit nonsmoker for dining, wining, dancing, laughs, friendship, and male companionship. (11/10) \$\Pi\$30546

companionsnip. (11/10) \$39546

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. (11/10) \$30548

SOUTHERN BELLE, 37. Seeking 30-45 male, sweet, outgoing, for walks on the

beach, dining and dancing, who hasn't given up on love. (11/3) \$\overline{a}\tau30508\$

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE, 54. Looking for that special male to enjoy cuddling, dining, traveling, movies and more. Must be affectionate with sense of humor. (11/3) \$\overline{a}\tau30529\$

LOOKING FOR A FUN, romantic, intelligent, tall, physically fit, white gentleman petween the ages of 40-48, living in the North County coastal area. (11/3)

ADORABLE, CUTE, CLASSY, senior lady seeks mature géntleman for dining, movies, music, and travel. Must have good sense of humor and financially se-cure. (11/10) **2**30549

FRIENDLY, WITTY, LIKE sports, travel, dining, cooking, exploring new places, unencumbered, energetic, movies. Anything sound appealing? Send a message. Kind, tall, humorous man, 70. (11/3)

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN, petite, young 50, mellow, educated, psychology, activist. Democrat, union, pacifist, Sierra. Likes hike, snorkel, raft, Nordic, folk, jazz, comedy, nieces. Seeks Latin. Clairemont. (1110) 230534

EUROPEAN, CLASSY, ROMANTIC, sophisticated, passionate, energetic, spiri-tual, sensual, arts, loving, honest, exciting lady with great looks, seeks successful, accomplished, cosmopolitan gentleman, 43-53, to enjoy life. (11/10) \$\oldsymbol{\textit{T}} 30555

SLIM, HEALTHY, WHITE female, tall and cheerful, 66. Seeking upbeat, fit gentleman at least 61", for mutual enjoyment aiming for loving relationship. Nonsmoker, please. (11/3) \$30517

STUNNING, CONFIDENT, genuine, shapely, happy, Mexican ancestry, adventurous, 54, 130lbs., 5'5", nonsmoker. You: genuine, 5'10", 48-58, white, Hispanic, mature, nonsmoker. (11/3)

I'VE WISHED UPON A STAR to find out where you are. White, plus size, and at-tractive. Seeking white male, 25-50, seri-ous relationship and no games. (11/3)

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LATINO MAN, 50+, fluent in English, father, sought by Hispanic/Caucasian woman, 52, for enjoying conversation, companionship, more? I have one child still at home. (11/10) ★ 30545

PASSIONATE, COSTA RICAN/WHITE tall, 45, marriage minded. You: white, car, work, time, single, normal. 48-60. (11/10)

STRIKING BRUNETTE seeks trustworthy, kind, caring gentleman, 50-60. I'm upbeat and enjoy a nice conversation with a man who knows how to treat a lady. (11/10)

CUTE, NICE, PASSIONATE, blonde/blue, 57", 125lbs., 52, humorous, crazy, active. You are healthy, active, attractive, nice, kind, fun, love dogs, outdoors, like down time. (11/3) \$\mathbf{\alpha}\$30525

time. (11/3) \$\infty\$30525\$

ATTRACTIVE, SEXY, physically fit, 40, educated, fun loving, energetic. Seeking 35-50, open minded, kind, outgoing, sincere, secure, funny, intelligent, well groomed. North County only. (11/3) \$\infty\$30507\$

GLAMOROUS BLONDE, tall, 5'8", 135lbs., blue, outgoing. Seeking single, white male, 45-55, 5'10"-6'4", homeowners and financially secure preferred. Dates, fun, romance, trips. (11/10) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$30547

EAST COUNTY. Seeking 50+ gentleman, honest, loving who knows what a real woman and love is. Nonsmoker. Love to have relationship with loving, honest woman. (11/3) \$\alpha\$30531

woman. (11/3) \$\times 30531\$ **BRUNETTE, GOOD MANNERS,** 40s, kind, possible, still sexy, seeks man, 40s-60s or other, who loves to be spoiled and deserves it. White, clean. (11/10) \$\times 30557\$

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate. No baggage man, friendship, sportive, no previous kids, spiritual/nonreligious, 37-49, 5'9"+. (11/10) \$30542

size brunette. Very loving and sincere. Nonsmoker. Seeking romance, relationship, later a plus. Let's go for it big boy! (11/3) \$30501 LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus size brunette. Very loving and sincere.

EAST COUNTY COWGIRL, sexy, sassy, curvaceous, redhead, humorous, caring, romantic. Seeking cowboy, nonsmoker, adventurous, sincere, tall, attractive, easygoing, sensitive, communicator, good-hearted, gentle spirit; relationship. (11/3) 2730527

BEAUTIFUL BLONDE WITH heart interested in good conversation, good food, wine, sunsets, hiking and love. Any man nder 50 who can keep up is wel-ome.(11/3) 🕿30520

ATHLETIC PROFESSIONAL, classy. Successful, well-balanced, world traveled, celectic. Enjoy concerts, sporting events, golf, tennis, wind surfing, outdoors. You: no drugs/smoke, no kids, adventurous. (11/10) 230541

ous. (11/10) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$30541

EDUCATED LATINA, 49, good natured, romantic, slightly full figured, enjoys exercise, arts, outdoors, and company of honest, loyal, fun, loving man, emotionally mature, spontaneous, communicator, commitment minded. (11/3) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$30503

SEEKING TRAVEL PARTNER to travel: Italy, Paris, possibly build relationship.
Me: 49, European, educated, nice looking. You: good looking, educated, not old, happy with life. (11/3) \$\frac{11}{20}\$ 30526

nappy with IIIE. (11/3) \$\(^{\frac{1}{3}}\) \$\(^{\frac{1}{3}}\) \$\(^{\frac{1}{3}}\) \$\(^{\frac{1}{3}}\) \$\(^{\frac{1}{3}}\) \$\(^{\frac{1}{3}}\) saygoing, sincere, 5'8", fun loving. Enjoy movies, fine arts, theatre, good conversation. Seeking charming, intelligent, humorous, generous, emotionally/financially secure gentleman. (11/3) \$\(^{\frac{1}{3}}\) 30523

YOU'VE GOT LOOKS, BRAINS, money and personality yet happiness eludes you. I've got the answer, the choice is yours! (11/3) \$\infty\$30532

yours! (11/3) \$30532

ADVENTUROUS, ACTIVE senior. 70s, nonsmoking, easygoing. Seeking friendship, companionship with counterpart who's fun loving, happy, healthy. Let's met and see what happens. (11/3)

ABOVE AVERAGE, ATTRACTIVE female, late 50s (looks 40s), multi-lingual, seeks well-educated, accomplished male professional, military/government career. Social activities, travel, possible long-term relationship. (11/10) \$\alpha\$30562

CUTE CALIFORNIA GIRL, blonde/blue, 5'8", slender, bikini looks, Republican, teacher, enjoy beach, concerts, boating, nature, arts. Seeking fun, romantic, attractive, fit, nonsmoking, Christian, 35-50. (11/10) \$\tilde{\pi}\$30551

50. (11/10) \$30551

LET'S TRAVEL! Slim, petite, attractive, real estate agent and art docent. Seeking a fit traveler for interesting conversation and a glass of wine. (11/3) \$30514

VERY ATTRACTIVE, cultured lady would like to meet you for conversation over a glass of wine. (11/10) \$\alpha\$30556

YOUTHFUL SCANDINAVIAN seeks quality man friends say I deserve. We're both: ity man friends say I deserve. We're both family oriented, loyal, romantic, consider

ate, supportive, dependable, witty, healthy fit, fincially secure, 35-45. (11/10)

GENUINE WOMAN seeks long-term relationship. Love San Diego, travel, nature. You? Similar. Professional, active, tall, 32-39, no kids yet, spiritual, adventurous, available, wanting relationship. (11/10)

BEAUTIFUL, VOLUPTUOUS, social butter-fly. Outgoing, fun loving, always on the go! Seeks stocky stud for adventure and fun. Suit to jeans, 34-40. (11/3) \$\alpha\$30515

LONELY, SEPARATED, 48-year-old female. I'm in good shape, looking for good times, movies, dining, anywhere. Between ages of 38-55 man. (11/3)

CREATING EXTRAORDINARY, amazing relationship. Someone to get to know. Relationship filled with love, caring, greatness, peace. 5'7", attractive, 45, curvaceous, enthusiastic, fun loving, healthy, insightful. (11/10) \$\mathbf{\pi}\$30554

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE, 5'4", 44, slim, attractive, young-looking, career professional. Seeking intelligent, athletic, sexy, handsome, funny, outdoorsy, adventuresome gentleman for friendship, maybe more. (11/3) \$\pi\$30512

BLONDIE, SENSUOUS SWEETHEART, BLONDIE, SENSUOUS SWEETHEART, 63, energetic, upbeat, liberal, artist. Seeking European/Hispanic/American, ball-room, cultures, language, music, hikes, RV, creating, building, volunteering, boating, family, gardening, travel. (11/10) 23:0552

AFFECTIONATE. FUN-LOVING. assertive 57, financially secure, African-American educator. Seeking white male, for dining, concerts, theatre, travel, walking, beaches, quiet evenings, hugs, kisses, romance. (11/3) ☎30509

romance. (11/3) ☎30509

ASIAN, EXOTIC, SULTRY, nice legs, curvaceous, humorous, 5'3", 115lbs., health care professional, childless, homeowner. Seeking fit, nonsmoker, health care professional, engineer, CPA, business, 35+Caucasian. (11/3) ☎30522

A VIVACIOUS, PETITE redhead, inter ested in a man age 48-65 who sees life with humor; to seek out life's adventures. (11/10) \$\infty\$ 30544

STRAWBERRY BLONDE/HAZEL, regis tered nurse, 54, white, attractive, slender, 56°, East County. Seeking white, 5'11°+, nonsmoker, no drugs, healthy, educated, 50-60. Likes animals, travel, movies. (11/3) \$\mathbf{3}\$30530

ATTRACTIVE SENIOR LADY, Vista area, with nice figure. Dancing, dining, plays, art, museums, bridge. If you have some of these interests, please call me. (11/10) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$30535

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LOVE TO KISS, HAVE FUN, meaty conversations, foreign films, picnics, cuddling, listening, hanging out, theater. Fit, attractive, in search of same. You: 58-70. (11/10) ☎30540

IMAGINE KATIE COURIC at 61. Playful, healthy, active, attractive, curious, refired professional, 5'3-1/2", 118lbs. You are healthy, active, attractive, financially secure. Seeking friends, possible relationship. (11/3) \$\mathbf{x}\$30500

Sexy Italian British

5'1", 116lbs., 58, attractive, energetic, witty, kind, successful. Enjoys travel, the arts, dancing, dining, conversation. Seeking sincere, attractive companion who is affectionate, positive, intelligent, outgoing and fit. (11/3) \$\infty\$30533

outgoing and it. (1/13) \$\frac{3}{2}\$-30533 Natural, Verry LoVING, affectionate, caring, white woman, loves to cook, loves sports, anything outdoors. Looking for white man, 35-50 for long-term relationship. (11/3) \$\frac{2}{3}\$30519

COUNTRY GIRL, AGE 48. Looking for a good-hearted man. Blonde, medium build, woman with average assets seeks friendship with man of integrity, 40-50. (11/10) \$\oldsymbol{\Pi}\$30536

SENSUAL, ATTRACTIVE, loving, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoys outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 55-65, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (11/3) \$\infty\$30506

DON'T GIVE UP! Very sexy, pretty lady waiting if you are 57+, 5¹10°+, with time to play, with kisses and hugs, to share fun times. (11/10) ☎30553

THERE'S A REASON for everything; watching the sunset, gathering seashells. 70-year-old lady. Hope your dreams will come true if shared by two. (11/3) \$\tilde{\tilde{\tilde{3}}} 30516

GOOD LOOKING, OLD HIPPIE GIRL. Nathappy, wise. Seeking rugged outdoors man, 45-55, into nature, travel, togetherness, long-term fun. (11/3) \$\overline{a}\$30504

VOLUPTUOUS BEAUTIFUL brunette, VOLUPTIOUS BLOCK
classy, exotic and slender. Seeking gentleman, 45-60, nonsmoker, passionate, sensuous, tall, health conscious, financially secure and professional, charming and intelligent. (11/3) ☎30505

and intelligent. (11/3) ☎30505

CUTE, SHAPELY, BRUNETTE, 32, 5'3", preschool teacher, love kids, and would like to have my own some day. Looking for engaging and emotionally expressive partner. (11/3) ☎30528

LIBRA SNAKE SEEKS ROOSTER. 27 year old practicing Wiccan seeks companion who enjoys being spontaneous. Must enjoy music, adventure. Big hearted guy only. Pagan OK. (11/10) \$\infty\$30538

WARM PERSONALITY, PRETTY blonde/ orue, Christian values, healthy lifestyle. Enjoy swimming, cruises, classical music, arts, gardening, British background, re-tired. Would enjoy meeting sincere Chris-tian gentleman. (11/3) \$\alpha\$ 30499

AVERAGE LADY, 52, WANTS to meet an average man. I live in Pacific Beach, am 5'3", 125lbs. Interests are pie, ice cream, mental health. (11/10) \$\infty\$ 30539

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING Women

JUST ONE QUALITY LADY. Handsome fit, fun, articulate, outgoing, reliable, confident gentleman awaits. You: 33-45, physically and mentally fit. No couch potatoes for lasting relationship. (11/3) 233141

CHITTAGEESE, "happy go lucky" salesman and sailor, early 60s. Seeking to share life with a compatible woman. (11/3) \$\alpha\$33109

down to earth, mature, good listener, like to laugh. Seeking full figure, white or Hispanic for friendship, dating, possibly more. (11/3) \$\frac{1}{2}\$33111

OPPORTUNITY! YOUNG looking, hand-some, tall, healthy, virile, retired, home-owner, financially secure, widower. Seek-ing slim, shapely, attractive, vivacious lady, 50-65. Dates, fun times, romance,

iady, 50-65. Dates, fun times, romance, trips, dancing. (11/3) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$33132 \$\tilde{\alpha}\$14L, \$\tilde{\alpha}\$000 Lookinks, white, long blond hair, 40s, athletic, successful, compassionate, fun. Seeking beautiful white lady, under 38 years, for one-on-one relationship. (11/3) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$33112

HYBRID MALE SEEKS hybrid female. Fourth decade shot in the dark admittedly so tired of waiting. Are you there or is this fantasy fullfillment awaits? (11/3)

MISSION BAY CAUCASIAN, widower 60s, 5'7", 165lbs., secured homeowner. Enjoy music, dancing, cooking, glass, wine, quiet times. Seeking attractive, af-fectionate lady under 65 for dat-ing. (11/10) \$\infty\$33145

ing. (11/10) \$\Pi33145\$ **GOOD NATURED,** dependable, 50, enjoys walking at beach, mountains, mild physical disability, likes talking, laughing, movies, sports. Seeking good woman companionship. You won't be sorry. (11/3) \$\Pi33135\$

TALL GENT, 6'6", seeks counterpart, 5'8"+, who enjoys fine dining, live entertainment and travel. I'm Caucasian, 56, and fit. La Jolla area. (11/3) \$\infty\$33107

TALL, ATHLETIC professional, 43, 6'1", brown/blue, healthy lifestyle. Seeking thick, athletic lady, 34-48, for biking, tennis, hiking, etc. Thick legs a plus! (11/10)

TRAVEL/LIFE PARTNER wanted. Future possible marriage/family. Fit, healthy, successful, frugal, humorous, no drugs/excessive drinking. Honesty, smiles, hugs required. Under 40. (11/3) \$\alpha\$33137

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30ISH ASIAN OR LATINA, sought by 40ish professional for fun, friendship, romance. Me: handsome, blond, blue, 5'11". fit, secure, no baggage. You: 40ish professional for fun, friendshi mance. Me: handsome, blond, 5'11", fit, secure, no baggage. pretty, petite, fit. (11/10) \$\alpha\$33163





Movie Critic

Movie Critic
Well, almost. Attractive white male, slim
and trim, Ray Liotta type, mid-40s, born
in October, 5'11", brown hair, green
eyes, down to earth, stable, dog lover,
nonsmoker, romantic, affectionate, good
sense of humor. Searching for that
special lady who still believes life and
love can be like it is in the movies. Race
and age open. Long-term relationship
and/or marriage. (11/3) \(\frac{1}{2} \) 33144

858 WHITE GENTLEMAN. 5'0": 172 lbs.

858, WHITE GENTLEMAN, 5'9", 172lbs. 55, clean shaven, handsome, well-groomed, great qualities, romantic, loving, supportive, secure. Wants attractive, intelligent, secure, sexy woman, 45-60. (11/10) \$\mathbf{T}\$33148

HISPANIC PRINCESS SOUGHT by degreed, professional, African-American male, baby face, 38. You must be shapely, attractive and love to laugh! (11/3) 🕿 33136

LET'S GROW TOGETHER. Tall, handsome, fun loving professional, 6'4', 52, well educated, open minded, spiritual, romantic, skier, sailor. Seeking one special woman for fulfillling partnership. (11/10) \$\alpha\$33172

DOWN TO EARTH, intelligent and responsible guy, 47. Seeking earth goddess for fun and enlightenment. Tree huggin' hippie girls... I'm your man! (11/10)

TALL, IN-SHAPE WHITE male looking for right woman. Chemistry and positive atti-tude are more important than age and race. Give me a call. (11/3) \$\frac{1}{3}3139\$

SEEKING MISCHIEF, mayhem, earth trekking? Very attractive and successful trekking? Very attractive and successful Jewish guy from Midwest, 40. Seeking creative and adventurous woman. Healthy rebels and nonconformists wel-come. (11/10) \$\mathbf{T} 33170\$

HUSBAND MATERIAL FOR vegetarian babe. Me: 40, 5'11", 170lbs., dark, good looks, degreed professional, very intelligent, athletic, affectionate, kind. You: 25-35, cute, fit, happy, aware. (11/10)

HIGHLY-CEREBRAL, divorced white male, with a sort of macho attitude seeks sensuous, 40-something woman. A published writer and opera singer. Let's start some fires! (11/10) \$\mathbf{A}\$33165

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From this page, click on "Matches."

EAST COUNTY RETIRED GENT, 70, nice guy, like cruises, car trips, movies, walks. I am healthy, active, trim, looking for a nice lady. (11/10) \$\alpha\$33166

ATTRACTIVE, FINANCIALLY/emotionally stable, white, 53, 6'. Seeking romantic gal for dining, walks, travel and quality time together. Is that you? Bye for now. (11/3)

PEACE OFFICER LIKES beach walks cation, humor desired. 5'11", 210lbs., 55, brown/blue. Call me! Any age OK. (11/3)

TALL. DARK AND VERY handsome. I'm 47, successful, kind, considerate and supportive. I enjoy sports, mild adventure, travel, dining, entertaining and home. You're intelligent, sportive. (11/3) \$\textbf{33}\$105

ACTIVE SENIOR seeks attractive lady to refuel my embers. Complement passion, refuel my embers. Completiferit אופספטר, curiosity, desire. Love nature, hikes, golf, movies. Handsome San Diegan. Let's share our future. (11/3) ממונים ממונים אופספטרים וויים ממונים
CHRISTIAN, HANDSOME, Italian, 6'

imal lover. Music, dancing, concert, outdoors, sports. You: positive, sweetheart lady. Nonsmoker. (11/3) \$\alpha\$33122

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EAST COUNTY, DINING, dancing, camp ing, dog lover, Baja traveler, homeowner, good-looking guy, 55, slender, healthy, nonsmoker. Seeking female for life's intimacies and adventures. (11/3) \$\alpha\$33129

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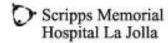
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Allison Itterly Student

College Area

I'm an Italian girl from New York, so I know about needing secrets. A little white lie to protect somebody's feelings is all right as long as it doesn't hurt anybody. If I met a really great guy and after a while he told me that he killed a man in Mexico and dumped the body, I wouldn't have a problem with it. I'd be, like, "Forget about it." Now, if I met a guy and he only pretended to like the Yankees, we'd have words. Say he was cheering against the Yanks and I found out, I might have to make a couple phone calls to make his body disappear.



Anthony Hughes

Catering Hillcrest

Some secrets are necessary. I think people who say "Truth is the most important thing in a relationship" are lying. There are so many different circumstances to consider. I don't think you should ever tell a person how many people you've dated. That's like one of those questions that should be kept on a need-to-know basis. When you're younger, it's easier to say that truth is the most important thing because when you're young, you really don't have that much to hide. It's just not that cool to ask about other relationships because there's always the issue about measuring up.



 $Kyle \ Vallard$

Car Wash Employee

La Jolla

It depends on the type of secret. There are things that you need to hide, then there are lies that you need to [keep in order to] succeed in a relationship. First of all, you need honesty to be committed, and you have to be able to trust somebody. There are a lot of questions that you might not want to ask in a rela tionship. Relationships are just like life because you can't understand everything. It comes down to trial and error. It's a little like faith where you don't know everything, but you just have to trust blindly.



David Lighty

Student

Mission Beach

Yes. Little, white, innocent secrets are okay. There are personal things that are better left unsaid until you've made a real commitment like marriage. When I was younger, I used to tell girls that I was from Hawaii or the East Coast. It was the kind of thing [I'd say] when I'd go out with buddies and see what kind of jokes we could pull off. If a girl's had some personal or family problems and she wants to keep them secret, then I would totally understand. It's important to find someone who understands and who you feel comfortable being around.



Lindsey Appelbaum

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I don't think secrets are necessary; I think that you should be as honest as you can with your partner. Everybody has a past, but I think once you're in a serious relationship with somebody, it's good to be honest and open with them. I doubt that anyone answers the question of how many people that they've dated honestly. If you're so in love that you want to marry a person, then their past shouldn't matter. I'm a hopeless romantic, but I don't think there's any Prince Charming out there. Looks aren't the most impor tant thing; you have to have a personality. Ladies, watch out for the boys in San Diego.



Anita Castagnola

Student La Mesa

There's a part of a person that they need to keep for themselves. Sometimes there are issues that people don't even know about themselves, so it might be important for that person not to come forward with an explanation for something they've done and to keep it secret. Before a person enters into a relationship, it's good for a person to feel comfortable about being with himself or herself. Skeletons in the closet tend to lose their severity after

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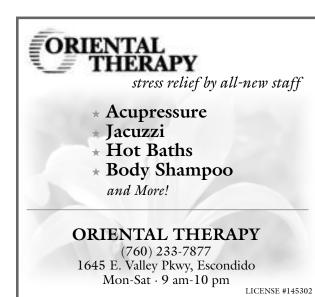
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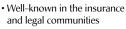
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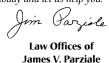




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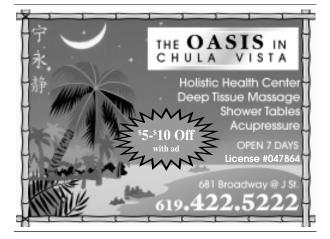
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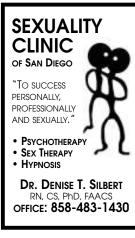
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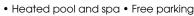
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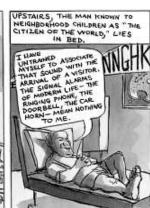


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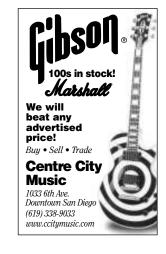
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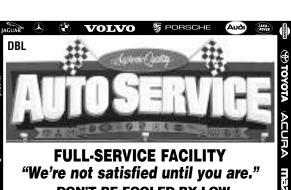
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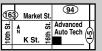
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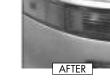
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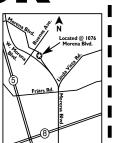
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- A new computer gadget enables someone to apply sexual stimulation to another person over the Internet. According to a September report on Wired.com, the vibrating "Sinulator," with wireless receiver, can be activated remotely at different speeds and force by a spouse or anyone else who uses the device's password at Sinulator's website, and that manipulation can be done not only by keyboard and mouse, but by a male placing the Sinulator's transmitting sleeve ("Interactive Fleshlight") over his penis and thrusting at his (or the recipient's) preferred speed and force. "Thus," summarized the Wired writer, "a man can be thrusting in Cleveland while a woman is penetrated in Seattle."

Their Genes Are Still in the Pool

 In Clarksville, Ind., in June, Jason Grisham, 22, survived after climbing an electrical tower (scrambling past several obstacles and ignoring warning signs) and accidentally absorbing a virtually always-fatal 69,000 volts. ... In September, the Ohio Supreme Court overturned a judge's order to Sean Talty to cease procreating until he had settled the \$38,000 child-support tab for his first seven children.

Throw the Book at 'Em!

 In February, a 38-year-old Disneyland worker was killed when he fell from a three-part parade float and became trapped between the second and third sections. Disney's float was termed a "serious" workplace violation by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and in August it fined the multibillion-dollar company \$6300.

Fine Points of the Law

— (1) Day-care operator Ronald G. Lesniak, 60, on trial in September in West Chicago for allegedly sexually molesting a child, said that it was legally impossible for him to have committed that particular crime because brain surgery 30 years ago left him with no sex drive and that his wife would testify to that. (2) In New York City in September, a state supreme court justice ruled that a criminal conviction could not be overturned

because a juror was tipsy during deliberations (the result of sipping from a 16-ounce water bottle that was half vodka). The juror was reported by his colleagues as "overly effusive," "scatterbrained," and "inappropriately forthcoming with opinions and directions," but the justice pointed out that New York has no law against a juror's

Government in Action

 When Montana State University–Bozeman student Jesse Huffman, 19, emerged from answering nature's call in the men's room at the Port of Sweet Grass on the U.S. side of the Canadian border in August, officers noticed that the toilet was clogged. Although Huffman said he had a medical problem and offered to try to fix the toilet, officers took Huffman into custody for "criminal mischief." Huffman was detained for six hours before being released pending a court date, but a few days later a prosecutor dropped the case.

- According to an August report in Florida's Pensacola News Journal, a huge oak tree on Cypress Street in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., marks the spot of a major open drug and prostitution market that is the scene of several dozen arrests every month. The sheriff's office, weary of the constant parade of crimes and arrests and pressured by a community activist, recently told county officials that it had arrived at a solution: it asked permission to cut down the tree.

- Twice in August, wounded suspects who had been detained by police but who needed hospitalization had their arrests delayed because the respective governments — in Vermont and Virginia — tried to avoid getting stuck with the men's hospital bills. In each case, police intended to formally arrest the suspect only after he got well, but in both cases the suspects fled the hospital in wheelchairs before the police sent guards to their rooms. (Vermont burglary suspect William Stone, 39, rolled out with two broken legs; and attempted-murder suspect Obryan Cecil Braxton, 25, paralyzed from the neck down in a shootout, fled a hospital in Williamsburg, Va. Both were recaptured, and Stone was charged with wheelchair theft.)

Great Art!

- The 223-page novel The Train from Nowhere, by a French writer using the name Michel Thaler, is reported to be the first novel in history with no verbs, and its May publication was met with damning reviews. "Thaler" has called the verb "like a weed in a field of flowers" and his book a "revolution in the history of literature," that it "is to literature what the great Dada and Surrealist movements were to art." Critics noted the book's lack of action, in that it consists only of, according to London's Daily Telegraph, "lengthy passages filled with florid adjectives in a series of vitriolic portraits of dislikable passengers on a train."

Inexplicable

 A Quad City Times (Davenport, Iowa) columnist reported in September on a man who drove into his neighborhood at 10:30 p.m. to discover about 500 14-inch-high, ceramic-faced Ronald McDonald dolls neatly lined up in the middle of six streets, two to three feet apart, with no witnesses or explanation as to how they got there or why. The columnist, Bill Wundram, discovered only that the dolls were probably taken from the warehouse of a promotions company in nearby Camanche, Iowa, but is still stumped as to motive.

Least Competent Criminals

 A 28-year-old robbery convict with a history of escape attempts tried to tunnel his way to freedom at the prison in Coimbra, Portugal, in June but was intercepted by officials after excavating about 6 feet. He still had 70 feet of tunnel to dig to clear the building he was housed in, but a larger problem was that the man was directionchallenged: his tunnel was pointed not toward the prison perimeter next to the building but toward a patio wall inside the walls.

In 2002, Boston surgeon (and Harvard Medical School graduate) David Arndt, 43, made "News of the Weird" when his license was suspended for leaving a patient in the middle of an operation in order to run out to cash a check, and shortly after that he was arrested on drug possession and underage-sex charges,

which are still pending. He was arrested again in 2003 when he allegedly received a pink, phallus-shaped Mexican pinata filled with an estimated \$100,000 worth of crystal methamphetamine. In August 2004, a federal magistrate once again denied him bail on that charge, and anyway, he would have had trouble making bail since his parents, who put their house on the line to bail him out earlier, said they would no longer help him.

Readers' Choice

- Stephen P. Linnen, 33, who was a lawyer for the Ohio House Republican state legislators' caucus, was sentenced in September to 18 months in prison after pleading guilty to 53 misdemeanors, including 40 times springing out from hiding places while naked and photographing the faces of women reacting to the surprise (and also for fondling 13 of them). However, the judge refused to label Linnen a "sexual offender" and said he poses "absolutely no risk to public safety."

Almost All True

Three of these four things happened recently. Are you cynical enough to figure out the madeup story? (a) A zoo in Alaska announced it will build a treadmill for its overweight elephant to exercise on. (b) A couple rented out a pornography store in Mannheim, Germany, for their wedding because they had first met at the store when she rang up his purchases as a cashier. (c) Surveillance cameras at a London animal shelter revealed that one dog was using his teeth to unlock his cage and those of his pals so they could roam the premises night after night. (d) Owners of buildings across the street from Chicago's Wrigley Field earned more than \$15 million this season charging people to watch Cubs' games from their roofs.

Answer to Almost All True: (b) is not true, as far as I know.

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KIDNAPPING

Location: 9300 North Torrey Pines Road, UCSD **Time/Date:** 5:30–5:45 p.m. on 10/1/04

Officer's Investigation: E.K. is a Japanese foreign exchange student studying English at UCSD. K. speaks limited English. She was unable to understand and answer my questions sufficiently for a preliminary investigation. For more specific detailed information, I recommend using a Japanese translator.

K. told me she was waiting at bus station #34 on North Torrey Pines Road at Muir College Drive. There were no other students/passengers at the bus stop. K. saw a black two-door pickup truck (clear windows/no tint) slow down...and circle around. The solo male driver yelled through the passenger side of the truck, "I have a



K. said
she walked up
to the passenger side of the
truck when the
male got out of

question!"

the car and approached her. The male...then opened the door and pushed her inside. K. said he drove her to an unknown area. K. described the area as approximately 15 minutes away, residential and flat. She said during the drive, the male continuously touched the left side of her leg, arm and face. K. said he did not touch her breasts, between her legs, or butt. She said he never kissed her, exposed himself, or appeared aroused or erect. K. said her clothes were never removed nor was she forced to move while inside the vehicle.

K. said the male asked her a series of questions while he drove. He asked, "Are you Japanese? How old are you? Do you have a boyfriend?" She said he asked these questions in English. He then said in Japanese, "I want sex." K. said, "No, I want to get out." The male then drove her to another bus stop nearby at another

location where she got out of the car and ran away.

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Investigation: Officer Linardi #4301 and I were dispatched to the intersection of Clairemont Drive and Lakehurst Avenue to investigate the discharge of a firearm. When we arrived, we found a party in progress. Ryan T. flagged us down and said that he witnessed a man carrying a shotgun.

Statement of Ryan T.: We are UCSD students and we threw a birthday party at the house of one of our friends. The party began drawing a lot of people we didn't know. I saw five men walking across the lawn toward the house. I think they were two Hispanic males, two white males, and a black male. They were loud and obnoxious, so we turned them away at the door. That made them angry. One of the males suddenly displayed a short-barrel shotgun that was wrapped in a Pendleton shirt. He kept the barrel of the shotgun pointed in

the air. I did not hear him crack a round. He was about 20 years old, 5'10", shaved head, no facial hair, no visible tattoos. The five men began backing away. They went back across Clairemont Drive and I lost sight of them. Suddenly, I heard a loud explosion that sounded like one shotgun round being fired. I saw a vehicle driving away at high speed. As far as I know, there was no one hurt and nothing damaged.

EXHIBIT DEADLY WEAPON

Location: 7400 Girard Avenue, La Jolla Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. on 10/10/04



Officer's Investigation: I

responded to a radio call to investigate a threat with a knife. I arrived and spoke to the victim, Matthew B. B. stated that...he was driving on La Jolla Parkway from 56, heading westbound into La Jolla. A blue Ford pickup with a gold camper shell "cut him off" in traffic. He and the other driver, later identified as Steven E., exchanged words and hand gestures. They drove down Torrey Pines Road still arguing back and forth. They reached the intersection of Girard Avenue at Pearl Street. E. exited his truck carrying a knife. B.'s right win-

dow was down, and E. unfolded the knife, reached into the passenger's window, and jabbed at B. with the knife. E. was not able to reach into the car far enough to stab B. E. got back into his truck and drove west-bound on Pearl toward La Jolla Boulevard. B. tried to get the truck's plate number. B. drove southbound on La Jolla Boulevard heading into the Pacific Beach area. B. spotted E.'s truck at Loring Street and Bayard. He copied down the correct plate number.

After I took B's statement, I went to Loring and Bayard Streets, looking for the suspect and the suspect vehicle. At about 7:00 p.m., I found the suspect vehicle parked on the street. I called for additional units to help me while I contacted the suspect. I saw the suspect — Steven E. — place something in the bed of the truck. I detained E. by handcuffing him, searching him, and placing him in the rear seat of my police car.

I asked him to tell me what happened. E. was very angry about the way B. was driving. [He said] B. "flipped me off," waved his arms around, and clapped while saying, "What are you going to do about it?" E. said, "I'll show you what I'm going to do about it." He exited the truck with the knife that he took out of a metal bucket. He went to the side of B.'s car and yelled: "You're a ridiculous moron! You're a fool!"

Then E. added, "I really didn't open the knife. I wanted him to see what color it was."

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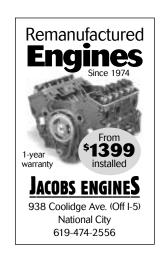
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I suppose her politics matter because Robert's a retired college professor who began his career in engineering, then took another degree in political science, and turned to teaching that subject and history. Besides, his Volvo is a collage of bumper stickers, and not a single one flatters George Bush.

I say, "With the stickers all over it, I couldn't tell what year your Volvo is."

"It's a 1998 that I ordered here, and they flew me free to Europe to pick it up. I spent three months camping in Europe and brought it home. If you do that, you get a \$4000 discount and they ship it free. And if you're gone more than three months, you don't have to pay sales tax when you bring it into California.

"I flew into Amsterdam airport and went into the smoking area and smoked a joint because it's legal to smoke a joint in Amsterdam. Then I took the plane to Sweden and they picked me up in a limousine and drove me to a free hotel.

"I put 11,000 miles on the Volvo going around Europe. I visited a friend in Germany, then I went through the Loire Valley drinking French wine and eating French food, and I visited the D-Day beach before I went to Amsterdam and met up with an Irish woman. We drove to Berlin and spent a week. From there we went down to Austria, and I visited Salzburg, where Mozart was born; and then we went to Vienna and up to Prague.

"In Poland I visited Krakow and that horrible Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz. I just had taken a graduate class in the history of the Holocaust,

so I was very much interested in that subject.

"We stayed a few days in Budapest and then spent a month in Italy. And finally we drove back to Brussels and shipped the car from Antwerp, Free, I picked it up at the Volvo dealer in Pasadena."

His story rouses my wanderlust. But with the election approaching, I'm most intrigued by the 50 or so bumper stickers I had seen on his Volvo when I spotted it outside a Chinese restaurant

But Robert tells me, "The Volvo's in the shop. The automatic window switch went out. I'm getting that done. And it needs work on the brakes."

"Is it in the shop a lot?" I ask. "Hardly ever. We could go down to the shop. Or you could photograph my scooter, which is plastered with stickers also. I have a Honda 80. I use it for short trips."

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