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Tiffany and the Optiona

At 5:25 on an early summer afternoon, the sun still blazed outside the big metal roll-up doors at Stars and Stripes Gymnastics. Inside the San Marcos gym, coaches' commands and the squeak of the parallel bars and the *whump* of athletes hitting mats caromed off the high, open warehouse walls. A line of five- and six-yearold boys and girls somersaulted down the long runway leading to the vaulting table. Their coach walked alongside chanting, "Over, over, over." Headed in the opposite direction, a straggly line of sweaty, barefooted adolescent boys dressed in tank tops and baggy shorts followed a twentyish coach.

In the gym's southeastern corner, a group of 15 girls sat or sprawled along the edge of a raised, square, oversized trampoline. Dressed in a dark rainbow of leotards — navy and cardinal and hunter green — the girls chatted and glanced around the gym. Some lazily stretched their toned arms and legs. In the trampoline's center, a tiny girl with blond pigtails turned back layout flips in the slow, casual way an ordinary little girl might play hopscotch on the sidewalk. *Bounce, bounce, lay-out*. *Bounce, bounce, lay-out*. On the layout part, her arms stayed at her sides. Her head went back. The rest of her body, all straight in its powder blue leotard, followed her head in a wide arc until her feet hit the trampoline again. *Bounce, bounce, lay-out*. Across the runway from the trampoline, behind a series of picture windows, parents milled about in the waiting room. A large fan pushed hot air around the brown metal folding chairs and the moms in jeans and T-shirts. A few dads paged through magazines. Some siblings worked on homework or played Gameboys.

At 5:30, the waiting-room door opened. The five- and sixyear-olds and a class of even younger kids filed from the gym into the stuffy room. They held up their hands to show their parents the hand stamps they'd received from their coaches. In the midst of the shuffle of parents gathering kids and gear, Christine and Sarah Bennett arrived. Sarah smiled a wide, self-conscious smile. With her brown hair pulled to the sides in two braids, her long, tanned arms and legs, and her lime green leotard, Sarah fidgeted beside her mother with a sort of preadolescent coltishness. "Go on," Christine Bennett told her daughter. "I'll stick around for a

while. Then I'll pick you up after practice."

Sarah walked through the open waiting-room door and joined the group of girls by the trampoline. Greeting a friend, Sarah looked like a young Meg Ryan: wry mouth, pixie nose, wise eyes. Out in the gym, the air moved across the wide space between the opposing sets of metal doors. "They'll start with their warm-up," Christine explained.

As if on cue, the little blond girl stopped bouncing. The girls on the trampoline's edge jumped down and started running in broad circles around the floor exercise area in the gym's center. Their long, bare legs and pointed toes made the girls look like a flock of graceful cranes. "This is the competitive group," Christine continued. "There are 17 girls. The littlest one is Jamie." Christine pointed to a dark-haired girl even smaller than the blonde who'd done the flips. "She's eight. I think the oldest one is Ariane. She's leaving for college in the fall."

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LETTERS

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Offended

Regarding your October 2 cover ("What Do Women Want?"), I'm offended and I'm not even a woman! Shame on vou, Reader! Name Withheld

Hideous Monsters

This isn't a letter I expect you to publish. I'm not going to give you my name or that satisfaction. I just don't know why you are intentionally trying to offend the public with that image on the cover ("What Do Women Want?" October 2). There's no way I would even bother to read a story that portrays women as these hysterical, hideous monsters. It's offensive, it's degrading, it's hurtful, and it's sexist. You know, if you want to present an objective, informational story, fine. But there's no reason to present women in that hysterical manner. So I will no longer be reading the Reader from now on. That's the minimum to say. Name Withheld

Women Want Wealth

Re "What Do Women Want?" October 2. The article especially touched me because a week earlier, I had written a manifesto on the topic of greed, vanity, and materialism as a regionalized phenomenon and the cycle in which men and women flow through the stages of money, power, mating. The problem, from one perspective, is that while we both travel around the same circle, man and woman are in different stages on the "money, power, mating" continuum. That's because we start in different stages. As a young man, I've been conditioned to believe money brings power. That money and power "entitle" me to the physically attractive woman, with whom I want to pair my genes.

I've gathered that women, few of whom would admit

this (even if they were conscious of it), are taught to look pretty and get the man with money (because that's what he wants). With that man and his money come power. Now she can do whatever she wants. And when she's secretly feeling neglected at home, she can begin a new cycle. Thank you, Fred Moramarco, for shedding some tactful light over a very sensitive subject known as reality. D. Scott Bloom Solana Beach

Not Monsters

What do women want? Equality and respect. Nothing more or less than men. To be treated equally. We're not virgins, we're not whores. We're not victims, we're not monsters. We're human beings. We just want the same rights and privileges and respect and equality that men have. It's as simple as that. Name Withheld

Captain Single

What do women want? Read The Moral Animal, by Robert Wright. Caution: Women, nor men, will never be a mystery again if you read and understand this great book. In fact, while many readers may have been in wonder about many of the scenarios presented by the article, I was not...thanks to having previously understood the basic tenets of evolutionary psychology so clearly elucidated by Mr. Wright. The downside? I will probably never be able to engage in a "traditional" relationship ever again. I just can't play that game anymore. The upside? I'm happy about 95 percent of the time. Try to find that ratio of happiness in a relationship.

So, men, if you want to remain captain of your ship, stay single.

Mick Malkemus

Crazy Desires?

Re "What Do Women Want?" (October 2).

As a rational, stable woman, I think what women want in a rational, stable man is:

A man who loves her and shows it, who respects her and shows it, who makes her a priority in his life, who is as considerate of her feelings as she is of his, who is nurturing to her, who will offer her emotional security, stability, and kindness. A woman wants a man continued on page 70

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LIGHTS

Chapter 11 Is there a cover-up in the works over the strange doings of the city of



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San Diego's well-connected retirement board? That's the word among some skeptics in the wake of the appointment by Mayor Dick Murphy of Richard Vortmann, the retirement board's vice chairman, to the mayor's so-

Richard Vortmann called "Pension Reform

Committee." Vortmann, who runs National Steel and Shipbuilding, is a long-time Murphy friend and campaign fundraiser who has personally given thousands of dollars to the mayor's campaigns. Murphy critics point out that Vortmann was on the mayor's so-called Blue Ribbon Citizens Committee to review the city's finances. That group was created five months after Murphy first proposed it in his first state-of-the-city speech in January 2000, and it didn't issue its final report until February 2002, when it declared that the city's finances and budgetary processes were "fundamentally sound." A year later, the bottom fell out, and it turned out that the Blue Ribbon panel had papered over a long list of the city's money troubles, which subsequently required a sharp round of budget cuts and fee hikes. Two weeks ago Murphy called Vortmann into service again, but he isn't the only member of the new retirement review

commission with questionable backgrounds. Local pols point to April Boling, a certified public accountant who also just happens to be Murphy's paid campaign treasurer. She's handled the same duties for city councilman Brian Maienschein,



April Boling

along with Deputy City Attorney Leslie Devaney, who is running for city attorney. Boling is also on the board of the San Diego convention center corporation, and she's currently serving as president of the businesscontrolled San Diego Taxpayers Association, whose members frequently push for favored projects like a new Chargers stadium. The group also has attacked what it considers to be overgenerous public-employee pensions and benefits. Murphy announced his pension review commission in the wake of huge deficits and losses in the retirement fund and related health-care accounts. Supposed target of the review is

the city's pension board, led by San Diego City Employees' Retirement board of trustees president Frederick W. Pierce IV. This summer he mounted an expensive public relations Frederick W. Pierce IV campaign, paid for by

the pension fund, which included a large display advertisement in the Union-Tribune assuring readers that his management of the pension board was sound and the fund was solvent. It turns out Pierce himself became personally familiar with bad debts during a career as a real estate investment advisor. Currently employed as a consultant to San Diego State's redevelopment effort, Pierce once worked for Price Waterhouse in Orange County. Back in 1994, Pierce declared bankruptcy, citing his share of debt in a soured La Mesa real estate partnership among his bad debts. That liability was worth more than \$400,000. According to his bankruptcy filing, Pierce also defaulted on about \$25,000 in credit card debt and a \$4200 student loan. His total liabilities were listed as \$919,522. Pierce's office said he was in Singapore on vacation and was unavailable for comment.

Stripper's luck A West Virginia strip club controlled by Jack Galardi, father of Cheetahs owner Mike Galardi, has been the scene of an alleged drugging and robbery of a free-spending customer who had recently won \$314 million in the state's Powerball lottery. As a result of the charges, the Pink Pony in Cross Lanes, part of Galardi South Enterprises, which runs clubs all across the Deep South,

has lost its liquor license, is losing \$12,000 a month, and may soon be out of business. The story began on a dark night back in August,



Pony parking lot off In-Jack Whittaker terstate 64 and entered

the club, where he had become a regular. Police charge that 23-year-old club manager Jeffrey Caplinger and an ex-dancer, 24-year-old Misty Arnold, conspired to slip knockout drops into Whittaker's tumbler of Hawaiian Punch. Once he was sedated, the couple went out to his SUV, broke out a window, and took about \$545,000 in cash and cashier's checks that he was carrying around with him. Whittaker eventually came to, discovered the theft, and called police. Club employees allegedly tried to cover for Caplinger, but one witness, who told police he had been offered a cut of the loot to keep quiet, later broke his silence. The couple faces up to 18 years in state prison. Meanwhile, Galardi's lawyer, Suzanne Coe, has filed suit to keep the club's liquor license. "We have shootings and all sorts of things happen at other clubs, and nothing ever happens," Coe reportedly said.

- Matt Potter

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is poor. A decade and a half

ago, it bombed in buying a

Mexican food chain, but the

experience didn't keep it from

buying another one early this

that it's stuck in the restau-

rant business. For many

years, the industry has been

having an unappetizing

party: the Donner Party.

With restaurants vastly over-

built, cannibalism is

widespread. Yet restaurant

Jack's biggest problem is

Jack in the Box breaks ground on innovation center, April 18, 2003

Burger Rebirth

By Don Bauder

an Diego's fabled Jack in the Box is a curious company. When it dreams big, it flops. When it dreams small, it succeeds often brilliantly. sion. Its record at acquisitions

vear.

Fortunately, it appears that recent bad corporate news will prevent the company from consummating its current big dream: national expansion. And the grim news will certainly inhibit, and hopefully crush, Jack's quest for acquisitions.

Current management ---which says it has delayed but not jettisoned those big dreams - should look at Jack's history. In the 1970s, it flopped at national expan-

Neal Obermeyer



chains, particularly the fastfood variety, keep expanding, and Jack has been no exception.

The company's second big problem is its finances. In the past, when it dreamed big, it took on enormous piles of junk, or high-yielding, lowquality debt. Jack came to epitomize junk food and junk debt. Happily, that lowquality debt is no longer the cancer it once was, but Jack is still paying fat interest rates on money it has borrowed.

In the past, these problems have been offset by Jack's impressive product and service innovations. It was the continued on page 4

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Mystery Bug Hits Bay Jocks

By Geoff Bouvier

aving a dip in Mission Bay is less difficult than wrestling ocean swells with the mighty Pacific: the pacified Mission Bay

waters boast warmer temperatures, smaller waves, shallower beaches, and fewer rocks; and there are never bayside worries concerning riptides, violent swells, renegade surfers, or ravenous sharks. For juvenile bathers and elderly swimmers, the bay's the safer way to go.

Except for that small affair about the bay's being an impaired water body, teeming with dangerous levels of fecal bacteria.

This complicates matters for one particular pool of competitors, a group that is periodically forced, in order to maintain their identity, to swim out long and fast in Mission Bay. Triathletes.

The sport itself was born here on September 25, 1974, in and around the waters of Mission Bay. The brainchild of Jack Johnstone, that first race boasted 46 survivors. In one interview, Johnstone recalls having to order the award

trophies. "The trophy maker called and asked how to spell triathlon. He hadn't found it in any dictionary. I thought, 'Well, if it's not in any dictionary, the word must not exist. It's up to me how to spell it.' Given the spellings pentathlon, heptathlon, and decathlon, I guess there wasn't really much choice, but it seemed like a lot of power at the time."

Now there are over a half dozen major triathlons in San Diego every year, attracting between 1000 and 1500 entrants for each event. An army in wetsuits storming onceplacid waters. Did anyone feel sick in the weeks after that first race? And if they did feel sick, if any other postrace triathlete comes down with something, is it because of the water?

The awareness to water-related health issues has only recently been on the rise. Some triathletes grew conscious of the matter in 1998, following

the Springfield Ironhorse Triathlon in Illinois. Subsequent to that race, 16 entrants were diagnosed with leptosporosis, a high fever linked to bacterial infection from cow urine. The debate continues today: who should be held responsible for the sicknesses incurred from that fateful race? Is it the government's responsibility to make sure that municipal water spaces are clean? Is it the race organizers' task to test the water? Or should it be an individual's decision to risk hard swims in iffy straits? And what about public responsibility? Should it fall to us and to local businesses not to litter and contaminate our own water sources?

And now, for the first time, an International Triathlon Union World Cup event the 2003 New York City Triathlon — had the swim portion of the race canceled due to dangerously high bacterial levels in the Hudson River. Again, is this the first time the bacterial levels were too high? Or are we only just now beginning to figure it out? The Triathlon Club of San

Diego (TCSD or Tri Club) forms a tightly knit group who train together and race together, the oldest group of its type in the world. Motivation and support become almost as important as talent



Laurel Ehrenfreund examined by her endocrinologist

when you train upwards of 14 waste dump in the 1950s. Local triathlete Laurel hours a week, sometimes hunched and pumping on a Ehrenfreund got sick after the sleek bike, now hot on your Spring Sprint in 2002. Flu, own two feet, and then churncough, sore throat, lingering ing through salty water. Tri fatigue. And now, more than Club's brought athletes toa year later, she still suffers all gether since 1982, and it now those symptoms. After underboasts over 900 full-time going countless batteries of members. The TCSD decided tests, and ingesting everything to take matters into its own from antibiotics to medicinal herbs, after taking up yoga, hands ever since the waterquality issue began to hit buying a juicer, and eliminathome following the 2002 ing all the vice from her life, Spring Sprint Triathlon on Ehrenfreund still experiences a South Shores in Mission Bay. mysterious sickness. And most As San Diegans should know frustratingly, no one can cure by now, South Shores is an it or even tell her for sure what area that was used as a toxicit's from. But when she read a

report about San Diego water quality, and specifically about South Shores and the area beneath the old toxic-waste landfill, it occurred to her that her boyfriend had contracted and recovered from a minor respiratory infection after he finished the Spring Sprint as well. That's when she started researching and writing emails.

Turns out quite a few others in Tri Club had experienced some form of respiratory or gastrointestinal discomfort after that race. Many had simply considered it "part of the package" as in, train, race, sickness, recovery, then train and race again.

But Ehrenfreund was an example of a sick triathlete who hadn't recovered. And one of the athletes she eventually met, Tim Moran, had gotten almost as sick as Ehrenfreund. Moran's contraction of a mysterious, bacteria-related, adult-onset asthma after the 2001 race had ended his triathlon days for good.

So Ehrenfreund caught fire. She wrote to Donna Frye, the councilwoman who has taken the Mission Bay cleanup issues to heart; she wrote to Marco Gonzalez, the chairman of Surfrider Foundation, a nonprofit organized to protect San Diego's water and beaches; she wrote to Clay $\frac{D}{R}$ Clifton at the County Department of Environmental Real Health; she wrote to Rick Kozlovski, who organizes and g promotes most of the local triathlons; and she wrote to Jim McCann, the head of the continued on page 14 w



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Burger rebirth

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first company to develop and then expand upon the drivethru-only concept. It was selling tacos and other products

when many of its competitors were sticking only to hamburgers.

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By 1968, Jack had 300 outlets. It was purchased that year by St. Louis-based Ralston Purina. Jack's founder, Robert Peterson, and his sidekick, Richard Silberman, then took the proceeds and left fast food for banking. (Well, actually, Silberman eventually combined the two disciplines and went into fast banking or quickie money laundering. He boasted that he could

launder loot lickety-split. Unfortunately, the feds were listening surreptitiously, and he was sentenced to prison.)

CITY LIGHTS

Ralston Purina decided to take Jack national. By 1979, Jack had 1000 outlets all around the U.S. But it also

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had logistical and marketing problems with the nationwide network. That year, it sold 232 restaurants in the Midwest and East and decided to concentrate in the West and Southwest. Smart continued on page 10

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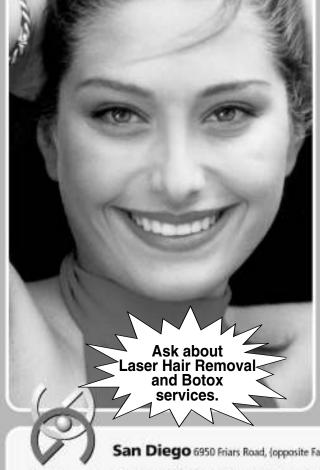
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continued from page 4 move - thinking small. Then came a series of financial misadventures. In 1985, a group of private fi-

nanciers plus the company's management amassed a pile of low-quality debt to buy Jack from Ralston. In 1987, Jack — then named Foodmaker — went public for the second time, laden with all that junk debt. In 1988, it went private again, and although it was burdened with low-quality debt, it took on even more to buy the Mexican chain Chi-Chi's.

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In 1992, Jack went public for the third time in its history. By that time, Chi-Chi's

was headed decidedly south, and Jack's balance sheet was in tatters. It was a case of big dreams and even bigger headaches

Then came the E. coli bacterium crisis. In January of 1993, 600 people got sick

from eating undercooked Jack burgers. Four died. It was late 1997 before all the lawsuits were settled. Immediately after the outbreak, Jack's sales plummeted more than 20 percent. Despite its weak balance sheet, the company

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righted itself by instituting food handling and cooking procedures that set standards for the industry.

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But Chi-Chi's was still a drag. Jack sold it to an Orange County company that had gone into bankruptcy and was a repository for other ailing restaurant chains. Jack wound up owning 40 percent of the company, and for a while even managed it. Then Jack wrote off the entire debacle, taking yet another fiscal bath.

To stay afloat, the Orange County company, also laden with junk debt, has since sold off many of its restaurant properties. It is now named Prandium, Inc. Its stock sells for less than 50 cents a share. To its sorrow, it still has Chi-Chi's. Last year, the parent went into Chapter 11 bankruptcy again. Chi-Chi's is losing money as sales decline. The parent keeps dropping Chi-Chi's stores.

But with all its bad dreaming and bad luck of the early 1990s, Jack once again began thinking small, and its fortunes began turning up. It came out with one smart new food product after another, all accompanied by zippy advertising and promotion. Although hamburgers remained its basic business, Jack became more of an adult sandwich chain.

Jack's same-store sales growth (sales in outlets open at least a year) became the envy of the industry. Jack's stock soared from below \$3 to above \$30. McDonald's and Burger King, once wunderkinds, were floundering.

Jack's balance sheet improved. In the miserable mid-1990s, Jack had 4.5 times more debt than equity, or the value of shareholders' investment. Now debt is six-tenths of equity, although the company is still paying doubledigit interest rates on much of that debt.

But Jack's happy times were doomed to end as industry cannibalism and concomitant price wars escalated. Despite all the introductions of creative sandwiches, "Hamburgers have always been the core of our business," says spokesman Brian Luscomb.

And, sadly, "The traditional hamburger chain is a road to nowhere," says David N. Allen of Palomar Equity continued on page 14

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continued from page 10 Research. "It is so price-sensitive I don't see how very much money can be made in that business anymore."

Jack's management had seen the same thing coming and unfortunately reacted by thinking in cosmic terms. Defying its own history, it invaded the Southeast. It bought a Mexican chain. It said it would go national. Perhaps partly because it was focusing on these big questions, its basic business began to slip. Uncharacteristically, it lagged other chains' moves into salads and other healthoriented foods, notes Bud Leedom, analyst for Wells Fargo Securities.

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On September 17 of this year, the house that Jack built revealed that it had termite problems. The company said its 2004 earnings would be the lowest since 1997. Its stock, which had already been slipping, plummeted well below \$20. Jack admitted something analysts had known for some time: the Southeast invasion was a logistical loser. Although insisting it still wanted to become a national chain, it scaled back expansion plans sharply.

Happily, it returned to thinking small. It said it would concentrate on improving its products and services. To that end, it is readying an Innovation Center just north of its headquarters at Ruffin and Balboa. Everything is secret now. "We see a great opportunity to reinvent not only Jack in the Box, but fast food," enthuses Luscomb. That's hyperbole — and a little bit like Nixon's secret plan to end the Vietnam War but actually, Jack is probably better equipped to pull it off than its competitors, including the much larger ones.

Jack intends to eschew chewing up competitors that is, it says it will avoid price wars. Don't count on that. "How can you avoid competing on price?" harrumphs Allen.

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Whether it wants to or not, Jack will remain a regional chain. It has big shares of the California, Arizona, and Texas markets. It would be folly to invade new regions, diversify into the alsosated sit-down restaurant business, or buy another doggy chain. "They will have to wait it out until the price competition abates," says Allen. Jack is stuck in a lousy business, but it probably has the savvy to gobble up market shares from competitors.

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Jack's financial history should be studied by another San Diego restaurant chain, Garden Fresh, which owns a string of generally successful soup-and-salad restaurants. On the last day of last month, Garden Fresh was purchased by investors who took it private. No doubt it will be brought public again, à la Jack twice, and more recently Petco. When Garden Fresh goes public again, check that balance sheet for junk debt before you nibble on the stock.

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Triathlon Club of San Diego. "There is a vital element to this story," wrote Ehrenfreund to Councilwoman Frye, "which I believe the city might want to explore, and which I hope you'll find compelling. Rain or shine, the water in Mission Bay and in San Diego Harbor is making people in these races sick. And as far as I can determine, no one, even those privy to the risks, appears to be monitoring, documenting, or taking responsicontinued on page 16





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continued from page 14 bility for it."

The issue's urgency deepened this May when it rained on the morning of the 2003 Spring Sprint (a sure sign that the water would not be safe for swimming that day), and the race's organizer, Koz Enterprises, decided that the race would go on anyway as planned. (The president of Koz Enterprises, Rick Kozlovski, was in Hawaii at the time this article was written and could not be reached for comment.)

Nicole Capretz, the senior policy advisor for Councilwoman Frye, responded to

Ehrenfreund's e-mail. "There is nothing we can do about the decision of the company to hold its race even when the Bay is posted for contamination. Due to the variable nature of water quality, it is the responsibility of the users of the water to determine when and when not to hold waterrelated events. It is the responsibility of the City to monitor the waters and post when there is contamination." Since even before Ehrenfreund began her crusade, one of the Tri Club's sponsors, Penta Water, had agreed to contribute its water-testing facility (Bio-Hydration Research Lab) free of charge. And one of the club's members, Barbara Javor, is a microbiologist. "Good

tidal flow every day equals clean water," said Javor. "Mission Bay Triathlon, near Ski Beach in October, is in relatively clean water. But tidal energy is extremely low in the backwaters, and that's where the Spring Sprint — and one of the fall triathlons, I think ---takes place every year. Not to mention, there seems to be high levels of dangerous materials in the sediment near South Shores. One problem is that there's no prescribed method for testing sediment vet; you know, is it area or volume? What's the amount? In the sediment, all you can tell is whether it's there or not, but you can't tell if it's dangerous."

Ehrenfreund said her great hope now is to raise awareness

so that people will report it if they get sick from swimming in Mission Bay. Surfrider Foundation's website (www.surfridersd.org) offers a questionnaire for those who think they got sick from swimming. The Department of Environmental Health (www.sdcounty.ca.gov/deh) is also tracking water-related illness. And there were six tents set up around Mission Bay all summer where biology students from UC Berkeley offered forms to be filled out by bay swimmers.

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"It just seems that a lot more people are getting sick than we know about," said Ehrenfreund. "I mean, I personally know five or six triathletes who've gotten sick after races. Some of them more than once. And these are great athletes, who basically devote their lives to their training and racing. So it makes you think that there must be more people out there, but they don't know where to go with their information or what to do about it."

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There's also the issue about whether there's a problem with the water at all. Which is part of the trouble when it comes to asking the city to allocate money for cleanup. How can anyone be sure if it's the water that's making these people sick?

Rescheduling the races could be a short-term solution, although TCSD president Jim McCann explained to me why it's so much more difficult to sponsor a race in the ocean than it is in the backwaters of Mission Bay. "Permits. You have so many crossed jurisdictions for beaches and roads near beaches and waters in the ocean, it would cost race organizers a bundle. Not to mention the extra lifeguards and safety issues. So you can have a bunch of races inland for the same cost as, like, one race out in the ocean."

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Inland water is one thing, and though much of the western part of Mission Bay seems relatively clean, why is anyone allowed to swim, much less hold races on top of, an old, uncontained toxic-waste dump?



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Hey, Matt:

Rick Geary

[by]

This morning I walked out my front door to go to work, and I nearly walked into a three-footdiameter web with a big ugly spider in the middle of it. Somehow this spider managed to suspend its web from a bush (to the left and up about six feet away), to the eave of my roof (directly above about five feet), and to a tree (to the right and up about ten feet from the ground). The web itself was suspended in the center of all three supports. I can see how the spider could suspend the web from the roof, but how in the heck did it get across to anchor its supports to the tree and the bush? Can these spiders fly?

— Matt, the net

Gack! That's all we'd need. Flying spiders. Actually, they're more like base jumpers, though in the spider biz it's called ballooning. Did I ever tell you about the big spider attack at the classy Alice wedding we went to? We're all out on the big lawn under the big oak trees. We're all propped up on those tiny rental folding chairs designed for people with liposuctioned butts. We're all waiting for something to happen, like the bride and groom to show up. Instead, about a jillion spiders, in unison, dropped down on us from the tree limbs on tiny silk threads. Oh, the screaming, the hysteria! Everybody grabbing their wedding presents and heading for their cars. Grandma and I thought it was part of the ceremony, like some weird twist on the traditional release of doves. Turns out it's actually just a common method of spider travel, dropping from a great height on a thread of silk.

Your garden spider (they're big and ugly, the most likely candidate), ready to build his web, waited in the tree for the wind to be just right, then anchored one end of the silk to the tree and stepped off into the void. When he ballooned on the wind into your eaves or the bush or whatever he hit first, he anchored the other end of the silk, and he was home free. He could tightrope back up to the tree on the anchored line or strike off in another direction, depending on the circumstances. Spiders can't see very well, but they're very sensitive to vibration and wind.

Mattie:

Why in cartoons do you always see an outhouse with a crescent moon cut in the door? — Gotta Go, San Diego

Well, maybe because there were actual outhouses with crescent moons cut in the door. Not sure I'm ready to believe the word of some guy who's spent his life studying toilets through the ages, but unfortunately that's all we've got. Crapper historians say it all started around the 1600s, when people traveled by carriage and stayed at inns. A private privy could have any kind of hole cut in it for light and ventilation, but when you had strangers descending on the outhouses, you needed one for men and one for women. The way we have those little stick figures wearing skirts or trousers as universal markers for ladies' and men's loos, innkeepers used the moon and the sun, universally understood symbols for female and male. But since men could just find a convenient tree and relieve themselves without embarrassment, often there was just a ladies' outhouse. Hence the crescent moon on the door. Hence the stereotype.

Matt:

I recently (like two weeks ago) started surfing and ended up swallowing a lot of "red tide" water...not that it will keep me from the surf, is it very harmful? I'm fine today with the exception of a few battle wounds and a sore throat/runny nose. Is that from the red tide stuff? And what's with the bioluminescence...the green, glowy amoeba things? How does that work? — Aimee, the net

If the only thing you'd swallowed was red tide critters, you'd be okey-dokey. This particular plankton (*Lingulodinium polyedrum*) is not toxic to humans and is suitable for swallowing, though not all of them are. And red tides can be deadly to fish and shellfish, and those infected edibles can in turn make you sick. But your gunky nose and throat sounds like typical Surfer's Crud, caused by other stuff you ingested with the plankton — human pollution from runoff into the in-shore waters. Anybody who's been surfing for a while will likely tell you they're sick more these days than they've ever been. Will that keep you out of the water? No, didn't think so.

The green glowy things are the same *Lingulodinium*. When they're peacefully spiraling along through the ocean, propelled by their little whip tails, no light. If something like a surfboard cuts through the group and causes a thousand-plankton pileup, they get all agitated and emit a greenish light. A chemical change inside the organisms disrupts electron paths and eventually photons are released. Why? Gee. Hard to figure a motive for a one-celled organism. Let's just say it has something to do with food, sex, or self-defense — universal motivators, no matter how many cells you have.

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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty Getting Ready for the Job

ask, "What do you do to get ready?" "Well, tonight is *Monday Night Football*, and we always have friends over for pizza and beer. I won't drink any beer tonight, because I think it does stay in your system a little bit, and I want all the neurons in my brain firing fast."

Speaking is Tony Crebs, 47, a man who has refereed over 1000 amateur-boxing bouts, and, since turning pro four years ago, has added 100 professional fights to his total. Tomorrow afternoon he'll drive up to the Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula and work a six-fight card. The card is headlined by an NABF Bantamweight Championship fight between Ricardo Vargas and Roberto Bonilla and will be televised on Fox Sports Net.

"Anything else?"

"I'll probably take a nice walk, just to loosen up. I didn't workout today; I want my legs to be fresh tomorrow." Crebs pauses for a moment, then says, "I'll probably read my rules. I know them by heart, but it's a habit. I'll polish my referee boots, get my clothes from the dry cleaner, and have everything ready to go."

I've seen Crebs referee. He has two qualities the best referees have: decisiveness and an eerie ability to establish control before the bell rings. I ask, "Will you study the fighters?"

"Not too much. I don't know if it's a good thing or a curse to know too much about a kid. You go to the event, and in your mind you think, 'This kid is a killer and his opponent is zero.' Invariably, the kid who has the worse record will end up dumping the favorite."

Makes sense. "Okay, you've arrived at Pechanga. What do you do first?"

"Check in with Dean Lohuis [California State Athletic Commission chief inspector]. Lohuis will give me an assignment sheet. It tells you which fights you're reffing, which ones you're judging, and which ones you're sitting out."

I've wondered about that. "Who decides which ref works which fight?"

"That's Lohuis, the chief inspector. Maybe, in certain cases — like a Holyfield or one of those big fights — it gets real political. Then, the call probably does come down from Sacramento. But I've never asked."

"Okay, you have your sheet, and out of six fights you'll ref three?"

Crebs says, "I'll probably ref two or three. Then, I'll judge two or three. I might sit out one. Who knows? It's different for bigger fights. I heard the Morales fight, up at Staples Center, had 15 officials working." I laugh, hard. "What in the hell did they

do?" Crebs is laughing, "It's a big payday. These promoters — when their fight is on Pay-Per-View at \$40 or \$50 a pop — already know they're going to make a lot of money, so they never ask, "Why do we need 15 referees and judges?" Each referee might only work one fight, but he gets a check for one thousand bucks."

Sounds pleasant. "Okay, it's 5:00 p.m. and you've got your assignment sheet. Do you eat dinner?"

"No, I never do."

"What do you do during that empty period between 5:00 and 7:00?"

Crebs says, "It moves pretty fast. You go in and you say, 'Is Sanchez here?' Someone says, 'No, Sanchez isn't here.' Everybody is supposed to be there at 5:00. You're walking around, 5:15, 5:30, and one of the boxers isn't there. So, you go to the other guy, give him instructions. Then, you come back and ask, 'Where's Sanchez?' Sanchez still isn't there. If you ref three fights, you'll have six fighters. And that's six times you're going over the rules, and you're checking their kidney protectors and their mouthpieces and the trunks they're wearing, and sometimes they have questions. By the time you run around and do all that, an hour, hour and a half has gone by."

"What happens afterward? The fights are over, everybody goes home... I assume you check in again with Lohuis?"

"Yeah, and you get paid. That's the beauty of it. They pay you right there after the fight. 'Here's your check' — boom. The same for fighters. They get out of the ring, they're in their dressing room, they haven't even toweled off, and it's, 'Here's your check. Sign here.'"

I've seen that. "You're driving home... How do you feel?"

"Tired. Say, I do a four-, a six-, and a ten-round fight. Well, that's 20 rounds. I'm not working my upper body, I'm not throwing punches, but I'm..."

"Wheeling around the ring."

"Step for step. I got to hustle to stay out of their way. You get those little guys in there those 119-pounders, Michael Carbajal and those little whirling dervishes — and you've got to be on your toes. Plus, boxing rings have a pad and a canvas. It's like walking on wet sand. After a night of that, my knees and lower back and Achilles heels are aching. I'm sweaty. I'm physically and emotionally tired, I've got all that, but I'm also basking in the afterglow."

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SHEEP AND GOATS PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Assemblies of God Address: 9400 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-461-7451 Founded locally: 1956 Senior pastor: Reverend Gary Jones Congregation size: 1300 members Staff size: 18 full-time, 12 part-time Sunday school enrollment: 250 Annual budget: \$1 million Weekly giving: \$19,000 Singles program: yes Dress: casual to dressy Diversity: mostly white, some African-American and Hispanic

Services: Sunday worship, 8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

At Faith Chapel, surveillance cameras keep tabs on all rooms in the church's Children's Center. Participants in the Watchman Ministry patrol the center's halls. Plexiglas barriers keep the kids in their classrooms and afford passers-by with unobstructed lines of sight into the classrooms. At least two adults are always present in each classroom. Parents must check their children into and out of the center.

Everyone who works in the center is fingerprinted and undergoes a background check. Children may leave the center only with the adult who signed them in.

Ten years ago, Faith Chapel gave San Diego the Dale Akiki case, the child-sex-abuse saga that cost the district attorney his job and almost destroyed the church.

In 1989, parents accused Akiki, who volunteered in Faith Chapel's Sunday school, of sexually molesting and torturing nine children. When examined by therapists, the children allegedly claimed that Akiki had, among other misdeeds, killed a giraffe and an elephant. Akiki was held in San Diego County Jail for more than two years. During his seven-and-a-halfmonth trial, at which 170 witnesses testified, the prosecution produced no physical evidence. In late November, 1993, a Superior Court jury, after a brief deliberation, acquitted Akiki of all counts against him.

Early last week, I spoke to Reverend Bruce Grecco, who's served as Faith Chapel's associate pastor for the past nine years. He told me something that I never saw mentioned in anything I read about the Akiki case.

"Before all that happened, Faith Chapel had around 3000 members. The church had three huge services on Sunday mornings. Standing room only. Faith Chapel was really one of the first, if not the first, mega-churches in the county. It was known nationally as one of the flagship churches for our denomination, the Assemblies of God."

Reverend Grecco also told me that in the Akiki trial's immediate aftermath, Faith Chapel's membership dropped to 800.

"Some people filtered out to Shadow Mountain Community Church. Others went elsewhere. It's difficult to say exactly why people left. Some were pro-Akiki; others were anti-. Some were worried about their children's safety. That's when we implemented all the security measures in the

Children's Center."

Journalists had a difficult time describing Faith Chapel. No one got it quite right. The Los Angeles Times called the church "charismatic" and "fundamentalist." The Chicago Tribune, "evangelical." The New York Times, strangest of all, called it "charismatic-Christian." But the Assemblies of God is the country's largest and most mainstream Pentecostal denomination.

Last Sunday morning in Faith Chapel's huge parking lot, I competed with Cadillacs, Mercedes, and SUVs for one of the few remaining parking spaces. Hundreds of folks from the 8:30 a.m. service were still milling in front of the church. Some were sipping lattes and cappuccinos from the church's espresso bar. Inside the sanctuary, more than 600 people scooted into the pews. A 12-piece band flanked the podium. A 50-person choir packed the risers behind it. On either side of the choir, two large video screens displayed lyrics for the morning's hymns.

The congregation sang several of the anthemlike triumphalist hymns common to "contemporary" services. The band and choir were tepid until

Reverend Grecco led them in a black-gospel-inspired arrangement of "Oh, the Blood of Jesus." Reverend Grecco tried to get his choir to sway from side to side in time to the music. But the choir, and the congregation, which was trying to clap along, had difficulty finding the downbeat. Near the end of the hymn, two black women, sitting on opposite sides of the sanctuary, rose from their seats ** to clap. They shouted,

"Praise Jesus!" Senior pastor Gary Jones, looking glamorous in a well-tailored suit, bathed in the sanctuary's theatrical lighting, told us that it was our obligation to "take the Gospel to every creature on the planet.

"Untold millions on this planet have yet to hear the Gospel. Untold millions are in the 'valley of decision.' They need to be reached. Perhaps you're thinking that you can't preach. Maybe you can't. But you can live a life that com-

pels others toward the Gospel.

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"You don't have to reach people who are across the globe. You can reach the people nearest to you, at work and in your neighborhood. And you can pray for people everywhere. You can start with your own nationality, your own ethnicity, and pray for the people belonging to those nations and groups. If you come from a European background, for example, you can pray for the people in Europe. They badly need Christ. I personally know that England, Scotland, and Ireland badly need Jesus Christ."

After the service, while I meandered through the ultra-tidy Children's Center, I remembered what Reverend Grecco had told me about Faith Chapel's survival.

"I believe the Lord really had his hand on this congregation during that difficult period. God brought us through all of that for a reason. God still has plans for us. God will make that experience into some kind of tremendous blessing in the future. Our best days are yet ahead." — Abe Opincar



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Dear Aunt Trudy,

I have been battling depression for some time. I was prescribed Prozac by my psychiatrist and had taken it for a year and a half, but I found that it limited my entire range of emotions in addition to ridding me of sadness or despair. I spoke with my psychiatrist, and she suggested that I try life for a while without medications. I have been doing well without them and seem to be appropriately happy, angry, relaxed, etc. Recently I went to a family event where I was the guest of honor. On the way there, my aunt, who was hosting the party, called my cell phone and asked if I could go pick up some ice cream to top the apple pie that she was serving. I declined. When I got to her house, she exclaimed "Well, you can't have apple pie without ice cream...the store's right across the street!" She complained about the lack of ice cream for about five minutes before I retorted, "So send someone else to the store!" The night got worse from there. My cousin "Jen" and her husband sat on the patio smoking the whole evening and didn't even bother to tell me hello or congratulations. Only two of eight people that were invited even acknowledged my presence. (My mother and my boyfriend.) Jen had brought a friend to the gathering and didn't seem concerned with introducing her to me. I felt unwanted at my own party, and I was really angry that my aunt was making such a big deal over the ice cream and that my cousin was being rude. Even my mother didn't offer to get the ice cream. Finally my boyfriend went to the store and got some, and then we all sat down and had pie. I was angry. After the pie was finished I told my aunt and the rest of the clan that I had to leave. Jen asked me why, as I had only been at the party for a little over two hours. My reply was lame, that I had to let the cat in, as I had forgotten to leave the garage cracked open for her to get in and out. My aunt protested, but I left anyway. The next day I received a phone call from Jen asking me if I was still on Prozac, and if I wasn't, that she would be willing to pay for it for me if affordability was a factor in my decision to stop. I also got a letter from my aunt, who was adamant that I was rude for leaving the party early and that when everyone else takes out time in their busy lives to celebrate something for me, that I should be thankful. I am very angry that my aunt wasn't upset with my cousin and her rude boyfriend. I was upset that Jen invited her girlfriend and didn't introduce her (the poor girl looked as if she had swallowed a bug the whole time) and that everyone just seems to be chalking it up to me over-reacting because I'm not

on Prozac anymore. Am I overreacting, or is my family at fault? What should I tell these people? The holidays are approaching, and I have no desire to be around this rude clan!

SPEECHLESS IN O.B.

Dear Speechless,

Your letter describes a very complicated situation. I don't have enough information about the history here and the participants to venture a guess about what's going on, and your letter would have had to be many times longer than this column to really begin to fill me in. Therefore, I think it might be smart to discuss with your psychiatrist what happened and why the people in question made you so angry. Due to the relationship you've built up with your psychiatrist over time and her knowledge of your background, she has a much greater understanding of your family dynamics than I do. I will say, however, that whether you take Prozac or any other anti-depressant is between you and your doctor. I'm not wild about your family members responding to a tense evening together by insisting you get back on Prozac. I'd be happier if they kindly inquired why you seemed unhappy at the party and how you're doing. You might suggest to them that such an inquiry would be more helpful than being told to get back on meds. Also, if being around your family upsets you right now and you're dreading the coming holidays for that reason, consider skipping family festivities this year. Why not just spend whatever holidays you choose to celebrate with vour bovfriend and/or congenial pals with whom you feel relaxed and at home? Sounds like you need and deserve a break from vour kin.

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My husband Patrick and I are big do-it-yourselfers, but experience has taught us that certain jobs are best left to professionals. I am careful never to mention the plumbing under the kitchen sink, for fear that he will either scream or crv. So when I finally socked enough away to replace the big, drafty family-room windows, we started looking for a contractor.

"Make sure he's licensed, insured, and bonded," warned my friend Bernice. "What's bonded?" "I don't know;

everybody just tells me that.'

I recalled that a friend who started a petwalking business had mentioned getting herself bonded. I called her, and she pointed me in the direction of American Contractors Indemnity Company in Mission Valley. Once there, I spoke with two women, vice president and director of operations Cyndi Beilman and assistant branch manager Susanne Anderson Fernandez. Beilman explained about bonds. "A surety bond is a guarantee that somebody is going to provide or perform a service. All the other bonds we render are required by law."

"We're similar to a bank," added Fernandez. "We're lending our credit and saying that we're guaranteeing some sort of conduct or underlying obligation." Beilman continued. "A bond is

a three-party agreement. First, there's the insurance company — us. Then, there's the principal, the person who applies for the bond - they're the insured party. Then there's the obligee, who is the protected party. If there's a claim that the principal fails to perform, the insurance company can receive a claim from the obligee, and we're indebted to the obligee.' After the insurer pays out to the obligee, they may go to the principal and seek restitution, which Fernandez called "being made whole."

In the case of contractors, said Beilman, "there is a statutory bond — it's required by law. The contractor's license board says that a bond is required to protect the people of the state of California from a contractor not obeving the laws that govern con-

tractors." If my window guy didn't install the windows to code, or if he just left in the middle of the job, said Fernandez, "then you could make a claim on the bond." Finding out if a

contractor is bonded is usually a matter of looking at their business card. Also, said

Fernandez, "the license board has a website www2.cslb.ca.gov - that allows you to search by name of contractor or license number. It will show if the bond is active, or if it has been cancelled. It will also tell you if their license has been revoked."

I figure my windows are going to run about \$4000, so I was relived to hear Fernandez say that "the license board mandates that the bond be \$7500. The state sets that amount, and you can claim only up to that amount." The bond costs the contractor \$70 for one year, \$117 for two and \$155 for three. "Another type of protection we offer is called a contract bond (3 percent of first \$100,000, 2 percent thereafter), which guarantees the performance of a contract.'

"Bonds are a necessary evil

Beilman jumped in. "We write contract sureties, which are performance guarantees for contractors. Those bonds are required to guarantee public works." Fernandez noted that the many subcontractors working on the ballpark — "in trades like drywall, steel or concrete" — will have performance bonds. "It's a way to make sure the ballpark is going to American Contrac get built."

I started to feel sorry for the contrac-Indemnity Compa tors — here they were paying for their bonds like they were insurance, and they still ran the risk of owing restitution to their insurer. Beilman said that "most people don't want to have bonds; they have to have them. It's a necessary evil in life, like most insurances." But, she said, "most commercial bonds are not expensive. Ninety percent we write are one of ten different bonds," things like tax preparers (\$45 for one year), notaries (\$50 for four years), motor vehicle dealers (2 to 15 percent of bond amount).

As for my pet-walking friend, I found that her bonding was by choice, not law. "That type of bonding is called a fidelity bond," said Beilman. "Pet sitters or ianitorial businesses [maids and housecleaners] don't have to be bonded, but it's a selling point. 'Hire me, because you know this insur-

ance company stands behind me.' In the event that something happens, like theft or fraudulent acts, the bond pays out for you to recover your loss upon arrest and conviction." (That last is required by the company's contract, and Fernandez told me that few events actually meet that condition.) I wondered how difficult it would be to

get such a bond, how much it actually said about your character. "A fidelity bond is rather simple to acquire," said Fernandez. "We have an application where we ask basic information, and there is a payment and a signature on the application which says that if we do pay out a loss, we can be reimbursed by you. Then we give you the actual bond that you could potentially show to a client." Prices for fidelity bonds depend on the amount of the bond;

American Contractors Indemnity Company offers a range from \$2500 to \$100,000. A \$2500 bond runs \$50 a year, plus \$1 for every employee after five. A bond for \$100,000 costs \$800 a year, plus \$8 for every employee after five.

Other bonds required a little more investigation. Said Beilman, "A person qualifies based on credit history or financial capacity — which means putting up collateral like real estate. Sometimes, we look into character. It depends on how much we're guaranteeing dollar-wise, and the type of bond.

Fernandez let me know that it might be different somewhere else. "Each company has their own standards. Some write bonds to really large contractors. We're more of a specialty market - for people starting new businesses. In some cases we take various forms of collateral to secure the bonds we provide."

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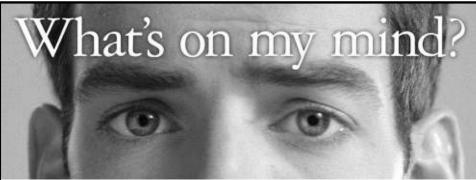
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Thirty Years Ago

Monday: The People, 4790 Voltaire, Ocean Beach, 223-9773. Today a delicious vegetable dish called "Mexican stew" is served over rice, with tortillas, for 50 cents. Tuesday: For the cheapest meal of the week, head down the coast to The Pennant, 2893 South Mission Blvd., South Mission Beach. A 19 cent spaghetti dinner is served on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. Thursday: If you are in Pacific Beach, try Tug's, corner of Emerald and Mission Blvd. (488-5882). Delicious Mexican food is served daily from 12 noon to 2 a.m. but the Thursday night special is a real deal. For 60 cents, you receive three tacos, a tostada, and a large salad.

- "CHEAP EATS REVISITED: HOW TO EAT IN SAN DIEGO ON A DOLLAR A DAY,"

by Jane Weisman Stein, October 9, 1973

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Charter 100... is "really a who's who of San Diego," explains Diana Lerner, founder of this newest, exclusive, all-female club. Lerner says the membership list developed out of luncheons with her friend Elizabeth Zongker, advertising director for San Diego magazine. "We just put our heads together and came up with some names of people we thought should be in the group, then we asked other people what they thought and who else they would add." The final roster embraces the arts (Jacquelyn Littlefield, Francoise Gilot Salk, Barbara Saltman), the media (Gloria and Winke Self, Tina Loy, Laura Walcher), business (Veryl Mortenson, Barbara Flanigan, Deborah Mazzanti), medicine (Theresa Crenshaw, Elizabeth Simms), politics (Nancy Hoover, Betty Wilson), and other fields. Socialites like Luba Johnston and Joanne Warren also decorate the list. - "CITY LIGHTS: LERNER'S PERMIT."

Jeannette De Wyze, October 12, 1978

Twenty Years Ago

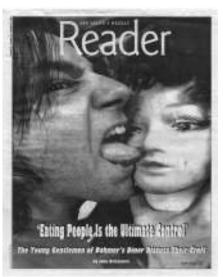
San Diego City Councilman William Jones's letter of October 6 does not present the facts or issues relating to funding for the San Diego libraries in their proper perspective. The shortchanging of San Diego's libraries should be laid at the doorstep of Jones and Mayor Roger Hedgecock.

- LETTERS: "TALKING ABOUT THE JONES PLOY?" October 13, 1983

Fifteen Years Ago

State Hotel Deli, E & State, Saturday morning, handsome, middle-aged Carlos - who doesn't live at the State Hotel anymore but comes by the deli on weekends to drink coffee, read the paper, then have a beer - commandeers the counter's end seat. "So, where's Mama Sofia this morning? Out shopping?" "Shopping," he's told. "Mama Sofia's shopping." The rednosed man who tells him lives upstairs on the third floor. This morning, as always, on the counter before him, "red-nose" spreads the Racing Form. Next to his Form, he has Camels — "hump-backs." Shakes the pack, says to the woman one stool over, who complains she's left her cigarettes in her room, "Wanna bum a hump-back?" "Thanks," she does. "Upstairs," she points to the ceiling, "everybody's sleeping."

- "ADULT ORPHANS: WHY PEOPLE STAY AT THE STATE," Judith Moore, October 13, 1988



San Diego Reader, October 14, 1993

Ten Years Ago

In SOMA's "Dungeon" at 555 Union, downtown, San Diego's premier purveyors of anthropologic rock flail away at halfstrung electric guitars, drums, the walls, the crowd, each other, and their equipment at a volume reminiscent of the PSA North Park plane crash. The shadow of that rough beast, punk, roused from idiot slumber, from dreams of CBGB and the Mudd Club, has slouched toward the Gaslamp District and is waiting to go on. That four-headed beast — pale, bloated, and staggering under the weight of a case of Milwaukee's Best, hurriedly guzzled, belched, and farted in Peter Small's van in SOMA's parking lot calls itself Dahmer's Diner. Small is the guitarist and spark plug behind Dahmer's Diner.... "I hate the whole racism thing," Small is saying. "Me, personally, I hate about 90 percent of the human race. I don't care what fuckin' color they are, what sexual preference they have, nothin'. People just suck. The Rodney King thing pissed me off so bad."

- "EATING PEOPLE IS THE ULTIMATE CONTROL: THE YOUNG GENTLEMEN OF DAHMER'S DINER DISCUSS THEIR CRAFT," John Brizzolara, October 14, 1993

Five Years Ago

Matt: In short: Why are Greek urns rounded at the bottom? It's puzzled me for years. Even a tour guide at the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art couldn't answer this. Greek urns were built rounded at the bottom, forcing the user to have a stand into which to put the urn to keep it from tipping over. In ancient times goblets were made this way to encourage mass consumption of whatever was being imbibed. Can't put it down? Might as well raise it to your lips! That doesn't hold for the much larger urn. I don't read the Reader much, so an e-mail response would be nice. Thanks. — Paul Jester, the Net.

And hey, Paul, I'm not paid nearly enough to put up with this aggravation, so a big check from you would be nice. If the rest of Aliceland can make the big effort on Thursday, maybe you can too. The idea here at the Matthew Alice Cranium Consortium is to spread around the wealth of facts, not to scratch your personal intellectual itch.

- "STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP." Matthew Alice. October 8, 1998



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THE PARTY'S OVER

by Josh Board

n still at the last Padres game at Qualcomm. I start to walk past some of the smaller tailgate parties, and I hear one lady tell her husband he's drinking too much. He says, "Hey, think of the money we're saving with me drinking out here instead of inside the stadium."

I see an elaborate party up at the end of the lot, right up against Friars Road. They have four long tables with a big spread of food. There's a band that consists of only two guys, a keyboard player and a steel drum player. I see banners that read "Game Day Events." I talk to Jeff Hornick, who is stamping people's hands as they enter. He has a security guard next to him. I see the banner mentions "tailgate and sports packages."

Jeff tells me, "People hire us to do their tailgate party. I buy the tickets and package it all together. The bar, the food, the band. It's usually for 50 or more."

"Is a security guard really necessary at a tailgate party? Are you afraid that somebody might get drunk from another party and try to crash this one?"

"Exactly. And just his presence here helps for crowd



"What do you do to keep the kids entertained?"

"They have their Game-Boys, And food, Sometimes we throw a baseball around with them."

"If you guys ever get divorced, will you have your lawyers meet up at the downtown ballpark?"

party that seems to have more kids than adults. I ask them if it's harder to bring the kids. Mr. Route says, "We always take the kids tailgating. We do three or four parties each year."

permits for the alcohol and

everything. We have a theme

going, which is Caribbean. We

have rum punch and beer at the

bar, and the food is Cajun pasta

I approach one tailgate

and jerk chicken."

I see they have a few different NASCAR and racing things, including flags and chairs. I ask about that. His wife says, "We are race fans. NASCAR fans. We're miss-

Tailgaters at Qualcomm

ing a race to be here. It's the last one, so we had to."

I see a couple in their late 40s who are quickly trying to set up their stuff. The man's name is Bob Rulf, and he says, "We were delayed at Vons. It's all Vons's fault. I wanted to be here earlier; it's 12:00 now."

He continues talking as he sets up an umbrella and a table. The guy they get season tickets with is on a bicycle ride in Ensenada and couldn't make it. It's just the two of them, yet they're still setting up for a tailgate party.

When I ask about the new ballpark downtown, he says,

"I'm not planning on anything, because I think tailgating down there won't exist. Maybe we'll eat down there before the game or after. Maybe we would meet in Old Town, have lunch or brunch, and take the trolley to the game."

I approach some men who have two trucks opened up back-to-back with all the food laid out in the truck beds. I ask how long they've been tailgating, and the guy says, "Oh, close to 30 years." An older Mexican guy shows me something around his neck that has two ticket stubs from games in 1970. He's wearing one of the old Padre caps with lots of pins on it.

A lady says, in regards to downtown, "We have a friend that lives down there, so we might just tailgate in his back yard."

The guy who lives downtown tells me his yard is huge.

I ask how hard it is to plan. Jeb Carter says, "We got a list. We make a list, and divide it up between three or four guys. And you got to bring your stuff. We know who we can depend on, and who we can't depend on."

Another person says, "The guy that brings the eggs, the egg guy, is usually somebody that's not dependable. Or the





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charcoal guy might not show up. We give the fruit garnish to the losers."

They have steak, smoked salmon, grilled ribeve steak, tropical fruit, scrambled eggs, potatoes, vegetables, chips, dips, and a cooler filled with beer. They all work together at the Harbor House. One says, "That might be a good gathering spot when the Padres move downtown. And one time. I had a guv a few weeks back. He and his wife and son flew into town. Very rich. Flew in on their own jet. I waited on them the night before. They were

going to the Giants game. I said 'We're going tomorrow. Show up at F3.' I told them we'd feed them lunch. And they showed up."

He looks at another guy, Brian Allum, and says, "Tell them your grill story." The guy doesn't want to, but as we start eating some steak and potatoes, he relents and tells us.

"This morning, I had a little gas grill in the car. It has a propane canister on it. I stopped at a light, and it fell over. Charcoal went everywhere. I said 'Screw it'. I was driving along, smoking a cigarette. And I smell gas. I look over, the canister is rolling around, and it was broken off. I pulled over immediately. And all these meat eaters... if I didn't show up with a grill...I had to go buy one."

"You couldn't just tell them your car and the grill were on fire on the 163?"

"Yeah, I should've. It almost was. But I'll tell you, try to find a grill after Labor Day weekend, ya know? Thanks to Food4Less."

I see a couple who have the smallest table, with two tiny chairs, and two cute kids sitting in them. I ask them if they'll be able to bring the kids downtown. They say, "Oh yeah, we'll bring them. Not into a bar, but a restaurant." "When you guys tailgate, is it usually just your family, like today? Or do you have more elaborate tailgate parties?"

Aaron Johnson says, "We've had some with 20 or 30 people, and some with just the four of us."

Any disasters in all your times having parties here?

Laurie Nelson laughs and says, "Yeah. Last time I forgot the meat, last Monday night, and we had carne asada."

I see four people tailgating near the trolley tracks, which might be how many of these tailgaters get to the games next season. I ask why it's such a small group, and Madeline Cerrano says, "It's just four of us for the last game. But usually it's bigger. We had 80 people at my homeopener tailgate."

"When you have that many people, do you have each person bring something? You can't supply all that food."

"Well, I just charge a few dollars over the ticket price, and I use that to buy all the food. I'll bring it all. I have them bring their own beer."

I ask them how long they've been doing this, and one says, "Ah, probably 20 years. We were all born and raised here, except Brenda, she's a transplant from Indiana."

When asked about making the trek to party downtown, Madeline says, "We haven't scoped it out yet. After the first game, will see what it looks like... if we need to bring little coolers or what. All the stadium will have is motorcross, football, Aztecs, and Chargers — for the time being."

I see a large group with a board against their motorhome that says "Memories," and it has pictures from past tailgate parties. I ask about that, and Pat says, "Yeah, we have had a lot of the same people here the last few years. We've been doing



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this for 17 years, and those are some memories."

I ask about downtown, and he says, "We'll see what happens. They are supposed to have one parking lot down there that's supposed to be for tailgating. If not, a few of us work down there. We'll park at work, and walk down there. It would be nice to do this occasionally, though."

His wife Patty tries to say something, and he interrupts. When I ask her what she is saying, she says, "Let me tell him the story, Mr. Romantic. He and I met at the Padres game, at a tailgate party. It was opening day in 1998. So we always have an opening-day party."

"If you guys ever get divorced, will you have your lawyers meet up at the downtown ballpark?"

She says, "Yeah, really. The final decree, at first base."

As we get ready to leave that party, a guy sitting down says something about Chargers tailgate parties. He says, "They are so different. The Charger games are more intense, and more people tailgate. They get drunker, rowdier, and it's a different energy."

His friend added, "That's probably just because with football, there's only one game a week. And they aren't all home games."

I see a truck decorated in red, white, and blue banners, with political signs. It's Dr. Warren Farrell, who is running for governor. "The word 'Padres' means 'fathers.' And I'm the first candidate in U.S. history to be on a statewide ballot as a father's issues officer. And one of the contributions of fathers is introducing kids to team sports." Dr. Farrell introduces

me to another author nearby: Dion Rich, who has had many stories written about him and his ability to crash parties. He snuck in and met President Clinton. That got him a three-hour meeting with the Secret Service afterward, who couldn't believe he got that close to Clinton. He has gotten into the Olympics, Super Bowls, and many other events. I ask if he'll be sneaking into today's game, and he says, "Well, most definitely! I have to, to maintain the reputation." His advice on crashing parties? "Always eat right away. Because if they kick you out, it feels a lot better leaving on a full stomach than an empty one."

As I'm leaving the stadium, on a full stomach, courtesy of Jeb Carter's steaks and salmon, I see a security guard I know, Sal Filipelli. I ask him if security is tougher with tailgaters on sellout games. He says, "No, not really. They have enough of us, and we are each in our specific area. They aren't a problem."

It's now half an hour before the game, and I see a police officer driving around, telling people to pack their stuff up. I ask another officer the rules on tailgating. He said, "Well, with the Chargers and Padres, it's two different entities. The Chargers only allow you to take up one spot. That's it. The Padres don't care how many spaces you take up, except when it's sold out. Then, half an hour before game, people have to clear the way for everyone to park."

The last time I crashed a stadium event, it was still Jack Murphy Stadium, and it was a Scorpions concert. We handed the person at the door one of those ticket envelopes all sealed, and walked in as they opened it. It was completely empty, and we ran. They chased us, but we escaped. I was in tenth grade, and didn't enjoy the concert. That was partly because I kept looking back, thinking security would eventually find us and throw us in jail. And also — the Scorpions suck.

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Tiffany and the Optionals

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Christine motioned toward a group of coaches who stood at the edge of the floor in front of a bank of lockers. "There are seven coaches," she said. "They all coach all the events. Some specialize in certain events. You'll see Nick," Christine said and pointed to a fit, short man in khaki shorts and a polo-type shirt. Nick Chaimson (pronounced like Jameson with a *ch*) peered through his glasses at the open pages of a black binder. "Nick's the head coach. He'll give the girls a pep talk before and after practice." At Stars and Stripes, everyone referred to Chaimson as Nick. No one called him Coach Chaimson as they might have were he coaching football or baseball. In fact, all the gymnastics coaches used their first names only.

A leotard-wearing girl with her ankle wrapped in an Ace bandage hobbled on crutches toward the floor exercise area. "The girls come even when they're injured," Christine said. "If their leg is hurt, they'll work upper body. If their arm is hurt, they'll do extra leg work."

The girls stopped running and lined up three deep in front of the mirror that covered the center of the gym's southern wall. The girl on crutches joined them. As calypso music blared out of wall speakers, the girls began moving in unison. Late afternoon sun crept through the western doors. "The warm-up routine is set," Christine said. "They do the same one every day.



It's a dance that stretches out all the muscles. The girls take turns leading the routine." Standing in the center at the group's front, little Jamie kicked her left leg forward and back to the music. The group followed suit. Jamie hopped up and down with her toes pointed hard. A sea of heads bobbed before her.

The images reflected in the giant mirror encompassed a full range of ages and heights and sizes. In addition to Jamie, the group included Sarah, nine, and McKenna, also nine. Shorter than Sarah, McKenna already had the narrow hips and defined, triangulated upper body of the gymnasts you see on TV. At the opposite end, tall, willowy, redheaded Rebecca towered above the group. One of the littler girls had a tiny torso and long, spiderlike limbs. A few of the older girls looked like women, with rounded hips and breasts and powerful thighs.

The calypso music lilted. The girls jumped higher. Each held her arms out to the side, legs spread in an inverted V. Sarah's green leotard flashed amid the group. "Sarah had her sixth birthday party here," Christine said. In addition to teaching classes and sponsoring the team, Stars and Stripes hosts birthday parties. "I feel like we haven't left since." Christine laughed. "She decided she wanted to take a class. So we started out with one class a week. Then we kept coming and coming. We added a day. The system is set up on tracks, like school. First, Sarah was a Mini-Star. Then she was a Super Star. Then she got recommended for the team. In the time we've been here, we've gone from 1 hour a week to 14 hours a week." Sarah, who attends fifth grade at a San Marcos elementary school, practices at the gym from 5:30 to 9:00 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings and from 8:00 to 11:30 on Saturday mornings.

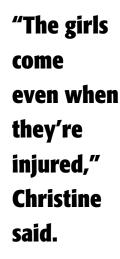
On the floor, the girls sat down and stretched their legs far out to the sides. Like a series of waves, they pitched forward and touched their chests to the floor. After repeating and holding this stretch, the girls brought their legs together and stretched forward again in pike position, chests pressed against knees. With every stretch, their limbs extended farther, their muscles stretched taut, their toes pointed hard. All the while, the girls chatted as though they were lounging on the couch at home.

Toward the back of the group, a dark-haired girl turned and whispered something to the girl beside her. Had the dark-haired girl looked up, she would have seen her name, Tiffany Davis, written in large letters on the gym wall underneath the title "2002 Nationals." When Tiffany stood to pair up with a partner for the next series of stretches, she adjusted her dark purple leotard and rolled down the waistband of her black stretch capris. She wore her long hair pulled back tight in a bun. At 13, Tiffany's slightly exotic features and almond eyes gave her an almost feline look, like a Siamese cat with a secret.

The warm-up continued. The girls lined up in two rows at one end of

the floor. Still moving to the music, the girls performed an unbroken line of cartwheels from one end of the floor to the other. Two coaches, Chrissy and Stephanie, moved beside the rows. Her red hair pulled back in a long ponytail, Chrissy asked, "Samantha, is that the correct body position?" When Samantha looked up sheepishly, Chrissy added, "You might want to fix that."

Round offs, then back and front walkovers followed the cartwheels. Each time a girl landed hard, feet together, the springy floor echoed like a big drum. The girls held still and absorbed the







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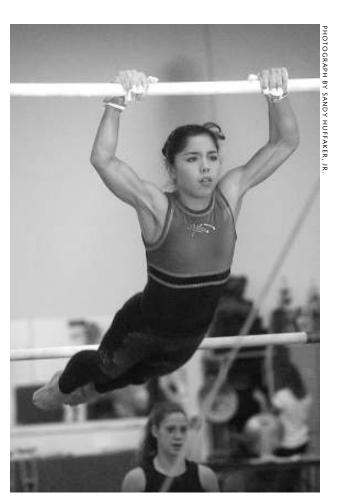
shock wave that radiated up through feet, calves, knees, and thighs. After a few more tumbling passes, the girls walked across the floor on their toes. With each step, their legs kicked up straight from their hips. "Aggressively kick your leg up," Stephanie said. "Aggressively." Stephanie, who is married to Nick, carried their baby daughter Gabrielle on her hip.

At 6:10, the music stopped. Nick set down his binder and called from in front of the lockers, "Form up." The girls trotted over to where Nick stood and formed three rows. Shortest girls stood in front. Taller girls stood in back. Walking around behind, Stephanie surveyed the crooked rows from the side. "Fix those lines," she said.

The girls straightened the rows and looked at Nick. Nick looked back with the air

of a general about to issue command assignments. "First of all, Jill and Jessica have returned." The girls turned to look at two older girls in the back row. "They're home from college for the summer. Welcome back." Nick applauded. The girls applauded. "Talk to them. You can learn from them." Nick paused. "Page two. Schedule changes. We've been listening to your parents. We're trying to get you out earlier." Nick outlined some changes in the workout schedule.

"There'll be a handout detailing the schedule changes," Nick continued. He ran through a few more administrative items. "That's all for now. Pay attention to every turn," he admonished. "Pay attention to every strength. Those cheating on strength won't have the kind of season they want to.



Tiffany Davis on the uneven parallel bars

Those who aren't cheating will." Nick released the

girls. They moved behind him to the lockers and sipped water from bottles. A few greeted Jessica and Jill. After 45 minutes, Sarah and Tiffany's workout had just begun. Although relatively new in the United States, gymnastics has a long history in the ancient world and in Europe. Had Sarah and Tiffany lived in Crete during the second millennium B.C., they might have practiced bull leaping. According to Encarta, Microsoft's online encyclopedia, "In bull leaping, the performer would run toward a charging bull, grab its horns, and, upon being tossed into the air, execute various midair stunts before landing on the bull's back, then dismount with a flip." The Greeks used gymnastics both for military training and in children's formal education.

During the 19th Century, German and Swedish immigrants brought forms of gymnastics with them to the United States. The German form emphasized defined skills, both with and without apparatus, as a way to teach strength and self-discipline. Swedish gymnasts used hoops, small balls, and clubs to perform rhythmic routines. By the turn of the century, American schools had adopted a compromise between the German and Swedish forms.

In 1972, a Soviet gymnast, Olga Korbut, won three gold medals at the Munich summer Olympics. Millions of Americans watched on TV. Nick described his introduction to gymnastics. "Watching the Olympics in 1972, I saw Olga Korbut. I fell in love with her," Nick said. "Now, remember, that's back when we were afraid of the Russians. And here's this Russian who's doing beautiful stuff on beam, smiling. And then when something didn't go her way, she cried. I thought, 'That's not the image we have of the Soviet Union. The Soviet peo-



ple are gruff. They don't show emotion.' If gymnastics could take a young lady and have her melt the opinions of the West, that was something I wanted to be involved with."

Nick wasn't alone. During the mid-1960s, **USA** Gymnastics (USAG), the governing body for gymnastics in the United States, listed 7000 member athletes. Today, the organization counts 71,000 athletes and 13,000 professional and instructor members. Every year, USA Gymnastics sanctions approximately 3000 gymnastics competitions and events. Gymnasts at sanctioned competitions compete in one of three areas: artistic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, or trampoline.

Artistic gymnastics most closely resemble the old German form. Women compete in four events: floor exercise, uneven parallel bars, balance beam, and vault. Rhythmic gymnastics, like the traditional Swedish form, consists of routines performed with balls, hoops, or ribbons.

In addition to training and selecting the U.S. teams for the Olympics and World Championships, USA Gymnastics sets the rules and policies for gymnastics in this country. One rule that plays out every day in the life of every competitive gymnast is the concept of levels. At Stars and Stripes, the team consists of gymnasts



between level five and level ten. Below level five, gymnastics are considered Recreational. Above level ten dwell the Elites, the gymnasts you see on TV at the Olympics or World Championships. Levels

five to seven are called Compulsories. Levels eight to ten are Optionals. Sarah is a level five.

Tiffany is a level nine. Nick explained how the levels get administered. "At every level, the athPracticing floor exercise

lete has to achieve a certain overall score at a USAG-sanctioned event to move up to the next level. Then it's up to each individual gym to make sure they're following that guideline, that they're not cheating, and to make sure that all the requirements at the new level are being fulfilled."

After warm-ups, the team at Stars and Stripes broke into two groups for most of the workout's remainder. Tiffany and the Optionals moved to the bars. Sarah and the rest of the Compulsories stayed for floor exercise.

According to USA Gymnastics, "The floor routine must be choreographed to music, lasting between 70 and 90 seconds and covering the entire floor area [40 by 40 feet]. The gymnast must use acrobatic and gymnastics elements to create high points in the exercise. These include two acrobatic series, one with at least two or more saltos



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[flips or somersaults] in different directions; an acrobatic-gymnastics series; and a gymnastics series. [An example of an acrobatic series is a cartwheel into a back handspring into a back salto. A gymnastics series might consist of a turn, followed by a split jump.] Throughout, the gymnast must harmoniously blend these elements while making versatile use of floor space changing both the direction and level of movement."

While Chrissy stood at the corner of the floor exercise area, Sarah and the Compulsories reformed in front of the mirror. Their ranks thinned by the absence of the Optionals, the girls spread out into three rows across. Everyone made sure she could see her own reflection. "Okay," Chrissy called out. "Let's start with some full turns."

Each girl stood with her arms held out at shoulder level. The right arm pointed to the side. The left arm pointed forward. The left foot pointed forward directly beneath the extended left arm. Moving to an invisible beat, each girl pivoted on the forward foot, turned her body one full rotation, then stopped in the original position. Around and around they turned. Chrissy moved through the group, adjusting arms, watching. "No wobbles," she said again and again. "Stand tall. Up on your toes."

After many turns, Chrissy told the girls, "If you're done, let's reform and go through the sequence." The girls straightened up their lines. They seemed oblivious to the squeak of the uneven parallel bars where the Optionals worked to their right. At Chrissy's command, Sarah and her



group performed a

sequence of moves they

had obviously learned

before. "Ready?" asked

Chrissy. "Arms up. Step,

step, passé, up, straddle

one-two-two, two-two-

two." The girls jumped

and danced. Each girl

jump, finish, and go

Uneven parallel bar drills

finished the sequence by holding a pose — up on toes, hands clasped against the left hip, head turned to the right. Each time through,

the girls and Chrissy added a few more steps to the sequence. "Step, punch, full turn," Chrissy called out. On the full turn, many of the girls wobbled or hopped. "Oh, my gosh," Chrissy said in mock despair, "did we not just do about 25 full turns? Why are we doing this?" Chrissy hopped around in a circle with her leg stuck out like a farmhand who had just stubbed his toe. "I know you guys can stick these."

Sarah and the group went through the sequence again. There were fewer wobbles. "That's better," Chrissy conceded.

After a water break, the girls kneeled on the floor in their rows. "Do all of the arms," Chrissy told them. Three times through, the girls practiced the routine in one spot, moving only their upper bodies. A forest of arms swept up and to the side. Backs arched. Shoulders moved forward and back. "Emily, you have to get through it without looking at Jackie," Chrissy told one of the girls. "You've got to do your own routine."

After calling the girls to the side of the floor, Chrissy hit the switch on a tape player. Tinny, overblown piano music crashed from the speakers. The girls listened one time through to the music, then went back out on the floor. Twice, they practiced their arm movements to the music. At the end, Chrissy told them, "Hold. Chins up. Chins pressed forward." Chins pressed forward. Each girl's eyes gazed back at her own reflection.

During the next portion of the floor workout, the girls practiced tumbling. Front handsprings. Back handsprings. Sarah concentrated. She didn't stop to chat like some of the other girls. At the end of one tumbling run, Sarah stopped to



look in the mirror and adjust one of her braids. When asked later whether looking in the mirror so much was a good thing or a bad thing, Sarah said, "Probably a good thing. If we're trying to do a skill and we're thinking about it, we can't see if our hand is doing the right thing without the mirror."

Not everyone agrees the mirror is a good thing. Anna Gruning worked out at Stars and Stripes for almost six years. Beginning at age 5, under the gym's previous owners, Gruning lived and breathed gymnastics. At age 7, she began competing as a level five. By age 10, Gruning competed as a level eight. At the end of that season, when she was 11, Gruning quit competing due to injuries and burnout. She coached at Stars and Stripes until 2001. "I hated the mirrors at the gym," Gruning said. "It caused a lot of problems. I would look in the mirror, and I would think I was the fattest one. I remember being 8 years old and thinking, 'I can only have a granola bar for dinner. I can't eat after 8:00. I can't have any sweets.' The doctors and my mom were always saying, 'You've gotta eat. You've gotta eat.'

"When I was eight, I weighed 52 pounds," Gruning explained. "I had my tonsils out and I didn't want to eat. I ended up dropping back to 42 pounds. So I had eating problems when I was little. I was like that because I saw the little gymnasts on TV, and I read about them. I would think, 'She only weighs 60 pounds and she's five years older than I am.' That was an issue for me the whole time."

Gruning saw eating disorders in some of the girls she coached. "You can tell because they're weak," she said. "You can just tell when they're not healthy or eating right. Their hair looks bad and their stomach gets bloated right in this one spot. I can remember because if I ate, my stomach would stick out right here [Gruning cupped her hands over the lower middle of her belly]. I was never diagnosed as an anorexic, but the doctors were always making sure. My parents and my coaches would ask me every day, "What did you eat?" " Did she lie about what she ate? "All the time." Did she ever make herself throw up? "A couple times." Nick, too, has coached girls with eating disorders. "Teresa and I had an anorexic athlete at another gym where we coached." Teresa Barnard is a coach Nick brought with him when he came to Stars and Stripes. "It was the hardest thing either one of us ever had to deal with. This girl's weight was so low that I put her on restriction in the gym. For the first time since the '70s, I started weighing an athlete. But I was weigh-



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ing her to see if she was getting the weight up. I wouldn't let her compete until her weight got to a certain level. She never quite got to the number I wanted. She got to within five pounds, though. She went to Nationals. Six months before, we didn't even know if she'd be alive by the time we got to Nationals. It got to the point where Teresa had to tell her what she was going to order when we went to a restaurant and what she was going to eat when she got home."

At Stars and Stripes,

Nick said he hasn't seen any eating disorders. "We don't talk about it," he said. "When we do talk about it, I just say, 'Be conscious of what you put in your body.' If you're eating candy before a workout, you're going to crash. During a long workout, sometimes we'll take a snack break.

"Every gymnast is built differently. Everyone has different genetics," Nick explained. "For some kids who are heavy, it's a thyroid problem or something genetic. For many, it's simply an inability to

control what they put in their mouths. We try to educate the kids as best we can about what to eat, what is good to avoid. Every athlete is going to go through puberty whether you want her to or not."

According to Nick, the girls are required to wear a leotard in the gym. "They're not allowed to wear bike shorts. I want them to be comfortable with what they look like. The rule is, if it's cold in the gym, you can wear pants. No shorts. They break the body line. It's tough to tell where the

bend is actually occurring when you have all this extra stuff on. When you're just in your leotard, we're seeing exactly what the judges are going to see. And it does get the girls more comfortable with their bodies because they're used to being

like that all the time." Nick and Anna agree the issue of body image has improved for female gymnasts. "It got very bad in the mid-'90s when Little Girls in Pretty Boxes came out," Nick said. Little Girls in *Pretty Boxes*, a book by Joan Ryan, explored the problem of eating disorders in elite gymnasts and figure skaters. "USA Gymnastics did nothing to refute that book," Nick complained. "No

public service announcements. No ads in any sort of publication. Nothing. We lost a generation of athletes because parents freaked out over that book. That book tracked three specific athletes at Karolyi's in the early '80s, when he first came to this country." Bela Karolyi, a former Romanian gymnastics coach, came to fame coaching Nadia Comaneci to perfect scores in the 1976 Montreal Olympics. Karolyi now runs a gymnastics training camp in Texas. "The book's authors made a generalization about our sport based

on three kids. And those three kids did, unfortunately, develop bulimia and/or anorexia because of misplaced comments. One was by a judge commenting that the athlete would look much better if she lost ten pounds. That athlete is dead now. I hope that judge is satisfied."

Gruning believes her eating disorder was made worse by comparing herself to the tiny, prepubescent Eastern Bloc gymnasts who were competing at the international level in the early '90s. "The gymnasts are older now," Gruning said. "They're making them wait until they're older to compete internationally. They're starting to look more like women and not little girls. Even the gymnasts who were in the last Olympics looked healthier. It's starting to change." After the 1996



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tional Olympic Committee ruled that female gymnasts must be at least 16 years old to compete in the Olympics. In 1976, Nadia Comaneci won her gold medals at age 14. In the 1996 Olympics, the average age of the female gymnasts was 15. **Christine Bennett** echoed Nick's claim that Stars and Stripes doesn't overemphasize thinness. "In fact, at this gym, when Sarah first got on that little track, the Mini-Stars, and we started to be at the gym a few more hours, I got to watch the big girls work out," Christine said. "I remember making a comment about how big they were. These girls were — I mean, some of them were not just big muscles, some of them were chunky. There was one little girl in the entire six years we've been here that I was worried about. I just felt like she wasn't eating enough. Otherwise, the coaches don't ever talk about weight. "I remember a parent asking one time if her daughter was getting a little bit on the chunky side," Christine continued. "I was over-

Olympics, the Interna-

continued. "I was overhearing a conversation between a mom and the coach. And the coach said, 'You really need to take her to your pediatrician. Because my rule is, that's not my role. We talk to the girls about eating healthy and being healthy, but I'm not going to be her nutritional counselor."

Back at the gym, Sarah and the Compulsories moved some big, blue, squishy mats into place for more tumbling practice. On the other side of the floor exercise area, three sets of uneven parallel bars sprouted from a field of more blue mats. The bars and the mats were dusty with white chalk.



Seemingly unaware of the music blaring for the floor exercise, Tiffany and the Optionals practiced bars.

USA Gymnastics describes the uneven parallel bars as "the most spectacular of the women's events. The routine must move from the low bar to the high bar, incorporating many grip changes, releases and regrasps, flight elements, changes of direction, saltos and circle swings through the handstand position. The entire routine should flow from one movement to the next without pauses, extra swings or additional supports. Each routine must have two release elements."

Anna Gruning said she loved bars when she

was younger. "I liked swinging and being free and feeling like a kid. You could play around. It was neat to learn something new on bars." Watching Tiffany up close as she swung on the bars, any observer would have to agree that the bars looked like fun. Gripping the high bar and swinging her body in great, sweeping arcs, Tiffany seemed like a propeller revving up on an old-fashioned airplane. Whoosh, a pause at the top, a momentary struggle with gravity, holding the body completely straight and upright in a handstand, then whoosh again down, toes pointed, bending slightly at the waist to create momentum back up to the top.

Before taking their first swings that evening, Tiffany and the Optionals had stood around a large barrel full of powdery white chalk located near the bars. Some girls strapped bar grips to their hands. A flexible plastic splint-like attachment anchored on one end to the middle finger and on the other end to a wristband, the bar grip protects the palm of the hand when the gymnast grasps the bar. Beginning on the floor, the girls paired up and spotted each other as they performed handstands on a single bar raised about four inches from the ground. Taking her turn on the practice bar, Tiffany moved with the grace and ease of a cat.

While some of the girls seemed to gather themselves before executing a skill, Tiffany stood in perfect repose. With no apparent prelude, Tiffany suddenly sprang onto the bar, pointed her toes and body into a flawless handstand, then moved her hands and pivoted her body in a full turn. When she lowered her feet to the floor, she stood up and returned to her attitude of repose. When Tiffany moved to the bars, her

movements seemed equally effortless. Hanging from the high bar, the muscles in her arms and shoulders stood out in stretched relief. In the blink of an eye, Tiffany pulled her chin up to the bar, then piked her legs up and over. When

she stopped, Tiffany was on top of the bar, arms straight, with her hips resting against the bar. Nick stood near the bars looking up at Tiffany. "I want to see five release moves," he said.

Other Optionals swung on the other two sets of bars. Nick watched them all. Tiffany swung to a handstand on the high bar and pivoted her hands, turning her body 360 degrees the way she had on the practice bar. As she finished her turn, she swung away from the bar, released her hands, and grabbed the low bar, finishing in a handstand. "That's a straddle back," Tiffany explained later. Learning a straddle back was one of the few things in gymnastics that scared

Tiffany. "One week, you can be really good at it. And the next week, you do one little thing wrong in your swing, and it's messed up. If you look at the lower bar for a second, you're going to fall the wrong way. So you don't even really see the bar. You just grab it."

When she's scared, Tiffany practices mentally to overcome her fear. "I'm pretty good at mental choreography and mental rehearsal," she said. "A psychologist came to the gym and introduced us to doing routines mentally. I think I have that down. I think that's my greatest strength overall, having a tight mind. I have to see it in my mind a lot. If I'm scared about something, I do the rou-



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tine or the skill about a hundred times in my mind. Like, I'm in the bathroom, and I'm imagining myself doing the skill. I do it all the time. Anywhere. Just standing there. You just see it. But you have to see yourself doing it perfectly. Sometimes if I see myself fall, I think, 'Erase that, do it again.' "

Tiffany waited her turn, her face a quiet mask, like a Buddha's. On another set of bars, tall Rebecca swooshed through the air. Some girls hit their straddle backs. Some flopped over on the lower bar or pulled up short on the high swing. When Tiffany's turn came again, she didn't miss a move. Her excellence comes at a price.

After the group warm-up and before moving to the bars, Tiffany had lain on a vault while Nick taped her arches. "Some athletes' knees don't track properly," Nick explained as he wound white athletic tape around the heel and arch on each of Tiffany's feet. "In turn, their arches fall. If you tape up the arches, it puts less pressure on the knees. It allows the knees to track properly."

Tiffany's knees and arches haven't been her only injuries. "I had a hip flexor problem from overuse," she said. "And lots of aches and pains. If I hurt myself doing something wrong, it hurts the next time I go into the gym. Sometimes your whole body is really tight and sore, and you can't lift your arms."

Anna Gruning remembered the aches and pains. "When I was eight, I got chronic tendinitis in my ankles," she said. "I had to do physical therapy for a year, and I had to work out with my shoes on with special orthotics. My arches broke down,

and I got flat feet. Then I got ganglion cysts in my wrists because I was trying not to put too much pressure on my ankles."

Gruning faults her earlier enthusiasm for the infirmities she'll live with for the rest of her life. "I have wrist problems and ankle problems and knee problems. I have no cartilage in my knees, so they

grind. I'll have to get surgery when I'm in my 20s. I think that my body didn't get a chance to grow properly. I was always pounding it. I don't think that the way I moved up in gymnastics was very appropriate. But you couldn't tell me that at the time because I wanted to move up fast. It wasn't my coaches forcing me to move up fast. I

wanted it."

Back in the gym, Tiffany waited her turn by the bars. The wall clock read 7:20. "Okay, ladies," Nick called out. "One last turn." Tiffany hit one more straddle back. The Optionals removed their bar grips. Sarah and the Compulsories moved the mats back to the sides of the floor. Almost two hours into their workout, the

girls of Stars and Stripes were a little more than halfwav home.

Everything about the balance beam is scary. Four inches wide, four feet above the ground, the beam requires "courage and concentration," according to USA Gymnastics. Like floor routines, beam routines should last between 70 and 90 seconds. They should

cover the entire 500-centimeter length of the beam. The specific requirements for the routine seem more demanding than for the other events. "One acrobatic series including at least two flight elements; a turn on one leg of at least 360 degrees; a large gymnastics leap or jump with great amplitude; one gymnastics/acro-

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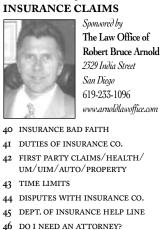
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batics series; one gymnastics series; an element close to the beam; and a dismount with a minimum of a 'B' value for team competition, 'C' value for all-around competition, and 'D' value for event finals." What's more, "the overall execution should give the impression that the gymnast is performing on a floor, not on a strip four inches wide."

When Anna Gruning competed on beam, she was always scared. "When I went Optional, I fell all the time on beam," Gruning remembered. "All the blind moves: back handspring, back tuck, front walkovers. Those were my big fears. I couldn't see where my foot was going to be or where my hands were going to be.

"The girls I was training with would start with mats all the way up to the same level as the beam. They would do one skill, and then they would move the mat down. Then they'd do another one, and they'd move the mat down. But for me, if there was a mat there or not, if I missed my hand, my head was still going to hit the beam. I was still going to fall. So I just started out with Heidi [her coach] coaching me with no mats. But I kind of relied on Heidi. So it was hard when Heidi went away. That's when

I was 10 and 11. I really hated beam."

After finishing floor exercise, Sarah and the Compulsory group moved to beam. In the gym's far corner, four balance beams lined up side by side on the far side of the vaulting pit. The girls grabbed brightly colored batons the size and shape of track relay batons. While Libby Grubmeyer, a petite blonde dressed in a black Tshirt, khaki shorts, and athletic shoes, called out orders, Sarah and the Compulsories clambered up onto the beams and lined up, three girls per beam. "Batons overhead," Libby called like a highpitched drill sergeant. "Let's relevé." The girls stood on tiptoe and held the batons crossways between their hands high overhead.

"Side together, bend," Libby ordered. The girls stepped in unison to the side, then bent their legs. "Up on Barbie feet," Libby continued. "Shoulders over your hips. Don't look down. Nobody wants to see you looking down."

The girls moved to the end of the beam. "Chin up. Pivot sharp," Libby said.

The girls pivoted and faced the long beam before them. "Shoulders over hips over knees," Libby repeated. "If your shoulders are forward, you're going to go…" "Forward," the girls answered in unison.

Sarah and the girls moved back and forth across the beams, forward and backward and sideways with Libby's voice leading them like a metronome. "Girls, I see a lot of this happening." Libby turned her foot out. "You should feel a stretch in that hip flexor. Forward, side, forward, step. Up tall, ladies, as tall as you can be. Shoulders over hips over knees.

"Hot-popcorn routine," Libby called. The girls hopped forward. *Hop, hop, pause. Hop, hop, pause.* Arms high overhead. On Barbie feet. Every now and then, a girl lost her balance and dropped to the mat. Each one climbed back up and continued the routine.

After 25 minutes of back and forth, Libby told the girls, "Put your sticks away." The girls hopped off the beams and deposited their batons in a box. "I want to see three cartwheels," Libby said. "Be aggressive. Reach out of those cartwheels."

The girls climbed back up on the beams and tried to execute cartwheels on the narrow four-inch strip. Many fell. "Sarah, you're not turning your hand or that second shoulder," Libby corrected. Sarah tried to make the change the next time. Her cartwheel looked better. After cartwheels, the girls worked on handstands. "Three perfect handstands," Libby

said. "Your body should hurt when you get off that beam, you're squeezing so hard." that girl ya know she act

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Sarah moved to a soft beam that rested on the floor beside the high beams. She tried over and over again to get her body up and aligned, to hold the handstand for three seconds. Libby walked over and watched. On Sarah's next attempt, Libby reached out with one hand and clamped Sarah's legs together. "Pull your butt in," she said and poked Sarah's leotard-clad rear end. Libby poked Sarah's knees. "Straighten these and point those toes." When Libby released Sarah's legs, Sarah held the handstand for a good five seconds. "That's a handstand," Libby said.

At 8:00, as Sarah and Tiffany neared the home stretch, dusk settled in. A cool breeze ruffled the leaves on the trees outside the open metal doors and wafted into the gym. The boys had finished their workout and left. Two parents sat on opposite sides of the waiting room behind the picture windows. After the circus atmosphere that dominated earlier in the evening, the gym seemed almost peaceful. As Tiffany and the Optional group waited for Nick to adjust the vault, someone turned the music back on. Instead of piano music, Nelly Furtado's singsong staccato poured through the speakers. "They say

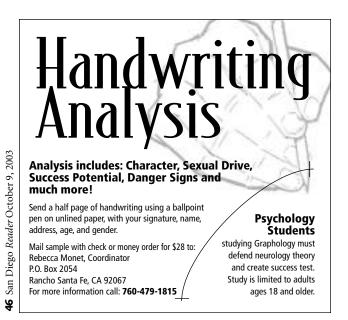


whole bunch of ideas. Then Janssen and Fritsen, out of the Netherlands, came up with the design of a vault table. It became approved by the Federation of International Gymnastics and was adopted at the Elite level. It's difficult in most gyms to have enough room to have separate vaulting table and horse areas. Moving them in and out is very time consuming, not to mention that they're

very heavy. USAG made it an option at Optionals to have a vault table this year, then made the table the only vault apparatus as of January 2003. Southern California decided to do the exact same thing for Compulsory levels. We got one. The kids like

it."

Unlike the traditional vaulting horse that resembles a long loaf of bread, the vaulting table looks something like a supersized bicycle seat. The front end is wide and curls down to cover the front of the base. Narrowing slightly toward the rear, the table gives gymnasts a larger area to hit when they come flying off the springboard. Sarah and her mom agreed with Nick about the safety aspects (or lack thereof) of the old-style vault. At Sarah's first competition, she did what they call a vault wrap. "The girls run the full length of a gymnastics gym," **Christine Bennett** explained. "Sarah was running with all her power, and her foot slipped off the springboard. She hit her chest against the vault and rebounded onto the springboard. We were in the bleachers. It looked to us like she'd hit her face. But she'd hit her chest. At that point we were thinking, 'We didn't want her to play football for this reason.' The first time it sort of hits you that this can be a dangerous sport. But



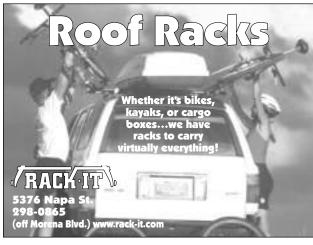














she was fine. She got up and vaulted after that."

"I got a 7 out of 10. I got a 7.1," Sarah added.

Back at the gym, Nelly Furtado segued into the Goo Goo Dolls. Nick finished adjusting the vault. The Goo Goo Dolls sang "Broadway Is Dark Tonight" over an ascending bass line. The Optionals stopped chatting and turned their attention to the long runway and the vault table at the far end. Tall Rebecca went first. Starting like a sprinter without blocks, she ran as hard as she could down the long strip of spring-loaded padded carpet. Her arms pumped. Her knees came up high with each step. An observer standing beside the path could feel the floor vibrate beneath her feet. When Rebecca reached the springboard at the path's end, she hit the board with both feet. At the same instant, she brought both hands above her head like a diver preparing to enter the water. Her body propelled forward. She planted her hands in the middle of the vault table. Her legs and feet, clamped together, toes pointed, swept up and over her head. Rebecca finished by going all the way over and falling into a large square pit filled with about a million soft blue foam cubes.

The rest of the Optionals followed Rebecca. Run, run, run, power off the board, touch the vault, over into the pit. Some girls didn't go all the way over but paused for a long moment on the vault, suspended in a handstand. They brought their legs back down and hopped off the vault's front. Nick stood at the runway's end and watched the girls fly through the air. "Nice," he told Tiffany after a particularly

beautiful vault.

"For two seasons, Tiffany hasn't been able to train the way she wants to train because of injuries," Nick explained later. "The hip injury, we have no idea what, where, how. It was overuse of some sort. This past year, she was doing very well. The hip was bothering her, but not that much. Then she had the knee injuries. This is an athlete who knows how to train mentally if she can't physically do it. She's a very, very, very tough competitor. She knows she has to go out and hit an event even if she hasn't been doing it that well in the gym. She

makes it happen. "I've been to summer camps. Tiffany's been to all those camps with me," Nick continued. "We've spent very little time apart. Tiffany and I are at a point now, because we spend 20 hours a week together, where I can tell by looking at her if she needs something. And it might just be a look. But I can give her the look, and she'll be okay. Or she might need me to say something supportive. Or it might be to just say, 'Okay. What's going on?' We're at that level of communication where we can just look at each other. That's one of those things between a coach and an athlete that parents don't always understand." Tiffany hit another

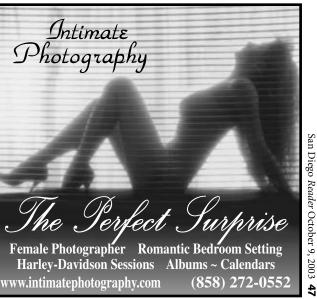
vault. After the rush of the approach and the *whump* of the takeoff, the vault itself, when the gymnast sails through the air, seemed silent, like a bomb that explodes with a slowmotion sigh.

At 8:30, a few more parents drifted into the waiting room. Sipping from tall Starbucks cups, they stared through the picture windows. Out in the gym, every few minutes, headlights swept out of



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the darkness through the still-open metal doors. Tiffany and the Optionals finished up a few more vaults, then joined the Compulsories for strength exercises. At the end of a long workout, no one seemed very excited about doing push-ups. When asked to name her least favorite thing about gymnastics, Sarah answered, "Probably the strength. I know that it helps you a lot to get your skills. But it's boring, and you have to do it a lot."

Sarah's mother concurred. "We were told early on that whatever strength Sarah was going to possess in her lifetime was something she was going to work

really hard for," Christine said. "Nick described it to us. If you look at a scale, some kids are born a five and don't need to do that much work to get themselves up to a seven, eight, nine, ten. They just kind of have to be there. Then there are some kids who are born at a zero and only get to a five by working their absolute hardest. Nick says Sarah was probably born a two." Christine laughed. Sarah might get to

a six if she worked really, really hard. Someone else could do three sit-ups and get the strength they would need to do a skill. Sarah would have to do three times three. It's hard.

Because she sees other kids who appear to not work as hard accomplishing these great things. She got a bar put up in her bathroom. She had the coaches give her some strength homework on top of all these hours she's spending in the gym. She's getting up in the morning and getting ready for school and she's doing leg lifts and chin-ups and just working really hard. It's taught her a lot of selfdiscipline. Not everyone has that kind of self-discipline." Christine laughed again in a selfdeprecating way. She pretended to eat something off an imaginary plate. "I'm sitting there with my chocolate cake saying, 'Good job,

honey.' " She laughed some more.

In the gym, Sarah did push-ups. In the floor exercise area, Chrissy had set out some soft children's blocks. Sarah stretched out on the floor with her chest directly over one of the blocks. With each push-up, she lowered her body until her chest touched the block. All around Sarah, girls did push-ups and Vups. Like a sit-up, a Vup builds abdominal muscles. The athlete lies on the floor, legs straight out in front, toes pointed. The arms are pointed above the head with the elbows just behind the ears. Balancing on her tailbone, the athlete brings

her legs up and her body up simultaneously to form a V.

Nick watched the girls doing their strength routine. "Arms behind your ears," he called out to one girl doing V-ups. "Pretend your arms are poison. If your arms come forward, your arms will shrivel up and fall off. It'll be hard to do beam with no arms."

The girl smiled ruefully and tried to keep her arms behind her ears each time she V'ed. In the background, John Mayer's vocals filled the gym. In his hipster pop voice, Mayer sang, "I want to run through the halls of my high school. I want to scream at the top of my lungs. I just

found out there's no such thing as the real world. It's just a lie you've got to rise above."

Each girl moved through a circuit, performing push-ups, Vups, pull-ups, and chinups on the uneven parallel bars, dips on the men's parallel bars, and leg lifts. Chrissy bellowed, "Lower dips," to the girls moving their bodies up and down on the parallel bars. "You should be on your third round by now." Chrissy stood beside little McKenna as she hung straight-armed from the low bar of the uneven parallel bars. McKenna bent her legs to form a lap. Chrissy set a wooden block on

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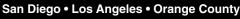
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McKenna's lap. McKenna pulled her chin up to the bar while balancing the block.

Chrissy turned to Nick. "McKenna's doing extra strength," she told him. "We're doing sets of 20. She's moving up to 30."

Later, Nick smiled when he talked about McKenna. "When McKenna moved to Stars and Stripes, she was an instant hit with the kids because she's so dynamic. By the time we got to sectionals, she was the sectionals allaround champ.

"Parenting has a huge influence on that child," Nick said. "She has two of the best parents I've ever known in all my years as a coach.

At every meet, her dad and her brother hide. When she comes out, they shoot her with Silly String. Then they clean it up. The parents are very fun loving. They're very goal oriented. Dad travels a lot, but he's very, very involved with the kids, very positive, very energetic. Mom's a little more low-key. She's a soccer player. She's also a personal trainer. They're both into fitness. They have contests at home who can do the most whatever. McKenna has set the record here for most push-ups. She can do 205 push-ups. I was testing the kids on strength. She was doing her push-ups. Finally at 205, I said, 'Stop!' She

was sore in her arms for a couple days. She's got a heck of a future ahead of her."

Not all parents are so positive. Anna Gruning remembered parents who pushed their children too hard. "A lot of the situations where the parents were overinvolved, the mom was a gymnast," Gruning said. 'So she wanted her daughter to be the star gymnast that she never was. You see them in the mirror. The kid is looking into the waiting room more than they're looking at you because the parent is in there trying to coach. "There was one

mom who was at the gym every day," Gruning continued. "Her

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daughter Jackie was on the team. Jackie was 8. She had just moved up. Every time Jackie would finish a skill, she would turn and look at her mom. Her mom was always standing right by the window in the waiting room, giving her tips, signing at her. And Jackie just wanted to cry. If she fell off the beam, she would look at her mom. Her mom would cross her arms and shake her head in disappointment. I felt so bad for that little girl. She ended up not doing gymnastics. I ran into her at Costco with her dad. She didn't say why. She just said she wasn't doing gymnastics anymore. She's probably 11 now."

Nick requires that parents sign a "Parents' Code of Conduct" form when their child joins the team. "The biggest complaint that we have as coaches is parent negativity," Nick said. "Some of the points on this form are obvious. 'Number 1: We expect you to support your child's efforts regardless of the results.' I've actually had a parent yell at the child because the child didn't do what the parent thought they should in competition. I intervened. I said, 'They did fine. They'll learn from the experience. Then we'll pick up, and we'll move on.'

" 'Number 2: We expect you to support your child's teammates regardless of the results.' I've had parents who got jealous of another child's success. I refer to that as the cheerleader mentality: 'It's got to be *my* kid, not your kid.' Why can't it just be someone from our team?

" 'Number 4: We respect your position as parents. Please respect our position as coaches and allow us to do the coaching of the child.' We have some parents who want to coach their kid.

" 'Number 10 (A): At a competition, inquiries [regarding scores] by a parent to a coach will not be allowed.' I've actually had parents come down on the floor and ask the

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judges why their kid got a particular score. It's a violation of USAG rules and policies.

" 'Number 10 (B): Communication with your child at a competition can only occur through the coach.' I've got athletes now who understand sign language. The parent will sign to their athlete to communicate."

Failure to abide by

the code can result in a gymnast being asked to leave the team. "It's a three-strike phase," Nick explained. "Strike one is I talk to the parent. Strike two is I send you a letter. So far, I have sent one letter."

At 8:57, the music went off. The girls formed up in front of Nick. "Remember the change in hours next week," he reminded them. "Okay, thanks. See ya."

The girls scattered to their lockers and pulled on shorts or sweatpants. Some took long swigs from water bottles. Sarah's dad met her in the waiting room and walked with her to the car. Tiffany stepped out of the waiting room into the darkness to wait for her mom. In the waiting

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room, McKenna's dad sat in one of the metal brown chairs. When McKenna walked out of the gym, he unfolded himself and stood up. A tall, muscular man, he gathered McKenna into his arms the way a normal-size man might gather up a baby. McKenna wrapped her legs around his waist and buried her head in his shoulder. "Mom said you had kind of a hard day," he said softly.

McKenna, an eightyear-old who can do 205 push-ups, didn't answer, at least not so you could hear. She just held her dad for a good long time. She is, after all, still a very little girl. ■

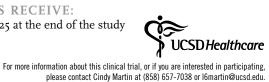
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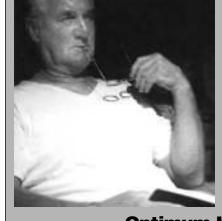
Since this story was written, in the spring of 2002, Coach Nick Chaimson and his wife Stephanie, Teresa Barnard, and Libby Grubmeyer have left Stars and Stripes Gymnastics. Tiffany Davis has stopped doing gymnastics and is a cheerleader at Rancho Buena Vista High School. Sarah Bennett has switched to another gym. And Anna Gruning has married. Her new name is Anna Human.

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• Insomnia, disturbed sleep

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Symptoms of Pediatric Depression may include:

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- Extreme sensitivity to rejection or failure
- Loss of interest in activities

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Psychiatric Centers at San Diego Research Division

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Music downloaders

ALL ABOUT MONEY

"RECORD SALES ARE ANOTHER WAY IN WHICH THE RICH GET RICHER AND THE POOR STAY POOR." onica Thammarath, 17, attends Morse High School. She says she downloads music "almost every day. The last song I downloaded was 'Wait,' by Something Corporate, and before that I downloaded the newest album by this band called Moneen."

Name the artist and title of the last CD you bought. "The last CD I bought was by a band called Yellowcard. It must have been about six months ago. I bought it at one of their shows because they were signing merchandise. I haven't bought a CD from a record store in ages."

Is the current price of CDs reasonable? "I guess they're not that bad. But I mean, if you're standing there at a concert with 10 bucks and you have a choice to either buy a CD for 10 bucks or a shirt for 10 bucks, I'd choose to get the shirt. But sometimes when I go to the store and see how some CDs are priced at, like, 17 bucks, it's, like, geez."

Do you think there is anything wrong with downloading music from the Internet? "I suppose I under-

stand why some people are angered by file-sharing. But as for the music that I listen to, it's kind of encouraged. A lot of the bands I listen to aren't really out there, and without file-sharing and word-of-mouth, then no one would ever hear about them. Most of the people I listen to have a lot of their music posted on mp3.com, where the music is free. So if I can find the music on mp3.com then I'd get it there rather than Kazaa or something. Another reason why I support downloading music is that it's an easier way for people to find rare music. I mean, if you can't find the record anywhere and it's not being made anymore, the only way to keep it alive is to share it."

How many of your friends download music? "All of them download music. We all practically listen to the same kind of stuff."

Do you know anyone who refuses to download music for free? "No. However, I know a few people who download music but still go out there and buy the CDs. The people I know who don't download music don't do it because they have slow Internet service."

Recently record companies have been going after downloaders. How do you feel about this? "It doesn't affect me very much because the record companies from the kind of music I listen to haven't really done that. Sometimes I come across phony music online. I think some record companies put out fake songs on the Internet to discourage downloading, and I guess it works because I get frustrated and quit."

Do you think record companies can ever stop music downloads? "I personally don't think record companies can stop music downloads. One reason is because they've tried and not succeeded. They tried to stop it by closing down Napster; then, after Napster closed down, a dozen new file-sharing programs showed up, like Audiogalaxy and Morpheus. Then they closed down Audiogalaxy but now there's Kazaa. There will always be some computer genius that is one step ahead of the record company already plotting a new way to share music.

"The second reason why I don't think they can ever stop music downloads is that it's based on the Internet, and the Internet is not regulated, and I think it's too big to be able to be regulated and monitored.

"The last reason that file-sharing and music downloads will continue is that there are many conflicting ideas about it among the music industry. You have artists who care more about the fact that people are actually listening to their stuff, whether it's bootleg or not and enjoying it, and you have other artists who go out there in public and bluntly criticize downloading. The thing that I find really ironic is that the artists that are criticizing music downloads are those who already have too much money already. I think if an artist wanted to have good fans, they shouldn't just worry about selling records; but I think they should worry about going out and touring and meeting fans. That seems like a more worthwhile way to capture fans than sitting around waiting for a million people to buy a CD."

orse High student Jonathan Fierro, 17, says he downloads music "anytime I get the chance and have spare time. The last songs I downloaded were Mya, 'My Love Is Like...Wo'; Ginuwine, 'In Those Jeans'; and P. Diddy, featuring Nelly and Murphy Lee, 'Shake Ya Tailfeather.' "

Name the artist and title of the last CD you bought. "Tyrese, I Wanna Go There. I bought it on July 3."

How often do you buy CDs? "I buy two or three CDs about once a month."

Why do you buy them if you can download the music just as easily? "I download music just to sample the song or songs that I like, and if I like it enough, I don't have a problem spending the 16 or 17 bucks."

Is the current price of CDs reasonable? "I think CD prices have gotten out of hand. I buy CDs at Target or Wal-Mart because they're cheaper. I mainly buy at Target because they're cheaper and are not edited. I only buy from Sam Goody or the stores like that if I can't

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Monica Thammarath

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find it at the cheaper

stores."

Do you think there is anything wrong with downloading music from the Internet? "I don't think there's anything wrong with it. I can understand where the music corporations are coming from. I would not want people to get my stuff for free if I worked hard to make it. Then again, I always hear singers and such saying they don't care about the money and just want to get their music heard. I feel that with the current prices of CDs, some people have no choice but to download from the Internet. I also feel that, if you're a struggling artist, the Internet would be a good way to get your music heard."

How many of your friends download music? "Almost all my friends download music off the Internet. Most of my friends actually try to produce burned CDs for a profit."

Do you know anyone who refuses to download *music for free?* "Nope. Everybody I know who can download music does. Companies try to sell online music, but as long as you can get it for free, people won't pay."

Recently record companies have been going after downloaders. How do you feel about this? "I feel fine about it. Record companies are just trying to defend their money. But they make so much money that it's pointless to try to stop it. If the Supreme Court rules against downloading music, people not in the United States can start international webpages to download music and people would still do it."

Do you think record companies can ever stop

music downloads? "I don't feel the record companies have any kind of shot at stopping music downloading. Do you have any idea of how many downloading websites there are out there? Hundreds, even thousands, and that's just in the United States. Think of the international websites. So as to there ever being a stop to downloaders, or the downloading websites as a whole, the answer is no!"

don't do it personally, I ask a friend to burn CDs for me," says 17-year-old Chelise Myers of Morse



Chelise Mvers

Name the artist and title of the last CD you bought. "Mya, Fear of Flying. I bought it when it first came out."

How often do you buy CDs? "I don't really buy CDs anymore, because I don't always want all the songs that come on them, so I just pick the songs I like and have them burned onto a mix CD."

Is the current price of CDs reasonable? "If people know there is a way to get free music as opposed to pricey music, I think they'll pick what's free. It's like asking if someone would rather buy gas during the summer in California or if

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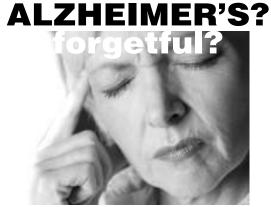
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- Difficulty finding your way or performing familiar tasks
- Poor or impaired judgment
- Changes in mood, behavior or personality Lack of interest in activities
- Needing help with simple daily tasks

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

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they want free gas."

Do you think there is anything wrong with downloading music from the Internet? "I think that, morally, it is unfair to the artist; but at the same time, record sales are another way in which the rich get richer and the poor stay poor."

How many of your friends download music? "If they can burn CDs, then they do."

Do you know anyone who refuses to download music for free? "Yes. I think about two of my friends."

Recently record companies have been going after downloaders. How do you feel about this? "I feel that they are justified, but it is a waste of time."

Do you think record companies can ever stop music downloads? "Only if music is somehow not on the Internet; because as long as it's there, people will try. It's like asking if people will ever stop fishing; only if there are no more fish in the sea."

Seventeen-year-old Morse student DeJon Harris says she doesn't download music.

Name the artist and title of the last CD you bought. "I bought Chingy's CD, Jackpot, on August 4."



DeJon Harris

How often do you buy CDs? "Probably two a year."

Why do you buy them if you can download the music just as easily? "I don't have a CD burner or know someone who can do it for me for free."

Is the current price of CDs reasonable? "I think most CD prices are reasonable except for the ones that are \$21.99; I don't think they should be over 20 bucks."

Do you think there is anything wrong with downloading music from the Internet? "I'm sure it's a problem for the artist making the music, but I don't do it, so I can't really say."

How many of your friends download music? "Practically all of them."

Do you know anyone who refuses to download music for free? "No."

Recently record companies have been going after downloaders. How do you feel about this? "I think they're just trying to make their money, but if they're making harsh punishments...then they're taking it too far."

Do you think record companies can ever stop music downloads? "No, because you can't keep someone from doing what they wish in their own home. Even if music downloading became illegal with harsh punishment, people would still find a way to provide it and people would still use it."

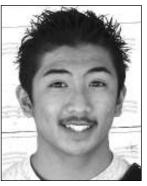
henever 17-year-old Morse student Ralph Dimarucut hears "a good song playing," he says he tends to download it from the Internet. "Downloading songs has become very simple and easy lately.... The last song or group of songs I downloaded? I think it [was] 50 Cent's whole album."

Name the artist and title of the last CD you bought. "I don't remember the last time I bought a CD. However, when you look at my CD collection, the few remaining [storebought] CDs are Dr. Dre's Chronic CD and [a] Boyz II Men album."

Is the current price of CDs reasonable? "I think that recently the prices of CDs have gone down, and they have become more reasonable."

Do you think there is

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Ralph Dimarucut

anything wrong with downloading music from the Internet? "I don't think there is anything wrong with downloading songs from the Internet. If artists are really proud of their work, they should be happy knowing how many more people out there are able to listen to their music via the Internet."

Do you know anyone who refuses to download music for free? "No, I don't know anyone who refuses to download music for free. I'm in high school."

Recently record companies have been going after downloaders. How do you feel about this? "I feel that what they are doing is very pointless. I don't think that they would ever be able to catch all the millions of people who are downloading music."

Do you think record companies can ever stop music downloads? "No, I don't. There are just too many." ohanna Salomon, 16, of San Diego High School, says she's downloaded music "twice, and it was an assortment of artists because it was for my ASB CD that's played at lunch."

Name the artist and title of the last CD you bought. "I think that it was Eminem, and it was a couple months ago."

How often do you buy CDs? "Hardly ever." Why do you buy CDs

if you can download the music just as easily? "I don't buy CDs, and I don't download."

Is the current price of CDs reasonable? "Well, I think that they've stayed about the same. I think that it's a little expensive, but I think it's worth it because you get better sound quality from CDs."

Do you think there is anything wrong with downloading music from the Internet? "Well, I don't see anything wrong with it because some people just can't afford to buy CDs. But I can also see how it affects the artists and everyone involved with the making of those songs financially...it's all about money."

How many of your friends download music? "All of them!"

Do you know anyone who refuses to download

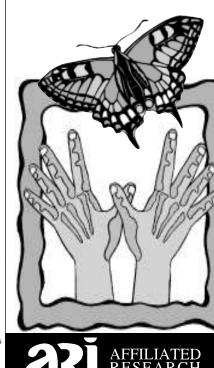


Johanna Salomo

music for free? "No." Recently record companies have been going after downloaders. How do you feel about this? "Well, I have mixed feelings about this subject. I think it's wrong because some people just don't have the money to buy CDs anymore; but then again, the record companies are losing money as well. So I really don't go either way."

Do vou think record companies can ever stop music downloads? "I don't think that it will happen anytime soon, because it's just grown so much. People will find ways around anything to get their music, especially those who can't afford to buy music. I do believe, though, that sometime in the future it will become more difficult for people to download, but I don't think that it will ever stop completely."

— Brian Lawless, Morse H.S.



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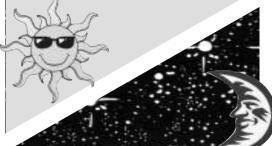
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THUNDER MOON

Maradon was not happy with the D.A.'s office, and there was something about the *judiciales* he didn't like either.

Mano a Mano with Mexican Law

After a night of passion, York and Moanna were expecting guests: some were invited, some weren't. A certain pissed-off Rosarito cop might have reason but no warrant, but did he have to bring Gus, York's would-be bodyguard, erstwhile assassin, and back-up partner in the bullring? Now, Dick, York's survialist friend from San Diego, *he* was welcome; Dick might be the only canny, crazy man York could trust. The big question wasn't who did what to whom, but who would do what next.

CHAPTER 15

Just past dawn I opened my eyes, remembered where I was, and noticed I was alone. A cool breeze came in through the starboard portholes. The ketch rocked lazily, and halyard lines tapped against the mastheads in a desultory rhythm. I sat up and looked at a navigational chart of Long Island Sound decoupaged on the partition between the bed and the forward berths.

To my right, on the table, was the jar of Nescafé instant coffee and two cups. One held an inch of still-warm brew the color of Mo's skin. Lots of milk. As I sat up I smelled her scent on me, that flower-salt smell with something musky and intriguing just beneath it. When I stood, I could see her calves through the hatch. She was standing in the cockpit wearing a blue pair of dolphin shorts and a lime halter blouse tied beneath her breasts. She seemed to be dancing in slow motion.

Her arms moved slowly in a circle, her palms outward to the sun. Her bare feet were planted wide, pivoting from the heel as she turned her upper body left and then right. Her arm movements became vertical as if she were climbing an invisible rope. She lifted one foot, turned on the ball of her other foot and repeated the process in reverse. All of it so slowly it created an impression she was moving through gelatin.

Tai Chi.

She seemed very good at it. She was centered and graceful. All the muscles in her face were relaxed, and she stared toward the horizon with an expressionless concentration. I could spend the morning watching her do this and not feel I was missing anything.

Putting a match to the propane stove, I heated the water in the pot and pulled my Levi's on. As I sat back on the bed and watched her, I wondered if I were in love with her. I decided I didn't know what that meant anymore.

I made the coffee strong and took it up on deck. "Hello," she said, still going through her paces.

"Hello yourself. Martha Graham has nothing on you."

"Martha Graham? Oh, ballet.



"If I see a shark, I stab my buddy and then swim like hell."

Right. Sit down, enjoy your coffee. in I'll be finished in a few minutes, de but I want to concentrate."

"You won't even know I'm here." I took the opportunity to study the ketch in daylight.

The mizzen mast was a varnished teak, set just forward of the wheel at the front of the cockpit. Maybe a dozen people could sit on the cushions placed around three sides, although the tiller might crowd a few of them if you started swinging it around. The tiller was of the same varnished teak as the wheel, the bastion, the rails, the mizzen and larger main mast as well as all the other trim on board. It occurred to me that maintaining the woodwork alone on *Thun- der Moon* might take all day.

I don't know much about boats since there weren't many of them in the East Village when I was a kid. Probably not many more these days. Most of what I knew about sailboats came from Robert Louis Stevenson or Rafael Sabatini novels. I knew the pins tying the rigging to the rail amidships as belaying pins, but they probably had another name. The lines they held I called ratlines, because that's what Long John Silver and Captain Blood called them. The unraveled hemp that was clustered along those lines were baggy wrinkles and prevented the mainsail from fraying on the

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rigging.

A grey inflated Avon dinghy sat on the deck just above the cabin. Inside were wooden planks to sit on, a five-gallon gasoline container and a Honda outboard motor folded forward

As my eyes traversed the mainmast looking for, I don't know, a bosun's chair or a crow's nest, neither of which I found, I was startled by the sight of a huge bird stretching a four- or five-foot wingspan into the morning sun. It looked as if it were wearing a brown cape and hood. "What the hell?" I said out loud. I'd never seen a bird like it before.

"Brown booby." Mo came up behind me and put a hand on my shoulder. I turned and took her

hand. We kissed. "Say

what?"

"It's a frigate bird. Called Brown booby because it's so stupid. Good divers, though."

"Why are they stupid?" "You could probably crawl up there and grab it around the neck." "Mavbe another time."

"Afraid of birds?" "Only the ones bigger than terriers."

Mo put her arms

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around my waist. She looked up at me. I was surprised to notice she wasn't as tall as I thought she was. It was her posture maybe that made her seem taller. "You were wonderful."

"You were wonderfulness itself," I said and meant it. I kissed her again. "Hungry?"

"Yes, I'm expecting someone down here this morning. I hope you don't mind. He's a friend."

"Well, you need some." She wrapped her hair up and tied it in a band. "Will he be coming with us?"

"If it's all right with you."

"Is he housebroken?"

"Good question. I never asked. It's Holster. Dick Holster, the guy I told you about last night that put me up for a while and gave me a gun."

"Oh. Dick Holster. Is that his real name?" She looked at me as if there were some joke she wanted to be let in on.

"He says it's an Ellis Island name. Originally it was Holtzer."

"Is that him?" She pointed to a short, dark man in a pink T- shirt and drawstring pants with huarache sandals and mirror sunglasses. The man had a thin, newly trimmed conquistador's beard. He was leaning against the Sea Ray across the dock with his arms folded and smiling at me. He waved as I turned my head to look at him.

"Oh, shit," I said. "No. It's not Dick." The man was Lieutenant Roberto Maradon. I said so.

I climbed down from *Thunder Moon* and walked to where he was leaning against the Sea Ray. "How the hell did you find me here?"

"I'm a cop, York. I'm good at my job, I guess."

"Uh, York? What are you talking about? My name..."

"Nathaniel York. Yeah, I've been hassling every guy on a Honda with California plates for about three days now. Nobody can drive past Rosarito on one of those things without I know about it. My brother-in-law — he's a cop too — called me last night. He radioed from Ensenada Municipal. There's quite a few cops looking for you around the frontera."

He laughed and walked up and down the dock eyeing *Thunder Moon* appreciatively. "Yeah, we got radios. We got a lot of shit. Even radar. We got uniforms, badges, guns, mace, and radios. Makes the job easier. Of course, we don't have Winchell's donut shops down here, but I don't like pastry from the other side anyway."

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"Okay," I said. "You don't look like you're here to bust me." I looked around the parking lot of the marina. No cop cars. Maradon's Nova was at the head of the ramp. Someone else was inside it. I couldn't see who it was. "What do you want?"

"Me?" Maradon looked as if he hadn't given it much thought. "Me? I just wanted to hear you tell me about



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how you shrimped off Corpus Christi in Texas that time. I was always curious about that kind of stuff. Must have been interesting."

"Why do you call me Nathaniel York?"

"That's not your

name?"

"I haven't broken any laws." "You stole a body out

of my police station. My case. That's against the law. Especially my law." "Can you prove that?"

"This is Mexico, York. The Napoleonic code? Guilty until proven innocent?"

I looked up at the parking lot again, and I saw the guy get out of the Nova. It was Gus Amado. I could

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tell because he was wearing the same clothes I saw him in at the bullring. Maradon went on, "Also, you ran a police blockade at the bullfights last night. That's breaking more laws." "Look, Lieutenant. You

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still think this is some sort of drug thing, right?"

"No, I don't. Not exactly. I was wrong about that."

"What did Gus tell you?"

"Nothing at first. I'll say

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up. The American Red Cross lady came. She gave him some soup, you know? We talked to him. He didn't talk back."

Maradon stopped speaking and Gus approached down the ramp. "Hey!" he said. "You seen Halley's comet lately?"

"¿*Que paso*?" I asked with all sincerity.

Gus looked tired and he still looked sad. His clothes were wrinkled, slept in.

"I'm sorry about hitting you. I had to. Thanks for your help at the bullfights," I said.

"Fuckin' A good bullfight. That guy, Arturo." "Why did you do it?"

I asked him.

"Paz tried to kill me too. That night at K-38. Paz and Walters want both of us dead. We should talk. Maybe we could help each other stay above ground a to cool off. Said he was into some bad scene up north, but that he wouldn't cause me any problems here. Paz hinted at some gambling thing. He said he didn't know exactly what it was but he wanted to help out an old friend."

"Excuse me," Mo said. "You found Gustavo in the canyon?"

"I'll explain later, Mo." "All right."

Maradon drank his coffee and looked out at Ensenada Harbor as if he might own all this someday. "At first, I thought, well, this guy, Amado, doesn't want to talk to me because he's just not used to being cooperative with policemen. The guy's a bad number — whaddyou call it? — a wrong number. He's afraid I'll send him back over the border maybe. As far as it goes, I think I was right, eh, Gustavo?"

Dick was wearing a dark baseball cap and olive drab fatigue shirt hanging outside of a pair of grey shorts. He was holding a huge grey duffel bag in one hand and a spear gun in the other.

little while longer." "You made a deal with Maradon Cut to the chase

Maradon. Cut to the chase. What do you want, Maradon?"

"The truth."

"The truth?" I must have sounded like Peter Lorre in *The Maltese Falcon.* "Oh, that."

We sat around the cockpit with cups of Nescafé. Mo joined us. I introduced her and she listened to Maradon.

"Like I said, we found Amado here in the canyon next to Paz's house. We took him in and asked him his story. He didn't say anything. I thought this was funny because earlier that night, Señor Paz came down to the house where I was waiting for you. Amado was with him, of course. Paz told me that he brought Amado down because he needed a place Gus stared morosely at his coffee. "As far as it goes," he echoed.

Maradon continued. "So I start asking him about what Paz had just related to me about you, York."

"Paz told you my name was York?"

"No, he was still going with Fernando Cruz. It was Amado told me."

I looked at Gus and was about to say something, but just behind him, I saw a familiar, tall form at the head of the dock ramp. Dick was wearing a dark baseball cap and olive drab fatigue shirt hanging outside of a pair of grey shorts. He was holding a huge grey duffel bag in one hand and a spear gun in the other. He waved at me with the spear gun.

Standing up, I waved at him, and he came down. "Before we go on, let's let Dick in on this too."

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"Who is Dick?" Maradon asked

"A friend of mine." "Good," Maradon said. "You're going to need as many of them as you can get."

Mo looked at me and smiled. I smiled back at her a little tensely. I didn't know where Maradon was going with all this, how much he knew or what he intended to do about it.

Dick climbed aboard. He lifted a visor on his sun-

glasses and looked at everyone. I extended my hand and he set the speargun down. "Thanks for coming," I said as we shook hands.

"Glad I could make it," he said.

I introduced him to everyone. I saved Maradon for last and accented the Lieutenant and the Rosarito Municipal. Dick nodded and leaned against the cabin near the hatch. He folded his arms and smiled briefly

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at Mo and assumed an attentive expression. He would say nothing unless I asked him to or he had to, in which case he'd say something harmless and probably meaningless. He was curious, I'm sure, as to what was going on.

Dick is one of those people who understands that you can learn a lot more from listening than talking. We hadn't seen each other in three or four months, but he didn't ask me how I was or talk about the weather or the fishing in these parts. He didn't call me by name either.

Maradon looked at the speargun. "What's with that thing?" he asked Dick.

"It's a speargun. A Scubapro," Dick supplied. Helpful. Courteous.

"Is that right?" Maradon smiled. "What do you do with that?" "Fish."

"Uh-huh. What's in the bag?"

"Scuba gear." "I bet you're going to go scuba diving then,"

Maradon said. "Hope to get a little diving in while I'm down here. We'll see."

use?"

Maradon set his cof-

"Sure." Dick went over

fee cup on the deck at his

feet and said, "You mind if

I see what kind of gear you

to the bag, unzipped it.

Inside was a wetsuit, flip-

pers, mask, weights, and a

long diving knife he would

"Can I see that?"

the knife to Maradon, who

pulled it from its sheath. It

was an impressive blade

with serrated edges on one

side, smooth on the other.

sunlight. "What's this for?"

Maradon held it to the

"Sharks," Dick said.

"Sure." Dick handed

strap to his calf.

"You gonna kill a shark with this?'

"Nah," Dick frowned. "I always dive with a buddy. If I see a shark, I stab my buddy and then swim like hell." He grinned at the cop. Maradon smiled back and Mo laughed appreciatively. Even Gus looked momentarily less depressed.

Maradon gave the knife back, and Dick replaced it in the bag, leaned against the cabin again. Maradon picked up his coffee, still smiling and leaned back. He seemed to enjoy holding court. "I'm going to just continue where I was, okay?" He gestured





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at Dick and looked at me. "Sure," I said. "Go ahead."

"When Paz came down Thursday night, we left Gustavo here at the house and drove down to the police station for a talk. Just me and Paz and Guernando. You remember Guernando?'

"The assistant D.A.," I said, mostly for Dick and Mo

"Yes. We told Paz about the surfer killed wearing his son's wetsuit. He appeared very upset about this."

"Did you describe Sufi to him?" I asked.

"No. Let me tell my story, you mind, York?" When Maradon called me by name, Dick looked over at me. I shrugged.

"Sorry. Go ahead."

"Paz was very unhappy. He said he was afraid something like this might happen. I asked him what he meant, and he said that beautiful." "Yes. She is."

"Nice boat too. I could get used to life on a boat like this. Just sail away. No more drunks and Americans and dope and hookers. No more judiciales and DAs jerking off the Americans and fucking with me."

So Maradon was not happy with the D.A.'s office, and there was something about the judiciales he didn't like either. I was sure he was going to tell us exactly what it was. In the meantime he made a great show of enjoying the morning and the sea air with his American yachting friends. It was about eight o'clock.

"Ah, look at that, hombre," he pointed out toward the breakwater. "A sello. How do you say it?"

Mo came up with the coffee on a tray and looked where he was pointing. "Harbor seal," she said. "Phoca vitulina." Dick shot

"I know he was taking money from rich gringo coyotes last year.... And I heard about what happened to a lot of those pollos on the other side."

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Maradon asked Mo very nicely if he might have another cup of coffee.

"Sure," Mo got up. "Anyone else? Dick?" Dick nodded.

"Just wait till I get back before you go on. I don't want to miss any of this." "Certainly," Maradon agreed. When she had gone below, he said to me, "Very

me a look and raised his eyebrows. Mo squinted her eyes against the water's glare. "Definitely a male. Could be a leopard seal, actually. I can't tell from here."

"A seal, yes," Maradon said. "Thank you." He accepted the coffee. Mo gave a cup to Dick along with the tray full of milk and brown sugar. "Where was I? Oh yes, Fernando Cruz with the long history as a drug desperado. Poor Emilio. Guernando says he knew it all along. He can always tell these things. 'You knew it too, didn't you, Roberto?' he says to me.

"Yes sir,' I told him. 'I knew it.' So Paz points out that the guy who was killed at the condos must have been involved in Cruz's drug deals. I liked that a lot. Octavio Salsepueda was a drug desperado too." Maradon smiled sourly.



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"And obviously the surfer who was killed was either involved or mistaken for Cruz. Guernando agreed thoroughly. He's grateful to Paz for pointing out this shit that we couldn't think of. Excuse my language." This last was delivered to Moanna. She smiled.

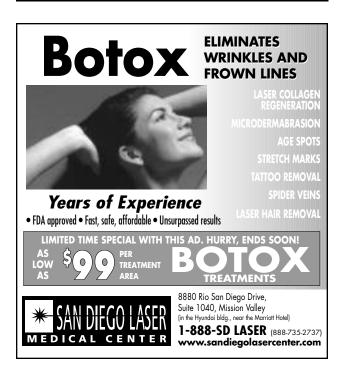
"By now I'm thinking both these guys are even

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more full of shit than Fernando Cruz shrimping off Corpus Christi. Excuse me again.

"So. What do we do? This man Cruz must be found and turned over to the San Diego liaison officer because he's wanted. But we better be careful, because he's dangerous. We better bring a lot of

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guns. Hell, we should probably just shoot him down where he stands. Don't take any chances.

"Paz says he has already notified his good friend Detective Lieutenant Bevilaqua at the judiciale's office in Tijuana, and there are men keeping their eye open for him. Guernando says this is a good idea, and he tells me to notify the judiciales here in Ensenada. I say, 'Yes sir!' only I call my brother-in-law with Ensenada municipal instead. I tell him to find you before the judiciales do."

Maradon paused, raised his hand, and counted off fingers. "This is because, one, I am drowning in horseshit up to here and I want to give you a chance to tell me what's going on. Excuse me." To Mo. She held up a hand as if to say, "Fuck it."

Turning back to me he said, "You've lied to me more ways than a TJ whore, but you're no drug dealer. No drug dealer drops by the police station to check in with me because I ask him to. Besides, Paz and Guernando don't know that I had the condos under surveillance since Salsepueda got dead. I *know* nobody's dealing drugs there."

He ticked off another finger. "Two. I know Bevilaqua, and I don't like him. I know he was taking money from rich gringo *coyotes* last year to look the other way, maybe even lend a hand as they shipped a lot of pollos north. And I heard about what happened to a lot of those *pollos* on the other side. And three, I figure Guernando is playing ball with Paz and Bevilaqua, but I don't know what the game is or the score. I want to know."

Fourth finger. "After holding this guy for a couple of days and he's untalkative, I tell him what Paz told me. Now he starts to talk. So far what he's told me makes more sense than anything else I've heard." Still holding up four fingers he said, "So we take a walk down to the Red Cross and they have a lot of old San Diego Readers in a pile. Amado shows me the story, MONEY, MURDER AND MOUN-TAINS, or whatever it was."

Maradon put his hand down, drank his coffee, and said, "Like I said, I fig-







ure you're gonna need all the help you can get."

"Now your turn," Maradon said to me. "First tell me why you stole Sufi's body. I know you did it, okay?" "For one thing I didn't

want him identified as someone besides me. I hoped the killer would continue to think he got me. For another thing, I owed Sufi a decent burial at least, and his body would have been tied up here forever with red tape and Mexican bullshit. Excuse me," I said to Mo. She laughed. "I didn't want his people being held up for la mordida and bureaucratic garbage on both sides of the border. He died because of me. He paid enough. I owed his mother that much. It was something I had to do."

"Don't you think you owe his mother a chance at an official investigation into his death?" Mo asked

you like.' I took them and forgot about them. I'm not into bullfights. He didn't plan on either of us being alive to show up there, but I guess he wanted to play it out, make it look good. Reassure me."

While Gus said this, Maradon held up one bullfight ticket. "This was supposed to be yours," he said to me. "I'm keeping it as a corroborative evidence for Amado's story, though I doubt I'll get a chance to use it." He stumbled on the word corroborative but got it out. "Maybe I'll just tear it up. It could work the other way too."

"So," I said. "Emilio knew his own house was going to be torched that night, with both of us in it."

"Definitely." Gustavo said, "If he didn't do it himself. He used to blow shit up in the war all the time." "Yes," I said. I remem-

bered some of his stories. Bridges, hooches, tunnels,

"We better bring a lot of guns. Hell, we should probably just shoot him down where he stands. Don't take any chances."

me.

I looked at Maradon. "You want to answer that one?"

"I don't think so. I'll take a pass."

Turning back to Mo I said, "She knows what happened. I know who's responsible, besides me, and I'll find out who Walters paid to do it."

"Or die in the attempt," Mo added. There was nothing to say to that.

Maradon said, "I released Gustavo here and told him to go to the bullfights."

Maradon turned to Gustavo and invited him to continue. Gus looked at me and said, "Thursday, on the way down here, we stopped at the Amtrak station to pick up some bullfight tickets. Paz picked up two of them and as an afterthought bought two more. He gave them to me and said, 'Here, you and York come along, too, if

whole Vills. "So he must have been pretty surprised when he saw you at the bullring. Took balls showing up there."

"Well," Gustavo said. "It was Maradon's idea. I showed up and Paz was very cool. I didn't see any reaction on him at all. He said, 'Where's York?' was all he said. I said I didn't know. I said you were in the house. I went out because of the barking dog, and the next thing I knew the place went up, and I was laying under a piece of lumber that flew through the air and hit me. I told him the cops picked me up, and I didn't say anything except my name and that I was a friend of Paz's. I said there was a guy named Cruz in the house — didn't know much about him, just met - and I don't know what happened to him when the place exploded. Paz knew the place got torched, all

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right. He said he'd gotten a call from Guernando early Friday morning. Nobody was found in the wreckage.

"He said he hadn't had time to come down to Mexico and clean up after York's messes. He was busy in San Diego, but he planned to stop down at the police station soon and see the house or what's left of it."

"What did Bevilaqua have to say?" I asked.

"Not much, he said he had a problem with you of his own and would like to get you in a room for a while. He kept trying to discuss money with Paz, but Paz kept changing the subject, passing booze around, and talking about the bullfight. So, I got into the bullfights, and then that matador threw the wine bolsa to you and everybody in the fucking ring was looking at you. You know what happened."

"Looked like you coldcocked Bevilaqua pretty good."

"Yeah. He stayed down long enough for me to get out of there. I went to a pay phone and called Maradon like I was supposed to. I didn't have any useful information, but he was nice enough to put me up for the night again anyway. I was in a cell with this guy preaching about Jesus to me in Spanish all night. I told him, I don't even speak Spanish. He wouldn't shut up. I got no sleep."

"Pobre Gustavo." Maradon said, "Miguel is a very devout man for an ignorant campesino who hosts some profitable cockfights. Against the law, you know. Especially when he doesn't share enough of his good fortune with the local authorities. Some of his spiritual guidance, I thought, might do you good."

"So," I ventured. "Paz walked out of the Rosarito police station with a couple of gallons of gasoline in his truck, drove straight down to K-38, and torched it."

"Looks that way to me," Gus agreed as if he were pronouncing his

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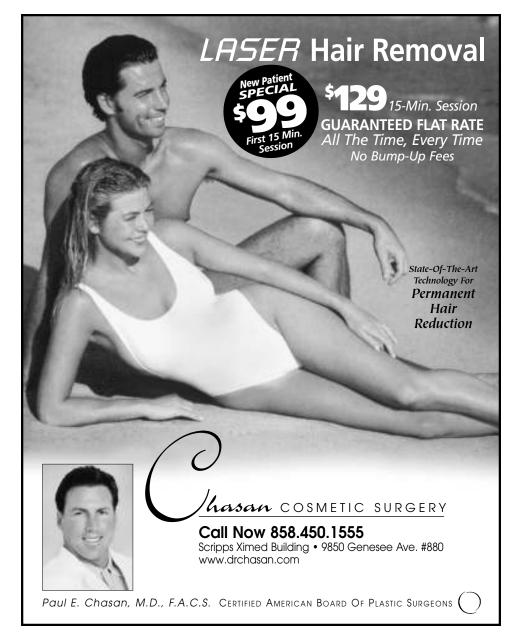
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"Because," Maradon steepled his hands together to illustrate the simple symmetry of the situation. "Gustavo is the only guy in the world that can link him with this guy Walters from the old days."

Mo interrupted. "There's so much of this I don't get. Why did he offer to hide you in the first place? Just keeping you on ice until he could deliver you? For what? Money?"

"He needs money," I nodded. "I also think it has to do, like you suggested, with that dope deal his son was busted in."

"But he gave you a gun and everything," Mo said. "Right?"

"Yes. He did. I don't know what he had in mind then. Maybe it changed."

"Ahem," the lieutenant cleared his throat. "Bevilaqua was the arresting cop on the Javier Paz bust." He folded his arms and looked for a response. Everyone waited for him to say more. *Thunder Moon* shifted against her lines as the surge lifted and sucked at her. The wind came up, and the telltale weather pennant on the main mast snapped like a pistol.

"You wanna talk some more about that?" I invited Maradon.

"Tell you what I'll do," Maradon said. "You talk to me about your boat trip and your diving expedition and I'll continue to regale you with True Tales of *Historia Criminale*!"

"All right," I let out a long sigh. If only I had taken the trouble to go to the library and find a newspaper article about Javier Paz's bust, I would probably be in possession of whatever information Maradon had. I just hadn't thought of it. I had ignored my instinct that told me it was tied up very closely with my own problems. That was a mistake. Every time I ignore my instincts, I pay. But then again, I pay every time I follow them too. Who was it that said, "Whatever you do, you'll regret it?" I knew how he felt right now. Still, maybe



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Maradon had something I wouldn't have gotten out of a newspaper account. Maybe there never was any news coverage of it. Maybe it was silenced. Paz didn't have that much clout maybe, but his playmates had. "Okay," I went on, "Mo has agreed..."

"Just a minute, York." Mo held up a hand to stop me.

"Yeah?"

"Are you going to tell him the truth?"

"Yes, I was going to tell him what ... "

"Then I'll tell him. I'm captain of this boat, and I'll take responsibility for my destination, itinerary, passengers, everything I do with this vessel and why. Also, I will not lie about it."

"I wasn't going to...

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She paused for a moment and everyone looked at her, everyone except Dick. I could feel his eyes on me from behind his sunglasses. Though I didn't look at him, I could sense him grinning. From ear, as they say, to ear.

When Maradon looked funny at me, I said, "What she said." I pointed to Mo.

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Island. We will observe the yacht Rachel from a distance through binoculars if it's still there — and determine if Walters is aboard. If he is, York will make his own decision as to what to do about it. I have told him I will have no part in killing anyone. We have no plans other than to pass within binocular range. He has invited his friend Dick along too. I'm not sure why. In any event we have to get underway soon. York believes Paz may be aboard that boat sometime today, and unless we leave soon, we won't get there until nightfall. Actually..." she looked at her watch. "We won't anyway."

When she finished there was more silence.

"Mmmm," Maradon said.

What followed was a rundown of why I thought Walters was out there. Mo helped me out. Also I mentioned the notation on the back of Paz's envelope about "Coronado Del Monday." I showed it to Maradon.

"Okay," he said. "What about the diving gear?" He looked at Dick.

"York told me to bring a swimsuit. That's my swimsuit." He pointed to the duffel bag.

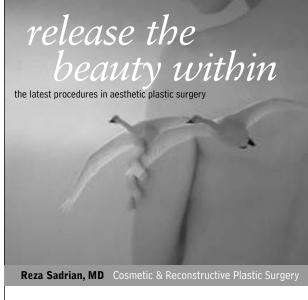
Maradon looked at Gustavo. "You going too?" "I wasn't invited. I don't even know if I'm under arrest or what?"

"Or what," Maradon said.

When I looked at Mo, she spread her palms. "Sure, why not?"

"Lieutenant," I said as he got up to stretch. "What about Bevilaqua and Javier Paz's bust?"

"Oh, that. Well," Maradon looked at his watch. "Bevilaqua staked out this marina right here for about six months. Always seemed to know when to be here. He would observe the offloading and refueling of a fishing boat with Costa Rica flags on it. Maybe four or five times this went down. He was working on a drug bust I heard. Finally, about two months ago or so, he busted



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three Mexicans and an American kid, Paz, as they received crates and loaded them onto a flatbed produce truck. There was, they say, about 100 kilos of cocaine, but only 20 of them found their way into the report. The Mexicans got off. Bevilaqua, after a couple of weeks, turned Paz's kid over to the SDPD liaison officer. He was free. The U.S. didn't care about any crimes he committed

down here. About three weeks later I read where they found dope in his car on the other side, though. They busted him up there. He's on charges of, what is that phrase again in English?"

Mo coached him. "Conspiracy to import, possess, and travel in foreign commerce for illegal activity."

All along I had assumed Pelón was being tried in San Diego for a bust in Mexico, but I didn't really know that. If I had thought about it, I would have realized there was no way he

countries.

"That's it! Conspiracy to import and all that. Thank you. I love the sound of that stuff." Maradon had

"We finally tracked him down. He was in Loreto on a three-day drunk."

would be held stateside for a crime down here. He had been busted twice. Within six weeks. In two different

his charm. I wondered if he knew anything more. I think he would have told me, but you never know. "Well, I'll let you boaters be off on your cruise."

"Wait a minute, Maradon." "Yeah?"

"What about the old horseman? The guy whose clothes Sufi's killer was wearing."

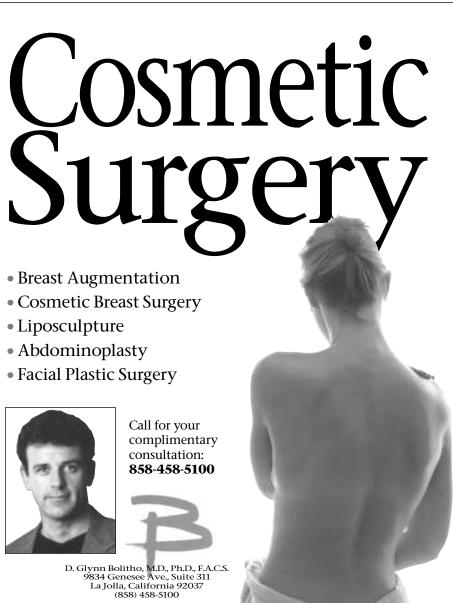
"Oh, yeah. We finally tracked him down. He was in Loreto on a three-day drunk. Had a pocketful of money. About \$300. Said he was afraid to come back

up north here because he thought the police would blame him for the killing. Claims some guy hit him over the head and took his horse and clothes. I had him put on a bus back up to Rosarito, told him it was okay, no one thought he did it. His head looked okay to me. I asked him about the money, he said it was from selling the rest of his horses to his wife's brother. This checked out, but he











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was lying about something. Not saying something. I sweated him in a cell for a couple of days, scared him, you know, with 'accessory,' but Guernando told me I had to let him go. Said I should be ashamed of myself, treating a poor old man like that." Maradon shook his head sadly as if he were ashamed of himself. "Anyway, he's on the street in Rosarito. I can't question him anymore. Not officially."

He let that hang in the air for a moment and then turned to go.

"Tell me what you find when you get back to San Diego. Give me a call, okay? Let me know how it went. Oh, and get rid of the motorcycle." His hand made a diving motion over the side.

I handed him the key. "You want it?" I asked him. "No," he said, but took

the key. "I'd just have to explain where I got it. I'll have my brother-in-law do something with it."

"Okay," I said. He had to be up to something, but I didn't know what. Maybe, like he said, all he wanted was some truth.

Maybe Cinco de Mayo comes in July.

He was letting us go, free to do what we wanted, and he had kept the Ensenada judiciales off my butt.

Everyone watched him saunter back up the dock toward his Nova. He stopped and pointed at the seal again out by the breakwater. "Seal?" he called out to Mo like a kindergarten student.

"Right!" She called back and waved. He smiled and kept walking, satisfied, as if that were the only thing of importance he came away with from that morning's conversation.

"There goes a rara avis," Dick said.

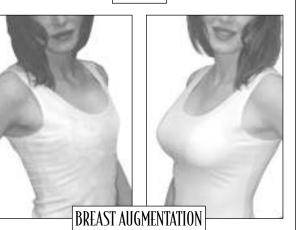
"A rare bird? Where?" Mo searched the skies then realized Dick was talking about Maradon.

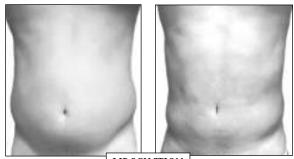
"A straight Mexican cop," Dick pronounced. ■ — John Brizzolara

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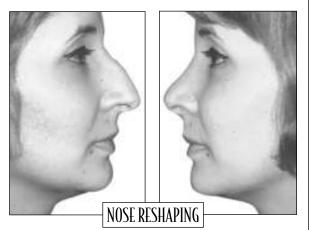
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who will treat her as his partner and who wants her to treat him also as her partner. A woman wants a man who is honest, faithful, and committed, not one who engages in simultaneous romantic relationships with others. A woman does not want a man who spends his energy on past romantic relationships, but one who spends energy on his current relationship with her. A woman wants a man who motivates her to give to him all the same qualities that she desires from him. If a man or a woman could find a relationship with all of the above ingredients, he or she should hold on tight to that relationship and never let it go, as long as the feelings remain mutual. Doesn't a woman want in a man the same things a man wants in a woman, setting aside those who are dysfunctional? I ask you, are these feminine desires/needs so crazy or mysterious? I think these are basic relationship needs shared by all rational, stable hu-



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mans, man or woman alike. Terri Wyatt Downtown

Horrible Cover

In response to your pathetic cover story ("What Do Women Want?" October 2), I agree, women are not victims, and it's frustrating when they are portrayed as victims. But it's equally frustrating when they're portrayed as monsters, just by simply the cover image that you have for your story. Clearly men and women are both capable of hurting each other, they're both capable of being victims we live in a society where women are becoming more equal to men, and, yeah, they're capable of being monsters like men and victims like men. It doesn't have to be one or the other. It's just so shortsighted, so simpleminded, so pathetic, and just completely frustrating that you would stoop so low to put that cover image of this horrible woman. You guys suck. Name Withheld

Phony Macho Image

Your October 2 cover story, "What Do Women Want?" is evidence that many men (the writer included) are completely clueless about the fact that women want what every human wants. A right to live and love in a society that respects their human rights.

That includes equality and justice before the law; fair treatment and freedom to explore one's potential in loving, safe, and equal relationships; economic justice; equal opportunities in education and professions; and a strong voice in a truly democratic society.

If men are threatened by that scenario, the best antidote is for them to grow up and became true partners and advocates for women's rights. Then they'll be able to discard their phony macho image and enjoy life as it could be.

Tanja Winter La Jolla

Men Want Porno

As a hardworking woman, I really find this week's cover illustration and accompanying feature article, "What Do Women Want?" (October 2), offensive to women and a complete aberration from what is. First of all, how many abused-men shelters

have you ever heard of? In this world, women make approximately 25 percent of the income and do approximately 75 percent of the work. Men are physically larger, make more, and more often control more assets; therefore, women are much more likely to be physically abused and financially and psychologically abused, and these statistics bear out.

Please spare us the warped views of a few testosteronedeficient, dysfunctional men on your staff who may have had a rough time of it with their moms. The whole of San Diego does not need to absorb their skewed viewpoints. If you were truly concerned about what women wanted, you would have had a woman write the article from an intellectual per-

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spective and used a less inflammatory cover.

For the most part, we are your mothers, sisters, workers, lovers, and nurturers. Because we do not dominate the high-powered careers in this society, the work we do is often dismissed and taken for granted. Because we are often smaller and do not pose a physical threat, we are often not respected. Your irresponsible journalism perpetuates the current illness that pervades our culture: where women work and take care of families and must cope with overloaded schedules and then also remain sexy and pretty while accomplishing it all. I find your cover particularly disgusting and challenge you to publish an article next week questioning what men want. Unfortunately, the cover for that story is likely unprintable because it would be pornographic. Ellyn Quiggle La Jolla

Contextualize Suffering

For an article that purports to address the philosophical quandary of "what women want," Fred Moramarco's story spends a disproportionate amount of time dealing with exactly the opposite: perpetuating the self-piteous, reductionist, either/or mentality that has so many women up in arms in the first place. Moramarco would have us believe the feminist movement was all wrong, that men are actually the hapless victims of irrationally angry and belligerent and mysterious women. I contend that this assessment is partially what precipitated the women's movement: how long will people suffer before they lash back? I was disappointed, to

say the least, that Moramarco spent so long couched in clichés and doesn't appear to have done any research outside of perusing the mainstream "best-seller" book list and talking to some men who had been hurt in past relationships (who hasn't?). I was hoping the article would evolve into a historical and/or institutional analysis of the power dynamics of patriarchy, but it stayed righteously focused at the navelgazing level of interpersonal accounts.

These accounts are important, of course, but with-



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out a broader understanding of what factors have contributed to the present state of things, we will maintain our grudges, our disdain, and our carefully outlined and enforced gender roles. We in this country have internalized generations of inequality, violence, and displacement based on our gender, our color, our class, and our political ideals. I argue vehemently against the notion that this is a "postfeminist age," just as it is not a

post-civil-rights age or a post-communist age. These are struggles that continue because the oppressing structures, of what author bell hooks identifies as "white supremacist capitalist patriarchy," are still in place. As long as the anger of those suffering institutional inequality and personal indignity is pathologized and decontextualized, we will not achieve the justice, trust, and love that we all deserve. In the meantime, we

would all do well to examine the histories of those who came before us in the fight for equality and respect; and I strongly suggest that Mr. Moramarco change the title of his article to something a little more accurate, such as "The Objective Truth: There Is No Such Thing." Robin Stoub North Park

Navel Numbness

As I slogged my way through the numerous column inches

you afforded Fred Moramarco ("What Do Women Want?" October 2) and Jim Morris ("Women Are Hardwired for Surrender") this week, I was reminded again that the only thing worse than living through a bad relationship yourself is enduring the recounting of such a relationship by another. Both pieces were truly mind-numbing in their banality.

My suggestion for each of the self-absorbed people

featured is to find a purpose in life that is bigger than yourself and dedicate your energies toward that. Freeing Tibet or saving the rain forest would qualify, but not endlessly exhuming and examining the remains of failed relationships.

When you're gazing at your navel, all you see are lint and dead skin cells. Look up, guys.

P.S.: I usually enjoy John Brizzolara's and Anne Albright's columns each week, but not this time. A failed toilet-training attempt and "I had a bad summer, don't have a topic to write about, but next week I will" are poor submissions and should have been rejected. Was their editor on vacation?

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I read Jim Morris's "Women Are Hardwired for Surrender" (October 2). Good stuff. His surrender/conquest concept is wise and deep.



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He wrote, "My idea of an expert on women is a guy who gets married, stays married, raises a bunch of kids, and lives a happy life." My wife and I are coming up to our 37th anniversary. We've been happy and will stay that way. By Morris's definition, I am an expert. Here is my expert advice to all nonexperts: be lucky. Fred McBee

Inaccurate Adjacent

Re "Blurt," October 2, "They got the wrong place." Perhaps Ken Leighton could have looked up where Pete's Place actually resides, which is approximately five miles from SDSU, hardly "adjacent." If you're gonna dog someone out for inaccuracies, try to make sure your facts are straight.

Name Withheld

Evil Ad

While there are sometimes ads, etc., that are offensive in the *Reader*, I can overlook them because there are always many good articles as well. However, your ad in the October 2 Reader for the "Pimp 'N Ho" Halloween costume ball is too much. C'mon, please, don't give these people space to put forth this evil stuff. The Reader doesn't need money that bad. No one does. Janet Ross

Puzzle Snafu

Re David Levinson Wilk's "Reader Puzzle" September 25. The puzzle as printed is unsolvable, since the black blocks at 10:14, 10:15, and 11:15 are mistakenly placed. In the location in which they were printed, the answer for clue 51 down becomes "NIC," when what is clearly wanted is "NICK " Likewise the answer for clue 63 across becomes "OMAR_," the blank signifying an extra letter that is not needed, and the answer for clue 66 across becomes "YAYS_," with another superfluous final letter. The answer for the clue to 52 down should be "GALAS," but there is no place to put the final S. The answer for clue 64 across should be "KARATE," but there is no space for the initial K. Similarly, the answer for clue 67 across should be "SEDAN," but there is no empty block in which to place the initial *S*. The black blocks at 10:14, 10:15, and 11:15 should have been placed at 9:14, 9:15, and 10:15, as in





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the attached grid, which is filled out correctly but which breaks your rule that all answers be entered in the space provided on the puzzle page. Unfortunately in this instance the space provided on the puzzle page is faulty. Conway Redding La Mesa

The misplacement of squares in the September 25 puzzle occurred during a laborious manipulation of individual squares in the Reader production department. This error has inspired a change whereby Mr. Wilk will send the original art to be used from now on. We apologize to our readers and to Mr. Wilk. — Editor

Frightful Judge

I'm not sure if letter writer Patricia S. Lundberg (September 25) read the same story from the "City Lights" piece regarding the Double B Ranch that I did ("Neighbor Battles Neighbor," September 4). But the way it read to me was that this Judge Brown character acquired a nice piece of property through a tax lien sale with some irregularities about notifying adjacent property owners. Then having accomplished getting the land, right away he starts all kinds of illegal grading, he pollutes the river, he infringes on the mineral rights of the neighbors, and then when he's told it's illegal, then this "judge" cites ignorance of

the law — that's his excuse. And then when the neighbor files a complaint, he sees to it that their punishment fits right into his plan. So for reporting him to the authorities, he litigates them out of their life savings and he's working on trying to get their property and their home and put them in the poorhouse, and by the way, just thrown into the bargain, there're a lot of implications that they're off their rocker, they're crazy, these crazy people harassing

him. Now that will teach them, see, to mess with the judge. Now, he didn't strike me as "fortuitous," like he did Ms. Lundberg, but he did appear to be a frightful, arrogant bully. It's a commonplace irony that guys like Mr. Brown seem to be singularly bereft of judgment or honor. Joe Guiney La Iolla

Wants Credit

I'm responding to a letter to the editor. There's a letter by

a Brian Wilson (September 25) to Patrick Daugherty. Patrick Daugherty explains absolutely nothing in his response, and his predictions were off by the fact that if he has a record of 12 over .500, that means that his 32 teams had wins where nobody lost. You need a 256 and 256 record. So either way, he doesn't know how to add, and I would like Brian Wilson to get some credit. And I would like some credit as to the fact that he knows absolutely nothing when it comes to football. Mark Rafferty

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No Buffy Rah-Rah

Slayer Symposium

ow does the San Diego fan base for TV's Buffy the Vampire Slayer compare to those in other locales around the country and the world? In size? In intensity? In ability to ace Buffy trivia tests? We'll know after this weekend, because what's being billed as the First Annual BuffyFest San Diego is

being held here all day on Saturday. Convention co-organizer Heather King said by phone from her home in L.A. last week, "We're capping ticket sales at 800. We haven't sold out yet, but we anticipate doing so on the morning of the event." Ashley McGuire ZeMans, King's local counterpart, who lives in the Mission Bay area, said the same thing, adding, "We aren't releasing our current numbers, but the number of hits we're getting on our website is staggering. It's

Violence and San Diego's Sanctuary, a safe house for battered, abused, and stalked women. Certainly Buffy is no

victim. With her supernatural fighting

ability, high intelligence, and cool demeanor, she is the right role model for women "in need of finding new strength," says the Strong Women

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in Sunnydale, California, when she

Cher Horowitz capitalizing on her

They may be right. Buffy Summers

chose to accept the call to eradicate evil

might otherwise have been just another

blonde good looks and nice wardrobe.

Gellar starred as Buffy. Now Gellar has

the fans are unstoppable, apparently.

country, in Europe, and Australia.

"Australia has a huge, huge Buffy

fandom," said ZeMans, who was

phoning in from Ireland when this

interview was over.

Buffy conventions are held around the

scheduled to speak to a radio reporter

The Buffy-fan demographic in the

U.S., as elsewhere, is predictable, isn't it?

top prize for her role in *Buffy* at the 2003

Teen Choice Awards in L.A. last August.

range," King said. "We're attracting high

"But we've gotten a much broader age

professionals, both men and women,

and a lot of folks our age." King is 29;

school and college students,

King was asked. After all, Gellar won a

moved on and the show is in reruns. But

For seven seasons, Sarah Michelle

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roughly 2500 unique hits a day. King and ZeMans cofounded Strong Women Enterprises just a few months ago in order to create BuffyFest San Diego. Their aim is to raise money for seven women's charities, including the National Coalition Against Domestic

ZeMans, 32.

ZeMans, who has a theater background, has signed up the roster of actors and people from the creative side of Buffy and its spin-off, Angel, who will be there on Saturday. Two casting directors for Buffy will answer questions about breaking into the industry. Kelly Donovan, the twin brother of and stunt double for Nicholas Brendon -– Xander, the show's male leader - will demonstrate stage-fighting techniques and teach them to willing conventioneers. James Contner, director for both Buffy and Angel, will speak and sign autographs.

King, whose experience is in organizing political campaigns, has put together panel discussions. "Join us in exploring issues of Violence and Morality in the BuffyVerse," reads one description. "Buffy has been shown to have a strong moral compass when it comes to the appropriate times to use violence. Have the Sunnydale rules of engagement

consistently made sense, though? How have the characters' beliefs towards violence evolved over the years? What has pushed them to cross their own moral lines, and were they able to return?"

ZeMans said, "We do not want this to be a rah-rah Buffy convention. That's not what it is. It's a true exploration into the BuffyVerse. So we have people from all different points of view participating in the panels. We don't want it to be antagonistic, but we do want to create a debate."

Academics and writers from L.A., New York, and Washington state as well as San Diego's Jeff Mariotte will participate in these discussions. "Jeff has written more *Buffy* and *Angel* books than any other writer," said ZeMans of Mariotte, who also owns Mysterious Galaxy, the independent bookstore specializing in mystery, science fiction, fantasy, and horror, on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard.

Has Gellar herself ever attended a

Sarah Michelle Gellar

Buffy convention? "I have not heard of her attending one," said King. "And now she's quite busy with her movie career.'

"And it's funny," said ZeMans, "because not a single person [planning to go to this event] has asked about her. Nobody. I believe it's because the power of that show is in the characters, not in the actors. I, for one, like who Sarah Michelle Gellar appears to be. But there are a lot of fans who really could take her or leave her, while at the same time they just really adore Buffy."

- Jeanne Schinto

First Annual BuffyFest San Diego Saturday, October 11 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. **Upper Level** San Diego Concourse 202 C Street Downtown Cost: \$25-\$85 Info: 619-708-9124 or www.buffyfest.com



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Events that are underlined occur after October 16.

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BAJA

Drama Festival continues through Sunday, October 12, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). The Nuevo León Company presents *Mothers, Mothers, Mothers* Thursday, October 9, 8 p.m. *Mira, Paloma, Tu Vuelo* performed by Sonora Company, Friday, October 10, 8 p.m.

The México City Company takes the stage at 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 11, to perform *El Ausente*. See 2 Navegantes Tras el Mascarón de Proa when Colombia Company closes festival, Sunday, October 12, 6 p.m. 011-52-664-687-9600. Tickets: \$10 U.S. (TIJUANA)

Furniture Expo, showcasing furniture, arts, crafts, runs Thursday through Sunday, October 9-12, at Rosarito Beach Hotel, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 800-962-2252. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Cuban Musician Alejandro García "Virulo" performs in concert Friday, October 10, 9 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328). 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

La Zambra, flamenco music concert, music, and food, Saturday, October 11, 8 p.m., at El Patio Sevillano, Monumental Bullring by the Sea. \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-607-5163. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Wine and Dine, Baja California Tours hosts this outing led by David Clark, Saturday, October 11. Event includes tours and tasting at Pedro Domecq, L.A. Cetto, and Chateau Camou wineries in Valle de Guadalupe. The \$79 fee includes lunch, transportation. Reservations: 858-454-7166. (ENSENADA)

Mexican Rodeo, Sunday, October 12, 3 p.m., Cortijo San José. 011-52-664-680-2827. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Bulls from Cuco Peña meet up with matadors Pablo Hermoso de Mendoza, Rafael Ortega, César Castañeda, Sunday, October 12, 4 p.m., in Monumental Bullring by the Sea. 011-52-664-686-1510. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Lobster Festival — head to Rosarito Beach Hotel on Sunday, October 12, 1 to 6 p.m., for food



"A First Time for Everything" at Civic Theatre, October 9-12 (see For Kids)

contests, music, entertainment. Tickets: \$15 U.S. (includes food and beverages). 800-962-2252. (PUERTO NUEVO)

Fiestas del Sol 2003, Mexicali celebrates its centennial with a variety of activities at Festival of the Sun through Sunday, October 19. Festivities at Governor's Center include live music, food, regional arts and crafts. Hours: 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily. Admission: \$2 U.S. 888-342-7323 or 011-52-686-554-8979. (MEXICALI)

"Mexico-Tenochtitlán Gods and Rituals," culture expo underway through Friday, October 31, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

The Full Moon rises impressively in the eastern sky around sunset tonight, Thursday, October 9. Some traditional names for the October moon include the "blood moon," "vintage-month moon," "falling leaf moon," and "moon of the changing season."

As the Beach Season Winds Down, San Diego County's coastline is padded by what is likely the deepest and widest accumulations of sand we'll see this year. Many stretches of the coastline are vulnerable to powerful waves associated with winter storms. This wave action can pull sand off the beaches and deposit it offshore, leaving behind (especially in North County) nothing but cobble beds. During the spring and summer gentle wave action usually returns much of the sand, usually in time for the arrival of the summer tourists

The Floss Silk Tree, a conspicuous "autumn bloomer" here and there around San Diego has been showing off its pinkish or purplish, hibiscus-like flowers lately. The broad, heavy trunks of this South American import, studded with fat, cone-shaped spines, makes it easy to identify.

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

Right Place, Right Time o' Year, head to Point Loma with Audubon Society birders, Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m. to noon. Birders visit Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, Cabrillo National Monument.

Meet up with group at cemetery headquarters; park along interior cemetery street, to left of headquarters building. 619-692-3246. Considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. (POINT LOMA)

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

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

Star Party, check out the heavens when George Varga sets up a telescope for stargazing in Kumeyaay Campground, Mission Trails Regional Park (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail), Saturday, October 11, 6:30 to 9 p.m. 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, October 11, beginning at visitors' center at 10 a.m. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Birding the Marsh, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided birdwatching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, October 11 and 12. Saturday: 8 a.m., Sunday: 11 a.m. Reservations: 619-409-5903. Free, (CHULA VISTA)

Happy Trails Among Torrey Pines, explore the "lesser known" Torrey Pines State Reserve with Walkabout explorers, Saturday, October 11. Two-hour, moderately paced walk over mixed terrain starts at 9 a.m. at northwest corner of Del Mar Heights Road and Durango Drive. 619-231-7463. (DEL MAR)

Lagoon Day is commemorated Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at San Elijo Ecological Reserve. Trail walks, bird watching, nature "treasure" hunt, live animal exhibits, artwork display, presentations on water issues, San Elijo Joint Powers Authority wastewater treatment and water reclamation facility tours. Activities planned at Manchester Nature Center and Rios and Santa Carina trailheads. Free. 760-436-3944. (SOLANA BEACH, CARDIFF)

Support Your Local Least Tern, bring work gloves and weeding tools, wear long pants, sturdy shoes to help Audubon Society volunteers remove invasive plants at endangered California least tern nesting site at Mariner's Point, Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m. to noon. Reservations and directions: 619-224-4591 or 858-581-7602. (MISSION BAY)

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Go Birding, docent-led bird walks are offered at Tijuana River National Estuarine Reserve every Sunday, including October 12, 3 p.m., at visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). 619-575-3613. Free. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

DANCE

Club Cleopatra, dancers Anuya, Teresa, Linda Kitara, Ana present bellydance "gala" Thursday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., Nagi's Bar and Grill (501 West Broadway). \$5 cover. 619-233-5933. (DOWNTOWN)

Contradance, Graham Hempel calls, Lime in the Harp makes music for contradancing, Friday, October 10, Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Morning Company Classes led by John Malashock and company, 10 a.m., Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays through October 22, in room 201 of Casa del Prado. \$10 per class, 619-260-1622, (BALBOA PARK)

African Dance Master Nene Soumah of Guinea, west Africa, conducts workshops accompanied by live drumming, October 11 and 12, 1105 2nd Street. Hours: 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday. Fee per class: \$18. 760-942-9927. (ENCINITAS)

Twyla Tharp Dance hits the stage at UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium, Sunday, October 12, 7:30 p.m. The program includes Westerly Rounds, with music by Mark O'Connor and Surfer at the River Styx, with music by "junk band" composer Donald Knaack.

Tickets: \$30 general, available at 858-534-8497 and Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Swing Your Troubles Away, the Fremonts perform for swing dancers, Sunday, October 12, at Aubergine (500 Fourth Avenue, at Island and Fourth). Swing lesson, 7:45 p.m.; band plays 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Cover: \$8. 858-395-6060. $18 \ and \ older.$ (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Samba Dancing Variations taught by Patricia Lotufo, Sunday, Octo-ber 12, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., at Stage 7 School of Dance, 3980 30th Street. \$15. 619-846-5030. (NORTH PARK)

Flamenco en San Diego, Flamenco Olivar performs "top dancers and musicians from the San Diego area," Sunday, October 12, 7 p.m., in Westminster Theater, Westminster Presbyterian Church (3598 Talbot Street). \$18. Reservations: 858-535-9454. (POINT LOMA)

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

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Zvdeco Dance, learn to dance to Louisiana Caiun/zvdeco music on the wood dance floor on the first and third Wednesday of each month, including October 15, at Elks Lodge (1393 Windsor Road). Lessons: 7:30 p.m., dance 8 to 10 p.m. Free. 619-222-2556. (ENCINITAS)

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FILM

Chinese Underground Films showcased through Friday, October 10, at UCSD's Price Center Theater. Event features 13 films (with English subtitles), four lectures. Roster includes Sons, Fish and Elephant, Bumming in Beijing: The Last Dreamers, Crying Woman, Celestial Burial. Free. 858-534-3120. (LA JOLLA)

The Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films accompanies screenings of classic silent films, Thursday, October 9, 7 and 8 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$8. 619-232-7931, (BALBOA PARK)

The Spanish Film Goya in Bordeaux screens for Fall 2003 International Film Series at MiraCosta College,m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$8. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

The Spanish Film Goya in Bordeaux screens for Fall 2003 International Film Series at MiraCosta College, Friday, October 10,

7 p.m., room 3601 on campus (One Barnard Drive), 760-757-2121 x6284. Free. In Spanish with English subtitles. (OCEANSIDE)

"Le Fate Ignoranti," directed by Ferzan Ozpetek, screens for Italian film series Friday, October 10, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. In Italian with English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

"One in Five," a teen violence prevention film by Community Resource Center in celebration of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, screens Friday, October 10, 8 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). 760-753-1156. (LINDA VISTA)

"Señorita Extraviada (Missing Young Woman)" focuses on the more than 200 murdered young women of Juárez, Mexico. Film screens for Activist San Diego, Saturday, October 11, 8 p.m., outdoors at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Donation: \$3. 858-635-1274. (NORTH PARK)

"The Mission" screens Saturday, October 11, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue), reflecting the themes of the Gospel reading for next day at services. Discussion of insights and implications of film and Gospel themes follows. 619-298-7261. Free. (MIDTOWN)

"The Soul of Saturday Night," a film set to songs by Tom Waits featuring six Malashock and Company dancers, premieres Saturday, October 11, 7 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. Tickets: 619-260-1622. (BALBOA PARK)

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French rule, stars Michael Caine and Brendan Fraser and screens for Film Forum, Monday, October 13, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800, Free, (DOWNTOWN)

"Musical Revival." changes in movie musicals and speculation about its future offered during "Film for Thought" series hosted by CSU San Marcos. Chicago directed by Rob Marshall (2002) screens Monday, October 13, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Discussions led by history professor Patricia Seleski. 760-750-4366. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

"Mountainfilm Festival 2003," celebrating its 25th anniversary in Telluride, Colorado, hits Charmaine and Maurice Kaplan Theater at San Diego Natural History Museum, Tuesday, October 14, 7 p.m. See Vision Man, Pororoca, Front Range Freaks, The Mighty River. Tickets: \$8 in advance, \$10 at door. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

"Romantic Comedies of **2002"** provide the theme for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. Two Weeks' Notice, starring Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant, screens Wednesday, October 15, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: Bugs!, Kilimanjaro: To the Roof of Africa, and Coral Reef Adventure (through November). Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Impressionism: Theory and Technique," explore the motives of adherents of Impressionism in developing new ways of rendering reality when Linda M. Blair presents this series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. "Claude Monet: Impressionism as Epilogue and Prologue," October 9, 7:30 p.m. at Athenaeum, 1008 Wall Street. \$15. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"European Modernist Drawings and Watercolors" discussed by Maxine Gaiber for Insight Gallery series, Thursday, October 9 (6 p.m.), and

G E T A W A Y S



Chalk La Strada in Little Italy, October 11 and 12 (see Special)

Sunday, October 12 (2 p.m.), at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Architecture of Interaction" discussed by architect Moshe Safdie, Friday, October 10, 3:30 p.m., in auditorium of Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at UCSD. Free. 858-534-2247. (LA JOLLA)

Tibetan Bowl Healing Session, Friday, October 10, 7 p.m., at Yoga Studio (961 Turquoise Street). "Informational session about the ancient form of Tibetan sound healing." \$10 donation. 858-488-7774. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Preserving Your Family History" discussed by Cindy Stankowski,

Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). Keep what, where, and \$5. how? 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

He Created the Comic Strip "Luann." and on Saturday, October 11, Greg Evans demonstrates how he creates his comic strip and how he uses "cartooning principles" in his watercolors for Clairemont Art Guild. Meeting at 12:15 p.m. at South Clairemont Recreation Center (3608 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

Beginning Genealogy Course and refresher class offered by Margaret Read for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

"The Structure of Story" discussed by author Christie Ridgway when Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators meets, Saturday, October 11, 2 p.m., Manchester Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Ridgway will use Robert Munsch's Paper Bag Princess as a model to illuminate the storymaking process. Fee: \$8. 858-673-1984. (LINDA VISTA)

"Succulents of South Africa" illuminated by botanist John Traeger of Huntington Institute during slide-illustrated lecture for San Diego Cactus and Succulent Societv, Saturday, October 11, 1 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 858-270-5544. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Land Navigation Skills taught at San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, October 11. Introduction at 9 a.m.; intermediate class with GPS skills, 1 to 4 p.m., at Mission Trails Regional Park (One

Father Junípero Serra Trail). \$33 per class. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

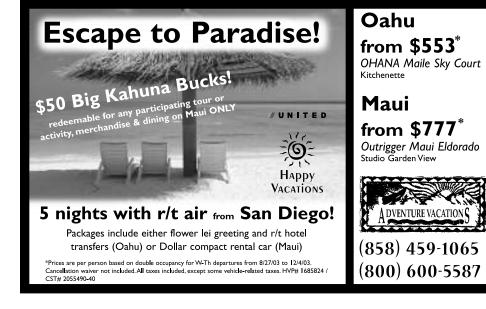
Simplify Organizing Expo, themed "Organize Your Work, Your Home, and Your Life," Saturday, October 11, at Radisson Hotel (1433 Camino del Rio South). Event includes 16 miniclasses, displays, vendors, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$59. Registration: 866-874-9092. (MISSION VALLEY)

Sweet Skulls, Back from Tomboctou hosts Day of the Dead sugar skulls workshop, wherein participants learn to make traditional sugar skulls, Saturday, October 11, 3 p.m. \$15 fee includes materials. Find the shop at 3564 Adams Avenue. Reservations: 619-282-8708. Classes throughout October. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

How Is Water Obtained and Delivered to residents of the South Bay? Sweetwater Authority general manager Dennis Bostad answers this and many other questions, Saturday, October 11, 10:30 a.m., in auditorium at Chula Vista Civic Center Library (4th and F). Free. 619-420-8759. (CHULA VISTA)

"Wine Appreciation 202 Paired with Quickies," learn to identify quality differences between pure varietals and blended varietals during class, Saturday, October 11, 2 p.m., at Belle Marie Winery (26312 Mesa Rock Road).

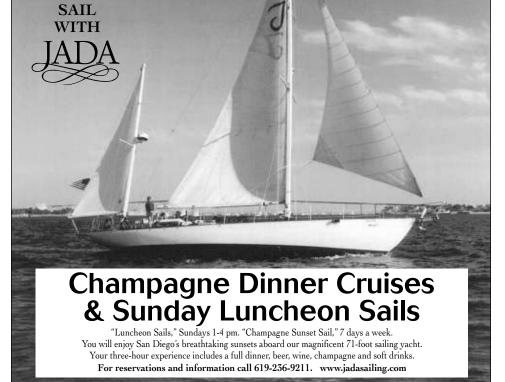






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\$25. Reservations: 760-796-7557. (ESCONDIDO)

Native San Diego Poet Veronica Cunningham conducts poetrywriting workshop hosted by Magee Park Poets, Sunday, October 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in community room at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. Space availability: 760-434-2881. (CARLSBAD)

"Hybrids, Heirlooms, and Sweet Peas," Renee Shepherd founded Shepherd's Garden Seeds in 1984 and now runs Renee's Garden Seeds. She'll focus on history and cultivation of sweet peas for San Diego Horticultural Society, Monday, October 13, at Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m. Plant forum follows. 858-756-2579. Free. (DEL MAR)

Be a Master Composter learn the art and science of composting and how to teach it to others during classes beginning Monday, October 13, 6 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). The 30-hour training continues over eight weeks. Nonresident fee: \$75 760-436-7986. (ENCINITAS)

"Making Family History Come Alive," Tuesday, October 14, 10:30 a.m., at San Diego Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. Required reservations: 619-584-7668. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Keeping Your Kid Out of Trouble," seminars continue with "Starting Again After Trust Is Broken," presented by Diane Tinderholt, Tuesday, October 14, 7 p.m., at Atonement Lutheran Church (7250 Eckstrom Avenue). Free. 858-278-5556. (LINDA VISTA)

"Class, Power, and Historical Myth" discussed by author Michael Parenti (*The Assassination* of Julius Caesar, The Terrorism Trap, Against Empire) for "Matters of Controversy" dialogue series, Tuesday, October 14, 7 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). 858-459-4650. \$5. (HILCREST)

"The Impact of El Greco on Jackson Pollock" discussed by UCLA professor and art historian Albert Boime, Tuesday, October 14, at San Diego Museum of Art. Lectures begin at 11 a.m. (\$20 for nonmembers, or \$36 with lunch) and 5:30 p.m. (\$20 for nonmembers). Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Use of AncestryPlus and HeritageQuest discussed by genealogy librarian Mary Van Orsdol when Computer Genealogy Group of the North San Diego County Genealogical Society meets Tuesday, October 14, 1 p.m., Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-744-7530. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Peak Bagging, what's required to bag one peak, or three, in a day? Find out during program, Tuesday, October 14, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Create a Pine Needle Basket or "small tray with embellishments" when Martha Rosenberg leads class, Tuesday, October 14, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., for San Diego Floral Association. Casa del Prado room 104. \$30. Registration: 619-232-5762. (BALBOA PARK) **"Preventing Deadly Conflict:** The Role of International Law" discussed by Justice Richard J. Goldstone, Wednesday, October 15, 7 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Goldstone was the first chief prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. Free. 619-260-4236. (UNDA VISTA)

"Research for Joining the DAR" imparted when Nancy Ward speaks for British Isles Genealogical Research Association, Wednesday, October 15, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-465-0266. (HILLCREST)

The Environment and effects of Bush administration policies discussed by *Coast News* staff reporter Robert Nanninga for North County Coalition for Peace and Justice, Wednesday, October 15, at Pilgrim United Church of Christ (2020 Chestnut Street). Social at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. 760-753-2654. Free. (CARLSBAD) **"Can You Read African Art?"** Barbara Blackmun presents slideillustrated for San Diego Independent Scholars, Wednesday, October 15. Program begins in room 111A of the Chancellor's Complex at UCSD at 7:30 p.m. 760-431-6822. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Modern Democracy — Worst System in the World (Except for All the Others)?" Prepare to discuss Wednesday, October 15, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free, 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Adventure Racing 102, taught by professional athletes from Team Epinephrine and Team Gregory, Wednesday, October 15, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Tricks of the trade on navigation, nutrition, damage control, gear. Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"Archaeobotany: The Goddess Hecate and the Keys to Hades" discussed by anthropologist Patrick Geyer, Wednesday, October 15, 10 a.m., in Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. Required reservations: 619-260-4815. (LINDA VISTA)

Love Your Body Day at UCSD Women's Center (9500 Gilman Drive) features panel discussion focusing on "Body Politics, Body Image," art activity entitled "Love Your Body Through Body Casting," Wednesday, October 15, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Free. 858-822-0074. (LA JOLLA)

"Fire and Ice," experiences as member of research team at Deception Island (a partially submerged active volcano near Antarctic Peninsula) discussed by Ronald Kaufmann, Wednesday, October 15, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

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Badonsky, Wednesday, October 15, 6:30 p.m., at the Grove (3010 Juniper Street). Fee: \$12 per class, \$42 for all. Registration: 760-414-1949. (ENCINITAS)

"Seeing the Sun behind the Clouds," class of Buddhist teachings and meditation to "help people overcome depression," taught by Buddhist nun Gen Kelsang Tubpa, Wednesday, October 15, 7 p.m., 3300 Third Avenue. 619-692-3676. Donation requested. (HILLCREST)

Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention examined by Dr. Georgia Sadler, Thursday, October 16, 11:30 a.m., at UCSD Women's Center (9500 Gilman Drive). Free. 858-822-0074. (LA JOLLA)

Landscape Architect and Horticulturist Wolfgang Oehme speaks for series co-sponsored by American Society of Landscape Architects and Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La

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Jolla, Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street; 858-454-3541. \$10 general. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

The Classical Mandolin Society of America gathers for convention at the Hilton San Diego Mission Valley (9901 Camino del Rio South). Evening concerts are open to public.

Bruce Graybill and Ray Bell, Pasacat Philippine Dance Ensemble, Michael Eskin and Boys of the Town (Irish), and the Don Stiemberg Trio (jazz mandolin) perform Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m.

Uptown Mandolin Quartet, Luisa Corredor (mandolin and harp quartet), Richard Walz, Paulo Sá and Rio Trio (Brazilian choro),



and the Don Stiemberg Trio may be heard Friday, October 10, 7 p.m.

Public concerts conclude with San Diego Mandolin Orchestra, Paulo Sá and Rio Trio, Caterina Lichtenberg and Mirko Schrader, and Enmasse Orchestra, Saturday, October 11, 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$15. 619-280-9035 or 619-595-1788. (MISSION VALLEY)

Poet, Fiction Writer, Founding Editor of *The Santa Monica Review* Jim Krusoe reads from his novel *Iceland*, Thursday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., in Griffin Gate at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Free. 619-644-7523. (EL CAJON)

Not for Gay Men Only, all eight actors are "fully naked 90 percent of the show" when *Naked Boys Singing!* is presented at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). It's described as a traditional musical revue in the "vein of vaudeville and high-camp American musical theater."

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Fantasy Author Terry Pratchett visits Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign *Monstrous Regiment*, Thursday, October 9, 8 p.m. Find the Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747. Tickets available with purchase of book. (CLAIREMONT)

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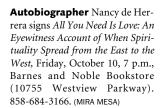
"Vietnamese by Night" at Sycuan Casino, October 14 (see In Person)

stunning movement," Thursday, October 9, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$24 to \$38. Reservations: 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Author Sheldon Siegel discusses and signs *Final Verdict*, Thursday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

We're Not in Kansas Anymore, the musical *The Wizard of Oz* runs through October 12 in MiraCosta College Theater (One Barnard Drive). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, October 9-11; 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12. Tickets: \$10 general. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Columnist and Mystery Author Jim Fusilli signs *Tribeca Blues*, Friday, October 10, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)



"An Evening of Poetry: Men in Motion," with writers and poets Jihmye Collins, Tomas Gayton, Michael Klam, Amara Momeh, Jim Moreno, Eduardo Cong, Friday, October 10, 7 p.m., at City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Open mike for public. Donation. 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Nuestras Raices (Our Roots)," traditional Afro-Cuban music and dance directed by Juan Carlos Blanco with guest artist Sigfredo Lao, Friday, October 10, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2125 Park Boulevard). \$15 general. 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

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Group the Swingle Singers perform in concert, Friday, October 10, 7:30 p.m., in Brown Chapel at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Ensemble blends jazz, classical, contemporary styles. \$10. 619-849-2336. (POINT LOMA)

The Northwest Electroacoustic Music Organization hosts fifth annual festival Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11, 8 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Showcases broad spectrum of composers and sound artists, employing "latest innovations in electronics, performance, and aesthetics." \$10 per night, \$17 for both. 619-303-1509. (SDSU)

"Spotted in France: A Dog's Life...On the Road" signed by Gregory Edmont, Saturday, October 11, 2 to 4 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Donations for Baja Animal Sanctuary welcome. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

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by Colin Grant-Adams for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, October 11, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. Reservations: 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Audience Interactive performances planned Saturday, October 11, at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Elementary magic show for children at 2 p.m.; Late Bloomers comedy improv for all ages, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$5. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

Concert in the Park, the Bayou Brothers play Saturday, October 11, 5 to 6:30 p.m., in amphitheater at Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Bring a folding chair or blanket. 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE) **True-Life Stories** (from the audience) inspire improvisational theater by San Diego Playback Theatre, Saturday, October 11, 8 p.m., at Celeste Center (861 Hornblend Street). \$8. 619-298-1207. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"A Day in the Park," celebrated Saturday, October 11, in Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Author Pamela Crooks will sign San Diego's Mission Trails Regional Park: Official Guidebook and discuss this project (3 to 5 p.m.). 619-668-3278. (MISSION GORGE)

Evening of Expression, this jazz concert hosted by San Diego Association of Black Journalists benefits scholarship fund. Saturday, October 11, 6 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets: \$25, \$50. 619-293-0782. (LA JOLLA)

Poetry Are Us, open mike for poetry and spoken word for all readers, Sunday, October 12, 4 to 6 p.m., at French Cafe (1005 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-729-5216. (CARLSBAD)

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Secret Life of Orchid Conservation" at SanDiego International Orchid Fair at Del Mar Fairgrounds, October 11 and 12 (see Special)

"Guerrilla Poster Artist" and L.A. Weekly columnist Robbie Conal "unveils" and discusses Artburn, Monday, October 13, 7:30 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Free. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

"Under the Perfect Sun: The San Diego Tourists Never See" will be discussed and signed by authors Mike Davis, Jim Miller, and Kelly Mayhew, Monday, October 13, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). "This controversial book exposes how a weak city government and powerful business elite have created a legacy of inequality, political repression, and racial injustice." Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

Actors Reading Short Stories, Jonathan McMurtry, Priscilla Allen, and Rosina Reynolds read short stories by Oscar Wilde and Angela Carter, Monday, October 13, 8 p.m., in Westminster Theater (Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3598 Talbot Street). Donation: \$5. 619-223-3769. (POINT LOMA) **Crime Authors** Robert Eversz (*Burning Garbo*), Gary Phillips (*Bangers*), and Sam Hill (*Buzz Monkey*), visit Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign and discuss their books, Monday, October 13, 7 p.m. Mysterious Galaxy, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Share Your Poetry or selections by someone else during open poetry reading, Monday, October 13, in Green Room at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Sign-ups at 7:45 p.m., open readings 8:10 to 9:30 p.m. Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Jazz Theorist, Historian, Improvisor David Borgo performs on saxophone, joined by Rick Helzer (piano), Bert Turetzky (bass), Nathan Hubbard (drums) in concert Tuesday, October 14, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Program includes work by Helzer and Borgo. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA) "Vietnamese by Night" features performances by Huong Lan, Tu Quyen, Johnny Dung, Manh Dinh, and comedians Be Map and Ut Map, Tuesday, October 14, 8 p.m., in Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). \$20. 619-445-6002 x1139. (DEHESA)

Local Guitarist Makes Good, Mike Keneally performs Wednesday, October 15, 6:30 p.m., in conjunction with opening of Taylor Guitar exhibit at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). \$10, 760-438-5996, (CARLSBAD)

Global Women Intact founder Sia Amma "raises awareness of the practice of female genital mutilation" when presenting her "Clitoris Celebration," Wednesday, October 15, 7 p.m., in UCSD's Price Center. \$5 general. 858-822-0074. (LA JOLLA)

"Changing Tastes," the subject is "Exploration: The Baroque Period — 17th Century" during lecture/concert series planned Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Program includes Vivaldi's "Four Seasons," fea-

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Suspense Author Stephen Hunter signs *Havana*, Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m., Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Author Sharon Kay Penman signs and discusses *Dragon's Lair*, Thursday, October 16, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Acrobatics, Dance, Comedy, and fantasy are offered in iL CiRCo, October 9-19 at Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way). Shows at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, October 9-11 (and October 16-18); 1 and 5 p.m. Sunday, October 12 (and October 19). Tickets: 866-468-3399. (VALLEY CENTER)

Get Ready to Laugh, raconteur David Sedaris shares new and unpublished works featured on his new *Live from Carnegie Hall CD*, Wednesday, October 22, 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$22.50 to \$33.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Top Wheelchair Tennis Players from around the world taking part in 2003 United States Open Wheelchair Tennis Tournament, through Sunday, October 12, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Barnes Tennis Center (4490 West Point Loma Boulevard). 619-221-9000. Spectators free. (POINT LOMA)

Pacific BeachFest, this 8k run on the beach south from Crystal Pier to Mission Beach jetty and back is Saturday, October 11, 7:30 a.m., starting at Grand Avenue lifeguard tower. Race-day registration starts at 6:45 a.m. 619-298-7400. (PACIFIC BEACH)

The San Diego Sockers meet up with Milwaukee Wave, Saturday, October 11, 7 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Listen to the games on KSDO (1130 AM). (SPORTS ARENA)

Beach Volleyball Tournament hosted by VaVi Sport and Social Club, Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Dog Beach. All playing levels welcome. \$25. 858-273-3485. (OCEAN BEACH)

This Is the End of the season at Cajon Speedway, winding up with the 150-lap factory stock enduro and boat trailer races, Saturday, October 11. First race: 6:45 p.m., following qualifying runs at 5 p.m.

The 3/8-mile track is located next to Gillespie Field. Take I-8 to Highway 67, take Bradley exit. Turn left, drive two blocks to Wing Street, then right one block to track entrance. Adult admission: \$9 (west side) and \$10 (east side); \$3 for those 6 to 12; free for kids under 6 with an adult. 619-448-8900. (EL CAJON)

Do the Bridge during tenth annual installment of this San Diegoto-Coronado 8k run, Sunday, October 12. Participants start at Seaport Village at 8 a.m. and finish in Tidelands Park. Day-of-event registration, 6:30 a.m. 760-736-1001. (DOWNTOWN, CORONADO)

Tour de Poway, 18th annual installment of this fun bike ride with four road courses, Sunday, October 12. The 65-mile and 50-mile routes start at 7:30 a.m.; 25-milers head out at 9 a.m.; the 15-mile route gets underway at 10 a.m. Ride-day registration: 6:30 a.m. All rides start and end at Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). 800-679-2453. (POWAY)

Adult Night Out Tennis Mixer, Wednesday, October 15, 6:30 p.m., at Surf and Turf Tennis Club (15555 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). Racquet demos, workshops, matches, loaner racquets for those without. Free. 760-809-8437 or 760-445-5269. (DEL MAR)

SPECIAL

San Diego Oktoberfest, a festival with beer tents, music, dancing, rugby tournament, carnival games, sausage-eating contests, food and merchandise vendors, October 1012, at Dusty Rhodes Park (at foot of I-8, between Sunset Cliffs and Nimitz Boulevard). Friday, 4 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. \$5. 619-224-4906. (OCEAN BEACH)

A Selection from Origin of Government by Thomas Hobbes discussed by Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group, Friday, October 10, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

Nuts for the Arts, head to Bates Nut Farm for fine art festival, Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event promises work on display and for sale by 50 artists, pumpkin patch activities for kids. Free admission. Find the farm at 15954 Woods Valley Road; 760-749-3333. (VALLEY CENTER)

BuffyFest San Diego 2003, Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at San Diego Concourse (202 C Street). Stunt fighting workshops, *Buffy* screenings, writer's panel, appearances by Danny Strong, Andy Hallett, James Contner. Tickets: \$50, \$75. 619-708-9124. (DOWNTOWN)

Gator by the Bay, third annual Cajun/Zydeco music and food festival, Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Spanish Landing (adjacent to Harbor Island). Multiple stages with live music, dance floors, dance lessons, cooking demonstrations, cultural and music workshops, artisan vendors, arts and crafts for kids. \$19 general. 858-492-8748. (DOWNTOWN)

Go Fly a Kite, but first make one, during classes at Japanese Friendship Garden, October 11 and 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children meet on Saturday, adults gather Sunday. Fee: \$15 for children, \$25 for adults, includes materials. Required reservations: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

"New Village," ninth annual Little Italy Festa, Sunday, October 12, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on India Street (between Ash and Date Streets). Live entertainment (including Martin and Lewis, sons of Dean





and Jerry), bocce ball and stickball tournaments, processions, craft booths, and lotsa food (for sale). Admission is free. 619-233-3898.

Chalk La Strada, an Italian street-painting festival, features artists using chalk as medium to create colorful and detailed works of art on asphalt streets. Chalk art is on view from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12. Free. 877-DO-CHALK. (LITTLE ITALY)

Start Your Engines! Time for Chrysler Classic Speed Festival, Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12, at Naval Air Station North Island. Vintage car fans and racing aficionados will see over 200 of the 'world's top racing machines' competing "wheel-to-wheel" on 1.6-mile racecourse. Sports and touring classic car collection on display, Lockheed Martin garage tours, "vendor village."

Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets: \$22 per day, or \$32 for weekend pass. 619-283-5808. (CORONADO)

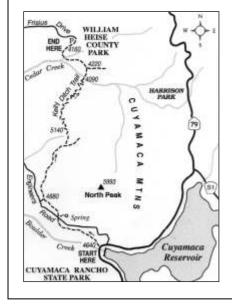
Oom-Pah-Pah, traditional German Oktoberfest hosted by German-American Societies of San Diego, Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12, noon to 10 p.m., at clubhouse and beer garden, 1017 South Mollison Avenue. Live German music (by Guggenbach-Buam) and dancing, food for sale, vendors' and craft booths, children's fun zone, shooting gallery, more. Admission: \$3 for people



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

The 5.5-mile Kelly Ditch Trail, completed in 1985, is perhaps the most beautiful pathway yet built in the Cuyamaca-Julian area. This hiking/horse trail is routed partly along a century-old diversion ditch. You'll also tread over dim traces of "skid roads" where freshly cut logs were slid down off the mountain ridges to serve as lumber and fuel for the mines and boom towns of Julian's late-1800s gold-rush period.

With the logging era long gone, a sec-ond-generation forest of oaks and conifers coats the hills now. This is a perfect place to explore in late October, when the days are cool and the color of autumn leaves warmest in hue. Black oaks exhibit full crowns of crispy, golden leaves, and fat, glossy acorns litter the ground. Crimson



Indian-basket bush and poison oak leaves show their stuff amid the glades of russetcolored bracken fern.

The Kelly Ditch Trail is best hiked oneway, with the aid of a car shuttle or a dropoff-and-pick-up arrangement. The easier (mostly downhill) direction is south to north: Cuvamaca Reservoir to William Heise County Park. The starting point is on Highway 79, 8.3 miles south of Julian, near the intersection of Engineers Road and Highway 79. The trail ends at a parking lot just inside William Heise County Park. Heise Park can be reached by turning south from Highway 78 on Pine Hills Road, west of Julian, and following directional signs to the park.

Start your hike just north of where Highway 79 crosses the Cuyamaca Reservoir dam. In the first mile you'll travel along the remnant Kelly Ditch, constructed by pick-and-shovel labor more than a century ago. Its purpose was to divert runoff from the south slope of North Peak into the thennew reservoir.

After a mile the trail climbs abruptly out of the ditch, veers north through a sunstruck patch of chaparral, and then crosses paved Engineers Road. You pass a springfed horse trough and continue a short distance to join a disused dirt road. Turn right and follow the road's gentle uphill course around the west slope of North Peak. You'll stroll past a couple of ancient sugar pines and enter a delightful, parklike meadow, dotted with black oaks and carpeted by bracken ferns. On the clearest days, blue sky meets the blue Pacific horizon more than a hundred miles to the west.

At the next fork (about 2.5 miles from the start), you're directed left across a sunny bowl and then up to a low ridge shad-



Black oak in October

ed by live oaks, black oaks, Coulter pines, incense-cedars, and white firs. From this point, the highest elevation of the hike, a long series of switchbacks leads you steadi ly downward (and north) to a small stream — a fork of Cedar Creek — fringed with ferns and wild berries.

On past the creek, the trail goes up a steep ravine evidently cut deeply by some agent other than running water. This is the remnant of one of the skid roads. After a 130-foot gain, the trail tops a saddle and joins a dirt road. You descend to a second creek (the main fork of Cedar Creek), cross a meadow beyond, and pick up the last link of trail leading to the Heise Park entrance.

over 21 (free for those under 21). 619-442-6637. (EL CAJON)

Julian's German-style fall celebration with food, dancing, beer in parking lot of Valley Independent Bank (2033 Main Street), Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12. Free. 760-765-0613, (JULIAN)

"Women Who Dare Through Arts and Power," part two of the exhibit opens with reception, Saturday, October 11, 2 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Charts life work of 22 trailblazing women who altered history through art and action. Free. 619-233-7963. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Tour @ Two, George Fullerton of G&L Guitars leads tour at Museum of Making Music, Saturday, October 11, 2 p.m. Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive. Free. Reservations: 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Beans-n-Jeans Chili Cook-Off, Saturday, October 11, 5 to 8 p.m., at Ferry Landing Marketplace (B Avenue and First Street). People's choice chili sampling and voting, line dancing (and free lessons), face painting, clowns. Free admission; \$10 for chili tasting. 858-576-2321. (CORONADO)

Changing Colors, this fall art festival hosted by East County Art Association is Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at McRae/Albright Ranch House (3754 Barbic Court). Ranch house tours, music, food, artist demonstrations. Donation. 619-670-6470 or 619-417-9016. (SPRING VALLEY)

Get Up Close with a Llama during "Llama Playday," Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at







Thurs. Oct., 9 - 7:00 pm: Bruce Graybill & Ray Bell, Mike Eskin and "The Boys of the Town" (Irish mandolin), Baltimore Mandolin Quartet, PASACAT Philipino Music & Dance ensemble Don Stiernberg Trio (jazz mandolin) Fri. Oct., 10 - 7:00 pm: Upown Mandolin Quartet, Richard Walz (solo mandolin), Don Stiernberg Trio (jazz), Evan Marshall (duo-style master), Rio Trio (Brazilian choro) Sat. Oct., 11 - 7:00 pm: San Diego Mandolin Orchestra, Rio Trio (Brazil), Caterina Lichtenberg & Mirko Schrader (Germany), Enmasse Orchestra (100+ mandolins.)

Tickets: \$15.00 (each night) at the door More info: www.mandolincafe.com/cmsa or garypayne@aol.com *concert schedules are subject to change

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Modernism Weekend, hosted by SOHO (Save Our Heritage Organisation). Modernism show and sale runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, at San Diego Community Concourse (202 C Street). Vintage trailers on display, author signings, lecture series, historic home tour, more. Reservations: 619-297-9327. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego International Orchid Fair, sponsored by Quail Botanical Gardens, October 11 and 12, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Lectures, demonstrations, displays, over 30 vendors. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. \$3.760-436-3036. (DEL MAR)

Handy With a Needle and Thread? Tasks for sewers and nonsewers abound when Quilt in a Day hosts 15th annual quiltathon, Saturday, October 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thirty to forty quilts are usually completed, then donated to Women's Resource Center and St. Clare's Home. Bring a bag lunch. Quilt in a Day, 1955 Diamond Street. Required reservations: 760-591-0929 x135. (SAN MARCOS)

CityArts, art, family fun, fine wines during events Sunday, October 12, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., in downtown neighborhoods including Horton Square, Little Italy, Gaslamp, East Village). Self-guided Toast of the Gaslamp walking tour, live music and dance, entertainment, art installations. Free. 619-233-5008. (DOWNTOWN)

The 34th Annual Columbus Day Parade, Sunday, October 12, starts at 10 a.m., following Harbor Drive (at Grape Street) south to Market Street. Festival follows parade. Free. 619-469-0795. (DOWNTOWN)

The House of Spain hosts lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, October 12, 2 p.m. Free. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Jammin' Jamaica Afternoon, support Eveoke Dance Theatre's education outreach programs and performances during party, Sunday, October 12, 2 to 6 p.m., at Mary Lou's Sugar Shack (666 San Fernando Street). Food, entertainment. Tickets: \$50 general, \$10 for children. Reservations: 619-238-1153. (POINT LOMA)

Equine Assisted Growth and learning demonstration, Sunday, October 12, 2 p.m., at Equine Connection (1145 Alpine Heights Road). "Experience how horses can help you develop confidence, insight, and self-esteem." No riding. Free. 619-368-1306. (ALPINE)

Attend an "Interplanetary Procession," described as "a highlight of the 20th interplanetary Concave of Light" hosted by Unarius Academy of Science, Sunday, October 12, 3 p.m., at Prescott Promenade on Main Street. Free. 800-475-7062. (EL CAJON)

Plein Air Brunch, 30 local contemporary artists have designed unique table settings for the brunch "in the styles of famous artists through the ages," Sunday, October 12, in courtyard at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove



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Thursday, October 30, 2003:

Registration at Town & Country Resort Hotel - 2 pm. VIP "Kick Start Party" for sponsors at Town & Country. Easy Rider at Town & Country Hotel.

Friday, October 31, 2003: Qualcomm Stadium

Registration at Town & Country Resort Hotel - 9 am-3 pm • Bikini Bike Wash • Vendor Village 12-7 pm Live Entertainment - Battle of the Bands • Puurfect Angelz • Beer Belly Contest (First Round) • Custom Bike Show (Day 1) • Poker Runs (2) • Poker Walks (2) • The Custom Bob Girls • High Stakes Video Poker Tournament at Viejas Casino (limited to the first 300 registrants) Includes all-you-can-eat lunch and live entertainment • Custom Car Show at Qualcomm Stadium • Halloween Party (admission included with registration)

Saturday, November 1, 2003 Qualcomm Stadium

Registration at Town & Country Hotel Resort Hotel - 9 am-3 pm • Bike Wash • Poker Run (2) Vendor Village - 10 am-6 pm • Live Entertainment - Battle of the Bands concerts • Puurfect Angelz • Meet Scott Jacobs - World-renowned Harley-Davidson artist • Chili Cookoff • The Custom Bob Girls • Beer Belly Contest (Finals) Custom Bike Show (Day 2) • Mr. & Mrs. BiketoberWest Contests • Bike Games Gold Angels Motorcycle Drill Team • High Stakes "Survivor" long-distance treasure ride

Headliner Concert:

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Sunday, November 2, 2003 Qualcomm Stadium

Police, Firefighters & Armed Forces Appreciation Day (All members & families 50% discount on admission of day pass price) • Tequila Sunrise Breakfast • Nondenominational Prayer Service including Bike Blessing Tribute to Police, Firefighters and Armed Forces Parade • Vendor Village - 10 am-5 pm Custom Bike Show (Judging) • The Custom Bob Girls • Vintage Fire Engines - Crown Enthusiast Club • Ride In Contest





Lane). \$30. Reservations: 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

Urasenke Tea Ceremony presented by Ayako Stott, Tuesday, October 14, 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Japanese Friendship Garden. Included in admission. 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

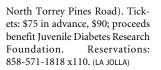
Grand Ave. Writers' Collective gathers for fiction/prose critique every second and third Wednesday of the month, including October 15, 7 p.m., in Fountain Estates Apartments Clubhouse (1315 East Grand Avenue). Free. 760-233-0848. (ESCONDIDO)

Mira Mesa Monster Manor —

replete with creaking floors, fog, and tombstones - at 7 p.m. October 16-18 (and October 23-25, 30-31, November 1), at Target shopping center (8235 Mira Mesa Boulevard). Tickets: \$9, benefiting Mira Mesa community Fourth of July festivities). 858-693-8536. (MIRA MESA)

Rods and Woodies on 101, classic car show and cruise night — last of the season — Thursday, October 16, on Coast Highway between D and I Streets, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Live surf music. Free for spectators. Third Thursday of each month through October. (ENCINITAS)

"Recipe for a Cure," chefs from 22 San Diego restaurants offer signature dishes, Thursday, October 16, 6 p.m., in Fairway Pavilion at Hilton Torrey Pines (10950



Scream Zone at Del Mar "Scaregrounds" continues through Saturday, November 1. Scream Zone is a 25-room attraction crafted with 3-D effects designed and handpainted by former Disney artist R.J. Ogren.

Hours: 7 to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 7 p.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday. Admission: \$11.95. 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

"Book Arts" are described as works of art involving structure, graphics, and/or text in a limited edition. Members of San Diego Book Arts exhibit work through Tuesday, October 28, in Love Library at San Diego State University. Retrospective exhibit includes artworks offering modern interpretation of books in the library's special collection. 619-594-6721. Free. (SDSU)

FOR KIDS

Bear in the Big Blue House Live, enjoy A First Time for Everything, October 9-12 at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street).

Bear and his sidekicks take the stage 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 9; 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Friday, October 10; 10:30 a.m., 2, and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 11; 1 and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 12. Tickets: \$14, \$18, \$24, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

SOME REMARKS WHEN **RICHARD HUGO CAME**

Some war, I bomb their towns from five miles high, the flower of smoke and fire so far there is no sound. No cry disturbs the calm through which we fly.

Some day, a quiet day, I watch a grassy field in wind, the waves forever bounding past and gone.

And my life had already happened: Some saved-up feeling caught, held on, and shook me. Long-legged grass raced out; a film inside my head unwound.

The bodies I had killed began to scream. - William Stafford (1914–1977)

William Stafford was a conscientious objector during World War II. Richard Hugo (1923–1982) served with



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Weaver's Tales through Sunday,

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the U.S. Army Air Forces in Italy during World War II. He flew 35 combat missions over central Europe as a B-24 bombardier.

From Poets of World War II, edited by Harvey Shapiro for the Library of America's Poets Project, funded by a grant from the late James Merrill.

> Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

Live Steam Club provides train rides, noon to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12, Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 25 cents. 619-421-5227. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. (BONITA)

"Witches of Macbeth" performed when San Diego Actors Theatre presents "Children's Classics," Saturday, October 11, 11 a.m., L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). Program includes 13 Days of Halloween, Three Little Pigs, Halloween poetry, songs. 858-268-4494. \$4. (DEL MAR)

Kitchen Science, intergenerational class for grandparents and kids 5-10, Saturday, October 11, 10:30 a.m., hosted by Oasis (third floor at Robinsons-May at Mission Valley shopping center, 1702 Camino del Rio South). Explore chemistry of food through popcorn popping, ice cream making.

\$5. Recommended reservations: 619-296-2594. (MISSION VALLEY)

Who's Quick-Legged, Strong-Clawed, and Armored? Learn about "Crabs, Scuttlers, and Pinchers" during class for kids five and six years old, Saturday, October 11, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Participants meet live animals and make a craft. \$20. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Fire Prevention Week celebrated with open house, Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Carlsbad Fire Department station one (1275 Carlsbad Village Drive). Station and apparatus tours, live fire demonstrations, auto extrication demonstration. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Take a Ride on the 1914 Pilot boat when the Maritime Museum hosts family day activities Sunday, October 12, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children 12 and under admitted free, with activities including mini-boat races, raising sails, sea chantey sing-alongs, activities based on Antarctic exploration.

Children must be accompanied by an adult to enter for free. Find the museum at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embar-cadero. 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

"Mickey and Minnie's Magical Journey," time for Disney on Ice, hitting San Diego Sports Arena for shows October 15-19. Award-winning figure skaters, energetic choreography, favorite characters.

Performances: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, October 15 and 16; 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, October 17; 11 a.m., 3:30, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 18; 1:30 p.m. (in Spanish) and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, October 19. Tickets: \$11.50 to \$43.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

MUSEUMS

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

Antique Gas and Steam Engine **Museum**, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horsepowered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the

museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, 760-941-1791, (VISTA)

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

Campo Railroad Museum,

showcasing more than 115 years of American railroad heritage and development through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Railway. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

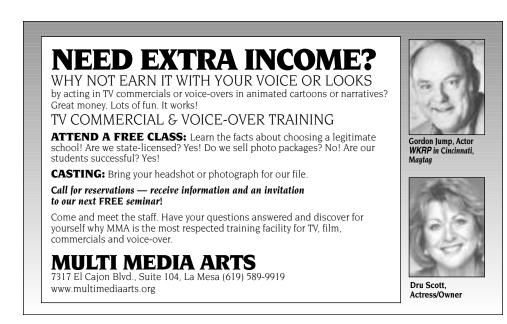
Chinese Historical Society and Museum, view artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum

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

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

Gemological Institute of America Museum, unlike gemstones, which form deep within the Earth, organic gems are the products of living organisms, formed by biological processes. Organic gems such as amber, coral, ivory, jet, and pearls are showcased in "All-Natural, Organically Grown



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Last Car to Elysian Fields



James Lee Burke

Simon & Schuster, 2003; 352 pages; \$24.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: For Dave Robicheaux, there is no easy passage home. New Orleans, and the memories of his life in the Big Easy, will always haunt him. So to return there — as he does in *Last Car to Elysian Fields* — means visiting old ghosts, exposing old wounds, opening himself up to new, yet familiar, dangers. When Robicheaux, now a

When Robicheaux, now a police officer based in the somewhat quieter Louisiana town of

New Iberia, learns that an old friend, Father Jimmie Dolan, a Catholic priest always at the center of controversy, has been the victim of a particularly brutal assault, he knows he has to return to New Orleans to investigate, if only unofficially. What he doesn't realize is that in doing so he is inviting into his life — and into the lives of those around him —

Gems from Plants and Animals," on view through April 2004. Exhibit includes a mastadon tusk (carbon dated at around 30,000 years). "The Magical World of Ilya Schar," a collection of creations that resemble paintings but are composed solely of gem material, is also on display. Continues through April 2004.

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"From the Vault: Gifts to Our Collection," continuing through October, includes an array of Ramaura rubies, synthetic alexandrite gems, two intarsia boxes of inlaid

lonely corridors of his own unresolved past.

an ancestral evil that could destroy them all.

The investigation begins innocently enough. Assisted by

good friend and P.I. Clete Purcel, Robicheaux confronts the man

they believe to be responsible for Dolan's beating, a drug dealer

and porno star named Gunner Ardoin. The confrontation, however, turns into a standoff as Clete ends up in jail and Robicheaux

receives an ominous warning to keep out of New Orleans' affairs.

the driver being the 17-year-old daughter of a prominent physi-

cian. Robicheaux traces the source of the liquor to one of New Iberia's

"daiquiri windows," places that sell mixed drinks from drive-by

windows. When the owner of the drive-through operation is bru-

tally murdered, Robicheaux immediately suspects the grief-crazed

father of the dead teen driver. But his assumption is challenged

when the murder weapon turns up belonging to someone else.

to help investigate the presence of a toxic landfill near St. James

Parish in New Orleans, which in turn leads to a search for the truth

behind the disappearance many years before of a legendary blues

musician and composer. Tying together all these seemingly dis-

parate threads of crime is a maniacal killer named Max Coll, a bru-

tal, brilliant, and deeply haunted hit man sent to New Orleans to

finish the job on Father Dolan. Once Coll shows up, it becomes

clear that Dave Robicheaux will be forced to ignore the warning

to stay out of New Orleans, and he soon finds himself drawn

deeper into a viper's nest of sordid secrets and escalating vio-

lence that sets him up for a confrontation that echoes down the

nature and the darkest corners of the heart, and filled with the

A masterful exploration of the troubled side of human

The trouble continues when Father Jimmie asks Robicheaux

Meanwhile, back in New Iberia, more trouble is brewing: Three local teenage girls are killed in a drunk-driving accident,

> gem materials created by Nicolai Medvedev, and much more. Permanent exhibits include

Permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and kinds of unforgettable characters that are the hallmarks of his novels, *Last Car to Elysian Fields* is the kind of lush, atmospheric thriller that James Lee Burke's fans have come to expect from the master of crime fiction.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

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From *Publishers Weekly:* Homicide detective Dave Robicheaux is pitted against a handsome, urbane war hero of a bad guy instead of the typical obscenely grotesque villain in this latest installment of Burke's stellar series, set in New Iberia, La. It's a shift in adversaries that forces Robicheaux to take a different tack than his usual uncontrolled tilting at the windmills of elusive justice.... The writing is beautiful, as always, laced with the author's signature descriptions: "The sepia-tinted light in the trees and on the bayou seemed to emanate from the earth rather than the sky." This is an outstanding entry in an excellent series.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: James Lee Burke was born in Houston, Texas, in 1936. Son of a secretary and a natural gas engineer, Mr. Burke grew up on the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast. He began writing stories on Big Chief tablets in grade school and continued as an undergraduate and graduate student. In 1960 he finished his first novel, *Half of Paradise*, published in 1965. His second, *To the Bright and Shining Sun*, was published in 1970, *Lay Down My Sword and Shield* in 1971. All were critical but not financial successes. After that came 13 years when, as Mr. Burke says, "I couldn't sell ice water in hell."

Mr. Burke has worked in the oil field and on pipelines, taught English at several colleges, been a social worker in Los Angeles, a newspaper reporter in Louisiana, a landman for Sinclair Oil, a land *(continued on page 88)*

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





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(continued from page 87) surveyor in Colorado, and an employee of the U.S. Forest

Service in Kentucky. The Neon Rain, the first novel narrated by Dave Robicheaux, was published in 1987. With this latest, Last Car to Elysian Fields, Mr. Burke is author of 23 novels.

Mr. Burke and his wife Pearl, married 43 years, are parents to four children and grandparents to three grandsons and one granddaughter. The Burkes split their time between New Iberia, Louisiana, where Burke family members have lived since 1836, and Missoula, Montana.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: On the afternoon that we talked Mr. Burke was at home in Missoula. He and his wife were babysitting grandchildren. I began our conversation by saying that, as always, I greatly admired his descriptions of physical landscape. I asked if he had anything he could say about how he managed such evocative description.

'I've never thought about it. Probably, I can externalize it. You know, involvement with language is a lifetime love affair. It's the medium. It's always at work in the mind of the artist, the writer. It's ongoing. The description that I write is one that I thought. Orwell says that. Orwell said, 'Good writing is an extension of thinking,' and he said, 'Speech is an emanation of good writing.' Or it's the other way around. He said thought leads to speech, which leads to one's written art.

"I think I was influenced greatly by the naturalists and in particular, Stephen Crane, James T. Farrell, John Dos Passos, Steinbeck certainly, and Thomas Wolfe.'

The Louisiana setting, I said, seems perfect for complex drama. 'Well, it is. It's not a metaphor to say it's a Caribbean culture. It's indeed almost like a piece of Latin America that floated loose

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

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

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

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Founding Parents: From the Kumeyaay to the Lee House' traces community history from the late Stone Age (12,000 B.C.) when the Kumeyaay first inhabited the area, to 1928 and the building of the H. Lee House. Exhibit includes and attached itself to the southern coast of the United States. The stories are meant to be emblematic of the larger society. Louisiana is interesting and valuable for an artist to write about because the history of the country actually is simply replicated in the microcosm in a way that is still tangible, still visible, because the same events have occurred everywhere in our country. The same exploitation of labor took place in New York City in the 1840s until the coming of labor unions. You see, did you see The Gangs of New York?" I hadn't. No.

"It's a great film. What was done to, say, the Irish was terrible. But we've lost visual sight of that. And so when we see a racial story in the South, we say, 'Ah-ha, this is a regional story about injustice in the provincial area.' And no, it's not. It's much larger than that.'

"One aspect of life in Louisiana that you've shown in recent novels is the ruination of the land."

"That's the big story today, the most tragic consequence of the greed of our time. It's terrible to witness. You go to Louisiana and you see what is being done; it makes you want to weep. It's hard to witness it. Because it's systematic. Boy, it's just devastating.

"And it must be particularly difficult for somebody like you who grew up there."

I can remember the way it was, and to see what has been done leads one to conclusions about the nature of greed and the systemic corruption of a society. What you see in Louisiana are problems that may exist in other parts of the country but that in Louisiana are accentuated by the lack of education, the poverty, and the vulnerability in the people. All these politicians are in the pocket of one person or another, most of them. Most of them in one way or another do grunt work for the petrochemical industry.

"The propensities of any society to do wrong are the same, that's been my experience. You put human beings in any situation, and the possibilities that exist to do either good or evil are unlimited.

murals, century-old woven baskets and pottery, fossils, pictographs, more. Continues through June 2004.

Concurrently, see "A Sea of Lemon Trees," showcasing the city's agricultural heyday, when millions of tons of fruit were harvested and shipped to the Midwest and Eastern U.S. Ongoing exhibits include "Gorgeous Bounty: Fruit Labels of the Golden State," "The Story of Lemon Grove," "The Parson's Study." Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, retrospective exhibit "Reaching for the Stars: The Fleet's First 30 Years' documents the history of the Fleet. Each decade of the past 30 years is highlighted through graphics, photographs, and artifacts taking visitors on a visual journey of the center's accomplishments. Through Sunday,

Over 30 exhibits designed to

demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from the Exploratorium in San Francisco are on display in "ExploraZone 4," on exhibit through Monday, May 31, 2004. The exhibition's themes are forces and structures, light, and rotation.

"Memory" includes 38 interactive exhibits, artworks, and demonstrations exploring how memories are made, stored, retrieved, and forgotten (through Sunday, December 7). Ongoing exhibitions include "Technovation," "About Faces," "Smoke and Mirrors," and "Skyscapes II." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Journey "To Worlds Beyond" in the planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK

San Diego Automotive Museum, "On the Wild Side: Exotics" continues through Tuesday, November 25. More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886, (BALBOA PARK)

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But there are certain factors at work in Louisiana, mainly lack of education, poverty, longtime addictions, and very strong vestiges of an old Gulf Coast society that has kept people poor and ignorant. And then you see kids who become educated and they finish college and they leave as part of the brain drain.'

In Last Car to Elysian Fields the reader discovers in the first few pages that Dave Robicheaux's wife, Bootsie, has died of the lupus from which she has suffered through many books. The house

"In this book Dave has to confront what are political events in the making that have far more to do with the future of the country than simply the passing of the Cajun culture."

where Bootsie and Dave lived has burned down, and Alafair, their adopted daughter, has left for Oregon, where she attends Reed College. I said that readers were going to miss Bootsie.

"Well, this book takes the series back to its origins. There is a passing of many elements from Dave's life. And in this book he has to confront what are political events in the making that have far more to do with the future, I think, of the country than they do simply the passing of the Cajun culture. This is the way I think of it. You see, in the

year 1980 we shifted gears, and it's statistically demonstrable that the middle class began to shrink at that time. There was a deliberate, very successful reallocation of capital. Remember, the number of poor people grew proportionately as the number of wealthy people increased, as, proportionately, the middle class shrunk. It's not an interpretive statement. It is a statistical statement. And what we have seen is the growth of large numbers of poor and uneducated (continued on page 90)

ing athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. Call 619-234-2544 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society **Museum**, through costumes and ephemera, the "Wedding Belles: Traditions and Attire" exhibition chronicles San Diego wedding fashions from the 1850s through the mid-20th Century. "Belles' showcases examples of the evolution and style and of "proper attire." Show includes an 1848 Viennese wedding dress to a tulle and lace garment from the 1950s. Through May 2004.

"From Blueprints to Buildings," an exhibit of San Diego architecture, traces this region's architectural history from early Indian bark houses to modern and postmodern buildings. The exhibit showcases the most significant examples of various architectural styles and types of structures. See the historical artifacts, photographs, and ephemera through Sunday, February 15, 2004.

Also on view: "Filming San Diego: Hollywood's Backlot,' through Thursday, December 9, 2004. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea,

including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark Star of India, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat Berkeley, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht Medea. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, "The Turquoise Path/El Camino Turquesa: The Story of Turquoise in the Native American Southwest," on display through April 2004, focuses on historical, social, cultural, and economic implications of the age-old stone. Turquoise jewelry-making techniques documented, and pieces from the museum's extensive collections exhibited.

"Inuit: People of the Midnight Sun," continuing through April 2004, brings to life the *iliqqusiq* or "ways and habits" of the Inuit (previously known as Eskimo). Artifacts include tools for hunting and sewing, handmade games, clothing, masks, and kayaks, offering an in-depth look at aspects of modern and ancient Inuit culture.

Ongoing exhibits: "Inquisition: Torture and Intolerance," focusing on reality of torture in world today, including an interactive video and stories of modern-day torture survivors. Collection features dozens of macabre devices gathered from throughout Europe, some extremely rare, primarily used from 1400s up to early 1800s. Pieces on display are originals, including an iron maiden, a guillotine, chain flails, a knee splitter, and more. Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution' features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine). 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

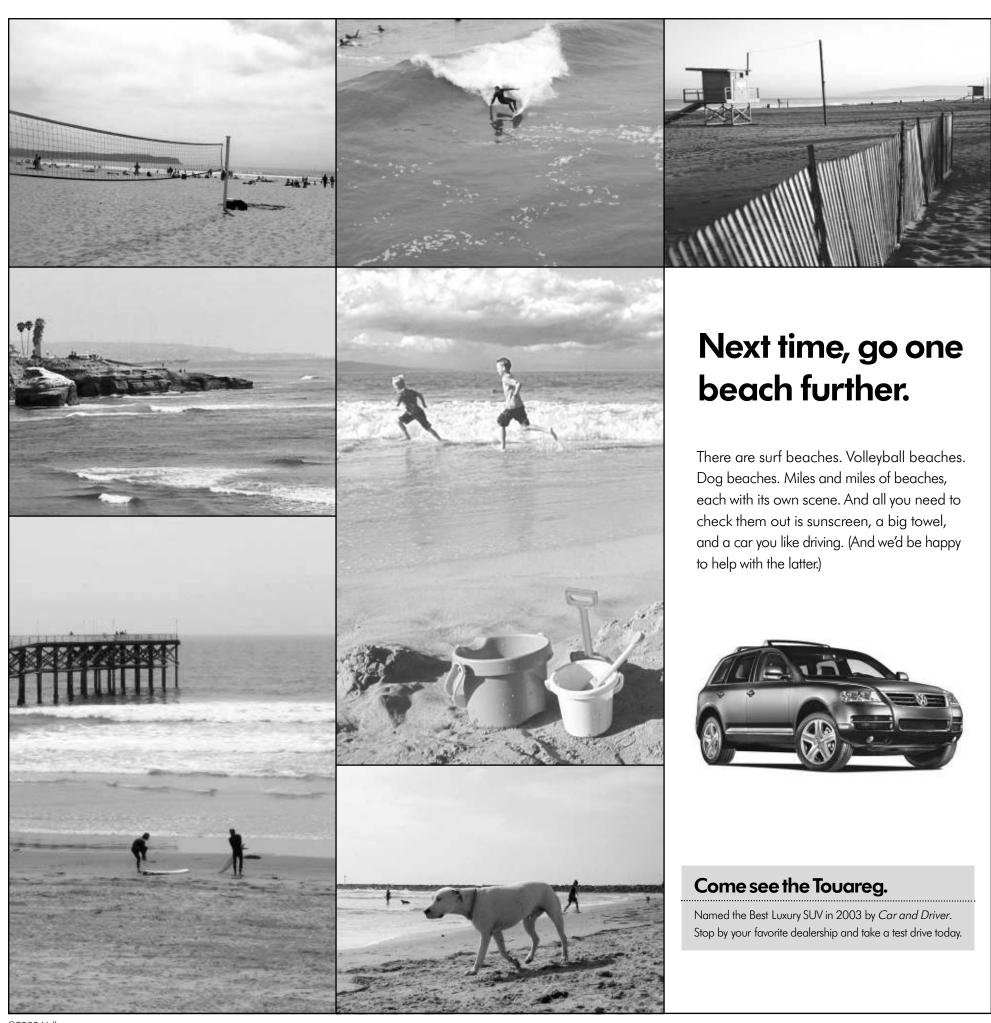


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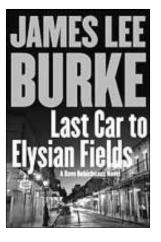
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people, an underclass that is no longer racially defined. This is where liberals - and I'm one of those guys, a traditional liberal ---this is where liberals lose it. The issue is not race and we know it.'

"It's class."

"You got it. It's class. And there are huge numbers of people, one way or another, who are nonvocationally viable, because of addiction and illiteracy. The most disturbing statistic today is that one out of three children is born to an unwed mother. It's not a statement about morality. It's a statement about the psvchological implications of huge numbers of children with a terrible challenge. It's not an indictment of the people who are struggling, it's just a fact of their existence. Psychiatrists tell us that the worst thing that can happen to a child is for one of the parents to die, the second worst



thing is to have that parent just simply leave. It's a rough go. Well, if one out of three kids from the get-go has to grow up in that situation, that doesn't speak well for his future. They're going to be poor. Mom is going to have to hold two jobs and try to raise two, three kids. In the state of Louisiana, 46 percent of the children are born to a single mother. The only state with a higher percentage is Mississippi. The national rate is about 33 per-

cent.'

"Do you miss Dave when you're not writing about him?"

"I write all the time. I write every day, seven days a week. I miss writing. If I can't write one day I don't do well. I never take a day off for any reason. Writing is the best life in the world. I'm fortunate I can do it. I used to do it while I worked at other jobs. I've been able, since 1990, to do it full-time."

"At night, do you stretch out in bed and think about what you'll write the next day?"

"Yes. And every night I write things down on a pad on my night table. Shakespeare said, 'All power lies in the world of dreams.' Every morning I have two sentences that are given to me. Every morning. "I never really know where

a book is headed. Never. Ernest Hemingway put it very well. He said, if he outlined a story he would know its conclusion. And if he would know its conclusion so would the reader. Isn't that a beaut?"

We somehow got off on

Nelson Algren. Mr. Burke laughed. "I gave Algren a light for his cigarette in 1959. He came to the University of Missouri when I was in grad school, and he gave a talk to grad students and anybody who wanted to come; most of us were grad students with creative writing majors. I gave him a light for his cigarette. I never got my matches back."

Algren, said Mr. Burke, was a naturalist. "He's really the extreme naturalist, right out of the Depression. No question about it. And he was one of those writers who had a very strong social conscience. And one that has been lost. I think, in contemporary fiction. I think in part it's related to the fact that fiction-writing moved onto campus, and it was heavily influenced by academic thought. I'm not knocking it, because I taught creative writing many years, at several colleges, but the consequence is kids would pick up on the same themes that academics are interested in. You know, receding hairline, loss of the libido, tax shelters, whether or not they had dandruff on their sleeve. You know, it's terribly narcissistic stuff. And so the sociological novel has really moved off into

the crime genre. But to get back to Algren, Algren belonged to that earlier generation of guys like James Jones, the early Mailer, Erskine Caldwell. These guys wrote about ordinary people. And today a great deal of fiction is solipsistic and narcissistic. It has an awful lot to do with the id and the libido.

"But if a person wants to read about urban America, and what is really happening there, we don't go to what is called literary fiction. We end up reading Dog Soldiers by Robert Stone. The funny thing is Stone is never called a crime novelist. I can't think of a more criminal subject than the Vietnam War and its influence on the heroin trade and the inculcation of a vice in a whole generation. Probably the worst two crime stories in America that have never been faced, either by the electorate or by journalists, are one, the murder of John Kennedy and the fact that, in my belief, others were involved; and, two, the alliance between the mob, the narcotics traffickers, and American operatives in Central America, and the link between the Contras and the introduction of dope on the West Coast. I believe that indeed

is what happened. In fact, I was told by a person — who I guess was a CIA operative — there wasn't any doubt about what occurred. The guns came from China, they were assembled in California, they were shipped south. The dope went north. It's the old unholv alliance that existed in the Golden Triangle, when narcotics flew on Air America planes. It was the same system the French used earlier, in Indochina. It's really a story that's so awful no one wants to believe it.

"James Jones had an essay on unpardonable crimes, the crimes that are so terrible but are never punished. He talked about, years ago, the attitude toward drunk driving. People got a free pass on it most of the time because the idea of a drunk behind the wheel of a machine that goes at 90 miles an hour, that's made of thousands of pounds of metal, going through school zones, and it's driven by the mayor, who's plastered out of his mind, so what? Just if you stop and think of it in those terms, it's just absolutely horrifying. But when people talk about our attempt to impose safety on our highways, I have to ask myself the question, 'Have I ever known anyone who could not get a driver's license?' And I've never met the person yet. People who commit vehicular homicides and had lobotomies go down to Florida, and maybe they're given the electric paddles to get inside the building to take the driver's test. But they get the license."

Mr. Burke laughed, a harsh explosive laugh, then said, "The greatest words in the history of English literature are those written by Charles Dickens, 'It's a mad, mad world, Master Copperfield.

— Judith Moore



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Name That Bird, Please

To witness extreme virtuosity makes you feel free, powerful, and magnificent.

the San Diego Early Music Society opened its season with a delectable concert by the Baroque instrumental ensemble *Belladonna*. The four first-rate musicians recorder player Clea Galhano, violinist Margaret

Humphrey, cellist Rebecca Humphrey (the violinist's sister), and harpsichordist Barbara Weiss — played with all the brilliance and enthusiasm their

program demanded. The program's title was misleading, however. It was called *"Folias Festivas,"* which sounds lovely and festive; but a more accurate — although less catchy — title would have been "Instrumental Music from the 17th Century, Mainly the Early 17th Century."

Among the various instrumental forms in that marvelously productive century, two were particularly prominent: divisions on a ground, and the "fantastic style." The "ground" is a melody in the bass, with its attendant chords, repeated over and over. The "divisions" are a set of variations played by the treble instrument(s), harmonizing with the bass line and exploring its potential. Ordinarily, as the piece goes on, the variations become more elaborate, with shorter and shorter note values (hence the term "divisions") that make the music seem progressively faster and more exciting.

The ground was often a popular melody, and one of the most widely used of such grounds was a Portuguese dance tune known as "La Folia" ("Madness" or "Wild Enthusiasm"). It is a specially good bass for the purposes of playing divisions, because of its simplicity, its clear-cut shape, and its strong harmonic movement. Everybody wrote Folias, first in Spain, then in Italy, then in France, finally all over Europe. By the last part of the century, French composers had introduced a specific treble melody that went along with the established bass line, and from then on that became the distinguishing sign of a Folia (or Follia, or Folie). Some of the most famous examples of the genre in the later Baroque were those by Corelli and Vivaldi. Even in later centuries, the bass line, the chord progression, the treble tune, and their variations keep popping up: for example, in Liszt and Rachmaninov.

The "fantastic style," which dominated instrumental music in the first half of the 17th Century, was a very different sort of thing. The structure of these pieces (in contrast to the divisions on a ground) was loose, whimsical, erratic. Sudden changes of mood and direction were common. An air of unpredictable improvisation made it possi-

REVIEW JONATHAN SAVILLE Virtuosity. In

ble for virtually anything to happen. What the divisions and the fantastic style had in common was virtuosity. In our serious age, virtuosity (which, roughly speaking,

means playing or singing very high, very low, very fast, and beyond the seeming capacity of the instrument or of a human being) has gotten a bad reputation. It is frequently thought of as empty display, showing off, "mere virtuosity." The 17th Century knew better. Hearing a musician play in this fashion is invigorating and inspiring. It gives the listener a dazzling sense of unlimited human achievement, like watching a superb tennis player or a sensational swordsman. Identifying with the object of your stunned admiration, you imagine that you, too, are capable of miraculous acts. To witness extreme virtuosity makes you feel free, powerful, and magnificent.

This was certainly the experience of the audience at St. James by-the-Sea when they witnessed recorder-player Clea Galhano overcoming every daunting obstacle in the fiendishly difficult Folies d'Espagne of Marin Marais, and doing so as though all those pyrotechnics were the easiest thing in the world. This is what the Italian Renaissance referred to as "sprezzatura": attaining fabulous heights of mastery without the appearance of effort, as though the most supreme skills came to one as naturally as leaves to a tree. And stupendous as Galhano was, she did not differ from her colleagues in this respect: every one of them was in awesome command of her instrument and of the requisite Baroque style. The sisters Humphrey, for example, presented thrilling models of virtuosity in the flambovant mutual imitations — "I can do it better than you can!" — of Bartolomé de Selma y Salaverde's Canzona 11 a 2 (a typical example of the fantastic style by one its most gifted masters, a Spanish Augustinian monk). It uplifted the soul just to see and hear them.

Nevertheless, a concert like this is not only for fun (although it supplied copious quantities of that); it is also a window into a culture distant from our own, from which most audience members would be happy to learn something. If the musicians never let the audience down, unfortunately the printed program (supplied, presumably, by the musicians) did. Nothing in the notes (to return to my criticism of the title) let the listener know that out of the 14 pieces on this program of "Folias Festivas" (15 if we include the encore), only 4 were actually Folias. If the point was to exhibit the incredible variety Baroque composers uncovered in this single tune, it has been made much more comprehensively by such recordings as Follie all'italiana with the Sonatori de la Gioiosa Marca, and *La Folia* with Jordi Savall and company (who, by the way, will be appearing in the SDEMS series next May).

Belladonna's performances did indeed include additional divisions on a ground, such as Bernardo Storace's Ciaccona (zestfully played on the wonderful Curtis Berak harpsichord by Barbara Weiss); but the ground was a different one. And there were numerous pieces in the stylus phantasticus, where one could expect to hear a lot of intricate imitation and wild switches of gear, but where the virtuosity was given meaning not by the tight, ultra-logical structure of a repeated bass and its divisions, but rather by the fantastic style's reflection of the uninhibited creative spirit, as free and energized as the wind.

Yet the program notes talked about nothing but *Folias*, giving no help at all to listeners who may have been puzzled by the oddness of this unregulated and seemingly anarchic style.

Nor did the printed program offer any indication that many of the pieces *Belladonna* performed were in arrangements considerably different from what the composers had written. This is not a matter of academic pedantry. Wouldn't it have made a difference to the listener to know that Marin Marais composed the *Folies d'Espagne* for viola da gamba (plus harpsichord), and that someone else — in fact, Clea Galhano herself — had arranged it (with spectacular craft) for her own, much more limited instrument?

It would also have been useful to know that the Baroque cello, played with such amazing precision and fire by Rebecca Humphrey, was not the bass in-



Marin Marais

"Folias Festivas" "Belladonna" Baroque ensemble

St. James by-the-Sea (San Diego Early Music Society) Music by Dario Castello, Bernardo Storace, Antonio Bertali, Bartolomé de Selma y Salaverde, Henry Butler, Andrea Falconieri, Pedro de Tafalla, Marin Marais, Tarquinio Merula, Juan Cabanilles

> strument most of the composers were thinking of. They were ordinarily thinking of the gamba, which sounds very different. It was only much later in the Baroque that the cello took on the kind of virtuoso roles this talented cellist knew how to fill so effectively. (The score of the scintillating Selma y Salaverde piece indicates only a soprano and a bass instrument, without further specification; likely combinations, for the period, would have been violin and gamba or recorder and bassoon.)

> I am not, of course, objecting to arrangements as such. Changing the instrumentation (usually because some players weren't available and some others were) was common practice in the Baroque. But if it happens, a modern audience ought to be told about it — at the very least, in order to give credit to the arranger.

And wouldn't the audience at St. James have







enjoyed the coruscating performance of Tarquinio Merula's Canzona la Lusignuola just a bit more if the program listing had told them that this piece was an artful imitation of the various songs of the nightingale?

CLASSICAL LISTINGS

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The Classical Mandolin Society

of America gathers for convention at the Hilton San Diego Mission Valley (9901 Camino del Rio South). Evening concerts are open to public.

Bruce Graybill and Ray Bell, Pasacat Philippine Dance Ensemble, Michael Eskin and Boys of the Town (Irish), and the Don Stiemberg Trio (jazz mandolin) perform Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m.

Uptown Mandolin Quartet, Luisa Corredor (mandolin and harp quartet), Richard Walz, Paulo Sá and Rio Trio (Brazilian choro), and the Don Stiemberg Trio may be heard Friday, October 10, 7 p.m.

Public concerts conclude with San Diego Mandolin Orchestra, Paulo Sá and Rio Trio, Caterina Lichtenberg and Mirko Schrader, and Enmasse Orchestra, Saturday, October 11, 7 p.m.

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David Rodriguez de la Peña - present a concert for closing night of "Artistas de Baja Norte," Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m., at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). \$12. Suggested reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

The Season Gets Underway when violinist Gil Shaham and pianist Akira Eguchi perform for Celebrity Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Friday, October 10. Program includes Copland's "Sonata in G Major," the "Partita for Solo Violin No. 2 in D Minor" by Bach, Fauré's "Berceuse for Violin and Piano in D Major" and "Sonata for Violin and Piano No. 1 in A Major."

Concert begins at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. Tickets: \$35 to \$105. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

"Claudio Monteverdi: The Art of the Madrigal" presented by La Venexiana, Friday, October 10, 8 p.m., for San Diego Early Music Society. The ensemble — five voices and clavicembalo — presents madrigals "illustrating Monteverdi's own passage from the Renaissance to the baroque." \$15. Reservations: 619-291-8246.

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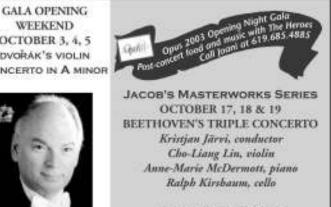
Program is offered Friday, October 10, at St. Joseph's Cathedral (1535 Third Avenue); Monday, October 13, in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street); Tuesday, October 14, Fairbanks Ranch Country Club (15150 San Dieguito Road). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$15 to \$30. Tickets: 888-848-7326. (DOWNTOWN, LA JOLLA, RANCHO SANTA FE)

The London-Based a Cappella Group the Swingle Singers performs in concert, Friday, October 10, 7:30 p.m., in Brown Chapel at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland

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"Three Romances for Piano" and "Faschingsschwank Aus Wien, for Piano" by Schumann and Schubert's "Piano Sonata No. 21 in B-Flat Major" may be enjoyed when pianist Leif Ove Andsnes plays for Revelle Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society. Concert starts at 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 11, in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$25 to \$75, \$85. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

An International Concert with pieces by Rossini, Handel, Rodrigo, Franck — may be heard when Grossmont Symphony Orchestra performs, Sunday, October 12, 3 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Guest artist: harpist Elena Mashkovtseva. Tickets: \$13.50 general. 619-644-7254. (EL CAJON)

Classical Violinist Joseph Lin performs two "Partitas" by J.S. Bach and repertoire by Bright Sheng and Heinrich Wilhelm Ernst, Sunday, October 12, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Lin will conduct informal talk with audience following concert. \$24. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Selections by J.S. Bach, Clérambault, Howells, Mendelssohn may be heard when Stanley M. Wicks presents organ concert, Sunday, October 12,

7 p.m., First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Child care by reservation. Offering. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Trio Lyrique plays works by Dvořák, Brahms, and Mendelssohn, Sunday, October 12, 2:30 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

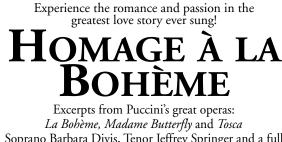
Civic Organist Emeritus Robert Plimpton mans the instrument for concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, October 12, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Chamber Music for Piano Trio is on tap when Encore Trio presents mini-concert, Monday, October 13, noon, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Changing Tastes," the subject is "Exploration: The Baroque Period — 17th Century" during lecture/concert series planned Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Program includes Vivaldi's "Four Seasons," featuring Kevin Connolly, Ann Gref, Allison Leudeke, Martha Lippi. \$15. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Classical Guitarist Troy King performs for Concert Hour series, Thursday, October 16, 12:30 p.m., Palomar College Performance Lab (D-10). Free. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

Classical Guitarist Celino Romero performs on Sunday, October 26, 7 p.m., at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). 858-729-5531. Offering. (LA JOLLA)



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GALLERIES

"Women and Hot Wax," four local artists whose recent works focus on use of hot wax and pigment are showcased in show on view through Thursday, October 30, in MiraCosta College's Kruglak Gallery. Reception for artists Moya Devine, Jiela Rufeh, Heidi Rufeh, Anna Stoa, Saturday, October 11, 6 p.m. Gallery is located in student center, One Barnard Drive. 760-795-6657. (OCEANSIDE)

"Revisited — New Work from Familiar Places," an exhibit of plein air paintings by Pat Kelly, opens with reception on Saturday, October 11, 4-8 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). Show features paintings from Kelly's five favorite spots to paint in the county, as well as her plein air field journal. Show closes Sunday, November 16. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

"R.T.," an exhibition of work by Ray Trail, opens with reception, Saturday, October 11, 5 p.m., at Artistspace at Southfair (2010 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). Closes Saturday, December 27. 858-755-6923 or 858-755-1662. (DEL MAR)

"New Melancholy," an exhibit of new photography by L. Matthew, is

on display through Saturday, October 18, at Joseph David Gallery (760 Eighth Avenue). Artist's reception, Saturday, October 11, 7 p.m. 619-702-6290. (DOWNTOWN)

"Autumn Fine Arts Show and Exhibit," juried by Lola Juris, is on view through Thursday, October 30, at Olde Ramona Hotel Gallery (845 Main Street; 760-789-3682). Reception: Saturday, October 11, 5 p.m. (RAMONA)

"Short Stories," a collection of oil paintings by R.C. Ginsberg, is on view through Thursday, October 30, at First Street Gallery (820 South Coast Highway 101). Artist's reception, Saturday, October 11, 5 p.m. 760-753-5458. (ENCINITAS)

"Sticks and Stones" at the GETM Gallery at Studio 3060 (3060 University Avenue) opens with reception Saturday, October 11, 6 p.m. "Kitchen robots" by Antonia Davis, the Japanese *manga*-style collection by Philip Vernau, and contemporary works by John Sexton on display. 619-220-0135. (NORTH PARK)

Contemporary Photographic Art by Steven Churchill on view Sunday, October 12, 11 a.m. through 5 p.m., at Thin (852 Fifth Avenue). 619-233-5008 or 858-793-1900.(DOWNTOWN)

"Intuitions and Preoccupations of Multidimensions," featuring sculptures and paintings by Karen Caruso, is on exhibit through the month at Del Mar Art Center (1555 Camino del Mar at 15th Street). Reception: Wednesday, October 15, 5 p.m. 858-481-1678. (DEL MAR)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, "Heirlooms of the Future — Art of Contemporary American Designer Craftsmen" includes furniture, textiles, glass, and pottery by renowned artists including Sam Maloof, Wendy Maruyama, Jack Lenor Larsen, Dale Chihuly, Italo Scanga, Beatrice Woods, and others. Show continues through Sunday, October 19.

"Origami Masterworks — Innovative Forms of the Art of Paper Folding," on view through Sunday, February 8, 2004, includes more than 150 pieces by 42 artists from across the globe. Most of the objects were created by folding single sheets of paper to make geometrical forms, flowers, trees, people, masks, and a menagerie of animals.

"Mingei of Japan — The Legacy of Its Founders — Soetsu Yanagi, Shoji Hamada, and Kanjiro Kawai," an exhibition of objects from the museum's collection by known and unknown craftsmen from throughout Japan continues until January 25, 2004. Included: *tansu* (Japanese chests), pottery, calligraphy, woodblock prints, stencil work, kimono and other textiles, baskets, toys.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, photographer Alex Webb has spent more than 25 years covering the Mexican border. "Alex Webb: Crossings — Photographs from the U.S.-Mexico Border," includes 40 photographs documenting Webb's coverage of border life since the 1970s. Closes Sunday, December 7.

Los Angeles artist Adam Ross has created a new, large panoramic work for his "Cerca Series" exhibit, through Sunday, October 12. Ross envisions a future where digital and scientific developments have surprising outcomes; he paints and draws technological landscapes.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Manny Farber: About Face" celebrates the life and work of one of San Diego's most important visual artists, with work from the early 1960s to present. Farber has contributed to American cultural discourse for more than 50 years as both film and art critic and painter. Closes Sunday, January 4, 2004.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "The Discerning Eye: Southern California Collects" celebrates 20 photography collectors to commemorate the museum's 20th anniversary; Also on view, "Collector's Group Acquisitions," concluding Sunday, December 14. Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

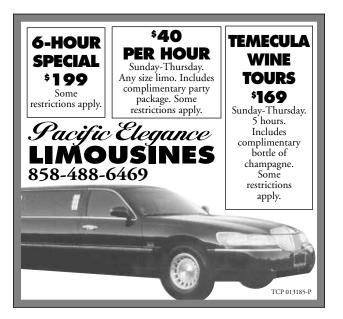
San Diego Museum of Art, "Partners of the Soul: African Art of the Baule" includes 45 objects from the UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History and private collectors. Show explores complex ways in which art functioned in Baule culture and society (Ivory Coast of West Africa) through a display of spirit spouse figures, portrait masks, miniature amulet figures, mouse oracles, wooden strikers. Through Sunday, January 4, 2004.

"Tradition and Innovation in European Modernist Drawings and Watercolors" showcases 35 works rarely on view due to their fragility. Artists include Paul Klee, Franz Marc, Emil Nolde, Paul Signac, Marc Chagall. See this show of works from the museum's collection through Sunday, December 14.

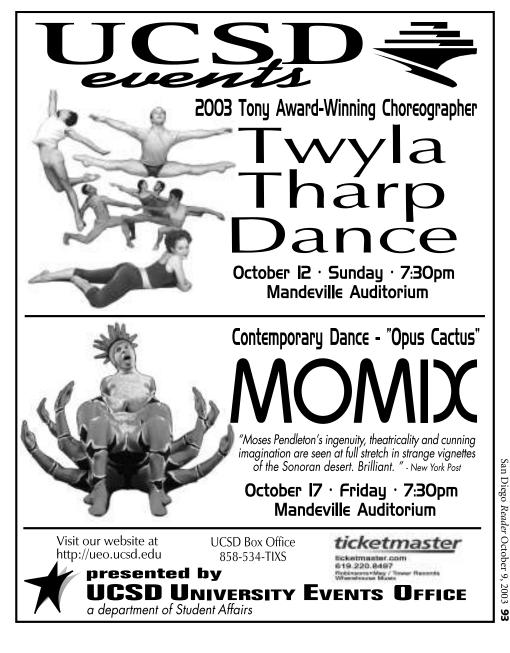
Paintings, sculptures, prints, videos, and photographs inspired by elements in nature are gathered in "Of Earth and Sky: Elements in Abstraction," closing Sunday, December 14. "The Later Mughals: Theaters of Power" presents more than 20 seldom-seen images telling the story of the waning of India's greatest dynasty. Through Sunday, January 25, 2004.

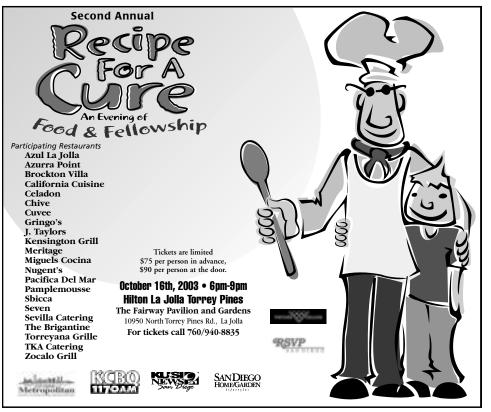
For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)











THEATER LISTINGS

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Act 2: HOMICIDE

In H.I.T. Productions' newest interactive mystery, everyone says Aunt Zelda electrocuted poor Uncle Vern while playing "Feelings" on the accordion. Don't be so sure. SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD LA MESA SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-561-8673

Anna in the Tropics

South Coast Repertory presents the West Coast premiere of Nilo Cruz's 2003 Pulitzer Prize-winner. A traditional Cuban story reader entertains Florida cigar factory workers with Tolstoy's Anna Karenina. Juliette Carillo directed.

SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH OCTOBER 25: TUESDAY THROUGH SUN-DAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708 5555

Annie Get Your Gun

The Welk Resort Theatre presents Irving Berlin's popular musical about the famous sharpshooter

who falls in love with her rival. Ion Engstrom directed and choreographed. WELK RESORT THEATRE 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH NOVEMBER 8; TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY, AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3348 OR 1-888-802 7469.

Beauty

Tina Landau took an intrepid risk for our been-there, done-that age. She wrote a play, with music, about enchantment. Constance, now an old crone, is a fairy. When King Bertrand dumped her, Constance cursed his daughter, Rose, into a coma. A thousand years of suitors fail to awake the "sleeping beauty." But James, a grad student, might. He may look past labels - and relentless Hollywood conditioning — and see the actual Rose. But first he must wake up to himself and, it turns out, so must she. The La Jolla Playhouse's Beauty dazzles the eyes, if not always the ears. Ricardo Hernandez's elemental set combines smoky red curtains, giant briars, and moving flats that mesh in arresting stagescapes. And the leads, multitalented Jason Danieley and Kelli O'Hara, are outstanding (like their characters, their performances wake up). The script is a modernized fairy tale and a running commentary, interpreting itself as it moves along; the latter dis-enchants (as does the splatter of "what is beauty?" questions dis-rupting the climax). The show often captivates, and Landau's direction is imaginative throughout. But Landau-the-author needs to take her play's advice. Instead of clogging it with ideas about itself and spoon-feeding the audience with



significance, she should de-control and let Beauty wake up unfettered. Worth a try.

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Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show.

singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate so

Beehive celebrates the women

los: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin' " back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. Those big black round things all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center

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were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

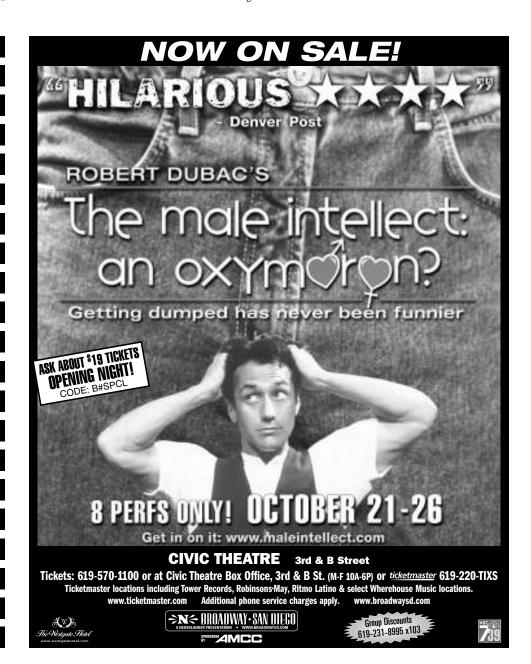
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THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET OLD TOWN OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

Blue/Orange

In Joe Penhall's talky, fascinating drama, Christopher may or may not be paranoid schizophrenic. A black émigré from Africa, he swears his father was Idi Amin (Delusional? Amin did have 43 children from five wives). At a London psychiatric hospital, trainee Bruce and senior advisor Robert cross-diagnose Christopher. Bruce wants more study: Robert says send him home. But how much of their readings come from other than textbook symptoms? And what about Christopher? Is he trapped between conflicting, possibly racist, interpretations; or - to secure a safe haven at the hospital — does he try to influence them? Blue/Orange wanders, on occasion (and tests credulity when both psychiatrists do an in-yourface diagnosis of their patient), but under Richard Seer's taut, rapidfire direction, and three quality performances (try to "read" Teagle F. Bougere's wonderfully antsy, edgy Christopher; or, for that matter, Brian Hutchinson's harried Bruce, and the excellent Ned Schmidke's agenda-laden Robert), the Old Globe's in-theround production presents plural beings in a world where the old categories no longer account for gray's myriad shadings.

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The Boys Next Door

Lamb's Players reprises its popular production of Tom Griffin's comedy about developmentally disabled men living in a group home Kerry Meads directed. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, FRIDAY, OC-TOBER 10, THROUGH NOVEMBER 16; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

Breath of Spring Poway Performing Arts Company stages Peter Coke's British comedy. Senior citizens want to help "those less fortunate" by stealing furs. Sherrie Colbourn directed. POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, 13250 POWAY ROAD (UPSTAIRS IN THE LIVELY CENTER), POWAY, THROUGH NOVEMBER 2; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-9085.

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Talent to aMuse Theatre Company presents George Weinberg-Harter and Gail Lee West's "backstage comedy with music" that "joshes airhead actors, touchy techies, and confused critics." WESTMINSTER THEATRE, 3598 TALBOT (CORNER OF TALBOT AND CANON) POINT LOMA, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, THROUGH OCTOBER 25; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-233-9407

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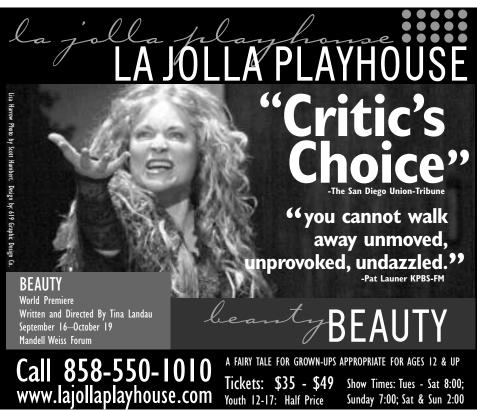
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Far Side of Paradise

For its off-night production, 6th @ Penn Theatre stages Gerald Zipper's new play, which asks, "Is friendship stronger than the almighty dollar?" Skyler Dennon directed.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV ENUE, HILLCREST, SUNDAY, OCTO-BER 12 THROUGH OCTOBER 29: SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 619-688-

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Gods of Hollywood

The Hispanic Theatre of San Diego presents Jesus Sierra-Oliva's drama about Ramon Novaro and Jose Mojica, box office draws for MGM and RKO who "had a secret to hide from the world." Sierra-Oliva directed.

ARK THEATRE, 3554 KETTNER BOULE-VARD, SAN DIEGO, FRIDAY, OCTO-BER 10, AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, AT 8:00 P.M. 858-278-6139.

Grassroots Greeks

6th @ Penn's former "Seven Weeks of Greeks" has become so popular it's a regular series. And what a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, Linda Castro and David Cohen offer staged readings. The approach is refreshing. There's no attempt at polished work or choices set in granite. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal, the threshold of exploration. They read in a semicircle. There's some movement, a suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations. Also: since space is limited, the theater recommends reservations in advance. Next reading: Euripides' Ion, Monday, October 27, at 7:30 p.m. Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN. 619-622-9012.

Hamlet

Poor Players Theatre stages Shakespeare's tragedy of the dilatory Dane. Richard Baird, one of San Diego's finest young actors, plays Hamlet.

HEARTH THEATRE, SAN MARCOS COM-MUNITY CENTER, 3 CIVIC DRIVE, SAN MARCOS, THROUGH OCTOBER 13; FRI-DAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.; ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, AT 8:00 P.M. 619-287-2406.

Hedwig and the Angry Inch

Most often an inaugural show's a shakedown cruise, a modest comedy to get bugs out. Not the new Cygnet Theatre. Their opener's an actual rock concert, lit, staged, and performed with professional polish. Hedwig — née Hansel had her gender mangled when a sex-change operation, from male to female, left an "angry inch" of her manhood. The rock star Tommy Gnossis stole her songs and identity. Hedwig, a human limbo, must find her way. As Tommy wows devotees next door, Hedwig sings, hassles husband Yitzak (a woman playing a man wanting to become a drag queen), toys with and taunts the audience, shouting, "You put a wig on then judge me!" His cresting waves of hair like Lily Tomlin's Ernestine, only blond, Jeremiah Lorenz captivates as Hedwig. As grubby Yitzak, Jenn Grinels looks like a smudge but has the voice of a rocket. Led by Jim Mooney (who talks like Frankenstein's Igor and plays guitar like Hendrix), the backup band could tour when the show closes. If it closes. Hedwig needs to work out sound kinks, and Lorenz needs to trim his pauses from middle on. But given

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the talent involved, these problems will get fixed and then Cygnet's first show will be much more than... *Worth a try.*

CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH OCTOBER 19; THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATUR-DAY AT 6:30 P.M. AND 9:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. 877-597-7258.

Irish Dance Cabaret

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Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater," as Joey and Maria tie the knot. DAVE AND BUSTER'S, 2931 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, MISSION VALLEY, AND CLARION BAY VIEW HOTEL, 660 K STREET, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 800-944-5639.

Late-Night Catechism

Every Monday night, during sum-mer, the Laguna Playhouse stages the popular "interactive adult cate-chism class," taught by a sister from the old spare-not-the-rod school. The concept doesn't sound like much. The sister is substituting for the regular teacher (it's his poker night, don't tell a soul). She used to have the job but was deemed too strict for contemporary students. And the class is just that, part of a course on Catholic doctrine. But the sister's authoritarianism takes it to unforeseen places (you can hear cries of recognition from the audience, especially when sister brings out a hard ruler and taps her palm). The results, the two times I've seen the show: a.) an almost nonstop evening of comedy; and b.) a thought-provoking look at educa-tion, religion, and much more. The sister, it turns out, is not kidding. Worth a try.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH NOVEMBER 17; MONDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 949-497-2787.

Love! Valour! Compassion! When Diversionary first staged Terrence McNally's Tony Awardwinner, in 1997, the show got caught in scheduling gridlock and had to close. To celebrate its tenth anniversary, Diversionary remounted *Love! Valour!*, Michelle Riel reprised her excellent, minimalist set, Chris Rynne his nuanced lighting, and the results rank among the company's most polished, funny, and moving efforts.

In 1994, when the play premiered, McNally said, "I wanted to write about what it's like to be a gay man at this particular moment in our history, to tell everyone else who we are when they aren't around.' Amid overwhelming evidence of uncertain futures - the specter of AIDS is ever-present — McNally's people eat, drink, confess, gripe, and zing one-liners ("movies are for people," says Buzz, a musical comedy/opera buff, "who have to eat popcorn while being enter-tained"). Tim Irving, who co-directed with Sean Murray, plays Buzz, the icon-drubber. If he weren't such a giving actor, this could be The Tim Irving Show (Mc-Nally wrote the part as a star vehi-

cle for Nathan Lane). But Irving



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shares the stage with a talented cast — from Dan Gru and everyone ber's Perry (for whom being a role model is "very stressful"), Manuel J. Fernandes' generous Gregory, and Dennis J. Scott's dual roles as the manichean Jeckyll brothers (McNally italicizes themes), good-souled James and evil-souled John. Critic's pick.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 18: 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

Medea. Queen of Colchester

There have been all kinds of Medea remakes, but Sledgeham mer's must be a first: Euripides tragedy as a soft-hit musical. Composed by Jean-Claude Rideau, and performed with an amateurish sound system, the music is dull and monotonal. And even though Sledge tries to jazz things up with a Vegas locale, Marianne McDonald's pseudo postmodernist script is also dreary. In a landfill's worth of exposition we learn that Medea's a black transvestite from South Africa (from Colchester, not Colchis). Her drug-dealing lover James betrayed her, and she will get Medea-style revenge on his two sons (she shouts, in a breathtaking non sequitur, "I've broken the shackles of your Western greed"). One of the script's many problems (along with the difference between killing an ex-lover's

children and a mother killing her own), the exposition never stops: everything is explained and externalized - and shallow. "Medea Divas" spell out her feelings into microphones while Medea (a statue-stiff George Alphonso Walker) parades about in a growing huff. There is no tragic dimension. Medea's just a psychotic with such a penchant for cliches and stock phrases they'd make Euripides irate in Elysium. SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, ST. CELIA'S

PLAYHOUSE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE (AT CEDAR), DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTO-BER 12: THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, AT 2:00 P.M. (NOTE: MEDEA RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH PHAEDRA IN DELIR-IUM.) 619-544-1484

Much Ado About Nothing

Can saying something is so make it so? When Shakespeare's comedy begins, Beatrice and Benedick reunite. A war separates them from a relationship that didn't last. And now they war with words. But what if, as a trick, people told them each loved the other in secret? Can you make something from "nothing"? Sure, with much verbal "ado," and if traces of love remain between alleged enemies. His credits say Brendon Fox has directed the play several times. So you'd think by now he'd get it right. Not so. And without Dana Delany and Billy Campbell as sharp-witted Beatrice and Benedick, not so at all. Fox relocates the play in WWI Italy. Anna Louizo's glorious set makes a bold sprezzatura statement by having all of a two-story Tuscan villa stage left. But the rest of the uninspired production dares so little you wonder where the "much ado" went. Scenes get set, slowly,



lines get spoken, dutifully, actors exit, in no hurry, and the pace lags throughout. When Delany and Campbell are jousting, however, things come alive. In his up-beat, endearing soliloquies, his body contorting like a pretzel, Campbell owns the audience. Shakespeare's Beatrice isn't Dante's angel. Benedick says she's "bitter" and disillusioned and doesn't care who knows it. Delany gets that storm-clouded tone pitch perfect, and you can almost, if vou listen hard, hear a silver lining.

Worth a try.

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK. THROUGH OCTOBER 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Naked Boys Singing!

The Spreckels Theatre hosts a nationally touring production of the Off-Broadway hit: 16 songs celebrating male nudity, sung au naturale. Robert Schrock conceived and directed the show. SPRECKELS THEATRE, 121 BROADWAY, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTOBER 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-220-8497.

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 John-stone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums

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it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. Worth a try.

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Phaedra in Delirium

In Susan Yankowitz's take on Euripides' tragedy, 40+ Phaedra's as obsessed with losing her youth as Hippolytus is with losing his virginity. Extreme behavior angered the Greek gods. But in Yankowitz's version, the gods aren't around, so Phaedra, her philandering husband Theseus, and her stepson Hippolytus can shred each other on their own. In the male-dominated world, Theseus can fool around. It's expected. But for Phaedra even to think illicit thoughts is a mortal sin. And when she confesses them, she seals her fate. The play's a mite reductive (it's more about personal vanity than an absurd uni-

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and dads yelled insults and

grannies waved their handbags").

National Comedy Theatre, an off-

Kramer says the two compare like

"rugby and American football"),

resembles an athletic event more

than an improv. Teams wear uni-

forms and compete on ActroTurf.

The night I caught the show, three

'challenge match" against players

from the San Jose franchise. Using

San Diego comedians played a

suggestions from the audience.

they played "Emotional Sympa-

and "Freeze Tag," with judges

awarding points to the best

thy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line,"

scenes. Klunkers and groaners got

booed; quick wit, rewarded (one

contest: people acknowledged

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verse ruled by dysfunctional deities). It's also talky. In the first two-thirds of Sledgehammer's production, the speeches last longer than the images and movements illustrating them. The images arrest, however, especially white silks and linens bleached by steep shafts of light, and strings of thread, entwined and clipped (like the one Ariadne gave to Theseus in the labyrinth; and the one Atropos, the third Fate, snips to end a life). The production fires up coming home. Robin Christ's Phaedra alternates from openness to silence, strength and fragility. In a well-modulated, honest, and deeply moving performance, Christ portrays the inexorable rending of a fractured heart.

Worth a try.

SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, ST. CE-CILIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1620 SIXTH AV-ENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTOBER 12: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. (NOTE: PHAEDRA IN DELIR-IUM BUINS IN REPERTORY WITH MEDEA, QUEEN OF COLCHESTER.) 619-544-1484

Proof

The San Diego Repertory Theatre opens its new season with David Auburn's 2001 Pulitzer Prize winner about an important mathematical proof and who invented it. Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed. (Please note: Proof opened last week. There's no review because a mean flu laid me low.) SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE. LYCEUM STAGE. 79 HORTON PLAZA. DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTOBER 26; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. TUESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000

Relatively Speaking

Alan Ayckbourn's early comedy relies heavily — at times mindbogglingly — on what isn't said. Greg wants to ask Ginny's parents for her hand in marriage. So he goes to an address on a matchbook. He meets Philip and Sheila. who aren't Ginny's folks (Philip's her former lover and employer). Because Greg assumes he's talking to Ginny's parents, miles of dramatic irony ensue. In a preview I saw, it took the North Coast Repertory Theatre a long time to get, and keep, rolling. A languid first scene and slow set change didn't help. Also, in Speaking, Ayckbourn was much more concerned with crafting

architecture - piling complications upon complications — than character. And a quality cast (including the ever-funny Brian Salmon and a seemingly innocent Susan Denaker as Philip and Sheila) wrestled with the script throughout. The production settled in, somewhat, when Marty Burnett's glorious set metamor-

phosed from Kansas to Oz. If you can accept Ayckbourn's avoidance of the obvious question - without shouting, "Greg, don't you see?" — and if the cast comes together, the production might be worth a visit down the road. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH THROUGH OCTOBER 26: THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Remains

Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company and Actors Alliance of San Diego present a staged reading of Seema Sueko's new play about the Israeli-Palestine conflict, asking, "Whose truth is true?" Robert May directed. ACTORS ALLIANCE OF SAN DIEGO, 3535

ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, THROUGH OCTO-BER 19; SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 858-573-9533.

Rough Crossing

Sandor Turai and Alex Gal have four and a half days — the time it'll take their ocean liner to go from England to New York - to write a musical comedy. Time's just one obstacle: a storm threatens, and young composer Adam vows to quit when his new love's unfaithful. Tom Stoppard adapted Rough Crossing from Ferenc Molnar's 1924 comedy Play About the Castle. Compared to Stoppard's Arcadia or The Coast of Utopia, Crossing's a busman's holiday piffle. But fun. Director Stan Wojewodski Jr. moves his cast at farce speed. And when the storm hits, on John Coyne's Art Deco set light fixtures flop and a stack of plates shimmies like a Slinky toy. It's hard to tell who's having more fun: Mark Nelson as a ship's steward/raisoneur with all the answers: or Alan Coates and Jennifer Roszell. As the romantic leads in the musical and ex-romantic leads in life, they get to break every rule of acting and ham to the heavens. Even with a strong cast and direction, the production nods on occasion. Bits that work in the first act succeed less in the second.





And the ending gains more from Katherine Roth's ersatz costumes (women in opened oyster shells and tall pirate ship hats) than a script that lets it down. Crossing melts in the mouth, but something does linger. Amid the hijinks Stoppard pays quiet tribute to collaboration. On the Atlantic, and in the theater, no one is an island. Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTO-BER 26: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" - two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" - five directors invented scenes, using the other

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four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (Improv) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art." Worth a try.

SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. 619-465-7469

A Soldier's Play

Community Actors Theatre stages Charles Fuller's Pulitzer Prize winner about a murder in a Louisiana Army camp ("The discovery of the murder is almost as shocking as the murder itself"). Willy Williams directed.

COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH STREET (ACROSS FROM THE OAK PARK FIRE STATION AND LIBRARY), COL-LEGE AREA, THROUGH NOVEMBER 2; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391.

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Tambourines to Glory

WORD TO THE WISE: Flovd Gaffney directed Langston Hughes' popular musical at the old Marquis Public Theater, and it was one of the hottest shows of the 1980s. Gaffney's new version closes this weekend (I would have reviewed it but got hit by a mean flu). RAY AND JOAN KROC CORPS COMMU

NITY CENTER, 6845 UNIVERSITY AV-ENUE, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH OCTO-BER 12: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-263-0062.

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 compan-

ions, 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 crackeriack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

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Last week 91X lost programming director Bryan Schock and KGB gained him. Schock is replaced at 91X by Jim



Richards, the locally based Clear Channel vice president who oversees the programming of 11 local Clear Channel stations and, now, the day-to-day programming of 91X.

A Clear Channel press release put a cheery spin on Schock's segue to KGB (also owned by the Clear Channel corporation, under which Schock has a contract), but an employee at a competing station suggests Schock's exit was a necessary move triggered by falling ratings

and decreasing ad revenue. This year marks the first time 91X has been topped in the ratings by a direct competitor, alternative rocker FM-94/9.

"Brvan Schock made a big point that 91X was not controlled by corporate suits and that nobody tells Bryan Schock how to program



SCHOCK MOVES TO THE EASTERN BLOC

he had at 91X. "In many ways classic rock is harder to program. It's difficult to get excited about 'Free Bird.' — Ken Leighton

Standing ten feet from the White Stripes

cost some concertgoers more than the price of admission Thursday, September 25, at UCSD's RIMAC Arena. Nicole Ludington, 19, an active U.S. Navy E2 fireman apprentice, was icing down a black eye at the venue after being hit by a female crowdsurfer. "I was just standing in the front," Ludington said. "I went to duck down and her

thigh smacked my head right into the railing." Ludington, who also suffered a blow to the nose, is stationed on the USS Tarawa at 32nd Street Naval Station.

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> "At least 30 people" were removed from the throng for crowd surfing, according to a StaffPro security guard at the venue. Asked what happens to such offenders, "We just take them back into the crowd," he said. I watched security guards

send the unruly ones around a railing and back into the crowd and

escort them

right, behind

off to the

that looks

something

like a cattle

marking off

all along the

front of the

stage. One

mosher dropped his

to return it to him.

disposable camera as he was

being escorted, and a security

A veteran of three White

guard actually ran after him

Stripes shows, all in the last

graly Gra

18 months in San Diego (the

chute

a metal railing an area about four feet wide

WHITE STRIPES - HAVOC AT RIMAC

others being at SOMA and

4th & B), Lora Watters, a San

Carlos resident, said the show

was definitely not the norm

a struggle like that," said

bruises on her arm after

Watters, 31, who suffered

being forced to the ground

of sweaty bodies. Watters

eventually made it to the

there, said she was just

do a fast song.'

front row. But once she got

"praying that they wouldn't

The crowd surfing grew

during a bone-crushing wave

for the band. "It's never been

especially volatile about halfway through the show, during Jack White's spoken word, a story about a pinball machine that played country music.

The venue was sold out, meaning it reached the nearly 5000-person capacity for special events and concerts, according to Zelda McLeish, UCSD assistant director for sports facilities. Also on the bill were the Soledad Brothers and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs. — Kristen Collier McLaughlin

Ilya, the local band that opened for Michelle Shocked at the Belly Up at the end of September, had three keyboards and three keyboardists in order to play a total of four notes at any one time. All that artillery looks good onstage, but the parts could have been played by one competent musician. It must have been for the drama of it.

There was a lot of drama onstage. A lot of writhing by lead singer Blanca Rojas, who has listened to more than her share of Björk CDs (although a friend told me that this style of singing is more recently attributable to Gollum in the Lord of the Rings movies). Rojas would speak any notes that she couldn't reach, but when she did use her head voice, she was often out of tune, usually sharp.

The six musicians in Ilya are very good at switching from one chord to another and acting as though it's

91X," said the competitor. "Isn't it ironic that he gets replaced by a regional vice president from Cincinnati?" "I've never worn a suit to work. I am first and foremost a programmer," said Richards. "I have not been in Cincinnati since 1998."

Richards would not specify any music changes he has in mind for 91X. He said there would be no DJ changes.

Richards suggested Schock may even have a bigger challenge at KGB than



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incredibly taxing, but only the drummer appears to be working. Minimalist musicians with maximal attitude. Here is a band that isn't afraid of empty space.

When she's not doing Björk, Rojas sings just like David Byrne when he did "Once in a Lifetime."

And уои тау ask yourself, well...how did I get here? Only Rojas sings, "And I ask

myself / How do I look and does it matter?" I

think the answer is pretty obvious. You gotta have something to look at when you have empty space.

Live trance music. You would have to be on drugs to enjoy this. Why Michelle Shocked would have a trance band open for her is beyond

me. The night's performance was part of the "Yellow Umbrella" tour, a benefit for cervical cancer sponsored by the ThinPrep pap test company Cytyc and magazine Pop Smear (a whole host of jokes there). And yes, there was a comedian, and he wasn't terrible, but the lecture about cervical cancer was hard to take. They should charge less than \$15 if the show includes a lecture.

The next band, the Skills of Ortega, was better. The singer (who had had cervical cancer and was the motivation behind the tour) had a good voice (some

ILYA WILL MAKE YA ILL

trouble with low notes), and

There were about 150 in

she sang and played the

keyboard simultaneously.

the audience, and the Belly

because the new owner has

removed the front overhang

seemed even more cavernous

Up (which can hold 600)

that made the entryway claustrophobic - it really opens up the place and was a good improvement to the building. I hate to see it wasted on a bad band.

It wasn't wasted on Michelle Shocked. Alone onstage, she was more animated than either of the previous bands. To see a consummate musician like Shocked in such an intimate setting, with no one standing in front of me, was a powerful moment. I felt sad that there wasn't a crowd for her. Her singing was commanding, and she has that sound, kind of like Elvis, where her vibrato acts as its own reverb. She sang with gusto, even for the small group there who sang along with the songs when she invited them. Many knew all the words.

If you want to see Michelle Shocked next, you'll have to go to the University of Wyoming at Laramie this coming Monday. However, if you prefer to be tortured, Ilya is playing October 9 at the Casbah and October 14 at the San Diego Music Awards. — Jennifer Ball

"I've gone two weeks without washing my hair."

When he's home, Dominick Moscatello usually washes out his spiked "Liberty Mohawk" before bed. But the Mower lead

singer says his single row of five spikes stays up when he's on the road.

Mohawk grooming involves shaving the nonspiked part of his scalp twice a week.

Some rockers use Aquanet hairspray for their action figure hairdo. Moscatello prefers gelatin.

"You get four packs of Knox gelatin and a quarter cup of water. You heat it in the microwave for 30 seconds and mix it up. If it gets too chunky, you add a little bit more water to it. You put it in your hair immediately." Longtime

Mohawked-rocker Tim Armstrong of Rancid also says he uses Knox to keep his spikes in place. But Moscatello learned about it from someone else.

"I was in Breckenridge, Colorado. I was 16. Me and my buddy dropped a couple hits of acid, lifted this abandoned car, and drove to Boston, New York, and D.C. We were hanging at an oi fest in D.C. in '92 or '93. One of the guys there had liberty spikes. He used tar and shellac. His hair wasn't going anywhere. You could kill somebody with those. I asked him how I could do that without keeping it permanent. He told me about

Knox.'

Local bands Mix Mob, Disabled Youth, and the Shitgiveits also have spiky



members. Josh Gehlbach, lead singer of Money \$hot, said he just cut his spiked Mohawk after a year, but it had nothing to do with his job as a claims adjuster for an insurance company.

"I went back East, and I didn't want to scare my mom," said Gehlbach. "Every time I didn't wear it up at work, the other employees were disappointed. They said, 'Where's your spikes?' Even the boss was cool with it. I'm

growing it out again."

Gehlbach said he uses a product sold at hair salons called Ice Spiker Glue. "It's \$12.50 a bottle. It comes out of the tube just like glue and comes with temporary colors. It washes right out."

Mower's Moscatello said he has worn his hair Mohawked for 11 years. "It's timeless.

Mower, whose first fulllength CD is out October 21, appears Saturday at Blind Melons. Admission is \$7. Money \$hot opens for Fear at Brick by Brick October 18. Admission is \$12. – Ken Leighton

Of 261 lawsuits filed by

the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) on September 8 for illegally swapping copyrighted songs over the Web, 15 were in Orange County and none in San Diego County.

That could change in the coming weeks.

"Our ultimate goal is to file lawsuits in every jurisdiction across the country," says the RIAA's director of communications, Jonathan Lamy, on September 26. "We will be filing more lawsuits in additional jurisdictions in the weeks ahead."

In its recent slate of suits, the RIAA targeted those who shared 1000 or more songs through peer-to-peer (P2P)







file-sharing services Grokster and KaZaA. Though the RIAA initially said fines for illegal swapping could run as high as \$150,000 per copyrighted song, settlements in 52 of the 261 suits announced September 29 averaged between \$3000 and \$4000. The last suit filed by the RIAA in San Diego County was against MP3.com

prosecution by signing and notarizing an affidavit stating that they will not illegally download more songs, they will delete all illegally garnered songs from their computer and other electronic devices, and they agree not to illegally download or share music in the future (those already being sued by the RIAA are not eligible for amnesty). Speaking with Ed Hahn,

RIAA spokesman, I asked about downloading old and

obscure songs. "I think generally it takes, like, 96 years before something actually passes into the public domain," says Hahn. "So if you're talking about something from 30

I have deleted from my computer(s) copyrighted sound recordings illegally down uploaded/distributed) using P2P Networks, recordings I have in any format (including (illegal downloading, copying, or "sharing" (sound recordings on P2P Networks.

Provided that I have in fact deleted portable devices) all copyrighted sound recc

in 2000.

For file-sharers fretting litigation, the RIAA announced its "Clean Slate" program last month, where those who illegally download music can gain amnesty from

years ago, chances are it probably isn't. If it's in the public domain...you don't have to worry about it." After notarizing a Clean Slate document, Hahn savs it must then be mailed to the

CLEAN SLATE PROGRAM



"Clean Slate Coordinator" in Washington, D.C. "You won't receive notification. You might send it by certified mail so that you can get a receipt back so that you know that we've actually gotten it."

San Diego-based intellectual property rights attorney Matthew A. Becker says he's not too familiar with the Clean Slate program, but he fears, "It kind of puts you on the radar screen" for other copyright holders outside of the RIAA to seek damages.

Asked if signing the affidavit would prevent others outside the RIAA umbrella from suing, Lamy concedes, "We can only bind who we can bind. Obviously other copyright holders, such as the songwriters, have an

ability to file a lawsuit - but no one else has said they have any intention of filing a lawsuit right now.'

As of September 29, the Associated Press reported that 838 people had allegedly requested amnesty, according to the RIAA.

— Pat Sherman

Famous people who will be in the San Diego area this week:

David Cassidy, who is 53, could turn up at an area Roberto's around the time he plays Pala Casino Resort on October 11. Interviewed backstage at Del Mar, June 26, he complained, "I never get to do anything here [in San Diego]. I flew in from a Florida show today, and I

have to catch a redeye to Jersey tonight so I can't even go on any rides! Next time I'm here, I swear I'm gonna at least take a cab to a taco shop." (Quoted on www.angelfire.com/celeb/dcass

idyfan) Anthony Kiedis, who'll

turn 41 two weeks after appearing with the Red Hot Chili Peppers at Coors Amphitheatre on October 14, reports he was once "rescued" by lifeguards at La Jolla Cove, June 2001, along with former Felicity actress Keri Russell. I asked him, "What

happened with the lifeguards?" and he replied, "Those guys down there think they're rock stars or something. Four or five of us

were swimming not too far out [from shore], and this lifeguard comes cruising up on a surfboard and says, 'There's a riptide; it's gonna be really hard to swim back in.' We were in absolutely no danger, but he had us grab his board and pulled us in, and then the beach was full of these Baywatch wannabees, and reporters were calling me, and it became a big deal that made all the papers.' (Phone interview, September 2001.)— Jay Allen Sanford

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bstract Logic" at Porter's Pub, on the UCSD campus, is a Thursday night open-mike hip-hop night that brings out area DJs, musicians, performance artists, lyricists, spoken-word poets (a.k.a. rappers). On the night I attend, three-quarters

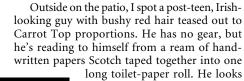
of the participants are white males. Seven guys have co-opted ta-

bles and chairs throughout the

room to set up and fiddle with their gear. A twentysomething black guy with a long braided beard (no mustache) and a shaved skull (by the time his photo is taken, he sports an Afro) is testing his Yamaha DX7 keyboard with sampled voice tracks loaded to play at his touch. I wasn't aware that such a vintage instrument was good for laying down hip-hop tracks. I mention this, and the guy introduces himself as "Kev-4Play' (that's what he writes in my notebook).

In answer to my question, he says, "Yeah, but it weighs, like, a half pound, and it's got mad beats...drum tracks, vocal snaps, orchestra hits, and everything I need.... I just hook up my master blaster," he says, indicating an Ampeg bass amp that's at least 15 years old, "with a mike," whereupon he plugs his microphone in, "and I'm rollin' out the rhymes.'

He launches into beat-backed rap that lasts ten seconds before he's shushed by fellow contestants and patrons.



like David Caruso in a wig. I hear his solo a cappella rap later — an amphetamine-paced

verbal barrage that appears to be about McDonald's, Iraq, the San Diego Police Department, something about Britney Spears's panties, and...Vikings? Hard to tell - his enunciation is hampered by the way he inserts the microphone partway down his esophagus. Is this hip-hop, I wonder?

"Rap isn't synonymous with hip-hop," DJ EVS tells me. His real name is Evan McGinnis, and he is part of the three-piece Mission Infinite.

"I think KRS-ONE [a social/political rapper, co-founder of Boogie Down Productions] defined it best: 'Rap is something you do, hip-hop is something you live.' Rap is the style of how you compose your words, the rhyming and rhythm. Kind of like scat. Hip-hop is how you talk...how you wear your clothes, more of the lifestyle.'

It doesn't surprise McGinnis that most people lump rap and hip-hop together. "I think people will see what they want to see. Since mainstream rap music is all about being a gangster and having shiny cars and watches, that's all the people know, because it's all over MTV and the radio."

Public perception makes it hard to get local gigs because promoters, venue owners, and booking agents have the impression that rap and hip-hop shows are synonymous with violence. After a stabbing murder took place in the Coors VIP parking lot during an October 2002 Nelly concert, it's hard to downplay the concern.

"The best thing about the San Diego scene is that it still exists at all," says Mission Infinite "rhyme master" Eye Focus. He says he's never seen anything unduly violent at a

hip-hop show but admits that things can get pretty wild. "We did a show at the Boars Cross'n Bar [in Carlsbad], and while I was doing my verse for 'Champion Sound,' some lady in her late 30s came up to the stage and handed me a drink. Then she just

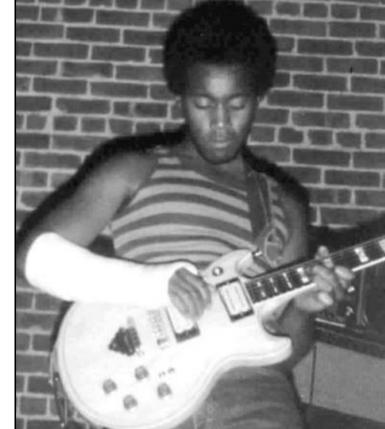
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lifted up her dress, showed her jewels, and started wildin' out. She was so drunk.2

"All I know is that I looked up and saw her ghostly flapping white ass and her nasty mint green granny panties," says DJ EVS. "I almost

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forgot what I was doing onstage.'

Twenty-seven-year-old John Cornett writes the content for sandiegoundaground.com, an online hip-hop e-zine. He admits the hip-hop nation hasn't planted many longstanding flags in Southern California soil. "I would say about three or four years ago, the local hip-hop scene was really in high speed with a lot of local groups putting out albums and doing shows all over San Diego, and there were hip-hop functions being held every weekend. There was always something to do. Now you really have to be involved in the scene to know what's happening.'

When asked, Kev-4Play emails me a set of lyrics that directly address his experiences in the San Diego scene. "Slart-ibartfast" is slated to be performed at Porter's on the UCSD campus October 16.

"Spacey-O, Oreo, Wendy Whitebread on a niggah roll, Workin' the Trax, Brother

gotcha ace in the Hole When ya bangbang, yin-



ying, tippin' the scales While they be trippin' with

I can't afford no fuckin' Sea

Cuz I barely made bail!"

gotta feel in your soul," vol-

unteers Kev-4Play. "And, I tell

you what, you ain't black, so

you ain't got the soul; you ain't

never gonna feel it. I mean, re-

ally, really feel it, you know

what I'm sayin'?" Pause. "Re-

ally." Pause. "You say this clear

so I don't sound like some

kinda fuckin' racist, but the

reason San Diego's so-called

hip-hop scene is lame is be-

cause it's so-o-o white."

"Hip-hop's something ya

whales.

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Another piece e-mailed to me by Kev-4Play is entitled "You Lite Up My Pipe."

Lite the Pizzo, burn the pipe, aight, aight

Rocky rules the ghetto, dimebag Gepetto Make you feel like REAL

boyz But they got serious toyz,

get the lead out, ballzout, headzup

AK-47 spray the night. Cha lite yer pipe and it's all right,

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of city, right? So you're gonna see a lot of white guys slangin' hip-hop. That's lamelop, fer shizzle; the whole fuckin' thing makes it too fuckin' white, too fuckin' Blondie.... I call it

Fo Zample

why I'm mean

sho nuff.

Fo Zample

Yo, ah got hah hopes, hah

Got ho over, whatever, ho

muff, ho ball o wax an stuff,

Fo Zample ah said nuff.

Kev tells me, "San Diego, I

mean, it's expensive; a yuppie,

yacht club, rich bitch, paint-

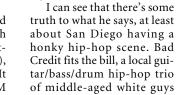
ho hum who cares

spectations, hah head, ja know

turning gabba to Abba, you sayin'?" know what I'm sayin'?"

"Gabba" is an extreme kind of hardcore, a fast 4/4 beat with the bass low so that walls rattle (along with your bones), and it sonicates your organs. It can run up to 400 or 500 BPM (beats per minute). "Abba" is, of course, the band.

Kev-4Play also says, "You go to any other city, hip-hop is gonna be a black thing, you know what I'm sayin'? At least on the performance side.... White kids'll listen to the shiznit, but the shot callers [top



who call their craft "finan-

cial rap.³ "It's a different kind of hiphop," says Dr. Cliff Mixtable. "It's not about girls, unless the girl owes you money." The group's lyrics are inspired by subjects like Wall Street Jour*nal* articles and personal bank statements, with song titles such as "Balance Your Checkbook" and "Bill Gates Owes Me Five Bucks."

Yo, I got the dough and I'll spend it on a whim

'cause I got more cash than an ATM.

Don't give me no check or no COD,

I want cold hard cash, show me the mo-ney!

Listening to Bad Credit, I feel that at least I've discovered what hip-hop is not. The band's flyer says they were "the only hip-hop group voted one of the Top 10 Best New [local] Bands in the December 24, 2002, issue of San Diego's City Beat magazine.3

I mention this to 4Play.

"Yo," he says disdainfully, "that's what I'm telling ya.... Gabba to Abba."



talent] dropping beats on the

street, DJing, rapping, graffing

[which he tells me is "bomb-

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ucinda Williams isn't getting any more interesting. Her mannerisms are hardening land becoming more prominent. But Ms. Williams remains the most interesting, audacious, intelligent, and intense performer of popular music in America, which isn't saying a great deal these days, but is saying a fair bit.

Her new collection, World Without Tears, is about on a par with her last collection, Essence, which means it has several terrific songs and a number of indifferent ones. She does seem, however, to be getting more and more lugubrious in subject matter, arrangements, and delivery and is in danger of becoming an honorary member of the Cowboy Junkies (whom I rather like in small doses). I mean, how many times can a woman get left to boo-hoo all by

herself in a mere 13 tracks? Gimme a break: if she's running that many blokes through the courtyard, she's one awfully sentimental lady.

But that's what country music basically is: sentimental. Romantic loss is the chief subject of most popular music, with romantic found a close second.

One tends not to hear songs about the trade deficit or the Padres' middle-relief pitching very often.

Having said all that, few popular artists who come to mind (in

my listening lifetime) come across so distinctively and with as much heat as Lucinda Williams in her treatment of song material. Nor is any popular artist capable of such surprising turns. This girl can really sneak up on you and give you a big slap on the side of the head. At her best, no one else comes close.

No Lucinda Williams album has more than

Lucinda Williams

REVIEW

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will have Lucinda Williams's talent or pluck. Be that as it may, I wonder if Ms. Williams is her own best producer. World Without Tears (co-produced by Mark Howard), like her previous work, is uneven, and there's

three or four memorable songs, not a single one.

Of course, they just about all do, and that's saying

quite a bit, but it would be nice to have an album

of hers that's first rate all the way through. It's ask-

ing a lot, I realize, but she's got a lot going. Williams

has produced or co-produced her collections and

has fought the good fight for artis-

tic control, sacrificing dollars and

even larger celebrity in the process.

She is a beacon of integrity and high

standards in a low, stupid, rapa-

cious industry that jumps at the fast

buck and lowest common denom-

inator like a shark at fresh blood.

Ms. Williams's courage and fortitude

should serve as a model for talented

young singer-songwriters whose

ambitions go beyond a quick score,

but it is unlikely that any of them

wells of loneliness and despair — the artist goes to more readily (and often with the same treatment) than she might. She goes to the well very attractively, mind you, and with an

empty vessel for sorrow balanced provocatively on her hip. But if you position yourself by that well, just out of eyesight, behind some trees, you won't have to wait very long for Lucinda to turn up.

This is more than a quibble, this is a problem, and it's a problem that seems to be getting more noticeable. I believe it might be remedied - and

by a strong hand, not necessarily Lucinda Williams's own. But my sense of the lady is that she is a tigress, and her songs are her musical cubs, and anyone who messes with them will get his or her hand bitten off. But I think this artist could come up with a better mix of material. She's more than up to it.

A Lucinda Williams "best of " would blast most

anyone else's "best of " off the blocks. Country-folk-rock equivalents such as Linda Ronstadt, Nanci Griffith, Iris DeMent, Emmylou Harris - none of them, talented as they may be, are in the same league with Williams. Really, for her kind of intensity you'd have to go back to early electric Dylan. Dylan is the larger artist, more various, imaginative, and highly colored than Williams, but not too many others would be comparable in terms of savagery and weight. Dylan, I should imagine, was a primary influence - Delta blues, country, Cajun, ur-folk notwithstanding. Leonard Cohen, too. Leonard Cohen's

'Famous Blue Raincoat" is one of 16 songs Williams has chosen for her compilation Artist's Choice, what looks to be a series for Hear Music of Universal Music Enterprises. Others in the series are Ray Charles and Yo-Yo Ma, who provide interesting selections of what sort of music they really go for.

Like her own discs, the Lucinda Williams choices

are a mixed bag, but they tell us quite a bit about her musical enthusiasm and models. Of course, when a popular artist puts into the public arena such a collection, there are any number of rationales behind her selections, not all of them obvious. Ouite apart from giving us a cross-section of the music she most likes to listen to, she might be giving us a cross-section of what she'd like us to believe she

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listens to, or what she'd like other musicians to believe she listens to. For instance, maybe she listens to Linda Ronstadt all day and night (I somehow doubt

Bob Dylan

it) but doesn't like Linda for some reason, so to hell with having any Linda Ronstadt on board. This would not be what they had in mind for Lucinda at Hear Music, if you see what I mean.

In any event, the artists include the Band, Gregg Allman, Patty Griffin, Anne McCue, Tex Perkins, Leonard Cohen, Paul Westerberg, Yo La Tengo, Nina Simone, John Coltrane, Ryan Adams, Chuck



Prophet, Judy Collins, Ron Sexsmith, Chet Baker, and João Gilberto. Nina Simone's "Don't Explain" is the pick of the litter, but I had forgotten just how good Leonard Cohen's "Famous Blue Raincoat" really is. I think it's his best. "It Makes No Difference," a late composition and performance by the Band, holds up very well. And Coltrane never sounded more convincing on a ballad than on

"Say It (Over and Over Again)." A number of the other choices vary from not very interesting to crap, but Lucinda Williams is unpredictable, and that's why she's Lucinda Williams and not Mariah Carey.

Incidentally, for those of you who haven't had a proper taste of Ms. Williams and would like to stick your toes in the water, try Lucinda Williams, a 1988 compilation. She's 15 years younger here and not quite so despondent. It's quite lively, really; surprisingly so if you're only acquainted with the later material. And if you go for lively Lucinda, you've got a dandy here, one of my all-time favorites by anybody: "I Just Wanted to See You So Bad," which has a secure spot on my desertisland tape.

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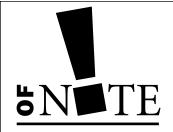
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BY DAVE GOOD

Last weekend I hunkered down with friends in the bar at a local blues show, and soon enough, talk turned to our favorite guitarists. It is yet another way in which guys one-up each other, guitars being central to the whole rock-blues image. Even though there is musically nothing left to discover on guitar, we still remember every note of the great performances.

We're not alone. In September. Rolling Stone published its list of the 100 greatest guitarists of all time. It was a flawed list, as my friends pointed out over beers, always generous with their educated opinions, but guitar appreciation is not always a guy thing. It was a woman who later wrote the lengthiest and perhaps most eloquent criticism of the magazine's shortsighted rankings.

That said, a couple of major guitar slingers will headline the San Diego Blues Festival this year. Jimmy Thackery and Tab Benoit each work in the white-boy blues genre - in this case, rock cover-band veterans who came to the blues later in life. Thackery interned with Muddy Waters; Benoit chanced to hear a Buddy Guy recording that changed his thinking. Today, Thackery has a gravel pit for a voice and a load of shuffles in his back pocket. His approach to live guitar is all big tone and long, fat sustain. In contrast

his recordings are heavy into R&B — he's a much different animal onstage. But it is Benoit, I think, who has a little more soul in the bank. I hear a lot of herky-jerky Michael Bloomfield in the hard chop of his playing. and a deeper blues tradition runs through his vocals. It's not hard to believe Benoit, for example, when he sings, "Lord, turn on the love light / Before I go blind." They have



worked together before, and they can make the sparks fly. Thackery and Benoit may never make a list like Rolling Stone's, but they are always remembered wherever real fans gather over bar counters.

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B.B. King [104]: Pechanga Entertainment Center, Friday October 10, 45000 Pala Road. Temecula. 888-732-4264.

Keali'i Reichel: Humphrev's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 10, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Lucy's Fur Coat [320] and the Millionaires [416]: The Casbah, Friday, October 10, 9 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

SATURDAY

Joe Satriani [529], Steve Vai [532], and Yngwie Malmsteen [541]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, October 11, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

David Cassidy: Grand Cabaret, Saturday, October 11, Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497 Paul Weller: 4th & B, Saturday, October 11. 345 B Street, downtown

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77: The Casbah, Saturday, October 11, 10 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355 'Gator by the Bay — the San

Diego Cajun-Zydeco Festival" featuring Theo & the Zydeco Patrol [929], the San Diego Cajun Playboys [997], the Bayou Brothers [948], and more: Bayside Marina Park, Saturday, October 11, and Sunday, October 12, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Chula Vista. 619-234-8612.

SUNDAY

Mya and Javier: 4th & B, Sunday, October 12, 345 B Street, downtown 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

"KSON Countryfest IV" with Lonestar [283], Ronnie Milsap, Jo Dee Messina [288], Joe Nichols, Dierks Bentley, Jennifer Hanson, and **Jimmy Wayne**: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 12, 3 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

MONDAY

Godsmack [159] and Adema [279]: SOMA, Monday, October 13, 7 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

The Red Hot Chili Peppers [295], the Flaming Lips [296], and Mike Watt [140]: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, October 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Raekwon, Black Moon, C-Rayz Walz, and Ice Water: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, October 14, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

OCTOBER

Lynyrd Skynyrd [297]: Pechanga Entertainment Center, Thursday October 16, 45000 Pala Road, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

Aerosmith [591], Kiss, and Saliva: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Art Alexakis (of Everclear): 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo [190]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, October 16, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

James Taylor [863]: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, October 17, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The Waifs: California Center for the Arts, Friday, October 17, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band [302]: Grand Cabaret, Saturday, October 18, Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

John Prine [819]: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, October 18, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Bronco: San Diego Convention Center, Saturday, October 18, downtown, 619-525-5678.

"Bang Your Head Festival" with King Diamond, Entombed, and more: 4th & B, Sunday, October 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Berlin: 4th & B, Friday, October 24, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Luis Miguel [282]: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, October 25, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Eddie Money [303]: Grand Cabaret, Saturday, October 25, Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala, 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Aterciopelados: 4th & B, Saturday, October 25, 345 B Street, downtown 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Saves the Day [218], Taking Back Sunday, and Moneen: SOMA, Saturday, October 25, 7 p.m., 3350

Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Kid Koala: The Cashah, Saturday October 25, two shows, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Guided by Voices [120], the Sultans, and the Von Bondies: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, October 25, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Candy Dulfer & Funky

Stuff [647]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Sunday, October 26, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

The Queens of the Stone Age [521] and the Distillers: RIMAC Arena, Wednesday, October 29, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Social Distortion [321]: 4th & B, Wednesday, October 29, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Deftones [280]: SOMA, Friday, October 31, 6:30 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497

Rocket from the Crypt [237]: The Casbah, Friday, October 31, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

NOVEMBER

Liz Phair [305], Wheat, and Katy Rose: 4th & B, Saturday, November 1, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Alejandro Guzman: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, November 1, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

AFI [329] and Death by Stereo: RIMAC Arena, Saturday, November 1, 8 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Crystal Gayle [603]: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, November 1, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

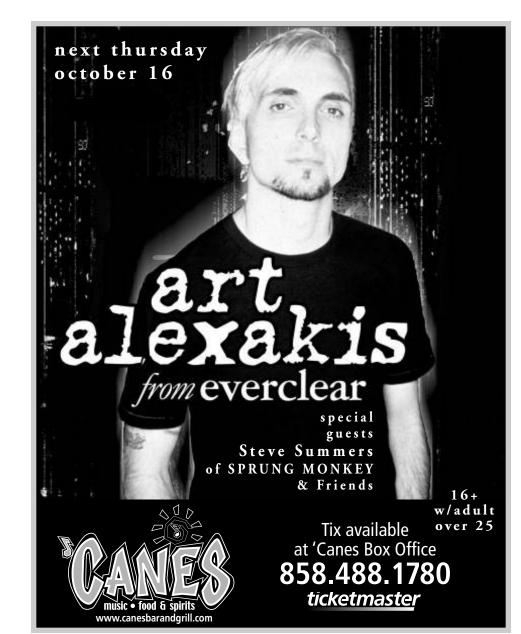
The Billy Bob Thornton Band: Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, November 2, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Echo & the Bunnymen [145]: 4th & B, Tuesday, November 4, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Little Richard [533]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, November 6, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Blue Öyster Cult: Pechanga Entertainment Center, Friday, November 7, 45000 Pala Road, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

Switchfoot [103], Sleeping at Last, and Bleu: SOMA, Friday November 7, 6 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.



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"Ganeshfest 2003" with Underminded [272], Rocket from the Crypt [237], Causeway, Hornswaggled, Pepper, Agent 51, the Classified, Death on Wednesday, 18 Bonez, Pivit, and more: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, November 8, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The Young Dubliners [438]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, November 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

matchbox twenty [284] and Fountains of Wayne [285]: Cox Arena, Sunday, November 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

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Simon & Garfunkel: Cox Arena, Saturday, November 15, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

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Bret Michaels: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, November 15, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach.

858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497. **Spiritualized** [203] and the **Soledad Brothers:** 4th & B, Saturday, November 15, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or

619-220-8497. **Chava Alberstein:** Mandeville Auditorium, Sunday, November 16, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Michael McDonald [588]: 4th & B, Tuesday, November 18, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Roy Clark [782]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Tuesday, November 18, two shows, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Cowboy Mouth [612] and **Cracker** [502]: 4th & B, Wednesday, November 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-221-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Cesaria Evora: UCSD Price Center, Wednesday, November 19, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Indigenous: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, November 20, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Slayer [405], Hatebreed [446], Arch Enemy [313], and OTEP [323]: 4th & B, Friday, November 21, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Peter Cincotti: 4th & B, Saturday, November 22, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Alkaline Trio [345], Reggie & the Full Effect, and No Motiv [341]: SOMA, Monday, November 24, 6 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Béla Fleck & the Flecktones: Spreckels Theatre, Tuesday, November 25, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Good Charlotte, Goldfinger, and **Eve 6** [317]: Cox Arena, Wednesday, November 26, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Davy Jones: Grand Cabaret, Saturday, November 29, Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

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Charlie Daniels [777] and the Kelly Bowlin Band: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, December 4, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Willie Nelson [768]: 4th & B, Saturday, December 6, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Chris Cagle: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, December 11, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

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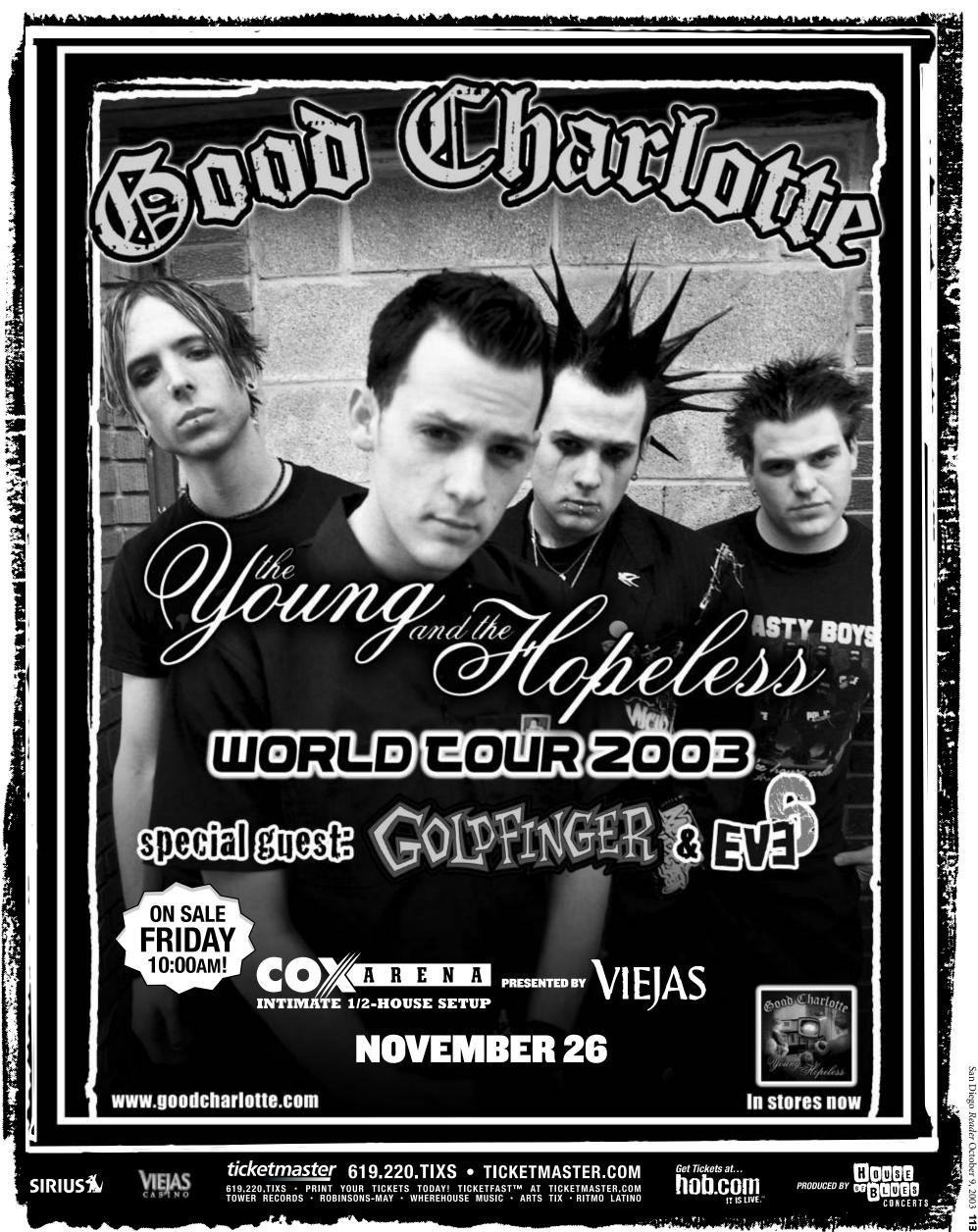
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ALTERNATIVE

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C-Rayz Walz: Belly Up Tavern Calla: The Scene ChChChHaHaHa: Soma The Cuts: California Club The David Patrone Quartet [274]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp) Death on Wednesday: Epicentre The Disco Pimps: 5ifth Qtr. DJ Bob One: Neimans Bar and Grill DJ Weezee: Brick By Brick Dr. Chunk: Epicentre Feather Gun: California Club Foil: Victor's Restaurant & Bar, Blind Melons Fono: The Kensington Club Forgetten Space: Tio Leo's Lounge Frank the Baptist: Brick By Brick Frank N. Stein: Brick By Brick Freedom: Victor's Restaurant & Bar The Glossines [134]: The Casbah Godsmack [159]: Soma Juliana Hatfield [207]: The Casbah Horse Power: Brick By Brick Ice Water, Inc.: Belly Up Tavern Ilya [204]: The Casbah Inure: The Kensington Club Kulturwar: Epicentre Longtime Coming: Epicentre Longwave: The Scene Lualta [124]: The Kensington Club Lucy's Fur Coat [320]: The Casbah Mikey's Attic: Soma Mower [239]: Blind Melons The Mystic Ensemble: Victor's

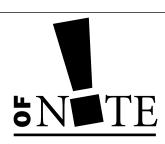
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Name Taken: Epicentre

The Blood Suit: Brick By Brick

Bouncing Souls [332]: Soma

Butterfly: Victor's Restaurant & Bar



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Marshall Crenshaw isn't cool the way Leonard Cohen is cool. He's not respected the way Elvis Costello is respected. He's not a staple of classic-rock radio or a favorite of the retro crowd. But if you're a fan of popular music, it's hard not to like Marshall Crenshaw. He's a fan, too. In fact, he may be more famous as a fan than as a songwriter.

Crenshaw got his big break playing John Lennon in a touring musical called *Beatlemania*. He played Buddy Holly in the Ritchie Valens biopic *La Bamba*. He put together the excellent compilation album *Hillbilly Music*, *Thank God!* He edited the book *Hollywood Rock: A Guide to Rock 'n' Roll in the Movies*. He has written liner notes for albums like a

Ivan Neville [293]: 4th & B No Way Out: Epicentre Noise God: Brick By Brick Gregory Page [186]: The Ould Sod Papa M: The Casbah The Pieces: The Casbah Pig Iron: Brick By Brick Plural: The Casbah Pocket: Humphrey's Portable: Winstons Psychedelic Breakfast: Winstons Raekwon: Belly Up Tavern Ragsy: Winstons Safety: Winstons Rick Nelson best-of and Rhino's *Poptopia* powerpop compilations. He has covered '60s classics like "Walk Away Renee" and rockabilly obscurities like "Endless Sleep." On his new album he covers Prince and Bootsy Collins. Along the way, Cren-

shaw has written and recorded his own songs too. His biggest hit was 20 years ago, on his debut album ("Someday, Someway"), but he's written a ridiculous number of good and even brilliant songs since then, including "Cynical Girl," "Television Light,"

to get overshadowed by the artists to whom he

pays tribute. I'd guess he doesn't get too

upset about that. He's a fan, after all.

Sasha: Victor's Restaurant & Bar

Shimshi & the Natural: Victor's

Silver Sunshine: California Club

Simply Complex [233]: Tio Leo's

Skydiver: The Kensington Club

The Sleeping People: The Casbah

Jillin Speer: Victor's Restaurant &

Second Thought: Epicentre

Shonen Knife: The Casbah

Sin Sin 77: The Casbah

Some Girls: The Casbah

Soulive [265]: 4th & B

Restaurant & Bar

way"), but he's written a ridiculous number of good and even brilliant songs since then, including "Cynical Girl," "Television Light," and "You're My Favorite Waste of Time." Of course, he's like Nick Lowe, Dave Edmunds, and a lot of other roots-oriented singer-songwriters in that he isn't very marketable these days. What's more, his accomplishments tend

Spitalfield: Epicentre

Swindle: Soma

Stone Cake: California Club

Strike Anywhere: Soma

Tea Leaf Green: Winstons

Themselves: The Casbah

Trancezendance: Victor's

Via Satellite: The Casbah

The Viewmasters: California Club

31 Knots: The Casbah

Restaurant & Bar

Vision: Soma

A Vital Few: Soma

Paul Weller: 4th & B

Wick: Blind Melons



(To hear a sample of **Marshall Crenshaw**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4536.)

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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

The Atomic Punks: 'Canes Bar & Grill Avalanche: On The Rocks Bender: Bub's Whiskey Dive Big Sound: Surf N'Saddle

BTO: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille **Butron:** Tiki House

Marshall Crenshaw [536]: The Casbah

DJ Beer: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub



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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

DJ Frances: Martini Ranch (Encinitas) DJ Jalil: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

DJ T: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub DJ Tone Capone: Martini Ranch (Encinitas

DJ Tony A: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

The Electric Waste Band:

The Flat Out Liars: The Kraken The Fryday Band: Tiki House Full Xposure: Dirk's Niteclub

Green Eggs & Sam: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Joev Harris: Tio Leo's Lounge Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's The Iron Maidens: 'Canes Bar &

Irradio [464]: The Kensington Club

The Jackson 3: Carvers, Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa), The Branded Oak, McP's Irish Pub and Grill Jefferson Jay [430]: Lestat's

Jumpstart: Island Sports & Spirits Kramers Rule: Winstons Lake Trout: Belly Up Tavern Magdalene [443]: Brick By Brick Married by Elvis: Surf N'Saddle Mass Transit: Pal Joey's The Millionaires [416]: The Casbah Not Since Reagan: Winstons The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and

Powerthud: Tio Leo's Lounge Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort Reflex: Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa)

Rockola: Cannibal Bar, Humphrey's Serious Guise: Second Wind (San Carlos) 6one9: Second Wind (Santee) **The Stepping Stones:** Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

Streetheart: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

The Lee Taylor Band: The Metaphor Coffeehou The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II 3 Against 1 [456]: Winstons Three Simple Words:

Triple X: Bub's Whiskey Dive Tubby: Blind Melons

Viva Santana: Humphrey's West of 5 [505]: The Kraken Raven White's Rock & Roll Horror Show: The Metaphor

The Christy Wilson Band: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Carol Ames [619]: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise The Heroes: Viejas Casino Leviticus: La Valencia Hotel The Love Rangers: The Alley Makai: Humphrey's The New Breed Band: The Alley, Dick's Last Resort

Pacific Brass & Electric: Viejas



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CLIENTELE ➤ average age, early 20s; 90% Caucasian, 10% Asian; 70% female

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HOURS ➤ Typhoon Saloon: Wednesday-Sunday 9:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.: Big Bertha's Restaurant, in front, is open 11:30 a.m.-2:00 a.m. every day (and has music) **DRINKS** > On tap: Pear Cider, Sam

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Jack Pollack: Elario's Bistro & Sky

Risa: Princess Pub & Grille Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits The Young Blood Brass Band:

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DRESS ➤ manager told me dress code is only enforced Wednesday through Sunday, and that means "No hats. beanies. or T-shirts. depending on the T-shirt." DANCE FLOOR ➤ 25' by 25' FIRE EXITS ➤ three (two going out to Garnet, one in the back) **BATHROOMS** ➤ men's had eight urinals, two stalls, and a bathroom attendant with seven different items

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado John Cain [703]: Hotel del

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Onyx The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and

Jo Dark: The German-American

Delta Nove: Winstons

Donnie Finnell & Co. East: Bistro

for sale; women's had four stalls; both had two sinks, big mirrors. were clean, and graffiti free **CAPACITY** > 682 (which includes the restaurant)

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ restaurant has

a large section with no roof, so you're allowed to smoke without going outside

FURNISHINGS \succ two pool tables, three bars (one near the stage with a thatch roof, giving it a beach look like the restaurant); four tables upstairs (you can see the band from there), some tables downstairs, but it's hard to see the band (you can't see the band from the restaurant either, but you can hear them)

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 129 during a cover of "Welcome to the Jungle": 95 dBs last week at the Whistle Stop Bar

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN

LAST MONTH ➤ Green Eggs and Sam

QUOTABLE ➤ I asked a person in

The Cynthia Hammond Trio: La Costa Tournament of Champions Lounge

Bill Harris: Hotel del Coronado Fred Heath & the Slidewinders: Bayou Bar & Grill

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronad

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del

Rick James: Dizzy's

Lady Dottie & the Sliders: Bayou Bar & Grill

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado Gary LeFebvre: Dizzy's

The Ledesma Brothers: The Latin

line, at around midnight, why he'd wait in such a long line (at least 60 people) to get in. He said, "Well, I wait in line at Disneyland for an hour to ride Space Mountain."

The band Metal Shop has been playing here every Wednesday for a year. Their singer fronts the Van Halen tribute band Atomic Punks (and also played a rocker in a Visa commercial). Metal Shop does a Spinal Tap thing where they act like dumb heavy metal guys. They talk about what they are going to do to the women in the front row, how they want to see "boobies" (and sometimes they are shown some by the crowd). Between banter, they do covers of all the 1980s metal bands. One fan told me, "They sound just like the record."

Actually, the singer sounds better than Axl Rose. –Josh Board

Joe Marillo [645]: Elario's Bistro & ounge, Dizzy' The Jared Mattson Trio: La Costa Coffee Roasting Co Sean McVicker: Elario's Bistro & Jerry Melnick: Rancho Bernardo

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar Dave Millard: Dizzy's Tom Mylett: Dizzy's Mystique: Jimmy Love's Mike Nelson: Lodge Torrey Pines Nostalgia: Kalahari Cafe The People's Republic of Jazz: Miracles Cafe



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Coronado

EXTENSION 4005

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

Blue Largo [636]: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Patrick's II

Calima: Friars Folly Wine Cellar

Carl Evans: Humphrey's



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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Jazz Bar **Rick Ross:** Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

4 Samba Jazz: The Calypso Cafe Richard Samuels: The Calypso Cafe The San Diego Concert Jazz

Band: The Inn Suites Dylan Savage: Dizzy's

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Ron Siegrist Trio: The Doubletree Hotel (Del Mar) Reggie Smith & Pressed for

Time: Jimmy Love's Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald

Joe Tarrantino: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

3rd Track: Jimmy Love's **The Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson**

Jazz Quartet: Tutto Mare, Coronado Island Marriott Bob Whitlock: Dizzy's Lynn Willard: Dizzy's Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Boom Shaka: The Scene NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB) The Stranger Band: The Scene The Tribe of Kings: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

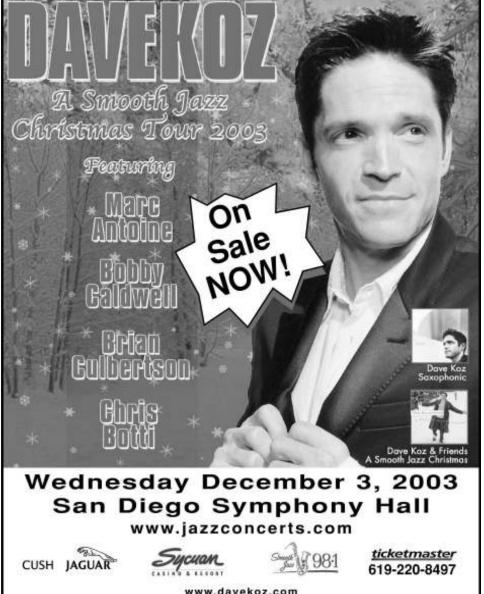
The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club Chess Set: Don's Cocktail Lounge

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Eddie Anthony: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub (Downtown)





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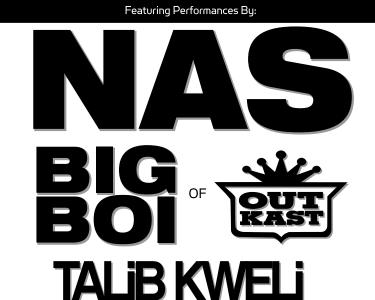




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EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

J.D. Brouchard: Princess Pub &

Joe Byrnes: Blarney Stone Pub (Clairemont) Laura Casale: La Costa Coffee

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Frank Drennen: The Ould Sod Jim Earp: Borders Books & Music

(El Caion) 4-Way Street: McP's Irish Pub and Gril

Vickie Genfans: Dizzv's Jenn Grinels: Brick By Brick. Blarney Stone Pub (Clairemont) The Hatchet Brothers: The Ould Sod

Ingram & Hanley: McP's Irish Pub and Grill Erika Luckett: Dizzv's

Sir Kippy Marks: Sassafras Bar and Gril

The Mike & Mike Show: Hennessey's Tavern (PB) Saba [822]: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

Sean O'Donnell: Blarney Stone Pub (Clairemont)

The Rio Trio: Dizzy's Ron's Garage: McP's Irish Pub and

Grill, Dick's Last Resort, Hotel del Coronado J. Turtle: Borders Books and Music

(Mission Valley) Victoria Rose: Sassafras Bar and

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz: Patrick's II Backwater Blues: Patrick's II Bad Credit: Brick By Brick Tab Benoit: Humphrey's Blue Label: Friars Folly Wine Cellar The Blues Brokers: The Kraken

The Blues Invaders: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub Tommy Castro: Belly Up Tavern

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EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Candye Kane [939] and Sue Palmer [641]: The Calypso Cafe Red Lane: Patrick's II

Little Charlie & the Nightcats: Humphrey's

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Patrick's II

Kymberlee Maxine: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge **Jeff Moore:** The Calypso Cafe

Me'shell Ndegeocello: 4th & B The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

The Rockin' Blues Hounds: On The Rocks

The San Diego Blues Allstars: Humphrey's

J.J. Slyde: Island Sports & Spirits Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's The Swingin' Kings [916]: Patrick's II

Jimmy Thackery & the Drivers: Humphrey's Triple Shot: The Calypso Cafe

Billy Watson: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING Else

Shirley Allen: Red Fox Steakhouse Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze Sammy Dale Canonidado: Cafe LaMaze

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop Julio de la Huerta: The Westgate

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Club Ice: Wednesdays, hop-hop and house music with DJ Skidone. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Red Circle Cafe, 420 E Street, downtown. 619-234-9211.

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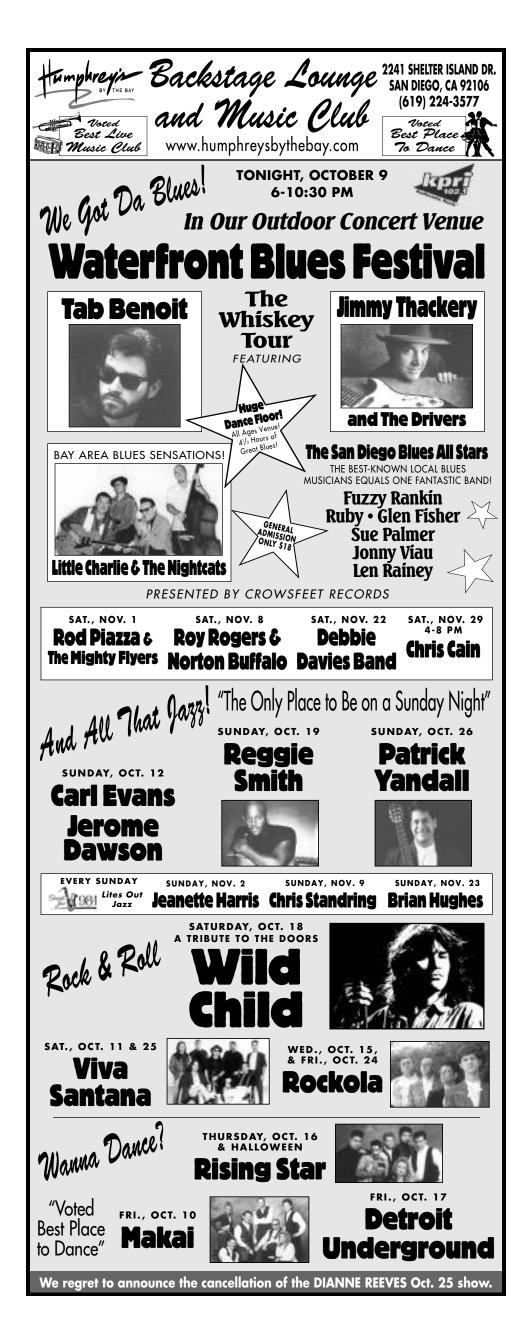


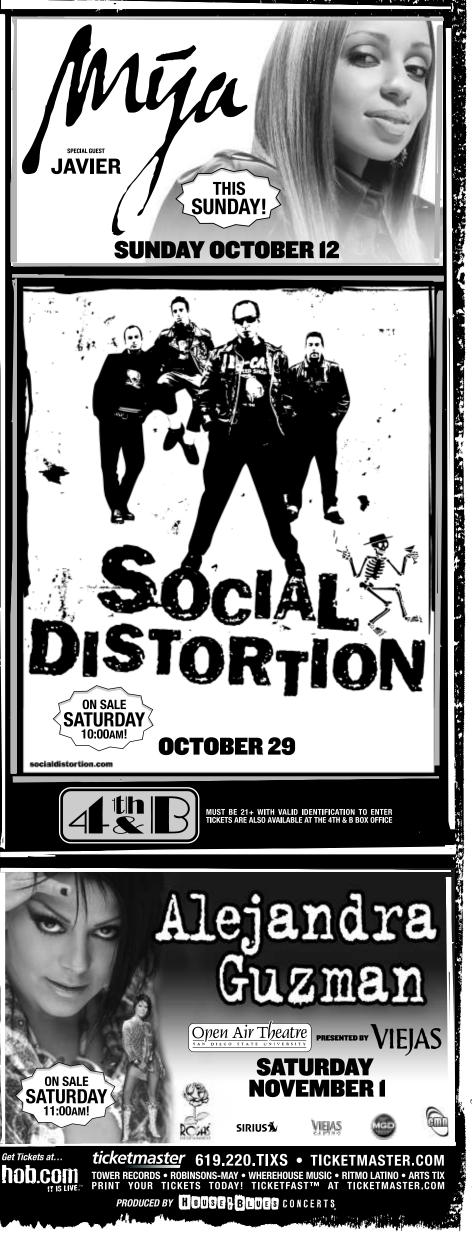
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Kadan: Thursdays, Illfonix, urban underground music. Saturdays *Kabuki Breaks*, nu skool with DJs B-side, Tommy Boy, and more. Sundays, *Delete*, drum 'n' bass. 4696 30th Street, North Park, 619-640-2500. Locals Only: Tuesdays, hip-hop,

R&B, Top 40, and house with DJs Antonio Aguilera and Blake Miller. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Local, 1065 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-4447

MixLab: First Sunday of the month, DJ Dex spins jazz 'n' abstract, alt hip-hop, downtempo sonics, future soul, and ultraglobal vibes. 8 p.m. to midnight; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Plush Fridays: Room 1: Top 30, hip-hop, and R&B. Room 2: dancehall. Room 3: house, hard house, and progressive. Fridays 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Aubergine, 500 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-232-8100.

The Pompeii Room: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins Latin, freestyle, house, and hip-hop. Fridays, hip-hop and old skool with Boy Toy Jesse. Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, R&B, reggae, and dance. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos 760-737-5040

The Red Room: Fridays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40 with DJs D-Skwiz and Enigma. No cover. Moondoggies, 909 Prospect Street, Suite 290 (upstairs), La Jolla. 858-454-9664.

Remix: Sundays, hip-hop with DJs Mike Czech and Myxzlplix. No cover; 21 and up. 1808 Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Ritual: Fridays, DJs Yosef, Matt Levine, Jon Sauter, and more spin hip-hop, breaks, house, progressive, trance, and tribal. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Catamaran Resort, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-488—1081.

The Room: Thursdays, Martini Lounge with DJ Maze and percussion by Atef. Fridays, Champagne Lounge with DJ Maze and Enigma, hip-hop and funk grooves. Saturdays, Margarita Lounge with DJs Maze and Lime, European grooves. All events until 2 a.m. Il Forno Bistro, 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-459-5010.

Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Eric Hart, Adam Atom, and weekly guest DJs. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. Information, 619-743-1623.

Saturday Night Mix: Saturdays, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma, Nick, and Big Dude. No cover. Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-6550.

Soul Cellar: Saturdays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath 5ifth Qtr., corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp. 619-236-1616. Information 619-998-4336.

Soul Sanctuary: Thursdays, hip-hop, soul, rap, and house with resident DJs Felix Prince Jr., Meric, and Trevor Young. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-295-4163.

Thansport: First and third Saturdays of the month, the best in Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), Golden Hill. 619-284-6784.

Therapy: Industrial, EBM, electro, ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, DeKay, Creep, and guests. First Friday of every month at the Hollywood Star, 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-2102. Remaining Fridays at the Flame, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-295-4163; 21 and up. Information, 619-465-5827.

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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop. Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Friday, 9:15 p.m., *Tommy Castro*, blues. Saturday, 9:15 p.m., *Lake Trout*, rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Raekwon*, *Black Moon*, *C*-*Arayz*, and *Ice Water*, *Inc*.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Donnie Finnell & Co. East, jazz.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Blue Largo*, jazz, blues.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Bender*, rock. Saturday, *Triple X*, rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Candye Kane and Sue Palmer*, jazz, blues. Friday, *Triple Shot*, blues. Saturday, *Jeff Moore and Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, *Samba Jazz*. Monday, *Richard Samuels*. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk rock. Wednesday, *the Hodads*, rock.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *the Jackson 3*, classic rock.

Doubletree Hotel, 11915 El Camino Real, Del Mar. 619-481-5900. Sydney's Bar & Grill: Thursday, 6 p.m.to 9 p.m., *the Ron Siegrist Trio*, jazz

Friars Folly Wine Cellar, 1032 West San Marcos Boulevard, #196, San Marcos. 760-736-8035. Friday, 8 p.m., *Calima*, flamenco. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Blue Label*, blues.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, the Stepping Stones, rock. Saturday, the Christy Wilson Band, rock.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *Flat Out Liars*, classic rock. Saturday, *West of 5*, rock. Sunday, 4 p.m., *Blues Brokers*, blues.

La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa. 760-438-8160. Music hours are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Laura Casale, folk. Saturday, the Jared Mattson Trio, jazz. La Costa Tournament of

Champions Lounge, La Costa Resort and Spa, Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad. 760-438-9111. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the* Cynthia Hammond Trio, jazz.



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Album Name: Love Is Revenge (2002)

Artist: Electric Soul Pimps Label: self-released

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Songs: 1) Eyes to the Sky 2) High of Your Love 3) Spanish Boots 4) Love Is Revenge 5) Water of Love 6) Heaven or Hell 7) Sweet Deadly Friend 8) Angel from Montgomery 9) One So Far Away 10) Highway 61

Price/Where Available: \$10 at Blue Meannie in El Cajon, or by e-mailing *nferecording@earthlink.net* or calling 619-445-5779

Band Members: Chris Murphy (lead vocals, harps), Sean Fogarty (guitars, bass, backup vocals), Bill Ray (drums), Louis Lacayo (bass), Johnny Mannion (slide guitar), Paul Cougill (keyboard), Boyd Lyon (guitar), John Rekevicks (horns, flute), Pete Filacio (guitar, mandolin, backup vocals)

Extra Info: Aside from his work as a musician, Chris Murphy is also an artist whose work appears on the album.

Website: www.iuma.com

Although most of the tracks are covers, it's

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast

rock. Saturday, *DJ Tony A*. Monday, *DJ Jalil* and *DJ Tone Capone*, rock.

South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, the California Rangers,

The Metaphor Coffeehouse,

258 East Second Avenue, Escondido

Dixieland jazz. Friday, the Lee Taylor Band, rock. Saturday, Raven White's

760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday.

Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Friday, *DJ Frances*,

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145

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intriguing how well the Electric Soul Pimps draw from

Rock & Roll Horror Show. Wednesday, open mike. Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenua, Cardiff 760 043 7004

Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the People's Republic of Jazz.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., *the Cradit Union*. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *DJ Bob One*, hip-hop. Saturday, hip-hop. Sunday, 9:30 p.m., *rock en español*. Monday, 8:30 p.m., swing. epic rock and roll to create their own sound as they scramble it with blues, soul, country, and even some industrial.

The elements of a good album are here: the rocking strains of "High of Your Love" and "Heaven or Hell," the dark bluesy overtones of "Love Is Revenge," and all backed by a powerful rhythm section. Just about every song on the disk is a ballad. The band found its niche and is sticking with it.

Strings are used well on a number of songs, especially the resounding guitar opener on the band's cover of Dylan's "Spanish Boots" and throughout "One So far Away."

Couple the album's whole "love sucks so I left, and now I'm keepin' on" sentiment with the placid melodies and careful arrangements, and the record has a fresh sound,

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996. Call club for information.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 p.m., open mike. Friday, *Big Sound*, rock. Saturday, *Married by Elvis*, rock.



Chris Murphy

even as it ends with a nearly 18-minute rendition of Dylan's "Highway 61." That's a lot of Dylan.

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Barefoot Bar and Grill, the San Diego Paradise Point Resort, 1404 West Vacation Road, Pacific Beach. 858-274-4630. Saturday and Sunday, live rock/pop.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Wick, Foil,* and *Arial,* heavy rock. Friday, *Tubby,* rock. Saturday, *Mower,* alternative rock. Sunday, hiphop, house breaks. Monday, open mike.





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'Canes Bar & Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Friday, Atomic Punks

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard,

Thursday, 9 p.m., hip-hop. Friday,

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise

Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744.

Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Tomcat

Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4437. Call club for information.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541.

Coaster Saloon. 744 Ventura

The French Gourmet: Music is

piano, saxophone, and vocals. Tuesday, *Sean McVicker*, jazz.

blues/jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Joe Marillo. Friday, Jack

Pollack, piano and vocals. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross*, jazz

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650

Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Thursday, open mike.

Friday, Green Eggs & Sam, rock. Saturday, NZ Rough, reggae. Wednesday, the Mike & Mike Show,

Il Forno Mediterranean Bistro,

909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard

Rock Cafe), La Iolla 858-459-5010

The Room: Call club for information

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect

Thursday, Sunday and Sunday, 6 p.m.

to 10 p.m., Barry Levich, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Leviticus, pop, jazz. Lodge Torrey Pines, 11480 North

Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. The Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, jazz.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, *Three Simple Words*, rock.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue,

Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday,

the Fryday Band, rock. Saturday, *Butron*, rock. Sunday, Chris Kelly's

open-mike night. Wednesday, Jeff

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702

North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Friday, 9 p.m., *Foil*, alternative. Saturday, 10 a.m. to

2 a.m., Freedom, Sasha, Butterfly, Jillin

Speer, Trancezendance, Shimshi & the Natural, and the Mystic Ensemble,

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822.

Thursday, 3 Against 1 and Kramers Rule, rock. Friday, Psychedelic Breakfast and the Animal Liberation

Orchestra, alternative, Saturday, Tea

Leaf Green and the Young Blood Brass Band, alternative/pop. Sunday, Safety,

Reagan, rock. Wednesday, Delta Nove,

Ragsy, and Protable, alternative. Monday, the Electric Waste Band,

classic rock. Tuesday, Not Since

Aubergine Grille, 500 Fourth

Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-232-8100. Sunday, live swing music.

The Bahia Belle Cruise. the Bahia

Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Joe Byrnes*, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike.

Monday, Jenn Grinels and Sean

O'Donnel, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam

Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033.

6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Call club for

information.

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pop, jazz.

SAN DIEGO

Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771

acoustic.

Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, *Carol Ames*, original rock. Saturday, *Saba*, rock.

Mission Beach 858-488-1081

9 p.m., salsa. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Rockola*, classic rock.

and The Iron Maidens



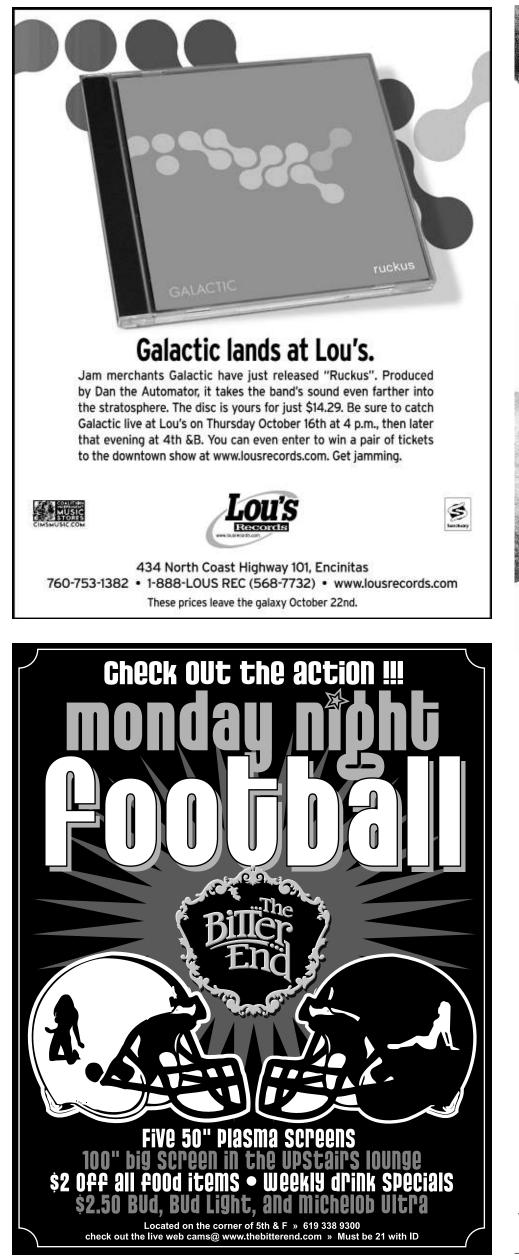




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Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., J. Turtle, acoustic.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Bueno Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, 8 pm, Jenn Grinels, Bad Credit, Kensington Ave., and DJ Weezee Friday, Magdalene, Pig Iron, and Horse Power. Sunday, 8 p.m., Frank the Baptist, Penis Flytrap, Frank N. Stein, Blood Suit, and Noise God.

California Club, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Music is alternative. Friday, Silver Sunshine, the Cuts, and the Viewmasters. Saturday, Big Kid, Stone Cake, Feather Gun, and Adam the Gimbel.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative. Friday, *Death on* Wednesday, Alexisonfire, Spitalfield, Name Taken, and No Way Out. Saturday, Kulturwar, Second Thought, Longtime Coming, and Dr. Chunk.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego 619-688-1120. Friday, Billy Watson,

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tab Benoit, Jimmy Thackery* & the Drivers, Little Charlie & the Nightcats, and the San Diego Blues Allstars. Friday, 9:30 p.m., Makai, pop, disco. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., Viva Santana, Latin rock. Sunday, 8 p.m., Carl Evans, jazz. Monday, 9:30 p.m. Pocket, acid funk. Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., Rockola, classic rock.

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.

Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Thursday, *the Jackson 3*, classic rock. Friday and Saturday, Reflex, rock. The Kensington Club, 4079

Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa

Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *Irradio* and *Fono*. Saturday, *Lualta, Skydiver*, and *Inure*.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Saturday, 3 pm, Iefferson Jay, acoustic.

O'Connell's Pub and **Nightclub,** 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *the* Blues Invaders, blues. Saturday, Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, Frank Drennen and *Gregory Page*, acoustic/alternative. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, the Hatchet Brothers, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, Mass Transit, classic

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, Shirley Allen, piano, Sunday through Tuesday, Eddie Rossi & New Direction

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, Longwave, Dieradiodie, and Calla. Friday, Boomshaka, and Stranger Band, reggae.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, Serious Guise, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Call club for information.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, 7:30 pm, ChChChHaHaHa, A Vital Few, Jenix, Mikey's Attic, and April Sixth. Saturday, 7 p.m., Bouncing Souls, Strike Anywhere, Vision, and Swindle. Monday, 7 p.m., Godsmack and Adema

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The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown, 619-232-HELL, Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Ilya, Via* Satellite, and Plural. Friday, Lucy's Fur Coat and The Millionaires. Saturday, Marshall Crenshaw, Lucy's Fur Coat, and Sin Sin 77. Sunday, Shonen Knife and The Glossines. Monday, Themselves. Tuesday, Papa M, Bright Black, 31 Knots, and Sleeping People. Wednesday, Juliana Hatfield. Some Girls, The Pieces, and Out Brief Candle. Adema, October 13, SOMA

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-418-8858. Call club for information.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone* Jazz Quartet. Friday, Primo. Saturday, Yavaz. Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Camberos Quintet.

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Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100.

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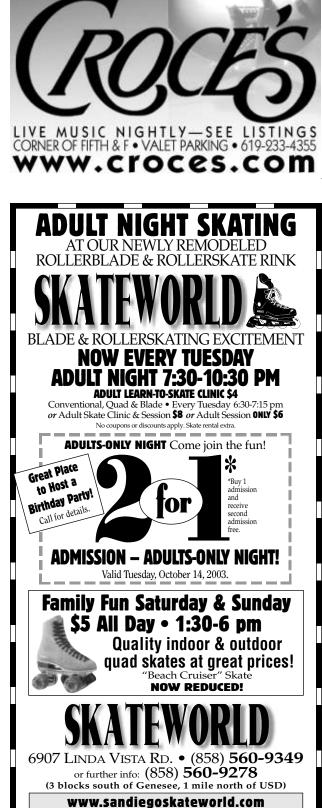
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A Little Fishy

I love neighborhood joints: interesting spots, frequently with few other restaurants nearby; some very good, some less so, but all managing to keep the locals happy without fanfare. Often at such places, a single dish is enough to keep me coming back. When I lived in Normal Heights, I made a habit of sauntering down to the Kensington Grill for its lamb loin in cherry cream sauce with grilled polenta and asparagus. I still slog my way past the airport to get to Point Loma Seafoods for its clam sandwiches and spicy tuna rolls. And now that I live further east, the Sonora-style machaca at Mario's de La Mesa has become a staple, one I am forever encouraging my wife Grace to try cooking at home.

Sometimes, of course, a neighborhood joint transcends its genre and becomes a genuine des-tination. (I think here of Parallel 33 in Mission Hills.) So when I heard that the Fishery on Cass Street in Pacific Beach had expanded and upgraded its menu, I was intrigued. My brother Max and his wife Elizabeth — seafood lovers currently trapped between the coasts - were in town, and so I jumped at the chance to both show them a truly local spot and satisfy their pescatory longings.

I fell in love before I even got to the door. Here was this handsome two-story building, its façade a model of understated decor, plunked down at the edge of a residential neighborhood, well off Garnet's buzzy path. Inside was even better. Somehow, the Fishery has beaten the blue taboo, the one that points to the cornflowertinged milk in Star Wars and warns you to keep food and blue well apart. They have done it by using an icy blue-gray on the walls that manages to promise freshness instead of frigidity. A couple of other walls are of well-washed concrete, reminding us of the warehouse full of fish in the back. Food-friendly warmth comes from the burlap-and-wood-beam ceiling and the burntsienna-stamped concrete floor. But all this color is merely a muted backdrop for the fish, mounted on the wall and shining splendidly: swordfish, albacore, yellowfin, opah, roosterfish, bluefin, mahimahi, louvar, chinook king salmon, and ono. They looked good enough to, well, eat.

The Fishery accommodates a retail fish market as well as a restaurant by day, but it handles its nightly transformation to a dining room without straining. The tables are moved in the fish



market area; canvas panels cover the glass display cases, and the lighting is lowered well below shopping levels. I liked the exposed stainless steel kitchen and the window into the prep room behind the counters; they seemed a further assurance of freshness: everything is out where you can see it.

We took our seats at a butcher-block table and settled into the menu. Though it offered plenty of the basics — fish and

chips (scallops and chips!), fish sandwiches, seafood salads — it was clear the restaurant was striving for something beyond the "nice piece of fish, blackened, grilled, or sautéed" level. Sides, especially in the menu's Market Specials section, were often not uniform but tailored to their particular fish. I was particularly interested in those specials described as being "simply and elegantly prepared...seasonal highlights from our seafood market." "Seasonal" was printed in red ink, and so were the names of four dishes — California troll King salmon, potato-crusted Alaskan halibut, seared ahi tuna caprese, and Mexican black

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was hooked by the halibut. "You can never take these off the menu!" read a customer's testimonial under the menu's Old Favorites, and the women decided to see why. Elizabeth ordered Chilean sea bass with a soy-ginger marinade, and, at our waiter's suggestion, Grace selected the herbcrusted yellowfin tuna, seared, with a balsamic glaze. We ordered a slew of appetizers and a bottle of very reasonable (and as it turned out, distinctive) Zenato Pinot Grigio, and waited for

bass. That's the ticket! What's just in off the boat?

Might the Mexican black bass have been caught

this morning? "Tortilla crusted with parsleyed rice

and tomatillo sauce," one menu entry promised.

Tomatillo and tortilla! This whimsical gourmet

play on the traditional fish taco is as if a chef

were to combine andouille sausage

and favas and call it franks and

beans. My brother, meanwhile,

a taste of the sea. My half-dozen Coromandel ovsters delivered just that. The menu promised that they would be "salty, with a cucumber and strong

The Fishery ★★ (good)

5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach; 858-272-9985: www.pacshell.com/rest_men.shtml

HOURS: Daily, 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

PRICES: Lunch, \$6.95-\$13.95; appetizers, \$5.95-\$13.95; entreés, \$10.95-\$25.95 (more for lobster), most between \$15.95-\$22.95; desserts, \$5.95-\$6.25.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Seafood in various incarnations: fried with chips; in soups, salads, and sandwiches; in tacos and burritos; in sushi and sushi rolls; and in more sophisticated entrée forms. Much of the menu is constant, but some items change according to what's available that day. Wine list is light on by-the-glass, but carefully selected and well-priced, with many bottles under \$40 and a few half-bottles. Several beers on tap. PICK HITS: Fish and chips, mahimahi burrito, Mexican black bass (when available).

NEED TO KNOW: Some outdoor tables for two in front. Two vegetarian dishes available. Very casual atmosphere.

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melon finish," so I can't say I wasn't warned. I did taste cucumber in the fresh, wriggly oysters - interesting that so ordinary a flavor should prove so exciting when discovered in some other context — but it was sandwiched by two waves of briny seawater taste that left me swamped.

I sought comfort in Grace's shrimp tempura roll. The shrimp was firm, fat, and delicious, and I was surprised by a tempura batter that tasted almost of sourdough. The pleasure of that variation was shrouded, however, by disappointingly mushy rice, an over-strong sauce, and





a dearth of promised mango. Max's crab cakes, meanwhile, though wonderfully crusted, were dry and mealy, like crabinflected cornbread. His cup of Fishery fish chowder was crammed with elegant fish bits — trimmings from the day's choice cuts - but the broth seemed stuck between clear-flavored brightness and darker, bolder heartiness. Elizabeth's steamed Manila clams mostly offered fine-grained chewing pleasure almost like a smooth pâté, but the experience was marred by the occasional rubbery dud. We looked around. Everybody else in the packed restaurant looked so happy. Had we just been unlucky? And didn't anybody else notice the fellows behind the counters, conducting their evening cleanup with something that smelled of (Grace nailed it) orange magic marker? We boldly cast our nets

once more, this time for entrées, but ran into trouble from the get-go. When my bass arrived sauceless, I signaled the waiter. "I don't mean to be a bother, but I thought the menu said this came with a tomatillo sauce."

"No, it's tortilla crusted," he replied archly, gesturing at the toasted, crumbled tortilla shards that lay atop my bass. A later check of the menu vindicated my memory, but even without the promised sauce, the bass proved our favorite. "Fleshy" was the word that came to mind — filet mignon to so richly flavorful it was unlike any fish, bass or otherwise, I had tried. The toasted shards of tortilla added crunchy, corny

sweetness to every bite. It was only toward the end that I began to tire of the experience. "If only it had something else, another element..." I mused. "Like sauce?" asked Grace.

Max had lost interest in his halibut much earlier. The Fishery's fish may be fresh, but freshness is no defense against overcooking. The potato encrus $tation {\,-\!\!\!-\!\!-} overlapping wafer-thin$ rounds, their edges sweetly browned — was a grand idea. Halibut seems a fine fish to play against a mild starch. But when your potato comes off as juicier than your fish, you've got trouble; it's like giving the melody to the tuba. The accompanying lemon-caper butter played in the mix like a heavy metal guitar solo in the middle of a Chopin nocturne.

The sear on Grace's tuna turned out to be a skin-thin layer of white around a deep red body. The sizable slab of fish flopped across its bed of rice like an oversized piece of sushi. Grace and I love raw fish, so we decided to pretend that's what it was and dig in, but our imaginations proved unequal to the task. It was as if the heat had blanched out the cool tang and gentle resistance of good raw ahi, leaving the fish limp and lighter on flavor than the color had led us to expect. As for the herb crust, we had trouble picking up any flavor except parsley, and it just wasn't enough to save the dish. Squirts of balsamic glaze and sambal aioli trailed along the side of the plate. We didn't think they helped much either.

Still, there were bright spots. The dense mashed pota-

toes, gussied up with garlic or horseradish and laced with bits of potato skin for textural contrast, were original and pleasing. The vegetable sides were crisp and lively, especially the peas. And Elizabeth's Chilean sea bass was properly cooked, though its oily richness tended to exhaust the palate.

When it came time for dessert, Max's peach sorbet was plenty peachy. And if you like Toblerone chocolate bars, you'll enjoy the Chocolate Crunch Pyramid - Grace and Elizabeth swore the eating experience was identical, right down to the triangular motif. The orange crème brûlée, however, drew comparisons to an early-morning mixing of OJ and milk, to unpleasant, runny effect. And my balsamic-glazed strawberries with vanilla gelato simply drowned in a dark brown pool of vinegar - not quite an ocean, but to a strawberry, more than a puddle.

As I said, I had fallen in love with the Fishery before I even got inside. There was no getting around our troubles at dinner, but I still wanted to believe that such a lovely, wellconceived place was capable of excellence. I resolved to return for lunch and try some of those basics.

When Grace and I arrived, the canvas was off the display cases, and the fish within glistened and gleamed beckoningly. I ordered tuna again, this time as maguro nigiri — truly raw and a little salmon as well. The salmon, white stripes of yummy fat running through its bright orange flesh, raised my hopes. But the tuna, better textured

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than before, still languished in the flavor department. (Part of the problem may have been the disproportionately large clump of rice beneath the fish.) Grace picked Mr. Brown's Tacos, which appeared in the Old Favorites section: char-grilled swordfish with coleslaw, salsa fresca, taco sauce, and cheese, served with rice, beans, and Mr. Brown's salsa. Unfortunately Mr. Brown let us down. The fixin's were fine, but the swordfish was, as Grace put it, "a little dry and not that flavorful. It's swordfish lite." I thought of the tacos at a less proximate favorite, Taco Loco in Laguna Beach, and sighed.

But my perseverance was rewarded by the mahimahi burrito: juicy, judiciously blackened mahimahi, crisp lettuce, fresh guacamole, and a wonderfully delicate tortilla, with jalapeño rounds and - blessed be tomatillo sauce for zip. And the fish and chips may be the best I have had in San Diego. Dredged in malt, rolled in panko bread crumbs, and fried in additive-free soybean oil, the pieces were wrapped in a flattering coat: not too greasy, not too sour, not so bulky as to swallow up the moist halibut inside. I smiled; the Fishery has the right idea. There is still hope for a local love affair.

ABOUT THE RESTAURANT:

Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder and president Judd Brown started out as a commercial swordfish and albacore fisherman. He got out of the business in 1978, in part because wholesaling and distributing looked more profitable,

and in part because drift-net fishing was coming in, and he didn't care to participate. "It was an efficient way to catch fish, but I thought it was too efficient." He sold his boat, went to night school, and got a job with a seafood broker. In 1980, he struck out on his own and started bringing in shellfish from all over the world. "We'd put them through a depuration process — put them in seawater tanks, clean them out, cull out the bad ones, repackage them, and distribute them to restaurants that were willing to pay the extra cost for high-quality product." After a year, he expanded into fin fish and started shipping fish all over the country.

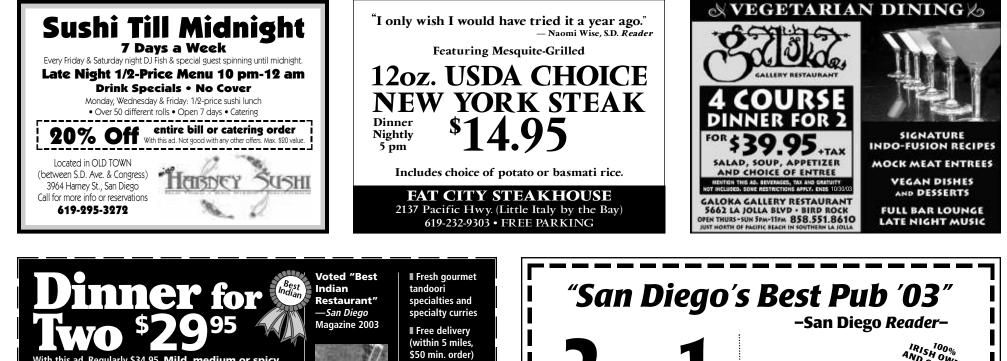
Then came the recession of the early '90s, which wiped out the majority of San Diego's seafood distributors. Brown survived, scrapping his national sales and focusing on his higherend San Diego County restaurant accounts, but he still had trouble. The City of San Diego told him that his newly renovated facility in Barrio Logan was situated on soonto-be-condemned land, and he had to go looking for a new home. By the time he found the Cass Street location, he knew that he wanted to include both retail and restaurant sales in his business plan. "In the next recession, we'll have something else to generate income than the distribution side of the company." Also, he adds, "We're more vertically integrated." The new facility was finished in 1997; the Fishery restaurant opened in 1998.

General manager Peter

John Gonzalez picks up the theme of vertical integration. "Retail really calls the shots for the whole company. We make sure that the gems hit the case. The restaurant is the retail business's best customer; retail orders to fill itself and make itself look beautiful, and the restaurant reacts to it and makes specials.'

The restaurant "reaction" gave rise to the Fishery's Chilean sea bass recipe, "probably the dish that broke us through" to more sophisticated preparations. "I had too much Chilean sea bass one day. I taste things in my head, and I said, 'I'll marinate it. I've got soy and ginger, and I'll grill it with zucchinis and onions.' I ran it for a couple of days and sold a lot of it. The next week, I took it off the menu, and everyone got upset. I had to put it back on.'

Gonzalez began working with Brown's wife Mary Anne to develop the menu, taking the Fishery from a fish and chips and fish sandwich joint to a full-service restaurant. "I'm not formally trained," says Mary Anne. "I'm just interested and passionate. I've dined out quite a bit, and I've cooked quite a bit, and I've been around fish for several decades." The menu developed gradually, she says "until, about a year ago, we started feeling a lot more confident. It's kind of clicking now; it's got its own life. I can go to Michael Gellar, our chef, and say, 'We have kouvar coming in.' We have little powwows about what it tastes like and what we could marry it with. We have the stability now to really be creative."



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Ghost Tea

"I thought the ladies from Mission Hills and around here would be interested."

• You know what this feels like?" I say. "New Orleans. The Deep South. Pillared mansions, whadda they call them? Ant Heap Bellums?"

"Oh my God," says Hank. "A new low."

"I mean, check these trees, California pepper, right? Look

like those drippy, mossy trees from the South. How old, Bruce?" Bruce is our buddy from across the grass at the Whaley House. What he doesn't know about this town's history ain't

been written. He's here for his daily roast beef sandwich. We're all packed into wrought iron chairs on this little porch outside an ancient lean-to store. It used to be located downtown, in Diego's Wild West days. They shifted it up here to Old Town to save it, and now it's the Whaley House Café. We look across the swath of green to the Whaley House, the first brick house in San Diego. Green shutters, the gas lamps...I swear, N'Awlins.

lamps...I swear, N'Awlins. "The trees?" says Bruce. "Anna Whaley planted them, maybe as far back as '56."

"You mean...

"Yeah, 1856. People say they still see Anna wandering around at night with a bucket, watering each of her trees." "You mean..."

"Yeah, today. About dusk or later. I haven't, yet."

Wow.

"That's who we're waitin' on?" says Hank. Boy's getting hollow-gut cranky. For sure, it is midafternoon. The sun's already backlighting a couple of American and British flags.



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"What's with the British flag?" I ask Bruce. "The guy who owns this café, Ray, he's a Brit," Bruce says. "He does, like, high teas. Tea and crumpets, that sort of thing."

Huh. I can see Carla going for that.

On the other hand, the menu has a pretty good combo of sandwiches, hamburgers, and salads. And chili (\$2.99 a bowl) and soups (\$2.99). I spot Bruce's roast-beef-and-cheese sandwich. "Lean slices of beef with your choice of cheese, mayo and Dijon. \$6.45."

Robert, the chef, comes out with two plates of bacon cheeseburgers for other customers in the café's patio at the bottom of the steps. Mmm. In strange-looking buns. I see they're \$7.50. But I'm tempted by the chicken Caesar salad (\$6.95) and/or a soup of the day (\$2.99). Bruce says soups're excellent. Like cream of potato, turkey noodle, tomato bisque. Oh, and the Mediterranean burger (\$7.50) "with feta cheese, roasted garlic and all fixin's" sounds delish too.

"No, no," says Hank. "Number two or number four. No contest."

Two is Black Forest-ham-and-cheese sandwich (\$6.45). But no, if he's right, it's about number four. Chicken-gruyère sandwich. "Grilled chicken, caramelized onion, bacon, gruyère cheese, mayo and Dijon (\$6.95)." Man, caramelized onion. That sounds good.

"I'm taking four," Hank says to Robert. I'm deciding to have it too. Then...everything goes into slow motion. Time's starting to reel, peel back. "*Have the tea*," says a voice. Is it the spirit of Anna Whaley? "*Save the marriage*." Must admit, the marriage hasn't been like a horse and carriage lately. Carla's getting sick of waiting for the finer things of life.

"Think I'll just flip the page to the afternoon tea," I say.

"What? Bedford and cucumber finger sandwiches?" Hank guffaws.

"No, man. Seriously. Dress rehearsal for Carla. I could bring her back here. Opening round of Carla Bedford Appreciation Week."

"Uh, normally we require a day's notice for the full English tea," says Robert. The full tea's got a bunch of exotic sandwiches, like turkey and Havarti, smoked salmon and cucumber, plum tomato and bacon, and more cucumber but with Roquefort cheese and walnut along for the ride. So you pick two sandwiches, add two pastries or cakes, and two scones or crumpets (like English muffins that someone just used for target practice) with jams and preserves, and then choose your tea. Darjeeling, Earl Grey, English breakfast, or gunpowder. The lot for \$12.95 per person.

"Take the gunpowder," says Hank. "What have you got to lose except your head?"

"I could do a tea with crumpets and scones," says Robert.

"How much would that be?"

"Oh, say, \$4.95."

That sounds like a deal. And it is. I see on the menu that tea and crumpets alone are usually \$5.25. My superdeal high tea comes on this cute twolevel server, with two giant chocolate-chunk scones and three crumpets on top and two kinds of preserves below, along with a steaming pot of tea and a little ceramic elephant pot of cream. Pretty soon I've done a deal with Hank whereby he gets a scone and a crumpet and I get half his sandwich. For starters, that is one great sandwich. Something about the toasted bun — it's from Bread & Cie — and the gruyère cheese and caramelized onions. What a combo. But then the crumpets and the lemon curd preserve. And the chocolate-chunk scones get set alight by the strawberry preserve.

"And how is the Darjeeling, Your Honor?" says Hank, shootin' for an English accent.

"A little strong, James," I say. "Yet one perceives a lightness that bespeaks altitude. One imagines these tea bushes growing up 7500 feet, sunny side of the *Himaalyas*."

Which is just when this ruddy-faced real Englishman comes up. Ray. Jeez. Ties his dog to a horse post. Dawg's Cindy, a "pug-huahua," Ray says. He doesn't even laugh at our accents.

"Gentlemen," he says. "If we'd known you were coming..."

He says it has been hard getting the high teas going. "I thought the ladies from Mission Hills and around here would be interested..."

"Don't worry," I say. "I've got one lady who'll make up for all that."

The pug-huahua whimpers. Is that a shadow I see flitting between the trees? Long dress... "Maybe two," I say. ■

The Place: Whaley House Café, 2482 San Diego Avenue, Old Town (619-542-1698) **Type of Food:** American, English

Prices: Breakfast bagels with cream cheese, bacon, \$3.45; Old Town scramble (potatoes, eggs, onions, bell peppers, ham, bacon, cheese, toast), \$7.95; chicken-gruyère sandwich, with grilled chicken, caramelized onion, bacon, gruyère cheese, \$6.95; Mediterranean burger with feta cheese, roasted garlic, \$7.50; English tea with sandwiches, cakes or pastries, and scones or crumpets, \$12.95; tea and crumpets, \$5.25

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Grabby Labels

"The only thing they had that was salvageable was the color blue, so that's what I tried to retain."

he identity of a wine is revealed or concealed primarily through its package," writes Jeffrey Caldewey in the essay that opens *Icon: Art of the Wine Label.* "Every day, millions of bottles are acquired solely on the

desirability of their design." The claim inspires skepticism, especially in the soul that supposes itself to be media-savvy, conscious of advertising's daily tug and pitch. Surely I have never judged a book by its cover and bought on the basis of appearance?

But paging through this

glossy, museum-grade compendium of wine "packages," I found a near-life-size portrait of Freixenet, with its famous matte-black bottle and its unabashedly shiny foil lettering. Caldewey claims (with reason) that it is "perhaps the most universally recognized wine package in history." And it all came back to me: me, a young wine buyer, without a reason in the world to suppose that there was any virtue to sparkling wine from Catalonia, eagerly grabbing just that on my way to a mimosa-drenched Sunday brunch. Granted, I wasn't looking for something to toast Valentine's Day, and price undoubtedly had a hand in the matter, but there was a reason I bought Freixenet and not some other bargain bubbly.

And there was El Molino Pinot Noir, which I recall ordering years later from a celebrated wine list. That decision was based partly on its *Wine Spectator* score, but also partly on my memory of its fabulously funky-fat letters and its old-style image of a mill. The lettering smacked of the freewheeling '70s, when California wine was coming



back into its own, while the graphic hinted at its more ancient roots in the days before Prohibition. This was all intentional. Caldewey, who designed the label in 1982 — just a few years past that heady decade — based the image on the orig-

inal label, which debuted in 1872. And I couldn't deny stocking my fledgling cellar with a bottle of '92 Chateau Montelena because of the building's stately façade, rendered on the label in pen and ink at such an interesting angle.

The Montelena label was Caldewey's as well — "pretty

much the first one," he recalls. "I started out publishing wine books, about 30 years ago when I first came to the Napa Valley. It was the renaissance period of the wine industry, and there was a real shortage of information about wine and the wine world." Caldewey's company, Vintage Image, sought to remedy that problem. As part of their efforts, "We were looking around to find new and up-and-coming producers. Often this led us to people that just had vineyards, people who were still in the process of developing a package or a brand. The subject would come up, 'Do you have a wine label that we can put in the book?' and sometimes they said no. I was trained in package design, and I was designing the wine books." The jump to labels was little more than a hop.

"It was pretty serendipitous. I would go out and take pictures of the wineries, and Sebastian Titus [an illustrator working with Caldewey] would make pen-and-ink drawings from them. The Chateau Montelena illustration was a direct transfer from the book. I formatted it onto the label." The rest has been 29 years of history. Caldewey eventually helped found the design firm of Colonna, Caldewey, Farrell and now serves as one half of the ICON Design Group — the other half being his brother-inlaw, Chuck House. Between them, they have created a fair number of the most recognizable and innovative labels in wine, a selection of which are collected and expounded upon in *Icon*.

Of the two, Caldewey is perhaps the more restrained, though both share "a respect for classic composition — elegant typefaces and so forth." But "restrained" need not mean

"staid." In his pursuit of "restrained elegance, refined simplicity, whatever you want to term it," he created the first two-part face label (Forest Glen in 1991) and the first use of gold lettering actually, silkscreened gold paste — directly on a bottle (Lyeth in 1982). Both presented considerable technical challenges — the gold rubbed off the first vintage of Lyeth, thanks to a coating on the glass applied by the manufacturer. And though the gold-on-glass technique was borrowed from the cosmetics industry, "All the new technology in printing is taking place in label design," Caldewey says. "We're helping printers to create equipment to fulfill our designs."

It all sounds very high-end until you remember that Forest Glen is a supermarket staple and start to notice names like J. Lohr and Pepperwood Grove among the Araujos and Lewellings. "I'm a proponent of making the package look as wonderful as you possibly can, regardless of what's in it," explains Caldewey. "There's a complex social interaction with each one of these designs — the interaction that takes place when you purchase it, and the interaction that takes

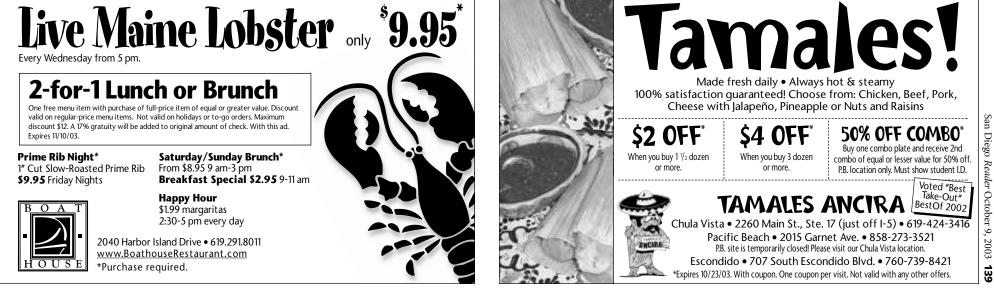


Jeffrey Caldewey

place when you consume it. A good package design can enhance the drinking experience. You can imagine it sitting on someone's table, what a conversation piece it becomes."

it has to get noticed and get purchased. Take the case of Pepperwood Grove, a favorite of mine among California budget wines. "They had a label prior to this, and a big part of what we do as designers is take somebody else's work and refine it. The only thing they had that was salvageable was the color blue, so that's what I tried to retain. Pepperwood Grove is very accessible, pricewise, and the bottles usually end up on the bottom shelf at the store with a lot of facings. I wanted to do something that grabbed the eye." Caldewey's design was a long, white rectangle that identified varietal and vintage, topped by an offset blue square adorned with the winery's name. "The excessive verticality of the label means that when you have a lot of bottles lined up, it looks like a white picket fence. It has a very comfortable, friendly sort of feeling to it." The sort of thing you might grab for dinner tonight.







RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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SanDiegoReader.com . Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

Bird House Grill 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with birdcages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all over. The most popular order is the "Super Combo Plate" of charbroiled gyro meat, *kofte* (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and *tzatziki*, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill and a thick, luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable kebab or the house special *Iskender* kebab, dressed with tomato sauce and billows of the terurday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (9/01)

The Brasserie La Costa Resort & Spa, Costa Del Mar Road (off El Camino Real), Carlsbad, 760-438-9111, x4500. This hotel dining room offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and an all-you-caneat Sunday buffet brunch with champagne. Seafood buffet Friday from 5:30 p.m. Outstanding service. Reservations recommended. Pisces Delicacies of the Sea is also located in this complex. Expensive. — *E.W.*

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6800. The restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.) which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/00)*

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, 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)*

Neimans 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Set in a Victorian gingerbread mansion overlooking Highway 101, this hotel-restaurant's best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-and-drink champagne brunch, featuring made-toorder omelets, seafood creations, mimosas, etc., moderately priced for a day's worth of protein, calories, and buzz. No brunch reservations, so expect a wait. (Holiday brunch prices are much higher, but then they do take reservations.) After dark, the site is basically a nightclub, with a younger crowd scarfing up traditional American fare, priced high, until midnight or later. Open daily, lunch and dinner. — E.W.

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to ba fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its

What the Chef Eats

WAYNE AND LUKE'S CAESAR SALAD BY LUKE PATTERSON

Executive Chef, La Valencia, La Jolla

This is a recipe my father and I created for Caesar salad that is by far the best I've ever had. I give my father a lot of credit because we kind of created it together. We created it when I was 12, 13, 14 years old, and I'm 31 now. It's one of my favorite salads of all time, and I'm not a huge salad fan. Everybody has a Caesar salad. We do here at the hotel, and I think our Caesar salad is good, but this just absolutely annihilates everything.

We kind of altered Caesar Cardini's original recipe from TJ. We didn't really veer too much from Cardini's recipe. We basically made up the croutons ourselves. The key to a Caesar salad is the

green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)* croutons. Everyone has the same dressing base. It's all got garlic. It's all got anchovies. I use lemon juice in mine. Cracked black pepper. Tons and tons of garlic (we like this recipe with four cloves).

The secret ingredient, in our opinion, is the Lawry's garlic salt, which as the bread starts cooking and your croutons are starting to happen, you just pour this garlicky salty mix over the croutons. You toss them into your cold salad, and, oh, it's heaven.

It takes about 20 minutes to make the croutons. You really baby the croutons to the point where they're really crispy and garlicky on the outside and soft in the middle. The

St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the cafe's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-eggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "cafe potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. problem is you have to make a double batch of the croutons because people will just start eating them. Before you know it, you're ready to make the salad and there are no croutons left.

We usually have a huge Caesar salad and maybe a steamed artichoke and a glass of wine. A Chardonnay would work great. A Pinot Noir would work really well also — it picks up some of the anchovy and the garlic that's in the salad. Whatever it is, be sure that everyone is having it because everyone's got garlic breath.

HOW TO DO IT In a very large nonstick frying pan, heat 3

The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-icecream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

St. Tropez 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love continental breakfast, this bright café with indoor-outdoor seating offers scores of house-baked pastries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg),

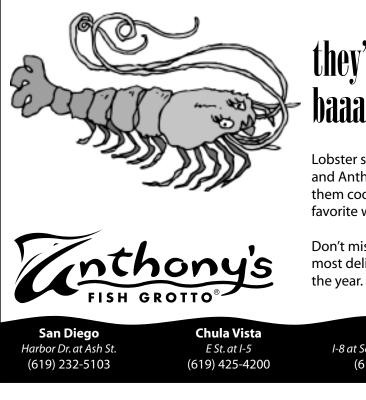


tablespoons olive oil over medium heat. Throw the cut-up French bread into the hot oil and immediately start to gently toss bread cubes to coat evenly. Lower heat to lowmedium and continue tossing every few seconds until cubes start to brown. Sprinkle garlic salt over cubes and continue tossing until all moisture is cooked out of bread and croutons are golden brown. Toss into a bowl lined with a paper towel and allow to cool.

You will need a very

crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or a chicken-filled vol-au-vent puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a pan bagnat (salade niçoise on a baguette) or one of the grilled panini. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A



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large bowl (preferably wood) in which to make and toss this salad. Place the egg yolks, anchovy paste, garlic, and pepper in the large bowl. With a fork, mix these ingredients until thoroughly blended, then stir in lemon juice. Your mixture should equal about 1/4 cup and be slightly thickened. Pour into the bowl the same quantity of olive oil as there is of the above mixture. This measurement does not have to be exact (should be about ¼ cup), just estimate

so that both amounts are about the same. Take your fork and vigorously mix all the ingredients until they are blended and very thick. Taste, and if needed, add a pinch of salt. Remember the anchovy paste is salty, so the more you add of it, the less salt you will need.

Wash and dry the romaine lettuce. Tear into bite-sized pieces and place directly on top of the salad dressing in the bowl. Take the croutons and place them on top of the lettuce. Place cheese on top of the croutons. Toss salad with large wooden spoons, making sure to scrape all the dressing from the bottom of the bowl. If you want a wetter salad, add a little more olive oil. Serve immediately on very large plates.

This recipe serves two as a main course, four as a side dish.

INGREDIENTS

Croutons: 3 tablespoons olive oil (or more

- as needed) 2 cups French bread (cut into
- 1-inch squares) 1 teaspoon Lawry's garlic salt

filet mignon), but the right side is a

daily changing array of creative dishes by chef Patrick Ponsaty, including a

five-course tasting menu. These dishes are not merely luxurious, they're

thrilling, with flavor combinations that

are intense and balanced, audacious and refined. The wine list is awesome

and pricey, with numerous half-bottles. Dress rules aside, the atmosphere

is anything but stuffy: A charming

room captain puts you at ease and servers are pleasantly attentive. It's ideal

for a special night out — and the Sunday brunches are lavish, too. Jacket re-

quired, ties usual, women's attire chic

Salad:

- 2 egg yolks from extra-large eggs
- 1 teaspoon anchovy paste (we like 1 tablespoon)
- 2 cloves garlic, pressed (we like it with 4 cloves)
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper (add more to taste after salad is
- tossed) 1 tablespoon lemon juice (or
- more to taste) Salt to taste
- 1/4 cup or more olive oil 1 head romaine lettuce
 - ¹/₃ to ¹/₂ cup freshly grated quality Parmesan cheese

or prosperously dowdy. Reservations essential. Dinner Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — N.W. (2/01)

El Taquito Mariscos 500 North Escondido Boulevard (Felix Plaza, next to Pool King), Escondido, 760-739-8204. Also 503 North Grande Avenue (Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-735-5819. At this sparkling, airy *taqueria*, a semi-open kitchen wafts out the alluring aroma of fresh corn tortillas. You can get breakfast right through lunch hour, fill up on huge combo plates, or create your own as

sortment of Baja-style mini-tacos (of asado, cabeza, pastor, carnitas, etc.) for pennies. The refried beans are as good as they get. But seafood is the focus, occupying a whole menu page offering gargantuan cocktails, soups, salads, antojitos, and hot and cold platters featuring shrimp, langostinos, tilapia, snapper, crab, etc. They're beautifully seasoned, if a tad overcooked. Try the lively levanta muerta ("raise the dead") seafood soup and rise again. Open daily, breakfast until late. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (5/01)

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This morning treasurehouse is large but Swiss-style cute, its brick walls festooned with knicknacks (for sale), and silent wind chimes hanging from every wooden rafter. This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, huge burgers and sandwiches, and a dozen-odd potato casseroles. Whatever you choose will carry you deliciously through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. Open daily, breakfastlunch (until 2 p.m.). Moderate. — *N.W.* (*5/01*)

GOLD COAST

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cappucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

Ruth's Chris Steak House, Del Mar 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — E.W. (6/00)

Wild Note Cafe 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-259-7310. Located in the Cedros Design District next to the Belly Up Tavern, this uniquely decorated room offers excellent salads, pasta, fresh fish, grilled meats, and burgers in a casual atmosphere. Friendly, attentive service. Live music at dinner, Sunday jazz brunches, Wednesday wine tastings. Lunch and dinner six days, lunch only on Mondays. Moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

Donovan's Steak And Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp

winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Chieu-Anh Vietnamese Cuisine 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. Gourmet Vietnamese food is available here from a lengthy menu, including many items showing French influence. Good bets are chicken crepe, fresh fish with lemon grass, tangy-and-sour soup, egg rolls, and filet mignon beef. Chiêu-Anh enhances the selection of fine dining rooms in Rancho Bernardo. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

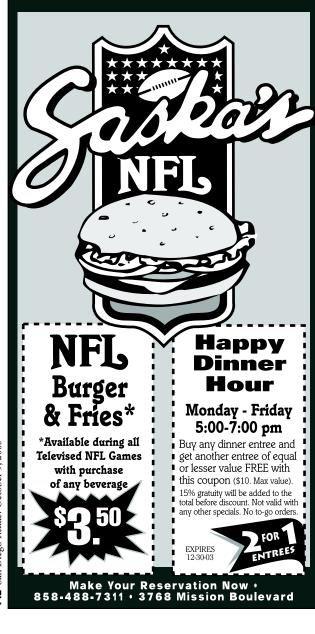
El Bizcocho Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. You get what you pay for at one of San Diego County's premiere dining destinations — stunning new French cuisine in a lovely, civilized room. The left side of the menu lists traditional golf-andtennis-folk favorites (lobster bisque,





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with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Aus-tralian 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 mas-culine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

Ocean Kitchen 5525 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-3993. The dishes at this Mandarin and Cantonese restaurant contain no MSG, nor are there starches in the sauces. Very lively cooking with many unique recipes. The dinner menu is available from opening to closing. This remains one of our best natural Chinese food restaurants. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* **Piatti Ristorante** 2182 Avenida de

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. This country-style Italian restaurant serves admirable Italian dishes with light sauces and moderate prices. Not-to-be-missed items are the daily soups, rotisserie chicken and garlic mashed potatoes, vegetarian lasagne with zucchini, and ravioli with lemon sauce. Saturday and Sunday à la carte brunch offers 11 items, including pizza. Patio dining for all meals. Superb service. Arrive early for more leisurely dining. Very crowded weekends. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the *niçoise* salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — *E.W.* (12/99)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Baci Ristorante 1955 W. Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-2094. If you're on a low-fat, low-calorie diet, consider this "healthy Italian" restaurant a special treat. Be sure to order at least two pastas (parties of four or more can request a combination pasta plate) and fresh fish or chicken. Excellent fried squid and the best *zabaglione* (dessert) in the city. Some dishes heavily salted. First-rate service. Open Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks,



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cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. -E.B. (5/02)

Todai 2828 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-299-8996. You'll find no dish "to die" for at this So-Calbased chain restaurant. It calls itself "The Mother of All Seafood Buffets' and has spawned branches in subur-ban malls all over the country. Our branch looks like a seafood Disneyland — multicolor floors and pastel neon lights in fanciful shapes (moon, stars, fish) adorn three separate buffets. There's a huge array of seafood, sushi, teppanyaki, and assorted Asian nibbles — some pretty good, some pretty awful (e.g., "Dungeon" crab cooked to mush). They do rotate the dishes regularly until a half hour before serving, keeping most items reasonably fresh. Two vast, drab dining rooms (seating 500) feature strong, dingy lighting and utilitarian tables and chairs closely spaced to seat the crowded masses. Japanese beers, California jug wines, generic hot and cold sake available. Reservations for large groups only. Family atmosphere, very noisy. Arrive early to cover the territory. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate, with kiddie and senior discounts. - N.W. (10/02)

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* (8/99)

THE BEACHES

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. This pleasant, airy dining room serves French food with California influences. It's light, good-tasting, and easy on your purse. Breakfast items and lunch are served simultaneously. Ravishing desserts and bakery at one end of the restaurant. Open daily. Moderate. — EW

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, foodfriendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/02)*

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon



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over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/03)*

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Vener-able, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin omemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and twostory patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — A.M. (8/02)

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighbor-hood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony ama ebi, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch and dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. - N.W. (4/03)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weedends. Inexpensive. - E.B. (10/01)

Asmara Restaurant 4433 El Cajon Boulevard (at Fairmount), City Heights, 619-563-3666. The fare here is Eritrean (which proves very similar to Ethiopian) and the menu is long and uncommonly interesting. The three-meat combination platter is a terrific array of chicken (*tsebhi derho*, a.k.a. *yedoro wat* on Ethiopian menus), beef (*gored-gored*) and lamb (*al'cha*), each in a distinctive treatment. From the à la carte choices, consider zilzil t'bsi, chargrilled meat in butter, and *kulwa*, a sprightly stir-fry. Luscious vegetables, too. A porous pancake, *injera*, serves as an edible spoon and edible tablecloth — use pieces of it to scoop up morsels. Food is seasoned to your specifications, and "hot" means seri-ously spicy. Vegetarian-friendly. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Can be noisy on weekends. Cash only. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. -N.W.(11/00)

Chicken Pie Shop Of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls - ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of cus-tomers. 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 accom-panied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighbor-hood 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 tra-dition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)* Old Mill Cafe 3949 Ohio Street (at

University Avenue), North Park, 619-294-3804. The best-kept secret in North Park looks like a Swiss chalet inside, but serves 1950s American eats in big platefuls. Breakfast buffs should check out the pork chops with two eggs, potatoes, and toast, or biscuits and gravy, or the famous pigs in a blanket (three sausage links rolled in hot cakes with powdered sugar). The lunch and dinner menu is also good and cheap — for instance, golden fried chicken with vegetables and rice or baked potato. Vegetables and rice of backet polato. They feature nightly prix fixe specials ("Meatloaf Mondays," etc.) just like Mom did in the 1950s. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an ed-ible 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 but-ter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and sea-soned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpen-sive. — N.W. (12/00)

EAST COUNTY & **STATE COLLEGE**

Aswan 7404 University Avenue (at Lowell), La Mesa, 619-464-7100. Louisiana and East Africa share the menu at this spacious restaurant "where the Mississippi meets the Nile." Most dishes are made to order, so don't expect to eat and run. Start with a sampling of Maryam Suliman's Somalian sambussas (of chicken, beef, spinach, potato, lentils, shrimp, cheese, fruit) each savory filling is differently sea-soned. Then dive into a bowl of coowner Vernon Sukumu's exemplary seafood gumbo. You can choose dishes from the Big Easy or opt for African specialties such as *tibsi, zigni,* Somalian spaghetti, or a vegetarian sampler. "All you can eat" weekend brunches offer items from both cuisines, including fried turkey. No alcohol, no pork, all meats *hallal* (butchered following Islamic sanitary rules). Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday, brunch and dinner weekends. Low moderate. N.W. (2/02)

Jimmy's 9635 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back



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Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, Campus Plaza, College Area, 619-229-9050. You will find this Thai restaurant as charming as its owner. The menu is extensive, the service attentive. Try the spicy seafood combination or the Chinese specialties. A delightful, gastronomically satisfying experience. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

Sham Rocks Shack Bar & Grill 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, 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)*

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 flowershaped 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 threecourse meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursday through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. - E.B. (5/02)

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's



heaven: It's all Certified Black Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. Lunch and dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute* garni (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convival bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics - schnitzel side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order - mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. - N.W. (4/03)

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel 'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

The Abbey Cafe 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pews, metal chalices, black iron sconces, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap — or the Ahi Tuna New Orleans style (half a pound of fish) if you're more loaded. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (12/01)

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel Street), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Fabrice Poigin's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list

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Cafe W 3680 Sixth Avenue (south of Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-291-0200. Chef-owner Chris Walsh combines world-ranging ingre dients into eclectic, fusion-y "tapas" to mix, match, and share around the table in a lively, casual ambience. Three plates per person make a reasonably filling meal, particularly if you include some starches (e.g., pizza, polenta). Unfortunately, though, the number of menu choices has grown to a length be-yond what the kitchen can execute with any consistency. Numerous vegetarian choices. Can be very noisy. Dinner Wednesday through Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — $\tilde{N}.W.$ (4/02)

Chez Odette 3614 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-1000. The nearest thing to a drop-in French bistro in town, even if Odette (ves, she's real) comes from Belgium. Her place is small, slick, and smells of fresh French bread. She and her husband are usually slaving away in the kitchen preparing for the constant banquets they seem to cater. She has cooked for Julie Andrews, Governor Jerry Brown, and Linda Ronstadt. For you, she'll cook great breakfast omelets (the Provençal, with peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, and onions, or the smoked salmon are two good ones). They come with sautéed potatoes with the perfect tang of garlic. Lunchtime, the salade nicoise (with tuna, anchovies, olives, and potatoes on lettuce) is the real thing, and so is the quiche Lorraine. But be like the French: have your main meal in the middle of the day. Weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recom-mended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, un-usual Mexican specialties in an inti-mate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu cel-ebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines - Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the high-lights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "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 Fandango 2734 Calhoun Street (next to Bazaar Del Mundo in the Plaza), Old Town Historic Park, 619-298-2860. This indoor-outdoor café sits right on the tourist-packed plaza. But come early, like 8 a.m., and you'll be practically alone. You're suddenly in a Mexican town, say 1840. Order up a chorizo (Mexican pork sausage) scrambled with eggs and rice and refried beans, or scrambled eggs mixed with *nopalitos* — cactus pads — and chile verde and frijoles, and maybe add breakfast champagne. Soon you'll be conjuring up all the fandangos dances - that happened here. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.B. (12/01)

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/00)

Extraordinary Desserts 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-7001. The desserts here do live up to the name, whether you gobble them on the spot on the patio of this charming café or buy them to take home. Owner Karen Krasne's pastries are created with strict French techniques with flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the rice fields of Bali to the souks of Mo rocco. The white cakes are true food for angels — ethereal and not excessively sweet, vibrant with flavors of fresh ripe fruits — and some of the chocolate cakes (e.g., the "Caribe") fol-low suit, while others are rich and dense. Not your piece of cake? There are also tarts, cookies, chocolates, ice cream dishes, puddings, breakfast pastries, and fine teas and coffees, along with Krasne's own lines of honeys,

jams, chutneys, syrups, and popcorn plus a truly lovely assortment of inter-national craft objects. Open for weekday breakfast, weekend brunch until late, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. — N.W. (5/02)

The Gathering 902 Washington Street (at Goldfinch Street), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hours Thursday through Sun-day. 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)

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter, but it's been under new management since the turn of the century. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retire-ment condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day - e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Parallel 33 741 Washington Street. Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the suberb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or sea bass sauced with sake lees show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Satur-Moderate to expensive. dav M.N. (10/99)

Trattoria Positano 142 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-by-the Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty but refined Italian food, but also for the warm atmosphere. Try sea bass, salmon, or any of the pasta dishes. A treat. Lunch and dinner daily. Upper moderate. — E.W. (5/99)

DOWNTOWN

Cafe 828 828 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-8282. It's worth making your way past the construction project next door: Jay Greenfield (long-time chef at the celebrated Bernard'O in Rancho Bernardo) warmly presides at this "find," a small, civilized bistro serving almost homey Mediterranean dishes with some Cali fornia touches. Everything's carefully cooked from scratch and presented without pretension. Don't miss the home-style fried calamari or the scallop on lobster risotto. Desserts alone are worth the trip the classic warm apple *tarte Tatin* on a crackly-thin crust... the pecan "cannoli" filled with a dense, soft white chocolate mousse Full bar, below-average corkage for BYO wines. The "Sunset special" three-course dinner is a bargain. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. on weekends when there's usually live jazz. -N.W. (6/02)

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This rep utable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, of-ten very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mus sels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/98)

Faz 530 Broadway (at Sixth Avenue), Courtyard Marriott, Gaslamp, 619-446-3040. Persian-born Bay Area restaurateur Faz Poursohi presents Middle Eastern- and Mediterraneaninspired dishes interpreted in clean, streamlined Northern California style. Wood fire is the star of this show, ranging from kebabs on a rotisserie to brined, smoked pork chop that's cooked to your "doneness" specifica-tions. There are stellar appetizers too, and an ethereal warm cheesecake. But the fabulous room (a converted Victorian bank) is too vast, ornate, and snooty-looking for the light-spirited cuisine and the servers, alas, are clueless. Valet parking \$5 at hotel entrance (Sixth Avenue just north of Broadway). Full bar, affordable wine list. Moderate. -N.W. (6/02)

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Lilo's New American Cuisine 1125 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-231-1969. Swank little Art Deco retro-café with a menu that's homey in a sexy way. Something about the dark varnished wood, cream walls, sconces, mirrors, giant French posters and a mezzanine gallery makes you feel ritzy. The menu tries hard to be interesting. How about gingerbread pancakes (with molasses and candied ginger) or pear and walnut salad with bleu cheese and sherry walnut dressing? Or chomp into the Belport chicken with sautéed onions, peppers, cheese, and mustard on a bun, or salmon fillet with caperanchovy butter, rice pilaf and a French baguette. Lunchtimes are speedy secretaries and their bosses; evenings, it's theater-goers. Breakfast and lunch weekdays; dinner Thursday through Saturday only. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.B. (6/02)

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate, and the moist, rotisserie-roasted chicken or pork. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying 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 Ave-nue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. -E.W. (4/00)

Saffron Noodles And Sate 3737 India Street, Little Italy, 619-574-7737. Noted cookbook author Su-Mei Yu prepares casual Thai food — noodle dishes, soups, *saté* (grilled chicken, beef, pork) — to eat in or take out. There's gorgeous artwork to look at as you wait or chew. Open seven days, continuous service lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. - E.W.

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleansstyle cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an out-standing 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 *chau-rice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. N.W. (3/01)

Star of the Sea 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown

619-232-7408. This is not your father's Star of the Sea. In a chic setting with a romantic view, the seafood is fresh off the boat, and so are chef Brian John-son's superb flavor combinations. Menus change seasonally, but one constant is an always-ravishing chef's tast-ing menu and its optional matching wine flight. À la carte dishes are equally alluring, and wines are interesting, mainly affordable, and poured generously into good, large goblets that show off their noses. Service is very considerate. Is this perfection? Quite possibly so. Somewhat dressy; reservations urged. Dinner nightly. Expensive to very expensive. — N.W. (2/01)

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/02)

Vida Cart Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene ou would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new down towners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, poli-tics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, so-das, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there's always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

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Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619- 435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbeddown world-appetizer array, plus sal-ads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautée items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — from the table butter that's intriguingly fla-vored with a honey-basil mixture to the "terivaki" ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done sim-ply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

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Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players The-atre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service does-n't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie ac-companiments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the

crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Reservations advised for weekends, pre-show din-ners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. - N.W. (7/01) **Spiro's Gyros** Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek

café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traf-fic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popu-lar with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlakia chicken, marinated in tzatziki sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. -E.B. (11/00)

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Tango Grille Argentine Steak **House** 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parril-lada* (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 nu-

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merous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than gen-erous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

Ye Olde Plank Inn 24 Palm Avenue Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last true beach pub on the coast? It's a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food's pretty much always available, but the nust-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substitute six sausages or ham or a pork loin), plus a one- to *ten*-egg scramble (or any style), home fries, *and* a pick-me-up drink (like a Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Salty Dog, Bud, or Coke) from the bar, all at a standard coffee shop breakfast price. No wonder the place has stayed open since 1886. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

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From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Cafe Francais La Belle Claude Calle Galeana, #8186-A (at 7th Street, two steps off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-3415. Maybe it's no surprise: the most French-like *patisserie* of all is in Tijuana. La Belle Claude, named after the owner's daughter, looks far too expensive, but it's not. Inside it's a light and airy place, full of beautifully var-

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loon, with little Eiffel towers painted here and there, Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, and a counter of display cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as *Le Croque Monsieur* (open-faced sandwich on honey bread with ham, grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce), the *Croque-Madame* (same as the "Monsieur" but with an egg), and *salade niçoise* (tuna, anchovies, tomatoes, cucumber, potatoes, egg, onions, and black olives). You can even order a *Provençal* omelet (zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes, and onions). Unusual bonus: the round cheeses, Cornish hen eggs, fresh vegetables, and honey on display all come from the owner's own farm, Rancho El Eden, beyond the Rodriquez dam. Open every day. Inexpensive. ---E.B. (5/02)

nished wood, almost like a ship's sa-

El Cid Lopez Mateo 993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and chiles en nogada (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crepes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand 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 9542 Boule vard Sanchez Taboada, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-2236, or 684-8883. This fish and seafood restaurant offers a gorgeous dining room, an extensive menu with English translations, and fresh fish and seafood items which include abalone squid, crab, clams, shrimp, and lobster. The atmosphere and service are lovely, but the fish may be too dry. The style of cuisine will appeal to those who prefer simple preparations. The price of the main course includes an appetizer

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(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.

La Lena 11191 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-2920. Don't miss the charming room, the open grill, and the tortilla maker who prepares fresh tor-tillas as the diners are seated. Dinners come with an appetizer and soup, and some of the entrées are extraordinary. Try the *puños* ("fist"). Roasted quail and chicken do well here. Open daily, lunch to late dinner. Take Revolución to the left-hand bend where it becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers of the Grand Hotel. A large sign marks the restaurant (on the right side of the road). Inexpensive to moderate. -E.W.

Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classi-cally trained chef-owners are pioneering "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, localgrown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are fea-tured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become *the* destination restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some waitstaff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until 11 p.m. Moderate. — N.W. (1/03)

Mr. Fish 6000 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-3603. It's fun to eat in this restaurant with its thatched roof and wide variety of fish and seafood. Don't overlook the whole fish, either steamed or fried, the filet in garlic butter, or, for those who'd like a smorgasbord, the "Combination Mr. Fish," which supplies fresh lobster, shrimp, squid, and a filet of fish. The half-dozen preparations of crêpes are wild - there's even a Mexican version of blintzes. Open Sunday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Thursday

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through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Follow Revolución until it bends to the left and becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers. Mr. Fish is on the righthand side of the road, just before the country club. Moderate. — E.W.

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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 back-ground that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

Hometown Buffet 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, College Area, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza You have a vast choice of wood-fired pizzas here, including many exotic toppings. Salads are popular and are available as half-orders. Same menu lunch and din-ner. Continuous service. Open daily. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. Inexpensive. – *E.W.*





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A Spurt of Growth

At no point in his career would there have been room here for Eastwood the actor.

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

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deally I should be writing about the Coen brothers' *Intolerable Cruelty* this week. But as it was not screened for the press far enough ahead of Friday's opening, and as I

had already seen and written about Clint Eastwood's *Mystic River* as far back as the Cannes Film Festival, and as

the latter opens in the media hubs this week and will reach our little burg next Wednesday (or one day before the next issue of the paper), I feel justified in flip-flopping them.

I would not, however, want to bore you with my personal epiphany, otherwise known as the moment of "duh," on seeing Mystic River a second time and realizing that if you take away all the external circumstances — take away the Côte d'Azur, take away the Nouveau Palais, take away the limos and the red carpet, take away the regal figure of Eastwood himself, take away the buzzing swarm of the world press — it's still the same movie here as it was there. In the dark, you can tell no difference. How fortunate for all of us. The same whimpering gratitude I felt toward it while on a diet of Ozon, Sokurov, Von Trier, etc., I can feel again

when back on a more normal diet of Ridley Scott, Mike Figgis, Danny DeVito, etc., even Woody Allen, John Sayles, Sofia Coppola, etc.

Even so, I feel less urge and less urgency to say something about it now that the word has gotten out; now that the media mill has begun to

grind it up; now that everyone under the sun knows what it's about, and knows that just as Unforgiven was an act of penance for the body counts in Eastwood's Sergio Leone spaghetti Westerns as well as in his self-directed imitation Leones (High Plains Drifter, The Outlaw Josey Wales, Pale Rider), the current film may be viewed as an act of penance for the lone-wolf vigilantism of his Dirty Harry urban shoot-'em-ups: a kind of cleansed Harry. There was something wonderful about discovering this for myself. And any part I play in depriving you of such discovery calls for some penance of my own.

What it's about: chance, fate, doom; scarred souls and endless repercussions; violence begetting violence. Three boyhood pals (you will have no trouble picking out the one who grows



up to be Sean Penn, a perfect match, and the persistent Red Sox cap will tell you which one was Tim Robbins) are playing in the street in the Buckingham Flats section of Boston, writing their names on the sidewalk in wet cement, when they are interrupted by a man driving an unmarked car, flashing a badge. The one of the three

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who — by chance — lives on another block, the one whose name will be left forever unfinished in the cement ("DA—"), is ordered into the backseat and spirited away to be held captive in a basement and raped repeatedly. (The implication of a Catholic clergyman in this crime adds nothing but lazymindedness.) Broken apart by one Mystic River

tragedy, the three will be brought back together by another tragedy in adulthood: the murder of one of their daughters, a case in which another of them will be the lead investigator and the third a prime suspect.

There is no room here for Eastwood the actor. The bereaved and vengeful father, an ex-con with con-



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nections to the neighborhood enforcers, aptly called the Savage brothers, is Sean Penn. The prime suspect, and the indelibly marked molestation victim, "the boy who escaped from wolves," now with a boy of his own, is Tim Robbins. (As I noted at the end of last spring: "liberal" casting by a filmmaker beloved of conservatives, and highly emotional, tearful, unstoical, and un-Eastwoody acting, to boot: at no point in his career would there have been room here for Eastwood the actor.) The detective is Kevin Bacon, a worldweary and very ordinary plainclothesman, with no Dirty Harry aspirations as an avenging angel, partnered with an equally ordinary black cop named "Whitey," the hefty Laurence Fishburne.

This is in all ways an extraordinary film, the more so because Eastwood the director has seemed to be coasting awhile, almost rolling to a dead stop in his detective film of a summer ago, Blood Work. It would be wrong to

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credit the change to Eastwood's absence from the screen: he was already coasting in Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil, where he likewise stayed behind the camera. But it would be wrong, too, to give the impression that an end to his coasting meant a pickup in his speed.

Mystic River maintains the leisurely pace which is as natural to Eastwood as his stilt-like gait. It is a measured pace, a pace for literally taking the measure of things, sizing them up. And it combines in a most meaningful way with his slightly slanted, slightly sidelong view of the world. Eastwood tends to direct on diagonals, with the plane of the composition tilted backwards like a transom window or angled horizontally like a casement window. This, by the rules of Cinematography 101, will automatically create lines of tension, between one character and another or between the characters and the spectator. Eastwood's lines of tension are never extreme, never stretched to the snapping point à la Orson Welles, and they're firmly tethered to the ground — the camera solidly planted — so as to prevent any threat of teetering or tipping. Together with his unhurried pace, this diagonalism fosters a feeling of formality, an air of stateliness, a climate for contemplation. The film scarcely looks or feels like what passes for a "thriller" these days. And indeed, although it is "thrilling" on a level far above the reach of stuff like Out of Time and Cold Creek Manor, it is a thriller only by technicality.

One of the more extraordinary things about it is that, while formulated as a murder mystery, it is not narrowly focussed on the investigation, but divides its time more or less evenly among the characters, and expands continuously into the specific milieu, the complex personal relationships, the affected and ongoing lives, in fact life in general, life with a capital "L." The strong cast — besides those already mentioned, Laura Linney, Marcia Gay Harden, Emmy Rossum, Thomas Guiry, Kevin Chapman, and, in one bristling scene as Penn's fatherin-law, Kevin Conway — keep pairing off in different ways, as in some sort of round-robin tournament, so that we see each of them in new and different lights.

Another extraordinary thing, not only for a thriller these days but for any film at any time, is the sustained tone of lamentation, underscored by the churchy musical theme composed by Eastwood himself (albeit orchestrated by his trusted collaborator, Lennie Niehaus). The retributive anger never supplants the sorrow; the release never comes. And lastly, it is almost shameful to have to include among the

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extraordinary things the classical clarity and economy of the storytelling, from the well-ordered presentation of characters and clues to every little fine point and loving touch: the subtle visual emphasis on Robbins's suspiciously skinned knuckles, the painful private moment when Penn lays out his daughter's funeral dress on top of the white sheet in the mortuary, the portentous replay in adulthood of the molestation victim's forlorn look out the back window of a receding car.

Admittedly, the outcome of the case depends upon a fortuitous coincidence that reeks of mystery-making for its own sake: a previously unrevealed second murder on the same night. Yet the solution to the original murder is not overly tricksy, is perhaps even (to some, not to me) overly obvious; and the mood of the moment in any case is not one of parlor the aggrieved — the penitent — emotionalism of the film makes up for either the fortuitousness or the obviousness, as necessary.

It is mandatory to mention that the film was adapted from a novel by Dennis Lehane, and I confess that it sent me scurrying to the library to check out another of his books, one of the Patrick Kenzie and Angie Gennaro private-eye series, and I further confess that I found it to be perfectly dreadful: embarrassing characters, unswallowable plotting, unspeakable dialogue. (Just as astoundingly, the scriptwriter,

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Brian Helgeland, is also the writer and director of the godforsaken The Order.) Lehane's book version of Mystic River, not a part of a series, may have been a more ambitious effort, a stab at the Great American Novel. I don't know. But I was reminded nevertheless of the salvation job that Eastwood performed on The Bridges of Madison County, still his personal peak in my opinion, after which he started to coast.

And that brings us back to the first extraordinary thing about the film: its maker's capacity for self-renewal and growth. We have, for a nearby point of comparison, the tired and tiresome new work from Woody Allen, a hyphenate star-director strangely parallel to Eastwood in the length and productivity of his career, in his standoffishness from screen fashion, and in his unimpaired ability to make his own sort of film in his own sort of style, regardless of box-office performance - not to mention in his taste for jazz and for obscenely younger women. (Specific point of conjunction: the use of jazz vocalist Diana Krall, on screen in Anything Else and, four years ago, over the closing credits in True Crime.) When Eastwood, now seventy-three, finally passes from the scene, one wonders who in the Hollywood Establishment will have the clout, the weight, the maturity, the motivation, to carry on in this line of endeavor. One wonders, and shudders.

MOVIE LISTINGS

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American Splendor — A chewable bone thrown to the famished fans of Ghost World, with a protagonist closely related to the latter's Steve Buscemi in his marginal existence, his menial job, his obliviousness or out-and-out resistance to fashion, his patronage of yard sales, his esoteric record collection, his congenital negativity. One difference, of course, is that the present protagonist is an actual living person, one Harvey Pekar, a 365-days-a-year sourpuss, sorehead, and bellyacher ("I don't know how to be positive"), and a lifelong file clerk at a V.A. hospital in Cleveland, who eventually became the protagonist of a series of autobiographical underground comics also titled American Splendor (illustrated by various hands, starting with R. Crumb), and who by that avenue became the sometime foil of David Letterman and the full-time husband of one Joyce Brabner, a "selfdiagnosed anemic" and all-around hypochondriac, who began as a fan of the comics and wound up as a character in them and a collaborator on them. Another difference from the Buscemi character is that this one, center-stage the entire time, must carry the whole load by himself. And even though Paul Giamatti, the very epitome of a supporting player, relishes his chance at a lead, he's a bit of a one-note, a bit of a stickler about always staying "in character." The danger of him thus seeming to be putting on an act is that he seems to be insinuating that Pekar too is putting on an act. Our respect for the man teeters in the balance. In covering the complete biographical arc at one sitting, the film inevitably deviates from the amorphous daily minutiae in which the comic books wallow. It comes to resemble instead a conventional American success story however modest or ironic or parodistic a one — with a suspiciously rosy ending after a climactic battle against cancer. The infiltration of the action with other likenesses of the hero — the real Harvey Pekar behind the scenes and in voice-over, the real Pekar in archival clips from the Letterman show (major exception: his ill-



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tempered meltdown on the air must be reenacted by Giamatti and a silhouetted stand-in for Letterman), along with assorted comic-book incarnations of Pekar - feels not so much artistically bold and daring and liberated as artistically casual, capricious, slovenly. Maybe, in smaller concentrations, there's something bold and daring and liberated inherent in those very qualities, and in any event they certainly suit the protagonist. With Hope Davis; written and directed by Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini. 2003. ★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Bubba Ho-tep — Prolonged dizzy spell brought on by an ancient Egyptian Soul Sucker who stalks the halls of a Texas rest home till he runs into some stiff opposition from a resident who may or may not be the real Elvis (weighing how he got there, you'd have to guess not) and another resident who believes he is JFK (as he's black, there's not much question). Ossie Davis, Jr., sounding new depths of gravity, has an easier access to absurdity than has the heavily made-up and heavily imitative Bruce Campbell: what's the difference between playing Elvis and playing an Elvis impersonator? The mock-horror element is very much the element of director Don Coscarelli (the *Phantasm* series); the mock-heroic element proves to be more of a reach. 2003

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 10/10; KEN, THROUGH 10/9)

Casa de los Babys — The name of the movie is the name of a Mexican resort hotelcum-hospital where half a dozen gringas await their turn to adopt native newborns; more bluntly, where the haves take from the have-nots. Or still more bluntly, where the Left-leaning John Sayles can show off some of his right thinking (note the lowercase "r"), to say nothing of some of his falsesounding dialogue. At a mere hour and a half, it is underdeveloped by Sayles's latterday standards, yet each of the principals (Maggie Gyllenhaal, Daryl Hannah, Marcia Gay Harden, Susan Lynch, Mary Steenburgen, Lili Taylor), if they don't all get a turn to adopt, do get a turn to act. 2003.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 10/9; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 10/10)

Cold Creek Manor — If Mike Figgis following his string of digital-video experiments, wanted simply to prove he could still make a regular movie, then the present project might be termed a success. It could hardly be more "regular," an obvious

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and overwrought thriller about a New York family (Dennis Quaid, Sharon Stone, and kids), in search of tranquillity, who, for a song, pick up a repossessed upstate mansion and all its belongings. What happens next, or subsequent to finding kiddie-porn Polaroids among the belongings, seems a staggeringly bad idea: hiring the ex-con former occupant (a bearded, ballcapped Stephen Dorff) as a handyman after he has entered the house without invitation, slurped down a free meal, practically drooled over the wife and teenage daughter, and generally matched the social manners of the ex-con in Cape Fear. Staggeringly bad ideas make for notoriously shaky foundations. The business of lowering a camcorder on a rope to find out what's at the bottom of a hidden well christened the Devil's Throat, is truly spooky, and truly unrepresentative of a movie that otherwise favors the Big Eek. With Juliette Lewis, Christopher Plummer. 2003. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20;

OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16:)

Danzón — Unassuming, unassertive little feminist comedy about a Mexico City phone operator (by day) and competitive ballroom dancer (by night) whose Platonic dance partner of six years vanishes without a word. She goes hunting for him in Veracruz, finds new friends and a romantic fling instead. Maria Rojo is a winning heroine, and Maria Novaro is a capable director, investing the movie with a sense of place (colorful, because it's Mexico) and character and peripheral life. And yet the whole thing above all, the dancing — amounts only to an appetizer. 1992. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 10/11)

Days of Heaven — If the Time-Life publishers commissioned a picture book on the Great American Bread Basket, ca. World War I, they'd probably want it to look like this — a thing you could be proud to place on your coffee table. You never know for sure what the picturesque Thomas Hart Benton laborers are doing on the Texas Panhandle farm, but they are usually doing it in lovely slanting sunlight, under deep cerulean skies, amid the stereophonic rustle of tall grain. These moving pictures seldom move very much, and they can maintain no rhythm or continuity when every other one of them knocks you flat on your back. Terrence Malick, the writer-director, appears to be getting ideas from "American scene" photographers such as Lewis Hine and Dorothea Lange and painters such as Andrew Wyeth and the aforementioned Benton, and he appears, too, to be extremely careful not to allow anything disruptive or discordant to enter his immaculate images. He tries, however, to get a certain complication, or multilevel effect, by tacking

other elements onto the soundtrack. There is the tremulous romanticism of the Ennio Morricone music. There is the eccentric, modernistic dialogue delivery of Richard Gere and Brooke Adams. And there is the pseudo-illiterate "folk poetry" of the narration: the twelve-year-old narrator, speaking in an aggressive Jersey City dialect despite coming from Chicago, is fond of doing redundant, cadenced paraphrases of her own sentences: "Nobody sent us letters. We didn't receive no cards" and "Nobody's perfect. There was never a perfect person around" and so on. These individual elements sit alongside one another like parallel lines, no contact, no interplay. With Sam Shepard, Linda Manz; photographed by Nestor Almendros, 1978. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 10/10 THROUGH 16)

Dirty Pretty Things — The bicontinental British filmmaker Stephen Frears returns to the milieu of his Sammy and Rosie Get Laid and My Beautiful Laundrette - the London melting pot, but this time in the grimmer mood of a Thirties-style social drama (the Warners studio, most typically), with a rough, raw, skinned-knuckle image and a crowding, collaring, buttonholing camera The puckered-browed protagonist (Chiwetel Ejiofor) is a Nigerian illegal who works days as a cab driver — his training in his homeland as a doctor obliges him to examine and treat his fellow cabbies for VD — and works nights as a hotel desk clerk. (He sleeps never.) In the latter capacity, a ghastly discovery in an overflowing toilet on the fifth floor breath-stopping scene — leads him down a trail into a black-market trade in internal organs and forged passports: or, if you prefer, into an overwrought metaphor for the plight of the illegal. There is also a girl in the picture, a Turkish Muslim (Audrey Tautou) who works in the hotel as a chambermaid and has a huge crush on the hero. The mixed chorus of immigrants prominently Spanish, Chinese, and Russian in addition to the nationalities already mentioned — affords an interesting framework, but the fill-in is luridly melodramatized and sentimentalized, as if the only answer to xenophobia were an equally rabid xenophilia. The plaintiveness of the two principals stands unsurpassed on the streets of London since *Broken Blossoms*, and the cartoonish menace of the immigration cops and the swinish sweatshop boss is unsurpassed since Dickens. The climax indulges our sympathies to cloying extremes. 2003. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Duplex — By increasingly foul means, a yuppie couple attempt to root out their upstairs Neighbor-from-Hell, a wizened Irishwoman with a deceptive grandmotherly twinkle. Director Danny DeVito has been toiling too long in the same black-comic

mine (Throw Momma from the Train, The War of the Roses, Matilda, Death to Smoochy), and there was never that much coal down there to begin with. The trucking-in of trendier gross-out nuggets -Drew Barrymore throwing up in Ben Stiller's face, and the like — tacitly acknowledges the depletion. Eileen Essell, Harvey Fierstein, James Remar. 2003. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

The Fighting Temptations — A native son of Georgia, back from the Big Apple, needs to whip the hometown church choir into shape in order to collect his inheritance from Aunt Sally. Not even the frantic amiability of Cuba Gooding, Jr., not even the transfusions of foot-stomping gospel music, can raise the flattened carcass off the floor. With Beyoncé Knowles, Mike Epps, Wendell Pierce, LaTanya Richardson, Steve Harvey; directed by Jonathan Lynn. 2003. • (CINERAMA 6; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; SWEETWATER 9)

Freaky Friday - Disney remake of the magical, mystical mother-daughter switcheroo, adjusted for youth's further usurping of the culture since 1977. The ostensible original idea was for the representatives of both generations to see through the other's eyes, but the bias in the remake tilts strongly toward the younger. The girl is a little older this time, and the casting was better the last time (Barbara Harris and Jodie Foster vs. Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan), and it's still a confusing situation - not just for the two who swap bodies, but for us and the scriptwriters as well. With Mark Harmon, Harold Gould, Chad Michael Murray; directed by Mark Waters. 2003.

● (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Good Boy - Comedy-fantasy written and directed by John Hoffman, about an extraterrestrial pooch; with Liam Aiken, Molly Shannon, Kevin Nealon. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/10

The Housekeeper — Claude Berri's film has all the qualities you could want in a housekeeper if not all you could want in a film. Efficiency: the "exposition" is taken care of in the fully explored messy apartment during the opening credits. Attention to detail: the bourgeois divorcé tidies up the place beforehand to make it presentable for the cleaning woman. Thoroughness: every centimeter of the tightening bond between the middle-aged employer and his soon homeless young

employee, every millimeter of the closing chasm between his classical CD and her rock-and-roll boom box, is scrupulously marked. Yet somehow this characteristic sample of French intimism is too circumscribed for its own good, inching toward a puny punch line that only spotlights the smallness. It is an unfailing pleasure nonetheless to observe the frowning, scowling Jean-Pierre Bacri (Same Old Song, The Taste of Others, etc.), who always appears to be in disagreement with the last thing he ate, and a very fresh pleasure to observe the strong-jawed Emilie Dequenne (Rosetta and Brotherhood of the Wolf only), who beautifully fits a space without needing to fill it or rule it. 2002. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The House of the Dead — Teenagers and zombies, with Ionathan Cherry and Tyron Leitso, directed by Uwe Boll. (CINERAMA 6; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/10)

Intolerable Cruelty - Reviewed next issue. With George Clooney, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Edward Herrmann, and Billy Bob Thornton; directed by Joel Coen. ★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/10)

Kill Bill, Vol. 1 — Martial-arts action film, the first of two parts, written and directed by Ouentin Tarantino, starring Uma Thurman, Lucy Liu, and David Carradine. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/10)

Lost in Translation — Sofia Coppola's sophomore effort marks an advance over *The Virgin Suicides:* a phlegmatic comedy about two American outsiders who fall into an ill-defined relationship in Tokyo, a bond forged of loneliness and misery between an over-the-hill Hollywood action star (a sadsack Bill Murray, who surely should have been written as an over-the-hill comedy star), in town to collect a cool two million for a series of whisky ads, and a neglected young wife (the seductively throaty Scarlett Johansson), who spends a lot of time lolling around her hotel room in transparent pink







panties while her photographer husband (the dependably dreadful Giovanni Ribisi) busies himself with work. The "satirical" touch tends to be lighter this time, with perhaps a few exceptions: the suspected anorexic blond starlet (with so many to choose from, couldn't a better fit have been found for this role than the robust Anna Faris?), the tutti-frutti television host misleadingly labelled "the Johnny Carson of Japan," the S&M call girl ("Lip my stocking!"), and the imported guitar-andvocal lounge act billed as "Sausalito." Truly on the lighter side, however, there are large numbers of points scored, even if easy ones, with the advertising campaign ("For relaxing times, make it Suntori time"), the language difficulties, the faxes and FedExes and phone calls from the all-business wife in California, the exercise machine, the local cuisine, and the inevitable karaoke bar (Murray reverting to SNL form for his soupladle renditions of Elvis Costello's "Peace, Love, and Understanding" and Roxy Music's "More Than This"). And the touristing in and around Tokyo is pleasantly relaxed. Coppola's uncertain visual style, vacillating between a fussy precision and a fumbling offhandedness, could never be mistaken for her father's. Which, for purposes of independence and the establishment of a separate identity, would be a good thing if only the style could be recognized as distinctively anybody's. 2003. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Mambo Italiano — Coming out of the closet in a house of Italian immigrants in French Canada. Based on a play, and presumably on experience, by Steve Galluccio, but as telegraphed, as shouted, as blared, as a TV sitcom. With Luke Kirby, Ginette Reno, Paul Sorvino, Claudia Ferri, and Peter Miller; directed by Emile Gaudreault. 2003. ● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Matchstick Men — Nicolas Cage is let off the leash to play a tic-infested con artist with an obsessive-compulsive disorder, a phobia for dirt and the outdoors, a mania for canned tuna. Frisking and frolicking to keep pace are Alison Lohman as the teenage daughter he never knew he had, and Sam Rockwell as his loosey-goosey partner in crime. It would all be intolerably annoying except that director Ridley Scott, while exercising no control over his actors, keeps a close watch on their surroundings, playing tirelessly with light and shadow, picking out microscopic details, catching reflections in glass, and generally giving you a lot to look at apart from the three overactors. (He gives you a lot to listen to as well: a wall-to-wall songtrack heavy on Sinatra and his peers.) Instead, it becomes intolerably annoying





only after you have come through the snarl of plot twists toward the end and can look back in righteous indignation at where you have been. Bruce McGill, Bruce Altman. 2003.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SOUARE 14)

My Life without Me — Sarah Polley as a terminally ill young mother, with Scott Speedman, Mark Ruffalo, and Amanda Plummer, written and directed by Isabel Coixet. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 10/10)

Office Space — The live-action directing debut of Mike Judge (creator of Beavis and Butt-head), a feature-length expansion of his series of "Milton" animated shorts. The character of Milton, a flabby mumbling nobody in a five-foot cubicle at a software firm called Initech (Initiative plus Technology equals...), is but a minor figure here, indelibly embodied by Stephen Root in a pair of magnifying-glass spectacles. The

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central figure is a handsomer and blander presence, Ron Livingston, a dispirited twentysomething who, in clearest contrast to Milton, is a Character You Can Identify With. Judge, while showing no special sensitivity to color, composition, scene construction, or any other fundamental of film directing, nevertheless has compiled a lengthy grievance-list of the petty irritations and indignities of the nine-to-five slog, and he gets it amusingly, if artlessly, off his chest. Gary Cole earns the position at the head of the list, and earns the most and the best laughs in the bargain, as the smooth-talking slave-driver who cushions his bullying in roundabout syntax and lazy rhythms: "Yeeah, I'm gonna have to go ahead and sort of disagree with you there." (Many of his sentences begin with "Yee-ah" and find room for a "go ahead and" in the middle.) The plot gambit of sending the hero to an Occupational Hypnotherapist, and converting him into a hooky-playing passive resister, a kind of corporate Thoreau, when the therapist expires from a coronary in mid-trance, proves to be a profitable turn, for a time anyway, especially for the series of messages left by his boss on his answering machine, all of them beginning with the word "Yee-ah." The subsequent plot gambit

of the hero embezzling funds from the company in cahoots with two laid-off colleagues is no more than a means of reaching feature-length. Slowlier and slowlier. Jennifer Aniston, David Herman Ajay Naidu. 1999. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 10/11, MIDNIGHT)

Once upon a Time in Mexico — It is one of the mysteries of cinema: the production can be slick as a hockey rink, the camera movements agile and athletic, the angles exalting, the action unrelenting, the overall direction giddy with the joy of creation, and still the movie can be stupefyingly dull. This second sequel to El Maricahi, colloquially billed as "A Robert Rodriguez Flick," as well as "Shot, Chopped, and Scored by Robert Rodriguez," in addition to simply "Written and Directed by Robert Rodriguez," serves to illustrate, if not illuminate, the mystery. No doubt the shooter, chopper, scorer, writer, and director has come a long way since the hand-crafted crudities of *Mariachi*, and yet the persistent dullness indicates that the mileage has been piled up in a tight spiral around a fixed point. No doubt, too, he has accomplished exactly what he set out to do in this self-consciously, tongue-in-cheekily mythologizing pageant. ("That," as a line in the script puts it, "is truly unbelievable.") No doubt he himself finds a Hong Kong action film by John Woo to be a completely satisfying aesthetic experience, and no doubt he would feel flattered to be included in the same sentence. One is tempted, then, to try to explain away the mystery by the absence of what once would have been called the human element: back before, that is, every fledgling filmmaker had to add Joseph Campbell's The Hero with a Thousand Faces to his basic library, and mere heroes began to be crowded out by superheroes, one-man armies, instant legends, franchises. One needn't be a believer in Pure Cinema. though, to suspect there's more to it than just the total absence of humanity. Topmost among the director's glaring limitations is his propensity, like a muscle-bound headhunting prizefighter, to think in terms of one shot at a time: no combinations, no

strategy, no pacing. The very definition, inside the ropes, of a palooka. Antonio Banderas, Johnny Depp, Willem Dafoe, Eva Mendes, Salma Hayek. 2003. ● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Out of Time — Familiar situation (in movies, not in life) of the framed lawman steering a murder investigation away from himself, staying one step ahead of his estranged wife, the newly appointed homicide detective. For a while the movie feigns an interest in human relationships a romantic triangle or quadrangle, depending on how you're counting before it settles down to clickety-clack mechanics. It maintains sufficient speed to evade close examination, and features a hair-raising fight on a seventh-floor hotel balcony. With Denzel Washington, Eva Mendes, Sanaa Lathan, Dean Cain, and John Billingsley; directed by Carl Franklin. 2003. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Party Monster — A true tale of disco decadence — drugs, debauchery, Ringling Brothers costumes, and ultimately murder, to say nothing of the low-grade video on which it's recorded - concerning "the king of club kids" and his mentor. (Says the kid: 'You're the Yoda to my Luke." The mentor offers a different view: "You're the Paula Abdul to my Janet Jackson.") Macaulay Culkin and Seth Green, an uncharismatic duo, affect homosexual drawls that sound like nothing but bad accents, and the subsub-sub-Wildean witticisms aggravate the pain: "I'd rather suck on a urinal cake." Chloë Sevigny, who can do no wrong apart from her choice of material, comes in late,



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to little effect. With Dylan McDermott, Wilmer Valderrama, Wilson Cruz, Marilyn Manson, and Diana Scarwid; co-written and co-directed by Fenton Bailey and Randy Barbato. 2003. • (KEN, 10/10 THROUGH 16)

Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse

of the Black Pearl - Now that the ʻride" — as in "wild ride," "thrill ride, "rollercoaster ride" — seems to be an accepted film category, if not quite a genre, it makes sense that a film would be modelled after, or at least named after, an actual amusement-park ride. But Pirates - not the first Disney movie to bring to the screen a Disneyland attraction, if you count The Country Bears - is more of a long ride than any other kind of ride, a two-and-a-quarterhour kiddie film, loud and broad, about ratchet-voiced, pasteboard pirates who turn out, to the detriment of the sword-crossing scenes, to be really the ghosts of pirates. (Trying to kill the already dead is a tedious business.) The visual effects of these pirates turning from flesh to bones as they pass in and out of moonlight are marvelous to behold, as is the effect of their stealthy advance on foot across the ocean floor. But director Gore Verbinski, fresh off the throatclutching frights of The Ring, cannot hope with this one to scare a five-year-old. Orlando Bloom, on the team of humans looks as stoutheartedly heroic as in the Lord of the Rings films; and Keira Knightley nimbly makes the leap from proletarian jock in Bend It Like Beckham to cosseted, corseted aristocrat: or in more practical terms, from little "indie" to high-stakes blockbuster. And Johnny Depp, with raccoonish rings of mascara around his eyes and a perpetual Dean Martin slur in his speech, lets you know in every way possible that he's not taking any of this seriously, other than his paycheck. With Geoffrey Rush and Jonathan Pryce. 2003.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VOGUE)

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intrigue complicated by romantic intrigue in Indochina in the early 1950s: an idealistic and myopic American secret agent played by Brendan Fraser, and an aloof, effete British journalist played by Michael Caine ("Sooner or later," he is admonished by a native, "one has to take sides if one is to remain human"), in gentlemanly — and discreetly symbolic --- competition over a passive Vietnamese concubine. This treatment of the Graham Greene novel stays truer than Joe Mankiewicz's 1958 version to the spirit of the original, though it goes outside it in its godlike omniscience on the coming Vietnam War, complete with an historical update in the epilogue. More than a mere remake, more than a simple reprise, it amounts to a retrospective and newly appreciative view of the book, a validation of it in hindsight. (For all its distant perspective, the film has lost little in topicality: America is still the cop on the world beat.) Of course we can scarcely be surprised, in an age whose top spy writer seems to be Tom Clancy, that Greene would come across more than ever as a deep thinker and a subtle moralist: everyone in his smoke-gray world is tainted, and the man who holds the moral high ground in one sector of the battlefield will find himself far down the slope in another. Australian director Phillip Noyce, who coincidentally has handled a couple of the Clancy transplants to the screen (Patriot Games, the best of them, in addition to A Clear and Present Danger), keeps a steady hand on the throttle, such that the slightest infusion of suspense (running out of gas in the dead of night in the Vietnam back country and seeking refuge in the handiest watchtower) is worth more than all the explosions in the latest Bond caper. With Do Thi Hai Yen. 2002.

★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 10/13, 6:30 P.M.)

The Rundown — The Rock, erstwhile professional wrestler, here plays a "retrieval expert," a mob free-lancer who declines to work with a gun and looks forward to a future as a restaurateur. In the opening scene, in order to collect a little collateral on the gambling debts of a pro quarterback, he takes on a team of bodyguards composed of "the entire offensive line," and leaves the quarterback unprotected against next Sunday's pass rush. After that, you may rest assured that nothing worthwhile will happen on his ensuing escapade in Brazil, with a



treasure-hunting college dropout (Seann William Scott, further assurance of worthlessness), a capitalist slave driver (Christopher Walken), and an undercover rebel leader (Rosario Dawson) disguised as a barmaid. Though he looks as if he stepped out of a comic book, The Rock can handle not only an offensive line but also a line of dialogue, and if nothing else the movie serves as an application for a better job. Directed by Peter Berg. 2003. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

School of Rock — An imposter substitute teacher, and local laughingstock rocker, instructs a class of grade-schoolers in What He Knows: rock-and-roll, history and practice. The participation of director Richard Linklater (Slacker, etc.) and screenwriter Mike White (The Good Girl, etc.) might raise expectations slightly, and

similarly raise the results: head of the class of boneheads. Their plunge into the commercial mainstream - for a sort of Adam Sandler movie sans Adam Sandler has left them relatively unbefouled, maybe with just a faint scent of oil and sewage. A smarty-pants answer to things like Mr. Holland's Opus and Music of the Heart, the movie nevertheless boasts the "sweetness" for which Sandler is abundantly famous and grudgingly indulged. The hero does end up teaching something, and of course learning something himself: a feelgood movie, but a feel-cool, too. Jack Black, in his plummiest role to date, throws himself into it body if not soul. He appears more eager to connect with those in the multiplex than with those in the classroom thus coming across as grovelling and aloof at the same time, albeit in different directions. With Joan Cusack. 2003. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL

MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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Party Monster

Seabiscuit — Writer-director Gary Ross runs through the storied career of the toosmall racehorse with the too-big jockey, blind in one eye to boot. In this treatment — a simple horse story amplified into a social history — the nag must lug the additional weight of the aggregate Little Guy and the collective American Dream. Although these sentimentalities are to a large extent true to the horse's press clippings at the time, the practical result is that the filmmaker picks up the story too far back - it will be nearly an hour before the title figure makes his grand entrance from a fog bank — and goes to inordinate lengths to explain to the modern-day viewer the meaning of such things as the Triumph of Industry, the Closing of the Frontier, Prohibition, the Stock Market Crash, and the Great Depression: "A great national migration began," blah blah. (The authoritative voice of the narrator, complete with PBS credentials, is that of historian David McCullough.) At the more intimate level, Ross feels obliged to point out repeatedly in the dialogue, lest anyone miss it, how this mishandled and discarded horse mirrors and symbolizes the three damaged men - owner, trainer, rider - who turned

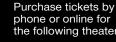
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him into a winner. The viewer, in particular the old-fashioned viewer to whom the film caters, could be forgiven for feeling a little less enlightened than insulted. And when he reminds himself that Ross's prior credit was Pleasantville, he could be forgiven again for wondering whether the filmmaker, in his bland nostalgia and bottled optimism, is not somehow a prisoner of the antiseptic fantasyland he therein satirized. The races, despite an overdose of slow-motion and of blustery billowy Randy Newman music in the mode of *The Natural*, are varied and exciting. And the principals — Jeff Bridges, Chris Cooper, Tobey Maguire as the aforesaid owner, trainer, rider - are uniformly sympathetic in their openly operatically anguished way. But it is left to real-life jockey Gary Stevens to teach the less-is-more lesson (from the Richard Conte School of Acting), a tight-lipped, squarejawed oasis of professional cool and personal dignity. With William H. Macy. 2003.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; VOGUE)

Secondhand Lions - Frayed coming-ofage varn tied to a crusty-old-coot comedy. Robert Duvall and Michael Caine are mismatched as brothers, and even worse matched with their stand-ins in flashbacks. Haley Joel Osment, Kyra Sedgwick; directed by Tim McCanlies. 2003. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8;

ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Sin Dejar Huella (Without a Trace) — Female buddy film and road film from the Mexican director of Danzón, Maria Novaro. (CHULA VISTA 10; HAZARD CENTER 7; FROM 10/10)

Small Voices — Filipino drama centered around a dedicated music teacher, directed by Gil Portes. (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 10/10)

The Son — Another slice of naturalism from the Belgian brothers Dardenne, Jean-Pierre and Luc, who previously carved out The Promise and Rosetta. This one revolves around a vocational training facility, and more particularly around a stolid carpenter in coke-bottle glasses and six-inch leather girdle for back support. The camera crowds in as close as it can get, but the actors make no accommodation for it, so that it's often looking at the back of the balding head of our protagonist, peering over the dandrufflike sprinkle of sawdust on his shoulders, picking up practical details of the trade along with the students. Perhaps more agitated than necessary, it changes focus, it jiggles, it jockeys for a better angle. There is no music, ever, unless you count the ambient sawing and hammering as some kind of modernist percussion piece. We can tell something is up with the protagonist: suspicious behavior, strange looks, an unnatural interest in a newly enrolled sandy-haired teenager, yet an almost panicky avoidance of direct contact with him. What we the viewers find out long before the boy does, but not before we can draw a wrong conclusion or two, is that this is the boy, fresh from the reformatory, who killed the protagonist's son and repercussively destroyed his marriage. It is a powerful and suspenseful situation, so much so that it needs no trumped-up theatrics to sell itself. The undemonstrative actors (Olivier Gourmet, Morgan Marinne) do not blunt the power, nor does the offhand treatment blunt the suspense: not, at any rate, for a viewer who can find his way to The End without constant cues as to what he

ought to be thinking and feeling. 2002. ★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 10/9)

The Spider's Stratagem — The change of locale, to post-war Italy, would doubtless be acceptable to the original story's author, Borges, who often affects a hypothetical and equivocal air in his two- or three- or fourpage fictions. Not as acceptable, most likely, would be the pretentious puffing up of the story (Theme of the Traitor and the Hero) and the sticky pace, which make abundant room for a pensive, posturing, pretty-faced

hero, and for a distant, deteriorating heroine (Alida Valli), surrounded by more vegetation, more decay, more memories than a Tennessee Williams character, and for director Bernardo Bertolucci's coltish camera moves - the short-winded tracking shots, the breathless sprint through thin tree trunks, and so on. Produced for Italian TV. 1970.

★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 10/9, 7 P.M., AND 10/10, 3:30 AND 9:30 P.M.)

Step into Liquid — Dana Brown, son of Bruce Brown (The Endless Summer and The Endless Summer II), has grabbed a camera and followed his father's footprints into the surf, assembling a workmanlike testimonial to the religion of riding the waves. Inspirational illustration is evenly balanced with interview and voice-over pearls of wisdom: "The cut-and-dried has no place in liquid." 2003. ★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8, FROM 10/10; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA)

Summer — Part of Eric Rohmer's series of

"Comedies and Proverbs," this one concerns a mopish Parisian secretary with a big problem. What's she to do with her vacation now that her copine has backed out of their plans at the last minute, and there are no garçons anywhere in her life or on the horizon? Everyone she knows has helpful suggestions for her, and she tries Deauville, tries the Alps, tries Biarritz, with return trips to Paris in between. This holiday diary, interspersed with hand-written date cards for an air of authenticity, is filled up for the most part with amorphous improvisational conversations (on topics in the nature of Introduction-to-Vegetarianism: "Your body is what you eat," etc.), shot in a stiff, flat, quasi-documentary style, in what looks to have been 16mm blown up grainily to 35. There are also some very brief non-verbal non-scenes of daily non-activities. The technique helps on the impression that these are indeed Real People, but not on the impression that this was supposed to have been a movie. Marie Rivière, in the only role of any dimension, and admittedly a role of ploddingly accumulated poignance, has an engaging smile and an untended tangle of

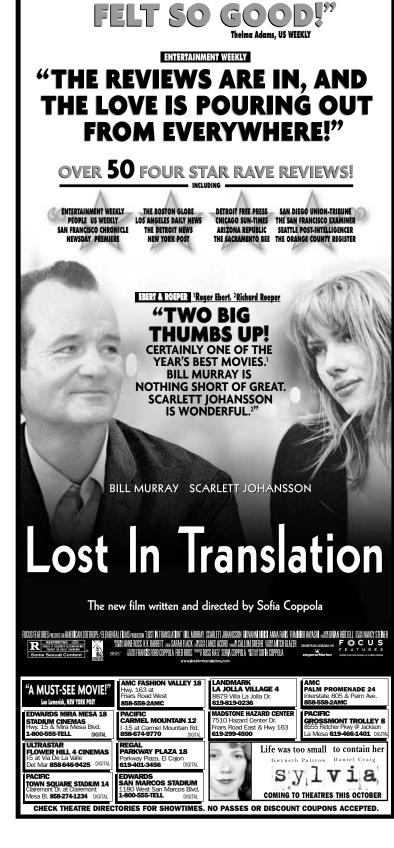
black hair and yet not an altogether uncamera-conscious demeanor (or a not altogether unindulgent director, who, like his compatriot Godard, never seems to change his preference in women no matter how much older he gets) — but this last quality doesn't much aid the impression of movie-ness, either. 1986. ★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 10/9, 9 P.M., AND 10/10, 1 AND 7 P.M.)

Taking Sides — The eminent German conductor Wilhelm Furtwangler ("as big as Toscanini, maybe even bigger") undergoes a postwar grilling by a hammerheaded American major about his alleged affiliation with the Nazis: "I'm going to get that fuckin' bandleader!" A stagy statement of complex issues (adapted, after all, from a play by Ronald Harwood), with a couple of own worst-enemy performances by Harvey Keitel and Stellan Skarsgard as the philistine and the artiste. It's the viewer who will have

trouble taking sides. Moritz Bleibtreu, Birgit Minichmayr, Ulrich Tukur; directed by Istvan Szabo. 2003. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 10/9)

Thirteen — Essentially an R-rated Afterschool Special about the junior-high perils of conformism, cliquism, peer pressure, piercings, thongs, drugs, and all the rest, but especially drugs. More specifically: how a "nice" girl (Evan Rachel Wood, ever so nice in *Little Secrets*), a sensitive poet and a pal to the studious quiet Asian type, falls under the spell of the "hottest" girl in school (fifteen-year-old newcomer Nikki Reed, who collaborated on the script with first-time director Catherine Hardwicke). The visual style, with its grainy, jiggly, zoomy, zigzaggy image, is as trendconscious as any teenager, giving the film an air of complicity (or even of favor-currying), and sacrificing credibility. Holly Hunter is outstanding as the struggling mother, rising





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to her greatest heights at the climax: reeling in reaction to the evidence of her daughter's self-mutilation, then gathering her forces, going on the offensive, smothering all

resistance. 2003. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Under the Tuscan Sun — The distilled essence of Chick Flick, right down to the gender of writer-director Audrey Wells: a free adaptation of the Frances Mayes memoir of a San Francisco divorcée who inherits a ten-day gay tour of Italy (Gay and Away) from a pregnant lesbian no longer

willing to fly, and who then makes an impulse-purchase of a dilapidated villa in Cortona, cooks meals for her Polish immigrant construction crew, receives spiritual guidance from a flighty Englishwoman claiming acquaintance with Fellini, and embarks on a rejuvenating affair with a younger Italian reminiscent of Rosanno Brazzi in puckery sensitivity: "Francesca, I'm going to make love all over

you." (Try not to visualize something triple-X.) Though the pallid color scarcely does justice to the setting, the narrative events go down easily, almost liquidly, if none too fillingly. The tallest part of the tale, a lightning storm that launches a washing machine into midair and deposits an owl in the bedroom, is so fantastically Brothers Grimm that it could only be true. Diane Lane, in the lead role, continues in her

Unfaithful vein of forcing every little twitch and tremor of interior life out onto the surface. And Sandra Oh, as the expectant lesbian, provides the solid support that seems to be her lot. Lindsay Duncan, Raoul Bova. 2003.

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701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) **Anything Else** (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:45, 10:10; Sun. 4:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (4:20) 10:10; **Cabin** Fever (R) Fri.-Sat. 5:45, 7:55, 10:35; Sun. 5:45, 7:55, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (5:45) 7:55, 10:00; Cold Creek Manor (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 5:10, Cold Creek Mator (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; Sun. (1:45) 4:25, 7:45, 10:15; Duplex (Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:25) 7:45, 10:15; Duplex (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 5:25, 7:35, 9:55; Sun. (1:40) 5:25, 7:35, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 5:25) 7:35, 9:30; Finding Nemo (G) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 3:30); **Good Boy** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 2:10, 3:25) 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 2:10, 3:25, 5:00) 7:00, 7:40, 9:10, 9:50; House of the Dead (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. (1:35, 3:45) 5:50, 7:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:45, 5:50) 7:50, 9:55; Intolerable Cruelty (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 2:05, 3:20) 4:30, 5:40, 7:15, 8:00, 9:45, 10:20; Sun. (1:00, 2:05, 3:20) 4:30, 5:40, 7:15, 8:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:05, 3:20) 4:30, 5:40) 7:15, 8:00, 9:45; Matchstick Men (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 4:50, 7:25, 10:05; Sun. (2:15) 4:40, 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, (4:40) 7:25, 10:05; **Open Range** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:20) 7:10; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 2:00) 4:35, 5:15, 7:05, 7:45, 9:35, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 2:00, 4:35, 5:15) 7:05, 7:45, 9:35, 10:15; **Secondhand Lions** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 9:40; Sun. (1:50) 5:10, 7:20, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 5:10) 7:20, 9:40; **Un-derworld** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:55) 4:55, 7:30, 10:25; Sun. (1:55) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:55) 4:55) 7:30, 10:05

Horton Plaza 14

457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) The Fighting Temptations (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:55, 2:55) 6:55, 9:45; Kill Bill (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:50, 12:30, 1:00, 2:40, 3:20, 3:55, 5:20) 6:10, 7:05, 8:30, 9:00, 10:00; **Once upon a Time in Mexico** (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:20, 3:00) 7:25, 10:10; Ĕ **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:50, 1:05, 2:30, 4:05, 5:00) 6:45, 7:30, 9:30, 10:10; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black

1:00, 2:45, 4:00, 4:30, 5:25, 6:55, 7:20, 8:10, 1:00, 2:45, 4:00, 4:30, 5:25, 6:55, 7:20, 8:10, 9:40, 9:55, **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:10, 3:30) 6:40, 10:05; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:55, 2:05); **Under the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 12:00, 12:45, 2:50, 3:45, 6:15, 7:05, 9:00, 9:55

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Kill Bill: Intolerable Cruelty: Good Boy: Out of Time; School of Rock; The Rundown; Under the Tuscan Sun; Duplex; Second-hand Lions; Once upon a Time in Mexico; Matchstick Men; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831) American Splendor (R) Fri. (4:45) 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 4:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (4:45) 9:50; **Casa de los Babys** (R) Fri. (1:50) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 1:50, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Wed. (1:50) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Thu 9:55; Mon.-Wed. (1:50) 5:00, /:30, 9:55; Intu. (1:50) 5:00, 9:55; **Lost in Translation** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; **My Life Without Me** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Office Space (R) Sat. 12:00; Step Into Liquid (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. (2:10) 7:45

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18 10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Kill Bill; Intolerable Cruelty; Good Boy; The House of the Dead; Out of Time; School of Rock; The Rundown; Under the Tuscan Sun; Duplex; Underworld; Cold Creek Manor; Secondhand Lions; Lost in Translation; Matchstick Men; Once upon a Time in Mexico; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl

Hazard Center 7

 Tazara Center 7

 7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500)

 Danzon (PG-13) Sat. 5:15; Days of Heaven

 (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30; Kill

 Bill (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:245, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50;

 Lost in Translation (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 3:15,
 5:20, 7:30, 9:45; Matchstick Men (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 9:35; Mystic River (R) Wed.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; Sin deja huella (Not Rated) Fri. 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Sat. 12:45, 3:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Small Voices (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 12:50, 3:05, 5:20, 7:35, 9:55; Whale Rider (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 3:10, 5:10, 7:25, 9.25

Mission Valley 20 1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

Cinerama 6 5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) The Fighting Temptations (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:15) 7:15, 9:50; Sun. (12:30, 3:15) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:15) 7:45; Good Boy (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 2:55) 5:05, 7:25, 9:35; Sun (12:45, 2:55) 5:05, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:40) 7:55; **House of the Dead** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:10) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. (12:40, 3:10) 5:30, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:20) 7:25; Kill Bill (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:10, 7:30, 10:05; Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:10, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:25) 7:40; **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:20, 9:45; Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:30) 8:00; The Rundown (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:15; Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:25, 5:35) 7:50

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909) **Party Monster** (Not Rated) Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sat.-Mon. 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Tue.-Thu. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas 3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100) **Bubba Ho-tep** (R) Fri. (1:55) 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:55, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:55) 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; Dirty Pretty **Things** (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Wed. (1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; Thu. (1:35) 4:20, 9:50; **The Housekeeper** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:15) 5:00, 7:40, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:15) 5:00, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:15) 5:00, 7:40, 10:05; Mambo Italiano (R) Fri. (2:05) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:05) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Thirteen (R) Fri. (1:45) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 1:45, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:45) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55

Museum of Photographic Arts 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) **The Spider's Stratagem**, Thursday, 7 p.m. and Friday, 3:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; **Summer** (The Green Ray), Thursday, 9 p.m. and Friday, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center *1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)* **Bugs** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 3:00, 7:00; Sat. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Thu. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri. 1.00, 4.00, 6.00; Sat - Thu 1.00, 4.00; Kilimanjaro: To The Roof of Africa (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; Sat. 11:00, 2:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 2:00; **To Worlds Beyond** Sat. 10:00

EAST COUNTY EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Cold Creek Manor (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:25, 4:35) 9:45; Duplex (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (2:15) 7:25; **Good Boy** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; **House of the Dead** (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:45, 3:10, 5:35) 8:00, 10:25; **Intolerable** (12:45, 3:10, 5:35) 8:00, 10:25; Intolerable Cruelty (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:00, 12:30, 2:30, 3:00, 5:00, 5:30) 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30; Kill Bill (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:25, 11:55, 2:05, 2:35, 4:45, 5:15) 7:25, 7:55, 10:05, 10:35; Lost in Translation (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:25, 2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; Once upon a Time in Mexico (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20; Out of Time (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:25, 10:15; Dirates 2:30, 4:35, 5:05) 7:10, 7:40, 9:45, 10:15; **Pirates** of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:15, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:15, 1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:15, 11:50, 1:55, 2:30, 4:35, 5:10) 7:15, 7:50, 9:55, 10:30; **Secondhand** Lions (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:45, 2:25, 5:05) 7:45, 10:25; **Under the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) 8:00, 10:50; **Un**derworld (R) Fri.-Tue. (1:40, 4:30) 7:20, 10:10

LA MESA

Grossmont Center Grossmont Center Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100) Good Boy (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:20) 4:40, 7:15, 9:25; Mon.-Tue. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:15, 9:25; House of the Dead (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:40) 4:55, 7:55, 10:25; Mon.-Tue. (12:30, 2:40, 4:55) 7:55, 10:15; **Intolerable Cruelty** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45) 4:20, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (12:45, 4:20) 7:30, 10:00; **Kill Bill** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. (12:15, 2:50, 5:25) 7:50, 10:20; **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35) 4:10, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Tue. (12:35, 4:10) 7:35, 4110, 7:53, 10:05; Molt.-1ue, (12:53, 4:10) 7:53, 10:05; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:50, 7:50, 10:15; **Mon**.-Tue. (12:10, 2:25, 4:50) 7:45, 10:15; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 1:40) 4:15, 4:45, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10; Mon.-Tue. (1:00, 1:40, 4:15, 4:45) 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10; Secondhand Lions (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:25, 9:50; Mon.-Tue. (12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:50; **Under the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:30, 7:05, 9:40; Mon.-Tue. (1:15, 4:30) 7.05. 9.40

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) Freaky Friday (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:15) 5:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:40); Good Boy (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:20, 3:40) 5:50, 7:50, 9:55; Sun. (11:15, 1:20, 3:40) 5:50, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:00, 3:55, 5:55) 7:55; **Intolerable Cruelty** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:30, 3:50) 7:00, 9:25; Sun. (11:10, 1:30, 3:50) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:55, 5:25) 7:45; **Kill Bill** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:25, 3:55) 7:15, 9:45; Sun. (11:00, 1:25, 3:55) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:25, 5:35) 8:00; Lost in Translation (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10; Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:55, 2:35, 5:50) 8:20; Luther (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:40, 1:10, 3:45) 7:05, 9:40; Sun. (10:40, 1:10, 3:45) 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (11:40, 2:15, 5:45) 8:15; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 7:40, 10:15; Sun. 7:40; Mon.-Thu. 7:50; **Pirates of the Caribbean**: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 4:30, 10:00; Sun. (10:30) 4:30 Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 5:15); **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 1:15, 3:30) 7:10, 9:35; Sun. (11:05, 1:15, 3:30) 7:10; Mon.-Thu (12:10, 2:30, 5:30) 8:05; **Underworld** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:40) 8:10

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460) The Fighting Temptations (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:20, 4:00) 7:10, 10:15; Good Boy (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 2:00, 4:20) 7:00, 9:30; House of the Dead (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:15, 2:40, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10; **Intolerable Cruelty** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:25, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:40, 5:15) 7:10, 7:50, 9:45, 10:30; **Kill Bill** (R) Fri.-Tue. 7:10, 7:30, 9:45, 10:30; Kill Bill (R) Fri.-1ue. (11:20, 11:50, 2:05, 2:35, 4:50, 5:20) 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45; **Once upon a Time in Mexico** (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:40) 7:05; **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:25, 11:50, 2:05, 2:30, 4:40, 5:10) 7:20, 7:50, 10:00, 10:30; **Pirates of** the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (3:45) 9:35; The Rundown (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:35, 2:10, 4:50) :30, 10:10; School of Rock (PG-13) Fri.-Tue (12:00, 12:50, 2:40, 4:00, 5:20) 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; Secondhand Lions (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:05, 2:45, 5:25) 8:05, 10:40; Underworld (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:30, 4:45) 7:45, 10:40

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Kill Bill; Good Boy; Duplex; Secondhand Li-

SOUTH BAY CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) **Good Boy** (PG) Fri. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; House of the Dead (R) Fri. 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Kill Bill** (R) Fri. 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; **Once upon a Time in Mexico** (R) Fri. 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45; Out of **Time** (PG-13) Fri. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; The Rundown (R) Fri. 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; School of Rock (PG-13) Fri. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Sin dejar huella** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Underworld (R) Fri. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262) Kill Bill; Intolerable Cruelty; Good Boy; The House of the Dead; Out of Time; School of Rock; The Rundown; Under the Tuscan Sun; Duplex; Lost in Translation; Under-world; Secondhand Lions; Cold Creek Manor; The Fighting Temptations; Cabin Fever; Matchstick Men; Once upon a Time in Mexico; Freaky Friday; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl

Rancho Del Rey 16 East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) Cold Creek Manor (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:20) 7:10, 10:25; **Duplex** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15) 6:55; **Good Boy** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:05) 7:35, 10:40; **House of the Dead** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:30, 4:55) 7:25, 10:15; **Intol**-erable Cruelty (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:25, 5:15) 8:00, 10:40; **Kill Bill** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 11:55, 2:10, 3:35, 4:55) 6:55, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:55) 9:50; Once upon a Time in Mexico (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:30, 5:15) 7:55, 10:30; Out of Time (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 12:05, 2:20, 3:25, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black **Pearl** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 3:00) 7:05, 10:00; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:15) 7:30, 10:10; School of Rock (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 5:05) 7:50, 10:35; Secondhand Lions (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:20, 5:10) 7:55, 10:40; **Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:05); **Un-der the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:05) 7:15, 10:05; **Underworld** (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:35) 7:30, 10:20

Vogue

Third Avenue (619-425-1436) Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:00, 10:00; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:15, 7:30; **Seabiscuit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:45

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In 2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

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Sweetwater 9 1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571) The Fighting Temptations (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:30) 8:00; **Good Boy** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:00) 5:25, 7:20, 9:20; Sun. (1:00, 3:00) 5:25, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:15) 7:10; **House of the Dead** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 2:55) 5:20, 7:40, 9:55; Sun. (12:50, 2:55) 5:20, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:55) 6:05, 8:05: Intolerable Cruelty (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:35) 4:50, 7:00, 9:10; Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 4:50, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:45, 5:55) 8:05, Kill Bill (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:25) 4:45, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:25) 7:45; Once upon **a Time in Mexico** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20) 5:10, 9:45; Sun. (12:20) 5:10; Mon.-Thu. (3:15) 7:55; Out of Time (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:20) 4:30, 6:40, 8:50; Sun. (12:10, 2:20) 4:30, 6:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:50) 6:00, 8:10; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 2:50) 5:15, 7:35, 9:50; Sun. (12:40, 2:50) 5:15, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (3:25, 5:40) 7:55; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:25, 9:40; Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:35) 7:50; **Un**derworld (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:40) 7:15; Mon.-Thu.

NORTH INLAND BONSALL

Galaxy 6 Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784) **Good Boy** (PG) Fri. 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **Intolerable Cruelty** (PG-13) Fri. 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Kill Bill** (R) Fri. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15,

OCEANSIDE 16: PAI M PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Underworld — Kate Beckinsale (The Last Days of Disco, The Golden Bowl, etc.), in a remarkable display of range and versatility, makes herself right at home as a musicvideo Vampirella, dressed in dominatrix black leather, photographed in deep-freezer blue, mired in a moronic blood feud between high-tech vampires and werewolves. Alongside the snarling supporting cast, she looks like a goddess, just not too smart a one. Scott Speedman, Michael Sheen, Shane Brolly, Bill Nighy; directed by Len Wiseman. 2003. ● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20;

OCEANSIDE 16: PAI M PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9)

Whale Rider — Maori mysticism, from a novel by Witi Ihimaera, brought to the screen by writer-director Niki Caro in the bright rich color that seems to be indigenous to the New Zealand cinema. The storyline tells of a moribund modern-day tribe awaiting the arrival of a savior, and not

recognizing the one right under their noses: a barrier-leaping, tradition-defying, taboo-breaking little girl. It's a wonder they didn't notice sooner, because the girl, eleven-yearold Keisha Castle-Hughes, could wrap pretty much anybody round her little finger: the café-au-lait complexion, long straight nose, snaking eyebrows, and glistening eyes bring to mind a prepubescent Jennifer ("She's a Maniac") Beals - one of the most poignant

faces of her generation, if one of the most wasted on screen. But though the girl may save her people and save the whales (a beached suicide squad of them), she cannot quite save the movie from its Disneyesque cheerleading. With Rawiri Paratene, Vicky Haughton, Cliff Curtis. 2003. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The Run**down (PG-13) Fri. 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 5:00, 7:30; School of Rock (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; **Secondhand Lions** (PG) Fri. 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Sat. 11:15, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 4:30, 7:15

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770) Cold Creek Manor (R) Fri. 4:40, 9:55; Sat. (2:45) 7:55; Sun. (3:45) 9:45; Mon.-Tue. (4:05) 9:45; **Good Boy** (PG) Fri. (2:05) 4:35, 7:30, 10:05; Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun (1:10, 3:30) 5:40, 7:55, 10:05; Mon.-Tue. (1:15, 3:30, 5:35) 7:35, 9:35; Intolerable Cruelty (PG-13) Fri. (1:15) 4:15, 7:45, 10:20; Sat. (12:25, 2:50) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00; Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (1:20, 3:40, 5:55) 8:00, 10:05; **Kill Bill** (R) Fri. (1:10, 1:50, 3:40) 4:30, 7:25, 8:00, 9:50, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 1:30, 3:00) 4:15, 5:30, 7:10, 9:45, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. (1:10, 2:15, 3:50, 5:20) 7:10, 8:10, 9:40; Lost in Translation (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:25, 7:00, 10:00; Sat. (1:05, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:20, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. (2:05, 4:15) 7:25, 9:50; **Luther** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 3:50) 7:05, 9:45; Sat. (12:50, 3:40) 7:00, 9:55; Sun. (12:50, 3:40) 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Tue. (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:00; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40) 7:20; Sat. (12:15) 5:15, 10:30; Sun. (12:55) 7:15; Mon.-Tue. (1:15) 7:15; **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55) 4:20, 7:10, 10:15; Sat. (12:05, 2:25) 5:00, 7:25, 10:05; Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 4:55, 7:25, 9:50; Mon.-Tue. (1:55, 4:25) 7:00, 9:30; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; Sat. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:05, 10:25, Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:20; Mon.-Tue. (1:25, 3:35, 5:50) 8:00, 10:10; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:20) 5:45, 8:10, 10:35; Sat. (12:10, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:10; Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (1:00, 3:20, 5:40) 7:55, 10:15; **Sec-ondhand Lions** (PG) Fri. (1:45) 5:05, 7:55, 10:25; Sat. (12:35, 3:15) 5:40, 8:10, 10:40; Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:25, 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Tue. (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:25; **Under the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 3:55) 7:15, 10:10; Sat. (12:00, 2:40) 5:10, 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (1:05, 3:45)

7:20, 9:50 POWAY

Poway 10 13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) **Good Boy** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **Intolerable Cruelty** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Kill** Bill (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00; **Matchstick Men** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:00, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Tue. 10:45, 1:30, 4:00, 7:15; **Once upon a Time in Mexico** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 5:00, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 11:15, 5:00; **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:45, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Tue. 11:45, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun,-Tue 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Secondhand Lions (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Tue. 11:00, 1:45, 4:15, 7:15; Underworld (R) Fri.-Tue. 2:00, 7:45

RAMONA

Ramona Twin 626 Main Street (760-789-3422) Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Cold Creek Manor (R) Fri.-Tue. (2:10) 7:25; Cold Creek Mator (R) Fri.-1ue. (21:0) 7:25; Duplex (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:45, 5:05) 10:25; Finding Nemo (G) Fri.-Tue. (11:10); Good Boy (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:10), 1:30, 4:00) 7:05, 9:40; House of the Dead (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:25, 2:00, 4:35) 7:00, 9:30; Intolerable Cruelty (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:25, 12:30, 2:05, 2:55, 4:40, 5:15) 7:30, 8:00, 10:10, 10:35; **Kill Bill** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00) 7:30, 8:00, 10:20, 10:50; Lost in Translation (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:15, 1:55, 4:30) 7:05, 9:40; Matchstick Men (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:50) 10:20; Once upon a Time in Mexico (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:50, 2:35, 5:10) 8:05, 10:45; Out of Time (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:10, 11:40, 2:20, 4:45, 5:10) 7:35, 7:55, 10:35; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:45, 4:00) 7:15, 10:30; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:40, 4:40) 7:20, 9:55, **School of Rock** (PG-13) Frii-Mon. (11:45, 12:30, 2:30, 3:15, 5:15) 6:00, 8:05, 9:00, 10:50; Tue. (11:45, 12:30, 3:15, 5:15) 6:00, 9:00, 10:50; Secondhand Lions (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:20, 2:05, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05; Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (R) Tue. (2:30) 8:05; Under the Tuscan Sun (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:05, 1:50, 4:35) 7:20, 10:10; Underworld (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:05, 1:55, 4:55) 7:55, 10:45

NORTH COASTAL CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147) **Good Boy** (PG) Fri. 11:50, 1:45, 3:35, 5:30, 7:25, 9:20; Sat. 10:00, 11:50, 1:45, 3:35, 5:30, 7:25, 9:20; Sun. 10:00, 11:50, 1:45, 3:35, 5:30, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. 11:50, 1:45, 3:35, 5:30, 7:25 9:20; **Intolerable Cruelty** (PG-13) Fri. 12:55, 3:05, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30; Sat. 10:45, 12:55, 3:05, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30; Sun. 10:45, 12:55, 3:05, 5:10, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. 12:55, 3:05, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30; **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri. 12:25, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10, 9:25; Sat. 10:10, 12:25, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10, 9:25; Sun. 10:10, 12:25, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10; Mon.-Thu, 12:25, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10, 9:25; School of Rock (PG-13) Fri. 12:35, 2:55, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat. 10:15, 12:35, 2:55, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. 10:15, 12:35, 2:55, 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu 12:35, 2:55, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8 El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Good Boy (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Sun.-Thu. 1:0:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **Kill Bill** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00; **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **The Rundown** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:45, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:45, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30; **School of Rock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Secondhand Lions** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15; **Step Into Liquid** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) **Intolerable Cruelty** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Lost in Translation (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Matchstick Men (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:15, 1:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **No Shows Today** Wed.-Thu. ; **Under the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Tue. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) Kill Bill; Intolerable Cruelty; Good Boy; Out of Time: School of Rock: The Rundown Secondhand Lions; Matchstick Men

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri. 12:00; Step Into Liquid (Not Rated) Fri. 6:45, 9:00; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 6:45, 9:00; Mon.-Thu 6:45, 9:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6 6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

(760-599-8221) Good Boy (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **intolerable Cruelty** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Kill** Bill (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Matchstick Men (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; No Shows Today Wed.-Thu. ; Secondhand Lions (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Tue. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30; **Under the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Tue. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790) Good Boy (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Intolerable Cruelty** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Kill Bill** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00, 7:20, 7:50, 10:00, 10:40; **Once upon a Time in Mexico** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:20, 5:20, 7:45, 10:00; **Out of Time** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30; **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black** Pearl (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30; The Rundown (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; School of Rock (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 11:45, 2:00, 2:30, 4:50, 4:30, 7:30, 8:15, 10:10, 10:45; Secondhand Lions (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 2:20, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; Under the Tuscan Sun (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40; Underworld (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:50, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) Kill Bill; Intolerable Cruelty; Good Boy; The House of the Dead; Out of Time; School of Rock; The Rundown; Under the Tuscan Sun: Underworld: Secondhand Lions: Cold Creek Manor; Matchstick Men; Once upon a Time in Mexico; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl

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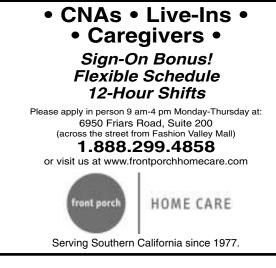
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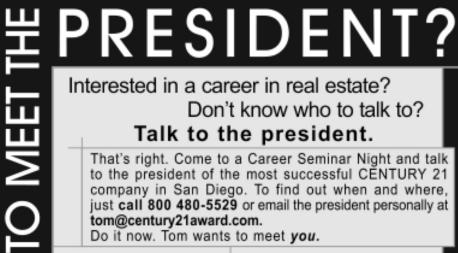
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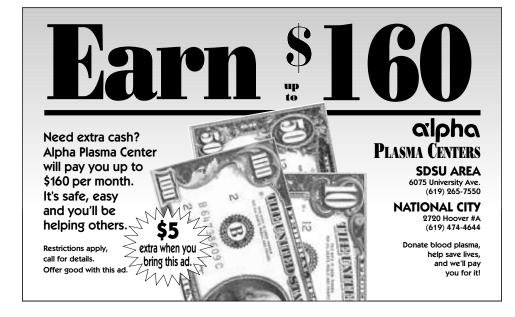


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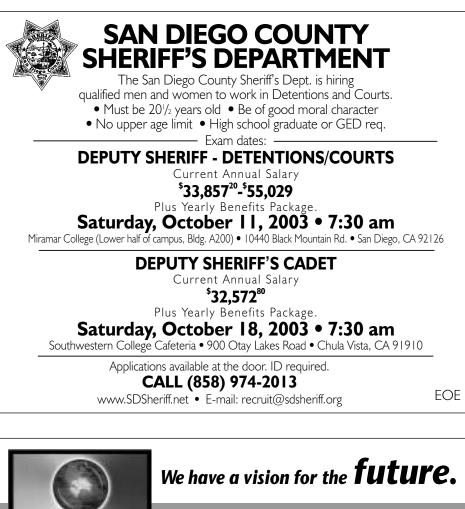
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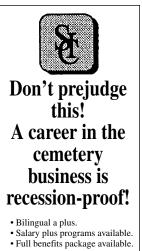
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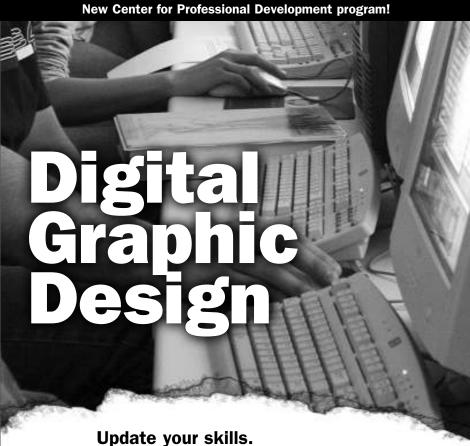
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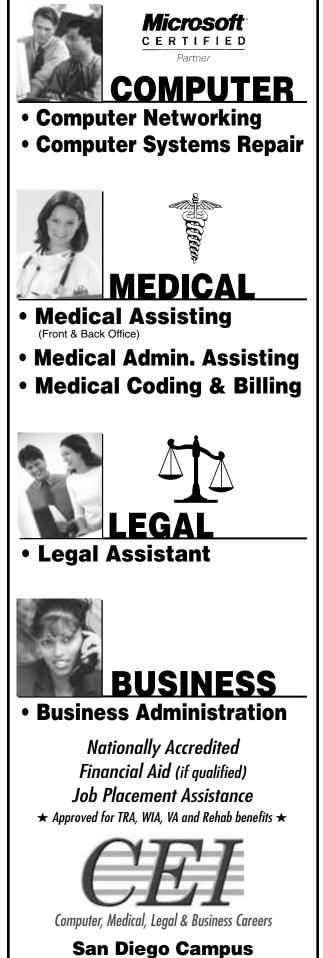
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21. Butterfly catcher's need

26. Draw _____ on (aim at)27. 1960s New York Yankee Boyer

24. Popular oven cleaner25. Roberts of ABC News

28. Become narrower

29. Muckraker Tarbell

32. Ricoh competitor

shadow

41. Hurry up

36. Concert ending?

38. Apollo approval

48. It's twice-eaten

Senate floor

52. Stew ingredients

54. Top 40 songs

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64. Take a whack at

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58. Ancient Persian59. Alan of "Manhattan Murder

33. Cornerback Sanders

34. Song words before gal or

42. Vet's memory, perhaps

50. Barely make, with "out" 51. Let another speak, like on the

31. Addis

- the curtain goes up
- 15. Kind of rally
- 16. Within: Prefix
- 17. Directors Russ and Nicholas
- 18. Victimized 20. "Moulin Rouge" actress
- 22. Go away, slangily23. Make more navigable, as a
- channel
- 25. Desert plants 30. ____ chi
- 31. One-two connector35. Half of a Beatles song title
- 37. Mme. in Spain
- 39. It's well in Spain 40. Babysit (or a task to be per
- formed in four spots in this puzzle) 43. "Must've been something
- 44. Tic-tac-toe loser
- 45. Bomb sound
- 46. German river
- 47. G.I. rank
- 49. Boston slugger Ramirez 50. Quite a sight
- 53. Billy's nickname
- 56. Beach resort near San Diego
- 61. "My opinion is ..."
- 63. Hole for a lace
- 65. They're pricey on Broadway: Abbi
- 66. Old Ford
- 67. Margot who played Lois Lane
- _buco (veal dish) 68
- 69. From, in France 70. Furtive

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- 1. Dashboard abbr. 2. Fashion model Wek
- _ help you?"
- 4. Like a poor tennis player, frequently
- 5. Skin: Suffix
- 6. Syrian president7. Across the street from: Abbr.
- 8. Produce beads, perhaps
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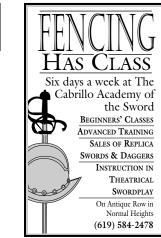
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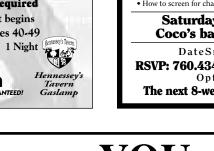
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EAST COUNTY, 53, PROFESSIONAL, homeowner, movies, dining, outdoorsy, attractive, hand holder, romantic, slender, financially secure, laughter, want to please you. Honest, attractive, sense hu-mor, 40-58. (10/22) **27**90276

WIDOWER, 80, SEEKS attractive, wel groomed, Caucasian woman companion, 67-75. Dining, movies, plays, home-owner. Must take pride in attire, hair, dress. Be young at heart. (10/15) **G**90234

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GRANDPA WILLY, 62, 6', 180lbs., East County. Love: kids, dogs, cats, animals, musicals, movies. Nonsmoker, non-drinker. Seeking trim female for compan-ionship. (10/15) **33**90227

28, 6'2", 175lbs., FULL time student, nonreligious, nonsmoker, healthy and en-ergetic, seeking soul mate, no smoking or children. (10/15) 290228

TALL, SPIRTUAL FRIEND, 6'4", 51, open minded, fun Ioving, professional, en-trepreneur. Loves sailing, skiing, danc-ing, romantic adventure. Seeking spiritual path partner, share life's lessons. (10/15) @90217

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, adventurous, 40s male, 6', very athletic, enjoys snow skiing, clubs, cruises and travel. Seeking roman-tic honest, cute lady to treated like a princess. (10/22) **2**90272

HAVING TROUBLE MEETING the right person? Me too. I'm 6', blue/brown, good looking, honest, funny. You: pretty, reli-able, funny, kissable. (10/15) **2**90245

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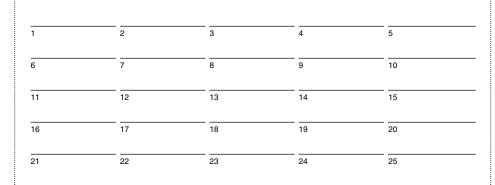
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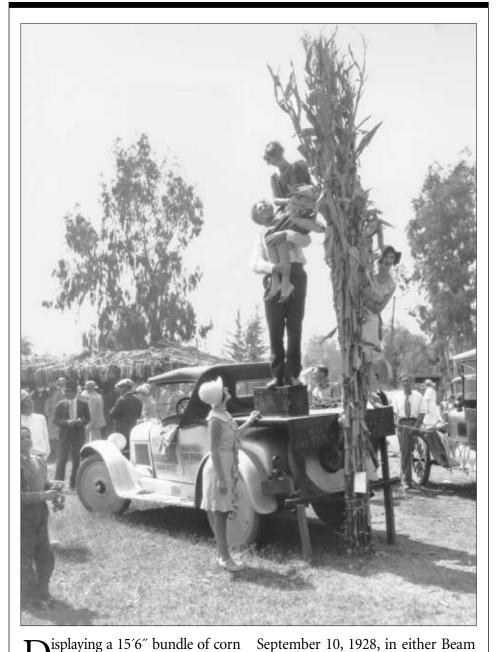
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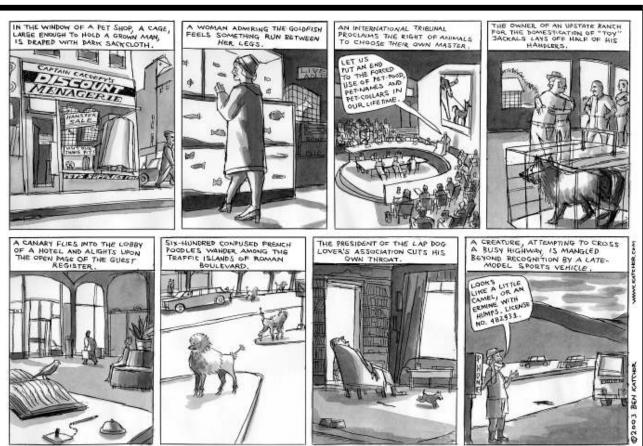
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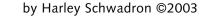
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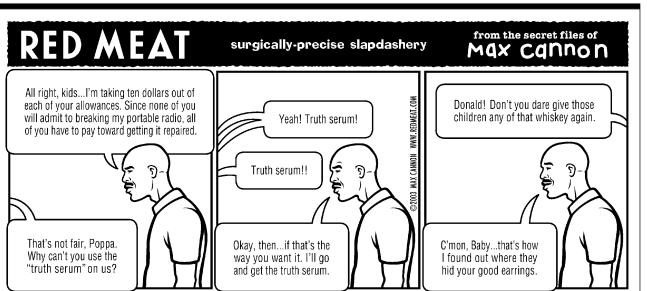
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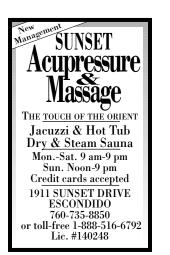
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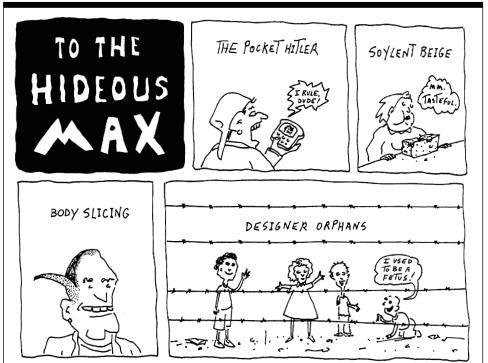
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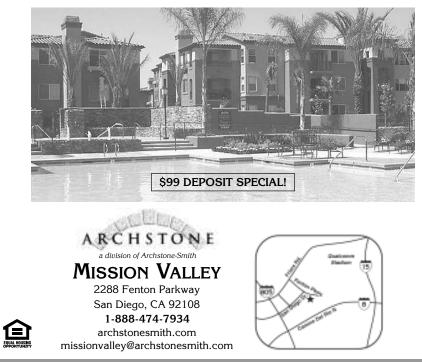
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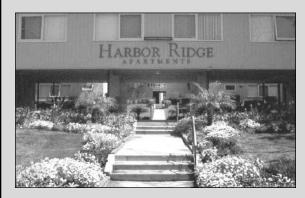
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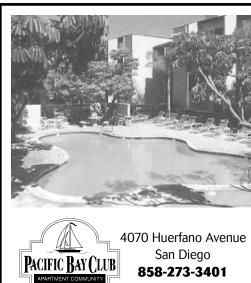


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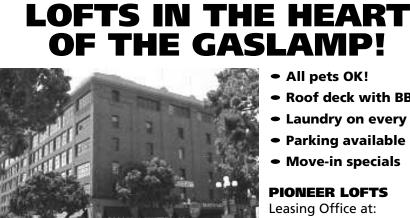
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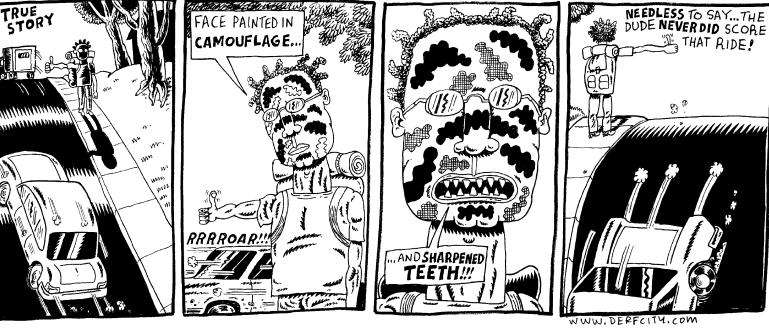
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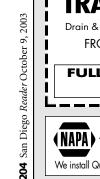
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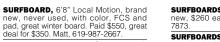
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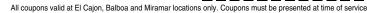
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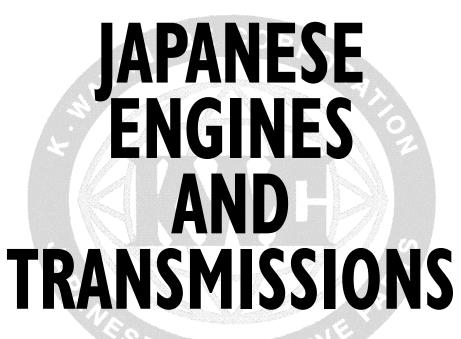
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People Different From Us

- For a September report, an L.A. Weekly writer hung out with Benji Breitbart, 20, Doug Marsh, and several other "Disneyana enthusiasts," who spend hours nearly every day at Disneyland. The interviewees have almost total recall of the park's history and culture, collect memorabilia, and preach on which aspects of today's park Walt Disney would not have approved of. DE's usually wear Disney-themed clothes, use the pronoun "we" as if the park were theirs, and are dismissive of the obsessives of Star Trek. ("Trekkies are devoted to some stupid pop-culture fad," said Marsh, but "Disney fans believe in the magic.") Why, Breitbart was asked, was Disney such a central force in his life? "I tried to figure that out. I just ended up with no answers."

Can't Possibly Be True

 According to two maintenance workers on duty in Cleveland's Carver Park Estates in September, James Black, 49, dragged a dead, bloody body out of his apartment house in broad daylight and laid it on the ground in sight of the two men, then went back inside and emerged with a mop, which he used to swab blood from the sidewalk. The incredulous workers called police, who arrested Black and the next day charged him with aggravated murder.

- In June, a judge in Washington, D.C., sentenced Bernard Johnson to 12 years in prison

for shooting D.C. police detective Anthony McGee three times. However, the judge immediately suspended five of the years, and of the remaining seven, five were mandatory for carrying a firearm during the crime, leaving the add-on punishment for actually shooting the cop to two years, or eight months per bullet hole.

- The July amateur wrestling match in Tbilisi (former Soviet republic of Georgia) between Dzhambulat Khotokhov (123 pounds, from Russia) and Georgy Bibilauri (112 pounds, from Georgia) ended in a draw, and afterward, both wrestlers broke training for ice cream and cake to celebrate Bibilauri's birthday. Bibilauri is now five years old: Khotokhov is four.

Inexplicable

- A man fled the motor vehicles office in Leesburg, Va., after a September incident in which he presented a DMV employee with a postcard photograph of a banana being shot by a bullet, and the legend "banana=DMV." The man then hurried out, and when several employees got to the parking lot in pursuit, there were bananas strewn around the lot but no one in sight. Said the Leesburg police chief, "This [man] is a different [kind]." - After a guilty plea to a misdemeanor charge, FBI agent James Hanson III paid a \$105 fine and \$12,000 in restitution to the Barbary Coast hotel in Las Vegas for a May incident in which he fired two shots from his service weapon at a lobster in a walk-in cooler. It was a late-night incident, with no one in the vicinity, but Hanson was captured on a surveillance tape. Hanson was in Las Vegas for an accounting seminar.

In August, around the time that the Ten Commandments monument was moved out of the Alabama Judicial Building in Montgomery because of a federal judge's ruling that it was too much of a religious statement for government property, Ms. Blanca Castillo petitioned county commissioners in Fort Worth, Texas, to remove a statue in front of the county's administration building because it was insulting to religion. The offending statue, of a sleeping panther, struck Ms. Castillo as too paganistically feline, and therefore

"sinister," and she recommended a statue of something else, such as a steer.

Smooth Reactions

- Kevin French, 46, pleaded guilty to shooting his neighbor in the head with an air rifle because he mowed his lawn too often (Elmira, N.Y., April). ... An inmate (unnamed in an internal report by a psychiatric prison) went into a rage and took a therapist hostage after fellow prisoners laughed at his drawing of "toilet paper" in a game of Pictionary (Abbotsford, British Columbia, July). ... Walter Travis, 68, was arrested for shooting a neighbor several times after the neighbor's dog pooped on his lawn (Indianapolis, August). ... Danny Ginn, 46, was arrested for commandeering a garbage truck at gunpoint because he was tired of the truck's driver using Ginn's driveway to turn around in (Bedford, Ky., August).

Least Competent People

 A 26-year-old man will be hospitalized "for months" in Illawarra, Australia, following an August accident that authorities speculate might have been inspired by the film Jackass. The man was apparently walking across a room with a lighted firecracker between his posterior cheeks when he slipped and fell backward to the floor. The explosion resulted in a fractured pelvis, severe genital burns, hemorrhaging from the buttocks and ruptured urethra, leaving him incontinent and sexually dysfunctional.

Update

- Extreme body-piercing in Arizona was a subject fit only for the alternative newsweekly Phoenix New Times in 2001, but in August 2003, Tucson's mainstream press (Arizona Daily Star) followed an 18-year-old man who was having four modified deep-sea (eight-gauge) fishing hooks threaded into his back so that he could be hoisted toward the ceiling and suspended for 20 minutes of what the man said was the worst pain he'd ever felt (for the privilege of which he paid \$150). Said the piercing shop's wrangler, Chris Glunt, "For some it's like a spiritual thing. I've suspended to clear my head. You can focus and concentrate on where you stand in life."

Good News for the Rodent Community

- (1) Japanese scientists (Yokohama City University) said in September that they had created tumor-suppressing nerve stem cells that reverse the symptoms of Parkinson's disease in rats. (2) Wake Forest University researchers said in April that they had created a 700-mouse colony that could survive any number of direct cancer-cell injections. (3) University of Pittsburgh researchers said in April that they had developed a gene therapy in rats to restore surgery-damaged nerves needed for erections. None of the therapies has vet been successful with humans.

Undignified Deaths

- A 69-year-old man, on the job as an employee of a surveying company, stuck his head up from a manhole in the driveway of a residential development and was fatally hit by an SUV (Greenwich, Conn., September). ... A 16-year-old boy died from a punch in the chest during a game in which schoolboys take turns smacking each other to see who is the toughest (San Jose, Calif., July). ... A man lost control of his car and crashed into the O.R. Woodyard Co. funeral home and died at the scene (Columbus, Ohio, August).

In the Past Month...

- Canadian military police seized 983 marijuana plants being grown by squatters on an active 17-square-mile artillery range (Nicolet, Quebec). ... On the first day of a Philippine citizens' group's campaign to expose government officials who spend public funds on their mistresses, more than 500 tips came in to its hotline. ... The New York Post revealed that among the ten highest paid New York City municipal employees were three school psychiatrists and a gym teacher.

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"Excuse me, do you have any black people?"

<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

Happening upon real creativity, unexpectedly, is always a kick - life affirming, invigorating, and whatnot. On a Friday night, it's the perfect antidote to the rut, the ennui of the workaday week. I mentioned last week that a bit of serendipitous music interrupted my low-level depression. It was the last Friday night of the summer; and just as I despaired — a desultory sort of despair over the lack of something to write about, the music came in the form of one Sarah Messenger.

I heard her while getting off a bus at 30th and Juniper, as I was scenting a new bookstore, the Grove. The official opening is not until November 1, but I'm glad they opened their door, for whatever reason, so early. For a happy, short while, I thought I had discovered a heretofore unknown San Diego musical monster of genius. But those things are not given unto such as myself. For one, the Chicago Reader was way ahead of me. A press notice about Messenger in that paper reads:

"Her vocal power and elasticity could shame the best...and she can tear the keys off a piano. Comparisons with Laura Nyro abound " Possibly this quote appeared around the time Messenger was living in Chicago where, among other things (like playing with former Miles Davis, Stevie Wonder, Jean Luc Ponty, et al. side musicians), she won the cultily famous Green Mill Poetry Slam in 1993. If you hear Messenger, even for a moment, you can tell that poetry is no stretch; incandescent wordplay is an integral part of her musical performance.

She moved here from Los Angeles about three months ago and is among the most talented people we have in this town. Is she aware of the apparent fact that creative artists who migrate to San Diego unwittingly don a cloak of invisibility to the rest of the world? It seems not, because she responded to this over an orange juice at Rebecca's Coffee Shop by saying, "Really?"

"Yeah, if you're from Provo, Utah, you have more credibility. San Diego is a town with a real good zoo and real good weather. That's all we're allowed.'

Well, the scene is a little disappointing." But Messenger is laughing. "It's hard to find anything to hook into here. I really love the town. After L.A., I was really amazed at how wonderful San Diego is. People are friendly and genuine. I couldn't stand the insincerity of L.A. I was hesitant to come down here when a friend invited me to check it out. I thought, I don't know, San Diego, it's behind the Orange Curtain. People [here] aren't just all about themselves. I love that the town is on much more of a human scale.

"One of the things for myself and my son is that our community is the black community, and here we can't find a black community. There are no jazz clubs. My son describes it like this, and he's got an Afro out to here - bigger than Angela Davis's. If the United States were a mall and each store was a city, you'd go into the L.A. store and say, 'Excuse me, do you have any black people?' And they say, 'Well, what kind would you like? We have Rastafarians, we have bourgeoisie black people, we have thugs, we have dark-skin, we have this, we have that.' And then you walk next door to the San Diego store and you say, 'Excuse me, do you have any black people?' And the clerk goes, 'Hmmm, let me look in the back.'

Messenger herself says she is Armenian. Her swarthy Mediterranean looks could be interpreted along a spectrum of the exotic; and to hear her music, any racial group ought to be keen to claim her.

As for comparisons to Laura Nyro - likely lost on anyone under 40 - Messenger is not *doing* the idiosyncratic singer/songwriter and in fact never heard of Nyro much before the late '70s. At that time, Messenger was involved with a woman's music festival in rural Michigan, "A kind of precursor to the Lilith

Fair," and Nyro was invited to play. As a new mother, Nyro declined but attended as an audience member. Having heard a rehearsal tape of Messenger's and then her live performance, Nyro told her, "I don't know you personally, but I feel I know you through your music. I just think you write beautiful music. and I really identify with your lyrics. "It was every word I ever

dreamed of saying to her," Messenger reacts even now, suppressing a sudden sadness. "I was flabbergasted. Excuse me, it still bothers me that she's dead. I stood there like a deer in the headlights. If I could do it over again I would have embraced her; I would have



Sarah Messenger

told her how much I loved her. But I just stood there shocked."

Messenger has collaborated extensively with Alfred Johnson, who cowrote some of the best early Rickie Lee Jones material, including "Weasel and the White Boy's Cool." She still attracts side musicians of the first order, who often waive any payment. Personally, I would pay a good hourly fee just to play guitar over her left hand alone. Messenger is herself an excellent guitarist. When God handed out the talent, she was the one holding up the line.

You can catch her solo in coffeehouses like Santo's, and around North Park, South Park, and Golden Hill. Why isn't she famous? A good question and one that is answered in her press material with other questions such as "Why do mini-malls have Blockbusters and Starbucks?" and "Why is George W. Bush president?"

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Rebecca and Angela are playing winter ball. I didn't know what winter ball was until last April. In the middle of spring softball season, I overheard one of the other moms talking about "winter ball." I pictured a formal dance where all the girls dress in long-sleeved white gowns with fur at the collars. "What's winter ball?" I asked.

"It's another softball season," the in-the-know mom told me. "They play from September through November. It's a good time for the girls to work on basic skills. Elsa played last year." Elsa was one of the star players on Rebecca's team. "She got a lot out of it.'

At the end of softball season, we signed up for winter ball. Rebecca and Angela, who both enjoyed playing softball, asked me several times during the summer, "When will winter ball start?"

"I think we'll get a call from your coaches toward the end of August," I answered. "The games are supposed to start in September." Rebecca's coach called first. "This is Ben-

nett," he said over the phone one August evening. "I'm going to be coaching the 10-and-unders. When will Rebecca be 11?"

"The end of November," I told him.

"Okay, she'll be on my team. Practices start next week. We'll have two a week until games start in mid-September. Then we'll cut back to one a week. At the first practice, I'll have all the information about uniforms and game schedules."

Angela's coach called the next week. Suddenly, I found myself driving the girls to prac-tice four afternoons a week. "Some of the girls on my team are playing soccer, too," Rebecca told me. "Can I play soccer?"

"Not this year."

School started the Tuesday after Labor Day. I drove the girls to practice after school every day except Tuesday. Two weeks later, I missed their first games. I was at a retreat in Temecula with one of my girlfriends. That Sunday morning at 8:00, Jack drove all five of our children from our home in San Marcos to Rebecca's double-header in Encinitas. "We were a little late," he told me when I got home Sunday afternoon. "Rebecca had to change into her uniform in the car."

'Did you pay Bennett?" I asked.

"For what?" Jack asked.

"We owed him \$60 for the uniform. I told

him we'd have the money for him at the first game.

"I didn't know that," Jack said. "No wonder he looked at me funny."

"That's okay. I'll give him the check at Monday's practice.

"How did Rebecca play?" I asked.

"She did great. She played third base. And she got a double."

Angela played well at her afternoon game. When she came home, she announced, "Coach Scott said I could pitch next game."

"Really?" I asked.

"Yup," Jack answered. I couldn't tell who looked more excited, Jack or Angela. "He said he'd put her in for at least an inning."

Angela had never pitched in a game before. She had never pitched at all until winter ball. All during last season, she languished at shortstop or out in right field. Sometimes she donned the catcher's bulky protective gear and tried to catch wild pitch after wild pitch behind home plate. Some games, as I sat on the bleachers, I ached for my sweet girl. She sometimes complained that her knees hurt after she played catcher. But she always had a positive attitude, and she always tried her hardest.

"Well, we'll definitely all be there next week, then," I said. "I can't wait to see you pitch.

When Sunday rolled around, I took Rebecca to her first game at 9:00. Jack stayed home with the other kids. I drove home during the break between games so Jack could go to Rebecca's second game. I made lunch for Angela, Lucy, Johnny, and Ben, then we headed over to Bradley

Park in San Marcos. Angela pulled on her thick red knee socks and tied her cleats in the car. "Are we late, Mommy?" she asked.

"Not really late," I told her. "We'll be there in time for the game. But you won't have time to warm up before the first inning."

Angela's face fell. "But I need to warm up if I'm going to pitch."

'You can pitch in a later inning."

Jack and Rebecca met us at the field. Angela ran out to join her team. "She'll pitch the second inning," the coach told Jack.

I kept an eye on Johnny and Ben while they played on the playground for a while. When it came time for Angela to take the mound, I didn't know if I could watch. Sand-wiched between Rebecca, "The Smartest Girl in the World," and Lucy, "The Cutest Girl in the World," Angela has spent most of her life trying to carve out a space for herself.

After Angela threw a few practice pitches, the teenaged umpire called, "Batter up!"

I stood behind the bleachers where Angela couldn't see me. Her first pitch sailed over home plate.

'Strike one," the umpire called. I almost cried.

Angela did so well, the coach let her pitch the third inning too. "Not bad," Jack said as we left the field. "First time pitching, you retired the side not once but twice."

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