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Silent no longer

It is refreshing to finally see a news publication print BOTH good and bad about our presidential candidates. Thank you for sharing the story, "It's Not Safe To Wear a Trump Label" ("San Diego's secret and not-so-secret Trump supporters," Cover Stories, October 28). As a "silent" Trump supporter, I am an Old School, "Recovering Democrat." I believe in JFK's famous quote, "Ask not what your country can do for you; Ask what you can do for your country." Sadly, I feel that today's Democrat leaders (and many registered voters) demand free services and have an "Attitude of Entitlement" instead of an attitude of hard work, responsibility and respect. Thank you for writing the story. Many of us don't feel as isolated now.

Marci Strange
Solana Beach

Safety in numbers

I can't imagine how any pro-Trump advocate in the County of San Diego would claim to be afraid to wear any sort of Trump paraphernalia, hats or whatever, when we've all seen them march in hordes to protest the lockdown. They've marched in groups of hundreds all over the county of San Diego, not wearing masks, no social distancing, and they were all out there weekend after weekend.

We've seen their boat parades, and almost every San Diego County resident has seen their Gavin Newsom recall tables, which are filled with all sorts of Trumpian paraphernalia for sale. So how can they possibly say they are afraid to put out their support for Donald Trump? I'm a

bit disappointed with the Reader's publishing such an article right before the election. They are explaining that many of these people are walking away from the Democratic Party, and this writer claims the Democratic Party is the party of hate.

Gee whiz, it seems to me that the Trump administration is responsible for, to name a few, the Muslim ban, a zero tolerance separating families, the China virus, armed militias, and calling the Charlottesville people some good people. They've almost hijacked the American flag as though it's their very own symbol.

Vivian Dunbar
San Ysidro

Masked commuting

I loved reading "Buses are the Best" by Ed Bedford on October 21 (Cover Stories). I favor buses they move us around effectively while keeping the air cleaner for all to breathe. Covid has made us wary of riding transit as we try to avoid crowds. However, masks are required on the buses and we really are protecting our lungs by choosing transit rather than driving. The walk to the bus stop is healthy. The ride is relaxing. You make

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By Reader stringers

ESCONDIDO

Cop shop-talk stalk stopped Right as it was getting really popular

Hairstylist Gregory Bloomberg has been somewhat in the dark ever since his police scanner app lost its dispatch signal from the Escondido Police Department. He says it came in handy once when a police broadcast went live about a foot chase by his residence. “When I heard

“The platform had already seen its user and traffic numbers tick up in recent weeks due to the pandemic.”

the suspect started jumping fences, I was able to make sure the kids were inside, just in case it became my backyard. And on the day the person holed themselves up in the motel across from Kaiser in the corner of Broadway and Mission and ultimately committed suicide [the scanner] helped me avoid that whole mess coming home, when they had the entire intersection blocked off.”

Bloomberg also liked to decipher dispatch

Escondido Police Scanner Facebook group, and they use phone apps to track their local first responders’ movements. One such app is PulsePoint, which “helps public safety agencies inform and engage their citizens,” the other is Scanner Radio, which “rebroadcasts various police departments’ and fire departments’ radio broadcasts from the Broadcastify scanner app.”

“Police can ‘encrypt’ their radio transmissions so the public cannot monitor their conversations,” says the Zip-Scanners website — and Facebookers aren’t the only ones feeling the loss. *BuiltIn.com* notes that “sometimes, when local law enforcement agencies move to encryption, they carve out allowances for media, who monitor communications for news developments. But those exceptions aren’t always made. Law enforcement groups in California pushed back last year against efforts to provide media access to communications that had been newly encrypted in five cities,” though “the push for the media exception was supported by the ACLU of California, the California Broadcasters Association, and the California News Publishers Association.”

Why did the Escondido Police encrypt? Member Steven opines, “[There were] nosy people who would then rush to where the incident was in progress to lookie-look and just impede the police from doing what needs to be done. Not

codes and post brightly colored memes on Facebook of messages to warn his Escondido neighbors of roadblocks or police chases. Then, “around the end of July, people in our scanner group started discussing the encryption of the police feed,” he says. “People with traditional police scanners said they were unable to hear the feed also. It has caused anxiety, when sirens are going on and there aren’t answers such as an accident reported [on the scanners].” I communicated with Bloomberg and his Escondido neighbors on October 26; they’re part of the

Incident	Description
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Incidents delayed up to 2 hours. Details here.

Scanners: the news before the news.

to mention ambulance-chasing lawyers.” A local car customizer offers another possibility: “Shit’s addicting, bro. You’d hear some wild shit poppin’ off before it hit the news. And when we’d head out to the street races or sideshows, we had the police channel on lock, and when we’d hear the dispatcher send out the units, we bolted. Like *The Fast & The Furious*.” Dani G. thinks that was the real reason for the encryption: “Too many criminals were listening in, and cops caught on.” But Bloomberg disagrees. “The delay of the broadcast fly should be reason enough in my mind that the feed should be unencrypted. The police can also be more proactive and post current events on their Facebook page. People are constantly asking what the helicopter is announcing, because it’s hard to understand.” For now, Bloomberg seeks out alternatives: “partial coverage of accidents, medical/fire calls only on the current feed, and then eyewitness reports. At the George Floyd demonstration, there was someone inside the demonstration doing a Facebook live. I was

said. ‘It’s blown everything out of the water that we’ve ever seen in the history of our business.’”

As this article goes to print, the Escondido Police Department does not show up on the Broadcastify app. But Escondido Fire Public Safety, Escondido Public Safety, and neighboring police departments remain live.

MIKE MADRIAGA

TECATE

Mexican standoff Past-due payment pits city cops against state police

At around 3 pm on October 21, 30 officers from the state prosecutor’s office and state security and intelligence guard arrived at Tecate’s city hall to make a warrant effective against Tecate’s mayor Olga Zulema Adams and two other public servants. To avoid arrest, Adams locked herself in her office and used almost 100 municipal police to block the building entrances; they guarded the mayor for at least four hours. Almost all the municipal police officers for the small city were there, even some who had finished their daily shift already. This action was criticized over the following days, because a 40-year-old man was murdered just one mile away during the standoff.

According to state prosecutor Hiram Sanchez Zamora, the warrant was issued by a civil judge because of city of Tecate debt, totaling



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Mayor Adams learned the hard way that you do not want to be late paying your gas bill in Baja.

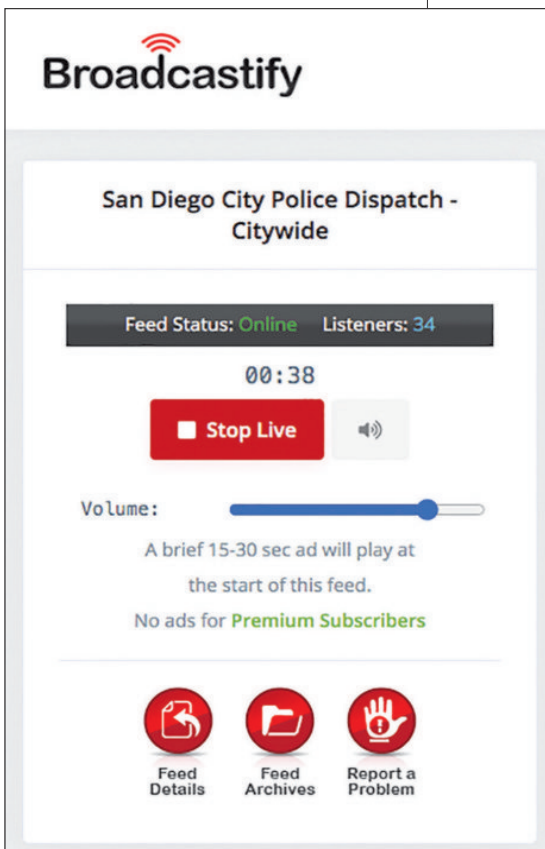
grateful I had live access as I live not far from the point where the demonstration tried to access the freeway by the Toyota dealer.”

He wasn’t alone. “More than 280,000. That’s how many listeners tuned in to police radio and other public-safety communications through Broadcastify’s app and website across the busiest two days of protest and unrest early [in June],” *BuiltIn.com* reported. “The platform had already seen its user and traffic numbers tick up in recent weeks due to the pandemic. A lot of folks were home and bored and starved for information,’ Lindsay Blanton, founder of Broadcastify, told *BuiltIn*. But this was uncharted territory for the decades-old service. It was record traffic ‘by a long shot,’ he

5,567,000 pesos (\$265,981) to a gasoline supplier company (Gasmart), that had not been paid. Adams, according to prosecutors, has been urged to pay since 2019, but the notification has been ignored. For this reason, she was accused of contempt of state authority. Though the warrant was sent out October 16, it was not until last Wednesday that authorities tried to make it effective.

At 6 pm, a Tecate civil court employee arrived with a document, signed by the judge Manuel Castro, that made the warrant without any effect. One hour later, Adams got out of city hall and said that the debt was paid entirely one day before. She claimed to

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One can only hope that the buildings will be tall enough to obscure this highly reflective eyesore.

Brookfield moves its big assets

Developer wants to the sky to be the limit. A secretive, Canada-based global development giant, backed by cash from Qatar among other shadowy investors, was the primary backer of San Diego's Measure E, the proposal to lift building height limits in proximity to the city-owned sports arena, potentially providing the firm with a multi-billion-dollar windfall. "Brookfield is a name that towers over the global investment industry, even if it receives less scrutiny or attention than rivals of similar size," noted the *Financial Times* in a February 2020 report about Brookfield Asset Management. "To unpack the Canadian group's accounts is to discover not so much a company as a giant, triangular jigsaw board that spreads across the world and covers assets worth \$500 billion. The pieces are hundreds of corporate entities, all locked together by elaborate contracts, which give 40 people at the top the right to rule huge sections of the puzzle almost as if it were their own."

So far, according to San Diego campaign filings, Brookfield Properties Development, LLC of Costa Mesa has supplied a total of \$402,205 to the Yes on Measure E campaign seeking to raise height limits in the Midway area. The Brookfield money made up the bulk of the committee's \$513,404 total contributions reported to the city as of October 23. But the investment behemoth has received only limited examination in San Diego. Its behind-the-scenes maneuvering has complemented the famously non-transparent style of termed-out Mayor Kevin Faulconer, whose secret dealings regarding a scandal-plagued downtown office project have only recently come to light. Additionally, Faulconer's closed-door dalliance with principals behind the now defunct Soccer City plan for the site formerly known as Qualcomm Stadium featured secret meetings with Morgan Dene Oliver, who subsequently went to work for Brookfield Residential Properties, Inc.

In February 6, 2019, a partnership of Brookfield Residential and McMillan's devel-

opment company abruptly withdrew a \$361 million proposal to build a hotel and retail complex on Harbor Island owned by the Port of San Diego. "As we discussed, Brookfield Residential/OliverMcMillan has decided to withdraw from the [Exclusive Negotiating Agreement] for Harbor Island," McMillan wrote in a letter to the port cited by the *Union-Tribune*. "We want to wish you and your staff and the Port Commission the best of luck proceeding with Harbor Island." And in July of this year, Brookfield's similarly abrupt move to pull out of a Burlington, Vermont redevelopment project led that city's mayor to threaten a lawsuit. "We made a lot of progress over the past three years, completing the assembly of the site and progressing approvals, but the long-term nature of the next phase of this development doesn't fit with our funds mandate," a Brookfield spokeswoman told the *Wall Street Journal*.

In August of this year, Faulconer announced that he had chosen a partnership of Brookfield and ASM Global, a holding company of Denver billionaire Phillip Anschutz, to redevelop the long-neglected city-owned Sports Arena. The plan is tightly linked to the success in November of Measure E to raise height limits, allowing developers to greatly increase commercial and residential density to maximize their profits. That move followed years of behind the scenes mayoral intrigue, including an August 2019 *Union-Tribune* report that Orange County billionaire Henry Samueli, owner of the Anaheim Ducks and its San Diego farm team, had won the sports arena lease. Samueli's high-dollar lobbyists were Ben Haddad and Craig Benedetto of California Strategies, Sacramento's take-no-prisoners lobbying outfit founded by onetime Pete Wilson aide Bob White. The pair was working for Soccer City when it was revealed that Republican councilman Chris Cate had leaked them a sensitive internal city memo regarding the proposal. Cate later paid a \$5000 city ethics penalty, and Samueli's purported deal for the Sports Arena never came to pass.

Matt Potter

UNDER THE RADAR

Faulconer's pre-election cash

As the clock ticks down on Kevin Faulconer's last weeks in office, the San Diego mayor has adopted Fresno as his favorite new fundraising grounds. A putative candidate for governor on the GOP side against incumbent Democrat Gavin Newsom, the self-styled moderate Republican has been busy picking the state's political grapevines, harvesting cash for his new political committee. He's officially dubbed it Faulconer's Ballot Measure Committee, Rebuilding the California Dream.

State filings show that the committee raised a total of \$120,900 during the first half of 2020, with some of the most sizable money coming from the San Joaquin Valley city. They included \$10,000 from Kashian Enterprises, a giant Fresno real estate developer founded by Ed Kashian. In December 1985, the *Sacramento Bee* ran a front-page "clarification" to settle a \$6 million libel suit brought by Kashian against McClatchy Newspapers regarding a 1982 expose attempting to link the developer and other members of the Fresno business community to the mafia, per a December 10, 1985, *Los Angeles Times* dispatch. "The *Bee* did not then and does not now take the position that Mr. Kashian was a member of organized crime or was involved in criminal activity," the newspaper wrote. "This statement is published in the interest of clarifying any misunderstanding caused by the article." A McClatchy spokesman said no money changed hands as part of the settlement.

Another Fresno donor to Faulconer's fund was Shiralian Enterprises, a truck stop and gas station operator overseen by Shawn Shiralian, which gave \$20,000. Shiralian was a \$5000 donor to New Faces GOP PAC, which has run attack ads against House Democrat Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, calling her "the face of socialism and ignorance," per *OpenSecrets.org*.

The biggest single donation to the Faulconer cause came from Gerald Marcil of Palos Verdes Estates, who gave \$50,000 on March 3. "The former high school wrestler is a moderate Republican and chairman of the fiscally conservative New Majority of Los Angeles. He donated \$127,150 to conservative candidates and causes between 2015 and 2017," wrote Steve Lopez of the *Los Angeles Times* in November 2017. The mega-landlord told the colum-

nist that "he flew his apartment managers, spouses and other employees — more than 80 people altogether — to Maui last month and put them up for a week at a beachfront hotel in Kaanapali." Hager Pacific Properties managing partner Robert Neal of Newport Beach gave \$10,000 on March 9.

Laguna Niguel's David Horowitz, noted for championing a bevy of conservative causes, came up with the same February 20. In addition to the out-of-towners, two



Kevin Faulconer's been busy harvesting cash in the San Joaquin Valley.

donors with close ties to the sprawling Mission Valley development known as Riverwalk also kicked in for the mayor's cause. Carl McLarand of MVE Architects in Irvine, a designer for the project, came up with \$5000 on February 22. Landowner Steve Cushman gave \$2500 four days before. A San Diego Lincoln Club political committee called the Community Leadership Coalition gave \$5000 on January 16, and San Diegan Thomas Davidson, whose occupation was not disclosed, gave \$2500.

Treeless in Del Mar A potential conflict of interest created by the removal of a Del Mar tree proved quick work for the state's Fair Political Practices Commission. "Does the Act permit you, as the Planning Director for the City of Del Mar, to take part in a decision to approve a tree removal permit application when the tree in question is not visible, but located within 500 feet from a house you rent?" That was the rhetorical question posed in a September 24 letter from FPPC



Carl McLarand, of Riverwalk designer MVE Architects, chipped in \$5000 to Kevin Faulconer's PAC.

attorney Dave Bainbridge to Del Mar planning chief Joseph Smith. The answer: "Here, the approval of a tree removal permit would not change the termination date of the lease, increase or decrease the potential rental value of the property, or change your actual or legally allowable use of the property. Further, given that you have no view of the tree from your property, it appears it would not change your use and enjoyment of the property

either. Accordingly, your approval or rejection of the tree removal permit application would not present a conflict of interest under the Act."

Spy town During the tenure of mayor Kevin Faulconer, public records site *MuckRock.com* of Boston has unearthed a documentary trove regarding plans by San Diego

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Dear Hipster:

As the chill of autumn settles in around us, I think the most burning question on everybody's mind is... sweater, hoodie, or jacket? Which method of fending off the cold reigns supreme?

— KELLY

One time, I used the phrase “keep the cold out,” or something to that effect, around a physicist, and she annoyingly corrected me about how we’re technically keeping the heat *in*, not the cold *out*, because heat energy moves only in one direction. To which I replied, “Well, how can Sub Zero freeze people if heat only moves one way?” To which she replied, “I have no idea what you’re talking about.” So I guess I won that particular argument.

Sweaters are undoubtedly the most iconic winter wear. From Kurt Cobain to Freddy Krueger to the Dude to Mr. Rogers, the legendary sweaters of fact and fiction define their wearers. Who’s famous for wearing a hoodie? Mark Zuckerberg? C’mon now. Then again, sweaters can be itchy. Jackets are certainly the most stylish choice, and perhaps the only appropriate option when the weather turns truly sub-thermal; but “I think I’ll just sit around on the couch wearing sweatpants and a jacket all day watching Netflix,” said no one ever. It may be the least flashy choice, but, only a favorite hoodie can truly make you feel snuggler than a dusting of fake nutmeg atop a pumpkin spice latte. The less said about sweatshirts without hoods the better. Only super rich people and a very particular



kind of hipster wear those.

Dear Hipster:

As an attentive reader of “Ask a Hipster,” I am fully aware of your theory about how the concept of the hipster is ahistorical and, in a sense, eternal. You have said many times that someone has always filled the niche in society occupied by “hipsters,” even if hipsterness has looked different at various points in the past. But would it be possible for hipsters (as we know them today) to go extinct, i.e. for nobody to be filling that particular social role of “the cool kids”?

— KRISTEN

Less than 30 years after Georg Wilhelm Steller first described the Sea Cows inhabiting the waters around Bering Island, the creatures were hunted to extinction by European explorers eager for a source of durable

leather and surprisingly healthy meat. Considering Sea Cows had been bobbing around in the Arctic ocean for maybe tens of thousands of years essentially unmolested before being wiped out in the space of a generation, I suppose extinction’s a real possibility, no matter how obscure you are. Then

again, it’s not like anybody is lining up to hunt hipsters, even if it’s only because hipster skin makes inadequate leather.

You would need something more dramatic to truly drive hipsters to extinction, something that would be the rough cultural equivalent of a gigantic asteroid smashing into the Earth’s surface, wiping out the vast majority of life. You would need to fundamentally alter human culture to such a degree that nobody cared about anything anymore, which is pretty hard to conceptualize. Maybe if our robot overlords rise up and consign us to a *Matrix*-like future as bio-electric generators, or if human life transcends physical existence so we become ghostly balls of pure thought bouncing around in the ether. Maybe then you won’t need anybody to do anything interesting, so you won’t need any hipsters.

— DJ Stevens



Fact: cardigans are the best sweater

LETTERS

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new friends on the trip and the bus drivers are great. See you on the bus.

Helen Bourne
North County

Envelope please

Tell me if I’m wrong but in your “Best” edition I didn’t find a best coffee shop. I’ve had coffee at 198 venues in the greater San Diego area (I can supply a list) so I thought maybe I’d get a line on a new place. But nary a word.

Dale Rodebaugh
Kensington

Editor: If you look on page 20, you will see Best Locally Owned Coffee Shop category. Winner was Dark Horse Coffee Roasters; runner ups were Lestat’s and Achilles Coffee Roasters.

Comments from SDReader.com — not edited for punctuation, spelling, or grammar.

“Weekend in Julian: solo travel for the soul” Weekend Getaways November 1

The word “solitude” has a negative connotation, as if being alone equates to loneliness. Today’s society encourages overstimulation and overcommitment, even in the midst of a pandemic. More than ever, it’s important to step back from the busy lives that we lead.

—mikestanley464

“San Diego’s secret and not-so-secret Trump supporters”

Cover Stories October 28

Kudos to the *Reader* for publishing this article and to the author for his genuine curiosity. Supporters of the President have been wrongly vilified and maligned by the media which is why this post was so refreshing.

Everyone here had their own personal reasons for switching parties, be it government overreach, silencing or censorship, the violence and rioting, the strong econ-

omy, taxes, jobs, or just the total intolerance to having a different opinion. The endless name-calling and labeling of every conservative in mind-numbing.

These are honest, everyday Americans that probably don’t agree on all issues but there is enough “inclusion” in this party to accept people as they are...it’s not about what they are, it’s about who they are. I respect how Sunshine chose to dig into issues that the media discarded and to listen to others that challenged her viewpoint. That’s healthy for everyone. The more you listen to all sides, the more perspective you gain. Great article.

—FreeG

“Toronto real estate giant is funder behind killing height limit”

News Ticker October 26

Great sleuthing, Matt! This is information that should have been reported long ago by the media cheerleaders in favor of this massive land grab. It puzzles me to no end why the city hands the task of redeveloping entire chunks of land over to for-profit developers while bemoaning the cost of housing.

—martygraham619

“Tecate mayor calls out her cops to face down the Baja state police”

Neighborhood News October 26

Just another typical piece of political jockeying south of the border. And it was actually rather minor. The country has no real functioning legal system; what they have would have worked up until the typewriter was invented. It is rather funny to read this story with its awkward use of translations into English. I suppose that this caliber of reporting, as clumsy as it was, is better than no reporting at all. It could and should remind all US residents and citizens that going into Mexico, even sleepy, old and funky Tecate can have its perils. If you are halfway smart, don’t cross into Mexico for any reason.

—Visduh

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be a victim of political violence from Baja California's governor. "To make an arrest, always two or three people are sent, but yesterday was 30 elements. They closed streets and came with press. They wanted to make a political circus in front of the city hall. The order was to take me, even when we already have paid," she said on Thursday at a virtual press conference. Adams stressed that since June of this year, they had denounced this political prosecution to the prosecutor's office in Mexico City.

On the other hand, Governor Jaime Bonilla noted during his daily virtual press conference that warrants need to be carried out even if they are against mayors. And he criticized the use of municipal police forces. "On photos, it looked like a security house, just as in the movies where criminals protect themselves".

IVÁN MOLINA

OCEANSIDE

Gag me with a lawsuit! City council candidate opting to pay lawyer instead of former employees?

According to some named in a defamation lawsuit filed by Oceanside City Council candidate Michelle Gomez, the suit is a way to silence those who claim she ripped them off. The lawsuit arose last August, after Gomez was called out for allegedly not paying her field director and three others who worked on her 2018 campaign for County Supervisor. They claimed that they were lied to by Gomez, and were also denied all or part of their promised pay — while Gomez's husband Don was paid \$17,090 for that campaign. "This is exactly what Trump does," says Carlsbad free speech attorney Daniel Watts, "He files



Robert Leahy: "I will not be cowed"

frivolous defamation of character lawsuits against contractors [he] stiffed." And the play has apparently had its desired effect on four of the seven defendants Gomez named. Katherine Hogue, Dan Shook Castillo, Luca Barton and Matt Duburg were recently dismissed from the suit, and in exchange, have agreed



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Gag or no gag, Gloria's still gaga for Gomez.

to keep quiet about Gomez going forward. "She's targeting people that she didn't pay and doesn't want to pay," says attorney Watts. "She is retaliating against people who exercise their First Amendment to complain about a candidate for public office who's not doing

Nick Serrano was forwarded the same 49-page document that helped the Progressive Democrats decide to rescind their endorsement. He responded, "The allegations that have been shared with us are deeply concerning to Todd, particularly as someone who has

"She is retaliating against people who exercise their First Amendment to complain about a candidate for public office who's not doing what she promised."

what she promised."

Watts — who is representing one of the three remaining defendants, Robert Leahy, who was contracted to post signs — has filed a so-called anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation) motion to strike against Gomez in response to the suit. Also still named in Gomez's suit are consultant Gary Gartner, field director Rachel Bartlett, and The Line Printing Company of Chula Vista. In addition to libel and slander, the Gomez lawsuit alleges "civil conspiracy" and "intentional infliction of emotional distress."

The claims of her former campaign workers derailed her previous endorsement from the San Diego Progressive Democratic Club, which retracted its endorsement in August after being presented with a 49-page "Argument To Not Endorse Michelle Gomez for Oceanside City Council 2020." Also in August, the San Diego County Central Committee voted to ignore its North County Caucus recommendation that Gomez and her fellow District 4 candidate Jane Marshall both get sanctioned as "qualified." The San Diego Central Committee voted instead to give the nomination exclusively to Marshall.

The current Gomez city council campaign has heavily promoted her endorsements, including nods from the National Union of Healthcare Workers, Planned Parenthood, and the North County Labor Alliance. Assemblyman Todd Gloria tops her political endorsement list. Gloria's campaign manager

stood up and fought for workers his entire career. Todd will make a determination as to whether we can continue to endorse Ms. Gomez's candidacy." On October 27, Serrano declined to comment further.

One attorney who declined to be named says he was waiting in the wings to help Bartlett, but that the point is moot since she has not even been served. In fact, says the attorney, "It is my understanding that most of these defendants have not been served. You have to wonder if they are serious about this. This is all an attempt [for Gomez] to gag political speech." The attorney wonders how strong the Gomez case would be if it ever

sued Applegate over defamation of character claims. "He lost twice in two different courts," says Applegate, who notes that the losses ended up costing Issa six figures in attorney fees. "To Issa, that is just a drop in the bucket. But for most of us, I think you need to be concerned about facing six-figure attorney fees against you."

Leahy, 37, is a Navy veteran who says he has started a GoFund me page to help him with his legal expenses. "I am informed that several of the co-defendants have agreed to drop their wage claims in exchange for the plaintiff dismissing this frivolous lawsuit against them," he says in his anti-SLAPP motion. "I will not be so cowed." Instead, Leahy says he will continue the motion (the first hearing is January 8), and will pursue financial remedy through his claim of unpaid wages with the California Labor Board. Dan Shook dropped his Gomez wage claim with the labor board when he was dismissed from the suit, but Bartlett is still pursuing her claims, which total over \$3000.

Attorney Watts says he was more than willing to cooperate with Gomez on settling this suit. "All we asked was that they pay the \$725 that they owed [Leahy] for his work." He says the offer was refused, and now, Gomez is now facing an additional \$5000 in labor board-sanctioned fees as well as attorney fees. Leahy says he would not rule out a separate malicious prosecution suit against Gomez in the future.

Gomez attorney Theo Slater of Sacramento said by phone, "I am not willing to comment on ongoing litigation." Gomez herself did not respond to a request for comment.

KEN LEIGHTON

ESCONDIDO

Adios, adobe Historic Paxton house past point of preservation

The City of Escondido has no Plan B with regard to its decision to tear down the historic adobe Paxton House, and it needs the



This photograph of the Charles Paxton Adobe was taken around 1949.

made it court. "After all, she is a public figure. And you have to prove malice."

One high-profile local libel law case involved former USMC colonel Doug Applegate, now a trial attorney, who was narrowly defeated in his 2016 bid to unseat congressman Darrel Issa. (That was the last race Issa ran in the 49th congressional district.) Issa

42 condo units that will take its place. The condos proposed by Kitchell Development Co., which bought the nearly two-acre property in 2018, would add needed density to the area: eight three-story buildings in a mix of California and Mediterranean styles, all with stucco exteriors. But the house, most recently

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home to the Hacienda de Vega restaurant, is a treasured landmark to residents who begged the city council last week not to approve its demolition. Alexa Clausen, who researched the history of the house for the annual adobe home tour, said that “decades of its ownership are rooted in Escondido’s rich Latino history, which is very under-represented in the city’s historic preservation efforts.”

“When I saw the green tarp around the old Paxton adobe home, my heart sank,” said Maria Weir Werth, whose family once built adobe homes, including one right up the street that the city did decide to preserve. Werth said the Charles H. Paxton House inspired a modified Spanish revival building style that spread from Escondido into Poway, Encinitas, Rancho Santa Fe, and beyond. The area is said to have more adobe homes and structures than anywhere in the country outside of New Mexico. “Adobe homes are so precious and no longer built,” she said.

A historical report says the house, built in 1946 at 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard, was a model home for the nearby Longview Acres subdivision of 25 adobes. It was found to be a significant historic resource, potentially



eligible for listing on the city’s local register of historic places. But its varied life as a nursery, a glass shop, and a restaurant meant that many changes were made before Hacienda de Vega closed in 2017. As a result of the changes (and subsequent vandalism), the building was left with only two of seven “original aspects of integrity,” according to a historic structures assessment. The planning commission decided preservation wasn’t feasible.

Under Escondido zoning code, a non-emergency demolition permit for a historic resource must be reviewed by the historic preservation commission. A noticed public hearing was held in July, in which a motion to approve the permit failed due to a tie vote. (One commissioner recused themselves and two were absent.) Bruce Coons, executive director of Save Our Heritage Organization (SOHO), said in a letter that the staff report missed the historical significance of the building, and that the city had failed to



Hasta la vista, Hacienda! Well, not really.

explore alternatives adequately. Noting the potential for a legal challenge, SOHO called for a full environmental impact report, rather than the initial study and “mitigated negative declaration” that was issued. “The cultural links represent the continuity of building adobe houses throughout the decades within the entire southwestern region,” Coons wrote. SOHO wants the matter sent back to the historic preservation commission for a second vote “to enable more commissioners to participate.”

Marne Bouillon, the developer, said they tried to incorporate the house in the center of the project, but that doing so would have left it inaccessible to the public, defeating the purpose of preservation. As an alternative, they offered to sell the house at market value to its supporters, possibly to have it moved. But they received no offers, he said. Deputy mayor Consuelo Martinez said she was open to proposals to save the house, but hadn’t received any.

SHEILA PELL

Street Style

BY SAMANTHA ST. PIERRE

Magical girl fashion

I’ve been fashion stalking the neighbors. It’s come to that. While working from home, I catch glimpses of outfits as people walk past my living room window. One morning before Halloween weekend, I noticed my Normal Heights neighbor was decked out in holiday-specific clothing. I lurched at the chance to learn more about 32-year-old Larissa.

“I love Halloween,” she told me. “I make my costumes every year. I think I started making



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costumes when I was 12.” She estimated her dress cost \$15 in thrifted materials and took about four hours to make. “This one was particularly for trick-or-treating in Disneyland, and I thought it would be fun.” She flipped back her rose gold-dyed locks and

popped a bat-shaped collar on her jack-o’-lantern patterned dress.

Larissa pointed out more details of her intricate ensemble. “These buttons are vintage, I’ve collected from thrift stores and antique stores. And it has pockets, it

has to have pockets. And I like fun sleeves.”

Her accessories included a Halloween-themed headband, dangling moon earrings, and beaded bracelets. “I love headbands and hair accessories. I always wear crystals and jewelry, because I’m spiritual, too. And, you know, right now in 2020, we need some help!”

I looked down to find scallop-trimmed white leather sneakers (Amazon, about \$20) and frilly ankle socks she bought for cheap during a trip to Japan. “I know some people might think it’s childish but... I did 30 years of my life dressing the way people wanted me to, and I was never happy looking in the mirror. You gotta love yourself, so I just realized it was time to change things up and do things that make me happy.”

Larissa ruminated over what to call her style, and finally settled on “Japanese culture- and Lol-

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The Koala: no longer endangered

Artist Andres Serrano's 1987 photograph *Piss Christ* served as my proper introduction to the meaning of free speech. Serrano, a Catholic, intended it to be a comment on the commercialization of Christian icons — the submerged-in-urine crucifix in the photo is small and plastic. But by the time I encountered it, the image had been shorn of context: *somebody dunked Jesus into a jar of piss. And that somebody got a government grant. Taxpayer dollars, etc. I was a pious young man; my pained response was as much gut-felt as heartfelt. Yes, the First Amendment, but damn. Teenage me thought The Bastards were taking advantage of Christianity's injunction to love thy enemy. Do they know what it means to hold something sacred? Can you imagine if they did this to some other religion?*

Last month, French schoolteacher Samuel Paty displayed a degrading cartoon of the Prophet Muhammad in a class on free

Burkakke trend (“a great new way to abuse women before their horrible, public mutilation”), and an ad for Tears-of-Allah After-Sex Acid. According to *The Koala*, “The University shat themselves” over the initial 2003 drop, but no one got beheaded. The paper didn't even lose its funding. Not over that, anyway.

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Instead, *The Koala* got nuked for an article parodying the proliferation of campus safe spaces (“UCSD Unveils New Dangerous Space on Campus,” November 16, 2015.) “Safe spaces at UCSD are commonplace, and threaten individuals who do not like feeling safe,” it reads. Dangerous spaces continued “the university's theme of inclusion and equality.” Maybe the administration thought the article's use of the n-word provided a safe

occasion for denouncing the paper as “profoundly repugnant, repulsive, attacking and cruel” in a November 18 press release. The statement also noted that “the UC San Diego administration does not provide any financial support for *The Koala*,” and called on “all students, faculty, staff, and community members to join us in condemning this publication.” The next day, the nuking: Associated Students UCSD pulled funding for all publications, perhaps to avoid getting dinged for going after *The Koala* in particular.

Gabe Cohen was the paper's editor in chief at the time. “I remember there being a general sentiment among *The Koala* staff that campus life and culture had become politically correct to the point of absurdity,” he recalls.

“Constant outrage at perceived injustices, designated safe spaces, and a need to ‘out-woke’ each other at all costs. We were poking the bear that we found to be detrimentally sensitive.” (And in proper *Koala* fashion: “Senior Frank Yu gave *The Koala* the following statement: ‘The needs of dangerous-space students have been overlooked for genera-

tions, but UCSD is finally recognizing what means the most to 19-year-old Asian nerds: fucking a dead body with a picture of my waifu taped on the face.”)

So that's what UCSD meant by “profoundly repugnant.” Cohen says that *Koala*-humor is successful because “it appeals to that part

of us that enjoys imagining the most dark, twisted version of reality.” Also, “people like counter-culture, especially in college — you're supposed to be challenging norms, right? At the same time, we fancied ourselves as living, breathing proof of the First Amendment. It was more about the principle of the matter and enjoying ourselves than anything else. Pure, free, unadulterated expression. If people got a kick out of it, then that was a bonus.”

Cohen & Co. got a chance to fight for that principle: they used the publicity generated by the nuking to raise money for self-publication. Better still, San Diego free-speech attorney Ryan Darby took up their case, eventually becoming co-counsel with the ACLU. In September, five years and over \$800,000 later, the University settled, and *The Koala* regained its funding — and then some. (That astonishing number, which includes \$662,317.86 in legal billings, is courtesy of a public records request by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education.) “I hadn't heard that figure,” says Cohen, who graduated from UCSD in 2016. “It's insane. What if they spent that \$800K on critical thinking or oratory courses? I maintain that the best antidote to speech one doesn't like is more speech, not less.” Even “in the case of the teacher in France, more speech is needed. Some speech can have deadly consequences,” but “shutting up would be giving in to terrorism.”

Cohen grants that more information brought on by more speech “leads to more uncertainty, and we need better tools to be able to sift through the information with diligence and skepticism and seek truth.” (Critical thinking! Oratory!) He also under-

stands governmental limitations on speech that causes real harm, though he stresses that “there's a difference between diagnosable psychological trauma and hurt feelings.”

The focus for this year's Student Orientation at UCSD's Department of Theatre and Dance was “fostering community.” A departmental email noted that as part of that effort, “to help all feel known and respected, and to support social justice, space for Affinity Groups has been created. Affinity groups are a chance for people who share a common identity to gather. Participation can help members feel more visible and included in the community as a whole.” But segregation can have its dark side: the email notes that “white supremacist groups, fostered by increased social division, have returned to mainstream society. As a result, the affinity group for white/non-BIPOCs would focus on ‘allyship,’ and be named the Anti-Racist White Ally Learning Group. “The goals and intentions of this group are to help white



A deeply unmellow yellow.

speech. Shortly thereafter, pious teenager Abdoullakh Anzorov beheaded Paty. But that was France. Here, in 2015, UCSD's *The Koala* (“The Worse in Collegiate Journalism Since 1982!”) republished its 2003 special issue *Jizzlam: An Entertainment Magazine for the Islamic Man* — complete with a Guide to Sexual Positions in Prayer, a report on the



The Koala's last archived print issue, Spring 2016.

students, staff, and faculty learn about their racial identity and ways to become anti-racist allies.” One imagines that upon its return, *The Koala* might have something to say about fostering community by separating people into affinity groups, and by having a campus minority (whites make up about 20 percent of students, compared to 36 percent Asian) singled out in such fashion. ■

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UNREAL ESTATE

by Dave Rice

“Through the 24-hour security guarded gates of Rancho Del Lago, you approach this magnificent European style estate,” begins the *realtor.com* listing pitch for 6590 Calle Reina, a 1995-built Rancho Santa Fe estate that spans “approximately 15,000 estimated square feet on four manicured usable acres.”

The main house includes five bedrooms and seven baths, including an entry-level owner’s suite with “his and hers walk-in closets featuring



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center islands and a separate exercise room with its own laundry.” In the main bedroom and throughout the house, “five specially designed fireplaces with

imported 18th century European mantles and custom fire boxes adorn the home.”

In addition to the requisite built-in appliances

(including double ovens, double microwaves, trash compactor, and warming drawer), the kitchen features “a grand center island of limestone and hand-

crafted French polished kitchen cabinetry, while a room-size skylight over the kitchen provides natural light and ambience.”

An adjacent formal dining room is highlighted by a crystal chandelier that reportedly dates back to the 1700s. “Everything throughout the home has been customized, including the hardwood flooring in all of the bedrooms, living room, dining room and library, each with its own unique design & hardware,” the listing continues. “The architecture, design and construction became a four-year passion project, culminating in this exquisite property inspired by authentic European style.”

Outside, the estate features a “custom wrought iron fence enclosure” with entry gate tied into the security system.

The grounds also include a lighted tennis court and pavilion, along with multiple water features including not only a pool and spa but also two large koi ponds, a stocked fishing lake, and “numerous water fountains, including a large dancing circular fountain gracing the entrance.”

Continuing through the property, prospective buyers will encounter an orange grove, a “ground mounted solar system tucked out of sight,” a garage with eight bays and room for boat parking, and a “fully appointed detached guest house” overlooking the pool and waterfall. There’s even a children’s playhouse with its own “crystal chandelier, copper gutters and slate roof that mirrors the main house and stands in the

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Under the radar

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to turn itself into a surveillance city. Among the latest records to emerge is an April 25, 2017 email from Hitachi Insight Group's **Jillian Frodsham** to San Diego cop **Armando Gutierrez**. "Hitachi has designed a public safety solution creating a Smart City that will integrate video with data, from 911 calls, gunshot detectors, license plate recognition, weather reports and crime statistics into a single web-based interface," says the missive. Last month, as controversy mounted regarding the 3200 so-called spy-cams installed on city streetlights, Faulconer shut down the electronic intelligence network, leaving a costly cleanup job behind for the next mayor.

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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The master bath is on the entry level, but it's not exactly entry-level.

UNREAL ESTATE

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side yard adjacent to its own vegetable garden."

"Whether your taste is old world or more contemporary, the structure of this regal home is adaptable; it can remain in its current splendor or be modified for a more

modern aesthetic," the listing concludes.

Public records indicate ownership of the Calle Reina estate lies with Dr. Sidney Levine, a La Jolla-based orthopedic surgeon, and wife Judith. The family has owned the property since at least 1998, and it carries a current tax assessment of \$4.7 million.

The property has

been listed for sale a few times in recent years — listings in 2013 and 2014 for \$15.5 million did not attract a buyer, nor did an offering at \$15 million in 2019. After several months off market, the home became available again in late October, this time with an asking price of \$14,750,000 that remains unchanged to date. ■

Street Style

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ita-inspired magical girl fashion." She explained, "I'm really inspired by Japanese fashion, particularly because it's very expressive. I believe here in America, our clothes kind of work against us to form us in a very specific way...and I'm not down for that!"

She recalled, "Nothing I ever saw at a clothing store made me happy. It never fit right, never looked right. And at one point, I was like, 'I want to do my own stuff,'" she recalled. "Now I own my own business. I make and sell clothing, costumes, illustrations, and my designs. I'm a multimedia artist; I love to learn and I love to implement

my art in all ways I can possibly think of. And if I don't know how to do it, I want to learn."

She markets her business, Royally Divine, on Etsy but hopes to return to craft shows, conventions and pop up markets next year. Her biggest sellers are handmade hair accessories, bracelets, stickers and patches, but she also makes organite crystals, custom witch hats, and roller skate toe caps, among many other items. "There's not really a whole lot I don't do. I try to be versatile and listen to what's in demand and what's popular, but I also like experimenting."

Larissa is not short of aspirations. "For a while, I did have custom fabrics, but it is very expensive to do. But one day I would like to be my own brand like that. That's my dream." ■

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It's census time!



Friday, August 20, Solana Beach, 926 Santa Florencia Street, noon to 1 pm: the estate sale of one Dick Ellison.

- ☉ Vintage baseball gloves: 4
- ☉ Prospective buyers: 50 or so
- ☉ Prospective buyers wearing masks: 7
- ☉ Men with canes and a noticeable limp: 1
- ☉ SUVs parked within 50 yards: 9
- ☉ Homes at this address recently sold for approximately \$1.7 million: 1

It's been a hell of a year, and it's not over yet. First, in San Diego County as elsewhere in these Divided States, we've been treated to a masquerade ball, courtesy of a generous host. Whether one calls it by the bureaucratic "covid-19," the generic "pandemic," the conspiracy theorist's "*plandemic*," or the flip-pant "Kung Flu," it's been on the minds and mugs of locals.

A grim interlude in the masked ball was supplied by Antifa and BLM who raged in the region, albeit somewhat mildly (outside of poor La Mesa.) And let's not forget the election season, which blew over us like a desert wind to fan the flames of our incivility. How long will it take for that fire to burn out?

But the 2020 Census must go on. So from a safe six feet away, I present to you these unofficial, unscientific, and unnecessary findings:



Oceanside Pier, 3:15 pm

☉ People on the pier, including outdoor diners: 177



Cardiff strip mall at San Elijo Avenue and Liverpool Drive, 1:45 pm

☉ Surly, heavily-tattooed clerks in Mar Vista Liquor: 1

- ☉ Northbound semi-trucks on the 5 freeway, as seen from the back yard between 12:36 and 12:37: 4
- ☉ Southbound semi-

- trucks on the 5 freeway, as seen from the back yard between 12:36 and 12:37: 7
- ☉ Cheesy porcelain angel figurines: 4

- ☉ Baseball and softball trophies: 35
- ☉ Baseball and softball trophies with geode bases: 2
- ☉ Commemorative JFK

- drinking glasses: 7
- ☉ Glass tumblers inscribed with "The Copley Newspapers: The Ring of Truth": 1

- Del Mar, 2 pm - Del Mar Race Track, race post time**
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bugle player, and a farrar: about 100
☉ Paying spectators in the stands: 0

Oceanside, Highway 101, 2:45 pm
☉ 2020 Census banners: 1
☉ Iron bars over windows at Beachwood Motel: over three dozen

Oceanside Harbor, 3:10 pm
☉ Men wearing pink socks and fedoras: 1
☉ Dogs pissing on palm trees: 1
☉ Men on skateboards smoking cigarettes while wearing long pants and jackets: 1
☉ Boats flying "Don't Tread On Me" flags: 2
☉ Boats flying pirate flags: 1
☉ Boats flying multi-colored peace symbol flags: 1



Ocean Beach – Newport Street outside Hodad's, 3:50 pm – 5:20 pm
☉ Golf carts bearing Nebraska Cornhusker football bumper stickers: 1

Oceanside Pier, 3:15 pm onward
☉ People on the pier, including outdoor diners: 177
☉ Wearing masks: 68
☉ Not wearing masks: 109
☉ Anglers: 73
☉ Unmasked, tattooed young men walking pit bulls: 1
☉ Identical twins: 1 set
☉ Small fish schooling by the side of the pier: innumerable
☉ Hungry pelicans above school of fish: 6
☉ Jet skiers west of the pier: 2
☉ Great white sharks sighted (second-hand report): 1
☉ Announcements by lifeguards ordering non-surfers to exit the water: 2
☉ Number of times I've visited the Oceanside Pier since moving to San Diego in 1981: 1

Southbound 5 near Cannon Road (La Costa), 5:00 – 5:05 pm
☉ Cars bearing "student driver" placards: 1
☉ Ostensible student

drivers without placards on car: impossible to determine
☉ Pickup trucks with Baja plates and overhead racks overstuffed with used furniture and appliances: 1

Monday, August 31 - Cardiff strip mall at San Elijo Avenue and Liverpool Drive, 1:45 pm
☉ Retail establishments with restrooms closed to the public: 3+
☉ Surly, heavily-tattooed clerks in Mar Vista Liquor: 1
☉ Liquor store patrons with masks: 0
☉ Surly liquor store patrons walking cute French bulldogs: 1
☉ Floor stickers in Lourdes Mexican Restaurant reading "Stay Away": 7

Cardiff - Chesterfield/San Elijo intersection, 2:17 pm
☉ Inconsiderate drivers: lost count

Carlsbad - Island Way/Carlsbad Boulevard, 2:40 pm
☉ Middle-aged men on bikes running red lights: 1

Friday, September 11, Normal Heights, 11:45 am – 2:15 pm
☉ American flags lining the streets on Adams Avenue: 25
☉ MTS "training buses": 1
☉ Men wearing United Arab Emirates Airlines T-shirts: 1

In front of Home Start Thrift Boutique - 36th/Adams
☉ Mannequins: 5
☉ Male mannequins: 1
☉ Headless mannequins: 3
☉ Women wearing Spandex pants despite sizable derrieres: 2
☉ Dogs on leashes: 3
☉ Dachshunds: 2

Midway District, 3:35 pm – at Midway Drive and Kemper Street
☉ Aggressive panhandlers: 3
☉ Loudly barking dogs in parked cars: 1
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- and hip-hop from car stereos: 1
- ⊙ Audible parrots: quite a few, judging by the cacaphony
 - ⊙ Used condoms in the gutter: 1

Ocean Beach – Newport Street outside Hodad's, 3:50 pm – 5:20 pm

- ⊙ Tattooed young women holding hula hoops while skateboarding: 1
- ⊙ Golf carts bearing Nebraska Cornhusker football bumper stickers: 1

- ⊙ Skinny, black-clad hippie throwbacks loitering on the corner and begging for money: 2
- ⊙ People walking by on westbound sidewalk (one minute): 18
- ⊙ People walking by on westbound sidewalk (one minute) sporting visible tattoos: 15
- ⊙ Ostensible adults on scooters running the stop sign: lost count
- ⊙ People with dwarfism in line at Hodad's: 1
- ⊙ 1950s vintage Rolls

Royces on nearby streets: 1

Embarcadero – N. Harbor Drive – 5:40 pm – 6:05 pm

- ⊙ Seabirds of undetermined species visible from water's edge: 6
- ⊙ Jet boats in the harbor: 1
- ⊙ Men wearing masks that look like terrorists' *kaffiyehs*: 1
- ⊙ Out of state (or country) license plates in parking lot
 - ⊙ Arizona: 5
 - ⊙ Florida: 2
 - ⊙ Michigan: 1

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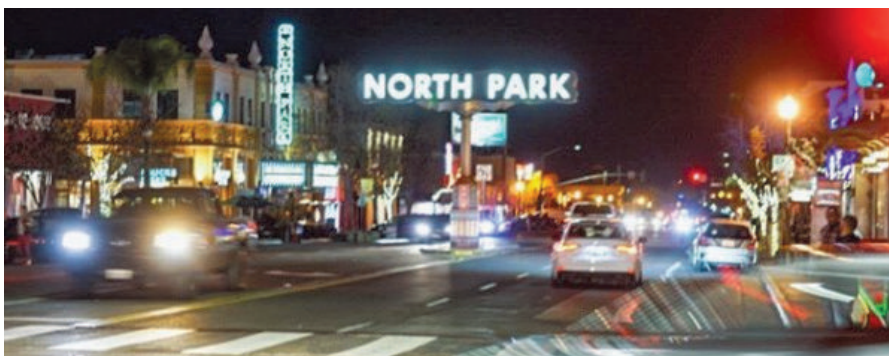
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- ☉ Nevada: 1
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- ☉ Utah: 2
- ☉ Washington: 1
- ☉ Baja CA: 1

- wearing all black but no masks and pretending to be wealthy: 4
- ☉ Ginormous Oriental rugs in the nearest window of Aja Rugs: 1

Little Italy, 6:12 pm

- ☉ Men with dreadlocks gone to seed, carrying hobo packs: 1
- ☉ Middle-aged men on scooters riding northbound on India Street: 2
- ☉ People in or around the Aero Bar on India Street: 0
- ☉ Bottles of single malt Scotch being poured at the Aero Bar: 0

Thursday, September 17 - La Mesa - 8872 La Mesa Boulevard, 11 am to noon

- ☉ Businesses at this address: 6
- ☉ Businesses at this address open now: 1
- ☉ Pedestrians within eyeshot: 0
- ☉ Beater car parked within 100 yards: 8

La Jolla - corner of Prospect and Jenner, 6:53 pm

- ☉ Women passing by wearing all black: 4
- ☉ Women passing by wearing all black but no masks: 4
- ☉ Women passing by

San Diego - Scripps Ranch - Lake Miramar main parking lot, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

- ☉ Cars parked: 27
- ☉ Geese within 100 yards: 3
- ☉ People fishing: 7
- ☉ Rattlesnakes sighted



Embarcadero - N. Harbor Drive - 5:40 pm - 6:05 pm
☉ Seabirds of undetermined species visible from water's edge: 6

- resting under coastal chapparal: 1
- ☉ Couples necking: 2

- ☉ People swimming or wading on the other side of the lake: 1

- ☉ People swimming or wading nude on the other side

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Thursday | 5

ALL IN THE TIMING: A COMEDY IN SIX ACTS



ALL IN THE TIMING

Onstage Playhouse Artistic Director James Darvas hopes to capture as close to a real “sitting in the seats” theatre experience as possible by streaming a live performance to a remote audience every week, as opposed to recording a single show and streaming it over and over.

WHEN: Thursdays, 8 pm to 10 pm, through Saturday, November 7

WHERE: onstageplayhouse.org

Saturday | 7

NIALL HORAN AT ROYAL ALBERT HALL

Niall Horan will perform with full band at London’s Royal Albert Hall in a one-off show that will be captured by a multi-camera crew and livestreamed to fans around the world, time-zoned to specific regions. The evening’s songs will be taken from Horan’s solo albums: *Flicker*,



NIALL HORAN

which debuted at number one on the *Billboard* 200, and *Heartbreak Weather*, which topped the UK’s Official Albums chart and *Billboard*’s Top Album Sales tally earlier this year.

WHEN: Saturday, November 7, 2 pm

WHERE: niallhoran.com

Sunday | 8

ARTWALK AT LIBERTY STATION

Come view and purchase artwork from more than 150 local, national and international artists who have been creating work during quarantine.

There will be also an art guitar auction benefiting ArtReach San Diego. Good news: to ensure the safety of everyone, precautions have been put into place.

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, November 7 and 8, 10 am to 5 pm

WHERE: Arts District Liberty Station, North Promenade, 2875 Dewey Road, Liberty Station, artwalksandiego.org

ED KORNHAUSER: THE SHORT YEARS

Transplanted from the East Coast at a young age, Edward Kornhauser grew up in Escondido. He attended San Diego State University, studying under pianist Rick Helzer and receiving a Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies in 2009. The longtime staff accompanist at Unity Way Church in Vista will debut his new album of original music *The Short Years* via livestream.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8: ARTWALK AT LIBERTY STATION

Guest players on the album include Dylan Hermansen (sax), Mackenzie Leighton (bass), and Kevin Higuchi



ED KORNHAUSER

(drums). For the livestream, Robert Dove will be joining on sax.

WHEN: Sunday, November 8, 7 pm

WHERE: facebook.com/ed.kornhauser

Tuesday | 10

DANCE FILM FESTIVAL WINNERS

The Dance Camera West touring program will show the top 15 award-winning dance films from the festival which screened world, US, and Los Angeles premieres of over 50 international dance films. See examples of the expanding possibilities of dance from both the young and the old as they tell stories and show new visions of the body through the moving image. The films are curated by artist/executive director Kelly Hargraves, and the screening will be followed by a question and answer with Hargraves, the filmmakers, and festival curators.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 10, 7 pm

WHERE: artpower.ucsd.edu



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ANIMAL FRIENDS

You Can Be a Veterinarian Camp (Full Day) You Can Be a Veterinarian Camp offers a rare opportunity for kids to practice veterinary skills, interact with animals, and gain experience with medical equipment they might use in the future! Ages 9-16 Saturday, November 7, 9am; \$144. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

ART

An Exhibition in Celebration of Native American Heritage Month This Retrospective presents the extraordinary artwork & sculpture of world-renowned Native American Artists George Rivera, Raymond Nordwall, LX Lewis, Nacona Burgess and Jeremy Swentzell. The works will be on exhibition through Monday, November 30th, both in-gallery and digitally and available for acquisition. A opening reception will take place on Friday, November 6 from 5-8pm. Attendance is complimentary and RSVPs are suggested at 800-599-7111 or pr@ecgalleries.com. Visit <http://ecgalleries.com/> for more info. Friday, November 6, 5pm; free. EC Galleries

Art of Elan: Reflections Art of Elan's 14th season at The San Diego Museum of Art opens with "Reflections," a thought-provoking cinematic program that explores the bizarre and complex world of twins and multiples as viewed through the lens of photographer and documentarian Mary Ellen Mark. Free for SDMA Members, Free for SDMA members, \$10 nonmembers, \$5 students. Tuesday, November 10, 7pm; free-\$10. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

ArtWalk @ Liberty Station The 15th Annual ArtWalk @ Liberty Station is San Diego's first art show since March and the first approved exhibition of its kind in an outdoor space. Locals and tourists will have the opportunity to purchase artwork from more than 150 local, national and international artists who have been creating stunning pieces of work during quarantine. This year's exhibition will also feature an art guitar auction benefiting ArtReach San Diego. Saturday, November 7, 10am; Sunday, November 8, 10am; \$5. Arts District Liberty Station, North Promenade, 2875 Dewey Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Arts District Liberty Station Virtual First Friday Be inspired by this virtual lineup of talented local artists and creatives showcasing their craft to San Diego residents and beyond. For the first time, seven of this month's activities will be hosted on one convenient virtual platform called Airmeet. Friday, November 6, 9am; free. libertystation.com/events/First-Friday-ARTS-DISTRICT. (ONLINE)

SoCal Etsy Marketplace Come to the Etsy Market to shop for fun, handmade, on-of-a-kind Christmas gifts! Come support local small business and buy unique items not available at traditional retailers! Saturday, November 7, 10am; free. Westfield Mission Valley Center, 1640 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

BEER

Hops on the Harbor with Resident Brewing Co Every Friday night, we host our Hops on the Harbor craft beer dinner cruise, featuring a different San Diego brewery each month. Chef Brian Gist creates an exciting dinner menu that pairs with the beer selections. For your safety we will be seating all parties at private tables, reducing boat capacity for optimal social distancing, and asking that all passengers wear masks while away from their table. Fridays, 7:30pm; through Friday, November 27, \$50-\$84. Flagship Cruises & Events, 990 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

4 Real Estate Benefits for Veterans Beyond VA Loans The Thank You Heroes Home Rebate Program is hosting a Facebook Live broadcast to walk viewers through the additional benefits many may not know about. Hosts will review the various benefits, how to get more information and also host a live Q&A via the stream and chat comments. Monday, November 9, 12pm; free. facebook.com/SDThankYouHeroes/. (ONLINE)

Art For Kids Each week students will be introduced to different artists and art history movements as they experiment with their own creative and playful ways to use watercolor, acrylic paint, and screen printing, through both 2-D and 3-D projects. Materials included. Ages: 5 - 7. Wednesday, November 11, 4pm; \$185-\$195. Lux Art Institute, 1550 S. El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Backyard Composting Basics Want to learn how you can improve the quality of your soil, reduce waste and air pollution, while saving energy, money, and water? Learn how to compost in your backyard during this webinar! This webinar will be held using Zoom. Wednesday, November 11, 6pm; free. <https://bit.ly/3mMn8RV>. (ONLINE)

Rhyme & Verse

A post-election poem by Alan Tate

Aeneas at Washington

I myself saw furious with blood
Neoptolemus, at his side the black Atridae,
Hecuba and the hundred daughters, Priam
Cut down, his filth drenching the holy fires.
In that extremity I bore me well,
A true gentleman, valorous in arms,
Distinterested and honourable. Then fled
That was a time when civilization
Run by the few fell to the many, and
Crashed to the shout of men, the clang of arms:
Cold virtualing I seized, I hoisted up
The old man my father upon my back,
In the smoke made by sea for a new world
Saving little—a mind imperishable
If time is, a love of past things tenuous
As the hesitation of receding love.

(To the reduction of uncited littorals
We brought chiefly the vigor of prophecy,
Our hunger breeding calculation
And fixed triumphs)

I saw the thirsty dove
In the glowing fields of Troy, hemp ripening
And tawny corn, the thickening Blue Grass
All lying rich forever in the green sun.
I see all things apart, the towers that men
Contrive I too contrived long, long ago.

Beginning Watercolor In this beginner watercolor class you will learn the basic watercolor techniques in order to bring out their artistic expression. This process can be a source of relaxation and creativity in stressful times. Wednesday, November 11, 6pm; \$150-\$160. 18 and up. classes.luxartinstitute.org/adults-classes-new. (ONLINE)

Emotional Health During & After 2020 Discover the tools you need to manage and heal the stress you're experiencing. Join Alane Daugherty, PhD, for a 6-part self-paced online video course on skills and strategies rooted in mindfulness, neurobiology, and positive psychology that are clinically proven to help develop emotional resilience. Sunday, November 8, 9am; \$25-\$100. <https://bit.ly/34NcJyB>. (ONLINE)

Fencing Online Class Ages 5-18 The ROC's online fencing classes emphasize conditioning and technique with exciting reaction drills, coordination challenges and super fun games. November 5, 4pm; free. bit.ly/34srJSD. (ONLINE)

Indian Rhythm & Hand Drumming Workshop Series Directed by acclaimed percussionist, educator, and entrepreneur, Dr. Rohan Krishnamurthy. Participants will learn the foundations of rhythm, ways to improve rhythmic time and feel, essential hand drumming techniques, vocal percussion, and approaches to improvisation. Sunday, November 8, 10am; \$35. <https://bit.ly/3cXVaON>. (ONLINE)

Introduction to Acrylic Painting In this course with Lux Art Institute and Bailey Davenport, you

will be introduced to the unique forgiving qualities of acrylic paint. Learn about the basics of color theory, color mixing and composition as well as textures and techniques. Tuesday, November 10, 10am; \$150-\$160. 18 and up. classes.luxartinstitute.org/adults-classes-new. (ONLINE)

Junior Theater Virtual Fall Classes & Camps Spend this fall learning to act, sing, and dance at the nation's oldest youth theatre program. Virtual Fall Classes run September 14 - December 18. There's something for every age and ability level. For registration and more information, visit juniortheatre.com/classes/. Mondays, 10am; through Tuesday, December 8, \$180-\$200. (ONLINE)

Master Composter Session 1 - Weekdays We're excited to announce the return of our 5-week Master Composter course starting in November. If you have been interested in learning the art and science of composting - this is your chance! When: Tuesdays, Nov. 10 - Dec. 15. from 6:30 - 8:00 PM Course Fee: \$25. Register for this workshop at: <https://bit.ly/35H648q>. Tuesdays, 6:30pm; through Tuesday, December 15, free. (ONLINE)

Middle-Eastern Drumming Class Middle-Eastern Drumming with Frank Lazzaro, all levels welcome. Outdoor covered area, social distancing and mask required. Extra drums available. 760-703-1487 for info Mondays, 6pm; through Monday, December 14, \$15. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Now I demand little. The singular passion
Abides its object and consumes desire
In the circling shadow of its appetite.
There was a time when the young eyes were slow,
Their flame steady beyond the firstling fire,

I stood in the rain, far from home at nightfall
By the Potomac, the great Dome lit the water,
The city my blood had built I knew no more
While the screech-owl whistled his new delight
Consecutively dark.

Stuck in the wet mire
Four thousand leagues from the ninth buried city
I thought of Troy, what we had built her for.



Allen Tate (1899-1979) was an American poet and one of the leading talents among the Southern writers' group known as the Fugitives, which was founded in 1919-1920 and included John Crowe Ransom, Donald Davidson, and Robert Penn Warren. Greatly influenced by T.S. Eliot and the Modernist movement in literature in general, Tate brought to the Fugitive move-

ment — and through this group, to the wider world — a modern sensitivity tempered by classical erudition that informed his attempts through his creative work to restore and celebrate all that was good and noble in Southern culture and history. He was poet laureate of the United States from 1943-1944, and was awarded the Bollingen Prize in Poetry for 1956.

Find more poetry online at SDreader.com/poetry

Painting for Kids This course is for those young artists with a creative mind. In this class students will be introduced to the basics from how to handle the paint and introduced to different techniques. Students will acquire painting skills combining elements of composition and color theory using acrylic paints. Ages: 8 - 10. Monday, November 9, 3:30pm; \$185-\$195. Lux Art Institute, 1550 S. El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Poetry 2: Verse, Lyric Poetry, Narrative Poetry The focus of this workshop is the expansion of poetry techniques through the exploration of contemporary poetry types, poem techniques and the identity of different creative approaches. If you sign up less than 24 hours before the start of the class, please email Kristen at programs@sandiegowriters.org for your link. Saturday, November 7, 2:30pm; \$180-\$216. 18 and up. <https://bit.ly/2HTTrYxq>. (ONLINE)

Raku Workshop Bring your bisqueware and join us for an exciting Raku workshop! Glazes included! Raku is an ancient Japanese technique that dates back to the 16th century. Intermediate level required. Saturday, November 7, 10am; \$70-\$80. 18 and up. Lux Art Institute, 1550 S. El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Reinvent, Revitalize & Reimagine Your Life The classes are designed to help participants learn and practice evidence-based hypnotherapy techniques and tools for the improvement of health, empowerment, and self-discovery. \$80/Members; \$100/Non-Members. Tuesday, November 10, 10am;

free-\$100. lcommunitycenter.org/series. (ONLINE)

Smart Ways to Fight Food Waste Nearly 40% of food produced worldwide is wasted. You have the power to help change this statistic by making small changes to your daily life and habits. Solana Center's experts will walk you through some easy steps on how to prevent food waste at home. You will receive an email with the link and password to join 1 hour before the webinar occurs. Wednesday, November 11, 12pm; free. <https://bit.ly/382BBEG>. (ONLINE)

The Art of the Sketchbook Join Lux Art Institute for an exploration of intermediate collage and the art of the sketchbook with Bailey Davenport. Examine the work of well known collage artists while learning various collaging techniques and continue the development of your own sketchbooks and artist books. Monday, November 9, 6pm; \$150-\$160. 18 and up. classes.luxartinstitute.org/adults-classes-new. (ONLINE)

The Comic Toolbox Wonderclass Two tight hours on Zoom with John Vorhaus on the principles of comedy, with quick looks at comic tools and comic filters. If you sign up less than 24 hours before the start of the class, please email Kristen at programs@sandiegowriters.org for your link. Thursday, November 5, 6pm; Wednesday, November 11, 6pm; \$60-\$72. <http://sandiegowriters.org/november-comic-toolbox-wonderclass-john-vorhaus/>. (ONLINE)

The Role of Technology During COVID-19 How Computers & Digital Technology Impact Our Lives & the Role of Technol-

SHEEP AND GOATS

I ANSWERED THE CALL

San Diego New Life

Contact: 730 Concepcion Avenue, Spring Valley
www.sandiegonewlife.org 619-829-1193

Membership: 150

Neighborhood: Spring Valley

Pastor: Jack Sheets

Age: 67

Born: Gardner, Kansas

Formation: Point Loma Nazarene University,
Point Loma; San Diego International Bible Col-
lege, San Diego

Years Ordained: 33

San Diego Reader: How long do you spend
writing your sermon?

Pastor Jack Sheets: Our church is multicul-
tural, trying to minister to as many different
people in our community as possible. We

offer worship in English and Spanish – at the same time, even. For instance, we'll start singing a song in English and finish it in Spanish. I preach with a translator every Sunday, so I have to write out my sermons so my translator has a copy of my notes to follow along with me. Of course, I'm not locked into those notes, and the translator is pretty good at following me. Starting on Monday and still working on it early Sunday morning, preparing a sermon takes me probably 30 hours.

SDR: What is your favorite
subject on which to preach?

PS: Coming to know Jesus
Christ and his salvation
message. In times like these,

when people need help so much, we're here as a church to connect real people with real needs to a real God. We're connecting people to God to meet their needs in a way only God can do it. To do that, you've got to look to Jesus Christ, and come to him. Then you're not walking through these situations and these rough times alone. **SDR:** What is your main concern as a member of the clergy?

PS: With what's happen-
ing in politics these days, I'm concerned our nation has rejected God to a great extent. Even a lot of "Christians" are being deceived as to what's going on right now. You can go on Facebook

and see how Christians are aligned with one or the other political party's side. They seem to be attacking each other, when the fact is that we've got to come together. Our side is the side of Jesus Christ; let's look to him and call upon him – let's seek him while he may be found. Then let him take care of everything. When we do our part, God promises to do his part. A lot of times we may want to do our part in a negative manner; we want to say, "I'm right and you're wrong. You need to do what I'm doing." But, no, we need to do what Jesus Christ wants us to do.

SDR: Where do you go when
you die?



Pastor Jack Sheets

PS: I plan on making heaven. Heaven is everything that Jesus Christ and the word of God have told us it is – gates of pearl, streets of gold. It's a time to be with him and all of those who have gone before us, without pain and without suffering, without tears; it's a time of rejoicing and praising for an eternity.

Hell is just the opposite. It's a place of torment and fire, a place of pain and total discomfort. Our choices determine where we go. It is not God's will that any should perish, but that all would come to repentance. In Joshua, God says to "choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the gods your fathers served... As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (24:14-15). The choice is ours to make – we can choose heaven or we can choose hell. It's up to us. Jesus Christ died for us so that it would make it easier to accept his way.

– Joseph O'Brien

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ogy During COVID-19. A broad brush stroke of information will be presented on the world of computers and technology, as it relates to the senior population during this 4-week class. \$60/Members; \$80/Non-Members. Tuesday, November 10, 1pm; free-\$80. ljcommunitycenter.org/series. (ONLINE)

ers only per camp due to COVID-19 restrictions. Mondays, 1pm; through Friday, December 18, \$195-\$550. Star Repertory Theatre, 329 East Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

FUNDRAISERS

Swing with Santa Golf Tournament St. Madeleine Sophie's Center will host its 7th Annual Swing with Santa Golf Tournament. All funds raised from this tournament will go towards providing each SMSC student with a \$20 gift card at the celebration later in the year. The celebration will also feature live holiday music, a festive ugly sweater contest, art ornament presentations, and a visit from Santa himself. All golfers will receive a round of golf, lunch, and a gift bag. To register or donate, please visit stmisc.org/th_gallery/inaugural-golf-tournament/. Friday, November 6, 10:30am; \$120-\$440. Sycuan Resort, 3007 Dehesa Road. (EL CAJON)

Team NPF Walk in San Diego A family friendly, 5K walk and community event dedicated to finding a cure for psoriatic disease. Saturday, November 7, 8am; free. Mission Bay Park, Vacation Isle, off Ingraham Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

LECTURES

Cornelia Feye: Eastern Influences in Western Art Art historian Cornelia Feye elucidates the underpinnings of Asian cultural influences on Western art from Impressionism to Abstraction to Conceptual Art in Eastern Influences in Western Art from the Late 19th Through the 20th Century. The lectures are based on the work of Jacquelynn Baas as presented

in her book *Smile of the Buddha: Eastern Philosophy and Western Art from Monet to Today*. The lectures will be live-streamed via Zoom. Ticketholders will receive a link a week before the first lecture. The lectures will be available for 24 hours to ticketholders. Tuesdays, 6:30am; through Tuesday, November 17, \$12-\$17. ljathenaum.org/art-history-lectures. (ONLINE)

Geologic History Of The San Diego Region 200 million years ago San Diego was a seafloor, later gradually filled in by granitic rocks capped by volcanoes. 5 million years ago, the San Andreas fault system arose. Later Baja California pulled away from Mexico creating the Gulf of California. Several million years ago a branch of the San Andreas, our Rose Canyon fault, became active and pulled Point Loma away to form San Diego harbor. Friday, November 6, 7pm; free. <https://bit.ly/3kNruXL>. (ONLINE)

OUTDOORS

Local Temperatures should be declining most rapidly during this time of year, according to more than a century of local meteorological records. With every successive week, daily maximum temperatures are declining by about three quarters of a degree Fahrenheit, and daily minimum temperatures are plummeting by about 1° Fahrenheit. (This gradual onset of fall/winter chill is probably all but unnoticed by most newcomers from harsher climates.) By January, our mean temperature will have fallen to about 55°, from an average temperature of about 70° in August.

November's and December's Picturesque Sunsets and sunrises are no accident. This is the time of year when high cirrus

clouds, often the precursors of storms, sweep through our area with some regularity. When cirrus or other lofty clouds are present, low-angle sunlight bathes the undersides of these clouds in a crimson luminescence. This effect is most noticeable a half hour to a few minutes before the sun rises and a few minutes to a half hour after the sun sets.

Santa Ana Winds in San Diego County often reach their greatest intensity during November, particularly at the mountain passes, where dry air from a high-pressure area over the interior deserts swoops coastward toward a low-pressure area offshore. The subsiding air warms rapidly while it descends, resulting in 80°-90° temperatures close to the coast. While passing over the mountains, though, the dry air can be surprisingly cool — 60° or less in the daytime.

Vega is the brightest star in the west in early evening on Saturday, Nov. 7. Its little constellation Lyra extends to its left. Somewhat farther left, about a fist and a half at arm's

length from Vega, is 3rd-magnitude Albireo, the beak of Cygnus. This is one of the finest and most colorful double stars for small telescopes.

SPOKEN WORD

Storytelling A storied hour from members of Storytellers of San Diego is coming virtually to your couch from Eclipse Chocolate Bar & Bistro. Enjoy personal, literary and folktales that explore the theme *After the Fall*. Thursday, November 5, 7pm; free. 18 and up. storytellersofsandiego.org/. (ONLINE)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Beginner Tennis 1 Tennis is a great way to meet new people, have fun, stay healthy and live longer. Learn forehand, backhand, ground strokes, volleys, lobs, overheads and serves. Instructor: Andrew Cretella (andrew@cretella.com). Saturday, November 7, 8am; \$95. Westview

High School, 13500 Camino del Sur. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Competitive Tennis 3: Drills & Games This class is for those who play tennis, but want to learn to hit better and move faster. Designed to be more effective and more fun than just playing tennis, the class includes some instruction of traditional tennis plus special games designed to accelerate learning skills and techniques. Games include 4-Square, Olympics, and Offense/Defense. Bring a tennis racket, water, hat or visor and sunscreen. Saturday, November 7, 11am; \$95. Westview High School, 13500 Camino del Sur. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Tennis 2 Experienced This class is about developing more control, for those who have already taken Beginner tennis class. We'll include instruction, traditional tennis plus special games designed to accelerate learning skills and techniques. Saturday, November 7, 9:30am; \$95. Westview High School, 13500 Camino del Sur. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

DANCE

Romeo and Juliet City Ballet of San Diego will close this season with Elizabeth Wistrich's full-length ballet of Romeo and Juliet – a production of Shakespeare's epic tale – ballet storytelling at its best. Friday-Saturday, November 6-7, 8pm; Sunday, November 8, 2pm; \$25-\$93. Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Selected 2020 Dance Film Festival Winners The Dance Camera West 2020 touring program featuring the top 15 award-winning dance films from the 2020 DCW festival. The film screening will be followed by a Q&A with filmmakers and curators. General Admission: \$10 | UCSD Student/Faculty & Staff: Free via SSO. Tuesday, November 10, 7pm; free-\$10. artpower.ucsd.edu/event/dance-camera-west/. (ONLINE)

FOR KIDS

Musical Theatre Day Camps STAR Repertory Theatre is offering Live In-Person Theatre Day Camp Programs weekly with three different age groups between 5 to 16 Monday-Friday. Each camp is 1 week featuring shows such as: Beetlejuice, Hamilton, Hairspray, Backstage Tech, SIX, Matilda, Grease, 13, Heroes/Villains, Improv, Wicked, Annie, Frozen, Seussical, Disney. Twelve camp-

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McGregor's Grill and Ale House: *Monday, Thursday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$1 off all pints, wells, house wines, \$5 off half gallon pitchers. *Tuesday, 4-7pm:* \$1 off all pints, wells, house wines, \$5 off half gallon pitchers, \$5 Pacifico pints and Margaritas. *Wednesday, 4-7pm:* \$1 off all pints, wells, house wines, \$5 off half gallon pitchers, \$5 whiskey cocktails and shots, half price bottles of wine.

BANKERS HILL

Bankers Hill Bar + Restaurant: *Wednesday-Saturday, 4:30-6pm:* \$6 select draft beer, sangria of the day, \$7 glass of red or white wine, house sparkling wine, cocktail of the day, entire craft cocktail list priced at \$10.

BAY PARK

Off Shore Tavern: *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm:* All beer \$1 off, \$4 house wine, \$4.25 well drinks. *Saturday, 9pm-close:* All beer \$1 off, \$4 house wine, \$4.25 well drinks.

CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA

Chart House: *Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm:* \$4 import & specialty draft beers, well spirits, \$6 wine by the glass, \$7 cocktails.

CARLSBAD

Chandler's: *Wednesday-Thursday, 4-6pm:* \$2 off wines by the glass, draught beers, and signature cocktails. \$3 off appetizers.

CITY HEIGHTS

Alcove Wine & Beer: *Monday-Friday, Sunday, 4-6pm:* \$1 off beer, \$2 off wine & appetizers.

CORONADO

Brigantine Coronado: *Daily, 3-6pm:* \$1 off all draft beer, well drinks, and featured wine by the glass, \$4 sparkling wine glass.

Nicky Rottens: *Monday, \$8* select mules all night. *Tuesday, \$4* any canned beer. *Wednesday, \$5* draft pints. *Thursday, 22* ounce draft for pint price. *Friday, \$6* mimosas and Bloody Marys. *Saturday, 3pm-6pm:* \$5 drafts, well cocktails, house wines. \$5 pretzels & beer cheese, side of fries, tots, \$6 buffalo wings, \$7 house nachos, \$8 chicken fritters &

BOOZE NEWS

BY IAN ANDERSON

Beer week in the Capital of Craft

When covid-19 shut down San Diego beer venues in March, most of us gave little thought to how the pandemic might affect San Diego Beer Week, nearly eight months in the future. Now that the time has arrived, it's obvious the usual spate of festivals and crowded taproom gatherings cannot take place in the midst of our new normal.

Nevertheless, the 12th edition of San Diego Beer Week will go on, taking place from November 6-15. It's just going to look a bit different this year.

To begin with, the long week will neither kick off with the regularly scheduled Guild Fest, nor close with the usual Beer Garden beer and food pairing festival. While reduced-capacity, socially distanced events will be hosted on a brewery-to-brewery basis, much of the focus will shift to canned beer releases and virtual events. That should allow fans to

celebrate and support their favorite beer makers in safety.

While the lack of festivals may take a bit of the shine off beer week's celebratory vibe, the biggest impact of their absence will be felt by the San Diego Brewers Guild, which spearheads the annual happening. The local guild has historically relied on festivals to support its mission to promote its brewery members, using the funds to cover costs of administration, office space, web services, photography, and videography.

Unable to produce its annual festivals this year — including Rhythm & Brews, a spring beer and music festival held in North County — the guild has had to look for other ways to support itself. Especially considering its board's decision to waive annual dues — its other source of funding — in deference to business struggles brought on by the pandemic.

Fortunately, the board had a head start brainstorming ideas. Current Guild president Kris Anacleto, who represents **Booze Brothers Brewing Co.**, says discussions about how to shift away from the festival model actually started in February, before the potential for a shutdown was on anybody's radar. Instead, it was a response to the fact that beer festivals had become a near weekly occurrence in pre-pandemic San Diego. The festivals were still expensive to produce, but they no longer felt special enough to attract fans in large numbers.

"It's no secret that there were so many festivals, people were getting festival fatigue," says Anacleto, "They've been getting harder to keep profitable over the years."

For last year's Beer Week, the Guild dropped

a VIP festival from its lineup. And though under normal circumstances, it would have produced its three remaining events this year, the board decided to start a transition to a different model.



This year's Capital of Craft IPA was brewed jointly by eight San Diego breweries: Chula Vista Brewery, Modern Times Beer, Resident Brewing Co., Automatic Brewing Co., South Park Brewing Co., Northern Pine Brewing, & Five Suits Brewing Co., and Burgeon Beer Co.

"More hyper-focused events," explains Anacleto. "Small events, which are easier to curate, to bring in smaller amounts of money more often."

As this year progressed, this plan was put into action, beginning with biweekly Hops + Harvest beer dinner series. Partnering with caterer MIHO Catering Co., the events featured a take-home, four-course dinner paired with a four-pack of beers curated by a local brewery. In a video posted online, the chef and brewer discuss the concepts and flavors behind each pairing.

The dinner series began in September with **Societe Brewing**, and subsequent dinner pairings were offered through **Second Chance Beer**, **The Lost Abbey**, and **Pure Project**.

For beer week, the Brewers Guild's main event will be an amped-up version of the Hops + Harvest series. In coordination with **Burgeon Beer**, the November 7 event will include the option for a four- or five-course dinner pairing (the fifth course being a dessert paired with a barrel-aged stout). The dinner and beer pairings can be delivered, or picked up at Burgeon's brewery in Carlsbad. In addition to the usual pairing video, the dinner includes free access to a virtual concert hosted by The Casbah rock venue, returning a sense of celebratory fun to the virtual beer party concept.

The 2020 edition of beer week kicks off November 6, with a 7pm county-wide toast, ideally raised with a glass of the Guild's annual beer week collaboration Capital of Craft IPA. A beer finder will show you where to find the seven-brewery collaboration beer.

Additional events may be found on the Brewers Guild calendar.

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fries, \$10 chicken lettuce cup.

EASTLAKE

The Cheesecake Factory Eastlake: *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm:* \$3.95 select beer bottles, \$4.95 select beer drafts, \$7.95 Mojito, Long Island ice tea, Margarita, JW's Pink Lemonade, Cosmopolitan, select well drinks and wines by the glass.

ENCINITAS

Encinitas Ale House: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 4-6pm:* \$2 off select beers and wine, half price appetizers. *Tuesday, 4-6pm:* Half off select burgers with beverage purchase. *Saturday-Sunday, 11am-3pm:* \$15 endless mimosa with brunch purchase.

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday, 2-6pm:* \$3 well cocktails, house wine, domestic draft.

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine Escondido: *Daily, 3-6pm:* \$1 off drafts, well drinks, featured wine, \$5.75 house margarita.

Vintana Wine + Dine: *Daily, 4-6pm:* \$8 martinis and appetizers.

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Bleu Bohème: *Monday-Thursday, Saturday-Sunday, 5-6pm:* \$5.95 beers, \$7.95 champagne cocktails, \$9.95-\$11.95 wines, \$10.95 martinis. *Friday, 5-6pm:* \$5.95 beers, \$7.95 champagne cocktails, \$9.95-\$11.95 wines, \$10.95 martinis.

LA MESA

Brigantine La Mesa: *Daily, 3:30-6:30pm:* \$1 off well drinks, drafts, featured wines, \$4 glass sparkling wine, \$5.75 margaritas, \$6 happy hour red wine, happy hour white wine.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill La Mesa: *Tuesday, All day:* \$5 house margarita. Tacos \$3-\$3.50. *Wednesday, All day:* Half off all whiskey, house red and white wines. 75 cent wing specials. *Thursday, All day:* Irish beers \$5. Irish food boxy \$10. *Friday-Saturday, All day:* Clam chowder \$5 cup, \$7 bowl. After 4pm: Prime rib \$24. *Sunday, 11am-2pm:* \$5 Bloody Marys, \$10 Champagne bottles.

LAKESIDE

Eastbound Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday, 2-5pm:* \$2 off all house cocktails, \$3 domestic bottles, \$4 micro drafts.

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: *Daily, 10am-4pm:* \$3 shot of select liquor with your first drink. 4-7pm: \$1 off domestic beer, 50 cents off cocktails.

MISSION VALLEY

Cheesecake Factory Mission Valley: *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm:* \$3.95 select beer bottles, \$4.95 select beer drafts, \$7.95 Mojito, Long Island ice tea, Margarita, JW's Pink Lemonade, Cosmopolitan, select well drinks and wines by the glass.

Lazy Dog: *Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm and 9pm-close:* \$3-\$8: Housemade sangrias, well drinks, drafts, house wine, Asian pear martini. *Friday, 3-6pm:* \$3-\$8: Housemade sangrias, well drinks, drafts, house wine, Asian pear martini. *Sunday, 9pm-close:* \$3-\$8: Housemade sangrias, well drinks, drafts, house wine, Asian pear martini.

North Italia Fashion Valley:

Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$5 glasses red wine, white wine, sangria, beers, \$16 wine bottles and beer pitchers.

OLD TOWN

Casa Guadalajara: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$1.95 off draft beer and La Terre wines, \$3.95 house margaritas and well drinks.

Home & Away: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 3-6pm:* \$1 off glass of wine, draft and bottled beer, well drinks, \$3 to \$6 off specialty cocktails. \$2.75 tacos. *Tuesday, 3-6pm:* Taco Tuesday specials, see server.

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Rockin' Baja Lobster — Old Town: *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm:* \$4.50 any 14-oz. draft, well drinks, fireball shot, \$5.50 Jameson shot, house margaritas, \$6.50 wine by the glass, Jack Daniels, Grey Goose.

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Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill Rancho San Diego: *Tuesday, All day:* \$5 house margarita. Tacos

\$3-\$3.50. *Wednesday, All day:* Half off all whiskey, house red and white wines. 75 cent wing specials. *Thursday, All day:* Irish beers \$5. Irish food boxy \$10. *Friday-Saturday, All day:* Clam chowder \$5 cup, \$7 bowl. After 4pm: Prime rib \$24. *Sunday, 11am-2pm:* \$5 Bloody Marys, \$10 Champagne bottles.

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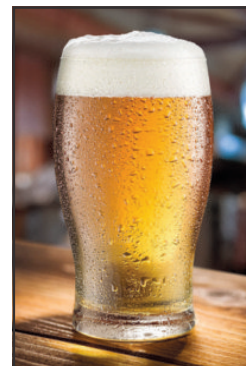


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Friday fry-day

“Well, you can always land in somebody’s pasture.”

When God’s not in heaven, He’s in Jamul,” says Dr. Don. “I know it. I feel it.”

This is my 84-year-old bar neighbor, out here on the Campo Road. Just met him. I’ve happened in on a kind of celebration, because Valentin’s Bar & Grill is just now re-opening, post-lockdown.

So yes, we’re out in the country here. Looking to hear the evening yips of coyotes in the hills. Got off the 894 country bus where

Campo Road meets Steele Canyon Road. Found myself looking at a nicely weathered chocolate-colored wooden place.

I headed along the veranda. Tables and chairs outside, but through the open windows I saw people, at high tables and along a bar, going at it like a class reunion.

Then facing the Campo Road, a hand-sprayed sign. “Now open daily, 11am-10pm.”

“They only re-opened four days ago,” says Dr. Don.



Dr. Don Sauter

“And we’re not Valentin’s any more,” says this gal Leslie. “Now we’re ‘Steele 94,’ because we’re at the junction of Steele Canyon Road and Campo Road, the 94.”

Turns out Leslie used to be a barkeep here. Now she is one of the new owners. “Before Valentin, this place was famous as the ‘Greek Sombrero,’ for maybe 30 years. And we decided to hold a vote among Jamul people for a new name, and this is the one they chose. What can I get you?”

The menu features starters, salads, and “main events.” On the other side, it has “Seafood Saturday,” “Sides,” and “Daily Specials.”

I go straight to today’s special, “Fish Fry-Day: \$10 basket of fish and chips, craft draft beers, \$5 each pint.” Huh. Fish and chips sounds a good idea, specially in this cooler weather.

Leslie comes up. “Dr. Don, when are you coming back to eat? Did you say 6:30?”

“Yes, and I want to make sure I pick up the tab,” says Dr. Don, “because they give me all of their mash.”

“Mash?” I ask.

“I have six acres, just around the corner. When I had more animals, I picked up lots of mash — tailings from the brewing pro-

cess — because that is great feed. The brewery needed someone to come pick it up for them. I have had emus, two pot-belly pigs, six Nubian goats, one pygmy goat, and seventeen cats. It’s great for them.”



Dr. Don is a retired psychologist, the founder of a church out here, plus a fount of stories. But Leslie is champing at the bit for an order. So I ask for a Jamul Brewery beer like the one Dr. Don’s drinking. Jamul Brewery set up in the back yard right next to

him. They name their beers after local landmarks. Like Peg Leg Mine Amber Lager. I get Lyons Peak American Pale while I do a quick perusal of the menu. Daagh! Fourteen chicken wings for \$14, with carrots and celery. Three sliders for \$13. Ooh: Elote bites — battered corn bites with chipotle cream — for \$10, taco salad with beans and *carne asada* for \$14. Then in the “Main Events,” bacon-wrapped dawgs, \$12, El Patron burger with 1/3lb beef patty, bacon, fixings, for \$15; or, maybe



Dr. Don’s 100-year-old mom Clara

the most interesting. The Cowboy burger, with smoked tri-tip, onion ring, jack cheese and BBQ sauce, \$14.

“You should make a reservation for tomorrow,” says Dr. Don. “We have Lobster Night, Fridays and Saturdays.”

“We?”

“Well, it was my idea. I said to the previous owner, Valentin. ‘It’s a shame you don’t do lobsters.’”

“And Valentin said, ‘I can do lobsters.’ And I said, ‘I’ll bring in 15 people next week if you’ll do lobster.’”

Now it’s a regular specialty. The lobster dish costs \$40 for 8 ounces of Baja lobster with veggies and rice. You have to make a reservation.

The other splurge item is the Baja Trio, which is *carne asada*, grilled chicken, and shrimp, with grilled veggies, cheese, rice, beans, and tortillas, \$28 for one person, \$35 for two.

Me, I can’t resist that \$10 Friday fish and chip deal, and so glad I didn’t. With the sunset and the cool weather settling in, the hot, oh-so crunchy battered fish — tilapia, someone says — has none of that “fishy” smell. The French fries are nicely crisp, and the tartar sauce, and a squeeze of lemon



Crew jinks: Shayna (in blue), Leslie (behind), Cody

tang it up and mix well with the Lyons Peak lager.

“My family has good genes,” Dr Don is saying. “My mom had her first motorcycle ride at age 99. She just died at 103. My grandad died at 104. He was born in Kentucky in 1868. He knew people who knew Abraham Lincoln. He died in 1972. In his first 25 years, they still didn’t have cranes, airplanes, automobiles, television, radio, telephones... and when I bought an airplane business in Orange County, he said ‘I want you to fly me back to Missouri,’ I said, ‘Grandad, it would be cheaper for me to put you on a commercial airplane. First of all, you’ve got to go to



Yes, it’s fish, and chips, but scrumptious, and only ten bucks

the bathroom, and I only own a little plane. It doesn’t have a bathroom.’ And he said, ‘Well, you can always land in somebody’s pasture.’ That was the world he knew.” ■

The Place: Steele 94 (ex-Valentin’s Bar & Grill), 12891 Campo Road, Jamul/Spring Valley, 619-518-3805
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Trust the burritos

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Sushi plus Mexican equals vegan at The Village

The Village; 2611 El Cajon Blvd, North Park. One day at lunch, back when the gabled diner at 2611 El Cajon Boulevard was home to Anthem Vegan, I implored my dining companion: don't trust the burrito. The menu was huge, and there were many other things worth ordering. But vegan tortillas, I assured him, are never good. Especially not when you've grown up eating the larded flour tortillas prevalent in San Diego Mexican restaurants. On that day, I was proven right.

But, nearly three years

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later, I find myself eating those words. Anthem is long gone, but the new restaurant working out of the same location also happens to serve an all plant-based menu. Unlike its predecessor, The Village doesn't have a menu offering a little bit of everything. It's actually a bit more baffling than that: it specializes both in Mexican food and vegan sushi.

I kind of get it. Vegan sushi is having a moment, both locally and nationally, and if you look closely, vegan Mexican food is ascendant all around San Diego County.

Still, the two cuisines rely on entirely different approaches, and with a split focus I didn't expect either cuisine to be done right, and at first my skepticism seemed to pan out.

A *chile relleno* dish replacing melted cheese with very dry, dairy-free mashed potatoes proved a flop. Taco options replacing *chorizo* with soyrizo and *al pastor* with oyster mushroom fare better, presuming



The Village keeps this gabled diner in North Park vegan, focusing on sushi & Mexican food.

you're a dedicated vegan and don't expect meat in those fresh corn tortillas.

But it's when I got to the Fire Me Up burrito that my

attitude really changed for the better. It's filled with rice, beans, grilled peppers and onions, cabbage, *pico de gallo*, and vegan sour cream. Baby jackfruit takes on the texture of shredded pork,



This raw "living roll" doesn't use rice, so technically it shouldn't be called sushi.



Chile relleno stuffed with mashed potatoes instead of cheese doesn't really work.



Organic spinach juice adds bright green color to the flour tortilla of this chipotle jackfruit burrito.

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stewed with enough chipotle sauce that you almost can't tell it isn't. Most impressive is that the odd, green flour tortilla wrapping this burrito is soft and elastic, proving it can be done without lard. Perhaps it's the Village's infusion of spinach juice, a product of the restaurant's organic juice bar.

Checking out the sushi menu, I had similarly mixed results. A raw take on sushi called the Living Roll replaces sushi rice with cucumber, which proves quite photogenic, especially in contrast to vibrant colors of the mango, cabbage, and peppers wrapped within. But flavor-wise, it nearly caused my wife to swear off vegan sushi altogether. This particular roll might work better if the "sushi" label wasn't applied to it, raising expectations.

I had much better luck with the tempura crab roll. Built around a mushroom-based crab substitute, the crunchy roll gets asparagus, cucumber, and avocado inside, and each piece is topped with jalapeño, cilantro, and a trio of sauces: eel sauce, chipotle mayo, and sriracha. The crunch, sauce, and rice pulls everything together, returning some excitement to our perception of vegan

sushi here.

Astroturf, wood fencing, planters, and shade structures convert the ample parking lot to a comfortable and appealing outdoor dining room. The Village presents a much-needed uptown option for vegan sushi and Mexican food fans. Eventually, I hope it whittles down its menu to keep only its best parts. But when in doubt, trust the burritos.

by Ian Anderson

Burger Lounge tests a new vegan burger

Burger Lounge Hillcrest; 406 University Avenue, Hillcrest. "This certainly doesn't look like beef," said the boy, before he took a bite. After a few chews, he added, "But it kind of tastes like it."

We were trying out Burger Lounge's new Flora and Fauna menu, an updated approach to the local burger chain's vegan offerings. The menu debuted last month, exclusively at Burger Lounge's Hillcrest location, built largely around plant-based protein burger patties made by Sweet Earth Foods. That's the Nestle-owned brand competing with the likes of Beyond Meats and Impos-

sible Foods, which have grown exponentially in recent years behind vegan burger patties engineered

to look and taste beef, down to its bloody appearance and sizzle on the grill.

I suppose, since Burger King serves Impossible Whoppers, and Carl's Jr. offers Beyond Famous Star, Burger Lounge had to go another direction to differentiate itself. Its 13-year-old brand was built on serving grass-fed beef, after all, sort of poking a finger in the eye of virtually every fast-food chain in existence.

The Sweet Earth patties are pea-based protein, like Beyond's burgers. Coconut oil and wheat gluten figure prominently. They look and taste like meat, that much is true. But do they taste like beef?

Not when you compare the vegan patty and grass-fed burgers side by side. I ordered both the regular Lounge Burger (with lettuce, tomato, onion, and thousand



Burger Lounge's new plant-based burger (left), and grass-fed beef burger (right).

island dressing, \$7.95), and the similar but veganized Flora lounge Burger (\$8.95). The vague meatiness of the vegan patty held up on its own, but the moment Burger Lounge's grass-fed beef hit my palate, the jig was up. True beefiness was missing from the Sweet Earth patty.

Which isn't to say that it's bad. Paired with a non-dairy vegan milkshake (\$6.95), I got a decent little lunch out of the thing. But paying 16-plus dollars for it reinforced the idea I was eating a science experiment as much as a meal. Were I dedicated to a plant-based diet, I'd probably order it again out of convenience, and drink

the milkshake quickly — it melted fast.

As an omnivore, I was just paying an extra couple bucks to be let down. And let the kids down. They'd been telling me for weeks how eager they were to try vegan burgers like Beyond or Impossible, which they've somehow heard about over the din of online school and videogames. I even gave them the option of real beef or the fake stuff, and they clamored for vegan!

But they left their kid-size vegan burgers unfinished. "Next time, get me beef," said the boy. "That other stuff didn't taste as good."

by Ian Anderson

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blurt the inside track



Australian road trips with his preacher parents helped form Colin Jones's musical foundation. "We often took long drives with great soundtracks."

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Back from Australia

Colin Jones, local slinger of blues shot through with '90s rock — or is it the other way around? — picks up music, and influences, on the fly. But from his peripatetic childhood, he's used to that.

"I was born in San Diego," explains James, "but we moved to Australia when I was young. I grew up in a steel town called Newcastle. There wasn't a lot there, but the people were good. My parents were preachers so we moved around town a lot. My dad loved road trips so we often took long drives with great soundtracks."

Even without a methodical plan for influences, stuff got through to him. Howlin' Wolf and Nina Simone inspired me a lot. [Simone's] *Pastel Blues* is a near-perfect album.

"Discovering Dylan and Waits in my early twenties had a huge influence on what I thought music could do and what a career could look like. Albums like *Aha Shake Heartbreak* (Kings of Leon) were pivotal."

Down Under turned out to be a heavy party scene. "In 2015, I played at the birthday party for a famous artist and Dominatrix in Sydney, Australia. It was in an old stone house built on a cliff by the ocean. Under the main house was a series of old jail cells

with the night.

"My band has rotated a bit over the last year, but at the moment I'm lucky enough to be playing with amazing friends like Zack Marzoni on pedal steel and guitar, Becky

Free on drums, and Julianna Zachariou on bass; who is an amazing songwriter in her own right.

The new EP is called *Mama Don't Weep*, brought out of mothballs from his Australian days. The future? "Too many people are getting hit heavier than I am for me to complain. But I will say it'd be nice to play [live] again."

— Andrew Hamlin

Changed our flow

"Smokelines is the product of our regional, cultural, and musical differences," says San Diego-born Skylar Blaze Star, one half of a new musical duo with New Yorker Faith Gara. "We've combined my west coast sunset city identity and Faith's rural-urban east coast background into a newfound shared perspective that speaks to our commonalities in the trials-and-errors of adulthood."

Their pop-dance single "Heartbreak Looks Better," which drops this month, is described by Star as "An anthemic song that brings light to how some of us appear to look after a break-up, unfazed and stunning, as if we didn't miss a beat. The song explores the heartbreak process, dealing with being a victim of infidelity while keeping their beautiful composure on the outside."

According to Star, "A majority of our lyrics and music styles are heavily influenced by our personal experiences. At the beginning of our writing process, we like to pick a setting, so we have a clear vision of where the story is being narrated, even if that means two different places like 'Heartbreak Looks Better' does."

The pair met when both found themselves in a small college music program.



"Shortly after, we became close friends and turned our conversations into songs. We began writing so much together that we decided why not release the songs we write together under a collaborative name? We like to say that we write some pretty fiery lyrics. Hence the name Smokelines."

Star is temporarily living near Gara in New York while in college earning a music degree. "Since covid-19 hit, it's been the longest I've been away from home.... I am hoping to work with a San Diego-based producer on one of our next tracks for our upcoming EP. Technology has really changed our work flow during this

venues. We ended up writing some songs on the beach in Mission Beach late night while we were there. It was really dope to have a full-circle moment and go back to my roots for inspiration."

At least one of those tracks is in consideration for an upcoming release. "Growing up in San Diego, I was really inspired by a wide variety of music, notably the punk scene. The Warped Tour was where it was at for me. Then I got into the electronic dance music scene and would go around all of San Diego searching for the coolest local DJs to watch their sets for inspiration. I'm still in contact with some of

the chance to perform with Mr. Little Jeans at Music Hall of Williamsburg. I played the keys alongside Faith singing background vocals. That was a big performance highlight for me... piano is one of my other passions, I've been playing classically since I was five."

Both women consider Smokelines a self-contained and independently operated songwriting collective of sorts, even if there are only two members. "We write, record, perform, produce, self-manage, market, and distribute all of our own work. The beauty of being independent artists is having full creative control over our work and careers."



"We like to say that we write some pretty fiery lyrics. Hence the name Smokelines."

time, so it's been really cool to collaborate with people on the other side of the country."

Some Smokelines songs were written in San Diego when Gara and Star were in town together last year. "As we were working on some new material, I was also showing Faith around my area and taking her to some local music

them now. Watching hundreds of live sets and musicians is ultimately what drove me to choose music as my career."

But the band's plan to hone their chops on stage was abruptly halted. "Right before the pandemic hit, we performed at the legendary downtown New York City bar the Bitter End. We also got

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"It's a fresh outlook and unique collaboration that questions the typical group-contract"

— Jay Allen Sanford

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CARDINAL MOON

"Yes, the world has come undone a lot these days, but we are all in it together, and music helps get us through," says Cardinal Moon by way of introducing their new album *Come Undone*, which was recently completed and released via a crowdfunding campaign. The group is a collaborative project headed by Redwoods Collective honcho Alfred Howard and singer/songwriter Dawn Mitschele Henry. "These are special songs we've been working on for a while, and I just love the collaborative process with this band," says Henry. "I put Alfred Howard's brilliant lyrics to music, and the band fills the songs out and gives them their energy." Guest

players on the album include keyboardists Josh Rice (who plays with Howard in the Heavy Guilt) and Daniel Schraer (Nervous Wreckords), as well as fellow Redwoods Collective singers Dani Bell (sans the Tarantist), Emily Reilly (Birdy Bardot), and Shelbi Bennett (the Midnight Pine). "Our previous drummer Dylan Jones, who moved out of town, is very missed and we are so grateful for the huge part he played in rounding out these songs," says Henry. The album was engineered by Jordan Andreen and Austin Burns, mixed and mastered by Mike Butler, and produced by Alfred Howard with Transfer singer-guitarist Matthew Molarius.



BACK TO THE GARDEN

The Belly Up continues to host both national and local acts on their stage, in an otherwise mostly empty venue, for an online livestream series that includes package deals as well as individual performances. The November 27 edition features *Back to the Garden: The Sounds of the Laurel Canyon*, featuring a collection of locals paying tribute to the peaceful easy feeling music of The Eagles, The Byrds, Joni Mitchell, The Mamas and the Papas, Buffalo Springfield, CSNY, Jackson Browne, and other '70s SoCal icons who came out of that eucalyptus-scented canyon in the

Hollywood Hills. With setlists that also include music from Woodstock and *The Last Waltz*, guest players have included Cactus Jim Soldi (Picus Maximus, Montezuma's Revenge), Marc "Twang" Intravaia (Berkley Hart Selis Twang), Rick Nash (Soul Persuaders, Forecast), Larry Grano (Soul Persuaders, Four Eyes), and Sharon Whyte. Other upcoming Belly Up livestreams include the White Buffalo (November 6), Pato Banton (November 13), and Los Lobos: Still Home For the Holidays (December 11).



JONATHAN KARRANT

Crooner Jonathan Karrant grew up in Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he was first exposed to musical influences such as Little Jimmy Scott, a jazz singer known for his high contralto voice, and smooth jazz icon Mel Torme. He specializes in the sounds of the American Songbook as epitomized by classic performers such as Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, James Darren, Nat King Cole, Mose Allison, Burt Bacharach, Johnny Hartman, and Cole Porter. Among his awards are the New York City Jazz Cabaret Honors, "Best Singer" for the Bravo California Awards, and he was

named one of the top 12 rising jazz vocalists by *Downbeat Magazine*. His 2012 full-length *On and On* hit number four on the *Billboard Jazz* charts, and his 2018 album *Jonathan Karrant Live* was recorded live at the Smith Center in Las Vegas. Karrant just released a new single with a jazzy arrangement of the popular song "All I Want for Christmas is You" that features Charles McNeal on sax, James Whiting on vibes, Patrick Hogan on piano, Nick Schmitt on bass, and Jeremy Klewicki on drums.



A.J. CROCE

Since his self-titled debut in 1993, A.J. Croce has worked with T. Bone Burnett, Jim Keltner, and Ry Cooder, among others, with his CDs charting at various times in just about every genre, including jazz, Americana, blues, AAA, and the American college radio chart. His first all-covers album, *By Request*, was just released and contains twelve personally curated remakes that traverse decades and genres, including a soulful version of the 1970 hit "Ooh Child" by The Five Stairsteps. It's the first album Croce has released since losing his wife of 24 years, Marlo Croce, after a sudden heart ailment, and the first to feature his full touring band: Gary Mallaber on drums (Van Morrison, Steve Miller

band), bassist David Barard (Allen Toussaint, Dr. John), and up-and-coming guitarist Garrett Stoner. *By Request* also covers Motown artist Shorty Long's "Ain't No Justice," Billy Preston's "Nothing from Nothing," Neil Young's "Only Love Can Break Your Heart" (remade as a gospel track), and Allen Toussaint's "Brickyard Blues," as well as piano-driven arrangements of songs by Sam Cooke, The Faces, and more. Guitar star Robben Ford guests on a version of Sonny Terry and Brownie McGee's "Better Day." For the Beach Boys' "Sail On Sailor," Croce says, "I re-imagined the arrangement, wondering how Willie Dixon would have recorded it if he were on psychedelics."



BOOSTIVE

Originally based in Santa Cruz and often featuring ten or more members, Boostive incorporates musical influences ranging from world and dub to soul, hip-hop, and psychedelic rock. After putting out a series of EPs, their debut album *Cream Supreme* was released last year, with a cover designed by local artist Thomas Condry of the Malarkey Collective. The album features 14 different musicians from all over California, with a four-piece horn section and four featured vocalists. The majority was recorded live to tape with a full ten piece band at Eastwest Studios in Hollywood (where David Bowie mixed Iggy Pop's *Raw Power*), with

additional overdubs completed at local Rarified studios and Chubb Dub Studios in Ocean Beach. Now signed to Stoopid Records, run by local reggae-rock stars Slightly Stoopid, the band's second single for the label dropped this past summer, "Grow Along," featuring newest member Divina Jasso, aka Divina Dub. They have a new psychedelic single out this month called "See I," and a live performance of "Grow Along" is streaming online, recorded on a TouchMix-30 Pro digital mixer at the Template in Ocean Beach.

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IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Drive-in opera — not for me

The drive-in Mainly Mozart Festival concerts have concluded. The Festival presented four classical music concerts between October 17 and 24. For its part, San Diego Opera put on drive-in performances of Puccini's *La Boheme*. The final show was on Sunday, November 1.

I went to three of the Mainly Mozart concerts, but I made no plans to attend the opera. I admire the effort San Diego Opera exerted in producing *La Boheme*, and I think the principal singers are stellar. But this just wasn't for me.

I want to emphasize that I am finding no fault with San Diego Opera whatsoever. However, as soon as an opera singer is mic'd up, I'm out. You could resurrect Enrico Caruso and put him in the Sports Arena with a microphone, and I'd give it the old "ho-hum, not interested."

I've spoken with a few colleagues about the phenomenon, and they concurred. For some reason, there is a huge difference between an amplified orchestral concert and an amplified opera concert.

I've written in the past about my disdain for the Metropolitan Opera broadcasts. I've seen four different opera productions at the Met in New York City, but I find I can't make it through one of their live-streams.

Once again, it's about the voice. I want to hear the voice live and without amplification, and definitely without a volume leveler. I'll take it a step further. I don't even like the Italian television opera broadcasts with iconic singers such as Franco Corelli in *Pagliacci* and Mario del Monaco in *Otello*. I can listen to recordings of opera all day long, but when it comes to sitting down and watching one on a screen, I balk.

I have made it through video productions of live performances such as *Tannhauser* from the 1978 Bayreuth Festival and *Pagliacci* with del Monaco in a 1961 production from Tokyo.

The Met broadcasts are of live performances, but they don't feel the same as the vintage productions I prefer.



You could put Caruso in the Sports Arena with a mic and I would not go.

Televised modern opera productions feel as if they are trying to be cinematic within an art form that is based on hearing a voice in a theater.

It's a mystery as to just why, but vintage productions feel more like opera to me. They feel as if the voice is primary and everything else is kind of there to support the narrative that is being sung. The production isn't the point; the singing is.

I understand that I am trapped. Will I ever have an opportunity to attend a vintage opera production? It's possible. San Diego Opera produced *Der Rosenkavalier* in 2011 with replica sets of a vintage production.

However, opera is being forced in the other direction. We're likely to see more drive-in productions before we return to the theater — if we return to the theater.

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Art of Elan: Musical Migrations East Village In a creative programming spin, Art of Elan will launch Season 14 with a series of Musical Migrations that are designed to activate neighborhoods throughout San Diego. These are similar

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Three good Germans

The 14th annual German Currents Film Festival will this year be held virtually in your living room from November 9-15. Below are reviews of three pretty terrific offerings, all seen through the eyes of women, followed by a few words on the Digital Gym's unveiling of *City Hall*, the latest from the architect of docs, Frederick Wiseman. Plus *Martin Eden*.

—Scott Marks

German Currents Film Festival

Sisters Apart — Writer-director Daphne Charizani's moving, originally told tale of women placed worlds apart (but still closely bound) in times of war opens in a Kurdish refugee camp in Greece. Rojda (Almila Bagriacik) arrives hoping to find both her mother Ferhat (Maryam Boubani) and sister Dilan (Gonca de Haas) signed, sealed, and delivered, but it turns out that the latter remains in Iraq. Dilan is, much to

her mother's anguish, currently aligned with an all-women corps of Kurdish soldiers waging war against ISIS. Rojda works as a translator for the German military. At the camp, Ferhat is having difficulty acclimating. Television is her way of checking in on "my poor town." The women from the old coun-

try with whom Ferhat held court sense trouble when her daughter is around, and are quick to maintain their distance. Rojda's next assignment will be her toughest; a strictly volunteer mission that has nothing to do with serving her country, and everything to do with using government resources to find a family member. (The very thought of exploiting the military to gather information as to Dilan's whereabouts is punishable by death.) The solutions reached are relatively simple; the journey refreshingly complex. 2020 —S.M.

Undine — "If you leave me, I will have to kill you," Undine (Paula Beer) threatens her unfaithful beau Johannes

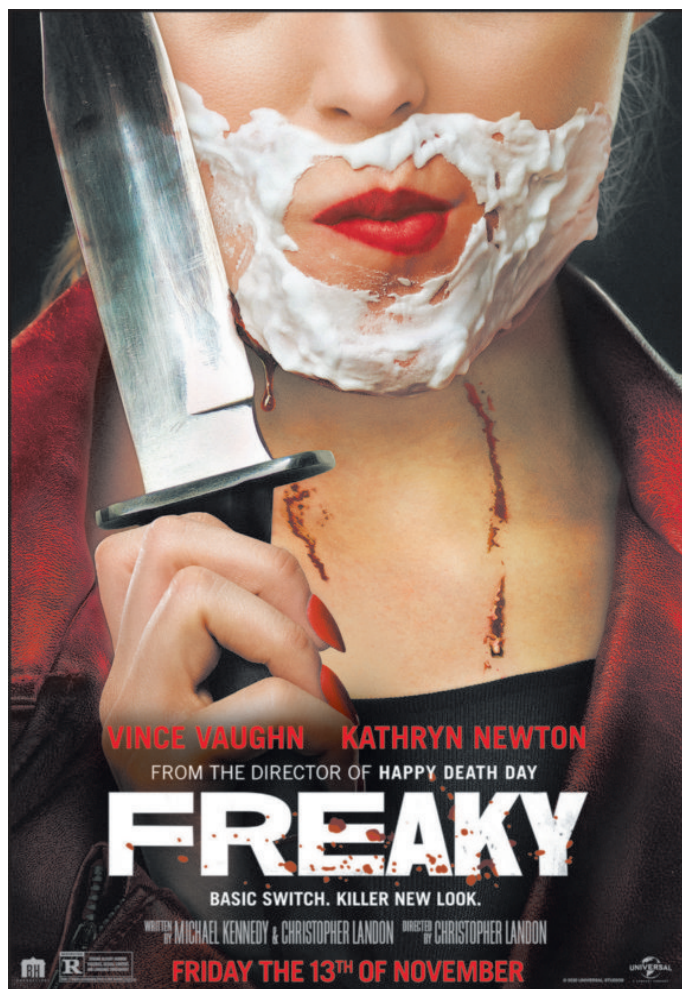


Undine: This is the dawning of the age of aquarium.

(Jacob Matschenz) over coffee. As with many of the film's principal locations, the outdoor cafe, situated across the street from the museum where Undine freelances as a historian and tour guide for Berlin's Urban Development and Housing program, is a spot to which we'll periodically return. It's as if director Christian Petzold (*Jerichow*, *Barbara*) defines sanity as revisiting the same locations over and over again, and experiencing different dramatic results. Another such spot: the adjacent

pub where Undine promptly meets Johannes' replacement Christoph (Franz Rogowski), a decent but fidgety industrial diver whose apprehension accidentally caused a 1500-gallon aquarium to come crashing down upon the couple, miniature deep sea diver and all. Seeing how she appears to be based on a mythic water nymph, it's rare for the otherwise solemn docent to crack a joke. But while still clutching the underwater ornament, and with a last gasp of water squirting from its air

operated oxygen pump, Undine turns and asks Christoph, "Is this an industrial diver?" The title clicked, sounding as it did like a variation on Neil Jordan's tale of a silkie, *Ondine*. Sure enough, both stories stem from the same supernatural root: Friedrich de la Motte Fouqué's 17th Century fairytale novella. So in love are the couple that the man she threatened to kill at the outset merits little more than an over-the-shoulder glance when the two cross paths on walks with their





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Tsui Hark is one of world cinema's exemplars of action. One can learn more about editing from five minutes of Hark than all the Bourne duds combined. Once in my care, it was just a matter of hours before the three-movie Detective Dee collection made its way from the Hillcrest Pawnbrokers to my DVD tray.

— Scott Marks

DETECTIVE DEE AND THE MYSTERY OF THE PHANTOM FLAME (2010)

Poised to be crowned China's first female Emperor, Wu Zetian (Carina Lau) commissions her own Statue of Liberty of sorts, a soaring Buddha overlooking the palace that, upon completion, will stretch 66 yards into the sky. But construction workers who fear that Master Jia's removal of amulets will bring bad luck are proven right; while leading a tour of the top, the foreman catches fire inside the Buddha's temple. After the next day brings another seeming act of self-immolation, fire becomes the new enemy. Night pearls replace flames as indoor lighting — and that's not snow falling buoyantly from the sky, it's the ashes of burning obituaries. Is it divine intervention or superstition? Spontaneous combustion or the phosphorus poison of "fire beetles"? Sprung from prison after serving eight years for treason against Wu, it's up to Di Renjie (Andy Lau) to crack the case before her coronation. A confrontation with a herd of magic deer, led by the Imperial Chaplain, that plays out over the palace sky makes Santa's flying armada look like a pack of vagrant pudu. Fans of police procedurals, supernatural Sherlock Holmes mysteries, and Hong Kong "flying people" pictures will all find something to cheer in this thrilling action-adventure whodunit.



Detective Dee and the Mystery of the Phantom Flame: aka *Live at Buddha Con*.

YOUNG DETECTIVE DEE: RISE OF THE SEA DRAGON (2013)

The first installment was such a hit that a Detective Dee origin story followed quickly in its wake. If *Phantom Flame* was a vivid example of how to construct and sustain a fantasy universe for mature minds, *Rise of the Sea Dragon* was strictly kid stuff. Mark Chao, a step down from Andy Lau, plays Young Dee as one of those talkative-type sleuths, the sort who love to blather on in detail over their powers of deduction. The opening attack on the Chinese fleet by what appears to be a black roiling fist of water is tough to top, which is precisely why it's going to be a long wait — as in never — before we get a good look at the titular serpent. A sequel of this kind generally calls for a bigger effects budget, much of which is expended in the name of video game coverage and boundless depth. Everything takes a backseat to relentless, and at times incoherent, effects-driven action. And when the action finally takes a back seat to the drama, as in a *Beauty and the Beast* subplot between Lady Rujii (Angela-baby) and her charred lover Mr. Yuan (Bum Kim), you're likely to find yourself wishing for more mayhem. Easily the weakest link in the trilogy, but it's a must-see if for no other reason than to add to your understanding of what's to follow.

DETECTIVE DEE: THE FOUR HEAVENLY KINGS (2018)

Most threequels are made for one simple reason: to cash in. Though it's certain that Hark stood to profit from this enterprise, a bridging chapter

that acts as both sequel and prequel, he told the *South China Morning Post*, "This third film required almost the same amount of time it took us to come up with the first... The reason [for the delay] is that I want to finally pull off what we didn't manage to do in the first two films." Though the result is not as heavenly as *Phantom Flame*, if Hark's aim was to cap the series on a note of epic spectacle, he pulled off a commendable feat of sleight of hand. Emperor Gaozong (Chien Sheng) appoints Dee (Mark Chao) as head of the Department of Justice, placing in his care the mystical and all-powerful Dragon-Taming Mace. It's created from stardust, forged in iron, and a bane to paranoid Empress Wu Zetian (Carina Lau), who fears that Dee will use the celebrated cudgel to destroy her. In no time, she dispatches her royal guardsman Yuchi Zhenjin (Feng Shaofeng) to reclaim the divining baton. Joining Yuchi on his journey to reclaim the mace are a foursome of mercenary illusionists — Magicians of Fortune, if you will. (But don't look to this group to personify the eponymous royalty. That honor goes to a quartet of statues, seen under the opening credits and later on in one brief sequence.) As dazzling as the action scenes are — this is by far the most colorful of the trilogy — I liked it more when people flew under the power of strings and wire, not computer-generated pixel dust. To the filmmaker's credit, the melding of the two has seldom jibed as smoothly as it does here. Though far from perfect, it helps to pave over the pothole left by Young Detective Dee.

new lovers. The film slowly builds to a crazy house of mirrors, with characters and situations doubling on each other. The sole act of violence is swift, unexpected, and more frighteningly executed than anything that passes for chills in contemporary horror. And for all the times you've heard me complain about films ending with a meaningless skyward pan-up, it's refreshing to see one conclude, for a change, with a dip below groundwater. 2020 —S.M.

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit — The title alone found me reaching for the Imodium, but what's a critic to do after links to two preferable titles took a turn for the *farblunget*? At first glance, all one could think was a parabolic cross between *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* (aka *A Child's Garden of Auschwitz*) and the infantile pranksterism of *JoJo Rabbit*. But conquering my initial fears paid off: to my shock and surprise, this factual account of a Jewish family's zigzagging exodus from pre-WWII Berlin — first to Switzerland, then to Paris, before eventually finding a safe harbor in London — was frequently engrossing and never cloying. (It's based on the life of writer and illustrator Judith Kerr.) If Hitler wins the Chancellorship, Anna's (Riva Krymalowski) father Max (Marinus Hohmann), an unman-ageable critic of Nazism, will have his passport revoked, leaving the family no alternative but to bolt. Forced to play "Sophie's choice" with her two stuffed toys, Anna sentences the titular cottontail to death by desertion, and it's off to the Alps. It's damn tough to get one's mind around a film on this subject matter, where even the direst of events have a tendency to work out for the better. A pack of schoolboys chase Anna home, pelting her with stones along the way. No sooner does Dortha (Carla Juri) hear her daughter's cries for help than she's outside confronting the leader for hating on the girl. "We love her!" is his blushing reply. And in light of the antisemitism that surrounds them, Max insists the best way to prove Nazis wrong is to live by example and show people that being Jewish is a good thing. (There's even a brief entry on Christmas tree envy.) Admittedly, contemporary thinking has a nasty way of informing the characters, but at its best, this family film succeeds in placing Hitler's rise to power in terms young people can understand, and with as little condescension as possible. Caroline Link directs. 2020 —S.M.

Video on Demand New Release Roundup

City Hall — Another invisibly etched documentary — this one clocking in at a platter-bowing 272 minutes — in

which the king of all non-fiction filmmakers, Frederick Wiseman, once again proves himself worthy of the title. (The antithesis of the celebrity documentarian, Wiseman never once crosses paths with the camera.) This time around, the American Institution put under Wiseman's microscopic gaze is Boston's city government. A good deal of the film entails the inner workings that went into putting together the city's \$3.3 billion budget, but there's much more to the story than board meetings and speechifying. The film runs in refreshing opposition to what of late has passed for governance in America. Forgive my shoveling Capra-corn, but it's a stirring civics lesson, a film that reflects on what goes right when the government works for us. Wiseman bestows the same eye for detail on World Series parade prep as he does watching a sanitation truck devouring a mattress and box spring. Before this movie, I knew nothing about Mayor Marty Walsh; the nicest wish I could send anyone's way is that they have a portrait in their honor that's half as galvanizing, half as sympathetic as the one Wiseman affords hizzoner. The idiom, "You can't fight City Hall" has never been put to truer use than when recommending this irresistible, albeit lengthy, masterwork. 2020 —S.M.

Martin Eden — Two factors influenced the seafaring and soon-to-be self-educated Martin Eden's (Luca Marinelli) decision to make the written word his stock in trade: the escape from his proletarian surroundings that it offered, and a shot at impressing Elena (Jessica Cressy), the learned but terminally-dullish sister of a boy he happened to save from a throttling. (In filmmaker Pietro Marcello's adaptation of the Jack London novel, Elena isn't a character so much as she is Martin's perceived purpose, a symbol of his aspiration.) For one hour, we side with Martin, hanging on every poem or story submission that comes back stamped "Return to Sender," until the day an acceptance letter changes his life and the course of the movie, both for the worse. The vexing hand-held camerawork that dominates the first section eventually settles, but then only long enough for the closeups and debating to kick into high gear: Marcello doesn't want you to miss a single precious kernel of polemicizing. There are moments that astound — the expressionistic applicability of hand-color/tinted archival footage/film clips to establish place or indicate passage of time outclass anything in Peter Jackson's labored *They Shall Not Grow Old*. It isn't until the arrival of bad news, punctuated by footage of a sinking ship, that the film begins to sink under the weight of its own precocity. Next stop: a foregone

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GOD'S WILL "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." CMR

HELL I'll buy you a cordless vacuum, even if it's too late for the "I Do's". Just relax and be yourself. Live only in the moment.

MARK OF ENCINITAS you are a wonderful son and brother, this is from your sister Stella.

STELLA you rock, you are the best babysitter ever. You are great and we all love you. Kiss kiss kiss from mommy.

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ELISSA LANDSMAN Have a good Thanksgiving. Brian B

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HELEN BEBE ROSS You are remembered on this Dia De Los Muertos. Brian B

JERRY VARON Have a good Thanksgiving. Brian B

MERNIE A OF MORENA and Pat G of El Cajon, looking forward to seeing you at the end of the month. Brian B

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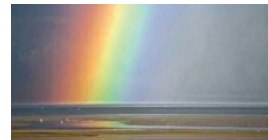


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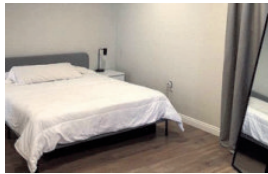
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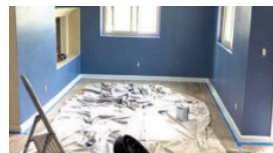
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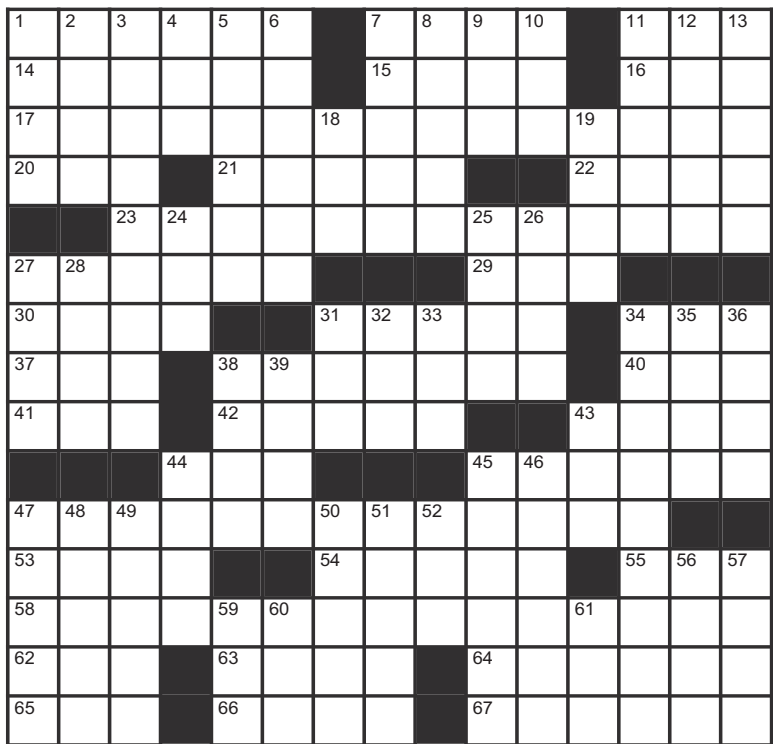
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42. Mr. T's crew
43. Prank caller to Moe's Tavern
44. From ____ Z
45. Opposite of passive

47. ... for all you Virginia Woolf fans
53. ____ sci (college course)
54. Linguine sauce
55. Feeling :-)
58. ... for all you Margaret Mitchell fans
62. Dossier letters
63. Cabinet dept. with a windmill on its seal
64. "Reservoir Dogs" character
65. Blog feed inits.
66. Grammy winner Erykah
67. Items at a haberdashery

19. Sullen
24. Pained cries
25. Treasured
26. LGBT Pride Month
27. Reverse, e.g.
28. Look at creepily
31. Whole
32. Stephen of "V for Vendetta"
33. Weight-ing room?
34. Farm structure
35. "____ Griffin's Crosswords" (2007-2008 show)
36. Place
38. Cancún kitty
39. "What business is ____ yours?"
43. Texter's "Oh, just remembered ..."
44. Female friend, in France
45. Inhaler user's malady
46. Pigeons or doves
47. Kind of test for a baby
48. Corner pieces, in chess
49. Bones next to humeri
50. Chose
51. So-called "architect of India"
52. Jokey suffix with most
56. "What are you, some kind of ____?"
57. Discord on the far left and far right?
59. Entanglement
60. "How Easy Is That?" cookbook writer Garten
61. Pugilist's org.

Down

1. One of Yellowstone's 2.2+ million
2. Simon ____
3. Ships' quarters
4. "What's your ____?" (question to a guest en route)
5. California wine region
6. Where Nemo was found in "Finding Nemo"
7. "West Side Story" heroine
8. '60s-'70s Mets star ____ Jones
9. Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, according to the Oxford English Dict.
10. Fraternity letter
11. Main event in "The Crucible"
12. Actress Anne of "Donnie Brasco"
13. Check out
18. Expert

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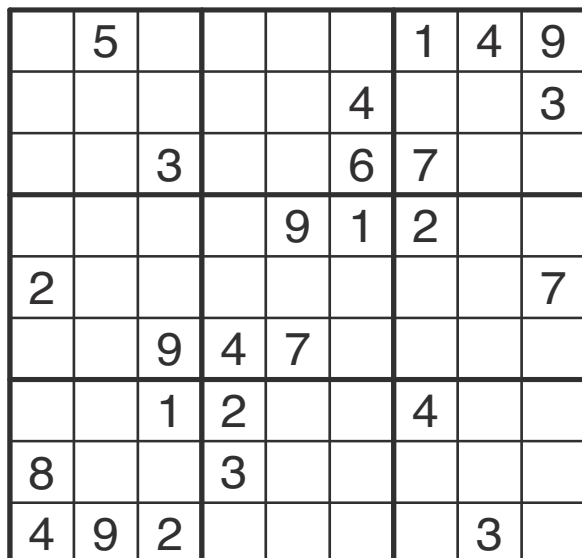
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EVIL:

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6	5	7	9	1	3	8	2	4
2	1	4	7	5	8	3	6	9
5	7	1	8	9	4	6	3	2
4	2	8	6	3	5	9	1	7
9	3	6	1	2	7	5	4	8
8	6	2	5	7	1	4	9	3
1	4	5	3	8	9	2	7	6
7	9	3	2	4	6	1	8	5

Crime Report, Halloween Edition

— Nathan Garisto, 26, of Largo, Florida, was arrested on Oct. 19 on a domestic battery charge. The Smoking Gun reported that Garisto was "heavily intoxicated while engaged in a verbal argument with his girlfriend," according to police. He refused to leave after his girlfriend asked him to, instead throwing "a pumpkin and all insides of the pumpkin at the subject." Garisto maintains he threw the pumpkin at the door, not at the girlfriend. He was released on bond and ordered to have no contact with the victim.

More Things to Worry About

— As many as 9 million wild pigs are roaming the United States -- expanding from 17 states to at least 39 states over the last 30 years and causing \$2.5 billion worth of damage each year to crops and domestic livestock, reported *The Atlantic* in September. Many of the feral swine are hybrids, a mixture of domestic breeds and wild boars called "super pigs," that multiply so fast, "I've heard it referred to as a feral swine bomb," said Dale Nolte, manager of the National Feral Swine Damage Management Program at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In the U.S. and Canada, government organizations are working to control the numbers; Montana has been especially vigilant, with a 24-hour hotline for residents to call when they see the animals.

Government in Action

— Ocean Township, New Jersey, listed the home of 89-year-old Glen Kristi Goldenthal

for sale on Sept. 9, foreclosing on the property because Goldenthal owed 6 cents on back taxes from 2019. The tax shortfall had accrued to more than \$300, triggering the sale, which alerted Goldenthal's daughter, Lisa Suhay, in Virginia. NBC New York reported the outraged Suhay began calling everyone in the township's office to explain that her mother suffers from Alzheimer's and probably forgot about the bill. Suhay took care of the debt, but for her mother, "(T)his isn't over ... She's called me dozens of times in the last 24 hours," asking about her house and where she's going to live. Mayor Christopher Siciliano was apologetic, but Suhay remained incensed: "Shame on anybody who can't think far outside the box enough to come up with six cents in an office full of people."

Entrepreneurial Spirit

— *Hotels.com* is offering one lucky customer the opportunity to "live under a rock" to escape "election stress disorder" during election week Nov. 2-7, United Press International reports. The accommodations in a manmade cave 50 feet below ground in New Mexico will cost just \$5 per night. "Political fatigue is real, regardless of the year or election," said Josh Belkin, vice president of *Hotels.com*. "Who knows what else 2020 has in store for us."

News That Sounds Like a Joke

— An aggressive Muscovy duck named Bob in Mansfield, England, has terrorized post-man Steve Hinds to the point that Hinds has

refused to deliver mail to the duck's owners until they contain him, *The Scottish Sun* reported. Hinds told the Sun that on Oct. 3, "The duck started hissing at me and ... it ran me up the path snapping its beak." The apologetic owners left a Crunchie candy bar as a peace offering for Hinds and a note reading, "He used to be lovely and cuddly. Now he is a vicious sex-maniac! We have fenced him in and hopefully he won't escape." But two days later, Bob escaped the fence and came after Hinds again. At press time, the standoff continues.

Compelling Explanation

— After throwing a Bible that struck a Marion County (Florida) Sheriff's deputy in the face, Robert Otis Hoskins, 39, of Summerfield, told officers that God had directed him to break into his neighbors' home and free their young daughter, according to authorities. WKMG-TV reports police were responding to reports of a burglary on Sept. 22 when they encountered Hoskins, who emerged from the house next door wearing nothing but briefs and yelling something like, "I condemn you!" before throwing the Bible. Officers tased him and took him into custody; Hoskins' wife told deputies he "does have a drug problem," according to the arrest report, and the alleged victim said about \$50 worth of clothing had been stolen. Hoskins was booked on multiple charges.

Ewwwwwww

— Alicia Beverly of Detroit was sleeping in the back seat of a red-eye flight home from

Las Vegas on Oct. 12 when she felt "something warm" on her side, and woke up to realize a man standing in the aisle was urinating on her, Fox 2 reported. "I screamed and that woke everybody up," she said. "I looked and there was a puddle of pee in the seats!" An off-duty police officer on the flight restrained the unidentified man, described as a well-known pastor from North Carolina, and he was taken into custody upon landing, but has not been charged. Beverly had to sit in her wet clothes for the duration of the trip and is suffering anxiety following the incident. "Since then I have only gotten four hours of sleep," she said.

Bright Ideas

— The Netherlands is home to a new trend in wellness therapy that promises serenity to those who try it: *koe knuffelen* (cow hugging). The BBC reported that a cow's warmer body temperature and slower heartbeat are thought to increase oxytocin levels in humans, reducing stress and promoting positivity. The practice began more than a decade ago, and now farms in Switzerland and the U.S. along with the Netherlands offer cow-cuddling sessions, which typically begin with a tour of the farm before participants are invited to rest against a cow for up to three hours.

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