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### Political housecleaning

Thank you Niki Roth for your letter "View from the Cleanup Crew." (Letters, March 3) It was extremely insightful and confirmed my belief of all the agendas the Calif Teachers Union have along with many "educators" and administrators. The Teacher's union and the SDUSD do NOT have children's best interests in mind. No wonder former SD School District Superintendent Cindy Marten was selected by the Biden Administration to head the Dept of Education! Great success!

Lori Hatley  
Escondido

### Good old pre-flea days

Times have changed about the Friendship Hotel ("Nothing friendly about Hillcrest's Friendship Hotel," Feature Stories, February 17). Not a taste of the "old nasty days," those were the good old days. (I'm older than you.) True, it was a nurses' dorm for the nearby Mercy hospital, along with the Hillcrest Hotel across the street (8th Avenue).

I know. I rented a room which was the sun room, of all windows on the southeast corner on the second floor - loved it! That was from June of 1978 to March of 1982. Rent was about \$70 a month (I don't remember exactly). The bath and community kitchen and dining room down the hall (I heard) had become a room when converted into a hotel. Laundry was at the back, with a small yard of grass and a clothesline. I'm still the only person who hangs my wash on a line. Two of my co-workers also rented rooms, all of two

blocks from the large AT&T building nearby. Lived here two and a half years, until I bought my house in University Heights for \$70,500, a smart move as now would go for \$500,000. That was in March, 1982.

Anyway, back to the Friendship. A lot of the quiet tenants were retired folks. Also, across the street, University Avenue, is the old third-floor operating room for Mercy - we're talking the 1920s. The building was restored in recent years, still a furniture store, I believe. Kinko's was a light fixture store in my time there, then a restaurant. Jack in the Box has since been completely renovated.

P.S. Never saw any fleas.

Naida Hindert  
University Heights

### My integrity attacked

I have been reading *The Reader* for 37 years now, I've never written in before, as a native born San Diego, sunny Californian, I feel genuinely and seriously concerned as to why *The Reader* is now spinning Republican shit on your newly elected governor Gavin Newsom? Your "News and Features" trash Democrats, the looks like factual news about "Gruesome Newsome" if one doesn't have a magnifying glass, wouldn't notice in such small print "paid political advertisement."

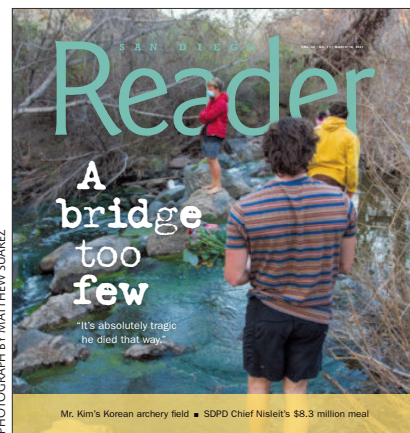
In addition to other news "San Diego's Anti-Fascists turn Fascist" journalistic right-winged juice reporting! Seriously spin, would you dine with a mask on? Not possible, and stupid to think you can or Gavin Newsom and company can dine with their masks on!! You dine without a mask!!? I do. I and most of California who voted love our Governor Gavin Newsom, the man, we the people elected!! Who is, of course hated by Republicans, as they hate our newly elected President Biden and Vice President Harris!! So now the California Republican party announced using Republican funding of \$125,000 to

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

TIJUANA

## Biden's barrio

### Pay to pee while you wait for asylum appointment

Since February 19, when 25 cases of asylum seekers were accepted for review, around 500 migrants have established an improvised camp on the Mexican side of the San Ysidro Port of Entry. The Migrant Protection Protocols program announced by Biden's administration has given hope to those stuck

in Tijuana due to the Trump's Remain in Mexico program. According to one of the Tijuana's migrant officials, Jose Luis Perez, 25 asylum seekers crossed the border that day, and groups of that same number will be crossing every day. Most migrants in the camp (called El Chaparral) have no appointment. They heard about the new migrant program and decided to camp here, hoping for legal help.

Isabelo Soto, 62, says his journey from Honduras was dreadful. "We suffered a hurricane that destroyed everything we had. That's why I came here, I just have two months, and it has been pretty difficult."



Most migrants in the camp have no appointment

there because they can't afford a place to live while waiting. "On top of that, we have to pay almost 100 pesos (\$5) daily just for using bathrooms here and to take a shower; a nearby hotel charges 50 pesos (\$2.50) per person, even for kids," she explained. "We're in a desperate situation in Tijuana; the other day the police detained me with my children and threatened me with deportation, took me right away in the patrol car, and demanded all the money we had to let us go. We gave them 800 pesos (\$40), all that we had for food," she added. Dago, another Honduran: "I had a business back in Honduras,



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Jenny Cruz and her family of two children and her husband also have an appointment in two months, and she pointed out that they had no other option than to stay

but the gangs there were asking me for the war tax, a fee we had to pay monthly. If you refuse to pay or report that to the government, you can end up dead." Dago said his objective is to find a job in the U.S. to send money to his three kids and wife.



Dago, another Honduran- "I had a business back in Honduras, but the gangs there were asking me for the war tax."

I had videos from that shooting, but cartels have checkpoints where they take pictures of your ID and share it with a group to see if they can let you pass. Most men are blackmailed to join the cartels, so it's more difficult for them to leave."

For now, these asylum seekers are camping on the asphalt in the hope of getting into the U.S., but they must wait

"...cartels have checkpoints where they take pictures of your ID and share it with a group to see if they can let you pass. Most men are blackmailed to join the cartels, so is more difficult for them to leave."

Maria Benavidez from the Mexican state of Michoacan lived on the exact boundary in dispute between Los Viagras and Jalisco's New Generation Cartel, the most powerful gangs in Mexico. "The day before we decided to leave, a grenade exploded in front of our house; we were in the crossfire. We were just able to hide under our beds.

at least four months to have an appointment and initiate their process. According to the Municipal Department of Migrant Attention, 25,000 asylum seekers will be re-accepted in Matamoros, Ciudad Juarez, and Tijuana after this Biden program.

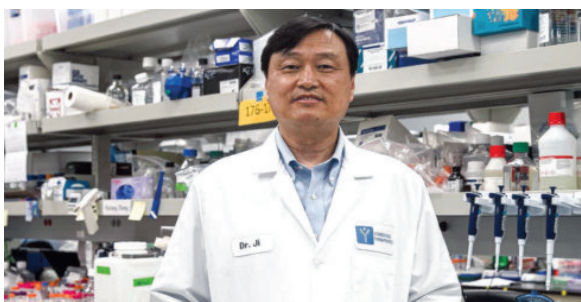
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Somehow, the plight of refugees forced to wait in a wretched outpost full of corrupt officials seemed more romantic in *Casablanca*.



Isabelo Soto, 62, from Honduras- "We suffered a hurricane that destroyed everything we had."



Sorrento Therapeutics' Ji will his "catch and kill" lawsuit force Soon-Shiong to release the U-T?

**How soon, Soon-Shiong?**

Analyst speculates U-T owner could bail out by mid-summer

Will a lawsuit spawned in San Diego by the wheelings and dealings of Patrick Soon-Shiong ultimately force the Los Angeles billionaire to divest himself of the San Diego Union-Tribune, as well as the L.A. Times as early as this summer? Yes, according to a theory Poynter Institute Media Analyst Rick Edmunds in an March 4 put forth in an online dispatch regarding the trials and tribulations of Soon-Shiong and his Southern California papers. Alden Global Capital appears to be "the most likely to win any bidding contest for the Los Angeles Times, along with the San Diego Union-Tribune and some real estate," says Edmunds in light of mounting speculation that Soon-Shiong may need the cash. "A tipster pointed me to a \$1 billion suit Sorrento Therapeutics brought against Soon-Shiong's NantPharma in April 2019," he writes. Biotech Sorrento was founded here in 2006 by Henry Ji, who got his undergrad training at China's Fudan University and a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota.

A 2015 drug deal by Soon-Shiong's NantPharma is at the root of the ongoing courtroom clash, which began in 2019. "The suit alleges that Nant did a 'catch-and-kill' when it took a majority stake in a promising drug of Sorrento's, then stopped its development," notes Edmunds. "Soon-Shiong's true purpose, the suit charges, was to clear the way for developing a similar drug NanPharma had in the works." Mandatory arbitration begins July 22, the columnist says. "Even a settlement at a fraction of the damages Sorrento seeks could run to hundreds of millions of dollars. That would leave Soon-Shiong hungry for cash at a time when he is also funding expensive initiatives at his biotech company." Then there is the not insubstantial matter of finding newspaper talent to run the Times. "Particularly telling is that Soon-Shiong has never hired a publisher with industry experience. He essentially fulfills that role himself while still tending to entrepreneurial biotech work and trying to invent cancer treatments and now Covid-19 drugs. Given the circumstances, and the time and money

a next stage would require, it seems more likely Soon-Shiong will exit, likely swallowing a loss on his \$600 million in investments in the Times." Meanwhile, down in San Diego, Soon-Shiong's strategy has appeared to be converting the U-T into the wokest paper in America while reducing advertising and daily page counts.

Enter Alden Global Capital, the industry bad-boy that has been snapping up newspapers across the country, vowing to remake the businesses but often selling off premises and gutting staff. "Alden CEO Heath Freeman and founder Randall Smith have become known as grim reapers as they pull profits from titles like the Denver Post," writes Edmunds. "Alden are cost-cutters supreme, but Freeman and Smith clearly also know how to wage a relentless takeover campaign and drive a hard bargain. Most promising financially for Alden would be control of the Los Angeles Times, a ring of suburban dailies near Los Angeles, the Orange County Register (which it already owns), and the San Diego Union-Tribune (which comes with the Times). That would amount to control of the huge Southern California market, with half the megastate's 40 million residents."

Anti-trust resistance from the Biden Administration might interrupt Alden's best-laid plans to control Southern California. Alden owns the dailies in San Bernardino and Riverside counties, where the U-T has recently ventured with a two-page experimental news and events section. Local resistance from San Diego labor unions and would-be advertisers to the putative buyout might ultimately deter Alden from bidding, but the U-T, whose workers long-ago bid farewell to their newspaper union, has so far attracted few outspoken champions.

And the U-T's fate appears inextricably linked to that of the Times, which prints the San Diego paper in L.A. at a plant whose lease by Soon-Shiong is due to expire in just two years.

Matt Potter

**Madaffer swabs the Deckard**

Clears Bry-adjacent client from list One of the shortest lobbying gigs in San Diego city hall's history has ended less than two weeks after it formally began, amidst intrigue about ex-councilwoman Barbara Bry's role in one of her wealthy husband's start-ups. A March 1 disclosure by Madaffer Enterprises shows the firm deleted Deckard Technologies as a client that day. Madaffer's original February 16 disclosure said the company had begun

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**UNDER THE RADAR**

**SDPD Chief Nisleit's \$8.3 million meal**

As the coronavirus pandemic raged on last fall, shutting down a multitude of conventions across the globe, an annual gathering of the nation's top cops was a notable exception. "Upon concluding it was imperative to convene an in-person meeting to discuss the various challenges of 2020, the Major Cities Chiefs Association held its annual fall meeting in New Orleans," per the group's October 30 news release. "While discussing lessons learned and best practices, the membership expressed concern regarding efforts by local elected officials to restrict the use of less than lethal tools. Allegations that law enforcement agencies overuse less than lethal tools are simply unfounded." The statement added, "Given that many [Major Cities Chiefs Association] members expect activity in their jurisdictions surrounding the November 3rd election, it's imperative that law enforcement maintain access to tools and resources necessary to quell violence and protect life and property."

The event also served as a chance for sellers of "less than lethal" devices to demonstrate their wares. As they pitched their wares, the vendors picked up food and beverage tabs for law enforcement higher-ups. On October 15, Niche Technology of Springfield, Missouri, treated San Diego police chief David Nisleit to a \$100 meal. The next night, Utility Inc. of Decatur, Georgia paid a \$100 dinner tab for the chief. On October 17, Axon Enterprise of Scottsdale, Arizona, spent \$75 for Nisleit's evening meal, all according to the chief's annual financial interest statement for 2020, filed March 9. Axon makes Tasers, the controversial stun-guns that have steadily grown in use by law enforcement. The company also produces the so-called body-worn cameras used by San Diego cops. A contract between Axon and the city of San Diego, dated June 23 of last year, says the firm is getting paid \$8,367,892 for goods and services related to the devices. "The purpose of this contract is to outfit current employees as well as recruits graduating from the Academy (expected 200 recruits per year)," says the document. Utility, Inc makes body-mounted video gear, and Niche Technology specializes in police video records tracking.

**Cash for kidneys** California Secretary of State Shirley Weber continues to pile up significant campaign money for her attempt to hold her seat against next year's election challenge by Assembly Democrat Lorena Gonzalez. On March 3, Lakeside's Barona Band of Mis-

sion Indians gave \$5000, as did DaVita Total Renal Care of Tacoma, Washington. That firm has also supported charitable causes favored by Weber. "Dialysis company DaVita gave nearly \$250,000 combined to the Black, Latino and Women's Caucus foundations between 2017 and 2019, as it fought a union-backed ballot measure, and then a bill, that would curb profits at dialysis clinics," reported CalMatters a year ago in February. "As long as a person wants to help and contribute to scholarships and our



SDPD Chief David Nisleit flashes a less than lethal smile.

leadership program to build the potential of young people," Weber was quoted as saying, "there's never been an effort not to accept contributions from those individuals." Other special interests contributing to Weber's current campaign fund include the California Real Estate Political Action Committee, with \$16,200 on March 4. Meanwhile, Gonzalez's so-called ballot measure committee got \$25,000 from

the San Ramon-based Sheet Metal Workers International Association Local 104 PAC on February 16.

**Politically dead**

Former San Diego County Supervisor Diane Jacob, termed-out of office last year, has given the \$163,056 of left-over cash in her 2016 re-election campaign fund to the Miramar National Cemetery Support Foundation, according to a March 3 campaign disclosure filing. Per its online mission statement, the foundation advises "on specific memorial projects, raising funds to construct those projects, administering memorial trust funds, and sponsoring commemorative ceremonies



Lorena Gonzalez covets the secretary of state job to which fellow assembly democrat Shirley Weber was appointed.

to mark significant patriotic events throughout the year." Activities include those on Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and the Avenue of Flags. Fundraising for a new outdoor arena to accommodate family visitors has begun. Records show that Jacob's late husband Paul Ernest Jacob, an ex-Navy officer who died September 23, 2018 at 80, is interred there... County cycling enthusiasts have cause for concern based on a new audit report to the

TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee. According to the March 3 document, the Bike Early Action Program "will likely not be completed within a 10-year timeframe as expected because of project delays, especially with permitting. While the 2019 Plan of Finance showed sufficient funding to complete the Bike Early Action Program, the Bike non-Early Action Program projects remain-

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## Dear Hipster:

I have recently discovered that a friend of mine —perhaps really more of an “acquaintance” when you get right down to it — is an adamant moon-landing conspiracy theorist. I’m not talking about a crusty old fart who’s been living without indoor plumbing for a little too long. This is a young-ish, seemingly with-it person who has an Instagram page that’s mostly pictures of coffee, cocktails, and small dogs in cute clothing. At first, I thought this person was doing it as a kind of prank or shtick, as if maybe (s)he tried it on for a joke and then kept it going until it got too late to back out, but there’s been a real show of commitment to the idea “they” somehow faked the moon landing. Is there such a thing as a hipster conspiracy theorist?

—TRENT



“Aliens, yes. But the moon landing?”

I’m sure having access to *X-Files* reruns on Hulu has spurred a trivial number of up-and-coming conspiracy theorists to action, but your garden variety hipsters generally know better. In a way, learning something like this is almost like finding out somebody you know has a secret life as a clown for kicks and self-expression (as opposed to doing it for money or some other reason). You don’t believe it initially, but then you come to accept it, and perhaps even appreciate it for making the person a little more interesting, at least at a safe distance.

## Dear Hipster:

Here is a random musing for you. It’s supposed to rain tomorrow. Personally, I’m super



excited about it. You could look at the rain as a good reason to stay inside, or as a good reason not to go out; but either way it amounts to the same thing. Most people I know have nothing good to say about the rain. I hear them coming up with everything from “I just waxed my car” to “I don’t own a raincoat” to “my apartment floods every time it rains,” although in all fairness that last one is totally legit and the second one is sort of peculiar to Southern California. Anyways, what’s the deal with being down on the

rain? Is it some sort of “too cool for school” thing? Or am I looking at this all wrong and I’m some kind of pro-rain hipster who rejects mainstream weather and I didn’t even know it?

—Amie

You can follow a more or less unbroken chain of rain-loving hipsters stretching backwards throughout recorded history and back into prehistory and myth: John Cusack has played enough hipsters getting rained on that it’s basically a meme; The Jesus and Mary Chain sang about being “Happy When it Rains” in the eighties; “The Rain Song” was and is the best Led Zepelin song (change my mind!) from the seventies; Gene Kelly skipped his

way through rain puddles in the fifties; and if you go waaaaaaay back in time there’s this one apocryphal story about a guy who took rain super seriously way before anybody else thought it was cool, built himself a big old boat, and created the world’s first (and only) floating zoo that nobody ever saw.

I kid, at least in part. “The Rain Song” probably wasn’t the best Zepelin song. Nevertheless, there’s definitely something about people who like the rain that makes them seem vaguely suspicious and out there; but in a cool, mysterious way that’s more than a little on the hipster side.

—DJ Stevens

## LETTERS

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recall our Governor Gavin Newsom and insurrection for California. At my residence I have received recall mailings; Republican money used to recall my vote!! As Republicans are funding at least that much money are they now also *The Reader* for us to read?!! As *The Reader* is now spinning their spin against the truth. I personally feel my integrity and democracy attacked in reading your rotting paper. Turn back now!!

Name withheld

## Open and shut case

I’m a regular transit-dependent person and I ride MTS Route 35, Ocean Beach bus twice daily. In the article (“MTS: trying to encourage compliance, not enforce it.” Golden Dreams, March 11) it says, open windows, the problem is solving itself. But the truth is the Ocean Beach Route 35 bus, the windows don’t open. I guess it’s ‘cause of old age, maybe they’re glued shut. I don’t know why. They have a handle to push ‘em open, but they don’t open. So it’s a very incorrect statement that they’re making. Basically, you’re letting people speak about buses that don’t ride buses, and it bothers me a little bit.

Robert Kachur  
Mission Hills

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## “There goes the Oceanside beach”

Neighborhood News  
March 9

Curious all the people piling on here to attack the writer, *The Reader*, the media, the Coastal Commission, the Surfrider Foundation — anyone and everyone, that is, except the deadbeat Oceanside millionaires squatting on land they don’t own and those enabling them.

Doesn’t matter how much one pays for a home

or where: your rights are never absolute, and end at the property line/the public right-of-way. It is no more acceptable to rip out the sidewalk in front of your home in University Heights to keep pesky pedestrians away or to build out from your backyard into Balboa Park than it is for these self-important greedheads to annex a public beach. That this should be so obviously self-evident is why I have to suspect many of those defending them are them.

—Cassander

The homes are very close to the water, and I wouldn’t want strangers that close to my home either. Is that the price you pay living along the beach?

This is a well-written article, not a “hit piece.” *SD Reader* is an alternative newspaper, and alternative newspapers usually have stylistic, opinionated articles.

As far as “blogging anonymously” we’re all blogging anonymously, except the writers. People use fictitious names all the time, pretending to be authentic. Unless your CDL has been scanned, online you are who you say you are.

—Socks3742

## “Look out, Union-Tribune. Alden Global Capital may be just around the corner”

News Ticker  
March 9

Patrick Soon-Shiong could shutter the costly weak-sister *San Diego Union-Tribune*; salvage a few strong Watchdog journalists and set them up as the San Diego Bureau of the *Los Angeles Times*, as in the olden days. Then he could name SoCal native, highly qualified and long-experienced *U-T* editor Jeff Light as editor of the *Los Angeles Times*. That’s two problems solved, but Soon-Shiong will have to figure out how to make the *LAT* profitable on his own. Since March is Women’s month, maybe he could turn to his smart wife and daughter for answers.

—monaghan

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## OCEANSIDE

### Riprap vs riffraff

Private beaches swell, public gets groined

Apparently nothing will stop beachfront property owners in Oceanside from dropping in huge riprap boulders in front of their houses. Not even a stop-work order from the state coastal commission. At about 2 pm on Friday, March 5, the city of Oceanside was served with an order from the commission instructing the city to rescind its approval of the installation of new riprap in front of the seven houses from 1201 to 1213 South Pacific, located at the western terminus of Oceanside Boulevard. But after the stop-work order was served Friday afternoon, the heavy equipment operator continued dropping new boulders and moving existing ones towards the sea with a bulldozer and giant crane. He's been returning every day since. On Saturday afternoon, March 6, a man from Cantarini Tractor of Fallbrook admitted the stop work order had in fact been served to the city of Oceanside the day before. "They were served at 2:30 in the afternoon and then they talked to their attorneys, and they got it rescinded." He claimed the work was legal. "They got permits for everything."

Not true, says Jim Jaffee of the Surfrider Foundation. "Throughout the years, private property owners in Oceanside have undertaken illegal construction activities to dump riprap further out onto the public beach, expanding their private beach at the cost of the public beach. While permits may seem like a bureaucratic issue, a crime is a crime by any name." Jaffee suggests Oceanside officials have established a wink-wink, nudge-nudge relationship with beachfront homeowners, while failing its obligation to the coastal commission in preserving the public beach. "The tractors are rolling again today," Jaffee said on Monday, March 8. "They are in violation



Imagine the nerve of some government agency telling private citizens what they can and can't do with public beaches.

of what the coastal commission has asked them not to do. They continue to move their private beach out. This is illegal. They are doing it without a permit. That's why there is no public beach there anymore." Jaffee says

Oceanside in March of last year, claiming that a permit is required for construction equipment to be operated within 20 feet of coastal waters, and that the city-allowed riprap installation done in 2019 was not legal.

"Private property owners in Oceanside have undertaken illegal construction activities to dump riprap further out onto the public beach, expanding their private beach at the cost of the public beach."

private, beachfront property is expanding in Oceanside thanks to the coziness of city officials. "The city has willingly turned a blind eye by allowing the homeowner to maintain and expand their private beach without coastal development permits."

The coastal commission sent a letter to

"Our understanding is that the planning and engineering departments never alerted the city attorney that the city was on notice [from the coastal commission] and that they needed to stop granting these exemptions that allows the placement of all this new riprap," Jaffee explains. An attempt to get a response from Oceanside city attorney John Mullen was not productive.

Realtor Chris Abad is familiar with beachfront property in Oceanside. He says 1201 South Pacific, for instance, is divided into two units, and that the larger, 1850-square foot unit would probably sell for \$2 million. Abad says the new riprap would "definitely" increase the value of all the homes with new riprap, even though the increase in square footage would not officially appear on documents. "The extra area may not show up on title, but all anyone would have to do is look at it to see there is more land there."

Meanwhile, some residents are wondering why the city of Oceanside is not being completely open with its

residents regarding its plans to bring more sand to its denuded beaches. City officials unveiled a power point presentation last September called "Feasibility Study for Beach Sand Replenishment/Retention Devices." It showed a number of possibilities that the city may execute in order to get more sand on the two-thirds of Oceanside's beach area north of Tyson Street, which has largely gone beachless. The plan's options include a \$12.5 million submerged artificial reef, a 350-foot extension of the South Jetty near the harbor, or the installation of 400- to 600-foot rock groins (or short jetties), similar to those installed in Newport Beach in the 1960s. What the city did not tell the public, but did in fact tell the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) at its March 4 meeting, was that the city has in mind 12 jetties

between the pier and the southern boundary of the city at the Buena Vista Lagoon. At its March 11 meeting, the Oceanside city council considered applying for a shoreline erosion grant from the state department of boating and waterways. Plans call for that grant to be used for the groins and/or other sand retention projects. Jaffee says if the city does decide to apply for that grant, he will personally appear before that state of California department to try to block it. "The legislation under which these grants are given specifically excludes using the grants to be used for sand retention."

Oceanside principal planner Russ Cunningham has been the point man for riprap installations as well as sand replenishment issues for the city of Oceanside. Attempts to get a response from him on these issues were not successful.

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## CARLSBAD

### Fence hop can't stop cops

Protected area didn't protect suspects from neighbor's notice

Ted said, "I got a phone call from my girlfriend" just after 9 am on Monday, March 11, 2019. Ted said he stood up, turned away from his computer, and looked out the window. "Just out of the corner of my eye I saw two people hop over the fence. In a flash. And go into the bushes. And I said to her, 'I just saw two people hop over the fence and they're in the protected area.'" Ted lives in a two-story home overlooking the lagoon in Carlsbad. The wild area around the lagoon is just steps from his home on Park Drive, and there is a chain link fence protecting the nature preserve. "So I just happened to see

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Oceanside homes from California Records Project 2013.



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**Musician to the stars**

You have to wonder: this past year, how did we all not go stir crazy with the covid restrictions?

Claudio Martin did it by going as far away as he could. “I travel billions of miles into space, and it has saved my sanity,” he says.

What he means is, six months ago, he set up a mini-observatory in the garden of his



**Claudio Martin, guitarist, astronomer.**

Alpine home, and started photographing, well, the universe.

“One day, I’m going, ‘God, I hate covid,’ but in a strange way it dawned on me that covid was giving me an opportunity to strike out and do some things that I couldn’t have done before. Like, as a kid, instead of being a musician, I wanted to be an astronomer. That was my first thing. The only problem was I wasn’t very good at math. Astronomy, turns out, is 95 percent math! So I pursued music.”

He created a successful career, teaching, and performing as the lead guitar with Ron’s Garage, one of the most in-demand cover bands in the county, as well as giving solo performances. But that all evaporated with the first lock-down a year ago.

It hit him hard — financially, emotionally. “I’m a musician. Everything is about live sounds, instant interaction, and here I was, no band, no gigs, no up-close audience, no music.”

Which is partly why now, with all this time, he’s giving astronomy a second whirl. Odd though, since astrophotography too is all about far away, lonely, timeless, silent. But Martin, who lives in Alpine, has become obsessed with visually capturing distant phenomena, through his telescope and onto his laptop.

“It’s like treasure-hunting for me. Capturing the universe on my little computer, and even making art of it. I’ve always had a telescope, but astrophotography is a different challenge.

“I needed something to give me a little bit of hope and humbleness. I’m not super-religious or anything, but looking at the sky, looking at the stars, was about as close as I can get to God. Whether you believe it or not, it’s like, ‘Wow! This universe is tremendously huge and vast.’ It humbled me. I would go, ‘These stars are looking at us, and they couldn’t care less whether there was covid or not, and whether we live here or not. And they have been here for billions and billions of years.’ So I look up there, and I’m humbled. They don’t care whether you live or die, but this is our moment, the moment that we have. So it kept me sane, grounded, I guess. And my wife has been very patient with me as well, through this endeavor.

But how to set up for his new side-hustle? Here’s where another musician-astronomer alliance came to help: Wayne Parker, the Canadian bass player of Glass Tiger fame, is also, turns out, a star-watcher who invented a kind of mini-observatory. He designed and started selling his Sky Shed Pod, big enough for two, and small enough to install in your garden or on your deck.

“These pods are not cheap,” says Martin. “Around \$4500 new. But I got a used — or rather, unused — one for \$500. My wife Mona liked the idea because it kept me close by, because being a musician, I’m always out on the road, performing.”

Does he long for that again? He stops to think. “This space gig is great, but yeah, I miss the music, miss the crowds.”

I ask if tracking space inspires him to write music. “Hey, how about this for a song?” he asks. “Ground Control to Major Tom.”

**Mr. Kim’s Korean archery**

“Chinese used the spear, Japanese used the sword,” says Mr. Kim. “We Koreans used the bow. Have for 5000 years.”

A badge on his tunic reads “World Kuk Gung Federation” above a sewn picture of a horseman shooting arrows from a galloping horse.

We are looking out over a steep field bisected by a stream. This is Mr. Kim’s traditional Korean Archery field.

“Kuk Gung’ is ‘Horn Bow,’” he says.

On the creek’s opposite upslope, four square targets face us, each one white, black, and red. “That is a long way, Mr. Kim,” I say.

“Not a problem for Korean Kuk Gung,” Mr. Kim says. He says a Korean bow can propel an arrow 475 feet, 145 meters. “At Olympics they

only allow distance of 30-90 meters,” he says. “We always win archery at Olympics.”

Mr. Kim draws his bow out of a blue and white cloth sleeve. Wow. I am surprised how small it is.

“Why is it called a ‘horn bow?’” I ask. “Because it is made of bamboo, mulberry wood, maple tree skin, and water buffalo horn. It is a composite of all these, glued by fishes’

He is a modest, quietly powerful man who clearly believes in the precepts he painted on the posts designating the shooting area:

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 “Have a straight mind and a straight body.”  
 “Protect integrity through discreet behavior.”  
 “Be courteous.”

He hands me a bow. “First lesson,” he says. “We do each ten times.”

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swimming bladder.”

Mr. Kim knows these things because he has practiced Korean archery for most of the 43 years he has been traveling back and forth from South Korea, where he grows and sells succulents and cacti for the American, European, and other markets. “We ship 4 to 5 million plants every year,” he says. “I control 70 percent of the market.”

But love of Korean archery is clearly what drives him now. He purchased this land up in the rolling hills of Valley Center to turn it into a Korean traditional archery center, the only one in the U.S. He’s developing the part of the field by the creek into horse trails where students can learn to gallop on horseback while shooting arrows.

Now he bends the bow between his legs so he can stretch its string. It’s curled like Cupid bows you see on Valentine’s Day cards.

But looks are deceptive. “This is the most powerful bow,” Mr. Kim says. “You see those?” He’s pointing to the four distant targets. No way other bows, he says — English, Japanese, Chinese — can reach those targets. (To be fair, many military historians say the English long-bow had an effective range of over 300 yards.)

He takes the sleeve and wraps it around his waist. “Now, sleeve becomes quiver,” he says. He slips five wooden arrows between it and his tunic.

My exercise is to draw the bow to shooting position, hold, and then undraw. He shows me how to hold it above my head, level it, push the bow hand forward, while hauling the string hand back, harmoniously. “Good for breathing,” he says.

Also exhausting for a first-timer. He watches every movement. Only then does he go to shoot his ten arrows — and you can hear the distant “bap!” as most hit the targets. He hangs up his bow and heads off down the hill. “Where are we going?” I ask. “To pick up the arrows,” Mr. Kim says. “Part of discipline.” ■



**Mr. Kim with his near-bullseye shot.**



**Mr. Kim watches a pupil’s draw.**

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Almost factual news



The Swinging Sister, new mascot for San Diego's baseball team, rechristened from Padres to Drag Queens. Explained Padres owner Ken Craven: "After the city changed its name, it really didn't make sense to have a team named after Franciscan priests, no matter how effective they were at subjugating others. But then someone in the uniform design department suggested that we could keep with the religious theme, while at the same time honoring both the fabulous character of our new city name and the heroic struggle of the LGBTQIA+ community. And so, the San Diego Drag Queens are proud to announce that their new mascot is a member of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Slay, Queens!"

## Gloria Be

San Diego renamed after Mayor in wake of Junipero Serra High renaming

"Casting off our shameful past, embracing our Gloria future!"

"I believe the children are the future," says onetime San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria. "They can carry us to a brighter tomorrow, if only we have the courage to let them. So when the students at Junipero Serra High School in Tierrasanta successfully petitioned to have their school's name changed because the Mission system Father Serra founded exploited and oppressed the indigenous people of California, I paid attention. And I started thinking, 'Isn't it sad that these kids have the guts and tenacity to change their school's name, but are still forced to live in a city whose name honors a participant in that same system of exploitation and oppression?' Saint Didacus, after whom Fr. Serra named the mission that ultimately gave San Diego its name, was a missionary to the newly conquered Canary Islands. After the conquistadors finished their bloody

work with the iron fist, he came in with the velvet glove, attempting to make the curse of conquest seem like a blessing, since it brought with it Christianity and the promise of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. All over the South, proponents of racial justice and social equity are demanding the removal of statues and names honoring the traitorous, racist Confederates. How can we do any less in the effort to cleanse the stains from our history? And wouldn't it be fitting for the site of the first mission to be the first city in California to right that wrong? I soon realized that this would be my great legacy as Mayor. But you must believe me that naming this city Gloria, California was not my idea; it was suggested by my brilliant chief of staff Paola Avila. It honors not me, but my idea, my dream: a better, more equitable future for America's Finest City."

## Gone Geisel

Librarian torches library and its contents in atonement for years spent honoring hateful author

Librarian: "Racism taints whatever it touches, and so all those books had to go."

Once, Sylvia Burner was head librarian at UCSD's Geisel Library — the campus's signature building, named for La Jolla's most famous citizen, beloved children's author Ted Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss. Once, she paused every morning on her way into work by the statue of Geisel outside the library entrance and rested her hand on its shoulder in silent communion with an acknowledged genius. But that was before: before the great groundswell of anti-racist activism that has done so much to shine a light on America's enduring vice, including the hateful images in Seuss' early cartoons, political and otherwise. And not just those bits of adult-oriented early work, but also the children's books that would make

him famous all over the world. In some cases, such as the six books recently unpublished by the Seuss Foundation and delisted by eBay, he employed grossly offensive caricatures of the amusement of his audience. In others, he encoded racist subtexts; even seemingly noble works like *The Sneetches* and *Horton Hears a Who* were discovered to be racist at heart. And once Burner saw the truth of Geisel's monstrosity, she was filled with righteous fury for the way she and so many others had been misled, manipulated, and delighted for so many years. Last night, that fury gave rise to spectacular action, as she and a cohort of brave university students set fire to the Geisel Library in a grand gesture that echoed the Gleichschaltung



"In a lot of ways, books themselves are just a White Supremacist tool," said Burner. "So many cultures survived and thrived for centuries through an oral culture. But white colonization, and its practice of writing everything down and binding it between two covers — shackling and perhaps even enslaving the world captured in the words — destroyed that culture, again and again. Even if the dread Geisel's insidious evil had not been discovered, there was good reason for this conflagration. In form and, all too often, content, libraries are just temples dedicated to the worship of Western thought — a dying religion if ever there was one. Let the consuming flame purify our minds! Let the heat of this funeral pyre make our own hearts burn with zeal for justice! Let the light it casts show us the path through this dark night of racism and hate to a new dawn of equity and goodness! Burn! Burn! Burn!"

(or "Awakened") movement of Germany in the early '30s. Back then, idealistic German college students burned 25,000 un-German books, many of them taken from university libraries, in Berlin's Opera Square, taking "fire oaths" in allegiance to the movement

as they did so. "We did them one better," says Burner. "We burned the library, too. Now, as long as they are at UCSD, our children will be safe from the scourge of racism. Or at least the racism of one Theodore Geisel."

## WHO PLAYS WHO

## DR. SEUSS EDITION



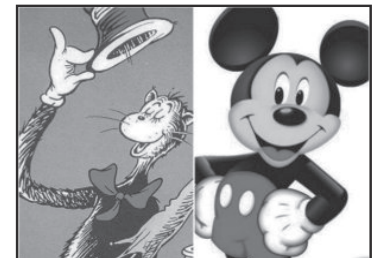
In *The Dark Knight*, Aaron Eckhart said, "You either die a hero or live long enough to see yourself become the villain."

Dr. Seuss died a hero, but the foundation named for him lived long enough to see him become a racist villain.



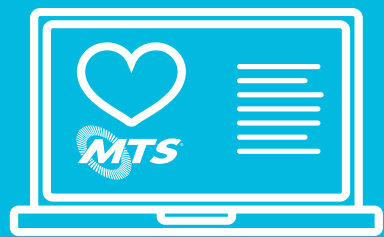
This offensive image from *And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street* shows a Chinese boy with narrow eyes, distinctive hat, and traditional queue hairstyle.

This brave image from a pro-Chinese political cartoon shows a Chinese man with narrow eyes, distinctive hat, and traditional queue hairstyle.



The Cat in the Hat's white gloves and "let me entertain you" expression give him away as being derived from racist minstrel shows.

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Alex Lenail grieves for his brother at the San Diego River crossing where he drowned in January.

# A bridge too few

**T**he San Diego River Crossing Trail intersects the Visitor Center Loop Trail just to the northwest of Mission Trails Regional Park's Visitor Center. It's your typical fire road with a moderately steep grade.

On February 4, I arrived at Mission Trails and entered the park at Jackson Drive. I proceeded to head down the trail toward the river. There were two runners ahead of me, and they reached the crossing area before I did. When I caught up with them, they were looking at one another, somewhat bewildered.

"I bet you weren't expecting this," I said to them.

"It's our first time here," one of them replied. "There wasn't anything about this on the map we saw online."

"This" was a swollen San Diego

River that made the trail impassable. We were looking at a water crossing that was, judging by a visible marker near the center of the water, about three feet deep and 40 feet wide. And no bridge. The runners turned around and pursued a different route.

They did have an option for getting across, though. It's an unauthorized route approximately 20 feet to the west of the official crossing area. My guess was that this was a small, aging dam that had been built long before the days of the Fashion Valley Mall — but I was wrong.

According to the Mission Trails Master Plan, it's a "concrete encased sewer main." It looks like a concrete truck poured all its contents next to the river and a group of workers molded it into sort of elongated pile across the

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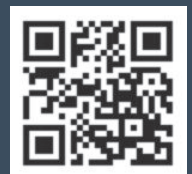


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river. Somehow a visible, decaying automobile tire was built into this mess. It's a massive, unsightly mound of coarse and uneven concrete with some large rocks shoved into it. Even in the realm of sewer structures, it ain't the belle of the ball.

But this is where people tend to cross. Two seemingly fit guys in their early-20s crossed by way of the encased pipe while I was observing its many quirks. When the water is high enough to flow over the concrete, it comes across as a typical rock crossing. The large, exposed rocks on top are pretty much all you have to work with — everything else is submerged. You must choose your steps and hops wisely. The duo took their time to map out their steps,



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**When the water is high enough to flow over the concrete, it comes across as a typical rock crossing. The large, exposed rocks on top are pretty much all you have to work with — everything else is submerged. You must choose your steps and hops wisely.**

and they made it across without slipping or falling into the water.

Crossing over the

concrete-encased sewer main back on Friday, January 29 was likely much more difficult. A

storm system had arrived the previous evening, and by 1 pm had already deposited 1.38 inches of

rain at Lake Cuyamaca, 1.29 inches in Point Loma, and 1.12 inches in nearby Santee. Forecast-

ers described the storm as being an “atmospheric river” — a trail of condensed water vapor that travels within the atmosphere in tandem with the weather.

So, when Max Lenail arrived at the river crossing area, heading south, near the end of a long run at close to 2 pm, he was left with a tough decision. He had started his run near the Visitor Center, and now found himself on the other side of a violent river. He had to somehow cross to the other side to get back to his car.

At 1:44 pm, he downloaded a map of the park. This would be his last activity on his cell phone. He was likely looking for an alternate route over the river that was nearby, safe, and fast. No such route exists. At

## RESEARCH STUDIES

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**“We are kind of speechless that he could have drowned,” Max Lenail’s father explained. “He was extremely fit. An extremely powerful kid. He had done a lot of rock climbing. A lot of mountaineering. A lot of backpacking. He knew the wilderness. He knew nature. He was incredibly strong.”**

some point while he was deciding what course of action to take, he encountered another park visitor who had just successfully navigated the river crossing in the opposite direction. “He actually ran into someone who was going the other way who said, ‘Be very careful,’” Max’s father Ben Lenail said later. “But he made a calculation that he could cross the river — and he drowned.”

Max’s body was recovered from the San Diego River the following day.

Max’s final run is a testament to his athletic prowess. His loop on January 29 started under sunny skies in the Visitor Center parking area from which he ran northeast up to Kwaay Paay peak (1194 feet.) He may have even done some moderate rock climbing on this segment, as no official trail from the south leads

up to this peak. He then descended that peak and headed northwest toward the Old Mission Dam, where he commenced yet another large climb. This route would eventually turn to the south and lead him up and over South Fortuna peak (1094 feet). The final descent would complete the loop and lead him back toward the Visitor Center and his car. But first, the river.

While describing his many athletic talents, Max’s father shared with me that Max had climbed with Alex Honnold in Lake Tahoe. Honnold is a professional rock climber who is famous for scaling the 3000-foot El Capitan rock formation in Yosemite National Park — without climbing equipment. The 2018 documentary *Free Solo* was about this achievement.

Even though Max was in great shape, he was at the tail end of what

was still a tough 5.5-mile run when he reached the crossing. Turning around and running a route that was nearly equal in length (even though he could have eliminated some of the climbs) may have seemed too grueling. And then there was a random weather oddity that arrived, one which may have played a significant role in Max’s decision-making — hail.

“He was basically 15 minutes from the parking lot when he got caught in the hailstorm and felt, ‘I need to find shelter’ and ‘I wanna get back to my car, and I have no choice but to try to cross the river,’” his father said.

The timing for the hailstorm checks out. I shot video of it hailing in La Mesa on the same day. That video is time-stamped at 2:09 pm.

“We are kind of speechless that he could have drowned,” Max’s father explained. “He was extremely fit. An extremely powerful kid. He had done a lot of rock climbing. A lot of mountaineering. A lot of backpacking. He knew the wilderness. He knew nature. He was incredibly strong. So, we were like if *he* died because of the set of circumstances — that crossing is incredibly dangerous. That’s the number one thing. We want to make sure that nobody else gets hurt or killed there ever in the future.”

Max’s mother Laurie Yoler was at the park, observing river crossing activities a few days later, on January 31.

“I was so surprised that there is actually a sign saying, ‘San Diego River Crossing Trail,’ she explained. “Who would think that you would need to go any other way to get across?”

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## MEXICO CANCER TREATMENT CENTERS ARE THE ANSWER FOR PATIENTS LOOKING FOR ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS

A cancer diagnosis is usually followed by the same process in traditional Western medicine: surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy. Depending on your situation, surgery may be a perfectly viable option that is likely to completely remove the cancer. However, maybe surgery isn’t an option for one of many reasons. Perhaps you opt for surgery, **but not chemotherapy or radiation therapy. What are the alternatives to chemo and radiation?** Do alternative cancer treatments work? Where can you receive alternative treatments?

### Why Mexico for Alternative Cancer Treatment?

Mexico cancer treatment centers focus on alternative and more holistic treatments that are unavailable in the United States and Canada. Holistic treatments and new medical breakthroughs are more freely used in Mexico. Additionally, doctors are less regulated as is alternative medicine. Some of the most successful alternative cancer treatments focus on the root issue, not just the cancer itself.

Cancer treatment centers in Mexico offer state-of-the-art facilities for those that wish to partake of alternative treatments. One of the main reasons that people travel across the border for medical care is cost. Mexico’s labor cost is much lower as is their real estate costs, enabling facilities to charge much less for treatments. Additionally, doctors in Mexico are not pressured by the insurance companies to meet quotas for a certain number of patients per day so the doctors are able to spend much more time with their patients.

### What are the Most Successful Alternative Cancer Treatments?

There are several different alternative cancer treatments, but some are considered to be more successful than others. The following are among the most successful:

**Iscador** --injections of mistletoe extract to **kill cancer cells and stimulate the immune system.**



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In addition to these are many, many more types of therapies. **When working with a clinic for cancer treatment in Tijuana Mexico**, a plan will be developed specifically for you. There is no “one size fits all” approach.



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It was astounding to me, because [Max] probably thought it was the main trail — which was what anyone would have thought. When I went back the next day, I saw hundreds of people going across with their dogs and their babies and their small children, and so many of them were slipping and falling. I was absolutely astounded that [Mission Trails Regional Park] hadn't either put two park rangers on either side of the river to make sure everyone was crossing safely or had turned people away at the entrance saying, 'Sorry, it's too dangerous to take this loop.' I'm just so astounded."

She added, "Who would think you would have an uncrossable river on your visitor loop?"

Amid their grief,

Max's parents are now concentrating their efforts on making sure that an official bridge is built in the crossing area.

It's a feature that the park has had its eye on building as well. The construction of two different bridges was proposed in the 2019 Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan Update. The first and main bridge would be "an all-weather suspension or truss pedestrian and bicycle bridge across the San Diego River near the San Diego River Crossing Trail." The second bridge would be more of a temporary alternative to the concrete-enclosed sewer main until the permanent bridge was built. According to the MPU, "an improved low-flow crossing or seasonal removable bridge struc-

ture at the San Diego River Crossing to remove the unauthorized existing use of the concrete encased sewer main, while a bridge option is developed."

It's two years later, and not even the temporary alternative to the sewer main crossing has been built. Susie Murphy, executive director of the San Diego Mountain Biking Association, said that the bridge was one of four projects that was prioritized by the Citizen's Advisory Committee in early 2020, before covid hit. She added that they "were going to attempt to implement all four of those things simultaneously."

Murphy has followed the park's dealings for many years now, and the fact that there still isn't an official bridge in this



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"I was so surprised that there is actually a sign saying, 'San Diego River Crossing Trail,' says Laurie, Max's mother. "Who would think that you would need to go any other way to get across? It was astounding to me, because [Max] probably thought it was the main trail — which was what anyone would have thought."

crossing area obviously gets under her skin.

"I'm appalled. I'm appalled at this whole situation," she said. "It's just makes me so angry whenever I think about it. As far as SDMBA is concerned, we're in full support of a bridge. It's extremely dangerous. We support it as a priority project of the implementation of the Master Plan Update. We're just concerned for all the families and the people that cross those slimy rocks

every day."

When you take a long look at the crossing area, it becomes a bit more obvious as to why there isn't a bridge there yet. It's going to be a large and likely quite expensive project. The bridge will have to stretch over the width of the river, and be raised high enough to avoid the peak floodwater, and be durable enough to withstand the extreme force of floodwater at its base. But beyond that, "The lay of the land

is a difficult place to build a bridge. I get it," Murphy said. "That's why it hasn't been done. But it definitely can be done."

She added, "Mission Trails already has its epic bridges. The one that is over off the Clairemont Mesa trailhead... they've done this before. This is not impossible."

The most recent major project completed in the park was the construction of a 5000-square-foot ranger

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## Thursday | 18

### POLYNESIAN CONTACT WITH THE AMERICAS

As early as the 1930s, Alfred Kroeber suggested that cultural similarities between Southern California and Oceania could be the product of pre-historic trans-oceanic diffusion. In this talk, Dr. Terry Jones will review archaeological, linguistic, and other evidence for such contact in North and South America, with an emphasis on recent genetic studies that challenge some longstanding ideas. This virtual event will be held on Zoom. Pay what you wish.

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 18, 6:30 pm to 8 pm

**WHERE:** [sandiegoarchaeology.org/polynesia](http://sandiegoarchaeology.org/polynesia)

## Friday | 19

### CITY BALLET: RHAPSODY IN BLUE

Resident Choreographer Elizabeth Wistrich takes inspi-

ration for her ballets from the music. *Tallis: A Story of Four Lovers* is a Ralph Vaughan Williams work, developed from a theme borrowed from his 16th century English forebear, Thomas Tallis, and extended it into a fantasia. It's a perfect piece for Ms. Wistrich's interpretation using two couples dancing to the interwoven themes of the music. Choreographed in 1994 and last performed by City Ballet of San Diego that same year.

**WHEN:** Friday, March 5 through Sunday, March 21

**WHERE:** [cityballet.org](http://cityballet.org)

## Saturday | 20

### SXSW MUSIC FESTIVAL ONLINE

SXSW Online brings you film festival screenings, music showcases, networking, and exhibitions. The Music Festival will be curated by programming staff, and priority will be given to showcase presenters and artists who were scheduled for the 2020 event. Performers include desert folk singer Indigo Sparke, NYC's feedback-embracing A Place to Bury Strangers, Chilean feminist pop powerhouse Francisca Valenzuela, quirk punks Squid, jangle-pop trio Grrrl Gang, UK Afrobeats singer Darkoo, and Danish avant composer Astrid Sonne.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 16 through Saturday, March 20, 11 am

**WHERE:** [sxsw.com](http://sxsw.com)



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## Tuesday | 23

### MUSIC APPRECIATION: THE BLUES



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contemporary performers.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 23, 1 pm to 2 pm

**WHERE:** [ljcommunitycenter.org](http://ljcommunitycenter.org)

### COVID-19: THE WAY FORWARD

Join a panel of experts to learn about research revelations from the past year, current updates, and strategies. Learn why people respond differently to the virus, the long-term health impacts of COVID-19, the safety of new vaccines, and how long protection will last, plus current research strategies

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**WHERE:** [sbpdiscovery.org](http://sbpdiscovery.org)

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## ART

**Sketching Workshop** La Jolla Community Center: Learn about renowned artist Minnie Valero's artistic process in sketching. Sketching allows you to remember more details than just taking a picture - when traveling or around town. Thursday, March 18, 3pm; **free**. [ljcommunitycenter.org/series](http://ljcommunitycenter.org/series). (ONLINE)

## BEER

**Trivia Night** Sunset Trivia is coming back! Come on over to the East Village location for the most fun we can have getting together while being apart spatially. Thursdays, 7pm; through March 25, **free**. 21 and up. Duck Foot East Village Taproom & Kitchen, 550 Park Bl., Ste 2104. (EAST VILLAGE)

**Trivia Night** Sunset Trivia is coming back with the No Leftovers food truck, team sports, and social distancing. Wednesdays, 7pm; through Wednesday, April 28, **free**. 21 and up. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

## BOOK SIGNINGS

**Warwick's Author Livestream: Donna Leon** Warwick's will host Donna Leon as she discusses her new book, *Transient Desires*, in conversation with Jeniffer Thompson. Donna Leon is the author of the Commissario Guido Brunetti mystery series. Wednesday, March 24, 12pm; **free**. [warwicks.com/event/leon-2021](http://warwicks.com/event/leon-2021). (ONLINE)

**Warwick's Author Livestream: Laura Maylene Walter** Warwick's will host Laura Maylene Walter as she discusses her new book, *Body of Stars*, in conversation with Huda Al-Marashi. Thursday, March 18, 4pm; **free**. [warwicks.com/event/walter-2021](http://warwicks.com/event/walter-2021). (ONLINE)

**Warwick's Author Livestream: Patti Callahan** This Couch Surfing Book Tour event features Patti Callahan as she discusses her new book, *Surviving Savannah*, in conversation with Liz Fenton and Lisa Steinke. Tuesday, March 23, 4pm; **free**. [warwicks.com/event/callahan-2021](http://warwicks.com/event/callahan-2021). (ONLINE)

**Warwick's Author Livestream: Sue Monk Kidd** Warwick's will host Sue Monk Kidd as she discusses the new paperback edition of her book, *The Book of Longings*, in conversation with Jeniffer Thompson. Sue Monk Kidd's debut, *The Secret Life of Bees*, spent more than 100 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list, has sold more than 6 million copies in the United States, was turned into an award-winning major motion picture and a musical, and has been translated into thirty-six languages. Wednesday, March 24, 4pm; **free**. [warwicks.com/event/kidd-2021](http://warwicks.com/event/kidd-2021). (ONLINE)

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**2-Day Workshop: Fixing The Image** Join Robin Douglas for this two-day multi-media exploration to combine and re-contextualize images, both real and imagined, appropriated and applied for your own unique works of art. Limited space is available. Participants must provide their own materials and a recommended supply list will be shared prior to the first workshop session. Members \$40, Visitors \$60 Thursday, March 18, 1pm; \$40-\$60. <https://bit.ly/3tdjMde>. (ONLINE)

**Acting Shakespeare Workshop** Work on monologues with Gideon Rappaport, aka Dr. Rap, professional dramaturg and host of the podcast "Appreciating Shakespeare." Sunday, March 21, 2pm; \$15-\$25. [appreciatingshakespeare.buzzsprout.com/](http://appreciatingshakespeare.buzzsprout.com/). (ONLINE)

**American Buddhist Healing Meditation Practices** Join Varada from Dharma Center and practice various methods of meditation to help alleviate your suffering and the suffering of others. Wednesdays, 6pm; through Wednesday, March 24, **free**. 18 and up. [dharmacenter.com](http://dharmacenter.com). (ONLINE)

**Beginning Cold Process Soapmaking Class** Soapmaking 101 is a beginning-level soapmaking class designed to teach students to make soap by hand at home. The main focus of this class is the "cold process" soapmaking method although the class does briefly describe "melt and pour" soap crafting. Attend in person. Classroom hours: 4.5 hours, includes one 15-minute break. Sunday, March 21, 12pm; \$109. Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

## Rhyme & Verse

*Three poems by Osip Mandelstam*

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his words like measures of weight,

the huge laughing cockroaches on his top lip,  
the glitter of his boot-rims.

Ringed with a scum of chicken-necked bosses  
he toys with the tributes of half-men.

One whistles, another meows, a third snivels.  
He pokes out his finger and he alone goes boom.

He forges decrees in a line like horseshoes,  
One for the groin, one the forehead, temple, eye.

He rolls the executions on his tongue like berries.  
He wishes he could hug them like big friends from home.

### Still I Have Not Died, and Still Am Not Alone

Still I have not died, and still am not alone,  
while with my beggarwoman friend  
I take my pleasure from the grandeur of the plain  
and from its gloom, its hunger and its hurricanes.

In splendid poverty, luxurious beggards  
I live alone — both peaceful and resigned —  
blessed are those days and nights  
and blameless is the sweetly sounding work.

Unhappy the man who like his shadow  
quivers at a bark, is scythed down by the wind,  
and poor the man who, half alive himself,  
from a shadow begs for charity.

### The Decembrist

"To this the pagan senate bears witness:

ing of science concepts. Saturday, March 20, 9am; **free**. 18 and up. [cotaprogram.org/](http://cotaprogram.org/). (ONLINE)

**Drawing Fundamentals** Learn to draw and to see like an artist during this 3-week online course while exploring a variety of approaches to representational drawing. Tuesday, March 23, 2pm; \$117-\$135. [bravochoolofart.squarepace.com/artclasses/](http://bravochoolofart.squarepace.com/artclasses/). (ONLINE)

**Elizabeth Hospice Volunteer Training Sessions** The Elizabeth Hospice invites individuals interested in helping adults and children impacted by serious illness and those grieving the death of a loved one to a free volunteer orientation session via the Zoom video-conferencing platform. To ensure a place at the volunteer orientation session, please contact the Volunteer Department at 800-797-2050 or send an email to [volunteer@ehospice.org](mailto:volunteer@ehospice.org). Friday, March 19, 2pm; **free**. 18 and up. (ONLINE)

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— THESE DEEDS SHALL NEVER DIE! —  
He lit his pipe and wrapped his cloak around  
While some play chess nearby.

He traded his ambitious dream  
For a godforsaken Siberian plot  
And an elegant pipe at his venomous lips,  
Which uttered truth in a mournful world.

When the German oaks first rustled,  
Europe wept in her snare.  
Black horses in quadrigae reared  
on each triumphant turn.

Once, the blue punch glowed in our glasses.  
With the broad noises of the samovar,  
A friend from across the Rhine spoke  
In muted tones — a freedom-loving guitar.

The lively voices are still excited  
Over the sweet liberty of citizenship;  
But the victims don't want blind skies,  
Toil and consistency are truer.

Everything's confused and there is no one to say,  
As things grow colder,  
Everything's confused, it is sweet to repeat:  
Russia, Lethe, Lorelei...



Osip Mandelstam (1891-1938) was a Russian poet who with fellow poet Nikolai Gumilyov (1886-1921) helped found the Acemist movement in Russian literature - which strove for compactness of form and clarity of expression in all its literary productions. Part of the first generation of poets to write under Soviet rule, he was arrested twice

by Joseph Stalin. After authorities discovered his "Stalin Epigram," he was arrested in 1933 and sent into internal exile, prohibited from entering any major city in Soviet Russia. After his second arrest in 1938, he was sentenced to a "re-education" work camp and died in a transition camp that same year from cold and starvation. Sometime before his death he had noted, "Only in Russia is poetry respected, it gets people killed. Is there anywhere else where poetry is so common a motive for murder?" His wife Nadezhda Mandelstam (1899-1980), whose memoirs brought to light much of the oppression and savagery of the Soviet government, memorized his poems, despite great risk to her own life. Her efforts at keeping Osip's writings alive in her mind - she did not trust putting the works to paper - enabled her, later in life, to see her husband's work published in Russia.

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the possibilities with Terra from Dharma Center through Meditation and Mindfulness practice on zoom. Mondays, 5pm; through Monday, March 29, **free**. [dharmacenter.com](http://dharmacenter.com). (ONLINE)

**Guided Medicine Buddha Self-Healing Meditation** In this class Varada from Dharma Center introduces you to the Medicine Buddha and the traditional Buddhist practice of yidam, through which you can access an Enlightened Being to open a spiritual doorway to your own innate power. Sunday, March 21, 11am; **free**. 18 and up. [dharmacenter.com](http://dharmacenter.com). (ONLINE)

**Meditation, Awareness & Awakening** Clear your mind and heart through the light of meditation. Expand your awareness and awaken to all that you are through the practical methods of Triyaya Buddhism. Saturdays, 11am; through Saturday, March 27, **free**. 18 and up. [dharmacenter.com](http://dharmacenter.com). (ONLINE)

**Mid-scale Composting with Windows** Join Solana Center for

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**Middle-Eastern Drumming Class** Frank Lazzaro teaches Doumbek/Darbuka Middle-Eastern drumming on Facebook Live by donation. Mondays, 6pm; through Wednesday, March 31, \$5-\$15. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (ONLINE)

**Mosaic: Glass On Glass Class** In this beginning level 2-part workshop, learn how to cut stained glass and combine it with mosaic techniques to produce light gathering objects of art. \$96 Bravo member, \$114 non-member + \$16 Supplies fee Thursday, March 18, 10am; \$112-\$130. 18 and up. Bravo School of Art South Park, 2963 Beech Street. (SOUTH PARK)

# SHEEP AND GOATS

## I ANSWERED THE CALL

### The Center

**Contact:** 1305 Deodar Road, Escondido 760-707-6681 [www.centernc.com](http://www.centernc.com)

**Membership:** 70

**Neighborhood:** Escondido

**Pastor:** Mike Mieritz

**Age:** 52

**Born:** West Allis, WI

**Formation:** Community College of the Air Force, Birmingham, AL; Vision International University, Ramona

**Years Ordained:** 20

**San Diego Reader:** What is your favorite subject on which to preach?

**Pastor Mike Mieritz:** I recently gave a message, basically asking, “Why does God care about us and about us getting along with one another? Why does he care about helping his children

come back to him?” So that was an important message to share with the people; it’s probably near the top of the most important topics to preach. If we have a better understanding of what we’re called to do, we operate better in our day-to-day life.

**SDR:** What is your main concern as a member of the clergy?

**PM:** Culturally, there is a division within our society right now. One of the things that we’ve tried to focus on is our ministry — and this is what makes The Center unique — we’re multilingual and multicultural. We found that in Escondido, over half the people speak another language, even if not as their first

language... So we’ve provided a multilingual church with combined-language youth groups, worship, teaching at Sunday school and that sort of thing, so all three groups can attend these services in English, Vietnamese or Spanish.

**SDR:** Why did you become a minister?

**PM:** Someone shared the gospel of Jesus Christ with me when I was serving in the Air Force and it got me thinking about my life and that I didn’t have a personal relationship with God. So when I was 18 years old I gave my life to the Lord and he touched my life in giving me peace and turning my life around in a positive way. That got me growing, seeking God in my life

and following him. My wife Karen and I founded The Center about ten years ago because we have a real concern for people and their spiritual health; we’ve been married 32 years. So a huge part of our life has always been the care and concern we have for people, to help them be healthy and whole spiritually. Together, my wife and I and our four children really made the determination to make ministry part of our lives.

**SDR:** What is the mission of your church?

**PM:** Our mission is to have people encounter Jesus so that through that encounter, the Lord can begin to reach their community. Part of what we base the mission on is the



Mike Mieritz

story in the Bible about the woman at the well (John 4:4-42). In that story, she has such an encounter with Jesus that she has to tell everyone about it. It had such an impact on her life and radically changed who she was and what she was focused on. Her concern for natural things dropped off and she became focused on

the community and the love that Jesus showed toward here. That’s the main overriding sense of our mission. **SDR:** Where do you go when you die?

**PM:** I hold to a traditional heaven and hell, and that Jesus truly is the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through him. So we believe our hope is in Jesus Christ, who died for us and paid the penalty for our sins so we don’t have to die. By not dying, we will eternally be with God, which is heaven. To be eternally separated from God is what we call hell.

– Joseph O’Brien

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**Music Appreciation: The Blues** La Jolla Community Center presents The Blues: 100 Years of Perseverance and Creativity: This music was designed to lift your spirits when things are not perfect. A historical approach to 100 years of American Creativity: Bessie Smith, Howlin’ Wolf, BB King, and much more. Tuesday, March 23, 1pm; **free.** [ljcommunitycenter.org/series/](http://ljcommunitycenter.org/series/). (ONLINE)

**Retro Tapestry Weaving Class** Weave traditionally and create four 1960s and 70s inspired, richly textured and tactile samplers of fiber art. Using a frame loom, learn to warp the loom and explore basic weaving techniques. Register in advance. Wednesday, March 24, 10am; \$185-\$209. Bravo School of Art South Park, 2963 Beech Street. [bravoschoolofart.squarespace.com/artclasses/](http://bravoschoolofart.squarespace.com/artclasses/) (SOUTH PARK)

**Self Expression With Mixed Media Collage** Create a work of art by applying a variety of approaches to materials that have meaning to you such as photographs, fabric scraps, letters, drawings, decorative paper, etc. \$48 Bravo member, \$57 non-member Saturday, March 20, 10am; \$48-\$57. [bravoschoolofart.squarespace.com/artclasses/](http://bravoschoolofart.squarespace.com/artclasses/). (ONLINE)

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

**Book Study: Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time** Have you outgrown the Christian faith you were taught as a child? Have you struggled with the image of Jesus as “the Son of God” or the “Savior of the World”? Are you ready for a new image of Jesus? Dive into Marcus Borg’s thought-provoking book, Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, with a weekly book study group. Sundays,

4:30pm; through Sunday, March 28, **free.** 18 and up. [belovedsandiego.org/meeting-jesus-book-study.html](http://belovedsandiego.org/meeting-jesus-book-study.html). (ONLINE)

**COVID-19: The Way Forward** Join a panel of experts from Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute to learn about research revelations from the past year, current updates, and strategies for the path forward. Tuesday, March 23, 1pm; **free.** <https://bit.ly/2OzmDP3>. (ONLINE)

**Chicken Soup: Conversation with Dr. Edith Eger** Miracle Babies will host a “Chicken Soup for the Soul” style discussion with international best-selling author and Holocaust survivor, Dr. Edith Eva Eger. This virtual discussion will be facilitated by Wendy Walker, former executive producer of the *Larry King Live* show. Sunday, March 21, 5pm; \$40. [miraclebabies.org/calendar-event/chickensoup/](http://miraclebabies.org/calendar-event/chickensoup/). (ONLINE)

**Compassion Practice: Grieving Is Self-Compassion** The pandemic has introduced us all to grieving. The Compassion Practice gives us solid tools for processing this grief as an act self-compassion using meditation and mindfulness practices. Gather virtually via Zoom on Tuesday evenings to cultivate self-compassion together in this chaotic time. Tuesday, March 23, 7am; **free.** [belovedsandiego.org/compassion-practice-group.html](http://belovedsandiego.org/compassion-practice-group.html). (ONLINE)

**Exploring Ethics: The Covid Vaccine** This panel will be a conversation about vaccine distrust and disparities in San Diego County. Wednesday, March 24, 5:30pm; **free.** <https://bit.ly/3qFKf1C>. (ONLINE)

**Smart Recovery Meeting: Poway/RB/Peñasquitos** For Zoom meeting ID and password contact Dave H. (facilitator) 858-205-5828 [davehoward63@outlook.com](mailto:davehoward63@outlook.com). Smart Recovery® is a free

alternative to 12-step programs, using a science-based approach. Mondays, 7pm; through Monday, May 31, **free.** 18 and up. (ONLINE)

**Wine, Women & Hormones Virtual Event** Want more energy, lose a few pounds, increased sex drive, emotional control? Join experts Aliza Cicerone, ND FABNO and Chris Givant, RPh and learn how. Tuesday, March 23, 12pm; **free.** 21 and up. [wine-womenandhormones.com/aliza-cicerone/](http://wine-womenandhormones.com/aliza-cicerone/). (ONLINE)

## LECTURES

**Polynesian Contact with the Americas** The possibility of pre-historic Polynesian contact with the Americas has been considered by scholars for centuries. In this talk, Dr. Terry Jones will review archaeological, linguistic, and other evidence for such contact in North and South America with an emphasis on recent genetic studies that challenge some long-standing ideas. This virtual event will be held on Zoom. Pay what you wish. Thursday, March 18, 6:30pm; [sandiegoarchaeology.org/polynesia/](http://sandiegoarchaeology.org/polynesia/). (ONLINE)

**Virtual Ghost Tour of the Davis-Horton House** Dim the lights, log on, and enjoy as we take you inside what many believe to be the most haunted house in San Diego’s historic Gaslamp Quarter. Friday, March 19, 6:30pm; \$15. [gaslampfoundation.org/product/virtual-ghost-tour/](http://gaslampfoundation.org/product/virtual-ghost-tour/). (ONLINE)

## OUTDOORS

**Yuccas** of two varieties are in bloom in San Diego County from now through May. Year after year, the Mojave yucca (*Yucca schidigera*) sends up a blunt flower stalk

of white, waxy blossoms from the same base — a rosette of dagger-like leaves. The shimmering white exclamation point that unfolds above “our Lord’s candle” (*Yucca whipplei*), on the other hand, is a prelude to the plant’s imminent death. Mojave yucca is widely distributed along San Diego County’s coastal strip and throughout the higher elevations of the Anza-Borrego Desert. Our Lord’s candle prefers the scrubby coastal foothills and the drier slopes of the Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Laguna Mountains. The two yuccas coexist with each other in a few areas like Torrey Pines State Reserve and Anza-Borrego’s Culp Valley area.

**Orchid Trees**, now at their flamboyant best in front yards and public spaces throughout the city, are showing off their large, orchidlike flowers in shades of pink, purple, and maroon. Orchid trees thrive in areas with a mild winter climate, hence their popularity in Hawaii, Southern California, and Arizona.

**Longer and Sunnier Days** this late-winter season are triggering the emergence of bright green leaves on sycamore, liquidambar,

and other decorative deciduous trees around San Diego. Cruise down 163 through Balboa Park to appreciate the vernal splendor of the sycamores growing in the landscaped center divider. Or walk across the Cabrillo Bridge and look down upon the same.

**Afternoon Low Tides** of -0.8 feet occur on Monday, March 17 at 1:53 p.m.; and on Tuesday, March 18 at 2:27 p.m. These strongly negative tides are good for observing marine life in the lower intertidal zones. In April and continuing through summer, the lowest tides will happen only during the pre-sunrise hours. Not until October will the strongly negative tides again coincide with the afternoon hours.

## SPOKEN WORD

**Storytelling Festival** There is virtually a story for everyone at the Storytelling Festival of San Diego, kicking off with a Celtic Tales evening, followed by workshops and story times for adults and youth,

and a story concert with Storytellers of San Diego. Some programs are ages 12 and up. Thursday, March 18, 6:30pm; **free.** [storytellersofsaniego.org/](http://storytellersofsaniego.org/). (ONLINE)

## SPORTS & FITNESS

**Walk The Block: Barrio Logan** “Walk The Block” is a community initiative that was created in July 2020 to help struggling small businesses in Barrio Logan. Shop owners and local vendors set up their outdoor booths all along Logan Avenue. Food, Drinks, Clothing, & Gifts all available with a chican@twist. Every Saturday in Barrio Logan on Logan Avenue from Chicano Park to 26th Street. Masks Required Social Distancing Enforced Saturdays, 12pm; through Monday, May 31, **free.** Chicano Park, Between National and Logan Avenues under the Coronado Bridge. (BARRIO LOGAN)

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# Medium spice

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## Myung Ka brings Korean bento boxes to Penasquitos

Myung Ka Korean Food; 12812 Rancho Penasquitos Blvd Suite Q, Rancho Penasquitos. Don't let anyone tell you the pandemic has scared everyone away from the restaurant business. Against the odds, we're still seeing new restaurant openings hap-

pen in 2021. One of them even persuaded me to drive up to Rancho Peñasquitos.

Myung Ka Korean Food opened in January, within a commercial center just off the 15 freeway. It doesn't have any outdoor seating, so it's opened as an all takeout and delivery restaurant for the time being.

I ordered ahead, and it was a little eerie stepping through the shop's empty interior to reach the pick-up counter. It's a walk I've made through dozens of restaurants at this point, but there are usually tables and chairs stacked up against a wall or something. Here, there was nothing. I can't even be sure the owners have committed to buying furniture yet.

I'm usually down to drive 20 minutes for good *bulgogi*, and in this case I was all the more motivated, because I was after a *kimbap* made with the marinated and grilled beef.

*Kimbap* is otherwise known as Korean sushi, except rather than raw fish, sheets of seaweed and rice are rolled around a base of cooked meat. Mine featured *bulgogi*



A Myung Ka lunchbox featuring grilled chicken and a multitude of side dishes.



Marinated beef *kimbap*, also known as Korean sushi.

with a bit of egg, carrots, cucumber, and pickled daikon radish (\$10). It's the best way I can think of to enjoy cold meat, and would be reason enough to give Myung Ka a try. With beef, or versions made with spicy grilled pork (\$9), or with a combination of Spam, Japanese sausage, and fish cakes (\$7).

However, there's more to Myung Ka than just *kimbap* rolls. Especially around lunchtime, thanks to a spate of lunchbox specials. These beg another comparison to Japanese cuisine, being analogous to bento boxes. Around a choice of *bulgogi*, pork, fried shrimp, or grilled chicken, each box gets rounded out with rice, salad, a small bowl of soup,

and assorted *banchan*.

My grilled chicken box featured sesame noodles, savory pancake, omelet, a fried dumpling, and a single fried shrimp. I found it a convenient and relatively affordable way to get a well-rounded lunch. It gets extra points for not resorting to potatoes, beans, or macaroni as a side dish.

Other highlights include a variety of steamed dumplings, *jjajangmyung* black bean noodles (\$10), bone-in short rib soup (\$16), and my wife's favorite: spicy seafood soup (\$12). Swimming around in there were blue crab, mussels, clams, shrimp, and squid. This spicy food lover found the restaurant's *medium* spice rating to be the

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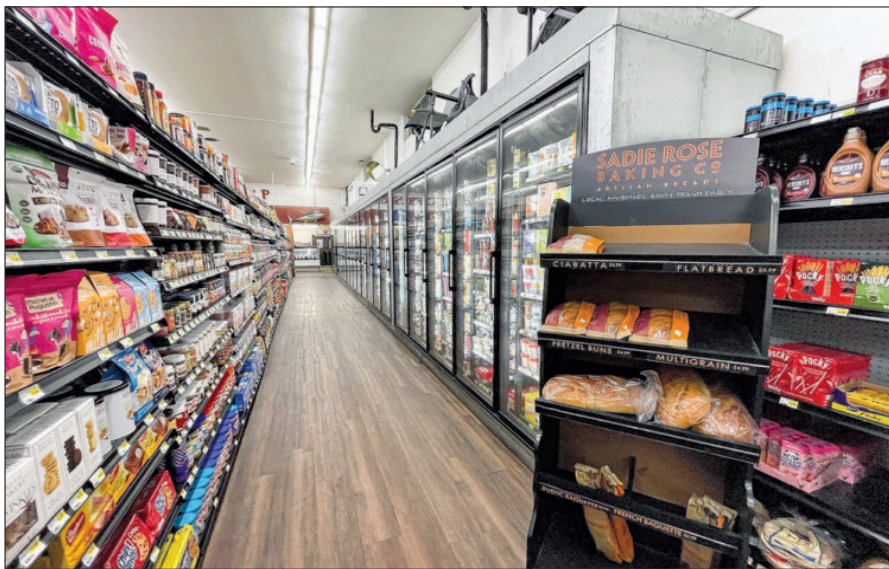
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Sadie Rose breads are part of the market's dedication to local products.



Valley Farms Market, now in its 65th year, and operated by the third generation of the Marso family.

perfect level to go with such a rich combination of flavors, though it's worth noting Myung Ka also offers *spicy* and *extra spicy*. Which qualifies this place as a hot new opening of 2021.

by Ian Anderson

**Valley Farms is the market every neighborhood should have**

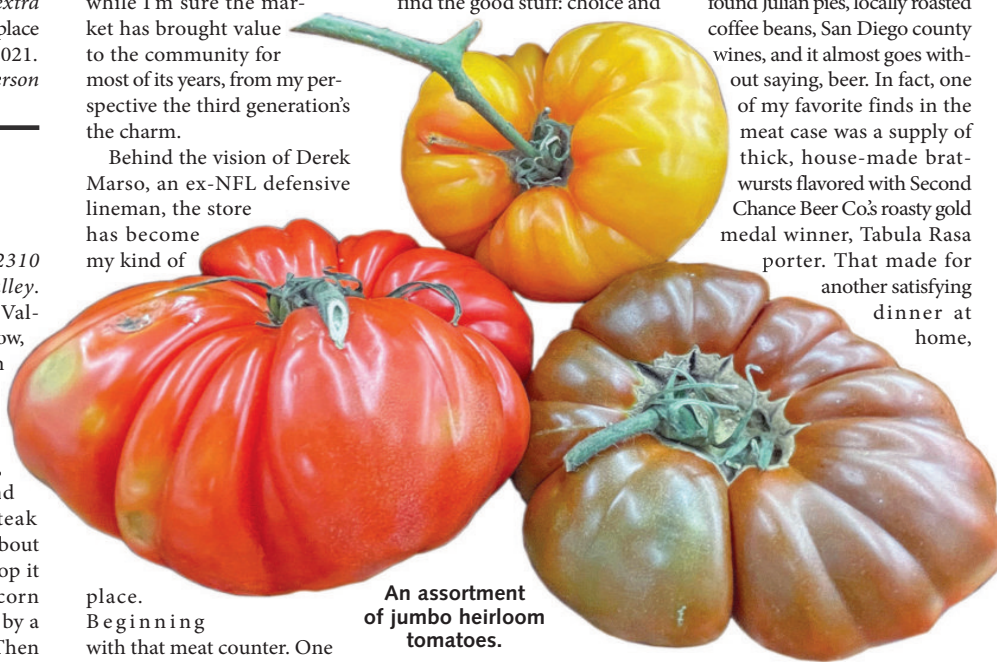
Bright Valley Farms; 12310 Campo Road, Spring Valley. "You're going to Spring Valley?" she told me, "You know, the best kept secret in San Diego is a Spring Valley meat counter. It makes the best carne asada...."

A couple nights later, a wide strip of citrus and spice-marinated flap steak sizzled in my cast iron, about to prove her right. I'd chop it up for tacos, made on corn tortillas recently pressed by a Chula Vista tortilleria. Then dress it with local avocado, onion, spicy salsa, and San Diego brewed IPA.

It made a fine meal, with every component purchased at Valley Farms Market. This year marks the 65th this third-generation grocery operated

by the Marso family has held down its corner spot on Campo Road in Spring Valley. And while I'm sure the market has brought value to the community for most of its years, from my perspective the third generation's the charm.

Behind the vision of Derek Marso, an ex-NFL defensive lineman, the store has become my kind of



An assortment of jumbo heirloom tomatoes.

place. Beginning with that meat counter. One the left side you'll find marinated meats including that celebrated Imperial Valley carne asada (\$12.99/lb.), tandoori chicken, and teriyaki ribs. On the right there's seafood such as Scottish salmon, wild-caught swordfish, and local halibut.

In a freezer to the side are frozen game meats, from elk to boar. And in the center, you'll find the good stuff: choice and

prime grade steaks. But it's not just the meat that attracts me to this market. It's a dedication to local products. On one aisle, I spotted breads from the Oceanside bakery, Sadie Rose. At the end of another,

fiery hot sauces made by El Cajon's Ring of Fire brand. I found Julian pies, locally roasted coffee beans, San Diego county wines, and it almost goes without saying, beer. In fact, one of my favorite finds in the meat case was a supply of thick, house-made bratwursts flavored with Second Chance Beer Co's roasty gold medal winner, Tabula Rasa porter. That made for another satisfying dinner at home,

plated with thick spears of asparagus. Which must be some sort of theme surrounding the produce section, where I found the most jumbo heirloom tomatoes I've ever seen. Just one would

be large enough to make a small pot of marinara, which I topped off with a package of large, house-made Italian meatballs, also made by Valley Farms.

I spent most of the week well fed by one fantastic, independently owned grocery store, and I didn't even get to Mr. Morso's not very well kept secret: the BBQ feasts he cooks up on the smoker outside. That'll be a story for another time. And possibly a visit to the newer sister market in Windansea, which boasts its own meat and fish counter.

And if you're reading this online, take note: Valley Farms Market is offering a special orange honey marinated corned beef the week leading up to St. Patrick's Day. Order some now, while supplies last. I guess the secret's kind of out.

by Ian Anderson

Editor's note: this piece was written while the indoor dining ban was still in effect.

**FOOD & DRINK EVENTS**

**Castelli Family Vineyards Wine Tasting** Meet and discuss wines with owners Mike Castelli and

Nelson Pizarro, along with taste the vineyard's Syrah and Sangiovese. Wines will be available for tastings, by the glass, and bottles. Wednesday, March 24, 5:30pm; Cork & Knife, 515 West 13th Ave Suite B. (ESCONDIDO)

**Holiday Weekend Brunch Special** Plated Brunch Menu at the clubhouse with sweeping views of the Pacific ocean, golf course and Carlsbad hillsides. Bottomless Mimosas, Bloody Mary's and Sangria for \$18. All reservations between 8:00-8:30am will receive a 2-for-1 discount on bottomless mimosas. Saturdays & Sundays, 8am; through December 19, \$11-\$40. Crossings at Carlsbad, 5800 The Crossings Drive. (CARLSBAD)

**National Chip & Dip Day: Free Chips & Guacamole** Rubio's Coastal Grill is giving away free, freshly made chips and guacamole, with any order, in celebration of National Chip and Dip Day. Order online at Rubios.com, or through the app, and enter coupon code MKTG1067 at checkout. Monday, March 22, 10am; Rubio's - East Mission Bay Dr., 4504 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Street Food** Enjoy a weekly street food collaboration featuring new food trucks each week including Tijuana's Torta Wash Mobile, Grater Grilled Cheese, Super Tacos, and more. Saturdays, 4:30pm; Wednesdays, 4:30pm; through Saturday, May 29, Grant's Coffee Room, 2953 Beech Street. (SOUTH PARK)

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# Molcajete heat on a cold night

For a place with an uninspiring name, it's got an inspiring atmosphere.

Maggie's regretting ever opening her mouth. She stands back from where this guy is throwing his into the mic. "You and I are just two leaves in the wind," he croons. The crowd at his table harmonizes behind him. It's a Ramon Ayala song, "Las Hojas Sin Rumbo (Swirling Leaves)." Or you might say, "Blowing in the Wind."

It's Karaoke night here under the open tents of Sr. Taquito's on East Valley Parkway in Escondido. Sunday evening, six o'clock.

My step-daughter Mag and I were just talking about food when this scene flashed past. "That's the place I was talking about!" she says.

Oh wow. For a place with an uninspiring name, it's got an inspiring atmosphere.

People cluster in groups under the canopies between palms, on red high-top chairs, at tables on shocking green AstroTurf. It's a scene.

Mag ain't that keen. This is a bit too rural for her. She wants Escondido's real Old Town section with all the cool restaurants. But for me, this is the real Escondido — it means "Hidden City" — below all those developer rows of houses that ribbon the hills.

Whatever, it's a bird in hand. We sit down at one of the tables near where the karaoke guy has

the music at full volume. And yes, it's a struggle hearing Marie the waitress shout from behind her mask, specially with gals on their Karaoke mics calling out the chorus just a table over ("Dos hojas sin rumbo, Qué el viento arrastro!") but she understands my "tipping bottle" sign and Mag's glass of water sign,

and soon gets back with both. Mine's a Negra Modelo (\$5.50), Mag's, an Agua Fresca (\$1.89). Marie also drops off a couple of multi-page, lavishly-illustrated plastic menus.

There's a lot to choose from. I look down their mini-tacos column, because they start off at \$1.89. That's for an *adobada* taco. Deal. Ooh. And they have *buches*. I swear I've eaten them at a TJ place called Kentucky Fried Buches, on Avenida Constitución. "*Buches*" there means "chicken necks."

Now we're checking down the menu. Hmm. Once you get specialized, prices go up. Shrimp and octopus cocktail is \$16.49, cooked (*tostada*) shrimp with octopus (*enchipottlado*, prepared with chipotle chile) with breaded onion, is \$15.99. Or a large Del Toro taco with cheese, marlin, shrimp, and octopus goes for \$6.49.

Mag and I decide on a \$5.95 shrimp taco each, and then, oh man. They have a molcajete mixto dish. You get chicken breast, four "Costa Azul" shrimp, whatever that is, plus meat *a la parilla* (grilled), with rice, refried beans, and tortillas. No surprise: it costs twenty bucks. "Oh let's do it," says Mag. "I can help with cash." Turns out she knows quite a bit about *molcajetes*. "They're carved out of black volcanic rock. Aztec, Maya design."

Now she's googling for more info.

"Huh. 'Molli,' is 'seasoning' or 'sauce,' and 'caxitl' is 'bowl.' And they have been making these things for the past 6000 years."

First, though, we're tackling the shrimp tacos. Huge, garlic-luscious, packed with two different cheeses, green and red peppers, and a ton of shrimp flesh. We chomp away as older ladies grab the mics and start belting out tragic love songs, almost in tune, but not on the high notes.

Then, the *piece de resistance*. Marie carries out this heavy, traditional, pock-



Bacon-wrapped shrimp and slabs of queso fresco are just the beginning

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marked black lava rock bowl, steaming, sprouting with shrimp, chicken, beef, the whole enchilada. Added bonus: On this chilly night it's perfect to warm your hands on.

Just as well. The rock keeps our food hot while we take five, to settle the first-round tacos.

But then, what a feast! First off, we find out what they mean by "Costa Azul" shrimp. They are large, deep-fried, and wrapped in bacon. Wicked! Specially dipped in the savory liquid in the bottom. It flavors the chicken, chunks of *carne a la parilla* beef, the wrapped shrimp, and what turn out to be planks of *queso fresco*, the curd-like Mexican cheese that doesn't melt and gives a gentle tang to anything (and fries up to a beautiful golden snack in its own right).

"But what's in the soup?" I ask Marie.

"A lot," she says. "We have garlic, chile, cilantro, onions, and tomatillos to give it the sour."

Whatever, the more we mix and poke, the richer that soup gets. I'm taking spoonfuls of it out, and dunking the corn tortillas in, just for its flavor. They also bring flour tortillas. And still the black rock keeps it warm.

Of course, I don't stop Marie when she offers to bring another Negra Modelo. Two girls are singing a duet now. I'm really getting into it. The singing somehow gives a togetherness feeling out here in the cold night. Plus, it's good to spend this time



Marie holds our kinda hot molcajete loaded with seafood and chicken

with Mag. We don't get together enough.

What I like about this place is it has kept its Mexicanness, and doesn't get lost in the whole fusion food thing. You can see that's how this crowd wants it to stay that way. Next time, I'm just going to go for the mini-tacos. (They're really not that mini.) I want to try the slightly more fringey ones like *cabeza*, *lengua*, *tripa*, and *buche*.

Mag is in no hurry to leave. It's not the karaoke, which is getting more dodgy as more people find the Dutch courage to grab the mic and yell out the words. It's that she can't stop reaching into the bowels of the *molcajete* to find a few drops more of those ancient flavors.

"Next time, breakfast," she says finally. "Huevos rancheros would be nice in the morning sun."

"Uh, do you think they would still be doing karaoke in the morning?" I ask. ■



Karaoke under canvas. Actually, right now, Sr. Taquito's only open 8am-11pm daily



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**Alcove Wine & Beer:** Monday-Friday, Sunday, 4-7pm: \$1 off beer, \$2 off wine & appetizers.

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**Asti Ristorante:** Daily, 3-6pm: \$5 beers, \$7 house wine and cocktails, bites from \$5.

**Gaslamp Fish House:** Daily, 3:30-6:00pm: \$4 Fireball shot, Mc-Cormick bourbon, shot of Torado Silver tequila, \$5 craft beer on tap, vodka soda, select wine by the glass, \$7 skinny margarita, select signature cocktails.

**Gaslamp Tavern:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 off drafts, wine, specialty cocktails, \$5 wells.

**Knotty Barrel:** Monday, Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 off craft beer, \$6 premium wells, house red and white wines. Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$2 off craft beer, \$6 premium wells, house red and white wines. Half off craft beer all day. Wednesday,

# BOOZE NEWS

BY IAN ANDERSON

## Return to normal in sight for San Diego beer?

It's been roughly 52 weeks since I first used the word *pandemic* in a beer story, and though I've had to do so dozens of times since, this time there's finally reason for optimism. Between the falling number of covid cases and rising number of vaccinations in San Diego County, there are signs that an end to the restrictive public health policies that have hampered local beer and booze businesses may finally be on the horizon.

After a prolonged winter in the restrictive purple tier of California's "Blueprint for a Safer Economy," which bans indoor dining, San Diego is poised to enter red tier as soon as next week. That will officially allow brewpubs and tasting rooms with meal service

to resume indoor on-premise drinking at 25 percent capacity.

Vaccinations became available to service workers in late February, which means most brewery workers should be vaccinated by the time indoor capacity rises to 50 percent. That will happen when San Diego enters the orange tier, which will also allow outdoor drink service to resume for bars and breweries that do not offer meal service. Fortunately, the criteria for entering the orange tier becomes much easier to reach as vaccination numbers rise. With three different vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson) now being administered, there's no official timeline yet, but it's reasonable to expect graduating to the orange tier by April, and to the less restrictive yellow tier by the summer.

On-premise service is significant to breweries in two major ways. First, it allows them to bring more hospitality employees back to work. President Biden's newly signed Covid-19 relief bill extends supplemental unemployment benefits through Labor Day, which will provide vital benefits to thousands of front of house workers who lost hours or employment due to covid restrictions. Through a staged re-opening, these supplemental benefits will allow breweries to phase back workers as San Diego heads toward the newly announced green tier, which will mean back to business as usual.

The second important aspect of moving up and out of the purple tier is that even a return to

25 and 50 percent capacities will increase brewery revenue in the near term. Breweries can bring in several times more revenue on beers poured in a taproom than on beers sold by the can. Those



We've gotten used to drinking beer from cans during the pandemic, but a return to taproom brews is imminent

breweries that have found ways to thrive despite the pandemic have done so through increased distribution of canned and bottled beer. Some have done so for the first time,

Despite a few painful losses, San Diego's beer industry remains mostly intact following a year of pandemic. However, many breweries subsist mainly on the promise of a return to normal. As government subsidies and eviction moratoriums fade away, many may find themselves at increased risk of going under as things return to normal and they

have to account for operating losses and increased debt. The only way out of the hole for some will be the mass return of beer fans to taprooms.

This will also play a critical role in reviving what was arguably the beer community's greatest coronavirus loss: tasting room culture. San Diego's beer business would never have become a billion dollar industry without the social life that sprang up around it. For things to truly return to normal, a county full of self-isolating beer enthusiasts will have to unlearn the drinking-at-home habits we forged during this covid year. To salvage what we can of the industry that has given San Diegan so much pride, we're all going to have to make a point of going out this spring and summer, and doing the hard work of drinking beer with our friends.

[Editor's note: as of Saturday, March 13, California has removed the meal service requirement for breweries, distilleries, and bars. Until 8 pm each day, customers may order adult beverages without also ordering food for on-premise, outdoor consumption.]

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4-7pm: \$2 off craft beer, \$6 premium wells, house red and white wines, half off wine bottle all day. Thursday, 4-7pm: \$2 off craft beer, \$6 premium wells, house red and white wines, half off wine bottles all day.

**Maryjane's:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$5 wells drinks, beer, \$6 wine.

**The Tippy Crow:** Monday-Thursday, 3-8pm: Drink exchange (prices vary). Friday-Saturday, Noon-8pm: Drink exchange (prices vary).

**Werewolf American Pub:** Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$4 drafts, house wines, and wells.

**The Whiskey House:** Wednesday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$4 French pale lager, \$5 Moscow mule, whiskey sour, Daiquiri, house wines (red, white, sparkling), \$9 Carlsberg Danish pilsner (1 liter can). Add a shot of house whiskey to any beer for \$1.

## EAST VILLAGE

**Bootlegger:** Tuesday, \$10 build-your-own-nachos and beer all day. Saturday-Sunday, 9am-1pm: \$25 per person bottomless mimosas.

**El Dorado Cocktail Lounge:** Tuesday-Thursday, Sunday,

7-9pm: \$6 signature cocktails. Friday-Saturday, 5-9pm: \$6 signature cocktails.

## ENCINITAS

**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, 3-5pm: \$8 martinis and appetizers.

## 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:** Friday, All day: Clam chowder \$5 cup, \$7 bowl. After 4pm: Prime rib \$24. Sunday, 11am-2pm: \$4 Bloody Marys, \$5 Champagne.

## LITTLE ITALY

**Carruth Cellars Wine Garden:** Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$3 off glasses, \$5 off bottles of wine.

**King and Queen Cantina:** Daily, Noon-6pm: \$1 off drafts, \$4 beer bottles, \$7 well drinks, wine, sangria, \$8 margaritas. Appetizers \$5 to \$9.

## MISSION HILLS

**Shakespeare Pub & Grille:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: All draught pints (excluding cask, \$6 Anytime, and Black Velvet) and bottled beer \$1 off. well liquor \$4.50, \$5 house wine, appetizers \$5.95-\$7.95.

## MISSION VALLEY

**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.

## NORTH PARK

**Redwing Bar & Grill:** Wednesday-Friday, 3pm-6pm: \$4.50 24 oz. Tall Boys.

## OLD TOWN

**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 tacs. Tuesday, 3-6pm: Taco Tuesday specials, see server.

**Old Town Mexican Café:** Tuesday, Half off well drinks and selected appetizers all day.

## PACIFIC BEACH

**Ambrogio15:** Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$19 per person biodynamic (organic) wine flight with three selected biodynamic wines (two ounce pour) and focaccia bread, olives, artichokes.

**Latitude 32:** Wednesday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$3-\$5.50 beer and wines.

**The Local Pacific Beach:** Mon-

day, 4-7pm: Half off appetizers.

**The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa:** Tuesday-Sunday, 5-9pm: Bottles cocktails to go.

## POINT LOMA

**The Pearl:** Monday-Tuesday, 4-6pm: \$4 select beers, \$5 well drinks, \$6 house wine, half off specialty cocktails. Wednesday, 4-6pm: \$4 select beers, \$5 well drinks, \$6 house wine, half off specialty drinks. Thursday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$4 select beers, \$5 well drinks, \$6 house wine, half off specialty drinks.

**The Wine Pub:** Daily, 4-6pm: \$5 craft beers on draft, \$5 select red and white wines.

## RANCHO SAN DIEGO

**Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill Rancho San Diego:** Friday, All day: Clam chowder \$5 cup, \$7 bowl. After 4pm: Prime rib \$24.

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# blurt the inside track

## Bell of my trumpet

Of all the collateral damage suffered in the last 12 months, the music industry has been hit particularly hard. Everyone has lost gigs, and many venues have shuttered permanently. But for trumpeter John Reynolds, a weekly session at Madison on Park (4622 Park Boulevard) has been a welcome respite.

“We’ve pretty much been playing the entire time,” Reynolds related over the phone. “We started in 2019, and other than two blips in the road (April of 2020, and the second California shut-down) we’ve been at this every Tuesday from 7 to 9.”

How do you manage the

about as a fundraising effort for the students of the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts where Reynolds was employed at the time. “At that point, I pitched the concept of a summer series to the owners,” says Reynolds. “We decided to try it for eight weeks. I settled on Tuesdays so it wouldn’t interfere with the sessions that Louie Valenzuela was doing at Rosie O’Grady’s on Monday’s or the scene Gilbert Castellanos has at Panama 66 on Wednesday. Within a few weeks, the place was packed. Usually, Tuesday is a slow night, (Madison is closed on Mondays) but by the time 7 pm rolls around, every table was filled and it stays

saxophone. There’s plenty of room for the musicians to spread out, and the rhythm section keeps their masks on. Obviously, it’s different for horn players.

“All of the studies they’ve done regarding aerosol distribution from brass instruments is like 30 centimeters (basically one foot). So as long as you are farther than a foot away from the bell of my trumpet, you’re fine. And honestly, no one wants to be that close.”

How has covid affected your personal outlook on life?

“I’m very fortunate that I am able to teach, both at school (Reynolds is the associate director of instrumental music at the Orange County School of the Arts) and privately. A lot of my friends have just been decimated over the last year. It’s been a tragedy for the folks who are full-time performers, who depend on that for their main source of income.”

responded? Do you see a lot of familiar faces in the crowd?

“We have a kind of regular crowd that keeps coming back. We get some musicians who stop by and sit in. I feel very blessed to have been in the right place at the right time.”

— Robert Bush

## Seven songs in a week

“I’m releasing my debut single on March 26, called ‘Melancholy Treasures’” says Sky Star, one half of the musical duo Smokelines. “The song talks about my move from San Diego to New York City for college and specifically mentions San Diego in the song. It’s basically all about the memories I’ve made which can bring on the feeling of melancholy, but how I also treasure those memories.”

Her duo Smokelines is a west and east coast fusion featuring San Diego-born Star and New York singer-songwriter Faith Gara. Their most recent pop-dance single “Heartbreak Looks Better” was released in November, while Star was staying in New York to attend college. “I’m finishing up my last semester at music school. I just took a trip back to San Diego to shoot pictures for the ‘Melancholy Treasures’ marketing rollout. That was my first time being back home in Bird Rock since Covid began.”

Star was born in Chula Vista and spent time living with her family around Dehesa, Encinitas, and eventually Bird Rock. “Growing up so close to north Pacific Beach, PB and Mission Beach became my stomping grounds as a teen and young adult. Whenever I visit back home to see my family, I find myself back on the boardwalk, checking out the roller coaster to see if it’s still running, going to Lestat’s on Adams, and grabbing my favorite late-late night food that I can only get in San Diego: California burritos. Being back home was



Sky Star says coming home to San Diego inspired her to write seven songs in a week.

tremendously inspiring and sparked my songwriting roots in the hometown where it all began. I ended writing seven new songs in one week.”

In addition to her solo single, a new Smokelines EP is planned for summer. “We’re in the process of coordinating virtual performances until the Covid restrictions are fully lifted to schedule live performances again. Smokelines has another single coming out this spring. After that, we plan to each release another single as solo artists, in addition to a collaborative Smokelines single.”

Faith Gara will soon premiere her own solo single “Blame,” right around the same time she graduates from Long Island University Brooklyn with her music degree. Following that, her relocation to the Bay Area will make Smokelines a California band, albeit with members on either end of the state.

In early May, the duo plans to drop a collaborative Smokelines single called “Chanel Ad,” which will be the final song previewing the Smokelines EP *Magenta Hills*. Star emphasizes that the three separate endeavors, their band and the two solo projects, represent

individual inspirations, rather than just the same act in different configurations. “Our solo artist singles under Sky Star and Faith Gara will not be released on our Smokelines EP, showcasing our dedication to our careers as collaborative songwriters and solo artists.”

Regarding the inspiration behind her solo single, Star says “‘Melancholy Treasures’ is about looking back on the tiny memories that you usually forget about but, when they pop in your head, they always make you nostalgic. Moments pass by in a flash and we usually forget, but there are some moments that last forever. Though you don’t always remember them on a daily basis, you treasure the memories dearly in retrospect.”

“When I was in New York City, flashbacks would swirl through my brain, like re-watching old movie scenes of my life. I decided to write ‘Melancholy Treasures’ based on that simple feeling of bitter-sweet nostalgia.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

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John Reynolds fared better than most musicians during Governor Newsom’s lockdown.

safety aspect?

“Well, the whole restaurant is classified as ‘outdoors’ because it’s like a giant canopy and we’re all observing social distancing. In these times of covid, it’s been like an alternate reality, compared to the other six days of the week. You step into Madison and it’s safe. Everyone is wearing a mask, you know.”

The Madison gig came

filled until we leave. We’ve been very fortunate.”

The band features Reynolds on trumpet, Louie Valenzuela on guitar, Rob Thorsen on bass, and Kevin Higuchi on drums. Reynolds tries to spread the opportunity to play around by inviting other local musicians, including Alvin Paige (a former student) and Robert Dove (who recently moved back to Ohio) on

And what about the future?

“I think things are moving in the right direction. You know schools are reopening, of course with guidance from the CDC. I feel like, in the next few months, maybe we’ll get back to, you know, normal performances, with some alterations. It was great to see Gilbert Castellanos play last week at Panama 66.”

How has the community

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## SILENT

Goth-inclined Silent was founded in Mexicali, Baja California by singer-percussionist Jung Sing (Maniqui Lazer, All Leather) and guitarist Alejandro Lara. The band has toured the USA and Mexico, alongside San Diego labelmates like Dead Cross, Retox, the Locust, and Author & Punisher. Their last album, 2016's *A Century of Abuse*, was recorded in Mexicali and released digitally by the Locust's label Three One G, with a separate limited edition of 500 records on white vinyl. Their upcoming sophomore LP *Modern Hate*, due digitally and on vinyl April 23 via Three One G, will be their first full-length in five years. The album

was recorded, produced, mixed, and mastered in Mexicali at Pulsar Studios and La Casa Estudios by Cesar Cossio, with vinyl mastering by Ruben Tamayo. According to the label, "The record was meant to be released in 2018, but was put on hold while they went on short hiatus to address some of their differences." The album delays were furthered by the pandemic, in addition to having to break in new drummer Rocio Chavez and rethink the work they'd already done in the studio. "This felt like a new start that called for relearning, reshaping, and retouching some of the tracks."



## HARPCO

Folk/rock/blues/Americana band Harpco features Sue Ferguson, aka Sue Delguidice, who co-founded the local late-1970s all-girl punk band the Dinettes. She fronts the group alongside her husband Mark "Harpo" Delguidice. Originally from Chicago, Harpo's family lived behind the Kingston Mines blues club, where he got his nickname from Big Walter Horton. The veteran bluesman took exception to a neighborhood kid who played the harp inexplicably nicknaming himself "Lil' Johnny Winter," and instead started calling him Lil' Harpo. This was eventually shortened, once he was no longer lil'. Harpo moved in

1999 from San Francisco to San Diego with his wife, who also played with Slackjaw, Private Sector, and Shelf Life, and is proud of the fact that she turns 60 this year. As she once told the *Reader*, "I'm easing into my wiser years, it seems. It is harder to stay out until 2 am. I enjoy telling stories to the youngsters: 'Yep, saw Zeppelin in '76, hanging with Spinal Tap, seeing Black Flag's first tour.' I worked backstage a long time." The band has a new bassist, Chad Allbritton, previously of JuJu Satori, a group that has also featured Sue Delguidice.



## DEATH EYES

Fronted by Alberto Jurado, Death Eyes was founded by former members of local pop-punk bands Rats Eyes and Death Crisis: Jurado (vocals), Jimmy Armbrust (bass), Jason Blackmore (guitar), and John Cota (drums). A self-titled debut full-length was released in early 2015, followed by touring and opening slots for the Weirdos, Agent Orange, M.D.C., and Nails. Alberto Jurado passed away in early 2020, while the band was working on their next EP and preparing to tour with Big Business. By last summer, bassist Jimmy Armbrust had been replaced by Cole Mears

(Ghetto Blaster, Hostile Comb-Over). Last year, local label Three One G dropped the EP that the band was recording before Jurado's death, *State of Fear*, including a video for "Management Is Not Your Friend" that features found footage, as well as live performances featuring the late singer. A new locally-recorded album called *Death Eyes Live at Bar Pink* will be available this summer on 180-gram translucent pink vinyl, limited to 300 copies produced by Pink Pachyderm Records. It will be the label's debut release.



## WSPRGRL

The electronic gloom-pop band Wsprgrl began as a 1980s-inspired three-piece. The project was created in 2015 by singer-songwriter Cara Potiker (L1ght Ra1L), produced by Patrick Heaney (Shark Attack, Tiny Telephones), and performed by Heaney, Potiker, and Mike Delgado (Shark Attack, Scary Pierre). "I have been producing dark wave, new wave, pop, and indie electro music for a number of years, and I specialize in creating dark lyrics with palatable vocal and instrumental hooks," says Potiker. The band's first live

gig is streaming on their Facebook page, and their website samples include quick performances of club-friendly tracks like "Gasoline" and "Higher." Songs uploaded to YouTube include a cover version of Andrew Gold's "Never Let Her Slip Away." Now a duo featuring Heaney and Potiker, they recently released a three-track cassette with the title track "Remember," sporting artwork by Marina Grize. The group calls the title song "A reminder to stay present with the ones you love."



## THE DRAGONS

Their name inspired by Thomas Harris's first Hannibal Lecter book *Red Dragon*, the Dragons were originally together for a run of around around thirteen years, releasing six albums. The band essentially formed from the ashes of M-80, whose second and final lineup was Ken Mochikoshi-Horne and Mario Escovedo (MFX), alongside Kevin Chanel (the Front, Ghetto Scheist), and Baba Chanel (Ghetto Scheist). Though they landed opening slots for touring acts like Johnny Thunders at the Bacchanal, M-80 didn't last long, so Mochikoshi-Horne and Escovedo formed the Dragons, soon joined by drummer Jarrod Lucas. After they split in late 2004, Escovedo formed the Mario Escovedo

Experience, or MEX, with former Dragon Lucas on drums. Encinitas-based guitarist-turned-Jarana-player Ken Horne joined the Bronx (aka Mariachi El Bronx) in 2006, and local violinist Ray Suen (Louis XIV, the Killers) joined Mariachi El Bronx in early 2010. The Dragons played a reunion gig at the Casbah in January, 2010, and still occasionally perform. A 2015 Casbah tribute gig for the band's late bassist Steve Rodriguez included the Dragons being joined onstage for a surprise appearance by Kiss guitarist Ace Frehley. The band's *Live at the Casbah* album, previously only available on CD, will soon be released on colored vinyl.

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*Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, 5pm* — Billy Strings: The Déjà Vu Experiment.

*Friday, 6pm* — Charli XCX Livestream. \$9.

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*Friday, 6pm* — Rebellion: Acoustic Sessions & Untold Stories. \$5.

*Friday, 2pm* — Rufus-Retro-Wainwright-Spective Livestream. \$20-\$25.

*Friday, Sunday, & Monday, 5pm* — Todd Rundgren Clearly Human Virtual Tour. \$35-\$299.

*Saturday, 5pm* — Dopapod Live From Ardmore Music Hall. Free.

*Saturday, 5pm* — Dust Bowl Faeries: Wish You Were Hear.

*Saturday, 7pm* — Oates Songfest 7908.

*Saturday, 6pm* — Stoner Live in the Mojave Desert. \$20.

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# IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

## Art and music do not change the world

I cast a jaundiced eye at music composed based on current events. We've had several compositions performed in San Diego about issues such as climate change, receding glaciers, immigration, police shootings, and transgender dynamics.

For the record, the practice is even worse in popular culture. According to Wikipedia, there are more than 160 songs about September 11th. Can you name any of them? Why were they written? What purpose did they serve? I think there are several problems with this practice.

For starters, there is the troubling idea that compositions based on current events are trying to capitalize on tragedy. Now there is nothing wrong with that if an appropriate amount of time has passed. For instance, I believe a new composition based on the story of Emmett Till could be a powerful and moving statement. Till was murdered in 1955.

If time hasn't passed, the piece of music, in my opinion, comes off as at least partially opportunistic. It is the artistic equivalent of the lawyer with a reputation for chasing ambulances.

Another issue is that conflicting opinions exist concerning current events. If a composer wrote something in honor of or in condemnation of the recent assault on the Capitol building, half the audience would immediately be pissed off. But as time passes, opinions tend to become more uniform and rational, and less clouded by passion.

In the case of Emmett Till, the men who beat and mutilated him to death were found to be innocent and I'm sure there was a significant percentage of the population that agreed with that — at the time. Now, 60 years later, opinion has solidified into a uniform condemnation of the men who killed a 14-year-old in cold blood.

The third issue that I can see is that the composer is dictating the audience's experience of the music. The composer is tyrannically directing the audience to a specific opinion and the emotions that go with that opinion.

Maybe a piece of music that was inspired by receding glaciers would land on audience members in a more profound way if the audience didn't know it was about glaciers. Maybe an

audience member who is experiencing the loss of a family member could find comfort in such a composition, but that audience member has been told what to feel by the composer.

The feeling for receding glaciers appears to be a low-level sense of guilt. I don't know, I've never met a receding glacier, so it's tough for me to connect with the idea.

Of course, if the audience doesn't know the composition is about receding glaciers or immigration, then they won't be aware. Ah, here we go. Awareness appears to be the new transcendent experience for audiences.

I don't know about you, but I don't go to the opera or the symphony to be made aware of issues that are clearly in every social media and news feed I see every day on my phone. Trust me, I'm aware. There is an idea that art and music change the world and to do this, audiences must be made aware.

Art and music do not change the world. They might reflect a changing world or even, in very rare cases, guide a changing world. It should be noted



From Shostakovich performance. If a composer wrote something about the recent assault on the Capitol Building, half the audience would be pissed off.

that those pieces of music that happened to guide a changing world were *not written with the intention of guiding a changing world*.

The fact is, no piece of music ever written resulted in improved human rights and better access to justice. To be fair, music history is littered with political pieces of music. Shostakovich's *Symphony No. 11* is about the 1905 massacre at the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg. Shostakovich wrote the symphony in 1957. At the time, the USSR was involved in military action in Hungary. The tone of the symphony was considered to be a condemnation of the USSR's involvement. You will notice that it was not specifically about the 1957 war.

Beethoven's *Symphony Nos. 3 and 5* are generally considered to be inspired by The French Revolution. However, there is nothing specific in Beethoven's music except

for some subtle references to French revolutionary tunes in the 5th Symphony.

Puccini's opera *Tosca* is about art and freedom of expression struggling against repressive government. *Tosca* is set during the Napoleonic Wars, which took place about 90 years before the opera was written. Once again, it is not specifically about current events in Puccini's day.

Perhaps the greatest political statement is Wagner's *Ring Cycle*. It is a condemnation of 19th-Century capitalism and the European aristocracy. In the end, the entire thing burns to the ground and nature is restored. Wagner wanted to burn down the existing social structures and create a utopia based on nature and simple craftsmanship. As intent as Wagner was, the entire message is wrapped in myth instead of specifics. That's what makes it great art. Specific art borders on propaganda.

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### Brick by Brick:

*Tuesday, Apr. 6* — Swallow the Sun and Infected Rain.

### Casbah:

*Friday, Apr. 2* — Holy Fuck.

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# Last call for LFF

There are still a few days left to partake in this year's San Diego Latino Film Festival. For a complete list of titles, visit <http://sdlatinofilm.com>. In the meantime, here are two worth watching.

## La Bronca (2019)

Here's a welcome anomaly: a film about migration that isn't structured around a border wall. Roberto (Jorge Guerra) comes from a broken home, but word has spread that the reason he's fled his mother's house in Peru owes more to the country's history of violence than the unmanageable teenager's proximity to becoming a statistic of it. But the move from a climate of tropical terrorism to dad's home in snowbound and freezing Montreal leaves Roberto feeling martyred and alone. It's made clear from the outset — a freshly uprooted stop sign slung over his shoulder, Roberto leads a one man Via Crucis through the snow — the hell isn't going to freeze out of him, it's only going to get hotter.

Bob Montoya (Rodrigo Palacios) is an even bigger adolescent than his son. It's 1991, and in Montoya's mind, such assimilation efforts as no longer answering to the

name Bobby López and having a mistress on the side — the type he's not ashamed to bring around his boy — are good calls. Poised at the ground floor of computer technology, Montoya envisions millions to be made off anti-glare and privacy filters for PC monitors — enough riches to inch the Canadian transplant that much closer to the American dream. Still, one can't help but notice that like the son, the father isn't going anywhere.

Rounding out this trio of itinerant Peruvians chancers and cheats is Toño (Rodrigo Sánchez Patiño), the easiest of the bunch to find, generally loafing or sound asleep on the couch in Montoya's basement. What happens in Lima rubs off on Montreal as family aces out friendship and machismo triumphs over all. When it comes time for a show of loyalty, that is, for father to pledge undying allegiance to son, Montoya does so in the worst way imaginable. By then, the writing and directing team of Daniel Vega and Diego Vega have devoted so much time to building a tale of hate compounded that the few extra minutes spent veiling the end result of a violent overreaction is all the more powerful when they finally go in for the close up.

## MOVIES



**La Bronca:** Jorge Guerra leads a one-man Via Crucis.

## Nudo Mixteco (2021)

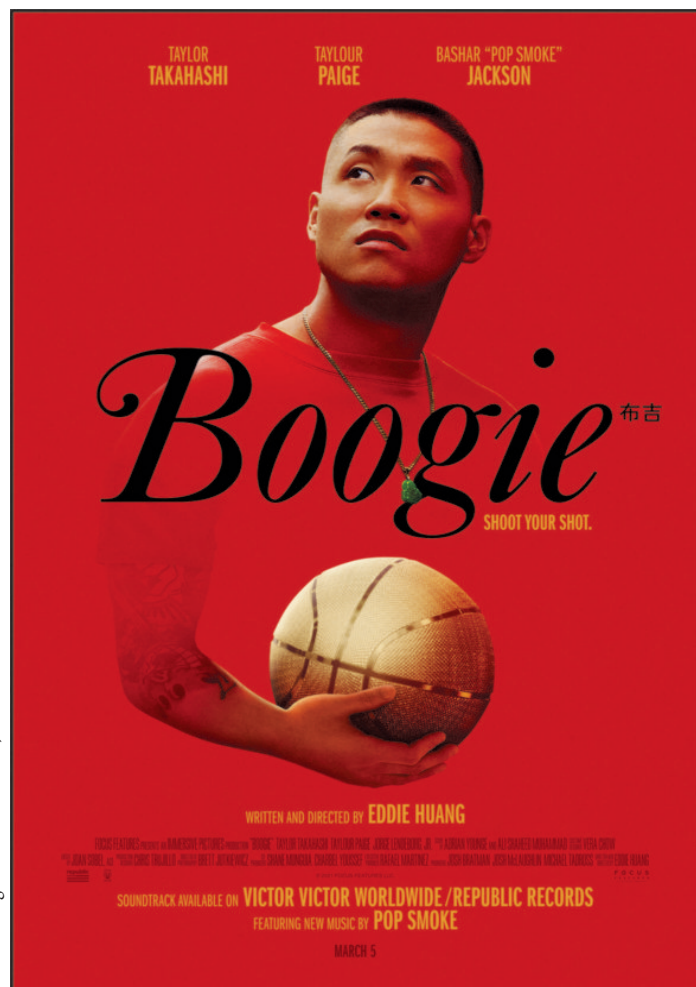
The funeral of Maria's (Sonia Couoh) estranged mother is what brings her to San Mateo. She is the first of three seemingly disparate characters whose lives are destined to intersect over the course of the town's long holiday weekend celebration. After her father stops short of physically ejecting her from the funeral — he blames his wife's death on Maria's love for another woman — Piedad (Eileen Yañez) arrives and, not wishing for Maria to freeze to death, insists that she spend the night. The nature of their relationship is soon made clear. "Where's the father?" is Maria's first question. The long patch of silence that ensues is broken with, "You kept it?" This is followed by a scene of

intense lovemaking, a long post-coital silence, and a hushed breakfast with the baby. Just when it couldn't get any quieter, Maria announces she's leaving tomorrow and asks Piedad to join her.

You probably won't catch on the first time through, but somewhere around the 16-minute mark, our three principles are brought together in the same time and space for the first time, with Toña (Myriam Bravo) and her mother taking over Maria's spot as funeral procession caboose and Esteban on clarinet, entertaining both revelers and mourners alike. As if to compensate for the stretches of silence that open the picture, music (performed live) underscores much of the film. It's an important part of Esteban's life. The first

person he goes to meet upon arriving back in town after a three-year absence is not his wife Chabela (Aida López) or his children, but fellow musician Nato (Noé Hernández). Profitable employment is scarce in San Mateo, hence the time spent making a living in another town to support his family.

Esteban reasons that instruments, like women, can only be played by the owner. But in his absence, his neglected wife Chabela has come under new ownership. His own mother chimes in, "You stayed away too long, son," to which he responds by assigning blame on her for not looking after Chabela in his absence. A town council has final jurisdiction over the couple's fate. A call is put out for the citizenry to



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meet in the town square, where the matter of Esteban's "troubles at home" will be publicly arbitrated and ruled on.

The film's third wheel is easily its most problematic. A young Toña was sexually abused by her uncle while Mom looked the other way. Knowing that, it's impossible to comprehend why a mother would years later place her daughter in the same care of her abusers. Ángeles Cruz, an actress making her writing and directing debut on a feature, knows how to layer the setup, but the payoff was quite the head-scratcher.

—Scott Marks

## Video on Demand New Release Roundup

**I Care a Lot** — Marla Grayson (Rosamund Pike) has what it takes to become the court-appointed guardian to a galaxy of unwitting seniors. From her hairstyle — a cascading pageboy with bamboo cutting board earflaps — to the determined heels against marble click-clack in her approach, every move is calculated to intimidate, to beat her mostly male competition at their own game. She comes by her arrogance honestly. No matter how questionable her motives, she knows how to play the system and gets what she wants without breaking any laws. There's no knocking success — that is, until Marla runs up against a sharp granny whose baby boy is a made man in the Russian mafia. Jennifer Peterson (Dianne Wiest) is what's known in the business as a "cherry" — a homeowner, never married, with no children or relatives. In no time, Jennifer is installed in a lavish care facility, with Marla stripping her house in a manner befitting a seasoned burglar. Eiza González co-stars as Fran, Marla's partner both in and out of the courtroom. Writer-director J Blakeson draws no unwarranted attention to their relationship. It's a given that both are strong, smart, viable women capable of balancing their personal lives and professional careers. But greed has a way of changing things, and it was only a matter of time before the smoothie hit the plate glass window. Checking the records, it turns out Jennifer does indeed have a son, Roman Lunyov (a slow-burning Peter Dinklage, savoring each sinful aside), the aforementioned mobster who loves his mother almost as much as the millions in diamonds, once stashed in her safe deposit box, that are now in Marla's possession. Just before the fun-filled roller coaster ride deposited me back at the gate, I scribbled, "Could have stood one more twist" across the bottom of the notepad. That was written three minutes before the film ended, enough time for the filmmakers to make me regret my final wish. 2021 — S.M. ★★★



*Hold That Lion* is legendary among Stoooge disciples as the only time Shemp and Curly appear on screen together. It is also Curly's swan song.

— Scott Marks

### HOLD THAT LION (1947)

By this time, doctor's orders had called for Curly to relinquish the coveted third Stoooge spot to brother Shemp. (He appears as "Man Sleeping on Train.") It was a challenging period all around. What with the onslaught of television causing the Columbia shorts unit to economize. Originality was supplanted by the cost cutting need to repurpose past efforts. Long before America went green, filmmaker Jules White was one of the earliest practitioners of recycling — the studio would not let go of *Hold That Lion*. Between March and May of 1953, eight years before Ingmar Bergman kicked off his "Death of God" trilogy with *Through a Glass Darkly*, Columbia Pictures released three "new" Stoooge shorts to first run theatres that would collectively come to be known as the "Death of Shemp" trilogy. *Hold That Lion* adds water to the triad soup, all directed by Mr. White. Combine the bits and pieces, and these shorts contain the entire 1947 two-reeler.

*Hold That Lion* features bit player Kenneth MacDonald in the career-defining role of Ichabod Slipp, a character he would revive two years later for another pair of shorts. After he swindles the boys, our trio of process-serving knuckleheads trail him to Union Station and hop a train, aiming to slap Slipp with a "sub-peeny." But Slipp isn't the only threat on board: an escaped lion wreaks havoc among the day-players. (The sparkling video restoration reveals a new-found flaw heretofore indiscernible in softer TV prints. Look carefully when the

boys are trapped in the cage with Leo. One can now spot the camera reflection in the pane of glass that separates Stooges from their maned menace.) Also take note of the terrorizing FAO Schwarz stuffed lion at the foot of their bunk. (Three can sleep cheaper than one.)

Doubles, dubs, and a cringe-worthy Dudley Dickerson round out the festivities. Gasp as the mangy-haired Larry stunt double flees the lion's cage. Listen to the passengers' blase, dubbed in moans of, "Oh, a lion," and, "Look, a lion." And what can be said of Stoooge-regular Dickerson? Columbia Pictures head Harry Cohn vowed that the only time a person of color would appear in one of his films was if they were cast in a subservient role. As the hapless train porter, Dickerson is Cohn's theory put to the test.

*Booty and the Beast* joins *Godfather II* and *Gremlins 2* as one of those rare sequels that outshines its predecessor. The short opens on new footage of old Kenneth MacDonald playing a burglar breaking and entering into a cheap soundstage flat. After he bamboozles the boys into believing he's the owner of the house, they willingly aid and abet the desperate intruder's attempt to gain entry, and an inevitable safe cracking subplot ensues. The mighty Stooges pull up in front of a rolled painted backdrop of a poverty row Twelve Oaks.

Aside from our trio of halfwits, MacDonald's revival of infamous Ichabod Slipp is, in one form or another, the film's unifying link. The Nixonian MacDonald plays a man with no name, thus enabling Columbia's crack sound editors to seamlessly (and seemingly) transform I. Slipp into a new and fascinating screen presence. MacDonald looks like a deer caught in the grip truck's headlights as he fumbles with a crowbar to jimmy his way through the balsa wood plantation. The surrogate Slipp absconds with the loot, leaving ample running time for a sagging Vernon Dent to show up for SAG scale. Dressed in



Hold That Lion: Plush toy scares the stuffing out of Stooges.

a costume more befitting a filling station attendant than a security guard, the white-haired, belt-busting bit player looks every day of his 58 years — plus 30. Kudos to the corpulent comic trooper for performing his own stunt. The production probably couldn't afford to pop for a dummy that big.

At precisely 7:38, an optical wipe transports us six years into the past when such luxuries as extras, props and set dressing were built into the budget. What makes this reimagining unique can be found in the extensive effort needed to maintain continuity by redubbing every utterance of Slipp's name. Whole sentences are replaced, but it's a quick one word substitution that functions as the short's *raison d'être*. A dazed Moe looks up, takes one look at stock footage Slipp and cries, "Hey, it's him." We conclude with the five seconds of fresh footage necessary to tie up the new plot line.

Working in achronological order, Columbia's crack creative team chose to use the tail of the *Lion* to round out *Booty* and the *Lion's* head to begin *Loose Loot*. The same custom-lettered "Cess, Poole & Drayne" door signage that opens *Hold that Lion* ignites *Loose Loot*. For the first time, MacDonald officially reprises the role of I. Slipp. Slipp2 slips into character at precisely 1.52. In a fleet 30 seconds, the filmmakers establish that once the next patch of stock footage wraps, the remainder of the short will play out at the Circle

Follies Theatre. (In a nod to the Stooges' Hebraic ancestry, the offices of Honest Ichabod's Theatrical Enterprises and Real Estate offices are located in the Knish Building.) With the exception of an insert shot of a placard displaying a youthful, dapper MacDonald that brings the Stooges up to speed, the first 6 minutes and 35 seconds of the short is lifted directly from *Hold That Lion*.

Eager to recycle every frame of *Hold That Lion*, the studio tacked the remaining file cabinet sequence onto the last film in the cycle, *Tricky Dicks*. Sadly, it's the one short in the bunch that doesn't feature MacDonald. (Not unlike Robert Duvall in *The Godfather: Part II*, the studio refused to meet MacDonald's salary demands.) The trio star as policemen under the annoyingly watchful supervision of Chief Detective B.A. Copper (Ferris Taylor). Murray Alper plays a self-described "thrill killer" whose six shooter holds more bullets than Albert Finney's tommy gun in *Miller's Crossing*. Aiming at everything and nothing, the character's explosive outburst overwhelms the viewer with its wanton display of post-Korean war existential angst. Positioning Alper motionless in mid-frame, the red hot White unleashes a personal/political statement: Alper's brutality is a direct externalization of Whites' deep-seated hostility toward studio heads who trimmed his already modest budgets.

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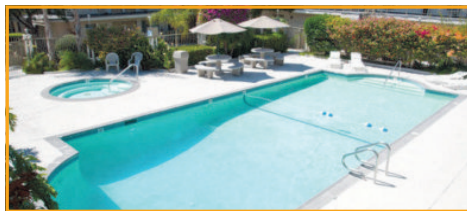
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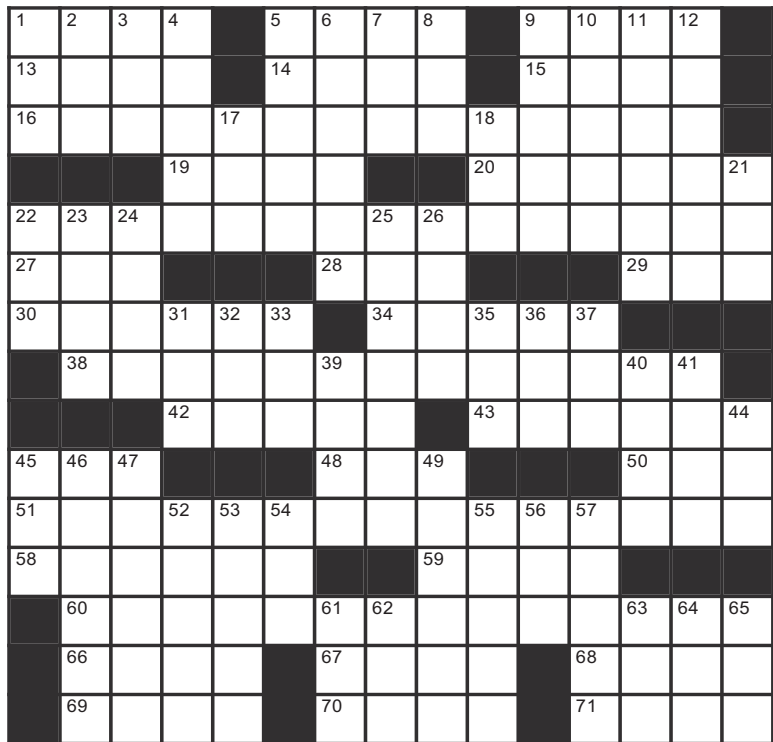
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## Across

1. NBA great with many nicknames, including Wilt Chamberneezy and the Big Aristotle
5. Irritated, after "in"
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Sutra
13. Home to many alpacas
14. Initial orders?
15. "Somebody needs \_\_\_\_!" (comment to a cranky baby)
16. Furniture named for the shape of its spindles that flare up from the seat
19. Compared with
20. Brie who played Trudy on "Mad Men"
22. Motivational phrase used in sales
27. Run out of juice
28. "I can't believe this," in texts
29. Spanish "that"
30. Show displeasure toward, as a llama does
34. Turned white
38. Sites where recruits go to start training
42. Violin or cello: Abbr.
43. Actor Robert
45. One to whom you tell \*everything\*
48. 30 percent of X
50. Landmark 1973 U.S. Supreme Court case, informally
51. "I'll pencil you in and let you know when everything is set in stone"
58. The beginning
59. It might be seasoned with

adobo sauce

60. "The Alphabet Song" lyric you should sing after solving 16-, 22-, 38- and 51-Across
66. \_\_\_\_\_ of Mexico
67. Furry creature from Endor
68. Talk show host whose first name is Mehmet
69. Website with the heading "Craft Supplies"
70. "If all \_\_\_\_\_ fails ..."
71. Heroic tale

## Down

1. Resort with cucumber slices
2. "I'm With \_\_\_\_\_" (2016 campaign slogan)
3. Part of ETA
4. Workload that must be met
5. Palestinian leader Mahmoud
6. Alternatives in case things don't work out
7. And so forth: Abbr.
8. "Have you no shame!"
9. "Self-Portrait With Monkey" artist
10. Writer Nin
11. Williams of "Game of Thrones"
12. Things to wipe your hands on
17. "How come?"
18. Berkeley school, for short
21. The Children's Defense Fund, e.g., in brief
22. YouTube annoyances
23. "Don't Start Now" singer Dua \_\_\_\_\_
24. Olympic figure skater Johnny \_\_\_\_\_
25. Italian shopping mart
26. Gab
31. Texter's "Eww, enough!"
32. "The Fountainhead" author Rand
33. "Full Frontal With Samantha Bee" network
35. HDTV choice
36. \_\_\_\_\_ de cologne
37. Sloths' workplace in "Zootopia"
39. Suffix with hypn-
40. Chicken or veal dish, in brief
41. \_\_\_\_\_ gin fizz
44. Escorted
45. No longer edible
46. Projecting rim of a metal beam
47. Hit one that's caught on the warning track, say
49. How promgoers typically arrive
52. Gets the ball rolling?
53. Bring together
54. Title word in a William Shatner sci-fi series that includes "\_\_\_\_\_ Vengeance," "\_\_\_\_\_ Power" and "\_\_\_\_\_ Money"
55. "Goldeneye" actress Janssen
56. Aloof
57. Some infrastructure
61. Jill Biden, \_\_\_\_\_ Jacobs
62. Bird whose eye is in the Wise potato chips logo
63. Training \_\_\_\_\_
64. Gear tooth
65. "All the Stars" singer with Kendrick Lamar

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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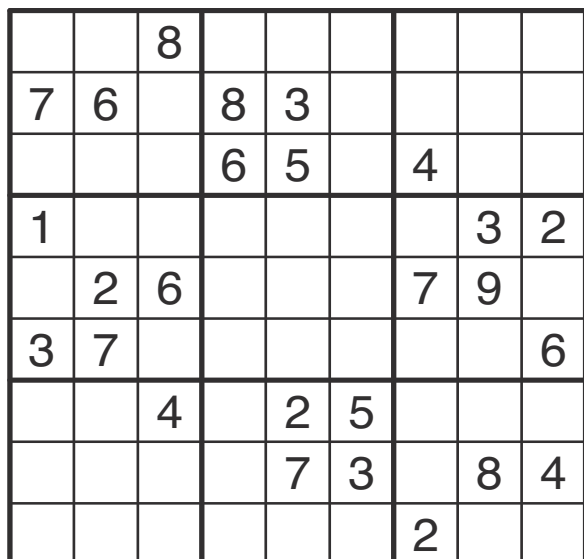
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👉 Jerry Tubbs, Carlsbad, 7.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# SUDOKU

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## SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLE:

### EVIL:

2	7	6	5	9	8	4	3	1
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1	5	2	9	6	7	3	8	4
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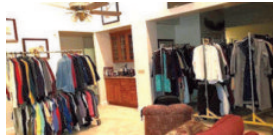
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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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them for two seconds. Really fast. And just dive into the bushes. They went over the fence at the same time; she was on the right, he was on the left." Ted was impressed. "I can tell you, I'm a Marine officer, and I've gone over a lot of fences, training; they went over that fence so fast. It wasn't like, you see some guy who's kind of overweight straddling the fence, trying to get his balance. It was like BOOM." He was also suspicious. "They were up to no good, I knew in my mind they were up to no good, nobody does that."

Ted's girlfriend asked him, "What are they doing?" He told her they were crawling around, "Cause I can see the tops of the bushes going like this." (When he testified in court two months after the incident, Ted motioned with his hands, waving them back and forth.) "And the bushes are 15 feet tall. And I can see right in there, so I know they're crawling. And she said, 'Well, what do you think?' I said, 'Well, I'm just going to call the cops, I'll call you back.'" The police quickly came to Ted's house. "I took



They can jump, but they can't hide.

He came back pretty quick with, like, a bunch of cops." The police hopped the fence. "Right there in the corner. That's the only part where there's a gate, right there." The gate is always locked. "And then I saw a female officer walk down the fence line, she kept looking at me, she had her blue gloves on." Ted stayed on

his balcony while he directed the police-woman. She traveled maybe 30 yards in from the fence while he signaled with his hands. He demonstrated his hand gestures in court: *go this way, a little further, a little further*, and then *stop*. Ted said he took video of the ensuing arrest and gave it to cops.

When Ted testified at a pre-trial hearing in May 2019, he identified the defendants in the courtroom. "That's him and that's her. Her hair was a little more disheveled. And he looks about the same." Ian Forrester Bushee, now 39, is described as 6 feet 1 inch tall and 215 pounds. Malissa Deanna

James, now 28, is described as 5 feet 1 inch tall and 150 pounds. When they arrested her, police noticed that Malissa James had electrical tape wrapped around her right thumb. When they looked, they saw a deep cut there. Both defendants are charged with multiple burglaries and the murder of a 63-year-old woman. The woman was apparently surprised in her bedroom late on Sunday, March 10, approximately

A doctor who performed the autopsy testified that the woman slowly bled to death from 142 cuts and stabs, most less than four inches deep. The doctor said that no single wound would have been fatal, but altogether the total blood loss was not survivable. A small folding knife, believed to be the deadly weapon, was recovered in the woman's home in the 1800 block of Outrigger Lane.

Prosecutor Nicole Rooney said that Ian Bushee and Malissa James are transients, and that they have previously acted together to commit crimes in San Bernardino County and Arizona. Their prior arrests were for burglaries and shoplifting, and when they were arrested in San Diego County they were both on multiple probations. Prosecutor Rooney claimed the pair had committed a prior burglary one year earlier, in which Malissa James reportedly confronted the homeowner after he unexpectedly returned to his house in Rancho Cucamonga. That man said Malissa James walked towards him holding a kind of arrow in her hands while he was standing in his front yard, and she fled only after he cocked the pistol he held. That homeowner also said that Ian Bushee had already bolted out of his home and fled before the female burglar exited his home and approached him.

"I took them upstairs, and the one officer said, 'Well where are they?' And I said, 'I'll show you exactly where they are!'"

nine hours before two suspects were spotted by Ted returning to their encampment at the lagoon. They were arrested just a short walk from the Outrigger Lane crime scene.

A prosecutor said the victim was first attacked on her bed, then on the floor next to her bed. Apparently, she was able to make it out onto her back deck where the attack resumed, and finally, the gravely wounded woman crawled back to the foot of her bed where she dialed 911 for help. This scenario was deduced from a blood trail. The prosecutor said this included blood smears from the victim and blood droplets from her attacker.

The defense attorney for Ian Bushee insisted that Bushee was not the one who stabbed the woman to death on Outrigger Lane in Carlsbad. Although police found many blood droplets which DNA-matched to Malissa James, there was no DNA nor any other evidence showing that Bushee was ever in that home, according to his defense attorney John Patterson. Honorable judge Brad Weinreb ordered both defendants to answer multiple charges at trial, and to be held without bail. Their date for trial, which is eligible as a death penalty case, is set for March 25, 2021.

EVA KNOTT



Ted has an excellent view of the Carlsbad lagoon from his balcony.

them upstairs, and the one officer, he said, 'Well, where are they?' And I said, 'I'll show you exactly where they are! Right there.' So he says, 'Are you sure?' 'Yeah I'm sure.'" The cop told him to stay put, and to yell if the suspects made a run for it. "So I said okay. So I waited.

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station located in the East Fortuna Staging Area. It was finished last February at a final cost of \$6.6 million. The cost of the river crossing bridge is anybody's guess, but Max's parents are eager to start raising the money to get it done.

Max's father had hoped to work with the Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation in creating a restricted fund earmarked exclusively for construction of the bridge. They are a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is improving the park infrastructure and experience. Unfortunately, this collaboration did not get approved. He is now looking to "leverage another San Diego foundation" to accomplish the same goal.

In the meantime, the family has hired KPFF Consulting Engineers,



PHOTOGRAPH BY MATTHEW SUAREZ

"The lay of the land is a difficult place to build a bridge. I get it," Susie Murphy said. "That's why it hasn't been done. But it definitely can be done."

who are preparing a design and cost estimate for the bridge project.

"If they let us, we would love to have a say on the design, the style," Max's father said. "If we end up raising most or all the money, we would love to maybe have a des-

ignation or a plaque or a name to honor Max's memory. Max was very artistic. He was basically a professional-grade glassblower, and a photographer as well. He would have loved to have had a bridge that had a functional utility but also had

an aesthetic merit."

Communications between the Lenail family and Councilmember Raul Campillo's office revealed a bit of history on the bridge project. An email from the latter revealed that the last time the bridge was discussed

was at a Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee meeting in 2011. "At that time, it was communicated to the Committee that any bridge would have to be constructed with the 100-year flood plain in mind. Thus, the bridge span could be between 320 – 400 feet." The email further stated, "A project like this will take a great amount of work, preparation and funding. It very well could be an eight figure project. It will require an environmental review process, environmental mitigation, design, engineering, permitting, construction, as well as other things that we may be unaware of at the point in time."

If an eight-figure project seems a bit expensive, another email sent to Max's father by Andy Field (director of Parks and Recreation City of

San Diego) may provide another clue. In it, Field states it's still to be determined "whether the bridge must be usable by both pedestrians as well as vehicles...."

Max Lenail was 21 years old when he drowned in the San Diego River. He was new to the area but had already enjoyed runs around the North Park neighborhood, Mission Trails, and had done some rock climbing at Mount Woodson. He was set to graduate from Brown University in May.

"He loved San Diego, and he was really looking forward to spending the whole semester there," his father said. "We were going to come visit him with his dog, and it is absolutely inconceivably tragic that he died that way after only a couple of weeks in San Diego."

— Dryw Keltz

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representing Deckard as of that filing's date. As first reported here February 23, the original filing said Maddaffer would be lobbying city officials on Deckard's behalf about "procurement of real estate data analytics for regulatory compliance, public safety, and community equity." The desired goal was said to be "approval of vendor services by City of San Diego." Reached by phone after deleting Deckard as a client, Jim Maddaffer, a former city councilman and CEO of Maddaffer Enterprises, said his firm's work for Deckard was of a short-term nature, including "introducing" company executives to city officials and getting on contracting lists. Maddaffer said his lobbying contingent held just one meeting with the city's interim chief operating officer Jay Goldstone and unidentified



Maddaffer's crew met with COO Jay Goldstone (above), but in terms of City Hall access, client Deckard never got past the lobby.

staff members regarding Deckard and its system to track illegal short-term rentals. Neither mayor Todd Gloria nor his representatives participated, the lobbyist added.

According to Bry's 2018 economic interest disclosure, filed March 19, 2019, her husband, entrepreneur Neil Senturia, acquired an interest in Deckard in June 2018, reportedly worth between \$10,000 and \$100,000. Bry's statement on leaving office, dated January 4 of this year, said Senturia divested himself of

the Deckard holding, then valued between \$100,000 to \$1 million, on Monday, November 2, 2020, the day before she lost her election bid for mayor against fellow Democrat Gloria. A September 25, 2019 post by GovTech.com identifying Senturia as a co-founder and CEO of Deckard, paraphrased COO Nick Del Pego's description of the firm and its services. "The company compiles information from sources such as Zillow, long-term rentals, property sales, MLS (multiple listing service)

information, Airbnb and VRBO, then compares it with government records to see if there are gaps or anomalies. He said usually there are, and Deckard's data-as-a-service model gives governments the information without requiring staff to download or familiarize themselves with new software. Bry's statement on leaving office said Senturia divested himself of the Deckard holding on Monday, November 2, 2020. "Del Pego added that Rentalscape, particularly, is intended to help city governments keep up with the impact of online services like Airbnb that help citizens commoditize their properties in new ways, sometimes under the radar. He said revenue booked through online rental providers like Airbnb and VRBO in the United States in 2018 was close to \$20 billion, according to AllTheRooms.com, with which Deckard

has a professional relationship. Given an average transient-occupancy tax over 10 percent nationwide, that should have meant about \$2 billion in local taxes."

During her single term on the council, Bry was a consistent voice against so-called short-term vacation rentals, though her husband's interest in Deckard was not widely publicized at the time. She has subsequently lent her support to the current recall effort against former council colleague Jen Campbell, whom Bry has accused of being too easy on short-term rentals. Before terminating a February 23 phone call in which he spoke for the couple, Senturia declined to provide details about Bry's role in Deckard and her related city council activities, other than acknowledging she may have held an interest in the company at some point.

Matt Potter

## Under the radar

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ing in the Regional Bikeway Program are at greater risk of not being completed on schedule or as planned." Explaining why was difficult, say auditors. "When we reviewed the six completed projects as of July 7, 2020 in more depth, we did not find a common factor causing delays — although most experienced some type of delay. For example, the Sweetwater Bonita segment had an 8-month delayed start in the advertisement phase which led to compounded delays in all following stages. Another project, the Coastal Rail Trail in Oceanside, had delays in the construction phase. Yet, there was no clear indication of patterns behind the various project delays."

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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## The Foreign Press

— Diplomats and their families from the Russian embassy in Pyongyang, North Korea, worked around extreme COVID-induced travel restrictions by pushing themselves across the border in a rail trolley to reach their home country on Feb. 25, the BBC reported. The group of eight, including children, traveled 32 hours by train and two hours by bus to reach the Russian border, but trains and wagons cannot enter or leave North Korea, so the embassy's third secretary, Vladislav Sorokin, completed the last half-mile of the journey by pushing the trolley filled with the group and their baggage on train tracks over the Tumen River, where they were met by Russian officials at the border station.

## Animal Antics

— EuroWeekly reported that on Feb. 24, a routine Sudanese Tarco airline flight from Khartoum to Doha, Qatar, was forced to turn around about a half-hour after takeoff when a stowaway cat caused a midair emergency. The cat gained entry to the cockpit and became aggressive, attacking the crew, who were unable to restrain it, prompting the pilot to return to the airport. Officials believe the cat got onto the airplane while it was parked overnight in a hangar in Khartoum.

## Just Desserts

— In late February, Thangulla Satish, 45, was killed in Telangana state in southern India when the rooster he was preparing for

an illegal cockfight panicked and slashed him with the 3-inch blade strapped to its leg. Police inspector B. Jeevan said Satish was "hit by the rooster's knife in his groin and started bleeding heavily," the Associated Press reported. He died on the way to the hospital. The rooster was removed to a poultry farm nearby.

## Oops!

— Mates Jackson Perry and Noah Palmer of Mandurah, Western Australia, planned a leisurely float offshore, drinking beer on a blowup air mattress on Feb. 27, but they wound up stranded in the Indian Ocean for nearly three hours after the wind blew them out to sea. "We couldn't paddle against the wind, and we just kept going further and further out," Perry told 7News, but they did manage to call a friend, who reached them on his jet ski just before their cellphones died. "We were kind of getting worried at that point," Perry said, but the beers helped with the anxiety.

## Wait, What?

— On Feb. 23, Siriporn Niamrin, 49, discovered a large, waxy, oval-shaped lump that smelled of fish and weighed about 15 pounds along the beach near her home in Nakhon Si Thammarat province, Thailand, and was excited to learn it may be a rare substance called ambergris, or vomit produced by sperm whales. *The Mirror* reported ambergris is highly prized in making perfume, and it might be worth as much as \$260,000. "If I really have the genuine

ambergris, I can help my community once I find a buyer for it," Niamrin said. "I'm keeping it safe in my house" as she waits for expert confirmation of its authenticity.

## Smooth Reaction

— Vidam Perevertilov, 52, chief engineer on a supply ship sailing in the South Pacific from New Zealand to Pitcairn Island, fell overboard after finishing his shift at 4 a.m. on Feb. 16. Alone in the dark and without a life jacket, Perevertilov nevertheless started swimming toward a spot that appeared on the horizon at dawn, *The Guardian* reported. The spot turned out to be an abandoned fishing buoy and Perevertilov spent the next 14 hours clinging to it before being rescued by his crew, who noticed his absence six hours after he fell and were able to determine where he left the ship. Perevertilov's son, Marat, said his father was unhurt, but exhausted, and he left the buoy in the ocean "so it could save another person's life."

## Multitasking

— Northern California plastic surgeon Scott Green surprised officials in Sacramento Superior Court on Feb. 25 when he appeared for a traffic trial via videoconference from what appeared to be an operating room, the *Sacramento Bee* reported. As clicks and whirs of medical equipment and suction could be heard in the background, a courtroom clerk questioned his whereabouts, and Green, dressed in hospital scrubs, admitted, "Yes, I'm in an operating room

right now. I'm available for trial. Go right ahead." Despite Green's repeated assurances, Court Commissioner Gary Link was skeptical: "I do not feel comfortable for the welfare of a patient if you're in the process of operating ... I don't think that's appropriate." The trial was rescheduled for later in March. California's Medical Board said in a statement it was investigating the incident.

## Crime Report

— Sharon Carr of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was arrested by officers responding to a residential burglary call on Feb. 26 when she stepped from the shadows in front of the victim's house. Investigators found a window screen removed and a window open, where they allege Carr entered the home but quickly left, leaving behind an empty Cheetos bag and a water bottle. Cheetos residue on Carr's teeth linked her to the crime, reported KTUL-TV, along with testimony from the victim. Carr was charged with first-degree burglary.

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