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MISSION VALLEY

Happier trails

Mission Trails bridge on the horizon

On January 29, the San Diego River took the life of Max Lenail. The 21-year-old was at the tail end of a long run through Mission Trails Regional Park when the weather took a turn for the worse and a hailstorm commenced. Lenail was heading south, and had reached the San Diego River at a common crossing point near the Jackson Drive entrance to the park. The river was already swollen from a storm that had dropped over an inch of rain in nearby Santee the previous night. He spoke with a hiker heading in the opposite direction who had just navigated the crossing successfully. The hiker warned him that the crossing was hazardous but makeable. Lenail took a calculated risk and decided to go for it. His body was recovered from the river the following day.



PHOTOGRAPH BY MATTHEW SUAREZ

Susie Murphy: "The lay of the land is a difficult place to build a bridge. I get it."

Since his death, Max's parents, Laurie Yoler and Ben Lenail, have been on a crusade to get a bridge built at the crossing area where their son was killed. Even though the water at the crossing point can run three feet deep, there is no bridge there. As a result, most park visitors utilize a concrete-encased sewer main, located just to the west of the trail, to cross. It's an unauthorized route, but the smooth rocks poking out of the water on top of the concrete give visitors their best chance at staying dry during the crossing. What they don't do is provide anything like safe passage, especially in post-storm conditions. That's why Max's



PHOTOGRAPH BY MATTHEW SUAREZ

The current crossing is especially unsafe after storms.

parents want a bridge, and their dream came one step closer to becoming a reality on the morning of May 20, when the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force voted unanimously in favor of moving forward with the bridge at the River Crossing Trail.

He added that the bridge will have a lifespan of 75-100 years. "Laurie and I are incredibly excited by the fact that there may be people into the 22nd century walking on the Max Lenail Bridge to enjoy the park safely," he said. "And maybe they will say, 'Who was Max Lenail?"

"That's where we did a pivot. We flipped from terrible, inward-looking grief, to trying to trigger positive change."

District 7 Councilmember Raul Campillo may have been feeling confident when he gave a press conference for the project the day before the Task Force vote. With the peaks of Mission Trails as a backdrop, Campillo, District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava, Ben Lenail, former San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy, and San Diego Mountain Biking Association Vice-President Kevin Loomis spoke about the project outside the Mission Trails Visitor Center. "Today I am formally announcing that I will be making a motion and voting affirmatively to advance the Lenail/Yoler family's proposal to build a bridge for Max at tomorrow's meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force," Campillo said. "Of course, we are still very early in this process, but tomorrow upon an affirmative vote with the task force, the process will have official government authority to back it up, and the public can be confident that this bridge for Max will be built."

"People lamented the lack of the bridge at that crossing and the tremendous risk to public safety," said Lenail when it was his turn to speak. "That's where we did a pivot. We flipped from terrible, inward-looking grief, to trying to trigger positive change. We started raising funds with the San Diego Foundation, and we are delighted to announce that we've already raised close to \$700,000 towards the completion of the project." Lenail then spoke about hiring KPPF Consulting Engineers, who have drawn up designs for an 80-100 ft bridge.

What was his story? Who was he? So, it's a way to really preserve his memory and his spirit for perhaps the next 100 years."

Dick Murphy reminded those in attendance that before he served as Mayor of San Diego, he held the same District 7 seat that

River Crossing and are prepared to do whatever is necessary to make that happen," Murphy said. "So, we are encouraged today by Councilmember Campillo's announcement. We're elated for a couple of reasons. First, it means that the chances of the bridge getting built are really very good. The master-plan for Mission Trails Park, which was just updated a couple years ago, calls for a pedestrian/bicycle bridge at the San Diego River crossing. However, we are realistic enough to know that there may not be adequate funds for the city to actually build it. But thanks to the generosity of Max's family, his friends and now the leadership of Councilmember Campillo, we believe that that bridge can really happen."

Campillo returned to field questions at the end of the press conference. When asked about a firm date

for completion of the bridge, he replied that that was "a very difficult question to know the answer to," but predicted it would be completed in "anywhere between three to six years." When queried about cost, he said it's unknown, but estimated that the project would be "anywhere between three and five million dollars." The final question of the day: what took this so long? "I think as former mayor Dick Murphy said, San Diego for years has had a structural budget deficit, and infrastructure plans are difficult to get funded," Campillo explained.

DRYW KELTZ

TIJUANA

**Cut to be quick
Border line jumpers hire homeless
to harass**



PHOTOGRAPH BY LUIS QUILTEREZ

Lilian: "I just wanted to cross to the U.S., I didn't want to injure or kill those persons."

Campillo currently holds. Then he noted that the only office he was representing on this day was his position as vice chair of the Mission Trails Regional Park's Citizen's Advisory Committee. "The [committee] unanimously endorsed the Bridge For Max at the San Diego

Lengthy waits in traffic lanes at the San Ysidro border crossing are creating hardships for some Tijuana residents. Just ask Lilian, who, besides enduring a four-to-six-hour wait, got harassed and intimidated by two homeless people who she says were paid by

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another driver to block her and cut in the line. “Two men appeared out of nowhere and stood in front of my car,” she says. “I didn’t know what was happening. Then I saw a car trying to cut the line and they got under my car, under the tire, to stop me. Suddenly, the man in the car next to me showed me a baseball bat and told me to use it to beat them up. But I wouldn’t be able to, of course. I’m a mother.”

Lilian used to live in Chula Vista, but came to live in Tijuana to be with her husband — who can’t cross to the U.S. — and their baby. She became a mother recently, but hasn’t spent too much time with her family because of the time it takes to cross, work, and come back home every day. “I work in the airport. That day, I started waiting in line at 12 midnight to be at 4 am in my work, as always. I had waited two hours already when this happened. Five cars sneaked in front of me, and it could have been more if it weren’t for the driver behind me who got out of the car and threatened the persons who were blocking me.” Lilian didn’t see any police patrol around until several yards after the point where the *gaviotones*, as people call them, usually attempt to cut the line, in front of the municipal hall. She didn’t tell them about the incident, because she thought they wouldn’t have taken her seriously. (Most of these people leave their houses early in the morning and return late at night, so it’s difficult for them to report these kinds of accidents immediately to the police.) “At that moment I just wanted to cross to the U.S.; I didn’t want to

injure or kill those persons. When I came back home that day, I was still crumbling and scared. Last week, I had to stay in Chula Vista to avoid these types of situations. I didn’t see my husband and my baby because of that.” She thinks that women are more likely to be intimidated because of their gender. She didn’t get injured, but she has heard that people who won’t let others sneak in



PHOTOGRAPH BY LUIS CUIBERRIZ

“Then I saw a car trying to cut the line and they got under my car, under the tire, to stop me.”

the line get their cars damaged. “We should be all more empathic; we all want to cross to work or do important things on the other side. If we all do our part and line up with time, instead of five hours to cross we would do just two or three hours.”

Police officer Alfredo Garcia confirms that the municipal traffic rules ban the invasion of a Ready Lane track without lining up properly. “The fees these persons can earn would be higher if they’re causing congestion in other lines, putting in danger other people by raising the risk of accidents or brawls between citizens.” According to him, citizens in these situations must call 911 right away and take as much information as possible about the vehicle in question.

IVÁN MOLINA

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Neal Obermeyer



UNDER THE RADAR

Lorena’s put-down California senate Democrat **Ben Hueso**, who last year lost his bid for county supervisor to **Nora Vargas**, is busy collecting cash for a 2022 campaign against incumbent **Mike Schaefer** for the state Board of Equalization. Running as a Democrat, perennial candidate Schaefer upset Republican then-state senator **Joel Anderson**, now a county supervisor, in November 2018, although Anderson heavily outspent him. In September 2018, the California Nurses Association reprimanded Anderson for sexually harassing their lobbyist, allegedly saying while under the influence in a Sacramento restaurant that he would “bitch slap” her. The latest to chip in for Hueso is the California Association of Electrical Workers PAC, with \$5000 on May



Lorena Gonzalez, not appointed, just disappointed.

17, and the California State Pipe Trades Council PAC, giving the same on May 7. For his part, Schaefer put \$95,000 of his own money into his Board of Equalization reelection fund on March 26...One of the latest to ante up for GOP ex-San Diego mayor **Kevin Faulconer’s** try for governor should Democrat **Gavin Newsom** get recalled is Orange County restaurant owner **Bill Skeffington**, who kicked in \$5000 on May 19. Skeffington, who also owns Ben’s Asphalt in Santa Ana, is the proprietor of Watson’s Soda Fountain in the city of Orange, which was forced to close during Newsom’s pandemic-induced shutdown. “Skeffington says if it weren’t for his asphalt company, he’d be in the unemployment line,” reported KABC last July. “To restart and close a restaurant and restart it up again, it’s thousands and thousands, tens of thousands of dollars involved in it. It’s just tough,” Skeffington told the Los Angeles TV station....San Diego Democrat **Lorena Gonzalez** once had high hopes of becoming California Secretary of State until Governor Gavin Newsom named incumbent **Alex Padilla** to the United States Senate and picked San Diego Assemblywoman **Shirley Weber** to replace him. Now Gonzalez is back on the street raising money for her 2022 Assembly reelection campaign. The latest to give is the Northern California Carpenters Regional Council, with \$9700 on May 24.

Despised and consented *Union-Tribune* owner **Patrick Soon-Shiong**, the billionaire Los Angeles biotech maven who also owns the *L.A. Times*, has been drawing fire from those who think he should have blocked last week’s takeover of Tribune Publishing. “On Friday, Soon-Shiong claimed he had abstained from the controversial vote on whether hedge fund Alden Global

should take over Tribune Publishing,” writes *New York Post* media columnist **Keith Kelly**. “In reality, he left his proxy ballot for his 24-percent Tribune stake blank, sources said. That means his ‘abstain’ vote was counted as a ‘yes’ when it was sent in Thursday evening.” Soon-Shiong, who started his newspaper-owning odyssey when he bought Tribune stock at \$15 a share in 2016, will get a cash payout of \$160

million from the Alden acquisition. The deal cost the controversial New York hedge fund \$17.25 per Tribune share it didn’t already own. Soon-Shiong isn’t taking calls but instead issued a statement through spokeswoman **Hillary Manning**. “When he made the investment in 2016, he hoped it would be a pathway to local newspaper ownership in Southern California. In 2018, he and his family were proud to acquire the *Los Angeles Times* and *San Diego Union-Tribune* from Tribune Publishing, creating the *California Times*. Their focus is and will be on



Patrick Soon-Shiong: abstain to gain?

the continued rebuilding and revitalization of *The Times* and *Union-Tribune*.” But that failed to assuage those who counted on the wealthy physician to block the takeover. “One source called him the ‘second most despised man in newspapers today behind **Heath Freeman**’ — the president of Tribune’s new cost-slashing owners, Alden Global Capital, which is now the nation’s second-biggest newspaper owner,” per Kelly. Meantime, a longtime *U-T* advertising feature will soon be folding as the San Diego newspaper continues to consolidate print operations under Soon-Shiong. “Sunday’s Best Values will no longer be delivered after June 27,” says a May 23 notice in the section, long distributed to non-subscribers. “Keep receiving all the same great coupons and the Sunday edition of the *San Diego Union-Tribune* when you subscribe for only \$1 per

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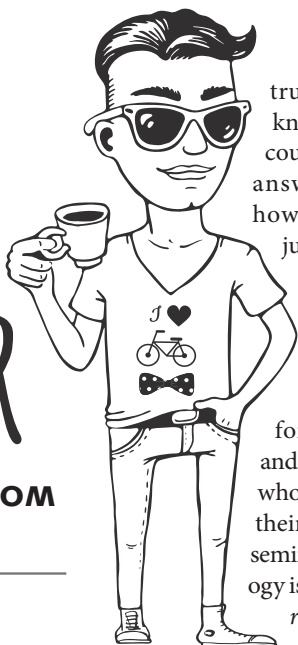
What does it all mean?

— THAD

The answers are out there, Thad, but you have to follow the clues, and it takes special training in hipster numerology and phenomenology to uncover those clues.

Consider that in any group of 23 people, there's approximately a 50% chance of two people having the same birthday. Now consider how Tenzing Norgay, Noel Gallagher, Bob Hope, and Daniel Tosh have *the same birthday*, which means that if you had a group of 23 people that included Tenzing Norgay, Noel Gallagher, Bob Hope, and Daniel Tosh, it would contain 800% more identical birthdays than an average group of 23 people. Doesn't that blow your mind? If you think that's a coincidence, you haven't been paying attention.

The non-coincidences keep piling up: If you rearrange all the letters in the words ELEVEN PLUS TWO you can spell TWELVE PLUS ONE. Lead is a heavy metal and its atomic number is 82, which is the year in which Iron Maiden released *The Number of the Beast*, one of the greatest heavy metal albums of all time. It's not true that all the clocks in *Pulp Fiction* are set to 4:20, but if you add 4 + 2 and divide the result by 0, you get an ominous warning about how there's "no solution," which could never happen in the world of *Pulp Fiction* because there is no problem Winston Wolf can't solve.



Like I said, the truth is out there if you know where to look. You could turn to religion for answers, but you know how those televangelists just want to pillage your checkbook and sell you cheap salvation and signed headshots of C-list celebrities.

The same thing goes for the self-help gurus and psychotherapists, all of whom just want you to buy their books. My upcoming seminar on hipster numerology is the only source for the *real* truth, and you can reserve your seat today if you send a cashier's

check or money order for \$98.90 (made payable to "San Diego Reader fbo the Hipster"). If that's just too much paperwork to deal with — I mean, who even knows where to get a money order these days? — you can go ahead and grab the nearest box,

then fill it up with money in whatever unmarked, non-sequential denominations you happen to have lying around and send it in.

Dear Hipster:

Sorry in advance because this is a little (ok, maybe a lot) abstract, but is there an anti-hipster version of every hipster thing?

— KRISTEN

Newton's third law only applies to motion, not culture, so we don't live in an orderly universe where every cultural interaction has an equal and opposite counteraction. By way of illustration, fishermen consider it bad luck to bring bananas on a fishing boat, believing (rightly or wrongly, I don't know) for no particular reason that bananas will jinx the fishing. However, I can find no record of banana farmers considering it bad luck to bring fish onto a banana plantation. Moreover, it would be hard to have something that is "anti-hipster," because hipster is already definitively anti-mainstream, and anti-anti-mainstream is a double negative, which is forbidden.

—DJ Stevens

LETTERS

We welcome letters pertaining to the contents of the Reader. Submit them at sdreader.com/letters or phone them in at 619-235-3000. Include your name and neighborhood. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

More outdoor

I very much enjoy the "OUTDOORS" segment. Hope you keep it coming.

Theodore Jermanovich
San Diego

Missile madness

If Patrick Soon-Shiong allows reporting faked/alterd news to attack Israel then maybe he should resign ("Union-Tribune's new voice from the north is Soon-Shiong's daughter," News Ticker, April 5).

To wit: The San Diego *Union Tribune* of Thursday, May 20, 2021 ran a article by *Los Angeles Times* reporters Dina Kraft, Laura King & Hana Salah showing a photo titled "Palestinian children sit on an unexploded rocket missile from an Israeli warplane in Gaza City on Wednesday." Trouble is: this is a faked photo. I am a retired Navy Aviation Ordnanceman and there is no such thing as a "rocket missile" because the photo is of a bomb. I got on the Internet and looked up photo images by Anadolu Agency Via Getty Images (under SD UT photo).

There are many photos of this same bomb being shown all around Gaza. If you copy and rotate and zoom the photo you will see it is marked MK-84-1000 KG, 31021003, 430 KG Tritonal. This is a MK-84 bomb, the tail has been cut open to remove the Tritonal explosive filler for HAMAS and PLO terroristic activities. As any intelligent person knows: a "rocket" is an unguided explosive filled tubular device with fixed wings or fins, it cannot change course once fired. A "missile" is guided explosive filled tubular device capable of changing direction by internal or external means. This bomb has been used for anti-

Israeli propaganda for some time and the *LA Times* and *SD Times* fell for it or knew it was fake. Sorry Ms(s) Kraft, King and Salah, but you don't know a damned thing about reporting the truth. *San Diego Union-Tribune*: I demand a front page apology to the nation of Israel and a promise to report the news honestly.

John Richardson
Bonita

Check not in the mail

I work in the hotel industry, and when governor Newsom was talking about the golden state stimulus, he said he would include those in the food industry ("Where the Faulconer governor money is coming from," News Under the Radar, April 28). Well, I am in the food industry, and I have not received no check, and we was hit very hard, sometime they had work, and sometimes they don't, the EDD was cutting our checks, when we were out of work, thank God I live with family, but my mom works for city schools, my aunt a hospital. I hope that Newsom include us workers in this new stimulus he talking about.

Eugene L Darden
Southeast San Diego

Vanishing hipster

Noticed "Ask a Hipster" was missing from the last publication, did you can him? He answered my questions so I hate to see him go but there really has to be a finite number of questions to ask.

Sam
El Cajon

Editor: that was just a week off for the Hipster.

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"The smoke and magic of Louisiana Purchase's Voodoo Carré"

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"It compliments soul food really well." No, the Voodoo Carré drink doesn't dish out compliments! It has a bite, but it can't talk or write. It actually complements soul food really well. ;-)

—David Batterson

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Marijuana debate gets in the weeds

Would getting high mean high costs and high crime?

After delaying a discussion in March about whether or not to allow cannabis sales, Escondido has again hit snooze. The city has been studying potential regulations since last August, but despite the fact that about half of its residents support commercial cannabis, the council is still divided. Public safety data showing a steep rise in adult DUI arrests and juvenile possession bolstered the opposition. After three options were discussed last week, three council members still wanted to maintain the city's 2018 ban on dispensaries, while two others favored rules that would legalize cultivation, processing, and retail sales of medicinal and/or recreational cannabis. The third option would direct further study, including the tracking of revenue trends and regulations in other cities.

A staff report noted that carving out rules for both recreational and medicinal use "arguably addresses public opinion regarding cannabis cultivation and use" – as several speakers reminded the council. "The lack



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Compact demonstrates that not every circle of young people in the park favors legal weed.

"I see this as something that is going to happen in our city, and I would much rather get ahead of it and us have control of where those dispensaries go," said councilmember Consuelo Martinez. "If we don't take action this evening" – if we decide to "just not take leadership of this controversial issue, then we're really just folding our hands, burying our heads in the sand, and eventually, a ballot measure will appear," she said. "And who

had any since 2019, but expects a comeback if an ordinance is passed. Councilmember Michael Morasco, who staunchly opposes all efforts to open dispensaries in Escondido, held to his view that most residents oppose commercial cannabis. Trying to find middle ground "puts us in an area where we have not wanted to be," he said. Neighbors Poway, San Marcos and others, like Solana Beach, have rejected it. "I don't care if we get one single tax dollar from cannabis."

out of detention. Data from Compact shows that in 2017, pot accounted for about 22 percent of diversion cases. In 2019, that rose to 74 percent — nearly three-quarters of all cases. Mary Anne Dijak, manager of youth violence and prevention with Compact, urged the council "to put the brakes on this." Cannabis was legalized before there were rules in place to keep kids safe, she said. Comparing it to alcohol businesses, she said "it takes probably years to get rid of" a bad actor, arguing the same will happen if dispensaries open. The dispensaries "will inevitably show up in areas where our most vulnerable kids are, who will have to walk past that every day."

But Mayor Paul McNamara said the black market isn't going away. "It's pretty much adults who can afford to go to a dispensary. So our youth are still at risk, whether we have dispensaries or not."

SHEILA PELL

LA MESA

In a pickle(ball)

Tennis player holds court, judges newcomers

On three different dates leading up to May 19, the County of San Diego Parks and Recreation posted memes to Facebook that read,

"I see this as something that is going to happen in our city, and I would much rather get ahead of it and us have control of where those dispensaries go."

of dispensaries and access to cannabis has become devastating," said Karla Aguilar, who spoke about equity, including the hardship on those who lack transportation to obtain pot, which can necessitate a 30-minute drive. "We ask that black and indigenous and people of color have support to be able to sell in our city." Aguilar pointed out that California voters passed Proposition 64 to legalize cannabis in 2016, and many other communities have made it accessible. "I am disappointed yet again by this council, choosing to delay this conversation time and time again." Others pointed out that delivery is a phone call away — but it still means relying on delivery from outside Escondido.

Half of the cities in San Diego County now allow cannabis for medicinal use, recreational use, or both. The rest prohibit it. Currently, the county is working on rules that would legalize sales for recreational use and create social equity to give more people a chance to participate. By not creating an ordinance, cities face the prospect of losing control, should voters propose a ballot initiative. In fact, by 2020, most ballot initiatives were initiated by city councils, the staff report said.

knows how many dispensaries will be coming to Escondido?"

So far, few cities have had dispensaries in place long enough to really know what the fiscal benefits will be. But La Mesa, San Diego and Vista, which have more than one or two longer-term dispensaries, earn about \$50,000 annually per dispensary. Estimates show that Escondido could generate over \$2,000,000 annually in sales, assuming five dispensaries and a solid permitting and code enforcement process. But first-year costs will be especially high, said city manager Chris McKinney. Developing regulations will cost \$150,000, and as businesses open, code enforcement and policing will tack on \$200,000. Then there are the illegal dispensaries that crop up to compete with the legal outlets. All county jurisdictions that allow cannabis sales report more illegal operators opening after passage of a local ordinance. Tax revenue may flow, but San Diego and Chula Vista have faced additional costs for code enforcement and catching illegal operators.

When cannabis was legalized statewide in 2016, illegal dispensaries boomed in Escondido. Over 30 were shut down. The city hasn't



Drawing a line on the court- Velazquez (far right) opposes the creep of pickleball into tennis territory.

The major concern of many opponents had to do with what McKinney said are "significant safety concerns." Police chief Ed Varso said adult DUI arrests for marijuana were up 320 percent from 2018 to 2020. Youth possession also spiked over 300 percent from 2016 to 2019, including both middle school and high school cases. In what are known as diversion cases, juveniles are diverted to a system called Compact that keeps them

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let’s head toward the covered entryway and its “custom majestic wood doors with ornate wrought iron detail” flanked by still more custom glass and iron.

Once inside, we’re greeted by a curving double grand staircase befitting a centuries-old Tuscan palace, with more custom ironwork on the balusters, an enormous chandelier, and torch-style wall sconces as we approach the second level.

Passing under the stairs’ upper landing we arrive at the formal living room, complete with vaulted ceiling and a marble fireplace (one of four inside the home), with a mantle supported by a pair of circular columns. The setting is fine and good, but serves chiefly to showcase the huge fluffy couches that are likely never sat upon.

Let’s move on to the “amazing kitchen [that] showcases an oversized center island like no other.” Indeed, this is a big island, with a raised bar at one end

and a secondary prep sink to one side. It probably occupies more real estate than the entire galley-style kitchen common to most apartments and older houses. Of course, there’s also the requisite professional-grade appliance package with two dishwashers and both wall and range ovens, as well as a “walk-in scullery” where all the unsightly kitchen tasks like cleaning dishes and preparing food can be conducted outside the sightlines of fancy dinner party guests.

There are oversized sliding pocket doors opening the kitchen and family room to the outdoor covered patio with its own outdoor kitchen and dining area, but we’re going to keep poking around the house for a bit.

Still on the first floor, *continued on page 17*

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Carefully pushing a coupe glass toward me, busy bartender Jessica Vos shares a bit about what sets the Southern Sour apart from a classic whiskey sour. Aside from King's signature anchor stamp, a dash of peach liqueur adds a southern drawl to the East Coast-style drink.

"There's several ingredients, cherry bitters and peach liqueur, that really balance out the whiskey. So instead of just using a simple syrup, we use that," she says. "It's still going to be a really whiskey-forward drink. But with the egg white, it creates a texture, so it makes the drink a lot smoother — almost silky."

Fresh-squeezed lemon brings the Southern Sour full circle. "Whiskey always pairs really well with lemon. Then the peach liqueur and the cherry bitters come into play. You get a little sweet, a little tangy."

Evan Williams Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey is her go-to for this cocktail. "It's a well bourbon, but it's really good. It's smooth, even if you just want to make an old fashioned

with it." She also uses the Fee Brothers brand for cherry bitters, offsetting the alcohol content. "All the Fee Brothers products are boozeless. There's no alcohol; it's just for flavor."

To achieve that famous foam top, "crack the egg and just extract the egg white. And if you shake it really, really vigorously it creates that top layer of foam that separates from the rest of the drink. That's what gives it the smooth, silky texture. And that's also why it's able to retain that stencil."

By putting Angostura bitters into an atomizer bottle and spraying over the metal cut-out, Vos imprints a burnt orange anchor onto the crisp white foam. "Some people elect to drink around it because they don't want that bitter taste, but some people will try to get at it."

Vos believes it's the silky mouthfeel that makes the Southern Sour great for bourbon beginners. "For people who don't really like bourbon, it's kind of like a gateway drink. It doesn't burn on the way down."

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THE ODDS OF MAKING IT IN PRO SURFING...

"Whenever some kid tells me they want to become a pro surfer, I suggest they take up a tennis racket."

— Four-time World Surfing Champion Mark Richards

There are an estimated 17 to 35 million surfers in the world. Roughly 100 of them earn an adult wage riding waves. Many more will try, fail, and end up working outside the surf industry while continuing to surf. Others will settle for the next best thing to surf stardom and secure gigs as clothing reps, surfboard builders, shop employees, surf writers, photographers, bloggers, and vloggers. The lucky ones will continue surfing all their lives. The unlucky ones will turn bitter, quit surfing, and become bartenders in some landlocked place of exile.

The odds of making it in pro surfing are similar to winning the lotto on a two-buck scratcher. But long odds are what being a young American is all about. Dream big or wake up. The dream is still kicking and screaming in the hearts of grommets (the Australian translation of the word gremmie, which in the U.S. means young surfer) worldwide. Gremmies or grommets, they are no different than those kids who ditch school to shoot hoops until they can no longer stand, practice electric guitar until their fingers bleed, or camp out on the streets of Hollywood with hopes of "making it." These

Surf coach Alexander Wells and his student, promising 11-year-old big-wave surfer Ayden Garate.

dreams are not to be discouraged, but dreamers sometimes need a slap in the face to wake them to the workaday reality they will most likely inherit.

As one of those failed dreamers myself, I suppose I can sound a little bitter. The ever-optimistic former pro and Florida-to-Encinitas transplant Damien Hobgood, however, is not. Damien was once rated fourth globally, sharpening his competitive skills by pushing against his main competitor, his identical twin brother CJ who won the 2001 World Surfing title. According to Damien, "I never really made a lot of money [compared to] what people make in other professions. But for me, it was never about that. I loved surfing, traveling, making lifelong friends. Getting



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS AHRENS

Former high-ranking pro surfer Damien Hobgood encourages kids to pursue their dreams.

paid was a plus."

Florida is not known for consistent surf. Even after famed Floridians Kelly Slater and Lisa Anderson took top honors, it defaulted to the impos-

sible dream category. You know how to get to Carnegie Hall. Yeah, practice. According to Damien, "It took a lot to get there, and not everyone succeeded. Still, I continue

to encourage kids in their dreams. But no matter how much talent and drive you have, it's hard to make it as a pro surfer, so you might consider having a backup."

An increasing number of parents and professional surf coaches can be seen training kids from Imperial Beach to Trestles and at surf breaks worldwide. Most of the teachers are good. Few are as good as local surfer Hagan Kelley, a former aspiring pro who pushes his students to surf their best in free surf sessions and contests. These two skills are not always compatible.

Where surfing well requires time in the water, grace under pressure, and natural athletic ability, putting it all together on a two-foot-blown out beach break for 20 minutes necessitates an

entirely different mind- and skill-set. Eleven-time World Champion Kelly Slater has mastered both sides of the brain, and is generally still victorious against surfers whose fathers he was beating three decades ago. But for every Slater, there exist thousands of nearly equally talented surfers who fail to score enough points to advance to a local high school final. Fortunately for them, there are other ways of going pro, primarily through product endorsements for surf-based companies.

Professional surfing first arrived without much fanfare in 1977. By the end of that year, Australia's Peter Townend (PT) was crowned the world champ with a bank account that never budged as he barely covered expenses for the

year. That first tour was birthed by 1968 World (amateur) Surfing Champion Fred Hemmings and Hawaiian hot stick Randy Rarick, who joined forces, put everything on the line, and created the International Professional Surfing Association (IPSA) from dust, sweat, and dreams.

What had forever been a free and easy lifestyle was now a globetrotting, underfunded, cumbersome freak show under a tattered canvas tent. If this sounds harsh, the labor should still be commended, since the perpetrators needed to have beach permits, scaffolding, PA systems, beach marshals, recorders, and a crew of judges. It worked, sort of, as sponsorship trickled in along with prize money equaling that of a major league

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The problem is that surfing offers a fantastic feeling that doesn't always transfer to a non-surfing audience. The activity is nuanced by interference calls, style points, and the waves themselves, which vary in appearance from turquoise waterfalls to... something less than that. The gods play to sudsy dishwasher packed with grunt-and-wiggle grovelers trying to earn a buck. It ain't always pretty. When the picture blurs sufficiently, viewers are ready to rumble and turn to a good old-fashioned blood sport that all good citizens understand.

Seaside Reef in Solana Beach is a hotbed of surfing talent. There you will often find international rising star Alyssa Spencer, World champion longboarder Cori Schum-

acher, World Champion runner-up Rob Machado, the aforementioned Damien Hobgood, longboard genius Joel Tudor, his apprentice sons Tosh and Judah, generally non-competitor but paid to surf Ryan Burch, up and comers Zach Flores, the Gilcrest kids, and a smattering of others putting on worthwhile clinics.

The swells will pass, the great rides, the drops, the turns, the wipeouts, will be gone. Less than a memory, almost a forgotten dream. You won't really know if they happened at all. But you'll remember the people. The friends you did it all with. Maybe they were the best you'll ever have. When it's all said and done, perhaps the central experience in surfing is friendship.

— Big Wednesday director,
John Milius

Rick Irons grew up in a surfing family (his father and uncles were prominent throughout the '60s, and his cousins, the late World Champion Andy Irons, and his younger brother Bruce are forever ranked among the best surfers in the world.) Rick came of age on the North Shore of Oahu in the '80s and did well enough in local contests to consider a career in the then-new sport. Instead, he attended college in Southern California. Eventually, he filled the slot of publisher of *Surfer Magazine*, where he worked for 14 years. Nobody ever had a better front-row seat to pro surfing than Rick. According to him, "During my time at *Surfer*, kids and their parents came in convinced their son or daughter was going to be the next big



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS AHRENS

Ricky Irons was spawned in one of the surfing world's top gene pools. While still a talented surfer, Irons is grateful he chose college over a pro surfing career.

thing. They were all great surfers, but even among that group, less than two percent ever made it.

When I look back on all my years as a surfer, I remember a few of the best waves and some contest heats, but I will never forget the friends I surfed them with." Contests can be fun, but there's a lot more to surfing. Someone could take their entire family on a trip to Costa Rica for what they spend going to contests every weekend.

"There was no such thing as pro surfing when my dad won the U.S. Championships in 1964, which was one of the biggest contests of that era. I asked him what he won for it, and he pointed to this little wooden trophy and said, "That."

It would take until the '90s for there to be any real money in surfing, and the big surf brands began paying their team riders as much as a million bucks a year. Currently, very few kids get anything near that type of sponsorship.

According to Irons, "The best decision I ever made was to go to college. I encourage young surfers not to give up on their

dreams but not put everything else aside. Don't miss those opportunities."

Concerning "little league" parents who try living their dreams through the children, Rick has said, "One famous former pro surfer I know got so into coaching his daughter in contests that he would be screaming. It got so bad that he's no longer allowed at the contests anymore."

Jay Grygera is the manager and co-owner of the family-owned and -operated Cardiff Surf Co. According to Jay, "I had a fun time doing contests when I was a kid, but surfing to me is just riding waves and making new friends. My kids are now three and five, and both caught their first waves when they were two. If they grow up and say they're dropping out of school to be pro surfers, I'll say, 'Do it!' I might change my mind when the time comes — Brixton's six and Knox is three."

The Longboard Renaissance and the Rise of the House of Tudor

In the early '90s, a 14-year-old named Joel Tudor made longboard surfing relevant to the masses by singlehandedly yanking it from the nostalgia vault. Longboarding had basically been dead since the baby-and-bathwater "Shortboard Revolution" of the late '60s cut surfboards down from ten to seven feet on average. Joel, who picked up where the '60s left off, found his niche by playing classical to the mainstream's hip-hop, turning the spotlight back to where it had been since the beginning—on style, sweeping turns, and noserides. According to Joel, "My son, Tosh, is

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16 now, and he's in the position I was at his age, where he's making a little bit of money to travel and to surf. I say a little bit, but Tosh makes what a kid his age would at a regular job. And he's stayed in school. No matter how good you are, you have to know that if it doesn't work out, you can do something else. That's the way I always looked at it and the way my parents looked at it when I was Tosh's age.

"In shortboard surfing, there's a clear route to take through contest surfing. In longboarding, there isn't such a clear path because there are so few contests. I did the contests for a while, but I found that the only ones I really enjoyed were the club contests. I tell Tosh to have fun at it and not to take it too seriously.



Long considered the best longboard surfer of modern times, Joel (right) and son Tosh Tudor are realistic about making a living at what they love.

We go to the club contests together, and they are a blast—more surf culture where you catch up with friends from all over the coast. As with anything,

the club contests have some competitors that are better than others. It hardly matters; everyone, regardless of how well they surf, has a great time.

With no roadmap for a pro surfer, some parents try creating one. In our house, we don't even use the words 'pro surfer.' We surf, and we have fun at it.

"Most of the guys I competed against when I was young don't surf anymore. Those who were focused only on winning tended to burn out. You

have to be in love with surfing for it to last. My kids and I avoid the 'non-fun zone.' Avoiding the contests we don't want to be in has helped keep up the stoke for Tosh, Judah, and me. Seeing the 'little league' parenting thing at places like Seaside and Trestles helped turn me in the opposite direction. Still, when Tosh first began competing, I was like every other parent, standing on the beach, shouting directions. After a few of those, you learn to shut up. My younger son Judah is 11, and he's more into skateboarding right now, and I'm fine with that."

Tosh and Joel are sponsored by Vans. According to Joel, the family has their own wetsuit and surfboard companies. According to Joel, "When I was a kid, I nobody would

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Primary Objective:
To assess the pharmacodynamic (PD) effect of HM15211 after administration of multiple SC doses compared to placebo after 12 months of treatment

Secondary Objectives:

- To assess PD effects of HM15211 after multiple SC doses compared to placebo
- To assess absolute/relative liver fat reduction by MRI-PDFF after 6 and 12 months of treatment
- To assess histological improvement after 12 months treatment
- To assess safety and tolerability
- To assess the pharmacokinetic profile

Key Inclusion Criteria

- 18 to 70 years of age, inclusive
- BMI \geq 18 kg/m², with stable body weight by history for 3 months prior to screening or since baseline liver biopsy, whichever is earlier
- Subjects with type 2 diabetes mellitus may be included
- MRI-PDFF performed at screening with \geq 8% steatosis.
- Diagnosis of noncirrhotic NASH with liver fibrosis (stage F1-F3) confirmed by liver biopsy

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sponsor a longboarder, so I started Amsterdam Wetsuits with 'Mitchi' aki Ishida from Japan. We've kept Amsterdam going to honor Mister Mitchi aki after he died. We now have Moon Wetsuits and Tudor Surfboards. About a year ago, we stated THC (The Huevo Company) focusing on egg boards.

"The only job I've ever had is surfing, but within it, I've done a million different things. When I rode for [legendary surfer/board maker] Donald Takayama, he paid me 25 bucks a board for my models from the time I was around 14. That worked out, because we were making a lot of boards. But it wasn't like I sat back and let someone else do all the work; I had to go out and sell the boards. That wasn't always easy, because, as longboarders, we were at the bottom of the barrel.

"Tosh will have to produce if he wants to make a living surfing. Either that or he can work in our surfboard factory, which certainly isn't a bad thing. We just signed the lease for our glassing factory. Surf labor is cool,



Get to the beach however you can. The payment is being able to surf. Beyond that, it's all gravy.

and it allows you to stay around the ocean. It's a cool crowd, an interesting vagabond group of people from all around the world."

According to Tosh, "There may be a downside to what I'm doing, but if there is, I don't see it. Getting paid a little something to do what you love..."

According to Joel, "Going on the pro tour and not making it, traveling with 200 people at a time, surfing the same little beach break... it's a nightmare. The club events in Santa Cruz, Oceanside, Tourmaline, Malibu, and Noosa are different. Spain and Portugal have little events, and they're awesome, even though

there's not much money in them. If a kid wants to go to those contests bad enough, they'll raise money by selling board bags or something. Some of the Hawaiian kids make T-shirts and sell them; that kind of stuff. With the money some parents spend to send their kids on the contest circuit, they could buy a house."

According to Joel, who invested his earnings wisely, "I'm finally able to collect the free rent on all the people who stayed in my house over the years. I did it so my kids could travel anywhere in the world and have a place to stay. When I was Tosh's age, I slept on a lot of couches."

Tosh, who acknowledges

that he has been the recipient of his father's knowledge and generosity, had this to say: "These have been the coolest years of my life. I'm getting to travel and surf. I'm grateful because I know what an opportunity I've had. I recently went to Hawaii and Puerto Escondido. I made a road trip in Australia with two friends from Florida to meet surfing legend George Greenough.

"There haven't been any contests for a while. Once there are, it will be cool to try out, but right now, I'm enjoying traveling and trying different boards. We just had some boards made by Joe Blair taken from the yellow board Buttons (one of the top Hawaiian surfers of all time) used in some '70s surf films. Contests can be super fun, but there's nothing like finding good waves in different places and trying different boards. If you go [to contests] with the idea of having a good time, you'll have the best time. If you go thinking 'I have to win this thing,' you'll lose in the first round and want to go home."

— Chris Ahrens

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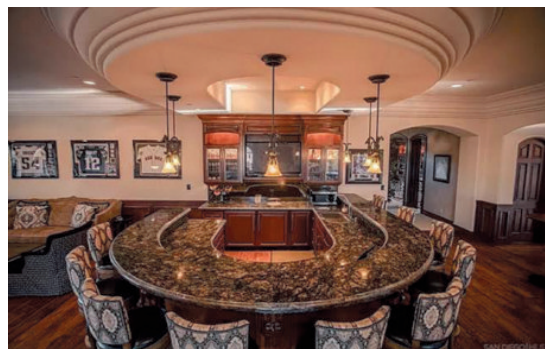
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we pass through the family room with coffered ceilings, a formal dining room with seating for 10, and finally we get to the “executive office” outfitted with dark wood floor-to-ceiling paneling and built-in bookshelves emitting a mid-century noir sensibility. A spiral staircase leads to the upper level library with even more deep brown shelves and paneling. Sadly, the owner of all of these bookcases does not appear to own many books, as it’s mostly sports artifacts and picture frames on display throughout.

The owner’s suite occupies nearly 700 square feet of living area just for the bedroom, while the bath is a “stunning spa sanctuary with walk-in shower, soaking tub, dual vanities, and his/her water closets.” A private gym is also adjacent, fitted with multiple fans and another bathroom for when the trek back to the main owners’ bath is just too far.

A “learning center” adjoins two of the home’s other seven bedrooms, providing “plenty



Some people drink at home. Some people drink at a bar. If you live here, you can do both at the same time!

of room for the kids to play/gather” and “built-in desks for homework/projects.”

The standout feature upstairs is a 3000-square-foot game room, which is effectively a private pub. There’s a poker table in one corner, a horseshoe-shaped bar, and a handful of other seating areas. There’s also a billiards room adjacent, and a private 12-seat theater back downstairs to round out the indoor entertainment options.

Luxury technology includes automated lighting, a 17-zone Sonos sound system, an elevator for those wishing to avoid the home’s multiple staircases, a massive solar array, and a private well to water the estate’s six-and-a-third acre grounds.

Finally, let’s get back to the patio. After we pass the covered outdoor kitchen and lounge area,

we come to the “resort style saltwater pool” and spa that wraps around a detached cabana. This completes the compound — aside from a sunken sports court off to one side.

That should be enough to help us, as the listing says, “enjoy the ultimate Southern California lifestyle year round!”

The Bryce Point estate last sold for a reported \$1.4 million, back when it was nothing but a bare homesite. Public records list the current owner as Mary Kathawa, president of an Escondido-based plaster company.

For the first time since construction was completed, the mansion was listed for sale in late May with the seller soliciting offers between \$7,990,000 and \$9,390,000. ■



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said Encanto mobile auto detailer Gerry Velazquez in a May 22 interview. “There’s a big banner on the fence inside the tennis court that says ‘Pro Pickleball’ and all this stuff, and outside of the court, they have a big



“I picked it up when the pandemic hit,” Noli Zosa said in an ABC 10News report.

toolbox container with only pickleball stuff inside of it. [Expletive] pickleball.” Now, he said, “it’s happening out there in Ramona, too. That meeting is because the pickleball players are infiltrating all of our tennis courts, and there’s probably beef between

year. According to *USAPickleball.org*, you can fit four regulation pickleball courts within a single regulation tennis court by adding lines and swapping out the net; the pickleball nets measure 34 inches in the center, which is two inches shorter than the tennis net. “Note how the lines are made to coincide as much as possible with the tennis court lines in order to minimize line confusion for the players,”

says the site of the national governing body for pickleball. “Note also that this layout does not allow room for fences between the side-by-side courts. To serve as a backstop for the balls, the tennis net should be extended with netting or some sort of temporary barrier.”

“The pickleball players are infiltrating all of our tennis courts, and there’s probably beef between the pickleball and tennis players.”

the pickleball and tennis players.” Upon the shutdown of gyms last year, Velazquez and his fellow racquetball players were displaced and couldn’t play racquetball, which requires an enclosed court. “Until now, at LA Fitness here in San Diego, they are not allowing us to play racquetball,” Velazquez continued. “I lowered my membership to non-active, dropping my monthly fee of \$29 by \$10 a month until they open up the racquetball courts again. So when Covid-19 hit, I played more tennis, while most of my racquetball player buddies started doing pickleball. That’s why there are more pickleball players this year.”

“I picked it up when the pandemic hit,” Noli Zosa said in an ABC 10News report. “When my gym closed, I was looking for something to do besides just walk around my neighborhood a few times. It’s kind of a combination of ping-pong and tennis. I just love the camaraderie you have with the three other people you’re in close proximity to.” Zosa was interviewed at the Del Cerro tennis courts, where they had reportedly transformed one of the tennis courts for four pickleball courts before November of last

“That’s where there are issues, when we play tennis on shared pickleball courts,” Velazquez explained. “All those extra lines are confusing for us tennis players. I don’t like pickleball; it’s not physical enough. But most of my friends that sold out to pickleball love it, and I don’t see them returning to racquetball. They say pickleball is easier on the body and less cardio, and it’s more of a reactive sport.” Even a year before the pandemic, reported The Sports & Fitness Industry Association, the sport was on the rise: “Pickleball participation has increased 9.7 percent in the last three years. There are 3,301,000 total participants; 20.2 percent of total participants are 65 years old or older.” On Yelp, there are about 15 pickleball venues listed in our county. There are also multiple reports of cities throughout the U.S. where conflicts have arisen between tennis and pickleball players sharing tennis courts. “They haven’t infiltrated our Encanto tennis courts yet,” Velazquez said.

MIKE MADRIAGA



Address for success? Maryott for Congress has set up in the same building that housed Rodriguez for Mayor.

OCEANSIDE Will California’s 49ers move south?

And will it prove a gold rush for local
pol Rodriguez?

“The Republican party asked me to run against [Congressman] Mike Levin in 2020.” That’s what Oceanside city councilman Christopher Rodriguez said two years ago; the Latino ex-Marine Iraq vet was viewed as a GOP up-and-comer. “I turned them down,” continued Rodriguez. “I just felt I had too much to do for the city of Oceanside.” Rodriguez instead ran for mayor of Oceanside; he was trounced in November by fellow councilmember Esther Sanchez, who topped him with an 11 percent spread. (Rodriguez retained his city council seat.) Now, Rodriguez, a father of seven and a real estate agent who bills himself as a farmer, has decided to run to unseat Levin in the 49th Congressional District, which includes



Rodriguez could win a kind of electoral lottery this September.

South Orange County and North San Diego County. But now, he does so without the blessing of the GOP machinery. Longtime Carlsbad mayor Matt Hall and Rodriguez’s colleagues on the Oceanside city council (Peter Weiss and Ryan Keim) both want

former San Juan Capistrano mayor Brian Maryott as Levin’s opponent instead of Rodriguez. Maryott lost to Levin by six percentage points in the 2020 general election, but would still seem to have greater name recognition in the 49th congressional district than Rodriguez. Maryott won 181,157 votes for Congress, more than 11 times the votes Rodriguez got for his mayoral quest in that same November election. And Maryott would seem to have a native son advantage in the Orange County cities in Congressional District 49, which include San Clemente, Dana Point, and San Juan Capistrano.

But Rodriguez could win a kind of electoral lottery this September, some nine months before the June 2022 primary, because both incumbent Mike Levin and challenger Brian Maryott could find themselves living outside of the congressional district they want to represent. The California Citizens Redistricting Commission meets once every ten years to redraw the state’s assembly, state senate, and congressional districts. California’s lagging population growth recently caused the state to lose one of its 53 seats. In September, the commission will announce the boundaries of the new 52 congressional districts. About two-thirds of the voters in the current CD-49 live in the North County cities of Oceanside, Carlsbad, Encinitas, and Vista. The other third, who vote in Orange County, are separated from their southern district mates by 125,000 acres of Camp Pendleton, the world’s largest Marine Corps base. Is it possible the newly created 49th congressional seat would focus on just North County and move the Orange County cities in with other cities in their own county?

There is precedent. From 2002 to 2012, CD-49 was a North County-based district with no Orange County voters at all. That version of the district was more horizontal

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Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

Friday | 4

CIRCA SURVIVE'S *BLUE SKY NOISE*



Philly rockers Circa Survive have been on the indie scene for nearly twenty years. For a brief time, they were major label darlings. Their third album, 2010's *Blue Sky Noise*, was released by Atlantic Records, entering the Billboard 200 at number 11, their highest ever ranking. For this livestream, the band will be performing that album in its entirety.

WHEN: Friday, June 4, 6 pm
WHERE: blueskynoisestream.com

HOPS ON THE HARBOR: HARLAND BREWING COMPANY

Enjoy a five-course, chef-prepared dinner aboard a yacht on San Diego Bay. Locally sourced seafood and vegetarian options are paired with local lagers and

IPAs from Harland Brewing Company. Harland is the second project for former Saint Archer owner Josh Landon. He's opened up a tasting room in the

new Del Mar complex One Paseo. Harland is currently making a blonde ale, a Mexican lager and an IPA; its brews are available on more than 40 tap handles at bars and restaurants

around town.

WHEN: Fridays, 7 pm to 10 pm.
Through Friday, June 25
WHERE: Flagship Cruises & Events, 990 N. Harbor Drive, Downtown.
flagshipsd.com

Saturday | 5



MYSTERY AT THE MUSEUM: A VIRTUAL GALA EXPERIENCE

Gather in small groups or go solo for live auction and a chance to guess "who dunnit?" Individual ticket holders and detective teams will be sent a charcuterie box and wine curated by Gary Parker, founder of WineSellar & Brasserie. An online silent auction of wine and other experiences will open for bidding Sunday, May 30, and close Saturday, June 5. Registration and access to the silent auction are free, but the



SUNDAY, JUNE 6: BAO BUNS, CREPES, AND LIVE MUSIC AT THE STREET MARKET

June 5 livestream may be accessed only with a code emailed to ticket holders.

WHEN: Saturday, June 5, 6 pm
WHERE: fleetscience.org

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Sunday | 6

MACY GRAY LIVESTREAM

Since winning Best New Artist at the 2000 MTV Video Music Awards, R&B singer Macy Gray has released nearly a dozen studio albums and has earned five Grammy nominations, taking home the trophy in 2001 for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance. Gray will livestream a concert set showcasing her favorite covers with a full band on June 6, and will play her new record *The Reset* with the California Jet Club on June 13.

WHEN: Sunday, June 6 and Sunday, June 13, 5 pm
WHERE: boxoffice.mandolin.com



MACY GRAY

Mexican food, empanadas, sushi, poke, smoothies, and hot mini-donuts. Live music from 12:30 pm until 2:30 pm.

WHEN: Sundays, 10 am to 4 pm
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Walk In A.R.T. Walk In A.R.T (Allyship, Resilience and Truth) is a monthly Hillcrest art celebration presented with the Hillcrest Business Association on the first Thursday of the month. Attendees can expect a night filled with lively entertainment in Mural Alley all directed by an interactive digital map that patrons can access from their mobile device. Thursday, June 3, 5pm; 500 Block of University

BEER

\$5 Pint Nights Tuesdays, 4pm; through Tuesday, July 27, **free**. 21 and up. Duck Foot East Village

Taproom & Kitchen, 550 Park Bl., Ste 2104. (EAST VILLAGE)

Sundays at Quartyard Sundays at Quartyard will feature live music from 1-3pm and a local DJ from 3-7pm playing a wide range of genres for the neighborhood. Sundays, 1pm; through Sunday, August 29, Quartyard, 1301 Market Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Trivia Night Enjoy team sports and social distancing. Thursdays, 7pm; through Thursday, July 29, **free**-\$9. Duck Foot East Village Taproom & Kitchen, 550 Park Bl., Ste 2104. (EAST VILLAGE)

Trivia Night Enjoy team sports and social distancing. Wednesdays, 7pm; through Wednesday, July 28, **free**. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Warwick's Author Livestream:

David Swinson Warwick's will host David Swinson as he discusses his new book, *City on the Edge*, in conversation with Kim Howe. Wednesday, June 9, 4pm; **free**. warwicks.com/event/swinson-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream:

Christina McDowell This Couch Surfing Book Tour event features Christina McDowell as she discusses her new book, *The Cave Dwellers*, in conversation with Liz Fenton and Lisa Steinke. Tuesday, June 8, 5pm; **free**. warwicks.com/event/mcdowell-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream:

Taylor Jenkins Reid Warwick's will host Taylor Jenkins Reid as she discusses her new book, *Malibu Rising*, in conversation with Robinne Lee. Thursday, June 3, 4pm; **free**-\$31. warwicks.com/event/reid-2021. (ONLINE)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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Rhyme & Verse

Three poems for June by W.H. Davies

All in June

A week ago I had a fire
To warm my feet, my hands and face;
Cold winds, that never make a friend,
Crept in and out of every place.

Today the fields are rich in grass,
And buttercups in thousands grow;
I'll show the world where I have been—
With gold-dust seen on either shoe.

Till to my garden back I come,
Where bumble-bees for hours and hours
Sit on their soft, fat, velvet bums,
To wriggle out of hollow flowers.

Leisure

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this is if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

Ale

Now do I hear thee weep and groan,
Who hath a comrade sunk at sea?
Then quaff thee of my good old ale,
And it will raise him up for thee;
Thou'lt think as little of him then
As when he moved with living men.

If thou hast hopes to move the world,
And every effort it doth fail,
Then to thy side call Jack and Jim,
And bid them drink with thee good ale;
So may the world, that would not hear,
Perish in hell with all your care.

One quart of good ale, and I
Feel then what life immortal is:
The brain is empty of all thought,
The heart is brimming o'er with bliss;
Time's first child, Life, doth live; but Death,
The second, hath not yet his breath.



W.H. Davies (1871-1940) was a Welsh poet who spent a good share of his time on earth as a tramp, wandering the United Kingdom and the United States. Despite living hand-to-mouth in a lifestyle committed to the open road, Davies was a popular poet of his day. He wrote mostly about his experiences as a hobo — the hardships, the common condition and nature of humanity, and the variety and peculiarity of individual humans. He is often associated with the Georgian Poets, who took their name from the series of anthologies in which their work appeared. Entitled *Georgian Poetry*, the anthologies were published between 1911-1922. However the realism reflected in Davies' themes and his colloquial style are atypical of the group, which tended to write in a more Romantic and sentimental style.

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Wednesday, June 30, **free**. 18 and up. dharmacenter.com. (ONLINE)

Aromatherapy Natural Perfume Class

Unveil the secrets of blending essential oils by using scent categories and fragrance notes. Design custom fragrances from essential oils aromatherapeutically created to inspire specific emotions and memory triggers. Prerequisite: None. 4 hours, includes one 15-minute break. Class fee: \$53. Materials fee: \$45. Sunday, June 6, 12pm; \$98. Soap-making Studio, 7301 Mount Ver-

non Street. soapmakingstudio.com/registration/aromatherapy-perfume.html. (LEMON GROVE)

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COMEDY

Jesus Trejo As seen on Showtime & Netflix, Friday, June 4, 8pm; Saturday, June 5, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Sunday, June 6, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$10-\$20. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DANCE

San Diego Dance Theater Trolley Dances Now in its 23rd year, San Diego Dance Theater's Trolley Dances travels the green line from 70th Street to Grantville and back. There is a smaller, yet prestigious line up of dancemakers, a 3-stop tour with 4 dances, and fewer and smaller tours per day for one weekend only. Site-specific dances are created by dancemakers on site, taking inspiration from architectural elements of the space, the play of light and shadow throughout the day, the original intended use of the space, and ornamental or decorative elements where inspiration

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Traditional Music & Dance of Maguindanao, Philippines This live-hosted music and dance presentation, featuring musicians and dancers from the Samahan Filipino American Performing Arts & Education Center will explore the rich cultural context of the performing arts of Maguindanao, Philippines. Guest appearance by Maguindanao Master Artists Faisal Monal from Cotabato City, Philippines. Kim Kalanduyan-Villanueva, Nicholas Delmundo-Benton, and Dr. Bernard Ellorin will address questions throughout the program. Registration is free. A link to the live stream will be provided in your confirmation email. Sunday, June 6, 2pm; **free.** cwm.ticketleap.com/maguindanao/. (ONLINE)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

AAASRC Awards Celebration 2021 African and African-American Studies Research Center 27th Annual Awards Celebration, 2021: Honor the outstanding achievements of scholars, students, and administrators who have worked with the program during this year. Keynote speaker, Dr. Shannen Hill, is an independent scholar and curator who oversees select projects and programs for the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art. Friday, June 4, 4pm; **free.** <https://bit.ly/3fUfqCR>. (ONLINE)

Drop-in Education Hour Alzheimer's San Diego: Have you watched or attended one of our education webinars, and still have some unanswered questions? Join us for an unstructured, open-ended hour with the Alzheimer's San Diego dementia education team! This event is open to everyone, and pre-registration is required. Tuesday, June 8, 11am; **free.** alzsd.org/services/education/. (ONLINE)

Living With Memory Loss Alzheimer's San Diego: Presented with ElderHelp. This webinar is for anyone living with early-stage memory loss, and those who care for them. Learn strategies for adapting to daily challenges, staying healthy, and planning for the future. This event is open to everyone, and pre-registration is required. Thursday, June 3, 11am; **free.** alzsd.org/services/education/. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Livestream: Tea-time Recommendations Join Warwick's booksellers and publishing reps for their latest book recommendations on Facebook Live. Monday, June 7, 4pm; **free.** warwicks.com/event/tea-time-210607. (ONLINE)

OUTDOORS

North County beaches light on sand this month

“June Gloom,” the cool and intermittently overcast conditions likely to dominate the beach and coastal areas through the remainder of this month, mocks the already sizzling temperatures inland. If it weren't for the ocean's enormous resistance to changes in temperature, the hottest weather along the coast would occur soon after the summer solstice — Monday, June 21. Our warmest beach weather will probably not arrive until August or September, just about the time the ocean water temperatures are peaking.

Cobbled Shorelines are greeting some beachgoers early this summer season, as in past years. North County beaches tend to suffer most, as the natural sand replenishment in the area is disrupted by dams blocking the flow of sediment down the larger streams and rivers. Some sand scooped up from dredging operations is being moved onto the beaches to mitigate this problem. South County's beaches fare better. The widest beach of all, Coronado, is protected from sand loss by the jutting Point Loma peninsula; it catches some sand drifting on currents northward from the mouth of the Tijuana River.

Western Azalea, a native rhododendron, is blooming this month in scattered locations throughout the county's higher mountains. Fond of semi-shade, it's often found growing along creeks and canyon bottoms. Like its ornamental cousins, western azalea's fragrant white (sometimes pink or yellow tinted) flowers are borne in ornate clusters. Palomar Mountain State Park harbors a colony of them alongside a trail linking Doane Valley and Chimney Flats. White-flowering azaleas



SMOKE TREES AT SEVENTEEN PALMS, ANZA-BORREGO

will undoubtedly appear again along the Azalea Glen Trail in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

The Blooming of Desert Annuals is over, but not so for the stolid desert willows and smoke trees. Rooted to the beds of dry washes throughout Anza-Borrego's lower valleys, both plants gather enough energy this time of year to put on an impressive floral show. The graceful, drooping branches of the desert willow hold fragrant, white blossoms, while the spindly smoke tree exhibits myriad blue-purple flowers. To avoid the intense midday heat, confine your desert explorations to early morning or early evening. And watch out for bees — they're attracted to the blossoms, too.

When the Big Dipper is high in the north in late spring and summer, what's down low in the north?

Think half a year ago. In late fall and winter, Cassiopeia stood where the Dipper does now. That means that Cas currently lurks low.

As twilight fades out, look for it down near the north horizon: a wide, upright W. The farther north you live, the higher it'll appear, but even as far south as San Diego and Atlanta, it's fully above the horizon.

The above comes from the Outdoors listings in the Reader compiled by Jerry Schad, author of Afoot & Afield in San Diego County. Schad died in 2011. Planet information from SkyandTelescope.org.

FARMERS' MARKETS

Escondido Certified Farmers Market Local, organic and delicious produce from certified farms. Also, a variety of local hot food vendors such as El Veganito, Evelias, Little Someone Japanese cuisine and much more. Tuesdays, 2:30pm; through Monday, December 27, **free.** Escondido Arts Partnership Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

FILM

Dinner & a Movie Dinner + a Movie makes its return with eats, cocktails, flicks and a culture of good times. Free for guests with dinner reservations and taking

place poolside. Reservations are encouraged as seating is limited with health & safety measures in place. 6/2: The Goonies 6/9: The Big Lebowski 6/16: Mean Girls 6/23: The Wedding Singer 6/30: Ferris Bueller's Day Off Wednesdays, 8pm; through Wednesday, June 30, **free.** Charles + Dinorah, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

FOOD & DRINK

Dim Sum & Jazz Music Series 4/16 Irving Flores Trio Feat. Lauren Koval, 4/23 Cobby Brzeski Feat. Koosha Hakimi Trio, 4/30 Sacha Boutros, 5/7 Leonard Patton Trio, 5/14 Trio Gadjo Feat. Claudia Gomez, 5/21 Koosha Hakimi Band Feat. Adelia Young, 5/28 The Garden of Joy, 6/4 Ed Kornhauser Quartet/ Fridays, 6pm; through Friday, June 4, **free.** Golden Island, 10660 Camino Ruiz. (MIRA MESA)

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, 8am; Sundays, 8am; through Sunday, December 19, \$11-\$40. Crossings at Carlsbad, 5800 The Crossings Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Promenade Market Enjoy crafts, coffee, and street food including Mexican, woodfired pizza, gyros, smashed avocado toast, kettle corn, waffles and crepes, and more. Saturdays, 10am; through Saturday, December 31, **free.** Ruocco Park, 585 Harbor Lane. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Street Food Market Lane Field Park Market is a street food market showcasing 20+ food vendors, as well as boutique coffee, with

live music from 12:30pm until 2:30pm. Food includes Vietnamese pizza bao, Thai burgers, wood-fired pizza, waffles and crepes, Mexican, empanadas, sushi and poke, smoothies, hot mini-donuts, and more. Please respect COVID-safe rules. Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through Saturday, December 31, **free.** Lane Field Park, 1009 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

LECTURES

Why is St. Francis of Assisi in So Many Paintings? Did you ever notice how often St. Francis appears as a major, or more often minor figure in Timken artworks? Join Timken Docent and USD Professor of Biblical Studies Dr. Florence Gillman for virtual talks about the actual people who have inspired some of the Timken's masterpieces. Wednesday, June

9, 10am; **free.** timkenmuseum.org/calendar/list/. (ONLINE)

MUSIC

Lyrical Exchange Open Mic Thursdays, 7pm; through Tuesday, August 31, Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

SPOKEN WORD

Storytelling The lure of the beach, the trails, the vacays, the romance—it's summer, and Every Summer Has a Story. Stories brought to life by members of Storytellers of San Diego. With James Dieckmann, Laura Wrang, Patti Christensen, puppet theater by Tania Yager, David Schmidt, Mindy Donner, hosted by Arlyn Hackett. Thursday, June 3, 7pm; **free.** 18 and up. storytellersofsandiego.org/. (ONLINE)

SPORTS & FITNESS

8th Annual Junior Achievement Golf Classic Enjoy 18 holes at the prestigious Fairbanks Ranch Country Club nestled in beautiful Rancho Santa Fe. Tournament proceeds support JA's life-changing programs that foster work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills. Monday, June 7, 10:30am; \$1500-\$5000. 21 and up. Fairbanks Ranch Country Club, 15150 San Dieguito Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Chakradance Chakradance is a dance practice for body and soul. Come experience a spontaneous dance practice that combines meditation and guided visualization to activate and balance your body's seven primary energy centers. Suitable for all ages and body types. Sundays, 9am; Mondays, 9am; through Sunday, June 27, \$25-\$35. 18 and up. Flaunt Dance Studio, 3052 Clairemont Dr., Suite H-9. (CLAIREMONT)

Connection Meditative Sound Journey Join Sögu for a return to energetic connection. Venture into the Cosmos, connecting unconscious minds and soaking in the frequencies and vibrations of sacred instruments like the didgeridoo, monochord, gong, and crystal singing bowls. Please bring your own yoga mats, blankets, plushies, or anything else you might need to be comfortable. This event is outdoors and limited to 25. Saturday, June 5, 6:33pm; \$22. Newbreak Church Ocean Beach, 4694 Cape May Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Korean Hawaiian

Yumbo! Crackling! Spicy! Jumping around in your mouth like a cat on a hot tin roof.

Oh mama. I was counting on these guys. Just hopped off the 44 where Linda Vista Road meets Mesa College Drive. 'Cause I know a couple of über-cheap places where I can pick up a meal to keep me going through the night. Sushi Diner and Homestyle Hawaiian. Both are usually filled with students from Mesa College.

The Sushi Diner is in this li'l old building which it splits with Mien Thong, a Vietnamese place. A pizza joint's right next to that, so we're pretty-well covered.

Sushi Diner is open. Only trouble is, they don't have dine-in yet. So I go for Homestyle Hawaiian



Quaint, Asian, beloved of Mesa College students, but still take-out only



Khristine, generous server!

around the corner, because they do.

There's a line. While I'm waiting, I google "Hawaiian diet."

Big mistake.

I mean, I know they say how the "Hawaiian" food we get here (and in Hawaii) ain't really Hawaiian, and ain't no way healthy. The traditional island food was *poi* (taro root), fish, birds, breadfruit, pigs, yams, shellfish, seaweed. Sound unfamiliar? Familiar is Spam, rice, mac'n cheese, burgers and the like. Or put it another way: ancient

diet, 18 percent fat, 12 percent protein, 70 percent carbs; modern diet, 40 percent fat, 15 percent protein, 45 percent carbs. Plus the way modern life

everywhere is more about a lot of sitting and less about fishing and farming. (And, turns out, back in the day, it was the Hawaiian women who were hunter-gatherers and men who were the cooks. Both worked hard. Lots of physical labor. And that burned up the

carbs and starch they ate. Also, traditional foods were high in fiber and low in saturated fat, sodium, and cholesterol.

Nowadays, you think Hawaii, you think Spam and rice. Still, as I come up to Khristine and Rose, standing here ready to take my order, I think of Grandma. "A little of what you fancy does you good," she'd say.

And yes. I confess! I do like Spam. And I like how the Hawaiians roll it with rice in a wrap of black seaweed, and then season it with a sweetish teriyaki. Spam *musubi*. (The good news? Here that roll only costs \$2.75, heh heh.)

So now, I'm seriously checking the menu. First good news: breakfast is served all day. And it has tempting items like - of course - Spam and eggs (\$7.95, with two scoops of steamed white rice, and macaroni or home fries, and pan-fried Spam). Or, hey, Portuguese sausage and eggs. When it comes to Hawaii, the Portuguese are interesting on two counts: for starters, they were great navigators but horrible colonizers. Those who migrated to Hawaii were more like desperate workers looking for a new life, but they brought with them two things: Portuguese sausage (smoked in banana leaves, which leave their own flavor) and the ukulele. (The word translates as "jumping flea" in Hawaiian. King Kalakua was a great supporter.)

I almost go for the Portuguese, except I'm hearing everybody around asking for "Korean chicken." Say what? "Marinated chicken coated in a crunchy batter," it says, "deep fried, then doused with Homestyle Hawaiian's signature lava sauce." Costs \$9.95. So not exactly the cheapest, and not exactly health food. Also not fantastically spicy hot, but when it comes to flavor and crunchiness, this dish has potential.

So I start off with the *nor*i-wrapped *musubi*, with Spam as the foundation, as simple a dish as you could ask for, but, as they say, surprisingly flavorful, once you drip some *teri* into the rice. And did I say \$2.75?

As for the Korean chicken, yumbo! Crackling! Spicy! Jumping around in your mouth like a cat on a hot tin roof. It has a beautiful light crunchy kick, and no naked chicken taste. And garlic. And did I say tender? Sweetish, crunchy, with mac'n cheese which gives you your pasta fix, and maybe a splash of soy sauce to tang up the flavor. It is just delicious, and the rice plumps it out nicely. Honestly, I'm not sure how different the actual chicken meat is from, say, KFC, in the marination, but with the *teri* - the teriyaki sauce, garlic, - and the crunchies, it is wickedly satisfying. And they give you so much.

"Teri?" I've started calling it that because the bunch of guys at the table next door are singing the "teri's" praises. Turns out they're the rowing team for nearby USD. Eight in a boat. They're off to a national contest in New Jersey. Have to bulk up, so most of them have got Korean Chicken plus a separate order of Lava Chicken (which looks so like Korean Chicken, I can't tell the difference).

"We came up from USD for this," says one of them, Andrew. I notice they're kind of wolfing this down. (I know how that rowing takes everything out of you, because it once took everything out of me.)

We're talking, but mostly there's a concentrated atmosphere of chowing down and getting on with it. The line outside is as long as it ever has been, so I see I'm going to have to vacate this seat. But yes, they do have healthy items here. Salads, like the Chinese chicken salad, which comes with *teri* chicken, mandarin oranges, and wonton crisps, for \$11.95. Chicken Caesar salad



USD's rowing crew bulks up on Korean chicken. From left: Noah, Anthony, Andrew, Trainer, John



Crunchies? Krrunchies!

and popcorn chicken salad are also \$11.95. The Chinese chicken salad sounds mildly interesting.

Khristine says the place has been open since 2005. They've since expanded, a lot. They're now a bona fide local chain, with six branches around San Diego.

Which tells you, even if this is no way the taro root, yam and breadfruit paradise of the "real" Hawaii, it does give you the vibe of life back there where the living is easy. As long as you like Spam, rice and Kalua pig. ■

The Place: Homestyle Hawaiian, 7524 Mesa College Drive, 858-571-LUAW

Hours: 11am-8pm, daily

Prices: Spam musubi, one roll, \$2.75; breakfast spam and eggs (with two scoops of steamed white rice, macaroni or home fries, pan-fried spam), \$7.95; Portuguese sausage and eggs, \$9.95; Kalua wontons, \$4; Chinese chicken salad, \$11.95; Homestyle burger, \$9.95; Northshore Kalua pig Sandwich, \$10; stir-fried noodles, \$9.95; Teri chicken, \$8.95; lava chicken, \$8.95; Korean chicken in crunchy batter, \$9.95; roast pork in gravy, \$10.95; Loco Moco (beef patty under gravy), \$10.95; mahi with lemon capers, \$14.95; chili and rice, \$8.95

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Arlo makes Mission Valley a date night destination

Arlo; 500 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley. It was the first time I had stepped onto the campus of the Town & Country since its 2020 renovation. As I remembered it from my last pass through a couple years ago, the Mission Valley hotel and resort had been due for a little nip and tuck, and now it was looking good. The pool sparkled in the late afternoon sun, and a young female singer performed popular cover songs for an appreciative outdoor crowd scattered among the outdoor lounge furniture, enjoying drinks as the day waned.

I would soak in the outdoor atmosphere for only a moment though — I was here for some long-anticipated indoor dining. The refurbished hotel includes a new restaurant, Arlo, and its Instagram had been wooing my wife for the past several months with images of interesting ingredients and beautifully presented grill marks.

We got to appreciate the latter in person when her bone-in Berkshire pork chop arrived at the table, standing straight up on a plate loaded with beets and smokey broccoli rabe. The heritage pork — some call it the kobe beef of pork — lived up to its reputation for superior texture and flavor. It was certainly one of the most tender pork chops I've ever tried, and cooked to perfection.

I have no prior knowledge of Josh Mouzakes, the executive chef of Arlo, who was hired back to San Diego from a Houston hotel restaurant following a several-year stint cooking at the Hotel Del Coronado. But I'm start-

ing to think San Diego should be glad the guy came back. The outline of his menu is familiar — headlined by entrees of fish, shellfish, steak, and surf and turf — but the details within show a tantalizing and sometimes playful use of distinctive ingredients.

There's the combination of curry oil and black garlic with a striped bass. Of smoked mussels, shrimp chorizo, and yellowtail collar on a charcuterie board *de mer*. Proteins including Pacific Northwest halibut and a 48-hour braised short rib sound good across the board, leaving guests like myself to make entree decisions based on side dishes featuring interesting and come-hither vegetables: heirloom carrots and cauliflower, fiddlehead ferns, sea asparagus, and Okinawan sweet potato, to name a few. When the vegetables on a menu are enticing, you know the chef is onto something.

Arlo offers patio seating, some tables offering a view of the pool and that singer, some placed strategically around an outdoor fireplace. A couple times during our meal, I wondered why we hadn't opted for an outdoor table. Dining indoors is still a novelty, I guess. In this case, a large dining room offers plenty of room for extensive booth seating, a bar, and San Diego specific décor (I was heartened to see an old pennant recalling the brief era when the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers were a San Diego basketball team).

But what I found on my plate was more interesting than any décor.

Because I ordered the most unexpected dish on that menu: the bacon wrapped rabbit trio. In other words: rabbit, three ways. As it hap-



The spacious interior of Arlo, the hotel restaurant at the Town & Country resort.

pened, only the first of the preparations was bacon wrapped. This portion really captured the “tastes like chicken” aspect of rabbit, with the meat inside the bacon resembling a moist breast meat.

The second presentation effectively turned a rabbit leg into a croquet lollipop. The darker leg meat was ground and fried within a breaded crust at the end of a leg bone. I found it more intriguing than great, but it captured the meat's gaminess in a pleasing way.

The third preparation was kept secret from me until it arrived on my plate. Spoiler alert: it was a rack of rabbit. Think rack of lamb, but much smaller, with tiny rib bones rising out of a filet of tender, succulent meat.

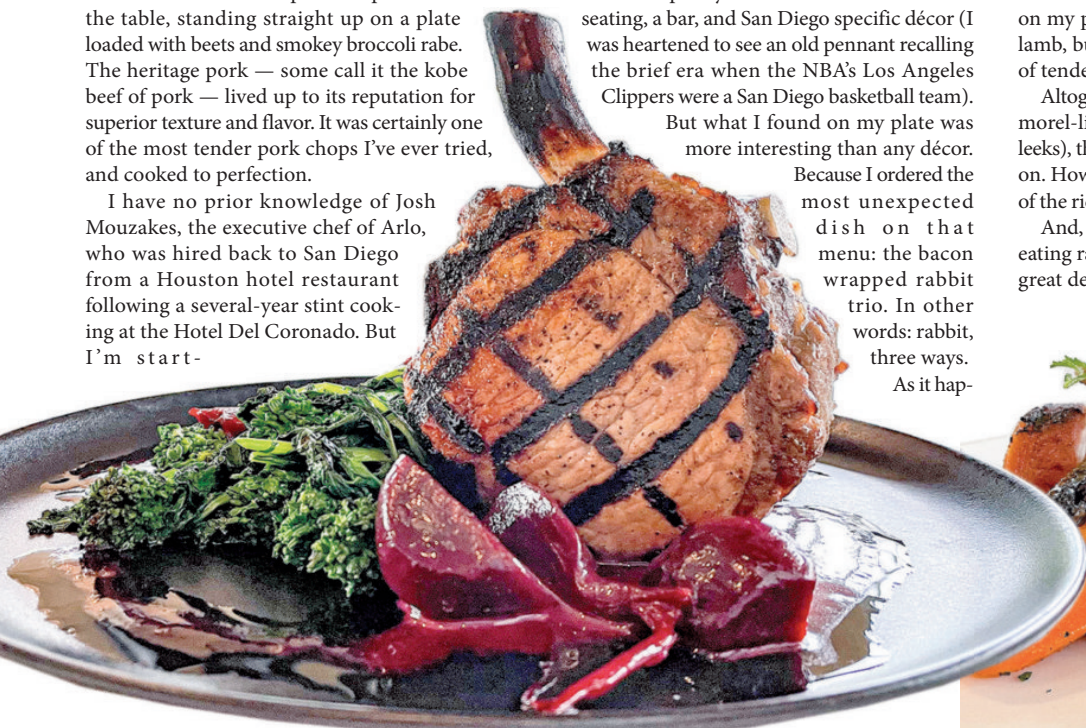
Altogether, combined with wild mushrooms (morels, or at least morel-like) and a puree of potato and ramps (foraged leeks), the entrée barely filled half the plate it was served on. However, with such strong flavors, it made for one of the richest plates of food I've had in quite some time.

And, fortunately, my wife isn't vegan. So, despite my eating rabbit in front of her, Arlo turned out to pretty great destination for a date night.

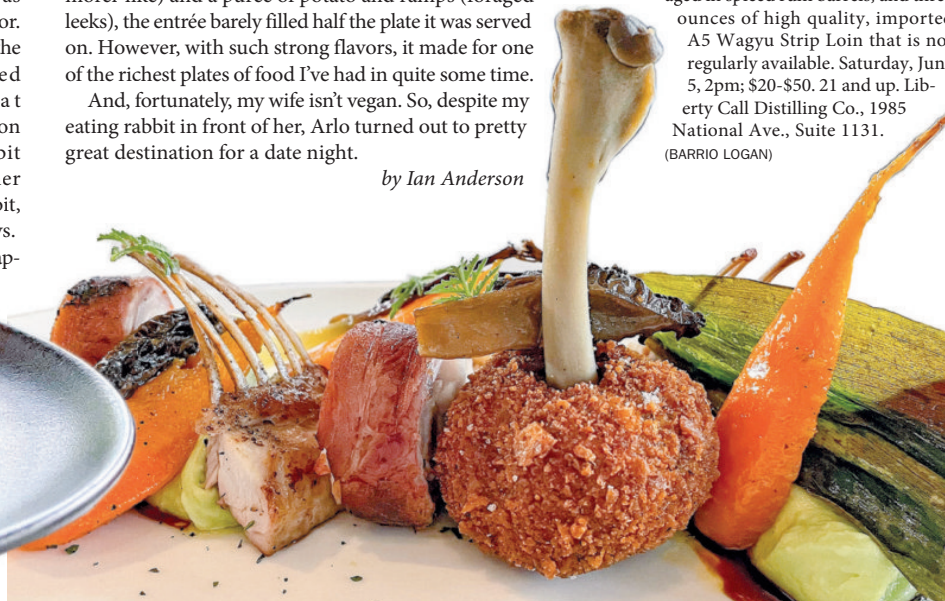
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Perfect grill marks on a bone-in Berkshire pork chop.



Rabbit trio: bacon wrapped rabbit, rabbit leg croquet, and rack of rabbit.



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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, 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.

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

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.

Whiskey Girl: Monday, 7-9pm: \$3 off drafts, \$4 wells, \$4 Stella, \$5 select wine, \$6 Don Julio Tequila. Tuesday, 7-9pm: \$3 off drafts, \$4 wells, \$4 Dox XX, \$5 select wine, \$6 El Jimador Tequila. Wednesday, 7-9pm: \$3 off drafts, \$4 wells, \$4 Firestone Walker 805, \$5 select wine, \$6 Sailor Jerry. Thursday, 7-9pm: \$3 off drafts, \$3 Truly Hard Seltzer, \$4 wells, \$5 select wine, \$5 Patron Tequila.

BOOZE NEWS

BY IAN ANDERSON

Untappd is bringing beer festivals back to San Diego

Tickets are now on sale for a new downtown San Diego beer festival.

Such an announcement wouldn't have raised an eyebrow two years ago. It would have been unthinkable this time last year. But this year, as the first festival on the 2021 calendar? The news that smartphone beer rating app **Untappd** has chosen San Diego to stage its Untappd Beer Festival suggests beer fans could be in for a return to normal.

Well, normal in some ways. "Based on current guidance, we aren't planning for masks to be a requirement," says Talia Spera, vice president of festivals and live events for Untappd's parent company, Next Glass. "If any

attendees feel safer wearing one, though, they're of course welcome to do so."

Spera says the fest will follow whatever local mask guidance is in place by October and will take steps to minimize transmission risks in the meantime. Spera notes that brewery tasting booths will be spaced farther apart than we're used to, and the festival will be spread out into four different sessions, taking place over three days: October 1-3, at Petco Park (while the Padres finish their regular season in San Francisco).

She points to the expertise of the team coordinating covid-safe events at Padres home stadium as one of the reasons Untappd selected San Diego as the location for what may be the brand's only festival this year. But it's more fun to talk about the other reasons.

"It's the Craft Beer Capital of the U.S., to begin with," Spera says with a laugh, then adds that San Diego is a very Untappd town. "It's one of the top cities for engagement within the Untappd app."

The app lets users "check in" whenever they try a new beer. They may add a star rating, enter flavor notes, and upload photos of the beer in the glass. Over the course of 2020, Untappd says nearly 650,000 beers were rated within San Diego.

Though Untappd has mastered user engagement, its event experience is shallow. Its only previous attempt, a 2019 festival in Charlotte, North Carolina, experienced issues with faulty

drinking vessels and inclement weather. However, since then, Untappd has invested in adding a dedicated events staff, including Spera.

Next Glass acquired online beer magazine

highly rated out-of-state breweries that local beer fans don't have access to every day.

Early announced breweries include **Drekker Brewing Co.** out of Fargo, North Dakota, and the Houston, Texas brewpub **Ingenious Brewing Company.** Local breweries to sign on include **Alesmith Brewing** and **Mikellar Brewing.**

Which brings us to the other aspect of the new normal for beer festivals: the craft beer reckoning with sexual harassment. Several of the anonymous stories recounting beer industry harassment shared over Instagram this month took place at beer festivals. Spera says she's read through a large number of them, and that the team producing the festival is making the safety of female workers a point of emphasis in the event's safety and security action plan.

General admission for three-hour, unlimited tastings cost \$65; 4.5 hour VIP session tickets go for \$150.

For more craft booze news, see sandiegoreader.com/news/booze-news



COURTESY OF UNTAPPD

At Petco Park this October, beer rating app Untappd plans to stage a beer festival — San Diego's first in well over a year.

Hop Culture, and another online beer rating platform, *Beer Advocate*, which have produced more than 90 beer festivals between them. "All of the events staff that was with *Beer Advocate* came over," Spera says. The majority of the 70 breweries scheduled to pour beer at the festival will represent San Diego and the state of California, but with the help of data gathered from the app, an emphasis will be placed on bringing

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.

Duck Foot East Village Taproom & Kitchen: Tuesday, \$5 pints beers on tap all night

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: Tuesday-Thursday, Sunday, 7-9pm: \$6 signature cocktails. Friday-Saturday, 5-9pm: \$6 signature cocktails.

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.

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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.

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

Old Town Mexican Café:

Tuesday, Half off well drinks and selected appetizers all day.

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

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: Monday, 4-7pm: Half off appetizers.

Mavericks Beach Club: Monday, 5-6pm: \$4 beer, wine, and wells, \$6 margaritas and mai tais. \$2 off snacks. 3-10pm: Half off one pound orders of all wings, no limit. Tuesday, 5-6pm: \$4 beer, wine, and wells, \$6 margaritas and mai tais. \$2 off snacks. 5-10pm: \$10 all you can eat taco bar. 5pm-2am: \$4 all Mexican beers, \$4 Margaritas, \$4 shots of El Jimador. Wednesday, Friday, 5-6pm: \$4 beer, wine, and wells, \$6 margaritas and mai tais. \$2 off snacks.

Thursday, 5-6pm: \$4 beer, wine, and wells, \$6 margaritas and mai tais. \$2 off snacks. 9pm-2am: \$3 Natural Lite seltzers and Naturads, \$4 shots of Jameson, Altos, Absolut, Malibu, Jagermeister.

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.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

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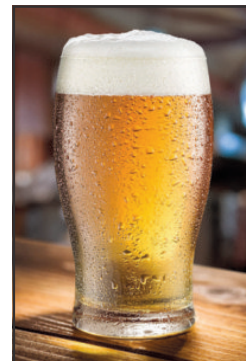
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the inside track



Director Varda Bar-Kar filmed on both sides of the border, and above it as well.

Fandango film fascinates When it comes to the San Diego/Tijuana community, retired librarian Jorge Francisco Castillo counts himself pretty well settled in. He eats at Tacos el Gordo, plus Ranchos and El Zarape in North Park. He takes in music south of the border through Revolution Avenue and the Tijuana Cultural Center.

And in his own quiet, persistent fashion, he's worked hard to improve cross-cultural relations.

Since 2008, Castillo has masterminded the Fandango Fronterizo Festival, bringing Mexican and American musicians together at the border to play, sing, and dance the fandango. Recently, Grammy award-winning musician Arturo O'Farrill, who read about the Festival in the *New York Times*, contacted the festival impresario about a new project. The result, recorded for posterity in the *Fandango at the Wall* documentary film, was a concert and live recording of the Festival at the border, featuring *son jarocho*



Son jarocho music makes "a mosaic of sound."

musicians, recruited down in Veracruz by O'Farrill and producer Kabir Sehgal, another Grammy winner.

Castillo describes *son jarocho* as "a genre within the traditional music of Mexico, that was born in the south of Veracruz... music of a mestizo origin with African, Spanish and indigenous influences, that grew particularly in the peasant area of the south of Veracruz."

Although Arturo O'Farrill grew up on the East Coast, the son of Latin Jazz bandleader Chico O'Farrill, he considers his own musical ways pretty close to *son jarocho*.

"The sources that inform Afro-Cuban music and Afro-Mexican music," he explains,

"are all part of that incredibly rich nexus of Spain and Northern Africa and the middle East, and all of that music was of course brought over here when people were brought to the West to be enslaved.

"They brought with them an incredible musical legacy that influenced Cuba and influenced Veracruz... since Cuba and Veracruz are actually geographically very close, there's a tremendous amount of inter-influence between those two cultures... [Both musics use] a layered texture in which six or seven layers come together to form a mosaic of sound, except that in Cuban music those instruments are mostly percussion instruments, whereas in *son jarocho* music, the layers are specifically played by *jaranas* [Veracruz instruments which resemble ukuleles].

"But if you listen carefully, the layers are very similar in function, and a lot of the music is influenced by African music... It's all music that is richly interlayered and is built along the same principles."

Film director Varda Bar-Kar found the cultural cross-poll-

nation fascinating, but allows that a border gathering wasn't easy to capture.

"It took place on both sides of the United States-Mexico border and included a large amount of subjects, all of whom were important to capture," she relates. "We had four camera units on the Tijuana side, a camera unit on the San Diego side, and a drone overhead. We deployed over a dozen microphones... We risked having the drone shot down, since it was important it be positioned overhead straddling Tijuana and San Diego."

The film, which premiered on HBO, is available for streaming on HBO Max. It's accompanied by a book,



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written by Kabir Sehgal, and a soundtrack album, released by Resilience Music Alliance.

Asked about where he'll go next, Castillo reflected on the past while looking to the future.

"As we know, the election of President Trump was very hard for the Latino community, because of so many negative comments, and because of the construction of the wall, that sends a message that you are not welcome. But ironically, that brought us closer together.

"The COVID-19 situation has been very hard for all the events where many people participate. The border fandango gathers between 300 and 400 people every year... For now we won't be able to get together until everything is under control. Hopefully soon."

— Andrew Hamlin

Flute flight to Baja "It's inspired by Homeric poetry, especially the *Odyssey*," explains flute virtuoso and UCSD professor Wilfrido Terrazas, in regards to his latest solo flute album *Itaca*, which was released last December. "It is both a real island on the Ionian Sea, and a mythical place that Odysseus is trying to return to."

The album was recorded at UCSD in January of 2019. "It wasn't released until December of 2020, so it took some time. It was mixed and mastered in Mexico City by my long-time friend and collaborator Ramón del Buey and released by Cero Records, which is a very cool independent label that has been a strong advocate for experimental music for well over a decade. It took me a few years to put this record together."

Is it particular challenge to release an album of solo flute?

"Well, in many ways,

recording a solo flute album is really easy, because there are many technical aspects that you don't have to worry about. Mixing and mastering, for instance, tend to be much easier when there is just one instrument, especially a monophonic one. But I guess there are other challenges involved, for instance, to keep the whole record interesting with just one instrument, and to provide a structure with such limited resources. So what I did, and what I've done with all of my solo records, is to add variety by playing various flutes. There are two bass flute pieces, one piece for the piccolo, two alto flute pieces and three for the concert flute. There's also one piece for 'prepared' flute, where I stuck a little plastic membrane underneath one of the keys, which opens up a whole new sonic universe. So, if you go through the album, you'll hear quite a lot of variety."

How has the pandemic affected you as an artist, performer and teacher?

"Oh my god. The short story is that of course it has affected me in profound ways. First off, there's the obvious fact that I haven't played a concert in over a year with a few minor exceptions. Imagine waking up once day and finding out that the profession you've been doing for more than 30 years no longer exists in reality. So, it has been impactful in many ways, both psychologically and spiritually and in a communal sense. But all these things have different angles of reality. There have been positive affects as well. I've been doing a lot of long-distance collaborations, video stuff, recordings and

other things that have been very interesting and have brought new knowledge, new experiences and perspectives about music making that I definitely want to keep developing in the hypothetical post-COVID world."

You've been living back in Ensenada since the pandemic hit. How has Mexico differed in terms of weathering that crisis?

"Well, I came back here for two main reasons. One was to be with my family, especially my mom because she lives alone. The other reason was because UCSD had shut down, and I had no office and I didn't have a place to play my flute. You know, I can't play my flute in my apartment in San Diego. I can't really play my flute in most places in San Diego. So, I am back here in the house where I grew up. This has been very interesting and it has allowed me to think regionally, which is how most of my projects come to me. I can see the work I do as something that



Terrazas headed home to make an album about a voyage home.

affects the whole border region. In many ways, Tijuana and San Diego are just one big region. So the difference has not been that great."

—Robert Bush

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LAURA CHAVEZ

Blues guitarist Laura Chavez grew up near San Jose and was still in grade school when she began playing guitar. By the time she graduated high school, she was already a working musician, going on to play and collaborate with the late Candye Kane, serving as her musical director and playing on several albums, as well as taking part in Kane's autobiographical stage play *The Toughest Girl Alive*. Kane's 2013 CD *Coming Out Swingin'*, co-produced by Chavez, features thirteen songs Kane wrote or co-wrote with Chavez, plus several covers. She's also played, recorded,

and collaborated with Casey Hensley, Nikki Hill, Vanessa Collier, and many others. She became a familiar face in Europe and even Russia, thanks to playing in the house band for the annual traveling Blues Caravan, which has also hosted locals such as Whitney Shay. During the pandemic, with downtown gigs scarce, she began bussing outdoors with Chickenbone Slim, another formerly busy player who was doing upwards of 200 shows per year before Covid. Chavez has been nominated Best Instrumental Guitarist for the 42nd annual Blues Music Awards.

PHOTOGRAPH BY EITAN MISKEVICH



ALMOST MONDAY

Lower-case-letter-loving alternative rock band almost monday features teen surfing pals Dawson Daugherty (vocals, bass) and Luke Fabry (guitar), later joined by Cole Clisby (guitar). The trio released several singles in 2020, including "Come On Come On," "Parking Lot View," and "Broken People," with the latter track soon covered on a summer 2020 single from Sofi Tukker. Producer-engineer Mark Needham (the Killers, Imagine Dragons) and producer Simon Oscroft worked on their debut 4-song EP *don't say you're ordinary*, recorded in Brooklyn and Los Angeles. The EP generated more than 23 million total

streams, with its lead single "broken people" hitting the Top 10 on Sirius XM's Alt 18 Countdown and ending up featured on Amazon Music's Best of 2020: Alternative playlist. They were also profiled in *GQ Australia* magazine's 21 Breakout Musicians to Know in 2021, Amazon Music's 2021 Artists To Watch playlist, and Apple Music's Shazam Predictions 2021 playlist, which "features 50 emerging artists who are poised to have a breakthrough year." They have a new single for their song "hailey beeb," as well as a video shot at night around San Diego on 16mm film, directed by band associate Jack Revell.



ANGELS & AIRWAVES

Fronted by former Blink 182 member Tom DeLonge, Angels & Airwaves has a new single for "Euphoria," as well as a video directed by UFO enthusiast DeLonge, who describes the video as "a tale of intrigue complete with a femme fatale, her lover, a mysterious motorcyclist, Area 51 intelligence, and a tour de force performance by the band...in a music world that seems to be absent guitars, angst, and emotional authenticity, I felt it was important to lead with a song that mirrors the post-hardcore days of my youth, where the power of the

music creates that feeling we once had as teenagers, where we wanted to break something and change the poisonous environment within our broken homes. These emotions create us. This song shows the seductive nature of an intense love built with that baggage from our youth, from being born into an imperfect household." It's the band's first new music since "All That's Left Is Love" was released in April 2020. They'll play this year's Lollapalooza in Chicago (July 29 to August 1) and at L.A.'s Hollywood Palladium on November 5.



UNPAVED HIGHWAY

Acoustic rockers Unpaved Highway came together in late 2012, founded by Eric Nedelman, after earning his Ph.D. in music theory. By October 2014, a three-piece band was firmed up with Brent Livingston on bass and Joe Bradetich on drums. Their debut single "Hung in Custody" was released in May 2015 and can be streamed on YouTube, where you can also find live recordings dating all the way back to 2013 such as "Back at Home," as well as video footage from gigs at area venues like the Jumping Turtle in San Marcos. An EP was released in

2017, preceded by a single for "Stand Up." An EP called *Fragments of My Life* premiered in December 2018, followed by a *Breaking Down Walls* EP in May 2019. Their upcoming EP *Behind the Wheel*, due in mid-June, features the first full-band recording of "Hung in Custody" and long-in-progress tracks such as "Diamonds in Style," a marriage proposal, as well as a 1970s-style dance track called "It's All Happening" and the NASCAR inspired "9000 RPM."



WE THE COMMAS

The three Comma siblings who make up alt-surf R&B rockers We the Commas released their debut single "Sherry" in June 2020, followed by a single and video for "Custom Made." Their debut EP *Sarb* came out late last year, preceded by a single and *Mad Max*-inspired video for "Pissed Off." Last November, a single and video appeared for "I Will," followed in December by "The RZN," concerning social justice. The latter track, written three days after George Floyd was killed by police while resist-

ing arrest, was recorded with live brass and string instruments. Championed by supporters such as The Head and The Heart and Young the Giant, who both shared their covers online, they've worked with A-list production talent like Rex Kudo (Post Malone, Young Thug, Lil Uzi Vert) and Charlie Handsome (Khalid, The Weeknd, Drake). Their sophomore EP *Old School Love* just dropped, along with a single for "Better Days" and a video for "Sherry."

You can submit a listing, download mp3s, watch videos, subscribe to event alerts, get directions, and find more information about these shows online at SDReader.com/music.

THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

Aquarius Bar & Grille:
Saturday, 12pm — Flipside Burners Duo. Free.

Arrowood Golf Course:
Friday, 5pm — Cowboy Jack. Free.

Ko Underground:
Friday, 9pm — Klub Therapy.

Mellano Farm Stand:
Sunday, 12pm — Cowboy Jack. Free.

Online Internet Events:
Thursday, 5pm — Love Rocks NYC: Live from The Beacon Theatre. Free.
Friday, 6pm — Circa Survive: Blue Sky Noise. \$15-\$50.
Friday, 6pm — Wiltern Livestream Series: Waterparks. \$15.
Saturday, 2pm — Bad Religion: The '80s. \$15.
Sunday, 5pm — Macy Gray Livestream. \$20-\$115.
Monday, 5pm — Filmore Live from the Gibson Garage. \$15-\$50.
Tuesday, 4pm — Kailie Simpson at Arlene's Grocery. \$10-\$25.
Tuesday, 4:30pm — Stacy Mitchhart Livestream. \$9.

Starlight Theater:
Friday, 8pm — Thee Midnites.
Saturday, 8pm — The Miracles.

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IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Mainly Mozart is mainly back

The Mainly Mozart Festival is (mostly) coming back into form on Friday, June 11. The incomparable Festival Orchestra is scheduled to perform five concerts at the Del Mar Surf Cup Sports Park June 11-19.

The repertoire for the festival was previously scheduled for the canceled 2020 festival. Highlights include Mozart's Symphonies Nos. 39 and 40, Beethoven's Symphonies Nos. Five and Seven, Haydn's Trumpet Concerto, and Bruch's Violin Concerto. It's a strong cast of musical characters, as is the roster of the orchestra, which is full of concertmasters and principal players from the top orchestras in North America.

I've long been convinced that the Mainly Mozart Festi-

val Orchestra is the best musical experience in San Diego, but this year is different. The outdoor venue creates a setting that is something other than the Mainly Mozart experience I've praised to the heavens in the past.

The outdoor venue is unavoidable, due to you-know-what. That means the Festival Orchestra is back, but not really.

The outdoor venue has real consequences for those of us who have wallowed in the glory of the Festival Orchestra in past years. The strength of Mainly Mozart has always been based on musical excellence and intimacy.

The energy and personality of the musicians have jumped off the stage of the

Balboa Theatre in years gone by. The audience was able to experience the music in a way that would be impossible in larger venues.

An outdoor setting with video monitors and speakers removes any hint of intimacy. It is now a media experience as opposed to a musical experience. The balance of the orchestra, as conducted by music director Michael Francis, is reduced to left and right speakers.

The orchestra's sound is dependent on the ability of the person who is running the soundboard and the quality of the microphones and speakers. If the Mainly Mozart Festival is usually a musical hug, the outdoor setting turns it into a Covid



Incomparable when indoors: Mainly Mozart at Balboa Theater in 2019

fist bump.

We could compare it to receiving a phone call from a loved one or a family member who has been out of reach for a year. We look forward to hearing from them, but it isn't the same as being with them in the same space.

I'm looking forward to receiving this phone call

from the Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra, but I can't wait to be back in the concert hall.

Concert dates:
Friday, June 11, 8pm
Saturday, June 12, 8pm
Wednesday, June 16, 8pm
Friday, June 18, 8pm
Saturday, June 19, 8pm
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UPCOMING SHOWS

7 Mile Kitchen:
Friday, June 11 — Rick Harchol. Free.

Aqua Terra:
Friday, June 18 — West of 5. Free.
Friday, July 9 — West of 5. Free.

Aquarius Bar & Grille:
Sunday, June 13 — Flipside Burners & Bobby Sanchez. Free.

Belly Up Tavern:
Wednesday, July 7 — Charley Crockett and Jesse Daniel.

Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center:
Friday, June 11 — Courtyard Concerts: Delvon Lamarr Organ Trio. \$70-\$80.
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Thursday, June 24 — Courtyard Concerts: Pedrito Martinez. \$70-\$80.
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Coyote Bar & Grill:
Sunday, June 13 — West of 5. Free.

Del Mar Fairgrounds:
Saturday, June 19 — Goo Goo Dolls.

Domaine Artefact Vineyard & Winery:
Friday, June 18 — Rick Harchol. Free.

Ebullition Brew Works:
Friday, June 11 — Euphoria Brass and The Bayou Brothers. \$8.

Embarcadero Marina Park North:
Saturday, July 10 — San Diego BayFest.

Jazzy Wishbone:
Sunday, June 13 — Adrienne Nims. Free.

Ko Underground:
Friday, June 18 — Klub Therapy.
Friday, July 2 — Klub Therapy.

La Mesa Wine Works:
Friday, June 25 — Rick Harchol. Free.

Legacy International Center:
Sunday, June 27 — Legacy Theater Grand Opening: Phil Keaggy. \$20-\$30.

Music Box:
Thursday, June 17 — Pink Floyd and the Monroes.
Saturday, June 26 — Paul Oakenfold.

Petco Park:
Wednesday, June 30 — Midland and the Silent Comedy.
Saturday, July 3 — Chris Lake.
Sunday, July 4 — Chris Lake.

Quartyard:
Friday, June 25 — Jesus Trejo and Louis V Quartet. \$35-\$45.

Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center:
Saturday, June 19 — Jonathan Karrant & Joshua White.
Sunday, June 20 — Conjunto Afroson.

Soma:
Sunday, June 20 — Kaytranada.

St. Michael's by-the-Sea:
Saturday, June 26 — Carlsbad Music Festival: Eclectic Lawn Concert.

Starlight Theater:
Saturday, June 12 — Rose Royce. \$10.
Sunday, June 13 — Los Angeles Negros.
Friday, June 18 — Wild Child.
Saturday, June 19 — Alicia Villarreal.

Thornton Winery:
Friday, June 11 — Twisted Gypsy.
Friday, June 25 — Brothers Igniting a Groove.

Toro:
Friday, June 18 — 619 Party. \$16-\$25.
Saturday, June 19 — 619 Party. \$16-\$25.

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Sunday, June 27 — Jazz Brunch.
Sunday, July 4 — Jazz Brunch.

Winstons Beach Club:
Saturday, July 3 — West of 5. Free.

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week.” In the past, the gratis section contained “Sundays’ best” editorial material from the paper intended to enhance its opinion-making reach, but that practice ended years ago.

Recovered money

It took an audit by the University of California of UCSD’s student aid funding to get three students’ money owed to them by the university from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security — otherwise known as CARES — Act. “To address the situation involving the student that received no student aid funding, Student Financial Solutions has removed the manual hold that was placed in error on the student’s account, and the CARES Act grant awarded to the student was disbursed in accordance with the CARES Act,” says the recently released audit report, dated January 26. “To address the incomplete distribution of CARES Act funds to the two students we identified, Student Financial Solutions made appropriate entries in the Integrated Student Information System (ISIS) to ensure that the amount of student aid funding not received was added back to their student accounts, and the remaining funds were appropriately disbursed to the students.” Added the report: “The above instances represent a violation of Department of Education guidelines, which specify that recipients are to receive their funds without regard to any institutional balances due. To address this issue, the two students were notified of the processing error, and the transactions were reversed so that the entirety of the CARES Act funding was disbursed to each student.”

— Matt Potter
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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than its current vertical configuration, and included Fallbrook, Valley Center, Julian, and some cities in southwest Riverside County. If CD-49 loses its Orange County cities again, San Clemente-based Mike Levin and San Juan Capistrano’s Brian Maryott would no longer reside in their own district. They could still run, however, since residency is not required to serve in the House of Representatives. In fact, Darrell Issa survived carpetbagger charges when he was elected to the 50th congressional district last year even though he was not a resident. Still, if such a realignment were to occur, it would seem to give Rodriguez a boost, since he could say he was the only true local candidate on the ballot, and not an interloper from Orange County. Rodriguez might claim that North San Diego County people have an entirely different lifestyle than those who live on the other side of the Orange Curtain, and that Vista, for instance, has nothing in common with San Juan Capistrano.

But how realistic is it that the redistricting commission would return CD-49 to its former, mostly North County status? Fredy Ceja, the spokesman for the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, said by phone that honoring county lines is “super important” to the commission as it sets out to redraw the statewide map. The commission must make sure that all 52 new districts have the same population. He said it must seek to “minimize divisions of counties, cities, neighborhoods, and communities of interest.” In fact, Ceja welcomes all statewide voters to weigh in with their input by contacting the commission directly at www.wedrawthelinesca.org. He said that if North County residents want their own district again, free of Orange County influence, they should let the commission know. “They can even send in their own map,” said Ceja. He said the commission wants to hear all points of view, and is composed of five

Republicans, five Democrats and four independents. Rodriguez could conceivably get his followers to weigh in on the commission’s website with a locals-only, North County-focused campaign. “Redistricting will impact campaigns across the state on both sides,” Rodriguez said by email. “I’m ready for every scenario.” What then would incumbent Levin and challenger Maryott do? Levin’s spokesperson Eric Mee said by phone that should the new district exclude Orange County, Congressman Levin would move to North County. Maryott’s campaign did not respond. It’s possible that a North County-only CD-49 may help Levin, since voters from Orange County skewed more heavily Republican than voters from North San Diego County in recent elections. Levin flipped CD-49 in 2018; Republican Darrell Issa was North County’s congressman from 2000 through 2018.

A separate commission is deciding how the five county supervisor districts will be reconfigured. A Democratic candidate to challenge 5th District supervisor Republican Jim Desmond has not yet been identified. Oceanside mayor Esther Sanchez says she has no plans to run, adding, “I want to keep focusing on making Oceanside a better place.” Carlsbad Councilwoman Cori Schumacher, who was expected to announce, is dealing with a threatened recall. Desmond’s 2018 Democratic challenger was Michelle Gomez, but Gomez recently filed for bankruptcy, seeking protection from creditors who worked on that 2018 campaign and who claimed they were not paid. Retired USMC Colonel Doug Applegate ran against Darryl Issa in Issa’s final run for CD-49 in 2016. Issa’s poor showing (he beat Applegate with only 0.6 percent of the vote) was thought to have contributed to Issa’s decision to not run for re-election in 2018. Applegate said he would not be running again for Congress, saying, “I am disinclined to do another tour in D.C.,” but did not rule in or rule out a run against Desmond.

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Sympathy for the de Vil

A haughty fashion designer (Emma Thompson) and the seamstress most likely to dethrone her (Emma Stone) wage battle in this, the third live-action attempt on the part of the studio to ransack the Disney Vault, cancel originality, and in doing so, defile a classic. And what could be crueler than stretching what little story *Cruella* contains over 134 minutes?

Poor Estella (Stone). Rather than viewing her tousled duochromatic coiffure as a style statement as delectably unique as a black and white cookie, all the playground bullies see is a skunk, making her the school's leading spitball target. Recognizing her daughter's cruel side, it's adoptive mother Catherine (Emily Beecham) who dreams up the Cruella handle. It's also Catherine's decision to pack her recently expelled daughter and move to London. En route, she makes a pit stop at the castle of Baroness von Hellman (Thompson) to hit her ex-boss up for a charitable donation. Rather than the old lady tossing a

little cash her way, the Baroness' three rampaging dalmatians toss Catherine over a cliff. It was Estella who initiated the pursuit, and in her eyes, the blame for her mother's death lands squarely on her shoulders.

In order to keep a low profile, and alto to give the screenwriters and director Craig Gillispie (*Fright Night, I, Tonya*) an opportunity to later press into service her eponymous secret identity — Estella eventually becomes Cruella so that the Baroness won't recognize her — the young woman dyes her mop red. Stowing away in a moving van (a nod to *One Hundred and One Dalmatians*, the 1961 original), Estella arrives in London, where she takes up with a pair of young Fagans who age into Jasper (Joel Fry) and Horace (Paul Walter Hauser). Longing to be a runway influencer, not a runaway, Estella designs costumes for their capers. This is the only point in the film where we get a glimpse of Estella's flair for fashion.

The boys arrange for Estella to take



Cruella: unusual punishment from Emma Stone.

a job with London's luxurious Liberty department store. Alas, she is hired to wash windows, not decorate them. One night, with a carafe of booze acting as inducement, Estella strikes out on her own and designs a window. No sooner does her boss, a martinet of a store manager, let her go than the Baroness, sensing something extraordinary in her silhouettes, hires herself a youthful protege. Some are quick to liken the story to *The Devil Wears Prada*, but *Project Runway* is a more likely corollary. Nothing here comes close to reaching the level of acerbic bitchery struck

between Streep and Hathaway. The only way we come to know that Estella is a designer of merit is through the Baroness' approval, and she hates everything. *Cruella* also being compared favorably to *Joker*, but nothing in this comes close to matching the preening pretentiousness of Joaquin Phoenix's pay-attention-to-me performance.

Instead of Hollywood know-how, this effort is steeped in Broadway camp. How much of the film's \$200 million budget went towards paying music royalties? The movie has more needle drops than a heroin den. It's one thing for a

song not to fit the action it underscores, but the filmmakers frequently can't even match the music with the year it came out. And besides the rather understandable desire to avenge her mother's death, not once did I feel anything disturbingly evil about either Estella or Cruella. How convincing a puppy-skinner can Cruella be when Estella's love for her pet pups is clearly established early on? This PG-13 Cruella can no sooner smoke one of her trademarked pink cigarettes than peel a pelt.

The actresses keep it alive, but in the end, this is little more than a shameless



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attempt on the part of the Disney brass to reconform one of its properties to fit the Evil Queen mold. Can the neutering of Old Yeller be far off? ★

—Scott Marks

Video on Demand and New Release Roundup

American Traitor: The Trial of Axis Sally — Mildred Gillars, *aka* Axis Sally (Meadow Williams), was the Nazis' answer to Tokyo Rose. Known throughout the world as the Berlin Babe and Hitler's Girlfriend, the German-American radio personality was employed by the German Broadcasting Company to circulate Axis propaganda. During her trial in America, she stood second only to Hitler as the world's most hated human being. Ostensibly hired to weaken morale, she was also applauded for alerting soldiers' families as to the safety of their sons and fathers. She and her lawyer James Laughlin (Al Pacino) shared one thing in common: both were in their chosen professions in part based on the publicity it brought them. (She hoped to win the case and use her notoriety to crack Broadway.) It's a story that demands to be told, and while it's far from a washout, the majority of the action is confined to Sally's jail cell and the courtroom. The entire film is cloaked in darkness, a decision I'm guessing was made to try and cover up for the paucity of the sets. Forced to sign an oath to the Reich and repeatedly beaten and raped by Goebbels, Mildred Gillars was no more guilty of treason than Orson Welles was guilty of murder for his participation in *The War of the Worlds*. Williams' performance gradually builds steam, but when she's called on to sing, it becomes painfully clear that as a vocalist, she makes a perfectly adequate actress. It had been almost a decade since I'd lost track of Michael Polish (*Twin Falls Idaho*, *Astronaut Farmer*) and seeing his name (or that of his identical twin brother Mark) in the credits gave cause for hope. Pacino is his usual force to be reckoned with, and while the story is fascinating, Polish was strapped to the point where the movie can at times take on the aura of a filmed stage play. (Now streaming on Amazon Prime, Vudu, Apple TV, etc.) 2021. — S.M. ★★

Spirit Untamed — Do not make the same mistake I did and watch Kelly Asbury and Lorna Cook's timeless tale of a young stallion separated from its herd, *Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron* (2002), before checking in with this shoddy sequel. (If anything, this is closer in spirit to the video games and TV series the original spawned.) It's a masterpiece of animation for so many reasons, none more impressive than its seamless fusion of 2D and 3D techniques to heighten naturalism. It also holds the distinction of being the world's first animated fea-

ture about a No Talking! No Singing! No Dancing! horse. Fortunately for us, directors Elaine Bogan and Ennio Torresan Jr. stay faithful enough to the original to keep the horses mute. (Who needs Mr. Ed when the star of this show is a Disney-eyed hydrocephalic Q-tip stricken with a rare case of diarrhea of the mouth?) It's set in the early 1900s, but one wouldn't know it from the looks of Lucky's (Isabela Merced) fresh-from-the-Galleria-threads. And what once passed for exceptional "pantomime acting" on the part of the animators now looks like something from the TV division of Dreamworks Animation. The one thing the films share are their presumptuous scores. Bryan Adams' grumbling rock tunes in the original have as much place in the old west as Amie Doherty's anachronistic talent-show ballads do here. If you have never seen the 2002 entry, I suggest you watch it twice before taking a pass on this. 2021. — S.M. ★

Wrath of Man — According to writer-director Guy Ritchie, armored car heists have become more common than convenience store robberies, so much so that it's a wonder anyone would consider a career in money transport. Given the forced tenor of their chatter, there is little doubt that the two armored car drivers that greet us at the outset won't live to see the opening credits. True to form for Ritchie, this is the first of three times we see the robbery play out, all from different points of view. And is there any doubt that Fortico Security's smileless new hire Patrick Hill (Jason Statham) is a 100% kind of cash truck driver purposely performing at 70% capacity to eke past the required points to pass the training program? The job's important to him. Without it, there would be no way for Hill to track down and gut the crew responsible for killing his son during the pre-credits stickup. The plot jumps around like a needle on cracked vinyl, but not once do we feel lost or confused. Before it's over, the bad guys have a plan that involves knocking over all of Los Angeles's bulletproof buses on Black Friday. Ritchie's first two films (*Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels* and *Snatch*) suffered from a paucity of subtitles and, when it was possible to understand the dialogue, a plethora of unassuming exchanges. The devastating blows landed by the director's *Sherlock Holmes* and *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.* gave me the just cause needed to sit out his last three movies. But the pandemic brought out aberrant behavior in this moviegoer, and I found myself in the big Grossmont, not so much to see the movie as to once again feel dwarfed in the presence of its immersive 60-foot screen. Two takeaways: Statham makes an adequate substitute for Bruce Willis, and I like Ritchie much more without the forced laughs. *Right on both counts* I thought as I left, brushing the half-eaten cake crumbs off my shirt. 2021. — S.M. ★★★



My original intention was to cover a couple of Woody Allen's middle-to-modern funny films. Then I happened across this hilarious, never-broadcast, half-hour PBS mockumentary on YouTube. I hope you enjoy this Holy Grail of hilarity half as much as I did.

— Scott Marks

MEN OF CRISIS: THE HARVEY WALLINGER STORY (1972)

Woody Allen's savage political satire does for incongruously intercut documentary footage what *What's Up, Tiger Lily?* did for dubbing. I had all but given up on seeing this obscure bit of Allenalia. Clad in a decidedly non-Ralph Lauren three-piece suit, Allen stars as the eponymous solipsist, the second most powerful man in America. He's none-too-subtly patterned after "Hanoi" Henry Kissinger, and the president won't make a move without first consulting his trusted advisor. (Even Mrs. Nixon is not allowed to kiss her husband goodnight without first kissing Dr. Wallinger.) It plays as an exercise in anarchy, typical of the director's early work, wherein fathers die in childbirth and preventive detention — criminals are jailed before crimes are committed — is the law of the land. The production was sandwiched between *Bananas* and *Play It Again, Sam*, and it would be over two decades before Allen would again subject his work to network abasement. Fearing they might lose government funding, PBS buckled under pressure from Nixonian bullying, and at the last minute, pulled the show. Familiar faces from his "early, funny pictures" abound, including Louise Lasser, Diane Keaton, and his era's premier presidential look-alike, Richard Dixon.

YOU WILL MEET A TALL DARK STRANGER (2010)

Many of Allen's early, funny alter egos underwent strict analysis. But over the years, his protagonists seem to have shifted their agents of psychic self-delusion — from rich doctors to witch doctors. A medium predicts love for Tom Baxter in *The Purple Rose of Cairo*. Danny Rose's flaky flame seeks solace in clairvoyance. Something tells me there was a fortune teller in *The Curse of the Jade Scorpion* (I couldn't sit through it again to confirm), and the police dub the murderer in *Scoop* "The Tarot Card Killer." *You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger* is Allen's definitive statement on soothsaying. Not that we needed cinematic confirmation: Allen told the *New York Times*, "To me, there's no real difference between a fortune teller or a fortune cookie and any of the organized religions. They're all equally valid or invalid, really. And equally helpful."

The romantic roundelay commences with psychic advice dispensed by a quack (Pauline Collins). Her prognostications soon begin disrupting the lives of a bitter divorcee Helena (Gemma Jones), her daughter Sally (Naomi Watts), and her son-in-law Roy (Josh Brolin). Alfie (Anthony Hopkins, brilliantly standing in for WA without so much as a stammer) abandoned Helena in mid-mid-life crisis and married Charmaine (Lucy Punch), the first hooker/retired porn star looking for a sugar daddy that came his way. A little Lecter (and a lot of Woody) emerges as Alvy — I mean, Alfie — blames his ex for allowing herself to get old. As for Roy, he despises his mother-in-law with a near-Ralph Kramden intensity. The med school grad who became a one-hit novelist is deep in the throes of writer's block, and Helena's frequent unannounced appearances drive him batty. In order to take the pressure off their marriage, Sally purposely sends mom to



Men of Crisis: *The Harvey Wallinger Story*: Woody Allen B.Z. (Before Zelig)

a psychic she knows is a fraud. Meanwhile, Allen actually borrows a page from Bobcat Goldthwaite's *World's Greatest Dad*: in order to help his career, Roy decides to peddle a deceased friend's manuscript as his own.

After years of aping Bergman and Fellini, Allen booked passage to England and entered his Hitchcock phase. Here, he still can't quite shake The Master's influence, and Roy begins a voyeuristic rear-window romance with his beautiful, soon-to-be wed neighbor (Freida Pinto).

Lucy Punch's Charmaine acts as a dual reference to characters past. Her exterior may be a lot more curvaceous, but Punch's brash, outgoing trophy gal basically serves the same function as Maureen Stapleton's Pearl in *Interiors*. Both characters brought life (and in Stapleton's case, color), upsetting the balance of the otherwise serious proceedings.

When we hear the reprise of Leon Redbone's "When You Wish Upon a Star," it abruptly becomes clear that our story is about to wrap, and it appears the old boy's heart isn't in it. God bless prolific Woody for averaging a film a year since first stepping behind the camera in 1968. But maybe the nebbish elder statesman should slacken his pace to three films every four years and concentrate more on pulling together loose threads. *You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger* begins with an anonymous narrator quoting Macbeth, and the film is a fun ride right up until the end. Regrettably, by the time Allen's sound and fury draws to a close, he idiotically fails to signify anything.

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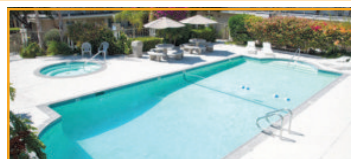
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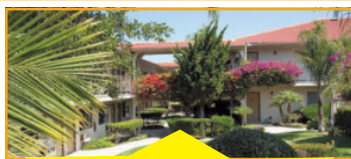
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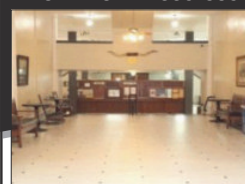
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Saltwater: This past week featured a sporadic to wide-open bluefin tuna bite off the northern Baja coast for the 1-day to 2.5-day fleet. Most of the fish ranged between 40 to 100 pounds, with several fish tipping the scale at over 200 pounds. The best bite as the week entered a full moon phase was after sunset, with 200 to 350 gram flat-fall lures and live sardines on dropper loop rigs producing most of the fish landed. The boats targeting bluefin have been concentrating their effort south of the border in the area surrounding the 371 Bank about 30 to 50 miles off Puerto Nuevo. With the mixed grade of fish, it is advisable to take gear including a 25-pound setup for the smaller tuna and yellowtail, 40-to-60-pound set ups for the medium grade fish, and heavier rigs that can handle up to 130-pound line for the big bluefin. As bluefin tuna can regulate their body temperature (unlike most fish), they do not tire easily and can quickly dive deep through the water column. They are considered one of the strongest fighting fish in the ocean. The count in the dock total does not tell the story of just how many fish are lost during the battle once hooked. The Grande switched from targeting the yellowtail bite at the Coronado Islands to targeting bluefin



Steve McKay with one of twenty largemouth bass he and longtime fishing partner Gary Caradonna caught at El Capitan Reservoir.

further offshore, and their first full day trip out to the grounds prompted this report on Thursday: "We had a long drift today with many bites, but were only able to pull 3 bluefin tuna and 1 yellowtail over the rail. These fish are tough even on the best of tackle, so make sure to come prepared!"

Freshwater: As we head toward summer, bass fishing has been heating up in the local lakes. Anglers Steve McKay and Gary Caradonna had a great outing on El Capitan last week, with twenty quality largemouth bass caught and released. I asked Steve what their secret was, "We were fishing nearshore rockpiles and boulders from seven to about thirty feet deep" At seventy and seventy-one, the pair are longtime friends and angling partners, enjoying outings together since they were ten- and eleven-year-old neighbors in Santee. What terminal tackle worked best? "Seven-inch plastic worms using lightweight spinning gear spooled with eight-pound test line." As most bass have moved off their spawning beds for the season and the water is not

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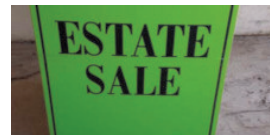
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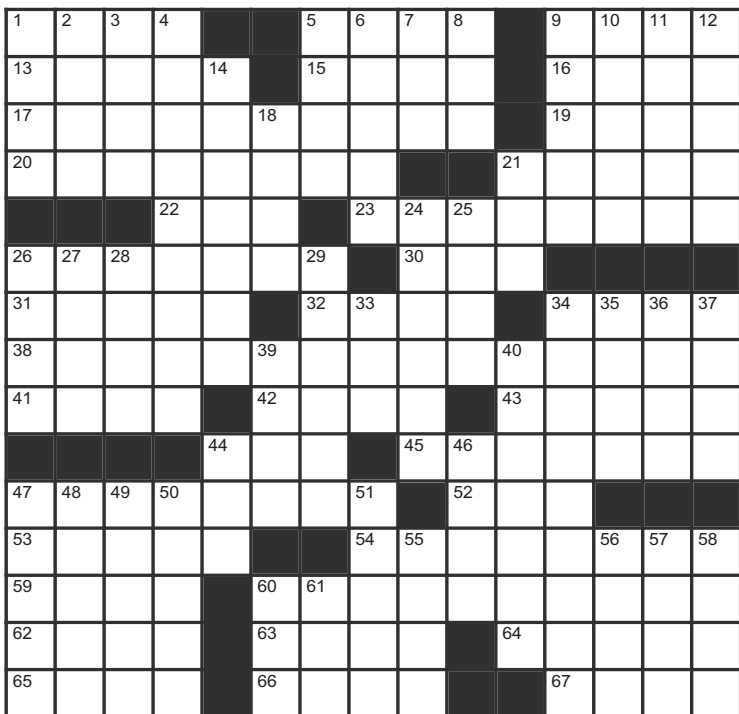
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5. "Stat!"
9. Little bits
13. Turn ____ ear
15. Dirted a baseball uniform, in a way
16. Cheese with a red covering
17. Greeting from a Spanish-speaking mythical figure?
19. Vex
20. Gets behind
21. Basketball great Shaquille (and homophone of 43-Across)
22. Suggestion from Waze: Abbr.
23. Business attire worn by an owl?
26. Unusual sort
30. Tour de France units: Abbr.
31. Where Joan of Arc was held captive
32. Reduce, as anxiety
34. Some bad joke tellers, stereotypically
38. Sing a 19th-century Russian leader?
41. "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria
42. Business sign that's flipped in the morning
43. Baseball great Buck (and homophone of 21-Across)
44. Resembling
45. Speed delivery
47. What Darth Sidius takes after

a long, exhausting day?

52. AFL-____
53. Some froyo bar toppings
54. "No need to elaborate"
59. Gather
60. Path of an overnight star ... and a hint to this puzzle's theme
62. "Der Goldfisch" painter
63. Humans' closest relatives
64. Some Spanish murals
65. Like Sadie, in a Beatles song
66. Alternative to Venmo
67. Tampa Bay ballplayers

Down

1. In thing
2. Thick soup noodle
3. Homework lover, say
4. Media muzzlers
5. Tennis great posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom
6. What water in a bucket might do
7. Hurt
8. "Get a room!" elicitor, for short
9. Shore birds
10. Farewell that's "bid"
11. ____ Lama
12. Process, as ore
14. Typeface that shares its name with the Roman goddess of luck

18. Minuscule div. of a minute
21. Periods after the fourth qtr.
24. Figure skater Baiul
25. Black cat, some think
26. Captors of Frodo Baggins
27. Qatar's capital
28. Two-way
29. Don't stop
33. Item in a box marked "In case of fire ..."
34. Scouting mission leader?
35. Floor plan info
36. Half of MVI
37. Window ledge
39. 1970 Kinks classic
40. Brand with a Poppin' Jalapeno flavor
44. Washboard ____
46. "Law & Order: SVU" co-star
47. Knee-highs, e.g.
48. "Booyah!"
49. Kind of message made obsolescent by faxes
50. Moth-eaten
51. Puts on the payroll
55. "Gee willikers!"
56. Queen of Olympus
58. Discard
61. Org. whose logo contains a flower

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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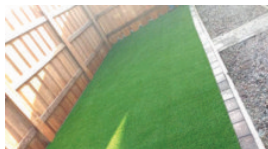
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Weird Science

— Angie Yen, 27, of Brisbane, Australia, had her tonsils removed on April 19, a simple surgery that went smoothly, *News.com* reported. But on April 28, as she got ready for work, she started singing in the shower and noticed something unusual about her voice. "I was singing in a different sound and also talking words in a funny accent," Yen said. She called a friend, who agreed that her accent suddenly sounded Irish and told her about FAS, foreign accent syndrome. Yen went to the hospital, but doctors told her to go home and see if the new accent would disappear in a few days. Nearly two weeks later, the brogue remains, and Yen is scheduled for an MRI and a visit with a neurologist. "I'm very lucky to have very supportive friends and family," she said. "If they find something hopefully there is a cure or treatment for it."

Smile for the Camera

— The Colonial Pipeline shutdown and subsequent gas shortage has produced its fair share of hysteria-fueled incidents in the Southeast, but Jesse Smith, 25, of Griffin, Georgia, may have set the bar. Police there were able to track down and arrest the would-be thief after he attempted to steal gas from a U-Haul truck on May 12 by drilling holes in its tank, resulting in a huge hazardous materials mess ... and no looted gas. WSB-TV reported that Smith was long gone by the time his handiwork was discovered, but security cameras in the U-Haul lot caught Smith walking around the trucks, and

a camera trained on the area behind the KFC where Smith parked his own truck caught his hopeful arrival and the walk of shame that followed his failed gas heist.

Sweet Revenge

— On May 4, in Taipei, two masked men entered the G House Taipei restaurant carrying bags filled with more than 1000 cockroaches, *Oddity Central* reported. They released the creepy crawlies at the reception desk on the second floor, then fled. Law enforcement officers who happened to be attending a banquet at the restaurant that evening initially thought the attack was directed at them, but as it turns out, the suspects are part of Bamboo Union, an organized crime ring, and the restaurant owner allegedly owed money to the mob. Police said they would pursue the perpetrators as if the stunt had been an act of violence, something like attacking someone with paint.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

— When Damien Desrocher, 28, decided to "return to nature" in December, it meant leaving his job as an air force computer technician and moving to the northern French town of Wahagnies, where he started raising snails. But they're not for eating, Reuters reported. Desrocher harvests "slime" from the snails and uses it to make bars of soap. A single snail will yield about 2 grams of slime. Desrocher needs about 80 grams of slime to make 15 100-gram soap bars. "It's all in the dexterity of how you tickle," he said as he demonstrated the harvesting

technique. "I only touch it with my finger, you see it's not violent, it's simple." Desrocher said snail mucus contains molecules of collagen and elastin, which have anti-aging and skin-healing properties.

Silent But Deadly

— In North Carolina, large stands of wetland forests along the coast have died, giving the areas an apocalyptic appearance, CNET reported. Salt water from rising seas and storm surges is causing the destruction of tens of thousands of acres. Researchers at North Carolina State University are studying the "ghost forests" to measure their environmental impact, which includes emitting greenhouse gases – carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide – that they call "tree farts." Graduate student Melinda Martinez acknowledged that the trees don't emit as much as the soils, but, she said, "Even the smallest fart counts."

Put a Ring on It

— Avid snorkeler Susan Prior of Norfolk Island, Australia, often sees small mullet fish with rings around their middles -- usually plastic rings from juice and milk bottles, she said, according to the *New York Post*. "Mullet snuffle through the sand looking for food, making it so easy for a ring or a hair tie to flip over their noses and get stuck," she wrote in a blog post. But in early May, Prior, who also takes underwater photos, captured a snap of a mullet fish sporting a gold wedding band. Prior remembered that she had seen a social media post about a lost wedding

ring in the bay, but she couldn't catch up to the fish to retrieve the item. She did, however, remind others to snip any plastic rings before putting them in the trash so that the fish aren't "slowly strangled."

Bright Idea

— Ever stepped off a curb unexpectedly or run into a pole while looking down at your phone? Minwook Paeng, an industrial design student at London's Royal College of Art and Imperial College, has invented a device that will alert you to obstacles in your path: the Third Eye. A small translucent case shaped something like an eye affixes to the forehead with a thin gel pad, DeZeen reported, and "the black component that looks like a pupil is an ultrasonic sensor for sensing distance," Paeng explained. When the gyroscope senses the head angled downward, the plastic "eyelid" opens and warns the wearer of obstacles in their path with a buzzer. Paeng believes humans are evolving into "phono sapiens," developing "turtle neck syndrome" and a curved pinky finger from holding our phones. "I hope that the act of ironically pointing out what we are doing with our smartphones can help people take time for self-reflection," Paeng mused.

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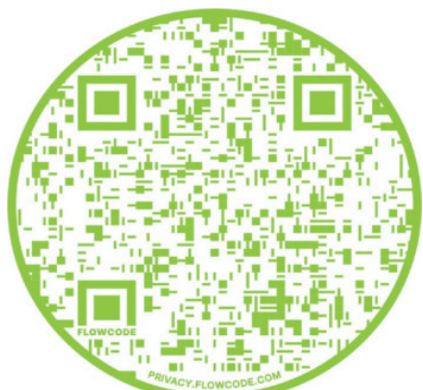
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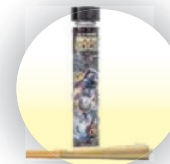
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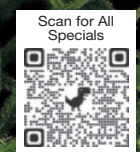
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