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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

BAJA

Democracy despite danger Burned ballots and broken bodies fail to vanquish voters

On June 13, Baja California held one of the biggest elections in its history. Mayors' positions for Tijuana, Tecate, Mexicali, Rosarito, and Ensenada were in dispute, plus state governor and deputies. More than 4800 polling places were set up in the state, most of them installed in the main cities, Mexicali and Tijuana.

In the latter, three boxes with ballots were burned with gasoline and Molotov cocktails. One of those poll boxes, registered with the number 1560, was located in the Villa Fontana neighborhood; the box caught fire after three people spread



A particularly direct attempt at voter suppression.

threw a Molotov bomb. The vast majority of ballots will be canceled, but the votes for mayor of the city are saved. We won't let them waste our elections." The event happened around 5 pm, one hour before the official closure of the elections at 6 pm, and during the Sunday rush hour in one of the most crowded commercial plazas in that area. The fire burned ballots for governor and federal deputies, and caused

"I saw a man with two teenagers. The boys spread the gasoline, and then the man threw a Molotov bomb."

gasoline over it. Rodolfo Ozuna Espina, the second in charge of the poll workers, said with a trembling voice that he saw suspicious behavior from three men who stayed around the booths for hours. "We were focused on our job, but I saw a man with two teenagers; the man was claiming to be an observer from a political party. Then he took advantage of us when I went to the bathroom. The boys spread the gasoline, and then the man

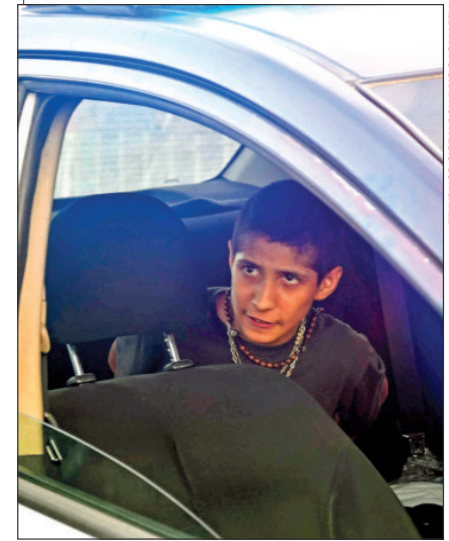
injuries to Raul Fermin, an older man who got gasoline on his eye while waiting for his wife to finish her work at the polls.

Neighbors detained one of those presumably responsible for starting the fire. Amid screams of "Lynch him," they handed him over to the police, who later confirmed that the detained subject was a 13-year-old male.

Three miles away at around the same time, in the busy street Mariano Matam-



In Urbis Villas del Prado, two buses were burned. Plus the Tijuana Police Department confirmed 14 murders the next day.



In the midst of screams of "Lynch him," captors handed a suspect over to the police.

oros, a hooded man started a fire at poll station number 1154. According to witnesses, the man got out of a car without plates, soaked the ballot boxes, set them on fire, and escaped. In videos filmed by poll workers, burning votes could be seen as people screamed and asked for police, who did not appear, even though the poll station was on the sidewalk of the main avenue that crosses the whole neighborhood, next to another commercial plaza.

In Urbis Villas del Prado, two buses were burned. The next day, the Tijuana Police Department confirmed 14 murders. Early in the morning at station 1440, in the neighborhood of Terrazas del Valle, a human head inside of a cardboard box was left at the table where citizens would be counting the votes of their neighbors. Reports said that around 9:30 am, a man dropped the box and left on foot, but didn't get caught. A couple of minutes after that, a chopped torso was found inside a plastic bag close to another poll station. And at noon, another head was found in Mariano Matamoros, this one inside of a foam cooler.

Finally, the National Electoral Institute reported 14 cases of stolen ballot boxes across Baja, two of them in Tijuana.

Despite all the violence, the National Electoral Institute registered 37 percent on electorate participation, which means an increase of eight percent compared with 2019, when just 29 percent of the population registered in the electoral institute cast their ballots.

IVÁN MOLINA



Raul Fermin got gasoline on his eye while waiting for his wife to finish her work at the polls.

MISSION BAY

Fiesta for Fido

San Diego's own Isle of Dogs will stay that way

Few who enjoy the outdoors on Fiesta Island care that it's a man-made landscape. Its 470 acres and six miles of shoreline, part of the much larger Mission Bay Park, are a rare find in the middle of San Diego. Endangered least terns like it, too.

But the threat — or promise — of development has been looming over the island as the city amends its Mission Bay Park Master Plan. While most of the island is now an off-leash dog park, the city has been studying two potential land use sce-

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UNDER THE RADAR

Bettering and rebuilding Ex-San Diego mayor **Kevin Faulconer** already relies on three statewide political committees to fund his hopes of becoming governor, either through this year's recall of incumbent **Gavin Newsom** or 2022's regular race against Newsom or whoever else may have the job by then. Now some political fat cats have set up yet another. Dubbed the Fund for a Better California, primarily formed to support Kevin Faulconer for Governor 2022, the committee has received "major funding" from **Gerald Marcil** and Brawley El Centro Group, LLC, per a June 8 online disclosure filing.

Politico reports that the fund has so far spent \$1.2 million for broadcast commercials in Sacramento and Los Angeles, primarily to counter opponent **John Cox's** investment of \$4.7 million of personal money into the race and transgender **Caitlyn Jenner's** free media exposure. Marcil, a mega apart-ment-owner from Los Angeles, has long been a Faulconer stalwart, coming up with \$50,000 on March 3 of last year for the then ex-mayor's independent expenditure committee, initially called Faulconer's Ballot Measure Committee, Rebuilding the California Dream.

"The former high school wrestler is a moderate Republican and chairman of the fiscally conservative New Majority of Los Angeles. He donated \$127,150 to conservative candidates and causes between 2015 and 2017," wrote Steve Lopez in a November 2017 *L.A. Times* profile. Federal disclosure records show Marcil, listed as retired, kicked in \$15,000 to the Donald Trump Victory Committee on October 3, 2019, and gave \$5566 to the Donald J. Trump for President committee the same day.



Kevin Faulconer's idea of a Better California involves Kevin Faulconer.

Free obits With print circulation continuing to shrink, the *Union-Tribune* has come up with a way to appeal to aging subscribers. "We know that publishing an obituary in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* carries a cost. But we also believe that this cost should not stand in the way of paying tribute to a loved one," says a recent advertisement in the paper. "Qualifying, low-income households in San Diego receive a printed memorial notice in the obituary pages of the Local section on a day of their choice as well as a custom webpage link to *legacy.com* that they can share online."

Eulogy for a labor union Way back in June 1998, employees of the *Union-Tribune*, motivated by putative perks offered by then-publisher **Helen Copley**, narrowly voted to shuck off their labor union. "A source says that representatives from the Copley Press, the outfit that owns the paper, have gone all out to convince union members to ditch the guild," noted an account published here at the time.

"Wavering union supporters are said to have been invited to everything from intimate coffee klatches with *U-T* chieftain **Gene Bell** to gratis Padres games, complete with a corporate box and plenty of free booze. The pitch is that 21st-century newspaper workers won't need union representation because the *U-T* has turned over a new leaf and won't fight hard against raises and better working conditions." A couple of decades of dismissals, buyouts, and an embarrassing bimbo cable TV channel later, the now-much-diminished *U-T*



Helen Copley, union underminer

ranks are watching with mixed emotions the *de novo* unionization of surviving southern California newsrooms owned by controversial hedge fund Alden Global Capital.

Employees of the eleven papers, including the *Press-Enterprise*, (Riverside), *Orange County Register*, the *Press-Telegram* (Long Beach), the *Daily Breeze* (Torrance), the *Sun* (San Bernardino), the *Pasadena Star-News*, the *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*, the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, the *Whittier Daily News*, the *L.A. Daily News*, and the *Redlands Daily Facts*, overwhelmingly voted to affiliate with the NewsGuild, according to a June 15 account by *New York Daily News* media columnist Keith Kelly. "Some of these newspapers are unionizing for the first time. This means their staff, who have endured years of low pay as their newsrooms shrank around them, will now have a seat at the bargaining table," said *Daily News* reporter Josh Cain, an organizing committee member for the NewsGuild, which spearheaded the drive. "Unilateral cuts in pay or involuntary layoffs become nearly impossible to force through without a union's approval, even if the company and union have not yet hammered out a collective bargaining agreement," Kelly noted. *U-T* owner **Patrick Soon-Shiong** granted workers at his *Los Angeles Times* the same favor in 2019, but so far, at least, the same has not happened in San Diego, raising an already elevated anxiety level here.

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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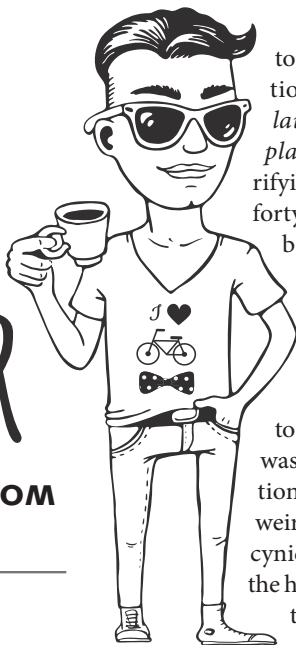
Immanuel Kant famously proposed that people should be treated as “ends in themselves,” not as a means to an end. As a corollary of that principle, people are supposed to help themselves and others achieve their own ends. Of course, you have heard the old chestnut about how the end justifies the means, right? I want to explore those ideas in relation to counterculture, which is where you come in, because hipsters are counterculture figures. Specifically, is counterculture and end in and of itself, or is it a means to some other end?

—TAYLOR

Although history is filled with hipsters and other counterculture figures who embraced the idea of counterculture as an end in itself, stepping outside the mainstream has always been a means to a noble end. Since it's summer, I will use a Christmas-themed pop culture simile to

drive the point home. However, before I start talking about Charlie Brown, let me ask you this: do you know the true story of TV laugh tracks? I bet that you, like most faithful sitcom fans, assume the laugh track has benign origins related to the superficial but understandable purpose of tricking viewers into thinking a show is funnier than it is. You'd be wrong, because in reality, the history of the laugh track is neither simple nor benign.

As to its complexity: up until the 1980s, all laugh tracks were the work of one production company. The handful of sound engineers who provided canned laughter would carefully tailor the laughter to reflect the comedy on screen. This leads



to the more sinister question of *why did we have laugh tracks in the first place?* The answer, horrifyingly, is that, for about forty years, TV executives believed viewers would not know the difference between a comedy and a drama unless producers employed a laugh track to instruct people on what was funny. This combination of facts is among the weirdest and most biting cynical things I know about the history of popular entertainment. So badly mistrusting humanity that you can't credit them

the ability to distinguish between serious and jocular... it boggles the mind!

Now that you know how entrenched the culture of laugh tracks is in Hollywood comedy, you can really appreciate how monumentally countercultural it was for *A Charlie Brown Christmas* to eschew the laugh track. The 1965 special, which has become an iconic piece of sardonic humor that has even the most detached hipster tipping his hat in respect, famously refused demands from CBS to add a laugh track so viewers wouldn't miss a punchline. If you've ever seen the movie, or read the *Peanuts* comic strip, you know easy



Bare tree, unadorned humor.

punchlines are emphatically not part of the formula. There's a reason that, when I was a little kid, I didn't think *Peanuts* was all that funny, while now I think it's hilarious. The challenge of picking out jokes is a big part of the sardonic humor, and you can imagine how badly a laugh track would have cheapened the entire experience. The show's creators knew that, and they ignored conventional wisdom because they wanted to do something new and out-of-the-blue; something that would have people scratching their heads and questioning what they thought they knew about life, humor, and the holidays. Playing it safe by doing what everybody else did would never have gotten them where they wanted to be, so breaking the “rules” was an effective means of getting to an important end. Hipster Immanuel Kant would certainly have approved.

—DJ Stevens

LETTERS

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Seals of disapproval

You know another thing San Diego is great for (“Chaos at La Jolla sea lion rookery,” Neighborhood News, June 8)? Throwing people in jail and writing tickets. So I can't see why they wouldn't have a full time park ranger there. It would be more revenue from tourists from writing tickets.

Jeremy Maasch
El Cajon

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“Public Health Officer/ Science God thunders declaration from mountaintop: ‘THE PANDEMIC IS NOT OVER.’”
SD on the QT: Almost Factual News
June 18

The pandemic will never be over with Newsom in charge. He's a lot like Trump. A pathological narcissist. The only differences -- political leanings, and Trump shows his true colors while Newsom is a wolf in sheep's clothing. When will American's wake up and be informed voters.

—Socks 3742

“Kori Jensen cleared by D.A. on house in North Oceanside”
Neighborhood News
June 7

This move by the DA is consistent with her and her predecessor in the office. A virtual absence of any prosecutions for local political corruption has been the rule in the county for many years now. And if these misrepresenta-

tions aren't corrupt, what is? The many points being made by the recall movement are true, and now a pair of the pro-developer cabal on the council are disavowing her. It would be impossible to make up a story like this one. She's a defiant one for sure. Just when you think that the O'side council is getting its act together, a majority of it pulls a stunt like appointing her. There were many choices available to them (I think even Rocky Chavez was one of them) and they picked a carpet-bagging unknown out of the field of applicants. When I learned that the DA was “investigating” I predicted nothing would come of it, and there was no surprise when I was correct. But having two of her supporters announce a loss of confidence WAS a surprise. Ya' nevah know.

—Visduh

“Popeyes' Lemon Grove success – and its detractors”
Neighborhood News
June 14

Most people's cars are nicer (and cleaner) than many restaurants, so it's no SURPRISE that drive-through is back in fashion! BTW: It's too bad that food trucks are not allowed in NP, since the BID does not want any competition; thinking only of themselves and not NP residents that don't want to pay for service and tip for a quick meal! Greed has made the San Diego of just a decade ago into San Diego...

—Founder

Nothing opens in Lemon Grove very often. Popeye's locating there illustrates the changing demographics of the city. The entire city is turning into a fast-food meccas.

—Ponzi

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narios for the 100-acre southwest subarea, one of which would have put a two-lane road and fences right through doggie playland. Option A, preferred by watercraft users and environmentalists, would have used six acres of shoreline in the dog park as a public park for swimming and a non-motorized boat dock. And Option A still would have kept a large 87-acre parcel for off-leash dogs in the southwestern area, while enhancing coastal access for uses like boating and swimming, commissioners said. Supporters stressed the importance of the open space to walkers and others for affordable recreation. The San Diego Audubon Society, which supported Option A, called for a better access road for pedestrians, wheelchair users and bikes. (The island has two federally endangered least tern nesting sites, managed by the city in partnership with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, one of which is reportedly not flourishing.)



Paging Wes Anderson- it's a dog's life, and also a dog's island.

new playground and swimming area with a lifeguard, and everyone to benefit from the new parking lot and restroom. Currently, there's an "underutilized half mile

lot and enforce people from getting in line or using that lot to park in."

On Friday, June 11, about 7:27 pm, I entered the Louisiana-style fried chicken restaurant parking lot from the Lemon Grove Avenue entranceway, about a half mile south of 94 and a half-mile west of the 125. The banks — BofA and the Union Bank next door — were closed, and their patrons drove around Popeyes' customers to get to the ATMs. My car was behind five others waiting in the curvy drive-thru lane. I noticed the nearby Lemon Grove Skatepark, packed with grom skateboarders, and thought of a comment I'd read on Facebook: "I too absolutely hate that it is a Popeyes, and not something healthier," wrote Den. However, he said, "I am happy that it will bring more money into the city."

By the Central Avenue entrance, signs

read, "Don't come in here, come in from Lemon Grove Avenue," and with good reason: Heartland Fire & Rescue Station 10 is just across the street from the Central Avenue entrance. "Hmm, seems like the line would impact the fire station?" questioned commenter Peggy. "Surely that cannot be blocked."

After about 12 minutes, I pulled up to the window and paid \$16.57 for two chicken sandwich combos.

"Are your chicken sandwiches still selling out?" I asked the window attendant.

She replied, "Yeah." I looked behind me at the seven vehicles waiting in line.

Jesse from Lemon Grove wrote, "Dollah dollar bills, ya'll." His neighbor responded, "It may make dollars, but it don't make sense."

After the first four weeks of Popeyes' launch of the 699-calorie chicken sandwich on August 12, 2019, its growth in spend per panelist (year-over-year relative percentage) rose to 40 percent, according to data platform Sense360, per *qsr* magazine.com. KFC, Jack in the Box, Church's Chicken, McDonald's, and Del Taco — all chains operating within a six-mile radius of the Lemon Grove Popeyes — created their own chicken sandwich recipes and so increased their sales, said the April article. "So while some great results, replicating Popeyes' trigger event is a unicorn target. Understandably so. As much as the brand has, impressively, continued heightened results — to the tune of \$400,000 more per restaurant...Roughly 65 percent of the U.S. population ordered a breaded chicken sandwich from a quick-service restaurant in the last six months."

TheTakeout.com ranks Popeyes' chicken sandwich at number one in its fast-food chicken sandwich rankings.

MIKE MADRAGA

On June 10, the long fight to keep the island's dog park intact ended when the California Coastal Commission voted 6-5 to leave it as is.

Dog owners revolted, petitioning the city for an alternative design in their environmental review. During public review, broad support for leaving the dog park untouched led the city in 2019



Fiesta Island locals

to settle on Option B — riling boaters and paddlers who had part of the planning process since 2005. Commission staff recommended rejecting the city's proposed amendment. Instead, they suggested modifications that would enable kayakers and paddle boarders to launch from the new dock, families to use the

stretch of beach" that could be used by a broader range of the public. Dog park advocate Kathy Parrish agreed that parts of the island see a lot less visitors. "Very few people use the south shores. Tens of thousands use the fenced-off area."

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SHEILA PELL

LEMON GROVE Popeyes takes a punch

Long lines for fast food means disgruntled denizens

This month, some Lemon Grovers have decided that the grand opening of a Popeyes restaurant, one of 2700 worldwide, isn't so grand. "Just two days open has already made it impossible to navigate the parking lot by Bank of America, as the [Popeyes] drive-thru line extends into the narrow exit onto Central!" exclaimed Charlie on our shared NextDoor app on June 2. "If I [were] BofA, I would post somebody in the



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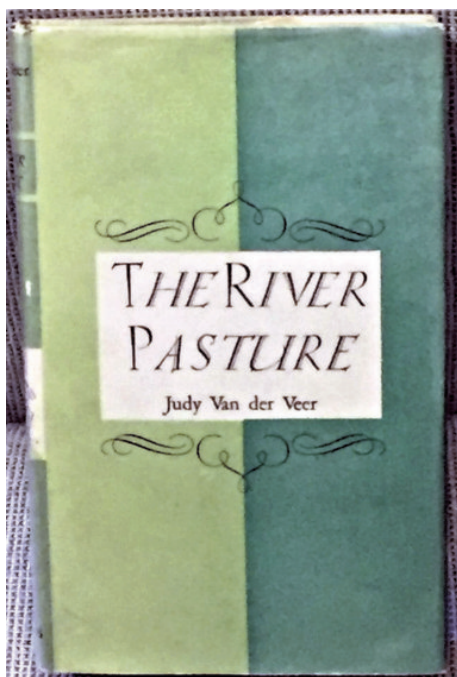


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The River Pasture

IN THE MORNINGS the cows were turned out directly after milking and sent up the hill by themselves. After breakfast I caught up with them. Sometimes they wandered far, across the highway and into Tecolote canyon. Sometimes they stood lazily on the rim of the hill. The mornings were very cold, and often “a mist lay on the land.” Those mistiest mornings were the loveliest. I liked to look to the south and see the spires of the city rising up. In the park was one white tower, pure and tall, that stood alone. Only from that distance could I consider the city beautiful. West, and a little to the north, I could see the shoreline of the Pacific; sometimes on very clear days I saw ships floating on the horizon. North, east, and south the mountains spread in long ranges. I could plainly see the mountains of Mexico; Table Mountain was often very clear. I should like to look at the mesa from the air some spring. Its colors would be interesting — yellow patches of poppies and violets, blue of hyacinths and shooting stars, blooming sage and greasewood, spots of bare red earth.



Dennis Hopper: A Madness to His Method

THERE WAS REAL THEATER in San Diego — the Old Globe where they even did Shakespeare’s plays, and up the road a bit, in the town of La Jolla, was the La Jolla Playhouse. Dennis loved the smell and atmosphere of these places, spending precious pocket money, earned delivering newspapers and collecting old bottles, to buy his admission. It was at the Old Globe that he made his acting debut, playing an urchin in a production of Charles Dickens’s *A Christmas Carol*.

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“I caught up with them. Sometimes they wandered far, across the highway and into Tecolote canyon.”

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The Evil I Do Not Intend

Dravecky raised some eyebrows that month when he appeared with Eric Show and Mark Thurmond at a John Birch Society booth at the Del Mar Fair. Back home in Boardman, his parents were stunned. His father said, “Well, it’ll ruin his career.” Yet most people remembered the Padres’ Bircher contingent as “Eric Show and those other two guys.” Upbeat where Show was moody, reserved where Show was outspoken, Dravecky was little tarnished by the controversy. **JUNE 15, 1995**

Masters of Deceit

“[The Padres] want the city’s share (10 percent) of sky-box licensing revenue from the Chargers, a cap at \$25.5 million on the city’s 10 percent take of Padres’ ticket revenue, use of the city’s sky box for several games, and free rent in their office space near the stadium. They want to collect fees (for 10 years) for 3500 parking spaces at Qualcomm for people who leave cars and take the trolley to the downtown ballpark. **AUG. 31, 2000**

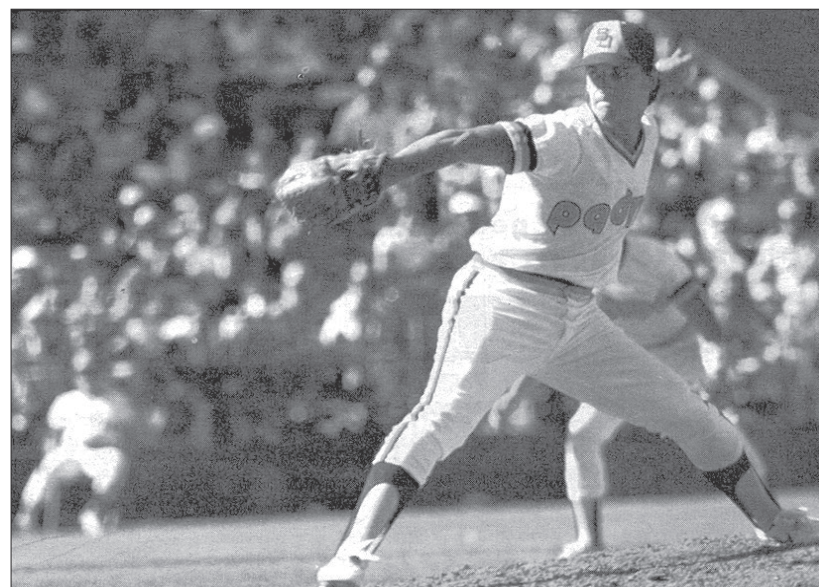
Who Really Owns the Padres?

Last week, construction suddenly ground to a halt, and JMI announced that it was suspending the operation until the city came up with the cash to build the adjacent baseball stadium, on hold since last spring, when it came to light that

then-city councilwoman Valerie Stallings had accepted gifts and stock tips from Moores.... It turned out that the much-heralded bank loan JMI had announced for the project had never been made. **MAY 3, 2001**

No Fossils, No Fat Guys

“You guys know a lot of strikers, right? Any problems?” Pete admitted he’d gotten indirect threats. “So-and-so said that if you play, this is going to happen, things like that. ‘Tell Roberts anyone who crosses is going to get their leg broken.’ I know who it came from and all, but I don’t care. They’re going at it as if this were some sort of moral crusade They’re trying to legitimize the situation.” **MARCH 14, 1985**



Dave Dravecky, 1984. Dravecky’s left arm was amputated, along with his shoulder and shoulder blade.

Farewell to Baseball’s Good Old Days

That evening, I called Pete Roberts at the Holiday Inn. Pete’s a pitcher. He was a little concerned about Lysander, today’s starter, whom he said had been throwing well, but this week had suffered from a

sore elbow. Tomorrow, Pete explained, the team will be chosen. By Tuesday he could be in San Diego studying the help-wanted ads. “I’ve had some good days and some bad ones,” he admitted. **APRIL 6, 1995**

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Brent, AFTER: Short sides, long back. Same as the Assyrians!

Make way for mullets

Something's different! I'm off to my usual rendezvous to complete the waking process: coffee on the street at the BBC (Bay Books Cafe), with either Brent or Jose, the baristas. Then sit down to be shocked awake by yellow tables and umbrellas flaring in the morning sun.

Except, yeah: something's different. Oh wow. It's Brent. Good grief. He has cut half his hair off. "Mullet," he says. "Call it my 'faux mo.' False Mohawk. See? Short on the sides. Way long behind. That's what a mullet haircut is: 'Business in front, party in the back, good time all round!'"

It's the shaved sides you notice most, plus the long back. "This cut is for teens up to mid-30's. Older? No. You've got to have hair in the first place."

Have to admit, now I think about it, I've seen this before. Trying to remember. Ah yes! Hulk Hogan, and hey, Ellen de Generes, right? And, if you're a true mulleteer, you've got to include Benjamin Franklin. "Just check your \$100 note," says Brent. "He's got a mullet hairstyle! I got my friend Eric Vega to do this for me. I paid him \$50 plus tip. And that's not bad. Prices are going up since covid, and especially since the opening downtown, they're paying \$80-100. Eric is raising his prices and he's still getting slammed!"

But Brent says haircuts never actually stopped happening during the pandemic. "I've had friends who kept going, and charging \$150 per haircut. And that was justified: because they were risking their lives, before the vaccines came out. Now the pressure's even more, because people are starting to want to socialize seriously for the first time. They look in the mirror and go 'Man! I've let myself slip this last year!'"



Brent: The BEFORE shot

But why a mullet? A haircut named after a fish? Not exactly. Henri Mollet, a French fashion guru, is supposed to have created the style in the early '70s. The Beastie Boys had a mullet-mentioning song soon after. Way before that, it was also known as the "Hun Cut," because that's how delinquent Roman kids would wear their hair: like their terrifying enemies, the Huns, just to annoy their parents. And way before them, the Hittites, the Assyrians and the Egyptians all wore the style, too — partly to keep hair out of their eyes in battle. Fast-forward to David Bowie's Ziggy Stardust mane, and pretty soon Paul McCartney and half of show biz were wearing their hair that way.

"I think it's coming back," says Manny, who cuts hair at Bow Ties and Haircuts on 10th Street. He doesn't sound happy. "I find it hideous. It has been around since the '80s. It has a kind of 'screw you' feel about it. But it appeals to, like, the skateboarders. I cut it if I have to."

"My girlfriend loves it," says Brent, "It gives you sun, shelter, and a cool openness to breezes. And this is nothing. Pretty soon we'll be in Mo-vement. Mustaches! Part of No-Shave November. Hair is happening! How can you fight that?"

From Top Gun to tin can

Coronado: you'd think we'd be pretty jaded when it comes to Top Gun planes thundering overhead in this town. Happens every day, right? Especially when a carrier's returning from a WestPac.

And yet I can't resist looking up, every time. If only to guess what the noisy bird is. They always seem to come in so slowly; I don't understand how they hang in the air. I sort of hold my breath for them.

So when a couple of huge trucks with the

as the blood fought its way back to his head?

One or two passers-by, here on Orange Avenue, fumble for their cell phones to get a picture. As this truck has to stop for the light at 10th Street, one gent walks around to the driver's side. "F-16? F-18?" he asks the driver. The driver looks straight ahead. He ain't giving no info to unauthorized parties. My friend shrugs. "Think it's an F-18," he says. "Those wedge tail fins. Just think where they have been!"

He's right, of course. Has this hunk of metal

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cannibalized corpses of two F-18 Hornets stretched out on their flatbeds rumble by on their way to some military wrecker's yard, I get a wave of sadness. Like finding a dead gull. These incredible machines aren't going to fly any more. They have had their moment. I get it: their whole *raison d'être* was to kill people and destroy things. Yet you can't help feel for them, for what fantastic lives they had, under the guidance of their Top Gun pilots, streak-

swerved through the missile-rich skies over Baghdad? Or Syria?

With all the systems pulled out and the engine spaces gutted, it feels like a naked prisoner lying there, indecently exposed. For some reason, I think of Antoine de St. Exupery, the French pilot who pioneered night flights over the Andes and Africa, but also wrote children's classics like *The Little Prince*. He was killed flying in WW2, but people across



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The second plane has print still visible on its side. "Danger. Jet intake." And below where the canopy was, "Cdr. B. C. Shoemaker. 'Doc.'" I wonder who he was. Where he is now. What he felt about having a million-dollar — actually, \$66 million-dollar — warplane with his name on it? If he felt sentimental about it, if he still felt the thrill of the jerk of the catapult launching him into the air, or the grab of it halting him improbably on the deck when he landed? Of suddenly being way high off the earth and trying to keep his marbles together

the world still love him. Folks still quote from his books. The one I remember goes, "If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea."

I see the tractor-trailer is from Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Is it going to drive this plane carcass all the way back there? Is that where this creation of human brilliance is going to turn into Bud cans?

Me, I head on towards The Tavern for a beer. Who knows? Maybe I'll be drinking from some F-18. ■

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'Homeless' doesn't tell the whole story

Karina Martinez is 32 and a native of Oceanside. She was born and raised in the Los Arbolitos neighborhood, just west of where El Camino Real meets Mission Avenue. She has four children, who are now 10, 9, 6 and 1, and enjoyed a nearly 13-year career with the Oceanside Unified School District. For most of the last five years, however, Martinez has been a homeless drug addict, smoking crystal, slamming junk, and sleeping in homeless encampments in canyons and riverbeds near the San Luis Rey River bike trail. "I grew up in a hard-working family," she says, "the oldest of four. I was very close to my dad. My parents divorced when I was ten, and my mom didn't take me with her. She took the other three, but not me. So I wound up living with my dad, who was an alcoholic and always working so he couldn't pay attention to what I was doing. I was ten years old when I started smoking weed, and from there I just went on a destructive path."

She attended El Camino High School. "I was in softball, but because I was smoking weed

I got kicked off the team, and it just never got addressed with my family... Right after I graduated, barely graduated – this was in 2006 – I got a job with Subway, and since by then I only knew how to work, I got another job with the school district. And with that income I was able to find a roommate on Holly Street."

Living on Holly Street, "I was still smoking weed all the time and drinking, because it's a gang-related area. I met a man who was in a gang. He was into smoking crystal and heroin, so he introduced me to that. I was probably 17. And by the time I was 19, I had gotten pregnant with him. His family decided to try to help us by putting us in an apartment together in Vista, but that is when the domestic violence started. This was in 2010. When I had my first daughter, the domestic violence worsened. He was beating me up really bad. He gave me concussions, he punched my teeth out, he hurt me sexually. He was using. And then I would be so depressed with him hitting me that I would be using, too."

For four years, Karina Martinez lived in a tent off the 76, right up the hill from Albertson's and the police station.

And then I'm over here, trying to work, too."

Despite the abuse, the relationship lasted for five years. "He'd got to prison, come back out, and we would get back together because that's what I thought I had to do – I thought I had to stick with the person I had a baby with. And then I got pregnant again with the third child, and by that time we were living with my dad. We had lost the apartment because of him destroying it. The cops came. And then also CPS (Child Protective Services) was coming, and I was kind of hiding with my kids. So we ended up living with my father in Vista, and I told my dad, finally, that I didn't want this guy living there because when my dad would be at work, he would start beating me up again. So finally my dad told him to leave the house, which was a first for the guy, because no one in my family had ever confronted him about beating me up."

The man left town, and Martinez managed to move into her own place, at La Mission Apartments in Oceanside. Happy ending? Not quite. "I was still working for the school district and living in this apartment. And then I think in about 2015, I crossed paths with someone from my past who had been friends with the two of us, and he gave me this sob story that he was homeless. I didn't really know how to pick anybody in healthy ways, so I ended up letting him come over to my place more often, and of course he had a bag of drugs, so I relapsed with him. And not even a month later, he was staying at my place all the time. He was

getting high with me in my room while my kids were in the living room, and then he started stealing from me while I was at work. And then the aggression got worse, to where he started beating me up as well. So CPS was knocking at my door again and my mom intervened. One day, she said she had to take my kids somewhere, but she just took them into her care. So I called her and asked her when she was dropping them off, and she said, 'I'm not letting you have your kids anymore because of your life.'"

That was the day Martinez OD'd. "Throughout my pregnancies, I had C-sections. And C-sections led to pills – Percocets, oxycodone. That was another thing I was abusing. I was doing opiates, meth, I also got prescribed Xanax for my depression, so I

took all the opiates and all the Xanax and overdosed on Mother's Day 2017. That got the police to come out again, and that got the landlord to put a notice on my door, telling me that I needed to leave, because of all the chaos. One day they padlocked the door, and I became homeless."

She began venturing out into the nearby canyons. "My addiction got worse. I started using syringes. I got addicted to slamming meth with syringes, heroin with syringes, and I was stealing from stores to trade for drugs – flashlights, batteries. The ones that were dealing were always on the move, but one place to find everybody was a place where I used to go to get food, to get clothes, to take a shower: Brother Benno's. And there, it was like this huge group of homeless people, and we

would do drug exchanges there. So I was going there forever, and while I was there I was like, 'Wow, this place is just kind of just taking care of us being out there.' It was really kind of awkward – we got food, showers and clothes, and if we saw other people there, there was dope, needles, people smoking in the bathrooms."

For the next four years, she lived "in a tent off the 76, right up the hill from Albertson's and the police station. There was a hill up there, and I stayed there forever because it was private property. Then I started getting incarcerated, and it was just this vicious cycle of me being picked up for possession of drugs, for possession of paraphernalia, and I would go in for four days to a week, and then get right back to the tent. And there I



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met this guy named Anthony, and we were both into drugs really deep, so we became really violent toward each other out there. There were a couple more people living on that hill. There's communities everywhere, and everybody had their own territory – there are people in the riverbed, in Fireside [Park], and the whole bike trail is full of people. I knew everybody out there. There's a lot of evil things out there, people hurting each other, stealing from each other – a lot of messed up things, mentally, sexually. I really didn't see any kids, because I think at that point, you can't really have kids anymore, someone will take them away. But I would always see when people were going to lose their kids. If they did have custody, they'd go out to meet someone with drugs and they'd have their kids in their car, and the next thing you know, they're out there with us, like, 'I lost my kids.'"

Martinez missed her own kids, but it didn't serve as positive motivation. "Me missing them



PHOTOGRAPH BY ANABEL SIERRA

Adilene Mendoza: "We never had our own apartment. We would rent rooms from people, and it was hard because all five of us were crowded in one room. I went to Valley High School, but ended up dropping out because I got pregnant."

so bad just made me want to go somewhere, die, you know. And me and Anthony, we were becoming more and more violent toward each other. And I got incarcerated one day and they told me I was pregnant. I was just shocked because I was so

unhealthy. I don't know how I got pregnant again. So I made a choice in there, like, that I would get out and not try to use anymore because I knew I was going to have to say goodbye to this baby. I already knew what it felt like to lose the other kids.

So I got right back out to the canyon and I decided, 'OK, maybe I just won't use the needle,' but there I am, still smoking heroin, still smoking crystal, and I'm this domestic violence relationship with her dad. And I think one day I was just so sick and tired of having nothing, of losing, of just hurting, that I asked someone to drive me to the Family Recovery Center in Oceanside. I went there, but because I missed her dad so much I only lasted a week. And this time I was out there a little bit longer. I was six months pregnant and still getting high out there, and it was messy with me. I had a lot of guilt. So I went back to FRC, and in there I had some mental discipline to stay there. My mom brought my kids to visit me. FRC is a really strict program, which I really appreciated. It strips everything away from you — to be in the moment. I stayed there for about five months, and I was just anxious for the next step, and they said, 'We're going to send you to Solutions for Change.'"

Solutions for Change,

in Vista, is a nonprofit that seeks to equip parents with the tools they need to climb out of whatever hell they've been living in by learning how to become self-reliant, swear off drugs and booze, and learn personal and financial skills. Martinez moved to Solutions for Change in May 2020. Three months earlier, on Valentine's Day, she had given birth to a baby girl she named Paisley. "She is healthy, despite everything that I did. She's perfect... a beautiful baby girl. So when I came here, me and Paisley came here, and the following week-end was the first time I got overnights with my three other kids. I had all four of my kids in this room, and I felt like I had everything. Being back with my children again was so motivating. So I have them every week-end, still – every week-end, I have my kids. They live with my mom. And that's a relationship I'm working on fixing as well. I also went through a lot of classes in this program that have helped me mentally understand

why I chose the choices I made. I realize I have boundaries. I learned the difference between sympathetic and empathetic. I learned to value myself here; I learned that I am worth it, that I am capable of doing so much more."

What's the solution? What's the way out for the hundreds of other Karinas out there in the canyons and riverbeds, on the hillsides, in the tents? "It's just something in there, in them, that has to be so tired. Honestly. I just feel, for me, burning all my bridges and being so exhausted made me want to change. That's just for me. And just getting a taste of life, and what we are capable of, and we are worth it. But I think all the time about what would help them, because I know so many of them out there. I heard a lot of their stories out there. Almost all of them are parents. And then as time went on, some of the mothers would tell me, 'Oh, Karina, I haven't seen my kids in thirty years now.' And for them, that's it. They gave up. And then they're en-

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countering domestic violence, beatings from their boyfriends. There's a lot of rape out there, there's a lot of theft. They'll steal your tent, where you have nowhere to go sleep. I was getting really tired of that – nothing changing, losing everything. I lost people out there, you know, who have passed away, who were fathers. There were two men out there who were both fathers, and now their kids are never going to see them again. I didn't want to leave my kids like that, and I knew that I had to break the cycle.”

It is a sad reflection on our society, and on ourselves, that the immediate, visceral reaction so many of us have when we encounter the homeless is one not of compassion or

pity, but of disgust. We hear the stories, see the encampments, maybe hear someone's rant or smell someone's unwashed stench. And before too long, we begin to believe they're all like this – beyond hope, and not deserving of hope, either.

Adilene Mendoza is 28 and pregnant with her third child. Two months ago, she was homeless. Now, like Martinez, she is at Solutions for Change, hoping to turn her life around. Mendoza was born and raised in Escondido, the second-oldest of four children in a family without a father, just a mother who worked in a factory and at McDonald's.

She tells her story: “We never had our own apartment. We would rent

rooms from people, and it was hard because all five of us were crowded in one room. I went to Valley High School, but ended up dropping out because I got pregnant. I moved in with my baby's dad. He worked construction, tiling, but he wasn't doing very well – he was very into gangs. We were living with his friend, renting a room, just like my mother had done. Then he passed away due to gang violence. It was in 2015. One night he got drunk and went to the other side of town, and he got out of the car and they killed him on the spot. It was on Orange Street. Our daughter was two and our son, barely one.”

She moved back in with her mom, but “we got kicked out for being

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overcrowded. I ended up moving to San Diego. I lived with a friend, but she was on Section 8 and in a domestic violence relationship and I didn't want my kids to be around that, so we would sleep in her car, just me and the two kids, parked on the street outside her apartment. We did that for something like eight months."

For money, Mendoza relied on county relief funds. Eventually, she met someone new, but he was a drug addict. "It was bad. I preferred sleeping in the car to sleeping with him, because I had my kids. It was toxic. I went back to my friend and we slept in her van. She let me sleep there. And each day, we'd get up and go to the park, this little park in East San Diego. People would

give us food. There were a lot of homeless people hanging out there, because people were always giving out sandwiches." From time to time, if she could get someone to watch her kids, she'd spend the night with her boyfriend, now homeless. "We'd sleep at the park. We'd grab something to put over us and sleep outside."

Earlier this year, Mendoza – who by now was pregnant again – and her kids moved in with her boyfriend's family, into his grandmother's house. "But it was bad. The whole family are addicts, the mom is homeless, and they just started fighting really bad in front of the kids and I didn't want it, I couldn't. The cops came and told me to leave or they would make a case to take away



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Brittney Powers: "I knew something had to change. I knew if I didn't get my girl back, I was going to end up dead with a needle in my neck, on the street."

my kids. My kids were 7 and 6 at the time. It was 3 am. We got an Uber to my friend's house and we stayed there."

Now that she's settled in at Solutions for

Change, Mendoza says, her kids are back in school and she's come to terms that her problems were pretty much of her own making. "Codependency. I could have done

so much more. I was so stuck. I thought that people change, but it's just who they are. Drugs change people. Yeah, I still love him [her current boyfriend], but he needs to get right first. He is in rehab. I haven't seen him since I left. I couldn't do it."

Sadly, Mendoza is in the minority when it comes to today's vast homeless population, says Chris Megison, founder and CEO of Solutions for Change. "Most of the people we deal with are the ones who are on drugs, who are into crime, who are out there sleeping in the bushes or on the sidewalks," he says. "One way you could describe Adi is she's collateral damage. She grew up with a mother who was homeless and with some really bad family stuff, and she carried forward the legacy of generational poverty. The difference is Adi didn't become an addict herself. Most of them will. And our approach to treating these people is all wrong. The cops and paramedics are going to the door instead of the

sidewalk. We're only addressing the symptoms."

Brittney Powers is 31 years old. You could picture her as a bank teller, a waitress at a sports bar, or a young mom – which she is. And unlike Adilene Mendoza, she was – is – an addict. "I was born in West Memphis, Arkansas. I have a brother and I have a sister, both younger. I'm the oldest. My parents were professional dog trainers, so we always traveled around a lot. So I've been to various states, but mainly I grew up in Florida. And then came out to California in 2013. I came to California to get clean. I lost my son, I lost the rights to my son, and I was homeless, pretty much."

Wait a minute. Let's back up. "I was always curious about drugs. I come from a long line of drug users, to be honest with you. I come from a long line of codependency and alcoholism and drugs. My stepdad was pretty straight and narrow, but my mom struggled with alcohol and my real father was incarcerated, in prison, and was an IV drug user and an alcoholic. What happened was I moved around a lot, so I never got settled into one place, and the little group of friends I did have were not really academically good. I was 16 when I started drinking and doing cocaine, and then by the time I hit 17, 18 I was doing pills – I was doing opiates, Roxies (Roxicodone), Oxy (oxycodone), pretty much anything."

She decided to leave home at 18. "We had big fights about me not wanting to go to school. If I wasn't going to go to school, I had to go to work. But that only fu-

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eled my drug addiction, because it was just more money. I worked little jobs, retail, fast food. This was when we were living in Tampa, Florida. I was into pills, I was doing cocaine, I was smoking crack – and then I had my son. The father of my son – we were doing drugs together. He was way more advanced than I was, and we just kind of slid into it together. I was slamming dope – I was an intravenous drug user, heroin and meth. I'd sleep outside in the back of truck beds, couch hopping. My son is 11 now. I have no parental rights. He's still in Florida, with his dad. His dad got clean. He's been clean for five or six years now."

All right, now on to California. "So I came out here by myself, on a Greyhound bus. I was trying to get clean. My real dad was out here, in Oceanside. He just got out of prison. But this was 2013, and he was still locked up when I got here, so I went to stay with family. And the next year, I had my daughter, Bailey. I met her dad out here, in Oceanside, at my aunt's house. Donnie was a lot older than me, about



PHOTOGRAPH BY THOMAS K. ARNOLD

Teddy Marshall III: "I slept at the churches, in front of church buildings. I slept over on the bike trail that goes all the way to the harbor. I met a lot of different people, a lot of kids, in the same situation as me – we didn't want to listen to our parents, so we just ran away."

25 years older. He wasn't a slammer, he wasn't an IV drug user, but he did smoke crystal. I was always the one who took it to the next level. So I pretty much moved out here in 2013 to try to get my life together and get clean, and little did I know that I was moving into the heroin and methamphetamine capital of the United States. So I kicked pills. I wasn't on pills no more, but I started smoking crystal. When I had Bailey, she was pox tox (dependent

on drugs) for heroin, meth and marijuana. I was staying with my dad's girlfriend at the time. I went to the Family Resource Center, did my time, got my HUD voucher and got my own place. Donnie worked here and there, and I had my cash aid (from the California Department of Social Services), so we lived off the state for a long time. But toward the end of my addiction, I wasn't making good choices. I prostituted toward the end of it. It was

always through friends, friends of a friend – I kept it clean and simple, you know, as best as I could."

In 2018, she got busted

"for selling and possessing and child endangerment, meth and heroin. Bailey was four. So they came and they took me, and this was like my sixth or seventh drug charge by now, but they finally got me in the house. They finally came to the house and they came and took me and took the baby. I was at Las Colinas and my kid was in the foster system. So this was the second kid I lost, and I knew something had to change. I knew if I didn't get my girl back, I was going to end up dead with a needle in my neck, on the street. So I did my time at Las Colinas and then I went to Interfaith Community Services. I went to the residential rehab, and it saved my life. I went there with no kid – Bailey was already in the foster

system – so I actually got to do the treatment by myself and get clean the way I needed to do it. I hit 120 days clean at Interfaith and then I went to sober living. And then in February 2020, my spot at Solutions for Change came up. I just got 20 months, no drugs, no nothing, and I have full, sole custody of my daughter. She's here with me now."

While she was in jail, Powers says, she and Donnie lost their apartment. "It was a bad relationship, very codependent, very toxic. Me and Donnie should have separated years ago, and we finally did separate when the baby was gone. He doesn't see her. He's still in active addiction. I plan on staying here as long as they'll keep me, 700 days. I have until next Febru-

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Teddy Marshall III is 33 and a native of Los Angeles. He moved south to Oceanside when he was five, with his father. "He wanted a better life for me. At first I grew up with my mother in L.A., but it just wasn't a good situation. I was living in Compton, and there was a lot of drug use, a lot of gang activity, a lot of violence. This was back in 1988, '89, that's when everything was going crazy. My mom, I remember



PHOTOGRAPH BY MATTHEW SUAREZ

CRASH is a free drug and alcohol addiction rehab center in San Diego. Teddy Marshall III: "They help you get your life back together, if you're an addict, or in trouble. That's where I met the mother of my kids."

having lots of different men around a lot, and I had to take care of my brothers and sisters, all younger than me, even though I was only five. And then my father, he wanted a better life for me, so when he got out of prison... I'm not sure what he was in for, but he took me away. I grew up in Oceanside, and I was going to Vista High School. My dad was very strict, and he didn't want me going through the same thing he did. But I

felt I could do things on my own, so I ended up leaving my dad's house, and it just kind of spiraled from there. I was smoking a lot of weed, marijuana, no other drugs, nothing like that, and just hanging out with the wrong crowd, down at the beach, by the pier, by the amphitheater. For money, I spanged (panhandled) and I would steal from stores, to eat or find food. I slept at the churches, in front of church buildings. I slept over on the bike

trail that goes all the way to the harbor. I met a lot of different people, a lot of kids, in the same situation as me – we didn't want to listen to our parents, so we just ran away."

Marshall still spoke with his father now and then: "Maybe a year, two years, on and off, talking to him. But my dad always worried about me. He knew a lot of my friends who I hung out with, and he was always telling my friends, 'Tell Teddy to come home.' But I didn't want the rules." So Marshall lived out on the street for the better part of a decade, and was even able to hold down jobs. "I worked at the Lone Star Barbecue, holding the sign. I moved up from that to cashier. And I would do odd jobs like painting houses, but I never had a place to live. I would have my stuff stashed in bushes or at the library, inside that little area where you walk down the stairs, or along the bike trail, sometimes at friends' houses, they would hold my clothes for me. I met a lot of people, and I seen a lot of stuff go down. I got

into a lot of fights, drunk marines or friends just starting stuff – it was just a lot of chaos."

Finally, in his late twenties, Marshall sought help. He went to CRASH, a free drug and alcohol addiction rehab center in San Diego. "They help you get your life back together, if you're an addict, or in trouble. That's where I met the mother of my kids. Four of them. My oldest, he's now six. Then I've got twin boys who are four, and my youngest is three. She was an alumna of CRASH, and she would speak to the ladies out there. That's how I met her." He pauses. "After I finished the CRASH program, I went on to Sober Living, and then when I got out I ended up right back on the street again because I couldn't pay for my housing. I was still smoking, a lot. I took the program I was in seriously, but not as seriously as I should have. Marijuana demotivates you. It doesn't make you want to get up and do things for yourself; it helps you pretty much cut off all ties."

Eventually, Marshall reconnected with his friend and moved into her house in La Mesa. She got pregnant, once, twice, a third time. She already had three children of her own, and was living off cash aid [from the state Department of Social Services] and HUD funds. His girlfriend smoked occasionally, but for a while, she and Marshall had a pretty good life, and even moved into a bigger home, a three-bedroom house near the Joan Kroc Center in the 6800 block of University Avenue. "I was working at a video store and painting houses. But we had

a very toxic relationship. She was very controlling and physically abusive. She ended up filing a restraining order against me, and that got me living with my grandparents in Oceanside. I would call and try to reach out and talk to my children, but it just wasn't happening. She ended up getting into meth and then last year, in 2020, she lost all seven of the kids and her Section 8 because of the drugs. My older kids went into foster care and my youngest, to Polinsky" — the Polinsky Children's Center, a county facility that offers residential care for children removed from the home.

Losing his kids is what prompted Marshall to try getting clean again. Four months ago, he got into the Solutions for Change program and gave up pot – this time, he insists, for good. "I came here in February, and I'm seeing my kids again. I'm getting full custody on June 17. I realize that me using that substance was only demoralizing myself and I wasn't getting anywhere. When I was on it, it made me lazy – no stress, no pain, but also no feeling. I want to go to trade school. I actually signed up for classes. And I want to become an independent contractor, a painter. Painting is something I love to do. It's more of a hobby – that's what makes it funner. I'm actually doing a job I consider a hobby instead of a job I don't really like or one that constantly has stress. I understand painting houses is going to be very stressful, signing contracts and all that, but at the end of the day I love art, I love painting, and I think I will have fun doing it."

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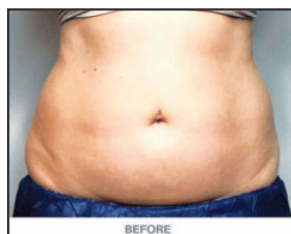
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photos from your virtual run/walk by using the #obvibe tag. Then enjoy the OB Vibe Pale Ale, a lightly hopped pale ale.

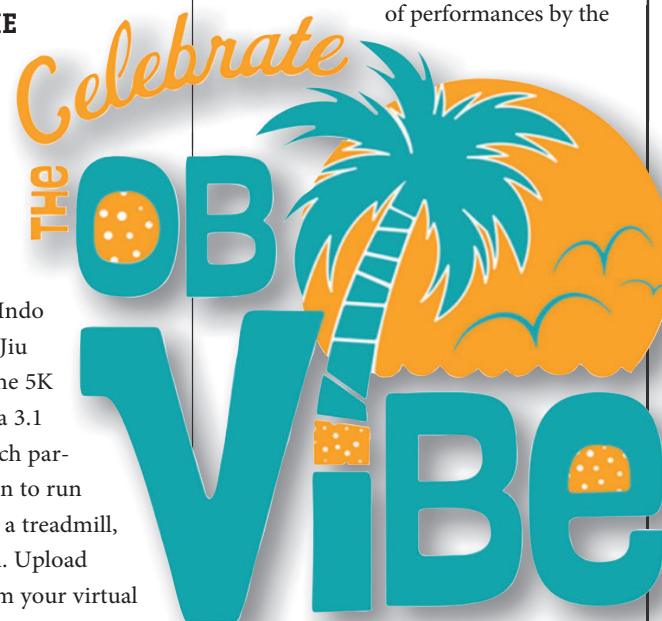
WHEN: Saturday, June 26, 10 am to 6 pm

WHERE: Pier Parking Lot, Saratoga Park, and Veterans Plaza Park, Ocean Beach. oceanbeachsandiego.com

ART AND SHAKESPEARE: MIDSUMMER ARTSTOPS

The pastoral images displayed in the San Diego Museum of Art's exhibition *Cranach to Canaletto: Masterpieces from the Bemberg Foundation* serve as the inspiration for a midsummer afternoon

of performances by the



San Diego Shakespeare Society in the Museum's sculpture garden. Check in at the front desk to reserve your spot. These 30-minute performance sets will take place every 45 minutes.

WHEN: Saturday, June 26, 1 pm to 4 pm

WHERE: San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park. sdmart.org

HOW TO SEND US YOUR LISTING: Have an event? We want it! Festivals, lectures, sporting events (including surfing, kayaking, and sailing), Meetups, conventions, book signings, art gallery openings, conferences, dance performances, expos, poetry readings, classes & workshops — all are welcome. You can submit an event at sdrreader.com/events/submit.

ANIMAL FRIENDS

SDCDM Fun Animal Friday: Sloth & Anteater Slow your roll with two South American residents, the sloth and anteater. Learn about Pacific Animal Productions's friends Hoover, the anteater, and Paco, the sloth, during a San Diego Children's Discovery Museum interactive virtual event. Get your questions ready; they might answer them live. Friday, June 25, 10am; free. <https://bit.ly/2TJ7Kfn>. (ONLINE)

ART

3 Centuries of Portraiture: John Singleton Copley Join Timken Docent Elinor Merl for virtual talks about portraits in the Timken collection. This lecture series celebrates portraiture, taking a look at the works of Bartolomeo Veneto in 16th-century Italy, Anthony van Dyck in 17th-century Britain, and John Singleton Copley in 18th-century America. Tuesday, June 29, 10am; free. <https://bit.ly/3xyb00E>. (ONLINE)

ArtWalk Little Italy Summer Series Taking place at the Piazza della Famiglia and the adjacent block of W. Date St., ArtWalk Little Italy Summer Series will include thirty select artists exhibiting their stunning works of art. The event will run every other Sunday, giving locals and visitors incredible opportunities to purchase one-of-a-kind art from local, national, and international artists in a variety of mediums. Sunday, June 27, 11am; free. Piazza della Famiglia, 523 West Date Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

SDMA & SDSS: Midsummer Artstops The pastoral delights featured in the Museum's exhibition Cranach to Canaletto: Mas-

OUTDOORS

Magnolia's large white blossoms

Magnolia, the Southern U.S. native commonly planted as a decorative street tree in many of San Diego's older neighborhoods, continues to bloom this month. Called the "queen of the flowering broadleaf evergreens," its branches support leathery, dark-green leaves and large, white blossoms of pleasing fragrance.

June Bugs are emerging as summer's warmth is finally upon us. The green June beetle, only one of some 300 species of scarab beetles found in Southern California, flashes a metallic green underbelly as it buzzes about erratically. The mature scarabs flying about have spent at least a year underground in larval form, munching at the roots of lawns or your favorite ornamental plants.

The full moon rises in twilight about a half hour after sunset (8pm) on June 24 and for the next week. After dark, you'll see that



JUNE BUG



MAGNOLIA BLOSSOM

it's in the edge of the Sagittarius Teapot — if you can see the Teapot's 2nd and 3rd-magnitude stars through the moonlight! Binoculars help. Remember, the Teapot (12° wide) way overfills a binocular's field of view (typically 6° or 8° or so).

Mars is passing through the heart of the Beehive Star Cluster, M44, this evening for North America. Get your binoculars or low-power, wide-field telescope on Mars, very low in the west-northwest, right at the end of dusk. (Faint Mars is about a fist at arm's length to the upper left of bright Venus.) At the time of dusk at other longitudes around the world, Mars will be more toward one edge of the cluster.

Leo the Lion is mostly a constellation of late winter and spring. But he's not gone yet. As twilight ends, look due west, somewhat low, for Regulus, his brightest and now lowest star: the forefoot of the Lion stick figure. The Sickle of Leo extends to the upper right from Regulus.

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.

terpieces serve as the inspiration for a midsummer afternoon of performances by the San Diego Shakespeare Society set in the May S. Marcy Sculpture Garden. These 30-minute performance sets will take place in the Museum sculpture garden at 1:00pm 1:45pm, 2:30pm, 3:15pm, Saturday, June 26, 1pm; free. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Made Market The Summer in Bloom Market week-long event will feature dozens of curated makers and entrepreneurs showcasing their items for sale each day. There will also be special in-store offers at all Forum Carlsbad shops, live music performances,

make & take craft stations, and more. This event is free and family-friendly. Thu-Sun, June 24-27, 10am; free. Forum Shopping Center, 1923 Calle Barcelona. (CARLSBAD)

Virtual Tour: Italian Renaissance Masterpieces This talk explores the development of Italian Renaissance painting and will highlight works primarily from the early Siensese Masters to the Venetian and Florentine painters. Free virtual tours allow you to step inside the museum and explore one of the greatest collections of paintings, from the comfort of your home. Thursday, June 24, 11am; free. <https://bit.ly/3xYZBZM>. (ONLINE)

BEER

Celebrate the OB Vibe The Ocean Beach MainStreet Association will Celebrate the OB Vibe with a community event featuring local artisans & makers and spotlighting Ocean Beach's local bars, breweries, restaurants, and retailers. Saturday, June 26, 10am; free. Ocean Beach Pier, 5091 Niagara Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

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)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Warwick's Author Livestream: Chantel Guertin This Couch Surfing Book Tour event features Chantel Guertin as she discusses her new book, *Instamom*, in conversation with Liz Fenton and Lisa Steinke. Tuesday, June 29, 5pm; free. warwicks.com/event/guertin-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream: Noah Isenberg Warwick's will host Noah Isenberg as he discusses

his new book, *Billy Wilder on Assignment: Dispatches from Weimar Berlin and Interwar Vienna*, in conversation with translator Shelley Frisch. Thursday, June 24, 4pm; free. warwicks.com/event/isenberg-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream: Tessa Arlen Warwick's will host Tessa Arlen as she discusses her new book, *In Royal Service to the Queen*, in conversation with Kate Quinn. Tuesday, June 29, 7pm; free. warwicks.com/event/arden-2021. (ONLINE)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Colabo Summer Camps for the Arts The camps culminate with live performances and streaming of filmed shows online. Students range in age from 5 to 18, and each age group are sequestered in an age appropriate show. For info call 619-366-5075. Mondays, 9am; through Sunday, July 18, Army and Navy Academy, 2605 Carlsbad Boulevard. (CARLSBAD)

Marine Science Summer Day Camp Summer 2021 Day Camp is a marine science full day camp program designed to immerse students in the ocean and local marine life of San Diego while addressing COVID-19 modifications. Day camp programs are available to stu-

dents entering 5th grade through 8th grade in fall 2021. Program is provided by SEACAMP San Diego not the Boy Scouts of America. Thursday, June 24, 8:30am; Friday, June 25, 8:30am; \$495. BSA Youth Aquatic Center, 1750 Fiesta Island Road. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Mask Making Class Learn how to formulate effective spa-quality facial treatment masks. In this Mask Making Class, learn the importance of natural chemical exfoliators. Understand how alpha and beta hydroxy acids naturally exfoliate skin without scratching and learn why exfoliation is essential for minimizing wrinkles and pigmentation. Also learn how to preserve, package, and label mask products for resale. Prerequisite: None. 4 hours, includes one 15-minute break. Class fee: \$69. Materials fee: \$37. Sunday, June 27, 12pm; \$106. Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

Women At Work: How to Navigate Bias Join Dr. Alison Coil, who is a DharmaCenter teacher and an Associate Dean of Diversity at a major University, for her insights based on her own experience in a real-life academic environment. She will discuss the known ways in which gender bias is at play in the workplace, as well as what to do about them! She will also investigate how Meditation and Mindfulness practices can be

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used to more fully support women at work. This workshop is relevant for men working with women, as well as people across the gender spectrum. Registration is required. Sunday, June 27, 11am; free. 18 and up. dharmacenter.com. (ONLINE)

COMEDY

Ian Fidance As seen on SiriusXM Comedy Central Radio's You Up? With Nikki Glaser, Netflix's The Last O.G. with Tracy Morgan, Comedy Central's Crank Yankers, and more. Thursday, June 24, 7:30pm; Friday, June 25, 7:30pm; Saturday, June 26, 7:30pm; \$10. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Jesus Trejo and Louis V Quartet Comedy with Jesus Trejo, Jon Dore, Zoltan Kaszas, and jazz by Louis V Quartet. Friday, June 25, 7pm; \$35-\$45. 21 and up. Quartyard, 1301 Market Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Care Options: Living at Home Alzheimer's San Diego: Is it time for more help? Join us to learn about in-home care options, and community-based resources such as adult day care, care management, and more. This event is open to everyone, and pre-registration is required. Wednesday, June 30, 10am; free. alzsd.org/services/education/. (ONLINE)

Community Partner Connection In connection with Pride Month, the San Diego Women's Foundation will be hosting a Community Partner Connection virtual event with The San Diego LGBT Community Center. This free event will include a general overview of The Center and the services it provides in the community, with a strong focus on its housing programs. Register online. Wednesday, June 30, 4pm; free. <https://bit.ly/3gGjDm>. (ONLINE)

SANDAG Webinar: Return to Commute How to Avoid Traffic: free 50-minute webinar regarding commuter solutions across the San Diego region. As many employees prepare to return to their work-sites following pandemic restrictions, commuting and traffic will be on everyone's mind. Get a jump start on avoiding traffic and finding an alternative to driving alone. Register online. Tuesday, June 29, 11am; free. icommutesd.com/commuters (ONLINE)

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. Ferris Bueller's Day Off. Wednesday, June 30, 8pm, free. Charles + Dinorah, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

FUNDRAISERS

Classic Car Show This classic car show is a benefit with all proceeds going toward the non-profit organization The Garden of Innocence, which provides burials for abandoned babies. Live music by the Hot Rod Trio, raffles, awards, vendors, and food in a park/cemetery setting. Sunday, June 27, 9am; free. El Camino Memorial Park, 5600 Carroll Canyon Road. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

LECTURES

Living Room Lecture: The Roman City of Jerash, Jordan Documentary filmmaker Chris Boyd presents considerations on how archaeological material and concepts are presented to the general public through popular media, using an ongoing restoration project in Jerash, Jordan as a case study. Chris also considers ways in which archaeological projects around the world must utilize media as part of the new "Public Archaeology" focus, to maintain relevance in government policy-making and secure international funding. This event will be held on Zoom. Pay what you wish. Thursday, June 24, 6:30pm; sandiegoarchaeology.org/jerash/. (ONLINE)

NATURE

Clean & Green River Cleanup Each year, San Diego River Park Foundation volunteers remove more than 200,000 pounds of trash from our River. Without our amazing volunteers, this trash would be left to pollute native animal habitats, create unsightly piles in our parks and public spaces, leach contaminants into the water, and could be washed out into our ocean and beaches! YOU can help with this critical work by cleaning up storm water debris and litter. The closest approximate address is 9565 Prospect Ave, Santee, CA 92071. Street parking is available along Prospect Ave. near Olive Ln. Saturday, June 26, 9am; free. 9565 Prospect Ave., Santee

Grand Reopening Grand Reopening with tours of the Nature Center, kid activities and crafts, and free ice cream. Saturday, June 26, 10am; free. Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Miner's Loop Trail Explore the history of Black Mountain with native plant enthusiast Beth Mather. Enjoy the flowers and learn about the native habitats, plants, and animals. Learn a bit about the history of gliding and hanggliding off the mountain. Bring water and sun protection and sturdy hiking

shoes. Meet in the parking lot at the north staging area. The hard to find entrance is off Carmel Valley Rd., on the south side of the road, about 0.7 miles east of its intersection with Black Mtn. Rd., Rancho Peñasquitos 92129. Saturday, June 26, 9am; free. Black Mountain Open Space Park, 12115A Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Peñasquitos Canyon Medical Plant Hike Join Anthropologist Dr. Will Bowen for a hike to learn to identify important food and medicinal plants of the west end of Peñasquitos Canyon. Find out how they were used by Native American peoples, Spanish and early Anglo settlers. Meet in the parking lot in front of 4206 Sorrento Valley Blvd., Sorrento Valley, the last address on the north side of the road. Sunday, June 27, 4pm; free. Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Trailhead, 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

SD Floral Association Garden Tour: Ocean Beach Enjoy ocean views and sea breezes on this garden tour of the Ocean Beach community. Known best for its pier, sandy shores and colorful history, Ocean Beach is also a gardener's paradise. Stately palms and araucaria trees rise into blue skies while hillside home gardens abound in a wide array of plants that flourish in the microclimate of this coastal area. The tour offers variety and a window on the horticultural talents of artists and master gardeners. Buy tickets online: sdfloreal.org/ or in-person: 1998 Venice St. (at Saratoga Ave.) from 11-3 on day of event. Saturday, June 26, 10am; \$25-\$30. Ocean Beach

Wildlife Night Hike A moderately paced walk on flat ground with Mike Kelly. Do bring insect repellent and a flashlight. Enjoy the sounds and smells of the Preserve at night. On past walks we've seen Mule Deer, bats, tarantulas, owls, and more. Meet at the kiosk near the corner of Park Village Road and Camino del Sur Rd. in Rancho Peñasquitos, 92129. Saturday, June 26, 7:15am; free. Peñasquitos Creek Park, 11939 Camino Del Sur. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Hidden Meadows Seller's Faire Coincides with the Community Garage sale so there will lots to see, lots to buy. Bake sale fundraiser by the HM Community Foundation. A Pancake Breakfast next door at Flawless Bistro. Sunday, June 27, 9am; free. Boulder Oaks Golf Course, 10333 Meadow Glen Way East. (ESCONDIDO)

Summer Soiree Grand Re-Opening Celebration! Enjoy live entertainment, bites and refreshments, gifts, raffles, and more. \$35/ Members, \$40/Non-Members. Registration required. Friday, June 25, 4pm; \$35-\$40. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS & FITNESS

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; through Sunday, June 27, \$25-\$35. 18 and up. Flaut Dance Studio, 3052 Clairemont Dr., Suite H-9. (CLAIREMONT)

San Diego Legion Military Appreciation Day The San Diego Legion, a world-class Major League Rugby team, invites fans to celebrate Military Appreciation Day and an action-packed game as they play against the Austin Gilgronis. The match will feature Armed Services YMCA San Diego, presented by Ballast Point Brewing Co., rugby action, giveaways, and musical entertainment. Saturday, June 26, 7pm; \$10-\$60. Torero Stadium, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Sweat & Swap Get your Sunday workout done and take home a bag of clothes, all before brunch. Sunday, June 27, 10am; \$40-\$48. 18 and up. FEMxQuarters, 1919 San Diego. (MISSION HILLS)

UWF Beach Brawl 2021 VIP tables are available. Friday, June 25, 6pm; \$15-\$75. Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

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HAPPY HOUR

You can submit a listing or find more information about these establishments online at SDReader.com/drinks

BAY PARK

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

CARLSBAD

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

CITY HEIGHTS

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

CORONADO

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

Nicky Rottens: *Monday, 3-6pm:* \$8 select mules all night. *Tuesday, 3-6pm:* \$4 any canned beer. *Wednesday, 3-6pm:* \$5 draft pints. *Thursday, 3-6pm:* 22 ounce draft for pint price. *Friday, 3-6pm:* \$6 mimosas and Bloody Marys. *Saturday, 3pm-6pm:* \$5 drafts, well cocktails, house wines. \$5 pretzels & beer cheese, side of fries, tots, \$6 buffalo wings, \$7 house nachos, \$8 chicken fritters & fries, \$10 chicken lettuce cup.

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

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

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

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

BOOZE NEWS

BY IAN ANDERSON

Bootstrap Kombucha goes for a hard ReBoot

Organic booch brand adds hard kombucha to its lineup

For five years, Susan McMillion and partner James Farnsworth have quietly been making and serving some of the city's best kombucha out of their small shop, **Bootstrap Kombucha**. Operating on an industrial stretch of Pacific Coast Highway near the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Bootstrap found its niche, luring converts to the many health benefits of the live-culture fermented tea. But in the meantime, a different sort of kombucha emerged, one that quickly commanded the public's attention. There was no getting away from questions about high-alcohol kombucha.

"People had been asking us to do hard kombucha, and we were going in that direction" says McMillion. "We were going to be

working with a very large brewery, before covid."

The contract brewing arrangement with a well-known local brewery dematerialized with the pandemic, so the founders of Bootstrap did what they've always done: figured out how to do something themselves. "During covid, some people learned how to bake sourdough bread," says McMillion. "We learned how to make hard kombucha."

They kept the taproom open on a limited basis, started asking questions of people in the brewing industry, and began brewing R&D batches. They secured a brewing license last November, and earlier this year, they launched a new product line from tasting room taps: **ReBoot Hard Kombucha**, measuring about six percent alcohol.

They acquired a can seamer so they could start offering growlers of flavors, including pineapple ghost pepper and "Orange is the New Black Pepper." Over the next month, they plan to market 12-ounce cans of two additional flavors: tart cherry ginger and oak aged apple.

Canning is something Bootstrap has never tried with its regular (or soft) kombucha. The business supplied five-gallon kegs to local bars, restaurants, office, and gyms; but otherwise, customers could buy it only straight from the taproom, in a glass or growler. That's because, McMillion explains, distributing regular kombucha in cans or bottles requires adulterating the finished product.

For one thing, soft kombucha isn't entirely alcohol-free. It's fermented with both bacte-

ria and yeast, yielding small levels of alcohol in the process. However, if it's to be sold as a nonalcoholic product, it must contain no more than half a percent of alcohol. "In order to keep

store-bought product, and why McMillion has been able to win over a lot of kombucha haters over the years. A scenario she's seen play out often involves a woman dragging her boyfriend or husband into the shop. "The guy hangs back and sits down and gets on his phone," she says. "He wants nothing to do with it." Eventually, McMillion is able to get him to try a sip. And then a few more. "Then he'll leave with a growler," she adds, "and we have a new customer."

Reboot's hard kombucha won't present the same trade-off in cans, in part because McMillion ferments it for months, past the point where any yeast remains. Or sugars to ferment, for that matter. "It may not be the best business model for making lots of money fast," she notes, "but that's not really our aim. Our aim is to produce a really high-quality product and share it with people."

The dry booch is available now in the tasting room, and in stores later this summer. Everything's produced in very small batches for now, but McMillion and Farnsworth hope to eventually expand ReBoot into its own, larger location while Bootstrap continues to do its thing over on the PCH.

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



PHOTOGRAPH BY BREE STEFEN

Bootstrap Kombucha is serving growlers of ReBoot Hard Kombucha ahead of its summer can release

the alcohol down, you have to alter it, dilute it," says McMillion. Then there's the little matter of shelf stability. Live kombucha is loaded with probiotics, microorganisms that may continue to process sugars after packaging. "You have to play with it so it doesn't explode in bottle," says McMillion, "A lot of companies will pasteurize it." Given that the point of pasteurization is to kill microorganisms, it kind of defeats the purpose when it comes to kombucha.

These reasons also help explain why Bootstrap's booch tastes so much better than a lot of

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

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

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

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 gluten-reduced beers on tap all night

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

ENCINITAS

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

ESCONDIDO

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

LA MESA

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

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill La Mesa: *Friday, All day:* Clam chowder \$5 cup, \$7 bowl. After 4pm: Prime rib \$24. *Sunday, 11am-2pm:* \$4 Bloody Marys, \$5 Champagne.

LAKESIDE

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

LEMON GROVE

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

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 margarita. 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

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

NORTH PARK

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

OLD TOWN

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

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

PACIFIC BEACH

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

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

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

POINT LOMA

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

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

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

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

SAN MARCOS

Churchill's Pub and Grill: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$1 off appetizers, drafts, wells. *Sunday, All day:* \$1 off appetizers, drafts, wells.

SOLANA BEACH

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

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Et Voilà French Bistro: *Tuesday-Sunday, 4:30-7pm:* \$7 cocktails, glass of house made sangria (\$14 pitcher), draft Iron Fist Counter Strike IPA, and draft 1664, \$5-\$9 wines by the glass. Discounted food menu.

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Okay, I give up," Mag says. "Why is this place called Pegah's Kitchen?"

"Because it's a breakfast place and 'Pegah' means 'Dawn' in Persian. Breakfast time!"

I'm guessing about that last part, because this is a breakfast place. But I've been told it's also a girl's name. The owner's daughter.

This lil' exchange is taking place on Redwood Street, in Escondido, on a blistering-hot Sunday. I'm up visiting Mag. I haven't even had a cawfee, let alone food, since last night. So we hurry in. First good thing: it's cool inside. Some folks are chomping away on the patio, but most have opted for the cool, teal-blue-colored booths under fans inside. Place looks straight out of the '50s, but fresh, like it opened yesterday. Maybe it's gotten a post-covid



Secret weapon: grilled pineapple gives shot of sweetness to steak

paint job. A wall clock made of knives and forks ticks away.

"Who's that?" asks Mag. She's looking at a photo on the wall. A man and his son sit cross-legged together on a pier.

"That's my father and me," says Nima Soleimani, the guy in the "Pegah's Kitchen" hat who's doing the day's receipts. (It's around one. They've been open since six.) He says his dad, Fred, who is from Iran, started washing dishes while he was studying for a degree in engineering at Arkansas State University. He ended up running a string of his own restaurants in Kansas City, then left for San Diego when Nima and his brothers went off to school in California. And what a dad! Within a few years, Fred had opened three new eateries right here in northern San Diego County.

Nima hands us menus. "We're a family business here," he says. "I've been working since I was 14."

The menu's big, and filled with every dish you can imagine. Standard diner brekky and lunch dishes, that is. "Pegah's Classics" are variations on diner dishes, things like the A.M. Starter (\$10

for two eggs, bacon, sausage patties, sausage links, or ham steak. A half order goes for \$8). Or corned beef hash and eggs (\$11), kielbasa and eggs (\$11), or breakfast skillet.

The Spicy California Skillet, Country Skillet and Mexican Skillet are \$11 each. Waffles are about \$8, burgers run \$11, sandwiches, including the French dip, are also \$11, though the grilled cheese sandwich is only \$8.

So yes, we're talking reasonably priced diner fare, with recipes that I'll bet haven't changed in 100 years. I've suddenly got the hots for one of the featured items: Country Fried Steak and Eggs. But wait! I'm perusing through sandwiches, and here's Pegah's Chicken Bacon Melt (\$11) with a "juicy grilled pineapple ring." Hmm! Blast from the past! What if I decide to go for the country fried steak, with its sausage gravy and two eggs, and then see if I can add the pineapple ring? Don't mind paying a couple of bucks more. It would add such a sweet kick. Maybe I've picked up on the Filipinos' taste for mixing sweet with savory.

Maggie knows what she wants, kinda. "Benedict. Got to have that hollandaise sauce."

Except here you have choice. Classic, Country, or California. The differences? Classic's on an English muffin, with the poached eggs, ham, and hollandaise sauce; Country's got two sausage patties "on our famous biscuit" with country gravy and cheese. The California has bacon, avocado and hollandaise. Each costs \$12.

She goes for the California Benedict. And what a sight. Two rosettes of poached eggs with the hollandaise form golden valleys floating on avocado, bacon, tomato, toasted muffin.

I almost regret not getting that. Almost.

Then my country fried steak arrives, with sausage gravy and the two sunny-side-up eggs looking like the twin suns in *2010* (the movie), beside this creamy lake of sausage gravy. One or two golden crags of steak stick up through the ooze. Crunchy! Breadcrumbs, batter, whatever. I ask for a little hot sauce, and it zips the flavor up nicely. "But is it health food?" asks Mag. "Only if health comes from happiness," I reply.

"We don't change our menu a lot," says Nima. "My dad is very traditional with his menus. He has so many regular customers who know exactly

what they want. They don't change. Like, I tried to push the idea of avocado toast. Dad said don't even bother. 'People have shown us what they want, and they're the ones who count.'"

Their three restaurants here in San Diego are all



Secret to vibrating the pepper out: grind pot's base against salt cellar base.

named Pegah's Kitchen.. "My dad runs our San Marcos place. Mom runs the Vista restaurant. And I run this one here in Escondido. All in the family!"

One thing for sure: The pineapple ring has turned my country fried steak and eggs into this multi-taste symphony of meat, gravy, eggs, bacon, and the sweet, tart, tropical tease of the pineapple. (And, turns out, at least the pineapple is really good for you. Like limes and oranges, it can save you from scurvy. Also, by the way: there's nothing Hawaiian about pineapple. Christopher Columbus took it back from Brazil to Europe in 1493. It got to Hawaii way later.)

Of course, this has been cholesterol city. Beau-



Owner Fred Soleimani's son Nima brings fruit for Mag



Nima with his dad, Fred, many restaurants ago

tiful, but gotta be atoned for. Next time, Mag and I agree: salad. Mag says she's gonna choose the taco salad in a crispy flour shell with grilled chicken (\$12). Me, I'll try the Cobb salad (also \$12) so I can get my teeth into all the blue cheese, hopefully anchovies, and ham, bacon, turkey. And hey, even the occasional chomp of lettuce.

Okay, maybe we'll share a pie *a la mode* (\$6). Just to finish off. ■

The Place: Pegah's Kitchen, 912 S. Redwood Street, Escondido, 760-739-9265 (also at 576 E. Mission Road, San Marcos, 760-744-3710; and 945 S. Santa Fe Avenue, Vista, 760-414-9803)

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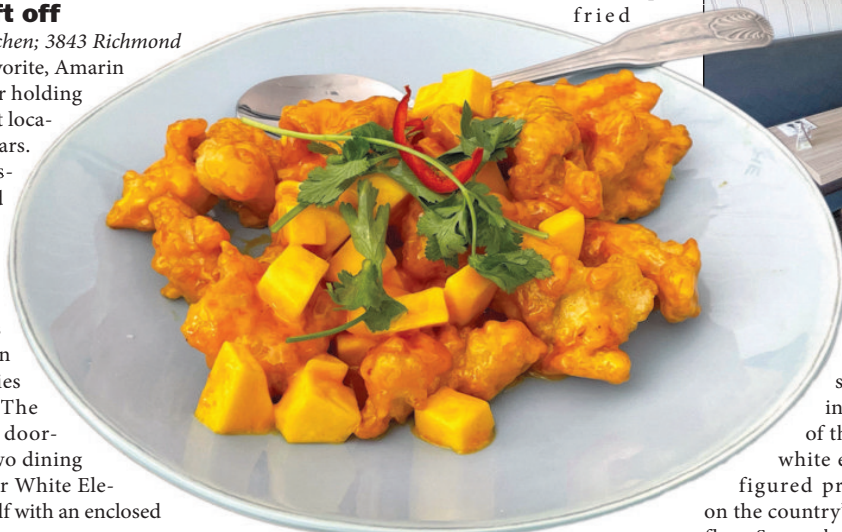
White Elephant picks up where a Thai favorite left off

White Elephant Asian Kitchen; 3843 Richmond St, Hillcrest. A Hillcrest favorite, Amarin Thai, closed last fall, after holding down its Richmond Street location for more than 22 years. Longtime fans of the restaurant may be pleased to learn that Thai food is officially back in the building. At least, partly.

White Elephant Asian Kitchen opened in May as a smaller restaurant than its predecessor; it occupies only half of the space. The new tenant walled up a doorway between Amarin's two dining rooms; the good news for White Elephant is that it's got the half with an enclosed patio attached.

Foodwise, plenty of familiar Thai dishes turn up on the menu, in particular the curries — staff of the restaurant tell me one of the owners is a vet of the Amarin kitchen. However, don't mistake the place as an Amarin Thai part two. It offers plenty of specialties to go with the expected *pad thai*, *pad see ewe*, and drunken

noodle, including crispy fried three-flavor fish, a roasted duck curry, and salmon *penang* curry. On top of that, it's not solely Thai food being served, but also Lao and Vietnamese cuisine. From the Lao side, I was able to order a deep fried



Mango chicken, a fried chicken highlight at White Elephant.

beef jerky appetizer (\$12) — served with a plastic bag of sticky rice — and considered either the tofu or chicken phở (\$10).

That said, the white elephant has long been



A new look dining room in Hillcrest.

seen as a symbol of royal power in Thailand, and for most of the 19th century, a white elephant even figured prominently on the country's national flag. So as the restaurant's name suggests, there are mostly Thai dishes to explore.

Though White Elephant doesn't feature as extensive a soup menu as Amarin did, soup remains one of the more compelling offerings. Aside from phở, and Thai mainstays *tom yum* and *tom kha*, there something called *kanom jeen* (\$15), which turns out to be a chicken noodle soup featuring yellow curry and thin, rice vermicelli noodles.

I opted for a third chicken noodle soup: the signature white elephant soup, filled with much thicker, homemade rice noodles and flavored with garlic oil. Finished with scallions, it's simple and nourishing enough to become a neighborhood favorite once everybody starts catching the common cold again.

One of the most intriguing menu items, to me, was a fried mango chicken (\$16). There are many, many takes on fried chicken making the rounds in San Diego foodie-dom right now, but I can't think of another one that makes such tempting use of fruit. Crispy fried nuggets of chicken are coated with a sort of bright orange mango syrup, with chunks of fruit mixed in for good measure. I found a healthy dash of spice made the dish complete, but even standing alone, the fruit didn't make it too sweet to savor.

White Elephant has put together a bright, sparingly elegant dining room to go with its measured take on southeast Asian cuisine, and I would expect the food to only get better as it settles in, perfectly



Thick, homemade rice noodles in a garlicky chicken soup.

timed to coincide with our great re-opening. On one side of the dining room, the entire wall is filled with a painted message that serves as a sort of mission statement for the eatery: "The best memories are made gathered around the table." That might well turn out to be the theme of this whole summer.

by Ian Anderson



Lao beef jerky, served with a bag of sticky rice.

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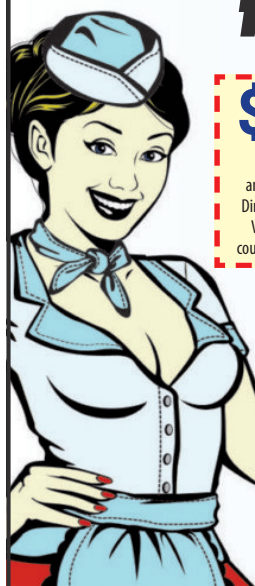
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Future's so bright...

Throughout the month of June, pop-rapper and reggaeton songstress Becky G has tweeted and TikToked while “drippin” with Dime Optics, the sun-glass/eyeglass brand she signed on with during the pandemic.

Some '90s hip-hop heads

The spot for the UV/blue-light-blocking sunglasses was a hit, airing on national TV throughout the 1990s. Still, it was something of a surprise to find it on YouTube, because when people recorded TV shows on VHS machines back



Becky G understands that brand success is all about optics.

say the brand's move strikes them as a post-millennial remix of BluBlocker sunglasses' marketing initiative, which aired when TV commercial stars were the big deal influencers. Let's rewind to '92-'93, when a BluBlocker hypeman showed up in a commercial to hit up rapper MC Dr. Geek on Venice Beach. Dr. Geek — real name, Wilbur Johnson — wasn't a professional actor, but he was a performer, en route to his spot on the boardwalk where he'd rap for gratuities. If you check out the YouTube video of the original commercial, you can decide whether or not it appears spontaneous as the rep hands Dr. Geek a pair of the affordable, NASA-inspired sunglasses and the 'wordologist' presses the play button on his boombox and rhymes to the beat:

*So there you have it folks out there in TV land
Get your sunglasses that's sweeping the land
Remember what I said ... I'm a hip-hopper
Yeah ... get you some Blu Blockers*

then, they'd hit pause when a commercial appeared. But John Vella, a house music DJ, kept recording, and uploaded the infomercial to his YouTube in 2007. “He spit[s] better than most of these rappers today,” commented one of the 400K-plus viewers. “That's for damn sure,” responded another, “and he can do it without writing lyrics on paper. He does it by the top of his head and by heart. He was that talented.” MC Dr. Geek passed away in late 2014; rest in power, BluBlocker Man.

Now let's fast-forward to June 16, as Becky G — known as Rebecca Marie Gomez by her fam in Inglewood, CA and Jalisco, Mexico — sings, dances, and raps in front of her millions of social media followers, sort of following MC Dr. Geek's drumbeat. “The G collection is here!” she tweeted. “Get my new signature frame in sun, blue light, and RX [sunglasses emoji]. Shop now before we sell out like we did last time! #BeckyxDIME @dimeoptics.”

The American Music Awards 2020 winner in the Favorite Latin Female Artist

category posted an accompanying photo of herself wearing a revealing turtleneck sweater, large hoop earrings, ripped jeans, and her “affordable” Dime Optics sunglasses (\$30-\$35 retail). “I think really good things are going to come from this, even though it's hard to see what that looks like,” the then-23-year-old “sola” singer said in an August 2020 *PopSugar* interview regarding the pandemic and her then-new sunglasses deal. “As an artist, I've been personally inspired, and I think many more incredible artists will be inspired coming out of what we consider very dark times.”

During California's state-wide mandatory lockdown, the use of phones, laptops, TV screens, and devices only increased; Becky G maintained focus. As she mentioned, some of the glasses she reps have blue light technology, which helps you “protect yourself from harmful light emitted from phones/screens/tv -- don't fry your eyes. Prevent burnout [and] scroll in peace.” (That's according to the company website.) “Whether it's in fashion, beauty, music, or film, thinking outside the box is important,” Ms. G continued.

If you want to peep Becky G live in concert, bust out your sunglasses, 'cause she's performing at the Baja Beach Fest on Rosarito Beach on August 22.

— Mike Madriaga

Pent-up panoply party

“As a San Diego born-and-bred artist, I've always enjoyed the vast differences in culture and creative approaches that our city has to offer, and I've strived as an organizer to bring its creators and audiences together,” says Rory Morison. “Bad Vibes Good Friends Fest will feature all San Diego-based artists from Oceanside to Chula Vista, as we celebrate established and upcoming artists from different genres and mediums, from tattoo to fine art, cumbia to psych rock, and everything in between.”

Taking place Saturday, June 26 at Sideyard BBQ, the festival kicks off at noon and features Morison's band Drug Hunt, as well as Earthless, Warish, Booty Basement, Wild Wild



Wets, Los Pinche Pinches, Belladon, Fresh Veggies Micro Brass, Cumbia Machin, La Boogie Buena, and Spit Vipers, with a classic psychedelic projection light show courtesy of local outfit Operation: Mindblow. Featured artists include Dave Warshaw, Dove and Toad, CJ Troxell, Erica Joan, Eyegato, Mr. Dvice, Jake Fitzgerald, Strange Bouquets, Marianna Camacho, and This Girl Hugs Trees.

“This festival has been a dream since I started throwing shows under the moniker Bad Vibes, Good Friends,” says Morison. “However, this particular event fell into my lap quite uncannily. I was working on an art commission for the speakeasy at Sideyard, and after a few visits I got to know the good people over there and the unique spaces it had, and I asked in passing if I could throw a festival in the future.” Things came together quickly from there.

“As per the event and the pandemic, we were aware of the June 15 reopening, the vaccine rollout, and began to see other promoters booking dates in late June, which gave us a good indication. We modeled this event around the regulations of early May, just in case.” (The festival will be an indoor-outdoor show, with limited 25 percent capacity.)

The music lineup differs from most themed multi-band events, where the aim is to attract one specific audience. “The spirit of Bad Vibes and Good Friends was always to connect different communities, genres, and mediums of art and music. I was getting bored of playing and going to shows where every band on the bill sounded the same. San Diego has so much diversity to offer, but most of the time, it exists in this cliquy vacuum. The

rockers with the rockers, the goths with the goths, and so on and so forth. This lineup thus reflects this spirit: the bands and artists selected exemplify the great diversity this city has to offer. As per the booking, my band Drug Hunt has been a part of the local scene for many years now, and the large majority of the artists and bands are my friends. It was relatively easy to get the bands and artists we got; it took very little persuasion, because we've been cooped up for so long.”

Attendees will have access to several spaces, from an outdoor stage serving BBQ to a loft art

from Latin funk to dirty blues, cumbia, weirdo brass bands, futuristic pop, post-surf, sci-fi psych, garage punk, and the cosmic out-of-body experience that is Earthless. And as if that wasn't enough, there will be a bacchanal dance party brought to you by Booty Basement. The artists are also showing never-before-seen work, and the mediums range from tattoo art to collage, graffiti, painters, and even embroiders.”

Morison's alt-country blues rock band Drug Hunt was originally known as Bad Vibes when their debut album *No One's Safe* came out in summer 2017.



Drug Hunt, helping to fight the suck of the cliquy vacuum.

gallery overlooking the city, a warehouse stage with liquid light projections, a speakeasy, a lounge area serving pizza, and access to visit neighboring Thorn Street Brewery and the new Kove tasting room. “Bands are chomping at the bit, they all have brand new material and the pent-up energy of a year and a half of not performing. The music will range

After its Bush, Chad Deal, they signed to local Blind Owl Records and changed their name to Drug Hunt. The Sideyard gig will be their first full-band concert performance in 486 days.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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DELTA SPIRIT

Drummer Brandon Young and bassist Jon Jameson were both in Noise Ratchet before spotting singer Matt Vasquez busking at a trolley station and forming Delta Spirit. They first earned national notice touring with Tokyo Police Club, Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, and their Monarchy Music labelmates Cold War Kids. Vasquez's side band Middle Brother includes John McCauley of Deer Tick, a group they're teaming up with again for their upcoming Friend-SHIP Tour. Kicking off October 30 at Observatory North Park, it wraps November 22 and 23 at Webster Hall in New York City. McCauley said in the announcement that

"I don't really know what to say in order to promote a tour after such a tragic year, so I'll keep it brief. This fall, we're hitting the road with Delta Spirit, and the theme of the tour is friendship. It's an easy one because we're all very grateful for our friendship with one another. We're looking forward to making memories with them and with you." Delta Spirit's Matthew Logan Vasquez added "Deer Tick and us go back over a decade. There are already so many fun memories in so many different cities. We're all looking forward to this run together. It just makes sense."



MYSTERY MACHINE

Formed from the ashes of the Hedgehogs, Mystery Machine featured members who at various times played with Gravedigger V, the Crawdaddys, and Manual Scan, collectively including four founding members of the Shambles and three founding Tell-Tale Hearts. Though well regarded at the time, the band only played three gigs and a party, with one song showing up on a Voxx Record compilation. They reunited in May, 2012, to record four tunes with Carl Rusk, Ray Brandes, Mark Zadarnowski, David Klowliden, and David Fleminger subbing for Bill Calhoun. Another new

song debuted on iTunes in summer 2013, "Show Me the Way," produced by Rusk and engineered by Dave Fleminger. The *Mystery Machine* EP featuring "She's Not Mine" from Bomp's *Battle of the Garage Bands* compilation and other tracks, has been remixed by Rusk and is now available on colored vinyl. The reissue features full color postcards, artwork by Darren Grealish, and liner notes by Loons frontman and Ugly Things magazine publisher Mike Stax. The limited edition release is available through Ugly Things and Dralasilite Records.



QUOR

Originally known as We Are Going To Be Awesome, Quor was formed in 2011 by Doug Smith (Rio) and Brian Corn. The name changed to Quor after Corn spotted a liquor store sign while driving down Pacific Coast Highway on a foggy night and noticed the L and I were out. "The name Quor pokes at the current state of rock labeling everything into 'core' genres [like] hardcore, mathcore, and metalcore," says Corn, "and we also avoided the trends in band-naming that make every band sound the same." After their first self-titled EP was released under their original name in 2013, they toured the U.S. and then embarked on

acoustic tours in Europe and Japan. Changing their name to Quor, they put out *Human Paradigm* in 2015. That year, a video for their song "Let's Rise" hit number one for multiple weeks on *Loudwire's* Battle Royale, competing against headline acts such as Slayer and Queensryche. The band, which currently has around 936,000 total streams on Spotify, just released a motion video for their *Human Paradigm* track "Paradise." They also recently saw their song "Fly Little Bird" covered by Spokane Washington group Snacks at Midnight.



TRAVIS BARKER

Occasional Blink 182 drummer Travis Barker recently produced an album by rapper Trippie Redd, guested on the PoorStacy single "Nothing Left," and played on a single from Atreyu called "Warrior." In addition, *K.Flay* released a collaborative single with Barker this month, "Dating My Dad." According to *K.Flay*, "As the song was coming together, I asked Travis Barker if he'd be down to play drums, and he absolutely smashed it. To me, the song feels heavy and fresh but also impish in the best way...this is basically six months of therapy condensed into a single song. You spend so much of your life thinking that you're the excep-

tion. But at the end of the day, you're just like everyone else, becoming a version of your parents or falling in love with one. Or both. I wanted this song to feel playful though, because I was honestly laughing while I wrote that chorus lyric 'Mom and dad, we love em, either fuck em or become em.' There are patterns in our lives and in our families that we can either choose to perpetuate, or choose to stop. That's what growing up feels like, at least to me." Barker has also been in the headlines for dating media personality Kourtney Kardashian.



CORDUROY INSTITUTE

The Corduroy Institute features S.A. Morin and W. Ruiz. The group calls itself a "non-profitable institution specializing in sonic research and development. Our mission is to use modern technology to bridge the gap between experimental methodology and digestible product." According to the band, "In late 2018, we only had a handful of EPs in our discography. Since then, our experimental pop project has released album-length recordings which employ our unique methodology. On June 21, we are going to release *Eight/Chance/Meetings*, our first new album since 2019. In addition to our use of improvisation and cut-ups, every

single piece was made using a random number generator which selected two albums from our collection as a source of inspiration." Despite the return of live music to local venues, no release event is planned. "We are a studio-only concern, as there are only two members and our project is predicated on using improvisation to make pop songs. Live shows are irreconcilable with our working methodology, but we would like for San Diego to know about us. Letting people know about us, our method, and our recordings is crucial for this."

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Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center:
Thursday, 5pm & 8pm —
Courtyard Concerts: Pedrito
Martinez. \$70-\$80.

Ebullition Brew Works:
Friday, 5pm — Sue Palmer & Her
Motel Swing Orchestra. \$10-\$15.
Saturday, 6pm — Totally 80s
New Wave Tribute Band. \$5-\$7.

Hott Mess Pizza & Sideyard BBQ:
Saturday, 12pm — Bad Vibes
Good Friends Fest.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:
Thursday, 7pm — Brian Jones
Rock 'n' Roll Revival. \$5.

La Mesa Wine Works:
Friday, 6pm — Rick Harchol.
Free.

Legacy International Center:
Sunday, 7:30pm — Legacy
Theater Grand Opening: Phil
Keaggy. \$20-\$30.

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Friday, 8pm — Red Giant Project
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Saturday, 9pm — Paul
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Friday, 6pm — Wiltern
Livestream Series: Eyedress. \$15.
Saturday, 2pm — Bad Religion:
The '10s. \$15.
Sunday, 5:30pm — Teddy Swims
& Elefvnts. \$20-\$100.
Sunday, 6pm — The Stef Show:
World Music Day Edition. Free.
Monday, 5pm — The Allman
Betts Band: Live from The Roxy
Theatre. \$15-\$35.
Tuesday, 7pm — La Jolla Music
Society: The Hot Sardines.

Petco Park:
Wednesday, 3pm — Midland and
the Silent Comedy.

Quarterdeck Cocktails:
Saturday, 8pm — 8 East Band.
Free.

Quartyard:
Friday, 7pm — Jesus Trejo and
Louis V Quartet. \$35-\$45.

St. Michael's by-the-Sea:
Saturday, 4pm — Carlsbad
Music Festival: Eclectic Lawn
Concert.

Starlight Theater:
Saturday, 8pm — Rick James'
Original Stone City Band. \$20.
Sunday, 6pm — Los Freddy's de
Arturo Cisneros. \$15.

Thornton Winery:
Friday, 6pm — Brothers Igniting
a Groove.

Westgate Hotel:
Sunday, 12pm — Jazz Brunch.

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

The world's greatest orchestra — here?

The San Diego Mainly Mozart Festival got off to a rambunctious start on Friday, June 11, 2021, at the San Diego Surf Soccer Club in Del Mar. The orchestra roster is as strong as ever. Actually, it might be even stronger. The COVID effect has given Mainly Mozart access to musicians from orchestras that are usually still in season during June. Add to that the fact that Mainly Mozart produced concerts during the quarantine. These concerts provided work to musicians who may or may not have had work otherwise.

Players from Philadelphia, Boston, New York, San Francisco, Cleveland, The Metropolitan Opera and Los Angeles join the roster with players from Dallas, Florida, San Diego, Cincinnati, and Indianapolis. These

aren't just players from these prestigious orchestras. These are the concertmasters and principal chairs from these prestigious orchestras. That adds up to what could be considered the greatest orchestra currently performing anywhere in the world. That might sound like an exaggeration, but it is not.

To anyone who attended the opening night concert of Friday, June 11, it should have been obvious that this is a spectacular group of musicians performing spectacular music. The concert started with Mozart's beloved *Symphony No. 40*. Mozart, the master of the earworm, gives us an opening melody that worms its way through our ears and into our hearts. What stood out to me during the performance was the quick tempo taken in the third

movement by music director Michael Francis. During a break in the Thursday rehearsal, I was able to ask Maestro Francis about that decision.

Ever the existentialist, Francis explained that he views this third movement as a conflict with the darkness of the human potential as opposed to the typical fat-man-dancing-a-minuet. The final movement then provides an answer to the conflict of the third.

Speaking of earworms, conflict, and resolution, the next piece of music was none other than Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5*. Beethoven's symphony famously starts in the key of C minor and concludes in the key of C Major. It is the quintessential journey from ignorance to knowledge, from oppression



These aren't just players from these prestigious orchestras. These are the concertmasters and first chairs.

to freedom. Maybe even the journey from quarantine to live orchestra performances?

The second concert of the festival followed on Saturday, June 12, at the same location. The standard (yet rarely performed) Haydn *Trumpet Concerto* was executed to perfection by trumpeter Conrad Jones. Jones is the principal trumpet for the Indianapolis Symphony, but stood as soloist for Mainly Mozart.

Mozart's *Symphony No. 39* followed. In the hands of Maestro Francis and this all-star cast of orchestral characters, I found this symphony to be an even more compelling experience than the previous evening's *Symphony No. 40*.

The Mainly Mozart Festival concludes on Saturday, June 19. That concert is sold out. For information about remaining concerts, visit www.mainlymozart.org.

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Friday, July 9 — West of 5. Free.

Arrowood Golf Course:

Friday, July 2 — Cowboy Jack. Free.

Beach House Grill:

Saturday, July 3 — G Love & Special Sauce. \$30-\$40.
Saturday, July 10 — De la Ghetto and DJ Dynamiq. \$40-\$60.

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Thursday, July 8 — Charley Crockett.
Friday, July 9 — The White Buffalo.
Sunday, July 11 — The PettyBreakers.
Saturday, July 15 — Sully & the Blue-Eyed Soul Band. \$12-\$14.
Friday, July 16 — Mustache Harbor.
Friday, July 16 — Common Sense and the Devastators.
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Friday, July 23 — Betamaxx.

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Saturday, July 3 — Neon Beat.
Saturday, July 17 — Shattered Faith and Spider.

Creative Studios:

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Saturday, July 10 — San Diego BayFest.

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Friday, July 2 — Klub Therapy.
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Sunday, July 18 — Cowboy Jack. Free.

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Friday, July 2 — Boostive.
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Saturday, July 10 — DENM.
Sunday, July 11 — Casual Yak and Find Indigo.
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Friday, July 16 — Whitney Shay and the Sleepwalkers.
Saturday, July 17 — Furrageous.
Thursday, July 22 — Lies N Roses and Alice Insane.

Open Air Theatre:

Friday, July 23 — Maren Morris.

Petco Park:

Saturday, July 3 — Chris Lake.
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Pour House:

Saturday, July 3 — Gone Blonde. Free.
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Saturday, July 3 — The Hughes Brothers Band. Free.

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The company Grandpa Bill Marks worked for threw an annual picnic that encouraged employees to invite family members for an afternoon of games, barbeque, and enough beer to keep back teeth at high tide. Having wandered into the forest preserve and away from the crowd, my older

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cousin Barbie (she was six) and I spotted one of the “clowns for the kiddies” the invite promised standing before a tree, his back to the two of us. He turned with a start, splashing himself in the process. Why call up this golden memory after watching Netflix’s *Security* expose cog after cog in the daily underpinnings of a posh Italian seaside resort? For this reporter, it’s one of those rare “life imitates art” moments.

Roberto (Marco D’Amore), owner of the security company that has rigged Forte dei Marmi with enough cameras to power a studio, likens the raked sand on the private beaches and overly-orchestrated facade to a picture postcard. Paradise is hardly a setting conducive to crime, but this is a winter tale set in the off-season. When violence does turn up on a neighbor’s front stoop, the mini-monitor where once a doorbell stood reveals Maria (Beatrice Grannò), a battered young woman pleading for help. Rather than get involved, it’s best to ring security and let them sort it out. On his way home from answering the call, Roberto pulls over a drunk driver whom he recognizes as Dario (Giulio Pranno), the son of his ex-lover Elena (Valeria Bilello).

Curzio Pilati (Fabrizio Bentivoglio) jokes that many of its wealthy residents consider Forte dei Marmi a second home. Or third. Or fourth. But it’s the only home Roberto’s wife Claudia (Maya Sansa) has ever known. She’s old enough to recall a time when locals didn’t lock their doors before going to bed. The “undesirables” changed all that. Pilati, a powerful captain of industry who happens to have haphophobia and dreads being touched, has thrown his support behind Claudia’s campaign to become the town’s first woman mayor. Perhaps Roberto’s time might be better spent tweaking both his surveillance equipment and his home life, and not playing junior crime solver.

Roberto also suffers from insomnia, and has taken to spending the night at a client’s home, looking after the place in the owner’s absence. By

way of audience clarification, a party guest’s aside reminds the uninformed that if not checked, such a sleep disorder could result in hallucinations. This way, when Roberto falls asleep at the wheel or envisions five Darios seated at a bus stop, even the most unwitting audience member will understand why. What’s keeping Roberto up at night? In part, it’s the discovery that his 17-year-old daughter Angela (Ludovica Martino) is having an affair with Stefano (Silvio Muccino), her college professor. A classmate of Maria’s, Angela and Stefano were both in attendance the night her assault left her with a dislocated arm.

This is not only writer-director Peter Chelsom’s first foreign language film, it also marks a bold departure from his bread and butter genres: comedy and romance (*Hear My Song*, *Funny Bones*, *Town & Country*). But the film is not without its occasional light moment. The Viagra that Claudia discovers isn’t proof that Roberto is having an affair, but that Angela bought them as a romantic aid for whom she perceived to be a worn down Stefano. In both cases, when confronted with the little blue pills, the men respond identically: “I’m 40, not 70.” Roberto doesn’t have a monkey on his back, rather, a hyena on his chest — in the form of Stefano. He approaches their inevitable encounter as an interrogator first, a father second. Rather than doing what’s expected and flattening Stefano, he’s more interested in solving the crime. There will be ample time for fisticuffs later.

The prime suspect in Maria’s attack is the same man who years earlier was believed to have molested a young Angela. When her daughter was seven, Claudia lost track of her at the park. Missing for 10 minutes, she was found behind the carousel and assumed to have been sexually assaulted by Walter Spezi (Tommaso Ragno). Claudia doesn’t remember it and Spezi wasn’t convicted. Like my clown, Spezi had to relieve himself of that day’s alcohol consumption. Fearing that a negligent mother label might forever hamper her chance of a future in politics, Claudia aimed the finger of blame in Spezi’s direction. Though one wishes the filmmakers could have found a less gratuitous manner of revealing the information than crosscutting one character’s jailhouse testimony with Angela reading her essayed story aloud in English class.

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Security: When one screen just won't do!

bly the identity of the true villain in the piece, but that’s not enough to discourage viewership. Besides the obvious entertainment reasons, parents should show this to every potential bad egg in the land. It’s impossible to hide from technology, and this engaging tale of how technology is used to solve a crime should make even the rottenest of eggs think twice before committing one. ★★★

—Scott Marks

Video on Demand and New Release Roundup Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway

— Gone is co-screenwriter Rob Lieber (*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*) and in his place freshman scribe Patrick Burleigh. Lieber brought a sense of uncontrollable mayhem to Beatrix Potter’s bucolic landscapes and the mixture of live action and CG animation had reached such a level of refinement, I actually found myself singing the praises of a “studio that regularly begot cartoon child abuse in the form of *Alvin* squeak-uels.” Part 2 found me screaming, “ALVIN!” Director Will Gluck is back, this time helming a largely dialogue-driven adventure that follows sensible Mr. McGregor’s (Domhnall Gleeson) attempts to steer his wife Bea’s (Rose Byrne) instincts to sell her soul in exchange for a sequel to be published by Nigel Basil-Jones (David Oyelowo). A master of the art of merchandising, he envisions Peter as the villain. The idea of feral animals learning to live in captivity is dropped almost before it’s mentioned. Anything would have been more interesting than treating the characters like children. And one guesses positive messaging makes for dull bunnies. Why else would McGregor and Nigel resort to fisticuffs to settle their score? It’s not hard to lie to someone looking to be loved, and in the end, the film becomes precisely what it mocked. 2021. — S.M. ★

Siberia — Clint (Willem Dafoe!) operates a bar in the remotest corner of Siberia, where he lives a life of self-

imposed exile, barely capable of communicating with most of his patrons. Lusting after a pregnant flasher as her nana chatters away unintelligibly is one of the film’s kinder moments. Even after the pack dogs that once led him become his staunchest followers, one can’t help but notice the regret that haunts every one of Clint’s moves. If one needs to question Clint’s sudden decision to pack up shop to take a journey on a dogsled, chances are a picture steeped in the kind of logic that could only exist inside Clint’s head isn’t the picture for you. He’s a man looking to reclaim

his soul by coming to terms with his dreams, and the transitions from one state of fantasy to another are quite jarringly effective: a trip down some cellar steps becomes a nightmare slide down a mountainside, while a man squandering his pocket change on video slots is suddenly (deservedly?) attacked by a marauding bear. As with any great experimental artist, the further director/King of New York Abel Ferrara moves from the neighborhood, the closer he gets to home. Watch it wherever finer films are downloadable. 2021. — S.M. ★★★



Somewhere in my DVD vault, filed alphabetically by director between LEONE, SERGIO and LESTER, RICHARD, lurks a copy of *Roller Boogie*, Mark Lester’s ode to disco skating and the loss of Linda Blair’s baby fat. You’ll have to visit us online to learn more about Blair on wheels and the more recent addition, *Roll Bounce*. Our brief journey through what could be the most violently insane fad this side of a mechanical bull begins where cinema dead ends: *Skatetown, U.S.A.*

— Scott Marks

SKATETOWN, U.S.A. (1979)

Never once having donned a pair of skates, my major fascination with the genre is purely fetishistic, with a minor in the phenomenology of disco skating on film. The cast reads like

a *Love Boat* boarding list: Scott Baio, Maureen McCormick, Flip Wilson (and Geraldine), Ron Pallilo (John Travolta disco’d his way to fame, while his fellow Sweathog got the cracked end of the mirrored ball), Ruth Buzzi, Judy Landers, Sandra Gould (*Bewitched*’s Mrs. Kravitz II), etc. This isn’t so much a movie as it is a series of skate routines and performance footage (how did Traffic’s Dave Mason fall in with this company?) separated by skits and skeletal dialogue exchanges. The movie introduced audiences to Patrick Swayze, and the viewer may admit to going slack-jawed at the sight of a stunt performer roller skating on a skateboard. Billy Barty as a chick-magnet and the constant reminder of Leonard Barr prattling at the snack bar were definite mood elevators, but Murray Langston’s dual role as both the Unknown Comic and a pill peddler took twice the amount of screen time to wring not one single laugh. Long unavailable, a barebones blu-ray finally made it to home video in 2019. Rejoice!

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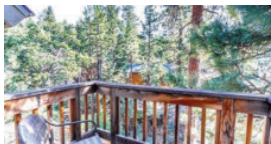
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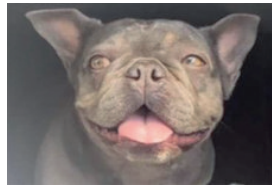
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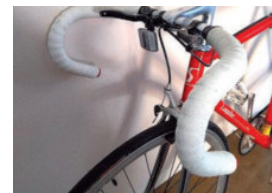
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Bluefin tuna fishing getting hotter – will albacore predictions pan out?

Dock Totals 6/13 – 6/19: 5069 anglers aboard 206 trips out of San Diego landings this past week caught 48 barracuda, 1 black seabass (released), 3200 bluefin tuna (up to 204 pounds), 1 bocaccio, 224 bonito, 1780 calico bass (1011 released), 5 halibut, 1 leopard shark (released), 5 lingcod, 2346 rockfish, 475 sand bass, 30 sculpin, 69 sheephead, 279 whitefish, 42 white seabass (40 released), 1 yellowfin tuna, and 509 yellowtail.

Saltwater: Bluefin tuna continued to top the counts from the fleet, and fishing only got better by the week's end. Full day boats that ran into a bit of a slump due to a mostly nighttime bite the week previous found the fish more than willing to feed in daylight hours and limits of 2 fish per angler were not uncommon. The total for the week eclipsed the previous week by double, from 1577 to 3200 fish caught. Bluefin tuna are still ranging in size from 20 to 200 pounds, which can have anglers scrambling for lighter

or heavier gear depending on the grade of fish. The smaller fish are hesitant to bite heavier line, while the big brutes will spool or chew through line the smaller fish will bite. Though tuna schools generally run together in like sizes, some of these schools are mixed in size and occasionally anglers are bent over the rail on a fish for over an hour only to lose it. Crews are advising that anglers bring three set ups; one 30 pound, one 60-80 pound; and one in the 100-130 pound range. If you need gear, the landings offer rental set ups in a wide range of weights. Most of the fleet that is chasing bluefin is still concentrating in a tight area south of the border 25 to 30 miles southwest of Rosarito.

A first for this season: a lone yellowfin tuna was caught this week, signaling more to come this summer as the water warms. That said, conditions are pointing to the showing of a cooler water tuna that used to be the first tuna historically every season in San Diego counts but has not been seen in our area for nearly two decades: albacore. With a slower-warming neutral or maybe La Niña season predicted, large schools of anchovy, purple water offshore, oceanic bonito outside, and barracuda inshore, fisheries experts like Bob Osborn and Phil Friedman of Friedman Outdoor Adventures



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Length multiplied by girth squared divided by 800, this fish taped out at 190 pounds!

are talking up a strong possibility of a 2021 appearance of the long-finned white meat tuna that was the mainstay of San Diego early summer fishing every year for decades.

Albacore would normally show up by June, with the fishing heating up through July and transitioning to Yellowfin by August as the water temperatures began to peak. In the early 2000s, warm water pushing in early and for longer seasonal periods drove the normal albacore migratory path far to the north, near the California-Oregon border. There the fish remained since during the pelagic seasons, while yellowfin, dorado, and even wahoo moved in as close as Coronado Islands and the 9 Mile Bank, with some schools of yellowfin just a half mile off Point Loma, and dorado roaming near the weather buoy a couple miles from La Jolla Shores. Bluefin tuna like cooler temps as well, but I don't remember seasons decades ago like the past handful of years with one hundred-plus pound fish being common within full day to

1.5-day range through the spring.

Purple water, you ask? Offshore, where currents and silts have less effect than nearshore shallows, it has more to do with phytoplankton and chlorophyll. Phytoplankton use chlorophyll to produce carbon by photosynthesis during which the red and blue parts of the light spectrum are absorbed and green light is reflected. As the water depth increases and currents ease, phytoplankton sink out and disperse, leaving the water a more purplish-blue in hue. 'Tuna blue' used to be a term often heard to describe the color when albacore tuna were hitting the decks in good numbers and that, along with the other indicators mentioned above, is why predictions are strong for albacore showing up within range of the San Diego fleet soon. If the water warms to the early 60s and low 70s without any albacore in the counts by early July, it will be a safe bet they again chose the northern route, as they prefer water temperature in the mid-60s.

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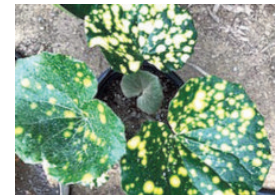
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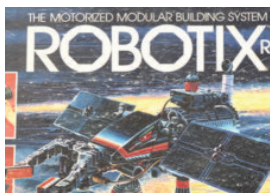
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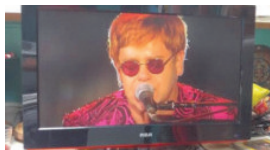
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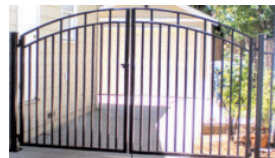
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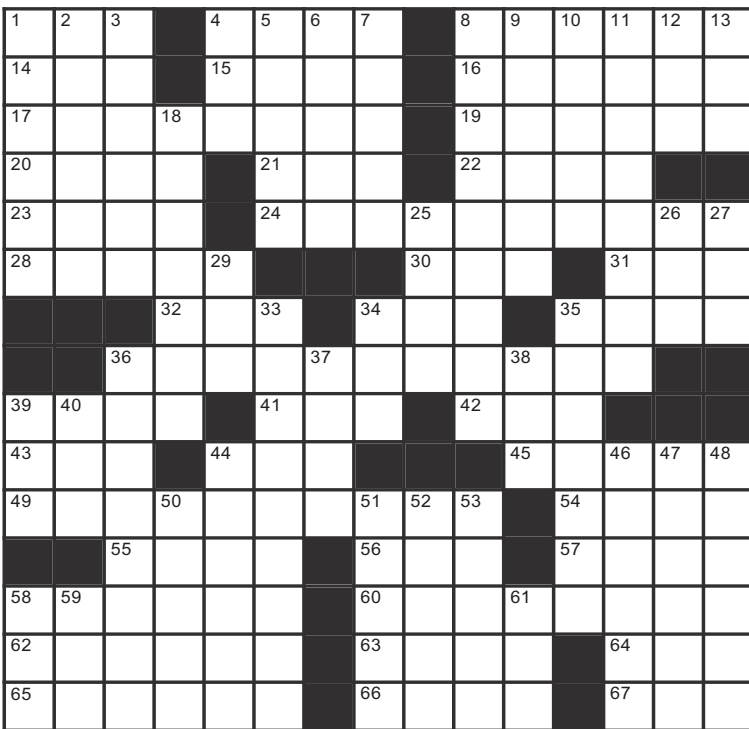
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- 1) Submit your completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest. Your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
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1. Chocolate _____
4. You can bank on them
8. Its flag sports four fleurs-de-lis
14. Argentite, e.g.
15. "The _____ see it ..."
16. Still in stock
17. It includes the Oval Office
19. "Reckon so"
20. Caesar's next-to-last words
21. Setting for some war movies, familiarly
22. Is unable to
23. Loudmouth
24. "Lucky for us ..."
28. Superb, on Broadway
30. -talk
31. Like some minor-league baseball
32. Is in the past?
34. Hydroelectric power agcy.
35. Cuatro y cuatro
36. Box office draw
39. Sound in a circus act
41. Manipulate
42. It helps make you you
43. Manhattan, for one: Abbr.
44. Campaign-funding grp.
45. Speechify
49. Palace built in 1703
54. Like some contracts and contraceptives
55. Due

56. Friend _____ friend
 57. H. H. Munro's pen name
 58. Not perfectly round
 60. Pull-out furniture item (or what 17-, 24, 36- and 49-Across each do)
 62. Powerful tool for compaction
 63. Exhort
 64. Suffix with social or urban
 65. Olympic racers since 2008
 66. Like a shrinking violet
 67. Fish-and-chips fish
- ### Down
1. Serious state of decline
 2. Childish comeback
 3. Words in some greatest hits album titles
 4. "That's adorable!"
 5. Besmirch
 6. Chatty bird
 7. Letter before tau
 8. It takes time to sink in
 9. Perilous, like 8-Down
 10. College sports broadcaster
 11. Dr. Martens string
 12. Golf champion Ernie
 13. Alphabet run
 18. Battle over domain
 25. Campbell of "Party of Five"

26. "Well, _____-di-dah!"
27. NBA legend Ming
29. White-water rafting guide?
33. Blows
34. Common piece of merch
35. First name in reality TV
36. "If you're not ready to die for it, put the word 'freedom' out of your vocabulary" speaker
37. "Semper paratus" grp.
38. "That's _____ from me" (refusal)
39. Tease
40. Buckeyes' sch.
44. 1980s South African president _____ Botha
46. One of the six official languages of the United Nations
47. Hit it off with
48. Said "Aye aye, Cap'n," say
50. Former Detroit mayor Kilpatrick
51. Just meh
52. In flames
53. Nickname for music's "Material Girl"
58. Globe
59. "Kapow!"
61. "OMG A MOUSE!"

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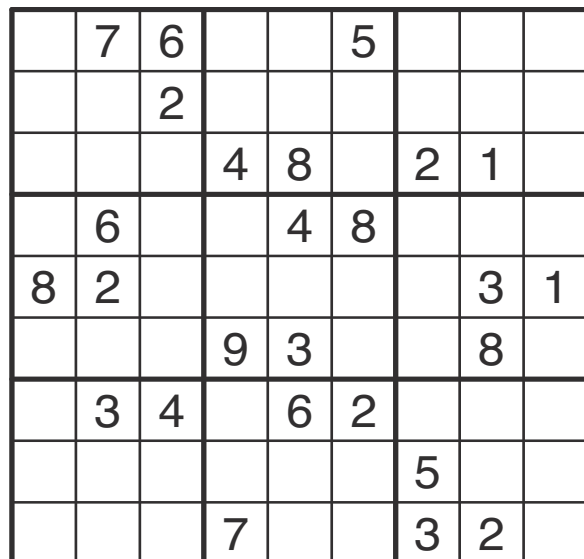
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- 1) Submit your completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest. Your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
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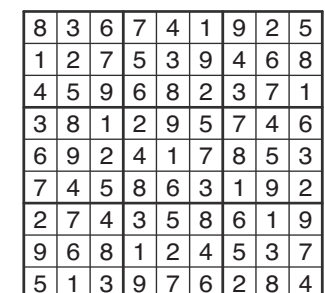
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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLE:

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Wait, What?

— The Tail Company, based in the United Kingdom, is starting production of its newest offering, miTail – a Bluetooth-enabled animatronic tail that wearers can control with a phone app, *Nerdist* reported on May 13. For example, a wearer might want to express emotions such as "frustrated and tense" or "calm and relaxed." Other moves include the Short Wag, the Happy Wag and the Erect Tremble. The company plans to start delivering the Kickstarter-supported products in August.

Oh, Canada

— Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Porcupine Plain, Saskatchewan, had a mystery on their hands on May 7 when someone reported a load of fenceposts missing, RCMP reported on its website. Officers opened an investigation, but the "bucktooth bandits" were quickly identified: "The stolen goods were located in a beaver dam," said Constable Conrad Rickards. "A beaver -- or beavers -- helped themselves to the stash of posts and used them to help build a dam. I tried locating said beavers but they were GOA (gone on arrival)."

Don't Go There

— A papier-mache statue of a stegosaurus, placed outside the Cubic Building in a suburb of Barcelona, Spain, had an odorous secret, *The Washington Post* reported. On May 22, a father and son who were admiring the statue noticed a foul stench coming from it and peered into a crack in the

dinosaur's leg. There they saw the body of a man. The 39-year-old was reported missing just hours before he was discovered; the local police said they don't suspect foul play. Instead, they believe the man dropped his phone in the statue's leg and tried to retrieve it, becoming stuck headfirst. He may have been in the statue for a couple of days, authorities said.

Bright Ideas

— On May 25, New York City councilwoman Helen Rosenthal virtually attended a finance committee meeting, commenting on school classroom sizes and education funding, as she shifted her focus back and forth between the camera and ... the road. She was driving her car during the meeting, the *New York Post* reported. During her time as a council member, she has advocated for improving bike lanes and expanding speed camera use, but since 2013, the license plate registered to her car has received 62 traffic violations, including three tickets for speeding in a school zone, all in 2020.

Hand-Tossed

— On May 23, when the 20-year-old daughter of Vero Beach, Florida, resident Tyler Worden, 41, declined her father's invitation to eat the pizza he had brought to her home, the elder Worden became angry and "turned around and threw a slice of pizza at her, striking her in the face," according to the arrest affidavit filed by the Indian River Sheriff's Office. After Worden refused to leave, his daughter called the po-

lice, who noted the pizza toppings strewn across the entryway, the tomato sauce on the left side of the woman's face and the strong scent of alcohol on Worden's breath. The pizza hurler was placed under arrest on charges of battery.

No Good Deed

— After Bryan Thayer, 34, finished up at his bar and grill in Metairie, Louisiana, on May 8, he stopped off at the City Bar, where he and a friend bought a drink for another patron, Andrew Nierman, 32. The first drink they bought spilled on Nierman, so they furnished him with a replacement. But Nierman evidently wasn't satisfied with that. "He grabbed my head and (bit) a chunk out of my nose," Thayer told *The Times-Picayune*, then ran out and jumped in a car. Thayer, who was holding his nose together, and other witnesses ran outside and flagged down a deputy, who stopped Nierman. He admitted to biting Thayer but said he'd been "accosted" by him. Doctors patched up Thayer's nose, but he said his injuries will preclude him from working at his own bar for a time.

Ewwwww!

— Ana Cardenas of El Paso, Texas, woke up around 4 a.m. on May 11 and felt something dripping on her face, KISM-TV reported. When she turned on the light, she was horrified to see that it was blood. Blood was coming in where her ceiling fan was attached to the ceiling, and the fan had spattered it all around the room. Cardenas called 911, and officers determined that

the man living in the apartment above hers had died. "The firefighters knocked down his door and the body was laying exactly where my fan is underneath," Cardenas said. "He had carpet but the blood seeped through to my ceiling." Police said the man had died of natural causes and had been deceased for five to six days. Cardenas stayed at a hotel for a few nights but now has to replace her damaged belongings. She said she was traumatized by the incident: "It was awful, an awful impact."

Awesome!

— Traffic outside a school in China's Henan province was so bad that one student's mother, Ms. Meng, spent \$154,000 having two footbridges built over the road so that kids could cross safely. In addition, the school is located on lower ground, and students had to walk through puddles outside the building. "The water will spill over the stairs where schoolchildren stand to wait for their parents like little birds," Meng said, according to *Oddity Central*. "My child's feet turned white because they were soaking in water." Meng did not tell her son that she funded the footbridges. "I just did what I can afford to do. You can't take money with you after death."

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