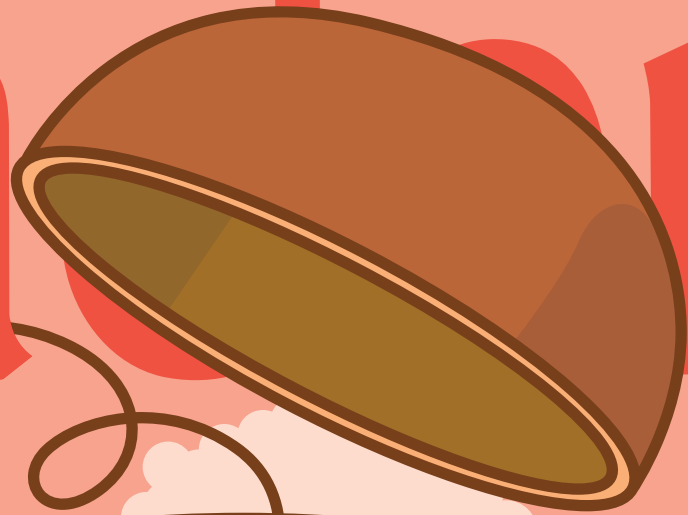




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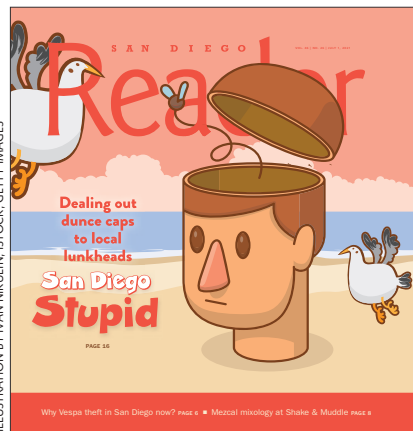
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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OCEANSIDE

Greenbrier Apartments a go But helping the homeless still proving thorny

Well intentioned efforts to help the homeless can get ugly. The city of Oceanside's high-profile moves to help the needy have led to public confrontations and a grant revocation. And one grandstanding councilmember induced giggles when he falsely painted the picture that a city partner was a grant-dependent deadbeat.

In May, the city announced it was awarding a \$65,000 grant to the Oceanside Homeless Resource, a grassroots support group run by an independent homeless patron, Vanessa Graziano. Channel 8 reported that in its first year of operation, Oceanside Homeless Resource has served 20,000 meals, and provides up to 20 hotel rooms a night, all with the help of private donations. The city



Oceanside showing its best side: real efforts being made to address housing crisis.

rescinded the grant. In a written statement Megan Crooks, a senior management analyst with the city of Oceanside said that “the City discovered that application contained factual errors and omissions involving the location of program and its funding sources. The fiscal sponsor for the application has asked the City to rescind the application.” Crooks named the fiscal sponsor as Homeless Veterans of San Diego. Graziano initially did not comment for this article, but has since said via text that she was told by the city: “The reason they’re taking this away is because of me being on social media too much and saying that I did not want their clients going into their housing,



Overnight shelter run by San Diego Rescue Mission, partner of Bread of Life.

which is absolutely absurd.” Graziano says Kelly Luisi, founder of Homeless Veterans of San Diego, “100% was my fiscal sponsor and we are friends. The only reason she pulled out was after the conversation telling us that we no longer have the grant because I was on social media too much.”

Grant or no grant, Oceanside is taking major steps to provide housing relief. On June 16, the city made a commitment to provide permanent homes for veterans, newly-inde-

pendent foster kids, the elderly, and “extremely low income persons,” by approving a four-story, 60-unit complex called Greenbrier Village Apartments, to be located just behind the Oceanside Boulevard Taco Bell. (And on June 30, the city decided which outside agency would win the bid to operate a separate 50-bed emergency shelter, with “wrap-around” services to be based at an abandoned continuation school on Oceanside Boulevard near El Camino Real.)

In April, Oceanside got international publicity when it dumped huge boulders on a linear homeless tent city nicknamed “skid-rowceanside.” Rodney McGough was among the right-of-way campers who were redirected via vouchers to stay at Marty’s Valley Inn. He says that now, the ex-campers have moved on from Marty’s. Some, he says, have not fared as well as others. “Sean and Mike and their dog Mumu were two of my friends who they set up in HUD housing. They were placed in a gang-riddled barrio. You don’t put white people in the middle of Mexican gangs. They had to leave because it was too dangerous.

They should not be handing out Section 8 vouchers to live where it’s too dangerous to even be out on the street.”

McGough says the city-sponsored hotel voucher program lasted for six weeks. He says that now, all his former tent city neighbors

“We are going to buy the land prior to the [deal], sir. That’s our skin in the game. Read it.”

have spread out. “They went to shelters in Vista, San Marcos and Escondido... Everyone felt like they were lied to. They told me, ‘Trust me, we’ll have something for you.’ But I got an eviction after just 21 days because I didn’t qualify for any of their programs. Everything is set up to help people get off drugs and alcohol. If you don’t do drugs or alcohol, you’re out of luck.”

At its June 16 meeting, the Oceanside city council approved San Diego-based National Community Renaissance (CORE) to build and operate the 60-room Greenbrier Village Apartment project. The approval came only after an embarrassing exchange between councilman Christopher Rodriguez and CORE vice president John Seymour. CORE has built and currently oversees three other low income multi-story complexes, including Mission Cove. Seymour says CORE already provides 262 homes in Oceanside for 762 seniors, veterans and ex-foster kids. Rodriguez went after CORE by painting it as a group that exists only because of government doleouts. He recited verbiage that had appeared earlier on website postings by Solutions For Change, a different homeless support group that claims it operates independent of government support. Rodriguez claimed that Mission Cove residents were responsible for a number of criminal incidents that caused many police calls for service. He even called Oceanside police chief Fred Armijo

to the podium, who said he could not report at that time that that was the case. Then Rodriguez said the group could build Greenbrier Village Apartments only because of grant money. He said CORE represents “billions and billions of taxpayers dollars wasted,” and that this was a model that “failed over and over again.”

“I didn’t see any skin in the game from this developer,” said Rodriguez. “If you have skin in the game and are willing to put it down, that’s great, but I’ve heard it is nothing but 100-percent leveraging.”

Seymour raced to the podium to inform Rodriguez that he had no idea what he was talking about. “Apparently, you have not seen exhibit B in the staff report. You tell me what you see. We are going to buy the land prior to the [deal], sir. That’s our skin in the game. Read it.”

Rodriguez still would not admit that CORE was buying the property on Greenbrier Drive per the agreement. “I see numbers. but it doesn’t say you are buying it.”

Seymour corrected him again. “We are buying the land, and we are closing escrow. If this deal falls through, we will be spanked

bad. That’s our skin in the game.” Rodriguez then turned to the \$3.5-million the city is committing to the project. Mayor Esther Sanchez explained that that was just a loan that would be repaid to the city just as all the loans to CORE had been.



Councilman Rodriguez got sore at CORE.

After the public drama, Rodriguez abandoned his “skin in the game” histrionics and voted with the rest of the council to approve the CORE/Greenbrier Village Apartment agreement.

Kyoto’s Japanese Market is right next door to the plot of land that will host the Greenbrier Village Apartments. For the last two decades of its 55 years at Greenbrier Drive, the family-owned specialty store/sushi deli has been at ground zero of Oceanside’s homeless problem, due to its proximity to the Bread

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PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

A little Bird seems to have ruffled Lynn Schenk's feathers, and now she's squawking about it.

E-scoot reboot

But the road back to San Diego may prove bumpy

The frenzy of electric scooters filling the streets of San Diego has begun to grow anew as the state lifts its last anti-pandemic strictures. Burgeoning too are the ranks of local lobbyists lining up downtown to grease political wheels as the city edges closer to crafting another round of regulations. Now, word of the recent e-scooter-related death of a noted stage and movie actress on the streets of New York City has raised new safety questions about the popular means of conveyance.

Among the latest to join the lucrative San Diego influence-peddling gold rush is Causa Consulting, a lobbying firm run by Democratic ex-city councilman and mayoral candidate David Alvarez, working on behalf of Bird scooters. Among Alvarez's tasks, according to a June 15 disclosure filing, is to "identify/include equity and access components in the city's Shared Mobility Device program, future [Requests for Proposals], and other regulations related to the city's program."

Besides safety worries, the latest point of contention between the e-scooter industry and San Diego critics is over letters sent

by Bird to those deemed making "improper impoundments" of its scooters by calling a contractor to remove the vehicles. "Some are parked in red zones and right on my property," ex-Democratic congresswoman Lynn Schenk of La Jolla said in an April 1 U-T interview. "These scooters create visual blight and take up parking. Some are left in the street, and they are unsafe." As for Bird's mailed missive, Schenk said, "It was more than mildly threatening to me. How dare they say something like that? There are people that get intimidated and worry and lose sleep over that."

Bird isn't the only e-scooter vendor to deploy its lobbying might here. In an April 9 filing, Intesa Communications group says it is working for Superpedestrian, which operates Link scooters. The goal: "general awareness of provider and City's upcoming scooter [Request for Proposals.]," along with the "successful award of scooter contract with the City of San Diego." And another member of the crowded city hall lobbying corps, the Presidio Public Affairs Group, founded by Jason Roe — a one-time close advisor of Republican ex-mayor Kevin Faulconer, who first allowed e-scooters here — reported getting \$5000 from "dockless mobility" purveyor Lime, Inc. of San Francisco. The assignment was to pursue "favorable regulations which allow the company to operate within the City of San Diego," per a May 1 Presidio filing. Lime pulled out of San Diego in January 2020, issuing a statement saying, "As part of our path to profitability, Lime has made the difficult decision to exit San Diego and focus our resources on markets that allow us to meet our ambitious goals for 2020." Added the company, "We appreci-

ate the partnership we've enjoyed with San Diego and remain hopeful we can reintroduce Lime back into the community when the time is right."

Last month, the city of Atlanta, Georgia, picked three scooter vendors, including Bird, Lime, and Spin, to get exclusive contracts, per a June 17 according to the *Atlanta Business Journal*. "The city scored the scooter providers on their operations plan, user communication, fleet design, and equity strategy," according to the story. "The three companies with the highest scores received the permits."

But the national ramp-up of the e-scooter business has run head-on into last week's demise of actress Lisa Banes, who died of severe head injuries last Monday after being hit on June 4 by a hit-and-run e-scooter on Manhattan's Upper West Side. "Quite clearly, the mayor has not prioritized street safety or re-imagining our city around people and their needs, and as a result we are seeing an uptick in violence," Danny Harris of the group Transportation Alternatives told WCBS-TV.

"I'm very troubled when people go against traffic and create danger for themselves and others," responded New York mayor Bill de Blasio. "So we're going to keep refining how we regulate, how we enforce. But again, anytime we believe a particular company is not acting in a way that's safe for New

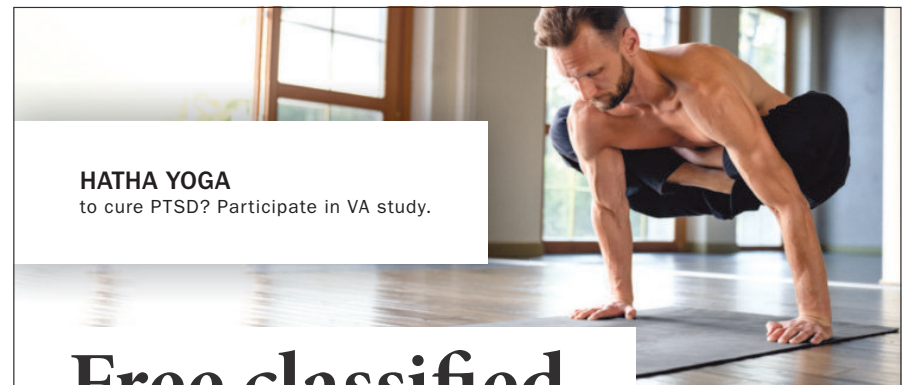
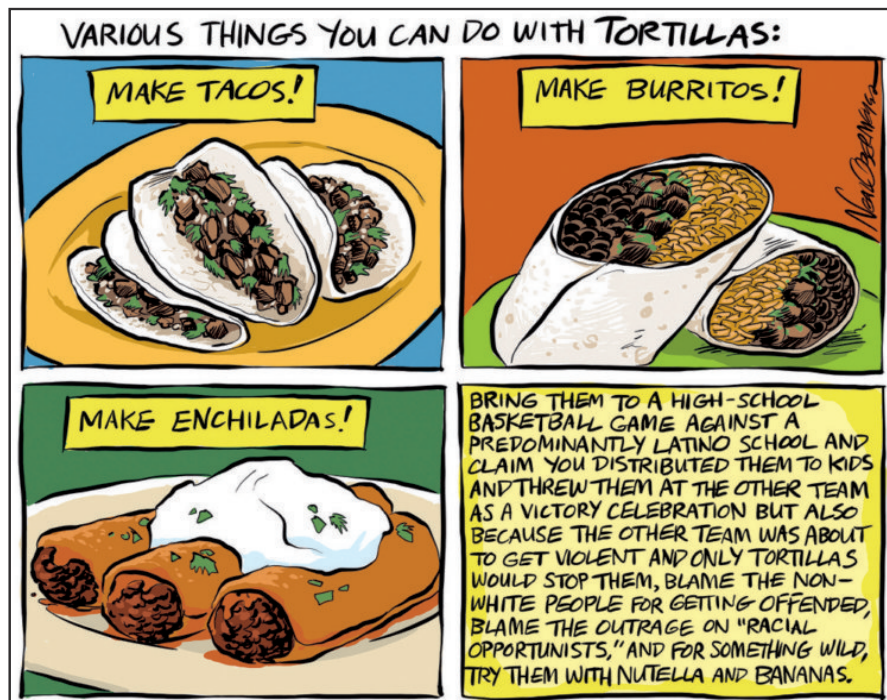
Yorkers, we also maintain the option to shut them down."

London's *Daily Mail* recounted the recent deaths, in addition to that of Banes, that e-devices have caused in New York. "Real estate broker Kelly Killian, 54, was killed after she was struck by a deliveryman on an e-bike in Astoria, Queens on May 28," the paper reported. "Hing Chung, 71, died just days after he was struck by an e-bike and suffered head trauma on April 17 in the Upper West Side. Following Chung's death, the Community Board 7 — which encompasses the Upper West Side — has been trying to ban e-bikes from traveling in designated bike lanes and calling for greater enforcement of road rules for these riders."

The e-scooter industry has long had a friend in San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria. "Banning new technology because it's a nuisance or because we don't immediately understand how it fits into our lives is rarely the best approach," then Assembly Democrat Gloria wrote in an August 19, 2019, *San Diego Union-Tribune* op-ed piece. "I don't believe that banning dockless electric scooters is the right answer, either," added Gloria. "We have to think bigger than a ban. That's not the easy answer, but it's the one that will get us closer to creating a city that works for all of us."

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Dear Hipster:

Summer is here! And it's not canceled this year! I'd say it's time to celebrate, but do I even need to say it? I would imagine almost everybody is super stoked to have a nice, normal summer... but I have to wonder if there are people out there who aren't excited about the summer. If anyone could be a summer-hater, I would expect it would be some hipster who is doing it just to be contrary. Is that a thing?

— KRISTEN

Dear Hipster:

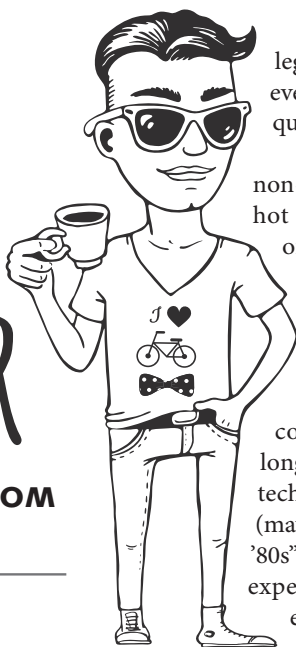
Happy Solstice, hipster! What's the best part of summer?

— DESIREE

I will level with you here. I love summer, so I'm a little biased. That's not to say I hate winter, spring, or even fall (which

always gets a bad rap for chasing summer away). Those are all great seasons for various reasons, but summer is and always will be the king, because none of the other seasons can hold a candle to summer in terms of making memories. It's all about those long days. The long days hold the promise of music festivals, yard parties, and feeling like you actually want to do something other than curl up in a ball and mope when you get off work at 5:30 pm.

As you suspected, a small contingent of people insist on hating summer. They usually provide some variation on the following two reasons: the heat and the tourists (people who live in temperate climates usually also mention bugs, which is totally



legit, as anyone who has ever been bitten by a mosquito knows).

The heat is simply a non-issue. First off, being hot is an excuse to slack off, which is awesome, whereas when you get cold, you need to work harder to keep yourself warm, which is totally not cool. Sure, maybe once long ago in a dark age of technological desperation (maybe we could call it "the '80s"), air conditioners were expensive, unreliable, and eager to torch the ozone layer by spewing R12

into the atmosphere at the slightest provocation. But today, you can get a cheap, effective, and relatively environmentally friendly AC unit at the local Costco for a couple hundred bones. If you can't afford that, all you need are halfway decent scrounging skills and you can probably get one for next to nothing from somebody who just picked up a new Costco unit.

Although I see the point in complaining about tourists — people who descend on anywhere worth visiting (and plenty of

places not worth visiting) come summertime with their selfie sticks out — you have to look at the other half of the equation. If tourists stress you out, mock them when they aren't looking, and when they are looking, relieve

them of the money they came to spend. If that doesn't harmonize the cosmic indignity of tourist season for you, rest assured you will get yours the next time you're touring somewhere.

Next time somebody tells you he hates summer, casually but firmly present these two irrefutable arguments. If this summer-hater finds something else to gripe about after hearing your rock solid defense of the summer season, it's a fairly safe bet he's just doing it to be a contrary hipster. Respect his life choices, and make a mental note to withhold his invitation from your *Cuatro de Julio* party.

— DJ Stevens

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If we get Faulconer as governor, maybe he can create a Hepatitis wave from the Oregon border to San Ysidro among the state's homeless population. No public restrooms for anybody!

—Strelnikov

Kevy is just another worthless political puppet. Jenner is the non-politico that will actually attempt to make something positive happen.

—rplm

"Free obits" News Under the Radar June 23

Paying tribute to a loved one.... obituaries should be free to all families, regardless of income. If newspapers are concerned about "money" they can work the costs in elsewhere, and it all comes out in the wash.

—Socks3742

"Oceanside gets even more serious about street people" Neighborhood News June 22

Since I live very close to Oceanside Blvd and have seen too much of what is going on, I have a question. Where were all of these other charities when Covid-19 hit and the homeless were at high risk? Where was the City of Oceanside? As I recall, Oceanside police department was herding

the homeless around from one side of Oceanside Blvd to the other. They couldn't even provide a shelter for patients just getting out of the hospital after surgery. Those poor souls were left in their walkers on the street. The Bread of Life Shelter was closed, as was Brother Bennos. Say what you want against Vanessa and OHR, but she was the first one I saw out on the street bringing food and sleeping bags to the homeless. The city, charities, and churches weren't stepping up to the plate back then. It was only Interfaith and Vanessa taking any action. Now that the funding is rolling in, they are popping out from under the rocks like roaches. It's interesting that Megan Crooks, who supposedly made the decision, is gone now. My guess is the city feels threatened by OHR because it is grass roots and so far outperforming the city hotel voucher plan 10 to 1 in arriving at permanent solutions.

—digsblues

Megan Crooks' written statement: "The preliminary approval of the \$65,000 federal CDBG-CV grant was subject to the preparation and approval of a grant agreement. During the process of of verifying information in the application, the City discovered that application contained factual errors and omissions involving the location of program and its funding sources. The fiscal sponsor for the application has asked the City to rescind the application." When I spoke her, Ms. Crooks specifically mentioned the Homeless Veterans of San Diego. I think I recounted her words correctly in the article. Vanessa Graziano disagrees. That's why I reached to her and had another person who regularly communicates with Vanessa to respond. She declined.

—Ken Leighton

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of Life/San Diego Rescue Mission and other support service agencies on nearby Apple Street. Kyoto's co-owner Steve Ray says the Women's Resource Center residential facility across the street has never posed any problems during its 20 years as a neighbor, but that some of the clients from nearby Bread of Life have wandered on to his property, which has led to issues with defecation, urination, and rats who are attracted by discarded food wrappers. "It was a daily cleanup," Ray explains. "Sometimes they would be abusive to the customers. We were constantly calling the police for help. One woman, Jennifer, who is really out there, screams at the top of her lungs, harassing people as they go by." He says that problem was greatly improved two years ago when he took the advice of an OPD officer and erected steel bars around Kyoto's perimeter. "It was the best \$20,000 I ever spent." He says business at Kyoto's has never been better.

Ray says he supports the efforts to help the needy, but he has issues with way the city of Oceanside handled the Greenbrier Village Apartments project. "No one asked us what we thought. We got no notification whatsoever that this was going in right next door. What I'm really concerned about is that all those families who live in those apartment [to the north] were never told. They weren't given a say. Those are the ones the city should have been concerned about." Still, Ray is hoping for the best. "If it is managed properly and has proper security, it might be a good thing." He says a developer approached him about buying the Kyoto's property but that



Vespa Motorsport.

his family rejected the offer, then adds, "If you've noticed, Carlsbad doesn't seem to have the homeless problem that Oceanside does. They move their [shelters] away [from population centers]."

KEN LEIGHTON



A different sort of biker gang: Vespa riders face Pacific Highway.

MEAN STREETS

Rise of the scooter boosters But vanishing Vespas hard to hotwire

On June 2, the San Diego Police Department posted a photo to Facebook of a stolen red moped. "A community member notified us of a man parking a moped and then running away, which [the man who reported it] thought was suspicious," read the caption. "After tracking down the registered owner, we were happy to return the moped she worked so hard to get."

A couple of days before the police department's post, Andrew V., a North Park apartment complex manager, posted a video online of a thief stealing his tenant's baby blue Vespa scooter. "It was parked in a locked garage and was stolen last night," he wrote. Andrew that he'd managed the Lincoln Avenue complex for about 24 years. "And we never had any thefts until one month ago, when it all started. This is the fourth time our place has been hit in the past four weeks!" In the 54-second video, the thief covers his face with a black bandanna and wears a black jacket with white accents, gray pants, a bluish shirt, and a backpack. He enters the complex's shared parking garage via its metal doorway.

"I always thought that garage would be secure," commented a neighbor who lives across the alley from Andrew's complex. "But to get in over [a] 12-foot fence, how did he



Theft in Lincoln Avenue parking garage.

get the scooter out? Does the big gate automatically open from the inside?" By the incriminating video's 39-second mark, from the camera's vantage point, the scooter thief runs to the right side of the parking garage, then disappears for a couple of seconds. He then reappears in the shot, briskly walking the scooter out towards the bottom right side of the camera's frame. A University Heights dweller asked Andrew if he had more camera angles of the Vespa jacking, noting, "Mine was stolen and later recovered in Chula Vista." Andrew replied, "Yes, I have many angles of him. The police just picked up the flash drive." On June 18, I reached out to Andrew. He responded, "[There's] still no update about the Vespa."

"Vespa theft has gotten more common lately compared to the past," Vespa enthusiast Alex Cohn said to me on June 21. It's an odd development, because "there's not much you can do with it after you steal a Vespa, because if you don't have a key to that bike, you're never going to be able to hotwire it." Cohn works at Vespa Motorsports on Pacific Highway, west of the I-5/West Washington Street

exit and north of the San Diego International Airport. "Vespas have steering locks, and around 2001, Piaggio, the Italian manufacturer, added coded keys that have a microchip inside of them. For the older ones, we have cable and lock systems and grip locks that go around the handlebars and lock the brake. We have alarm systems and GPS tracking devices." And yet, the uptick in thefts is real. "Could be the economic conditions," opined Cohn. "It could be [influenced] by all the rideshare bikes and scooters [scenarios] where people would wheel those away. I think it's a carry-over on that, and I don't know if they realize it's a rideshare thing or not. They wheel it away and try to tamper with it."

Cohn, 53, has been riding Vespas since the mid-'80s. Currently, he rolls on a 2017 Vespa with a 125 cc motor that'll scoot at 57 mph. "I have a special edition 946, the Emporio Armani edition. It's like matte black with a green tinge to it, and retail on it was like \$14,000; I think they made like 900 of them." On June 27, over a hundred vespisti and other moped riders rendezvoused at Cohn's shop to celebrate Vespa Parade Day. The plan was for a two-hour-plus ride, finishing up at Ballast Point's Homebrew Mart.

MIKE MADRIAGA



On June 27, over a hundred vespisti celebrated Vespa Parade Day.

ENCINITAS

Flats forsaken Housing handouts don't outweigh hassle

Encinitas has tabled a pilot program that would have funded eight new affordable homes — granny flats — and helped the city meet its share of the region's low income housing requirements. Meanwhile, city planners say there's a shortage of funds for the bigger affordable housing projects some councilmembers favor. "The cost to provide one affordable unit in some of these developments is upwards of hundreds of thousands of dollars," said city planner Roy Sapau.

The proposal, in the works since last fall,

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An aerial photograph of San Diego, California, showing the city's urban landscape, the San Diego Bay, and the San Diego-Coronado Bridge. The text is overlaid on the image.

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‘P’eople were so excited, especially the residents of Chula Vista, to have something like this in their neighborhood,” says Shake & Muddle’s lead mixologist Jeff Mackay about the establishment. He tells me about plans to double their patio size and expand the lounge area as he’s mixing one of their most

popular mezcal cocktails. Laid across a black Hawaiian lava salt-rimmed glass, a cocktail pick lined with raspberry, blackberry and blueberry hovers over a pink-and-purple-hued drink. “It’s called Berry the Rabbits, because I use three different seasonal berries that I muddle in there. And Cuatrocientos Conejos, which in English means ‘400 rabbits’ — that’s the brand of mezcal I use. So I’m ‘berrying’ the rabbits.”

Mackay says that most mezcal cocktails lean towards citrus and spice, but what makes Berry the Rabbits unique is “the fact that I’m combining mezcal, which is a very smokey-flavored spirit, with berries, which are naturally sweet, and pineapple. Typically you wouldn’t think that it would match too well, but it goes together perfectly. It was kind of a surprise to me.”

Local patrons helped influence this particular cocktail. “When we first opened, a couple of our regulars had mentioned [400 Rabbits] to me, saying ‘Every time we go to Mexico, we get this mezcal, it’s so incredible, we can never find it out here...’” Mackay was able to

get his hands on some, once the brand became available in the States. “Some mezcals are overbearingly smokey — intentionally, because the smoke levels vary between each mezcal. But when you’re mixing it with cocktails and you’re adding other ingredients, you want something that’s not overpowering.” He puts 400 Rabbits in the middle of the spectrum, saying it has “the traditional smoke to it, but it kind of has a nice little spice as well. It leaves room to introduce other flavors.” When preparing the recipe, he thought to himself, “How can I add other flavors that don’t compete with it, but actually add to it? How do I pull the smoke out, and still keep it there?”

The resulting cocktail has a soft, lingering smokiness that doesn’t attack on the front. “That’s where the citrus will help. Because the citrus will hit first on that part of your palate, followed with the smoke.” Mackay prefers to create harmony between the flavors, rather than mask the mezcal. “What’s great about this is that it’s not sugary at all. It’s all-natural, so you have a fresh flavor.”

SHAKE & MUDDLE’S BERRY THE RABBITS



- ½ oz. lime juice
- ½ oz. gomme syrup
- 1 oz. pineapple juice
- 2 oz. 400 Conejos (Rabbits) mezcal
- 2 raspberries, 2 blackberries, and 4 blueberries

Add berries, lime juice, gomme syrup, and pineapple juice into a small shaker tin and muddle all ingredients about five times. Add the mezcal and a scoop of ice, shake, and strain over pebbled ice into a bucket glass with a black salt rim.

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UNREAL ESTATE

by Dave Rice

In 2020, the median size of a new home was 2261 square feet, according to US Census data. In 1990, when the home at 6573 Primero Izquierdo in Rancho Santa Fe was constructed, that number was closer to 2060 square feet. Allow that to lend a sense of scale to the seven-bedroom, ten-bath estate we’re visiting today, which boasts a full 10,500 square feet of indoor living area. “No expense was spared in curating Maravilla, Rancho Del Lago’s ulti-



“The property offers a playful magic that is inspiring and fulfilling.”

mate private estate,” the home’s Zillow listing promises. “Stylish and elegant yet fun and inviting, the property offers a playful magic that is

inspiring and fulfilling.”

Coming in from the street, the road curves along the edge of the four-acre lot, leading to a circular drive with a

landscaped center island before continuing back to the four-car garage. Massive, arched double entry doors flanked by windows open to the

entryway, hung with a unique icicle-like blue chandelier that we unfortunately don’t get a closer look at.

From there, it’s on to the living room, with soaring exposed wood ceilings that have sadly been painted and a wall of retractable glass that opens onto the patio. An open dining room has an array of bright blown-glass shells or flowers or something hanging down from the ceiling — these are colorful and good.

The kitchen isn’t as huge as some we’ve seen, but it’s open on all sides and the dark wood cabinetry contrasts nicely with the large-format tile flooring. An island with bar seating sports a thick slab of marble that cascades off one side of the countertop to

the floor. Similar stonework covers one wall of the main bedroom, save for a gas fireplace. The en-suite bathroom features a walk-in shower and separate soaking tub with a large dressing area between dual vanities.

The home’s layout “is ideal for a family and includes an array of amenities that rival the world’s top resorts,” the listing brags. And once we get outside the main residence, the entertainment options really begin to present themselves. In a nod to sports and outdoor enthusiasts, the grounds include “an incredible Olympic size lap pool, multiple outdoor entertaining spaces” including an outdoor kitchen and poolside pergola, “a golf practice facility,

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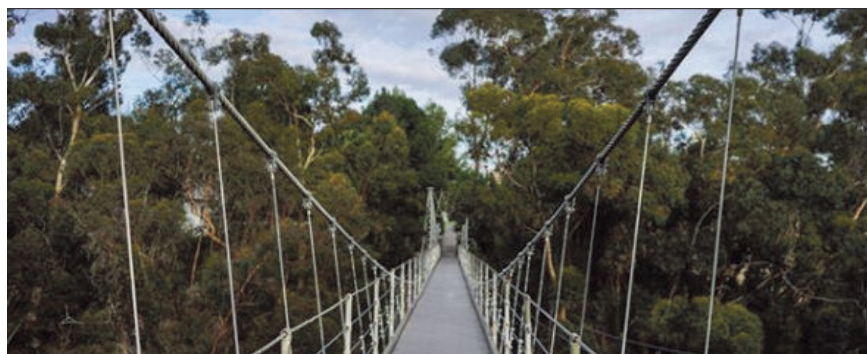
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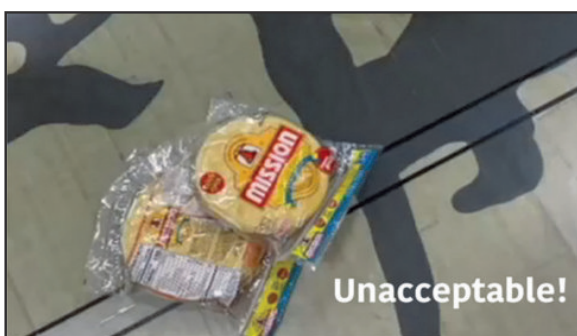
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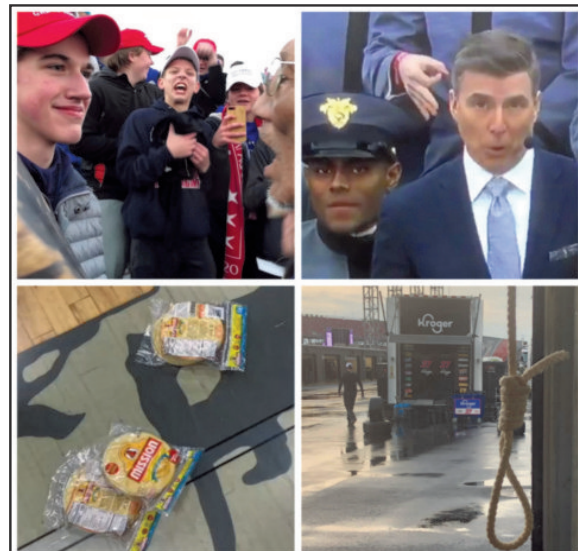
Coronado School Board comfortable with decision to fire head coach following tortilla-tossing incident

"Maybe we weren't right, but we were on the right side of history."

On Saturday, June 19th, Coronado High's boys basketball team defeated Escondido's Orange Glen 60-57 in overtime. After the game, at least one spectator began to toss tortillas onto the court. A postgame altercation had already begun, and at least two Coronado players picked up the tortillas and threw them at Orange Glen players. Orange Glen's student body and basketball team are largely Latino. Condemnation of the tortilla toss as a racist attack was swift and strong. Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez asked parents to "teach your kids not to be racist. Tortillas are for eating, not throwing," and called for the school to be sanctioned

or stripped of its championship. School Superintendent Karl Mueller promised "swift action," and delivered on that promise: days later, the Coronado school board fired Coach JD Laaperi.

The next day, the Terrible Tosser came forward: Luke Serna, a half-Mexican registered Democrat who attended Coronado High and then UCSB, where he learned about Tortilla Tossing as a celebratory move. Serna said there was nothing racist about the toss, and that the coach should not have been fired. To no avail. "No matter the intent of the tosser, the ethnic implications are unavoidable; they're undeniable," said School Board President Lee



Spot the racism! Is it in Covington Catholic High School student Nick Sandmann, who was accused of harassment when he himself was harassed? Or is it in those cadets attending the Army-Navy game, who played "made you look" and got falsely accused of making white supremacist hand gestures? Or is it in this noose pull-down that was positioned in the Talladega Superspeedway long before Black NASCAR driver Bubba Wallace was assigned to that garage? Wait - it's not in any of those? Well then surely it's in these tortillas that were tossed following the Coronado-Orange Glen division championship game? Yes, surely. And even if it isn't, that's no reason not to get upset enough to fire someone.

Pontes. Added School Board member Jane Lilywhite, "All that is required for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing. So we did something. People who are saying that it

was the wrong thing are missing the point. Racism has no place in Coronado. I for one will sleep better knowing that we took an important first step toward doing better."

WHO PLAYS WHO

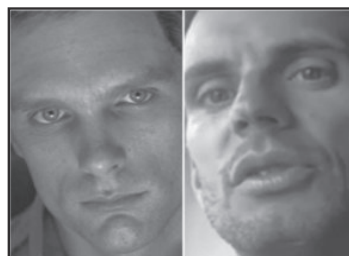
TORTILLA TOSS EDITION



Comedian and actor **David Cross** once said that since Catholic priests were God's representatives, God was a boyf***er.



Fired Coronado boys basketball coach **JD Laaperi** allegedly told an Orange Glen coach, "Get your kids and get the f*** out of here!"



In 2007: *A Space Odyssey*, **Keir Dullea**'s character does not utter the line, "My God - it's full of stars" - his counterpart in the novel does.



Orange Glen basketball coach **Lizardo Reynoso** did not utter the line, "My God, they're throwing tortillas" - his wife did.



In *Good Will Hunting*, **Ben Affleck** plays Chuckie, a guy who loves his hometown but still sees its limitations.



Coronado alumnus **Luke Serna** brought the tortilla-tossing tradition back from UCSB, where he attended college, and thinks Laaperi should not have been fired.

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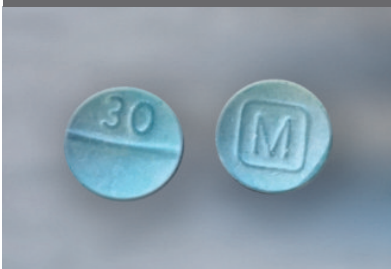
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Birth of the Beat Farmers

“Somewhere along in there, Herrera became partners with Jim Pagni, who brought in a lot of concerts in those days, and the Palace changed its name to JJ’s. Glory ended up being the house band at JJ’s for a while, and we opened for a lot of people. We opened for Steely Dan on probably the only tour they ever had. We opened for ZZ Top when *Tres Hombres* first came out.” **MARCH 16, 1989**

Norteño!

Unlike Los Tucanes de Tijuana, who have never performed in the U.S. because two members lack passports, Los Regionales de San Diego work both sides of the border. They only play in Tijuana, however, when opening shows for Los Tigres and Los Bravos. There’s too much red tape in crossing the border, Jorge says. Perhaps he fears that on his return trip, U.S. customs will tear apart his cherished Hohner No. 2 accordion in search of contraband. **JUNE 1, 1989**

Local Rap

“Rapping gives you a way out, Especially if you are good at it. It could kick you up from where you are, and put you on a different level, away from the street scene. Now little kids in the neighborhood, they come up to me, they say ‘Ron,

teach me to rap.’ Kids they used to wanna be a doctor, a lawyer, a basketball player, and now they say, ‘I wanna be a DJ, a rapper.’” **JUNE 27, 1985**

Are you country inside?

Now that excitement over the movie has died down, and several country nightclubs in San Diego have changed format (the Alamo in Clairemont and Magnolia Mulvaney’s in Santee) or given up and closed down (the Mustang Club, across from the Sports Arena), rumor is, country has died. Not true, insist country DJs, club managers, and clubgoers. The movie, they say, exposed country music and the country way of life to a nationwide audience and broadened their appeal. **MARCH 14, 1985**



Jerry Raney: “The guy from Iron Butterfly, Darryl DeLoach, for instance — he had this Hollywood guy who wanted to be our manager.”

Everybody Just Be Cool Now

We shifted, the patrolman sped away, Lester [Bangs] put the car in gear, and we continued down the Grapevine, veering wildly from one lane to the next. At the first exit Lester pulled over and got out.

“One of you guys better take over, I don’t think I’m up for this,” he said blearily. He got into the back seat and took a pull from the bottle as Jim powered us back onto the freeway. “Say, where’s that joint?” **DEC. 14, 1989**

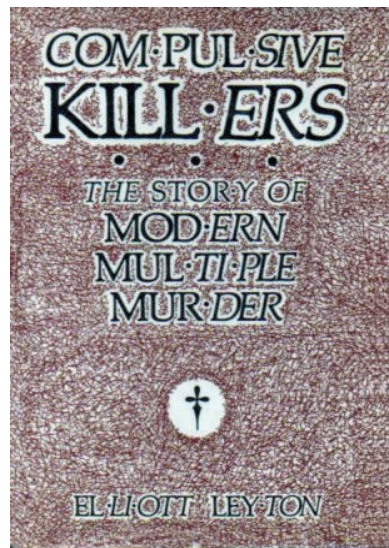
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SAN DIEGO IN BOOKS — OUR CITY IS MENTIONED BY AUTHORS OVER THE AGES

Arizona Community Echo

AS ARIZONANS who like an occasional trek to the beach, we catch quite a bit of flack about our frequent sojourns to sunny, cooler San Diego. They call us “Zonies” and we are the subject of much ridicule. Pay no mind, and go anyway. San Diego is a beautiful city with many attractions, and it also happens to be a coastal city with great beaches. We “Zonies” are entitled to some beach time, too. After all, you can only go to Big Surf so many times!

The ultimate hotel selection is the Hotel Del Coronado, referred to by the locals as “The Del,” located right on the Pacific Ocean on Coronado Island across from San Diego Bay. This hotel is almost too “Beverly Hills” to be in San Diego! The “Del” is a resort hotel with a lot of history. There is an older building which is the original part of the hotel, and subsequent towers and buildings have been added over the years. (It’s the red-roofed monstrosity you always see in San Diego brochures.) Try the Sunday brunch here — it’s spectacular, and



reservations are a must! Rates range from \$175.00-\$350.00 at the Del Coronado, so it may be too pricey for some of us.

San Diego is wonderful — so why shouldn’t we enjoy it? Surf’s up, dude.

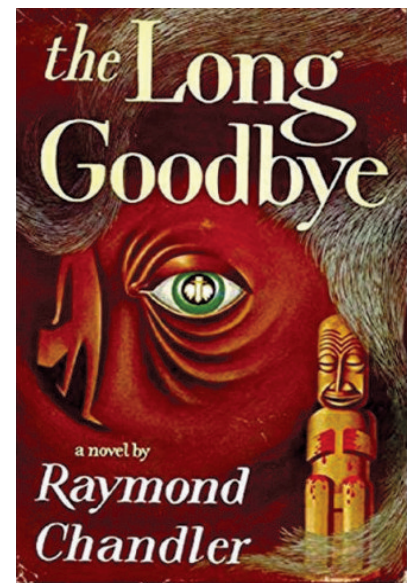
Compulsive Killers: The Story of Modern Multiple Murder

NINETEEN EIGHTY-FOUR was also the year in which the mass murder record (killings in one explosive burst) was broken in America. It was then that James Oliver Huberty burst into a McDonald’s restaurant in San Ysidro, California, and began to kill....

Why did Huberty choose to kill and die among the predominantly Hispanic customers of that restaurant? Was there in fact any connection between his precipitous decline in the social hierarchy and his assault on the bottom dwellers, the struggling Hispanics who moved too freely in “his” white, middle-class restaurant?

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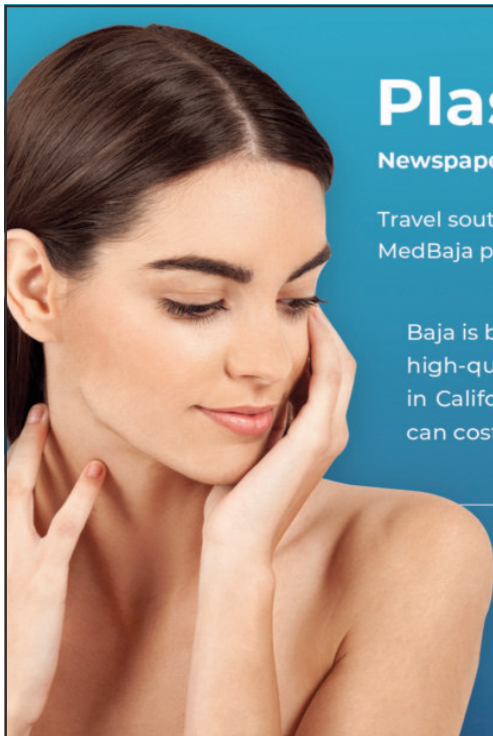
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San Diego Stupid

Dealing out dunce caps to local lunkheads

Sign of the Times: The Basic Laws of Human Stupidity by Carlo M. Cipolla, written and published privately in 1976 and reissued in April, is a sudden bestseller. Hardly unexpected, given the times. If you've read this tiny masterpiece, you have a framework for labeling stupidity a syndrome, one with symptoms that are clearly expressed in both individuals and groups. Indeed, the condition may be worth an entry in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, psychiatry's etiological bible. As one reviewer has written, "Idiots suffer from a disease that has no cure." But a cure aside, classifying a disease should lead to treatment. Some researchers see parallels between medicalizing things like racism and mass shootings as public health crises and — wish upon a star — the remediable disorder of stupidity.

Cipolla's "book" is shorter than the article you're about to read, a large-print sleight-of-hand at \$12 a pop. For me, the most socially responsible of its five laws is The Third (and Golden) Basic Law: "A stupid person is a person who causes losses to another person or to a group of persons while himself deriving no gain and even possibly incurring losses." Cipolla explains: a bandit is a person who works for a reasonable or proportional gain. Let's say a man is starving and steals \$100 from you and gets away; the bandit is \$100 ahead and, temporarily, well-fed. If he's caught, the sum may be returned, but he serves 30 days and, again, he gets to eat. In the second case, there's justice for the victim, and the punishment is proportional. But let's say the bandit uses a gun during the \$100 theft and, in a struggle, kills you. He's behind bars for 20 years. (Yet again, he's fed, but by now, that's irrelevant.) The bandit is now a murderer. He's also a moron. No gain exists for the dead man or the killer. Indeed, the latter's loss is light years from his primary motivation — to



fill his stomach.

Now imagine if a person engages in behaviors that are, as Cipolla says, "unwaveringly" idiotic — we don't need a murder to nail down this person's stupidity. He's showing us, over and over, that he's a serial dolt. But more importantly, he has no idea of his disorder. Stupid people can't be less stupid, because they already don't know much of anything. Cipolla calls such knuckleheads who continually cause losses for everyone "super-stupid."

Perhaps San Diego's favorite

conceited twit is former Chargers' quarterback Ryan Leaf. Leaf's criminal offenses — burglary, theft, drug possession — came after his football woes. A standout college QB, he was drafted second behind Peyton Manning with great hoopla and a \$31.25 million contract. The signing bonus was \$11.25 million. Trouble erupted at once.

Pouty-faced and arrogant, he began skipping practice and required meetings in order to play golf; he screamed at Chargers' managers and at reporters in locker rooms;

he had to be tackled by teammates to be kept from attacking trolling fans in the stands; he was benched after ten games in his rookie season and, injury-plagued, missed all of his second season. Along the way, he earned suspensions and fines. His two years with the team (1998 and 2000) were pathetic: 18 starts, four wins, 13 touchdowns, and 33 interceptions. The Chargers' record in 2000 was 1-15.

Ousted from football, Leaf "retired" at 26, and went on to fail as a husband, a financial consultant, and college coach in Texas. He became an opioid addict and earned convictions for burglary and drugs. In 2020, he was arrested for domestic battery. In Texas and Montana, he went to rehab more often than

prison, doing scant time. Final insult: Leaf started a "foundation" for young men who couldn't afford mental health treatment. Which, apparently, with his millions, he could. But the stupid persisted.

There's a weird link between football and forgiveness. Call it the O.J. Simpson effect. Leaf has been awarded, post-breakdown, with radio, TV, and writing (?) opportunities. Successful or not, such do-overs suggest fans of pro football often presume their heroes have some gumption in reserve; their sacrifice for the team, whether that means in brain injuries or just shattered knees, must mean there is a good man underneath.

Remember that prior to Leaf's screwups, the Spanos family stuffed

cash into his wallet, raising fans' hopes that such a cushy payday would mean winning seasons. The penthouse value of NFL teams (\$16 billion in 2019) typically protects them from bad decisions involving immature young men. But not always. Conniving with dunderheads, Cippolla's Fourth Basic Law, "infallibly turns out to be a costly mistake." I call this "playing the stupid card" in hopes of commercial gain. I don't know for sure, but it seems doing business in the NFL means investing in players who exhibit maximal ability and marginal character and who may empower the franchise.

Ryan Leaf's assholery proves financial losses and abused trust victimize others far more

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than they damage the perpetrator. Consider a few local chumps, guys like Roger Hedgecock and Rabbi Goldstein, whose corrupt acts led to sweetheart plea deals and career advancement. A spectacular case in point is one of the smuttiest local detectives ever, Carl Hershman. In 2009, Hershman, part of the San Diego Police Department's Sex Crimes Unit, was sued, along with three other male detectives, by the City Attorney's office for sexual harassment and creating an abusive work environment. The plaintiffs were two long-time female detectives who were also part of the unit. The behaviors included more than inappropriate jokes and anti-female slurs. The suit charged that Hershman displayed posters in his work cubicle which were "insult-

ing and demeaning to women: they condoned child molestation, they made light of drugging women so they [could] be raped, they encouraged victim blaming by referring to women as 'trailer trash,' or mocked females subjected to horrible sex crimes." The worst was a comment about women's dress and solicitous flirtation that accompanied the posters: "Your stupidity is our livelihood...SDPD Sex Crimes Unit."

The city settled the two female detectives' lawsuit for \$75,000 — a pittance after lawyer fees. The three detectives and Hershman, who accused the department of doing nothing to defend him, were transferred to other units. Then in 2011, Hershman countersued, alleging that the posters were a "teaching tool" and that the images had

been in his cubicle "for years" and no one ever complained. Apparently, his suit went nowhere. After a 32-year police career, he retired in 2017, only to get active in the business of sex-crime consulting. Among his positions: instructor at the Institute of Criminal Investigations; member of the End Violence Against Women International Cadre of Experts; and lifetime membership in the California Sexual Assault Investigative Association. As a consultant, he continues to train and advise law enforcement on sex crimes investigations and the victimology of the survivor.

Monetizing a career around rape and violence — who knows, maybe he's a fine investigator — points up a cruel irony: certain professions are largely immune from public outrage and financial loss, despite the proven idiocy of its practitioners. (You might argue Leaf and Hershman capitalized on their immaturity, which, if true, should be another law of the stupid set.)



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For Brian Spitzberg, stupidity is a more complex and layered concept than isolated individual cases. He says the pandemic is clarifying a cause-consequence pattern: those who *shape* the "stupid message" are quite different from those who act on it.

The Cleverly Not Stupid
Brian Spitzberg, Distinguished Professor Emeritus at San Diego State, tells me that these days he's writing about fake news, misinformation, and disinformation, especially surrounding the pandemic. For Spitzberg, stupidity is a more complex and layered concept than isolated individual cases. He says the pandemic is clarifying a cause-consequence pattern: those who *shape*

the "stupid message" are quite different from those who *act* on it. The shapers — conspiracy theorists, gun nuts, antivaxxers, police defunders, woke whites — promulgate talking points that are, Spitzberg says, "intentionally false, but, thereby, cleverly not stupid." The "other side of stupid" is how "people buy into those messages."

A useful definition for the term "covidiot" is one who disregards public

health regulations about the disease's transmissibility to shape a "stupid message" for collusive purposes. California has had its share of covidots in state government. Poster boys are not limited to Governor Gavin Newsom, guilty of one kingly mistake — maskless dining at the French Laundry. But Santee's state senator Brian Jones wins the big award for using his own health to intentionally and cleverly foil Newsom's lockdown.

Last August, Republican Jones, a virulent opponent of CDC disease guidelines, contracted the virus. He may have gotten infected purposefully at a spreader soiree at Spring Valley church's "Feast of Freedom" service. Jones freely attended and refused to mask or to social distance. One capitol reporter wrote that "a review of Jones's social media feeds reveals that he did everything to contract the virus — and to possibly infect others." Caucusing with his party, he likely exposed other Republicans, including assemblyman Randy Voepel,

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71, also from Santee. In Sacramento, Jones's exposure forced the senate to shut down. He argued that legislators who quarantined could not be allowed on the floor to debate and vote. Jones then asked the office of legislative counsel for its opinion. They agreed: voting was not legal since members couldn't convene. So much for a backlog of 280 bills.

Several California news organizations argued that the shutdown occurred because Jones and other Republicans risked dispersing the disease to weaken the state's attempt to stop an unchecked virus. Which — if you think about it — sounds bonkers. The editorial board of the *Sacramento Bee* underscored the empty-headedness of the



In seeking a Covid infection, was Santee's state senator Brian Jones martyring himself to earn votes?

scheme: "Though we do not lack for examples of Jones's peculiar blend of hypocrisy and stupidity, we should note that he serves on the state senate's Special Committee on the Pandemic's Emergency Response."

The menace here is self-inflicted inanity — Jones could have died, as well as others. But there is a twisted

logic in play. Spitzberg chalks it up to "motivated reasoning," a kind of judgment whose conclusion is achieved by "cherry-picking reasons and evidence to reach that conclusion." The end for Jones was to oppose the Democrats' response to Covid by any means necessary, because he was faithful to his party's claim that the disease's spread had been overblown and the response was anti-business. While it's hard to measure, it seems that Jones had far more to gain — from the party and the Republican voters in his district — than to lose. That is, if he did not get sick and die.

I don't find this reassuring, and I think I know why. We want to think there is a clear line between the stupid and

the non-stupid. Ryan Leaf suggests there is. Indeed, rational people figure stupidity can't be as common and as potentially destructive as it is. As Cipolla writes, the rational "react with feelings of skepticism and incredulousness. The fact is that reasonable people have difficulty conceiving and understanding unreasonable behavior." But in seeking a Covid infection, was Jones martyring himself to earn votes? To reddent his MAGA bona fides? Is this the goal of political division: to deepen the swamp of — how shall I put it — fabricated stupidity, whose entanglements deceive a larger class of people in order to benefit a smaller class of exploiters? While some of us are trying to grok those who shape the

"stupid message," the stupid messaging machine runs on.

A Colossal San Diego Dimwit

After considering Brian Jones, a reliable definition of stupidity gets a lot dicier. We've entered the realm of devious idiocy. One of the most sinister manipulations of dumbness occurs when Washington lobbyists and defense contractors profit from those in powerful political positions — the more seniority, the better. I'm speaking of Randall "Duke" Cunningham, among the grandest monuments in the graveyard of San Diego dimwits. In 2009, U.S. congressman Cunningham was convicted of tax evasion, bribery, and mail fraud, while in 2020 Duncan Hunter was convict-

ed of one count of misusing campaign funds. Both resigned. Cunningham did 100 months in prison; Hunter, sentenced to 11 months, did zero. Cunningham received a partial pardon (he still owes \$3.6 million — good luck), while Hunter received a full pardon from President Trump. Criminals are stupid not just because they get caught; they are idiots because they believe their transgressions are not crimes. On occasion, they dupe the voting public into reelecting them more easily than they dupe U.S. attorneys of their innocence.

Notice I say "criminal." This is key. A person who commits a crime, is convicted, serves time, and pays a fine is a small "c" offender. The repeat offender is the "stupider" one, a charter member

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of Club Dumbbell. Setting aside Hunter and the airline seats he bought for his pet rabbit and the number of women he bedded while in office (unwaveringly idiotic), Cunningham's fraud takes the cake: years of yes votes bought by defense industry tricksters who bribed Duke with some \$2.4 million, regularly delivered in bags of cash. Hunter lost money, marriage, and career, but paid no "criminal" penalty. We don't know if he's suffering; perhaps, he'll reemerge as a radio personality. Cunningham, during and after his political life, lost his soul and his reason, claiming the "bribes" he took from lobbyists were reimbursements for the expense of winning and dining them on his yacht, the "Duke-Stir" — which he didn't own. Cunningham's gullibility is chum in the water for the bad actors who populate K street. This doesn't mean he's not to blame. It means Duke's crimes are part of a protected system of fraud: the Gordian Knot of money and politics.



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Dr. Seuss was not canceled when the licensor recently "retired" six of the former La Jollan's titles; his multimillion-dollar bestsellers were not deleted; his reputation survived; and his sales went up.

Four of Cunningham's military-industrial grifters were also convicted of bribery; two got light sentences in exchange for testimony against Duke and other congressmen. Two others got off. To "drain the swamp," a congressman is purged every few years by the IRS or investigative reporters. Duke's extravagances — and the media worship of him as a Vietnam fighter pilot — made him the highest profile, most purchasable candidate. His argument, which possesses a pound of plausibility, is

that it was all a setup.

Who was using whom? No bribery-tainted defense contracts were re-funded. The Pentagon's bloated budget is the greatest siphon of taxes in the history of humankind (well, maybe Pharaoh's was greater). It's Cipolla's First Basic Law: "Always and inevitably, everyone underestimates the number of stupid individuals in circulation." Do I have to spell out that this includes not only politicians, but also the electorate who vote them into office for mul-

tiple terms? Call it vanity, entitlement, the love of bribery. Nowadays they spout the scoundrel's sole defense: "Any investigation into my affairs is a politically motivated witch hunt." Seems to work just fine.

I Am Woke, Man

Stupidity is also called bullshit. Advertisers, Twitter trolls, conspiracy twits, and political tribalists (partially) comprise the bullshitting class. And yet their senselessness gets maximal coverage, in part because it's often egregiously senseless. Make no mistake, they lie. But their passion says they couldn't be lying, because they're — note the circular reasoning — so passionate. These blowhards spend their wak-

ing hours trading in nonsense, in alternative facts, and in "post-truth" — the Oxford English Dictionary's word of the year in 2016. Another book trying to grok our collective idiocy is *The Psychology of Stupidity*, a collection of essays edited by the French critic Jean-Francois Marmion. In "Stupidity and Post-Truth," Sebastian Dieguez describes the ambition of many Instagram accounts or Facebook pages: to platform their "bullshit." The bullshitter's authority is himself and those who "like" him. "I say what I think and I think what I say," Dieguez writes, mockingly, in their voice, "for the sole reason that I say it and I think it. And if I don't agree with something, that proves that it's wrong, or that it has nothing to do with me."

Instead of the purely solipsistic *I think therefore I am*, social-media agitators assert the following: *Because what I think is based on what I glean from my sources, including facts I find online, I account for everything via a personal assessment. For example, because my religious belief is sincerely held, the claim alone exempts me from certain laws that most others must live by. I live knowing my reality is real, not an alternative to your reality or what you call the common-*

ly agreed-to reality. I'm not right because anyone else's argument has convinced me; I'm right because I've convinced myself.

Is there another way to explain the radicalization of San Diegan Ashli Babbitt, who died during the January 6 insurrection? That she was shot is tragic and random; her conditioning by radical online groups, however, was not. Ex-military and an indebted owner of a pool supply company, the Lakeside native was enamored of the Trumpian zeitgeist: QAnon conspiracy theories, Mexicans flooding the southern border with drugs, and her fanatical opposition to California politicians: Gavin Newsom as well as Duncan Hunter. A video tirade from 2018 surfaced after her death. In it, she rants about California's leaders. "Our economy is going to do an absolute tank because you guys refuse to choose America over your stupid political party. I am so tired of it. You can consider yourself put on notice, [by] me and the American people. I am woke, man. This is absolutely unbelievable. Get your shit together." On her way to Washington, she tweeted, "Nothing will stop us...They can try and try and try but the storm is here and it is

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Few Americans support the insurrection. But I think many see the mob assault on democracy as less stupid than seditious — pent-up anger, goaded by a delusional claim, which burst in public and confirmed what the 800 (400 arrested so far) who stormed the Capitol thought was their mandate. In defense of a mutinous idea, some support the cause, even justify it. Such enablers see the rioters acting rationally; they believe the election was stolen by extremely sophisticated electronic programs, run by Democrats or foreign socialists. Because there's no proof of a conspiracy, that very hiddenness proves it's true. In all this, I hear more than a few malcontents re-jiggering Barry Goldwater's famous line, replacing extremism with stupidity: "Stupidity in defense of liberty is no vice."

Self-righteousness may stir irrational and idiotic thinking, but that doesn't mean the person who acts is congenitally stupid. It's Cipolla's Second Basic Law: "The



Randall "Duke" Cunningham, among the grandest monuments in the graveyard of San Diego dimwits.

probability that a certain person be stupid is independent of any other characteristic of that person." Babbitt's breaching of a Capitol window may have been to demonstrate how self-convinced she was. If her violation of democracy's sacred space is seen as stupid by many, for Babbitt and her followers, we may assume it was also bravery of the highest order.

Stupidity Is Arguably More Common

My initial attraction to the topic of stupidity stemmed from a conversation with David Krakauer, an evolutionary biologist and professor of complex sys-

tems at the Santa Fe Institute. In an interview, he said he's currently grappling with "the evolution of intelligence and stupidity on earth. It's quite common for people to talk about intelligence. It's less common for people to talk about stupidity, though, arguably, it's more common." How does Krakauer contrast intelligence and stupidity? Intelligence is "the thing we do that ensures that the problem is efficiently solved in a way that makes it appear effortless. Stupidity is a set of rules that we use to ensure that the problem will be solved in longer [periods of time] than chance, or never, and is nevertheless pursued with alacrity and enthusiasm."

This is ponderable. Stupidity...a set of rules...pursued with enthusiasm...to ensure...the problem will be solved...in the time of chance...or never.

It's fascinating that Krakauer sees stupidity as a means to an end, that is, to solve a problem, though such "solving" is enthusiastically misguided and baldly inefficient. His rules for stupidity may not align

with Cipolla's laws, but they lead to the same outcome: pointing out stupidity seems merely salacious, and does little to counter it. One sign that we are failing to remediate the condition is this very article — how much evidence-based rationality and cultural criticism will it take to realize that the human penchant for idiocy may be accelerating at a rate far worse than we, the non-stupid, fully comprehend? And not only accelerating, but also, to use Krakauer's phrase, moving through us with alacrity and enthusiasm, the irresistible urge to solve problems with emotion instead of logic. Speed equals rightness; reasoning is overrated. One example is the yawning demand of "cancel culture," the

swift, juryless trials-by-internet of suspect individuals. This is mass stupidity *par excellence*. "Sentence first, verdict afterwards," cries the Queen of Hearts to Alice. Let's quickly recall how Dr. Suess Enterprises — the licensor, not the publisher — recently "retired" six of the former La Jolla's titles, those with what were deemed offensive racial stereotypes. The organization said these books portrayed "people in ways that are hurtful or wrong." A study showed that of 2240 characters in the Suess oeuvre, 43 suffered from Orientalism, and two from Africanism, dehumanizing portraits. So, they said, those books need erasure. End of story.

Not quite. Lead-bleeding media of all stripes

declared that PC fascism had come of age. Our beloved Horton and reviled Grinch? Secret white supremacists! When heads cooled, we were reminded that Dr. Suess Enterprises "retired" the books, not a Twitter lynch mob. Suess was not canceled; his multimillion-dollar bestsellers were not deleted; his reputation survived; and — shut up everybody! — his sales went up. Though I doubt there will be any further "moral" reckoning for his work, it's the quality of his quantity (rather like another American legend, Mark Twain, who often gets put through the censorship wringer) that has "redeemed" him.

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Would medicalizing the condition lead to drug or behavioral therapy? Is it a mental disorder, or merely a lack of intelligence that inflicts the immature, no matter the age? And how would we treat the unconscionable manipulators of the stupid? It's like removing greed from gambling when greed is its primary motivation, the "game of chance," secondary. If, as the French critic Jean-Francois Marmion says, "Uncertainty makes you crazy, certainty makes you stupid," and some of us go mad in our uncertainty trying to counteract stupidity, who has the tougher time? Answer: those made crazy, not those made stupid. Still, whatever the "cure" for the disease is, it must be leavened with uncertainty. Perhaps not making people feel they're individually stu-



Dunan Hunter lost money, marriage, and career, but paid no "criminal" penalty. We don't know if he's suffering; perhaps, he'll reemerge as a radio personality.

pid, as well as not believing we know how to fix the condition, are good starts. Part of an intelligent approach may be to learn how to help people check their dumbness at the door — by working on our own deceptions.

We've tried to do this with racism. You may not be racist, but the systems we are mired in via his-

tory and inequality are racist. But discussions of race against Blacks in America piss off most white people who suffer from so-called "fragility" because they feel accused and sentenced as bigots before the work of dismantling bigotry even begins. However wise the goal, the approach alienates those it intends to change.

In the San Diego Unified School District workshop on "white privilege," which itself faced a fierce backlash last year among the "privileged" for whom it was designed, the following is asserted: White people "rarely have to think about their racial identity because they live within a culture where whiteness has been normalized." Now substitute the word "stupid" for "white." Stupid people "rarely have to

think about their stupidity because they live within a culture where stupidity has been normalized." Imagine a boss telling her employees they are stupid and expecting that her accusation will motivate them to change. Without incentives — read, monetary — I doubt that's possible. Having lived for years now in a divided country, I can only assume that the certainty of more division, fiercer culture wars, and intensified conflict over intelligence will make us crazier and stupider.

— Thomas Larson

Long Goodbye

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the next sentence. Tijuana is not Mexico. No border town is anything but a border town, just as no waterfront is anything but a waterfront. San Diego? One of the most beautiful harbors in the world and nothing in it but navy and a few fishing boats. At night it is fairyland. The swell is as gentle as an old lady singing hymns.

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The Maravilla-ious Olympic-sized pool.

UNREAL ESTATE

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a lighted tennis court with NBA-grade hoops on either end, a MLB-caliber covered batting cage, and quarter mile track" which is not pictured and so leaves the reader wondering whether this track is for cars, horses, go karts, or something else entirely. There's even a custom two-story treehouse in back.

"Operationally efficient, the property includes a well and massive solar farm, allowing owners to live off the grid," the listing continues, before adding that the main residence is "complemented by two detached casitas, one of which includes a media room, indoor

swim-in-place pool, and expansive gym."

Public records list Matthew and Jillian Focht as Maravilla's owners, with the estate having last changed hands in 2013 for a reported \$3.25 million — far less than a \$4.15 million sale recorded in 2004 near the peak of the mid-2000s housing boom. Mr. Focht operates an art gallery in Rancho Santa Fe and features some photos of the pieces in his home on his website, including the interesting dining room and front entry sculptures.

Maravilla was listed for sale in early May — an offer appears to have been accepted in June, but the transaction was canceled and the home was re-listed in mid-June. The asking price of \$12,995,000 remains unchanged to date. ■

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dub, soul, hip-hop, and psych rock. The band's second single on Slightly Stoopid's local record label, "Grow Along," showcasing Divina Dub, dropped last summer, followed by the psychedelic single "See I."

WHEN: Friday, July 2, 7 pm

WHERE: Music Box,

1337 India Street, Little Italy.

musicboxsd.com

Friday | 2

THE SANDLOT AT ROOFTOP CINEMA CLUB

In the summer of 1962, brainy, reserved fifth grader Scotty Smalls moves with his mother and recent stepfather to the Los Angeles suburbs, where he has difficulty making friends. He tries to join a group of boys who play baseball daily in a local sandlot. Rooftop Cinema Club offers personal headphones, popcorn, candy, drinks, deck chairs, and city views.

WHEN: Friday, July 2, 7:30 pm to 11 pm

WHERE: Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Place, Downtown.
rooftopcinemaclub.com

BOOSTIVE

Originally based in Santa Cruz and often involving ten or more members, Boostive incorporates reggae, world,



Saturday | 3

TIMKEN'S CREATION STATION

Participate in two activities at an interactive outdoor station in the Timken's plaza. During family mural design weekends, you can paint a collaborative mural alongside a local artist. On sidewalk chalk art weekends, you will have the opportunity to see the Timken's masterpieces up-close as San Diego's "sidewalk-chalk dad," Erick Toussaint, recreates the Timken Collection in chalk. Toussaint, design director at



San Diego's Natural History Museum, began making his sidewalk chalk art creations during the pandemic last summer.

WHEN: Saturdays and Sundays, 10 am to 2 pm. Through Sunday, August 29.

WHERE: Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado, Balboa Park.
timkenmuseum.org

Sunday | 4

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS CRUISES

Pick from among three cruises: a dinner cruise, a spectator cruise, and an open-air jet boat. The dinner cruise will offer a three-course meal, with options such as artichoke crab cakes, strawberry salad, steak, jumbo shrimp, and New York cheesecake. Dine inside or out, the choice is yours. The spectator cruise will have a snack and beverage bar. All cruises offer an unobstructed view of San Diego's Independence Day fireworks.

WHEN: Sunday, July 4, 7 pm to 10 pm

WHERE: Flagship Cruises & Events, 990 N. Harbor Drive, Downtown.
flagshipsd.com



SUNDAY, JULY 4: 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS CRUISES

Wednesday | 7

CHARLEY CROCKETT

Country blues singer-guitarist Charley Crockett has released eight albums since 2015; his *Lil G.L.'s Blue Bonanza* peaked at number eleven on the US *Billboard* Blues Albums chart. He released his seventh album *Welcome to Hard Times* last year, and is finally touring in support of it. The bill also features Jesse Daniel of Santa Cruz, who plays Tex-Mex and California-inspired country.



WHEN: Wednesday, July 7, 8 pm

WHERE: Belly Up Tavern, 143 S. Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
bellyup.com

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OUTDOORS

Look for oleander, hibiscus, bougainvillea, flame eucalyptus

Colorful Foliage along San Diego's coastline lingers, despite the lack of rainfall and warmer, drier days. In the older, landscaped neighborhoods of Coronado, Point Loma, Pacific Beach, and La Jolla, you'll find oleander and hibiscus blooming in many shades and colorful bougainvillea creeping over garden walls. Look for the magnificent clusters of red flowers adorning the crowns of the flame eucalyptus (red-flowering gum) trees.

Agaves (a.k.a. century plants) are coming into bloom in many summer gardens this month. After a decade or more (not a century) of growth, the larger kinds of agave send up a tall, yellow-blossomed flower stalk from a base of fleshy, succulent, thorn-tipped leaves. The stalk and basal leaves die, but suckers make new plants and begin the cycle anew.

Buckwheat, a late-bloomer among native plants in our area, is showing off its small, inconspicuous clusters of cream-colored flowers this month. Several kinds of buckwheat, found in dry,



BUCKWHEAT ON THE TRAIL



BOUGAINVILLEA

sunny locations throughout San Diego County, are the source of the "wild buckwheat" honey sold locally. Near the coast, look for flattop buckwheat, common on southfacing slopes. Here it shares space with other low-growing shrubs of the sage-scrub plant community, like black sage and California sagebrush.

Last-quarter moon (exact at 2:11 pm). The Moon rises around 1 am tonight daylight-saving time, shining at the Cetus-Pisces border. Any time from then until early dawn, look high above the Moon for the Great Square of Pegasus standing on one corner.

Venus shines low in the west-northwest during twilight, with vastly fainter Mars now just 6° to its upper left. They set before twilight's end. Venus hardly moves now with respect to your landscape from week to week, but its background stars are sliding right along, toward the lower right. On July 2nd, the Beehive Cluster, M44, passes behind Venus. Try binoculars or a wide-field scope — but this will be a difficult observation if it's possible at all! You'll have to catch the narrow time window between the sky being too bright and Venus and the Beehive getting too low and setting. That window may or may not exist, depending on your optics, the sharpness of your eyes for faint stars in twilight, and the clarity of the air.

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.

ART

Art Making Classes for Adults

Art making classes for adults and mature adults. Small groups, minimum 3 to maximum 6 participants. Everything needed for the class is provided. Beginners welcome. Fridays, 2pm; through Friday, December 31, \$30-\$60. 18 and up. Golden Moth Creative Lounge, 439 South Cedros Avenue Suite 201. (SOLANA BEACH)

California Dreamscapes: The Art of Darrel McPherson

A one-night only solo exhibition that showcases the prolific talents of McPherson, an active painter for over 50 years. Ranging in artistic style from impressionism to figurativism, McPherson consistently inspires viewers with his soft color palette and dreamy landscapes. Original paintings will be available for purchase and complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Thursday, July 1, 6pm; free. Art Scene West Gallery, 312 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Flowers & Fields Art Opening

An exhibition featuring artwork by Andrew Alcasid on display July 3 through July 25. In this exhibition, the audience is invited to explore the full range of Alcasid's art practice in varying forms and mediums through the intimacy of a non-traditional exhibition space. Saturday, July 3, 4pm; free. J. Walcher Communications, 1940 Market Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Walk In A.R.T. is a monthly Hillcrest art celebration presented with the Hillcrest Business Association on the first Thursday of the month. Attendees can expect a night filled with lively entertainment in Mural Alley all directed by an interactive digital map that patrons can access from their mobile device. The map will highlight all of the event's features from selfie-booths, psychic

readings, live art, music, complimentary Reeds Ginger Beer and a paint & sip with specialty drinks. The art celebration takes place in Mural Alley in the 500 Block of University, just south of the Hillcrest sign and at over ten participating retail and restaurant locations. Thursday, July 1, 5pm; 500 Block of University

AUTOMOTIVE

La Mesa Classic Car Show The La Mesa Classic Car Show will feature pre-1974 cars, trucks and vans that will be parked along La Mesa Boulevard between 4th Street and Spring St. for the public's viewing pleasure. This year's event will feature live bands every week that will

play an upbeat variety of music. The band for July 1st is Whiskey Ridge. Thursdays, 5pm; through Thursday, August 26, free. La Mesa Village, Spring Street at La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

BEER

\$5 Pint Nights Tuesdays, 4pm; through Tuesday, July 27, free. 21 and up. Duck Foot East Village Taproom & Kitchen, 550 Park Bl., Ste 2104. (EAST VILLAGE)

Second Chance Saturdays Live music and jazz every Saturday. Saturdays, 6:30pm; through Saturday, August 28, free. Second Chance Beer Co., 15378 Avenue of Science #222. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

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

Trivia Night Wednesdays, 7pm; through Wednesday, July 28, free.

Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

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

BOOK SIGNINGS

Warwick's Author Livestream:

Christina Baker Kline Warwick's will host Christina Baker Kline as she discusses the new paperback edition of her book, *The Exiles*, with host John Searles and with special guests Elin Hilderbrand, Chris Bohjalian, Kristin Hannah, and Paula McLain. Wednesday, July 7, 4pm; \$16-\$20. warwicks.com/event/kline-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream:

J'nell Ciesielski Warwick's will host J'nell Ciesielski as she discusses her new book, *The Ice Swan*, in conversation with Rachel McMillan. Wednesday, July 7, 4pm; free. warwicks.com/event/Ciesielski-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. This year's considerations are *Oliver*, *Spring Awakening*, *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, *Chicago*, and *Jesus Christ Superstar*. See website or call 619-366-5075. Mondays, 9am; through Sunday, July 18, Army and Navy Academy, 2605 Carlsbad Boulevard. (CARLSBAD)

Mah Jong for Beginners

Learn the basics of the game and fundamental rules. There will be lots of practice exercises and time for game play. Hand-outs for each lesson and a variety of teaching techniques for different learning styles. Instructor: Carol Cohn. Thursday, July 1, 10am; \$175. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

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Spanish for Beginners Communicate in Spanish using authentic structures and a broad vocabulary. Book used for class: The Ultimate Spanish 101: Complete First-Year Course available through Amazon. Wednesday, July 7, 10am; \$160. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Watercolor Magic 4-Week Art Class In this class, students will start at the very beginning and understand the basics of watercolor paints, color mixing, and how to use them effectively. Through repetition, the student will gain confidence with this medium. Tuesday, July 6, 4pm; \$80-\$100. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

COMEDY

Akaash Singh As seen on MTV's Wild N' Out, Flagrant 2 with Andrew Schulz, and more. Thursday, July 1, 7:30pm; Friday, July 2, 7:30pm; Saturday, July 3, 7:30pm; \$10. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

The Magic Underground SD The Magic Underground in the Acid Vault blends magic and stand-up comedy with 2-3 magicians and stand-up comedians. This month featuring comedian Kyle Marlett and the magic of Joseph DePaul. Wednesday, July 7, 7:30pm; \$15-\$20. 18 and up. Amplified Aleworks, 1429 Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Care Options: Residential Placement Alzheimer's San Diego: Whether you're looking at placement options now or planning ahead, learn about the different types of residential settings (including assisted living, memory care, and skilled nursing facilities), what they cost, and how to choose what's best for your situation. This event is open to everyone, and pre-registration is required. Wednesday, July 7, 10am; free. alzsd.org/services/education/. (ONLINE)

The Story of Plastic The United Nations Association San Diego Chapter and I Love a Clean San Diego are hosting a virtual screening and moderated discussion of The Story of Plastic, a documentary about the real causes of the plastic pollution crisis and the heroes who are rising up to stop big plastic. Saturday, July 3, 10am; free. <https://bit.ly/2Stxc8k>. (ONLINE)

FUNDRAISERS

USO Give More Than Thanks Golf Tournament Enjoy a day of golf in support of USO San Diego, a local non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and

country throughout their service to the nation. Information: jenna@mcfarlanepromotions.com Thursday, July 1, 7:30am; \$150-\$2500. Riverwalk Golf Club, 1150 Fashion Valley Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

LECTURES

Sierra Club Sierra Talks Utah-Arizona Wilderness Utah's Wirepass Trailhead, winds 13 miles

through Buckskin Gulch where the walls are sometimes only a couple of feet apart and soar hundreds of feet overhead. It is one of the longest and deepest slot canyons in the world. Wavy sandstone walls twist their way to the sky creating surreal patterns of light. The hike-tour follows the Paria river and ends at Lee's Ferry where the river empties into the Colorado river. Friday, July 2, 7pm; free. facebook.com/sierraclubsd. (ONLINE)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Independence Weekend Reopening Enjoy military and restoration vehicles exhibits, kid friendly hands-on and photo opportunities, and over 200 vintage vehicles. Saturday, July 3, 9am; Sunday, July 4, 10am; Monday, July 5, 10am; free. Motor Transport Museum, 31949 Highway 94. (CAMPO)

Vintage Flea Market A vintage and makers market with housewares, clothing, furniture, jewelry, art, and more. Rain or shine, with a portion of the \$1 admission donated to a local charity. Well behaved dogs on leashes are welcome. Saturday, July 3, 10am; \$1. Normal Heights Masonic Temple, 3366 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

SPOKEN WORD

Storytelling Joseph Campbell tells it best from a wise woman, it's turtles all the way down. Tune in and delve deep into American indigenous tales from turtle island. Told online by members of Storytellers of San Diego. Thursday, July 1, 7pm; free. 18 and up. storytellersofsandiego.org/events.html. (ONLINE)

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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.

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

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

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

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

Rockin' Baja Lobster — Gaslamp: *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm:* \$4.50 any 14-oz. draft, well drinks, fireball shot; \$5.50 Jameson shot, house margaritas;

BOOZE NEWS

BY IAN ANDERSON

Beer champion Nate Soroko, gone too soon

This summer, raise a glass to San Diego's Patron Saint of Beer

The San Diego city council closed its June 22 session with an adjournment that honored the memory of bartender Nate Soroko, who passed away unexpectedly last week at 39. The memorial, read by council president pro tem Stephen Whitburn, concluded, "Nate Soroko, thank you for all you have done for the San Diego region. Your memory will not fade."

It's not often the wheels of city government pause to pay homage to the contributions of a beer slinger. But if anything, these words of gratitude struck

a note of understatement. Nate Soroko was beloved as a bartender, without a doubt. Dating back to 2004, he poured beers for several of the city's best breweries and pubs, amassing such a following of friends and fans that **Modern Times Beer** gave him the title Beer Ambassador, while city-wide, he earned the unofficial title Patron Saint of Beer. As a chef and bartender for **Toronado**, he was instrumental in establishing beer and food pairings as a cause for gathering and celebration.

But in many ways, his contributions to San Diego's beer and restaurant community transcended the jobs he worked. Soroko was an unflinching champion of his friends, especially of their efforts to add something special to the city. Many brewers and chefs can recall how he used his outsized influence to deliver customers to their breweries and restaurants. The man could simply announce where he'd be eating lunch, and that restaurant would experience a flash mob of diners.

A number of these industry professionals are expressing gratitude with a less formal tribute by making July "Nate Soroko Month." Soroko's friend — and **Eating & Drinking in San Diego** founder — Edwin Real is spearheading

the effort. Some businesses are donating cash to a funeral fund for the Soroko family, while others are pledging a portion of a specific day's proceeds. Participating businesses include **Pop**

rise of San Diego beer, and naturally the Patron Saint of Beer is featured prominently.

Nate possessed a seemingly supernatural gift for connecting with people. In the hours after his death was announced on social media, many of his thousands of friends posted tributes to his Facebook page. No individual recollection could fully capture the scope of Nate's influence on the people around him, but hundreds of stories taken together reveal a man who treated people with kindness, integrity, sincerity, and an abundance of laughter.

COURTESY DAVID WADSWORTH AND AUBREE MILLER



Nate Soroko, appearing in the new documentary, Beer City San Diego.

Nate Soroko will rightfully be remembered as a pillar of San Diego's beer community. And by just about every person he met, he will be remembered as one of San Diego's best humans. Thanks for everything, Nate.

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

\$6.50 wine by the glass, Jack Daniels, Grey Goose.

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

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

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

EAST VILLAGE

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

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

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

ENCINITAS

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

ESCONDIDO

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

Vintana Wine + Dine: *Daily, 3-5pm:* \$8 martinis and appetizers.

LA MESA

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

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

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 margaritas. Appetizers \$5 to \$9.

MISSION HILLS

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

MISSION VALLEY

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

drinks, drafts, house wine, Asian pear martini.

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

NORTH PARK

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

OCEANSIDE

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

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.

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High on Lola 55

“My aim is to treat the taco like a great plate. The tortilla is the plate.”

Last week’s tortilla-throwing incident came just as I was discovering a new dimension in San Diego’s tortilla/taco world.

It was an accidental discovery. I got off the 235 rapid bus after an hour-long ride (and then some) from Escondido. Wrong stop. And, dang, I found myself in East Village, around 14th street, short of City College. Like, right where F and 14th cross. But hey hey!

Suddenly, I was looking at a brand-new taco place, at least, new to me. Not a little joint, but the whole corner. And not the usual tiny counter and giant

taco was there too, with achiote (red spice from - can you believe? - the Lipstick Tree). We’re talking pork belly, mesquite pineapple, baby mizuna, avocado mousse, and crema.

So yes, even these mainstream flavors promised an exotic take. But for me, the most amazing thing were the prices. Chicken was \$3.75. Baja-style fish tacos were \$4.50. *Al pastor*, also \$4.50; and a steak taco, \$5.25. It all seemed so

cheap for such a rico-suave place.

But I decided to boldly go where no animal had been sacrificed. I asked for a rainbow cauliflower taco (\$3.95), expecting, yes, a flavor-starved mash-up of goodness.

While I waited for the order to come, I got a Saint Archer Tropical IPA (\$7). Not bad. Then this guy named Andrew arrived and handed this wild taco to me. I looked at it, and kind of on auto, just to show I could handle the hot stuff, I said, “And could you bring some nice hot salsa?”

He looked at me. “Sir, we actually put a lot of thought into our tacos. You might want to taste it before you

decide we have fallen short.” Uh, wow. This was new. This was someone who took his cooking seriously. I was impressed.

For starters, there was the visual. The rainbow cauliflower taco was chock full of things like charred cauliflower, avocado mousse, almonds, golden raisins, a dark morita dulce (sweet!) salsa - (there’s your salsa!) - and, coming in like a spaceship, a sailing leaf of, uh, eggplant bacon: a shaving of eggplant that had been baked with flavorings like smoked paprika and maple syrup, although, dang it, I never got to ask Andrew if that was what he actually added to the sliver. Whatever, don’t let the words “cauliflower” and “eggplant” put you off. This thing was full of rad flavors. I was so impressed. I could have chomped on it forever.

Instead, though, I went for the other vegantype taco, the squash blossom relleno. It had beet soyrizo, almond “cream cheese,” poblano salsa, potato chicharron. Cost \$3.95. You get the green blob of poblano, the golden squash, the red-brown beet soyrizo. Oh man. I made a mess of that bad boy.

And the other thing that got me thinking: there, in that week of racially charged flying tortillas, was Andrew - Andrew Bent - an anglo chef who was giving the tortilla respect, and giving us gringos the fruits of his explorations of Oaxaca. “I spent a lot of time exploring. The tastes there are incredible. Even tomatoes: you bite down into one and you get this shock of flavor. We can’t do

it up here. It’s something to do with earth, climate. So much of what Oaxaca has to offer is about herbs, spices. That’s what I’m trying to inject here.”

This guy, who was acting as server, was, turns out, a distinguished chef in his own right. He worked at Chez Panisse up in Berkeley, among other places. But after all that glory, why tacos? “Tacos haven’t received the recognition they deserve. Every chef aims at making great plates. My aim is to treat the taco like a great plate. The tortilla is the plate. And you don’t need chips and salsa. That’s an anglo thing. And definitely, you don’t need to drown your taco in hot sauce. I put all the sauces on the taco. That’s why I always say ‘Have you tried it first?’” He was like a missionary. “People are getting it now. And they come in with different friends, 3-5 times a week sometimes. They’re like tour guides. They do all our explaining for us.”

The two things he said he was fanatical about: “I will not drop quality, and I will not raise prices.”

He said he pays \$3.69lb for pork shoulder. “I could pay \$1 per lb and get away with okay carnitas tacos. But that’s not going to happen. It’s about price/quality discipline. We waste nothing here.”

I had to ask him about the name, Lola 55. “Lola” was clear enough: that’s the name of the

90-something mom of his partner in this venture, Frank Vizcarra. The “55” was a little more vague. Frank’s age? The greatest business year in US history, 1955? Steve Jobs’s birth year?

Whatever, I’m sure glad I got off the 235 at the wrong stop. ■

The Place: Lola 55, 1290 F Street, East Village, 619-542-9155

Hours: Sunday, 12pm-8:30pm; closed Monday; Tuesday-Thursday, 12-8:30pm; Friday, Saturday, 12-9pm

Prices: Chicken taco with chicharrones, coconut rice, and peanut macha salsa, \$3.75; Baja-style fish taco, \$4.50; pork belly *al pastor*, \$4.50; steak taco, \$5.25; rainbow cauliflower taco, \$3.95; squash blossom relleno, \$3.95; smoked carnitas, \$4.25; pozole verde soup, \$5.75; Mindful Mushroom taco, \$5.25;

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Bar chief Gareth Moore also helps explain the tacos



Squash Blossom taco. Collision of flavors

menu set-up, but a way-big, spacious space with a whole cluster of comfy, bright sofas where you could drink cocktails. Yes, they had cocktails and a whole bar setup, along with a wrap-around outside patio. The sign was even uber-cool and mysterious: “Lola 55. Tacos. Cocktails.”

And the surprises kept coming. Right to what was on the menu, and how they served it up. I knew it the moment I schlepped up to the counter, and checked the menu. It had a mere eight tacos to choose from. And half of them were kind of standard choices like chicken taco with chicharrones, coconut rice, and peanut macha salsa; or Baja-style fish taco, with, they promised, “local fish.” But it did come with what looked like sophisticated extras: a remoulade, chorizo-tomato vinaigrette, baby mizuna (Japanese mustard greens, turns out), pickled Serrano, and purple basil. The *al pastor*



Crew Lead Kennedy brings the first tacos. Surprisingly filling



Rainbow cauliflower taco. Cauliflower “bacon” on top

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Ocean Beach Meat Company finds three ways to feed you

Ocean Beach Meat Company; 4853 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach. How's this one for timing? Shannon Nault and Bobby Kokinda signed the lease for their first food-service business at the beginning of March, 2020.

Let's just say they wound up taking more time than they'd planned on to build out the Newport Avenue property. But they stuck with it, made a few tweaks to account for the new normal, and on Valentine's Day of this year, the couple followed

ter case. There, lamb, pork, and ribs mingle with house-made sausages and midwestern steaks, including choice and prime selections. It's a boon to Obecians looking to wean themselves from grocery store meat departments.

But there is a huge amount of hot food on the menu, all made from scratch, including daily specials ranging from Monday's smoked sausage subs (\$8) to Friday's tri tip (market price). Though the presence of tri-tip suggests California grilling tradition, most of the menu suggests the central Texas influence. That means more dry-rub seasoning, rather than barbecue sauce — if you're looking for the most obvious contrast between here and Barbecue House, the OB institution located down the street.



Some of the items in the butcher case at OBMC.



A meat box featuring dry-rub baby back ribs, mac & cheese, and coleslaw.

through on their dream of opening Ocean Beach Meat Company. Just like that, OB's main drag has a butcher shop that serves BBQ and take-and-bake comfort dishes.

The shop's biggest immediate impact on the neighborhood may be found inside its glass coun-

ter Here's another: aside from a single table on the sidewalk, OB Meat Co. doesn't offer much in the way of seating. It's set up more as a take-out counter, with a sidewalk-facing take-out window built into the storefront.

Especially if you're taking food home, the best value is going family style: sharing assorted meats and sides, building around a \$24 rack of ribs and \$15-a-pound pulled pork, for example. There's no brisket, but there *are* brisket burnt ends at \$12 per half pound. And there are enough side dishes to spend a day eating, including a saucy coleslaw, ultra-creamy mac & cheese, homemade potato chips, and potato salad. Most intriguing of the sides are Texas Twinkies, a latter-day Texas BBQ innovation that stuffs bacon-wrapped jalapeños with a mixture of brisket and cream cheese (\$6).

Some of that over-the-topness extends to the chicken menu. For \$25, you can order a whole, bacon-wrapped chicken (\$15 for a half bird; \$10 per half without the bacon). For an extra \$5, you can add "flavored injections" to your poultry, where they brine the bird from the inside by injecting the likes of garlic butter or maple bourbon into the meat prior to smoking it.

Of course, this being on Newport Avenue, a lot of the food counter's business will come from folks like me, walking in off the street. For



The owners signed a lease just before the pandemic, and finally opened on Valentine's Day.

solo eaters, the shop offers "meat boxes," where you get a third-pound of meat with two sides for \$13. I went for mac and coleslaw with baby back ribs. Like most early afternoon ribs, they didn't fall off the bone the way they would after a longer, slower cook. I should know by now to wait till later in the day to give in to rib cravings.

I might have gone for the burnt ends instead, but I had other plans for those. The third prong of OB Meat Company's business is a cooler filled with take-and-bake dishes. Casserole-style stuff like lasagna and macaroni, packed in tin trays you can take home and stick into the oven for half an hour before eating yourself silly. Those burnt brisket ends make an appearance here, either mixed into some mac & cheese, or embellishing a shepherd's pie, starting at \$20 for a two-person serving.

Granted, I haven't experienced the butter-injected, bacon-wrapped chicken — but the shepherd's pie turned out to be the tastiest thing I tried out of this still-learning kitchen. Burnt-end brisket and ground beef added savor beneath a sweet layer of creamed corn, all buried under a thick crust of mashed potatoes seasoned with a bracing kick of black pepper. It's a great way to extend the range of smoked brisket, and reveals a spark of creativity that will have me checking back with the prepared food menu next time I'm shopping for steak.

by Ian Anderson



Brisket burnt ends and ground beef topped by sweet cream corn and peppery mashed potatoes.

JULY 4 FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

Big Bay Boom BBQ Take in the fireworks show in a crowd-free and stress-free environment with an all-you-can-eat barbecue feast on the Bayview Terrace. Sunday, July 4, 5pm; \$65-\$95. Intercontinental Hotel, 901 Bayfront Court. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Boardwalk Boom 4th of July Celebration Take in views of the Big Bay Boom Fireworks show. Each ticket includes a reserved seat, a dinner buffet and unlimited premium beer, wine and liquor. Sunday, July 4, 6pm; \$80-\$180. Sally's Fish House & Bar, One Market Place at Manchester Grand Hyatt. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

July 4th Dinner & Fireworks Celebrate Independence Day with dinner and an incredible view of the La Jolla fireworks. Sunday, July 4, 6:30pm; \$100-\$250. George's at the Cove Ocean Terrace, 1250 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

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Mean, funny, drinky streets When it comes to gigging in San Diego, Chuck Charles, once-and-future doyen of the Bigfellas band, gives due love to the Belly Up, Humphreys, and Anthology. But certain odder moments stick sticky-er in his mind. “The real heart of Bigfellas gigs were the oddball places

stink from right behind the building is all over the place. The Mission Bay Boat & Ski Club was a weird story every time — fun as hell, but the place was a nuthouse, and Bill [Maine, singer-bassist] and I frequently had to sleep in our cars in the parking lot there after shows. Don’t drink and drive, kids. But you can’t



Chuck Charles likes to keep one hand free for his beer while he’s tickling the ivories.

we played like the Last Call, Desi’s, Mission Bay Boat & Ski Club,” explains the keyboardist, who recently released his solo album *Hiya*. “We used to play every Friday on the patio at a UTC brewery-restaurant called On Tap. We loved the gig, but we knew it was only a matter of time until the place closed, because the waitstaff was constantly in outright mutiny with their hated manager — he was nice to us — with waiters spitting in the manager’s drink.”

The Last Call had its own drink-related dangers. “It was a tiny hole in the wall on El Cajon Blvd where no patrons could even see us. We played anything, and loud. We loved that place, despite both Shay [Bell, drummer] and I getting food poisoning from the uncleaned beer tap lines on two different occasions. And you know you’re doing something right when your band still has forty people watching you at Desi’s, when the raw sewage

take Uber with multiple amps and instruments.”

Charles grew up on the southside of La Jolla (“You know, the mean streets, not far from the Nite Owl”). After college in L.A. and a short stint in Colorado, it occurred to him that “every city in America doesn’t have a beach,” and so he hightailed it back here. “So I’m back, literally about a mile away from where I grew up. Strange.”

Solo, with Bigfellas, and/or otherwise, Charles tags himself as “Steely Dan for the Pabst Blue Ribbon crowd.” As he explains, “Songs about drug dealers packing up an operation before the cops come, prep school ennui, murder, divorce — those were my people. And with the best musicians in the world playing songs with nutty chord progressions? I’m in! Why use three chords when you could use ten?”

Other self-applied taglines include “Nine percent as good as Ben Folds or Cracker” and “The stupid man’s Randy

Newman.” Explains Charles, “All of those artists are funny. I was once listening to Tracy Chapman, which should tell you what year it was. I liked her, but I remember ejecting her CD because it was all so relentlessly earnest. I distinctly remember popping in Warren Zevon and thinking, ‘Yeah, that’s better.’ When an artist is funny or self-effacing, I can stick with it longer. And then, when they do get serious or emotional, like Ben Folds or Bruce Hornsby, I find that it’s an emotional haymaker, hitting with more punch.”

Charles considers himself a keyboardist first, but notes, “I also sing and play guitar, bass, banjo, accordion, and saxophone, in descending order of skill. You probably don’t want me on stage playing banjo or doing guitar solos. In my twenties, I used to play in an Irish and covers band. I was always the utility man. If the bass or keyboards guy didn’t show up, I’d fill in. Otherwise, I’d be an irrelevant third guitar. We always were playing parties or on boats, really San Diego-ish gigs, where everybody was getting pretty hammered, and I quickly found that I vastly preferred playing keyboards, because you could have a free hand to pour beer from a pitcher and be drinking during a song.”

Thinking of that last insight, he adds, “I’m no dummy.”

— Andrew Hamlin

Oletta ain’t Oprah, but that’s OK Anyone who has attended local jazz concerts over the last 40 years is familiar with the stealthy visage of longtime professional photographer Michael Oletta, who got his start in concert photography back when he was in high school. “As I was growing up,” recalls Oletta, “I was the kid with the camera. I still have the little Instamatic I had back then.”

Growing up happened in the Central Valley, and his introduction into his future avocation came from a less than stellar resource. “I wanted to start shooting rock concerts, so I actually ordered a fake identification card from the back of a wrestling

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magazine or something back in the 1970s. Here I am, like, 17 years old, and I see this ad for an ID where you sent in your picture and what you wanted on it. I chose *Rolling Stone Magazine*, and it looked totally legit, laminated with a fingerprint. I started showing up at these concerts. Nobody had pro cameras back then, so I’d show up with two 35-millimeter cameras around my neck and my fake ID. I’d walk right up to the front row, and I’m two feet from Elton John at the Oakland Arena, clicking away.”

Oletta moved to San Diego for college and got caught up in the jazz scene while devel-

oping a career as a commercial photographer (he became the still photographer for the KPBS *Club Date* show). That led to more legitimate press passes, and the opportunity to travel up the Bay Area to shoot the much-lauded Monterey Jazz Festival, a distinction that continues to this day. Now he has a new book in the works, titled *Jazz In The Moment*. “I wanted to do something that concentrated on the images themselves, along the lines of a coffee table book, everything in black-and-white, probably about 150 pages, 10 by 12 inches. The photos will be culled from my 40-year career of shooting jazz events, including images from the North Sea Jazz Festival, Monterey, New York, and San Diego.” Famous faces include “Miles Davis, for sure. Also Dizzy Gillespie and Chick Corea.” And from San Diego, “Charles McPherson, James Moody, Mike Wofford, and Mundell Lowe. I am still narrowing it down.”

which he hopes will be ready (in an initial run of three or four hundred copies) by late August or early September. “Those will be numbered and signed. The early run will be a hardcover with a slipcover on it. It’s a real book. And all profits from it will go to the Monterey Jazz Festival jazz education fund, as a way of paying it forward. I started a Go Fund Me, and everything collected from that helped fund the book. This is basically a labor of love. I’ll be charging \$40 or \$45 and it’s going to be an absolute donation.”

The photos will be presented alphabetically, “just



Michael Oletta and a few of the jazz moments he has captured over the years.

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Now he has a new book

Jazz In The Moment will be self-published. “That’s the reality of things today. Unless it’s an Oprah Winfrey cookbook or something, nobody is interested. This way, I stay in control. I ended up with a printing company in Canada that’s amazing.”

Oletta isn’t planning on getting rich off the project,

to mix it up. Once again, it’s about the images. I’ve sifted through thousands and thousands of negatives and digital files to come up with the final product.”

— Robert Bush

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KRIS WOTT

Before moving from Ohio to Ocean Beach in 2010, Kris Wott taught himself guitar, writing his first song at 14 and learning about vocal harmonizing from his brother Frank. In OB, he became friends with fellow musicians like Michael Head of Country Rockin' Rebels. Wott's brother Andrew moved to OB in 2012 and they formed Kris' first band Joint Custody, which played regularly around town. In 2013, Michael Head and Mark Eppler asked him to front their blues band, the Moneymen. Wott had a bicycle accident in 2015, injuring his left pointer finger and forcing him to begin playing the harmonica as his primary stage

instrument. He purchased a Green Bullet Harmonica Microphone and sought council and instruction from his harmonica mentor Bubba McCoy. In 2017, he joined Michael Head in the Country Rockin' Rebels. Head's label Cabeza Records recently signed Wott and will release his full-length *Time Will Tell* in July. The album features nine songs written over a 12-year period. "Kris and I have played music together for over eight years in multiple incarnations," says Head, "including the Moneymen, Country Rockin' Rebels, and tons of duo acoustic shows as the Moneymen Duo. It was time for him to do a record of solo songs."



JEFFERSON JAY

New Jersey native Jefferson Jay moved to San Diego in 2000 and founded San Diego Musicians Collective, as well as heading up a yearly Acoustic Evenings series at the La Jolla Athenaeum, an institution he once wrote a thesis about before earning his degree in history at SDSU. In February 2012, Jay launched Happy Hour Open Mic at Winstons in Ocean Beach, hosting various versions of the event right up until around the Covid shutdown. He's launched multiple editions of his Operation 365 project, where he records a new song for his website every day for 365 days. "According to the *Huffington Post*,

it holds the record as the largest daily internet project ever mounted," says Jay, who's also producing an animated series with a cast of physically and mentally challenged performers, *The Hunt For the Great Christmas Tree*. "My new record, *Welcome*, the first of a five record set called *Spring*, was just released," says Jay of his eighth full-length. "The 12 songs were written all at once in an experimental, bulk songwriting approach I'm pioneering. I wrote all 12 songs on a weeknight in February to help meet the demands of my 2016 daily video project Operation 365.2."



CARNIFEX

Fallbrook deathcore band Carnifex began gaining professional momentum in 2010 when their album *Hell Chose Me* sold around 3,100 copies in the United States in its first week of release. The CD landed at number four on the Top New Artist Albums Heatseekers chart, which lists the best-selling albums by new and developing artists, defined as those who have never appeared in the Top 100 of the *Billboard* 200. Earlier this year, the group debuted a video for their cover of Korn's 1998 track "Dead Bodies Everywhere," and May saw the release of a lyric video for "Seven Souls." The band has a new single for their track

"Pray For Peace," recorded earlier this year at local Back Lounge Studios, produced by the band and Mick Kenney (Anaal Nathrakh, Bleeding Through) who, along with Shawn Cameron, engineered the single. They also filmed an accompanying video, currently streaming online. According to the band, "With each song we release, our goal is to take you further into the abyss, further from reality. 'Pray For Peace' is no exception, a nihilist's anthem with blasts, bounce, and breakdowns to keep you pitting." They'll play downtown's House of Blues on September 19, alongside the Black Dahlia Murder and After the Burial.



HARGO

Hargobind Hari Singh Khalsa says he was around seven when teachers and friends decided his name was too difficult to navigate and started calling him Hargo. The Sikh musician has a new track called "Spring Flower." "It's the first single from an EP of new material that I've been cooking up over the last year. This song is my first collaboration with Lana Del Rey producer Daniel Heath...the song came through in two huge bursts of creative spirit full-body downloads, with a message from the universe telling me, in the midst of so much global panic and confusion, that there is hope." The tune was recorded in his new home studio.

"I can track drums, a whole band, the possibilities are practically endless, and it's just the beginning. The biggest and most exciting thing, aside from seeing the walls go up and painting them with my dad while he was in town, was getting the Neotek Series II console in there, the big thing with all the knobs and faders that I saw as a little kid, installed in the control room. The live room has a beautiful baby grand piano courtesy of Sanjay from Feather and Dot, and a huge projection wall for doing livestream concerts and video content. We just did a photo shoot in there a few days ago against the huge white projection wall."



SWITCHFOOT

The 12th album of Switchfoot's 20-plus year career, *Interrobang*, will be released August 20 via Fantasy Records, preceded so far by singles for "fluorescent" and "i need you (to be wrong)." The album was produced by Tony Berg (Paul McCartney, Phoebe Bridgers, Andrew Bird) at Sound City studio in Van Nuys and the band's own Carlsbad facility, and mixed by Tchad Blake (Arctic Monkeys, Fiona Apple). Regarding the title, *Interro* is derived from "interrogation point," the technical name for the question mark, and *bang* is printer's slang for the exclamation point. "More than ever, we want our music to be a bridge, reach-

ing out with melody and lyrics to sing an honest song for anyone who's got ears to hear," says frontman Jon Foreman. "*Interrobang* is an album that celebrates the journey, even when the arrival is unsure. *Interrobang* is the sound of joy and pain, faith and doubt against the backdrop of the strangest, most difficult year we've ever experienced." The band will join NEEDTOBREATHE on their Into the Mystery Tour, along with indie-pop group the New Respect, for a 37-city run that kicks off September 7 in St. Louis and hits SDSU's Open Air Theatre on September 14.

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Saturday, 6:30pm — G Love & Special Sauce. \$30-\$40.

Belly Up Tavern:
Wednesday, 8pm — Charley Crockett.

Casbah:
Saturday, 8pm — Neon Beat.

Del Mar Fairgrounds:
Friday, 7:30pm — Daughtry.

Ebullition Brew Works:
Friday, 5:30pm — The Stilettos.
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Ko Underground:
Friday, 9pm — Klub Therapy.

Music Box:
Thursday, 7pm — Anthem and Golden Howl.
Friday, 7pm — Boostive.
Saturday, 7pm — MDRN HSTRY and Aviator Stash.
Sunday, 6pm — Synful Sundays.

Online Internet Events:
Friday & Saturday, 5pm — Hanson: Against the World Concert Series. \$17.
Friday, 6pm — Wiltern Livestream Series: Freddie Gibbs. \$15.
Monday, 4pm — Neal Francis: Live from Relix Studios. Free.

Petco Park:
Saturday & Sunday, 3pm — Chris Lake.

Pour House:
Saturday, 7pm — Gone Blonde.
Free.

Quarterdeck Cocktails:
Saturday, 8pm — The Hughes Brothers Band. Free.

Round Table Pizza:
Tuesday, 8pm — Cowboy Jack & the North County Cowboys.
Free.

Starlight Theater:
Friday, 8pm — Which One's Pink? \$15.
Saturday, 8pm — Little River Band. \$49.
Sunday, 6pm — Bill Medley & Bucky Heard. \$40.

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Rough, tough kid stuff

The latest family affair from Alexandre Rockwell (*In the Soup*, *13 Moons*) is a product from another time. On the surface, it could very well have been a black-and-white low-budget indie that was left lounging in a time capsule since missing its release window some 35 years ago. But the warm and beating heart of this family-in-crisis drama — told through the eyes of two untended siblings — is pure French New Wave, starting with a Truffaut-inspired iris in. And what a *Sweet Thing* it is.

Rockwell crossed my radar in 1989 when his third film, *Sons*, played the Chicago International Film Festival. In that one, Sam Fuller stars as a disabled American veteran, robbed of his will to speak, whose three sons from different mothers take their father to Normandy to visit a woman he romanced during the war. (As great as it sounds, the film has yet to see a home video release.) Few directors can capture the self-defeating agony of bickering better than Rockwell.

In *Sons*, it was the step-brothers who did most of the squabbling; in *Sweet Thing*, it's the parents.

The first thing one notices about Billie (Lana Rockwell) and her younger brother Nico (Nico Rockwell) is their nonderelict appearance and how amazingly self-sufficient a pair of borderline homeless children lacking in proper parenting can be. Their days are spent skipping school in favor of pawning stolen scrap metal to survive. But rather than slinking through life as petty criminals, the altruistic duo begin recycling as a means of making cash. When first we meet, the two are living with their father Adam (Will Patton, in top form), who appears to make just enough money to keep a roof over their heads and his belly filled with firewater. Despite Adam's many flaws, it's difficult to dismiss a man who refers to his kids as "the only good things he's ever done."

Dad's work is seasonal. During summer hours, he's the human billboard in a Panda suit, twirling an arrow-shaped

homeless children lacking in proper parenting can be. Their days

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Sweet Thing: Lana Rockwell and Nico Rockwell star in dad Alexandre Rockwell's tender coming-of-age drama.

placard and sweating 100 proof. Come Christmas, he's the MD 20/20-fragranced mall Santa promising to grant children their every wish while remaining incapable of looking after the basic needs of his own. (What's more telling than Nico's letter asking Santa to fill his Christmas stocking with a knife and gun?) Billie puts up with a lot of Adam's drunkenly discourteous behavior, and she's not alone. After Adam decides to give his daughter a "Christmas trim" by

shearing away the gorgeous curls that remind him of his ex, Nico follows by giving himself a sympathy cut so that Lana doesn't suffer alone.

It's not hard to see why their mother Eve (Karyn Parsons, Alexandre's wife and Lana and Nico's mom) has her muscle-bound new beau Beaux (M.L. Josepher) in tow when she agrees to meet Adam and the kids for Christmas dinner. Beaux is a tough monkey, the kind of guy who snuffs out cigarette butts with his bare

feet. Time spent with Beaux convinces the children that maybe life with an alcoholic father — one who loves them, at least — isn't so bad. After all, Adam never played grab-ass with his daughter, nor would he punch Nico in the face for gently poking fun at him. When it becomes clear that Beaux's vile affections mean more to Eve than her children's safety, they take up with an artful dodger named Malik (Jabari Watkins), run away from home, and together form a trio of



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self-proclaimed outlaws and renegades.

Not every character they encounter is put in place simply to shock and exploit. A sweet, lovely couple offers the fledgling refugees shelter for the night and a tuna casserole to die for. It's moments like this that dispel any notion of a celebrity production. (Is there any truth to the rumor that Will Smith is considering a \$200 million remake for his kids?) Rather than reaching the water with no place left to run, one of our three Antoine Doinel surrogates takes a bullet that doesn't claim his life. Even the bad guy is allowed to live, though it's been said that he can't put words together very well. Considering what atrocities audiences have seen children endure simply to advance a plot or add a foregone conclusion, there is a genteel nature at work here that keeps things gritty without once doubling down on foulness.

Alas, I didn't discover that *Sweet Thing* was a sequel to *Little Feet* (2013) until watching the trailer after the movie. Check next week's *Movies@Home* column for a sequel to this review. *Sweet Thing* was released last week; look for it wherever fine downloads are available. ★★★★★

—Scott Marks

Video on Demand and New Release Roundup

The Ice Road — With less than thirty hours to save the twenty-six excavators trapped in a diamond mine cave-in, it's up to Mike (Liam Neeson) and five other truckers to undertake a suicide mission by transporting, across the coldest region of Canada, three trucks containing the wellhead needed to save the day. Chances are you'll be waging jeers at this ruination of *The Wages of Fear*, even though laughter was not the filmmaker's intent. Mike's brother and constant companion Gurty (Marcus Thomas) is an Iraq vet (and mechanic savant) who suffers from aphasia. It's a language disorder that causes mean-spirited co-workers to collapse under the weight of Mike's fist for referring to his younger sibling as a "retard." It's one thing to use Gurty as a means of evoking sympathy, but did they have to stoop so low as to make a mentally disabled character the most perceptive one in the bunch? Who will be the first driver to be dunked in the deep? (Congrats if you guessed the actor picking up the second biggest paycheck.) Another Netflix production that would have felt right at home at Cannon Films in the 1980s. Directed by Jonathan Hensleigh, his first film since *Kill the Irishman*. With: Laurence Fishburn and Amber Midhunder in the role generally reserved for Aubrey Plaza. 2021. — S.M. ★★

Slow Machine — A vignette-heavy, character-driven thriller consumed by chatty types who, even as their adventitiously spun stories race to conclude, tempt us to question the veracity behind their rat-a-tat-ramblings. Of all the characters that couchsurfing actress Stephanie (Stephanie Hayes) encounters during the scant 72-minute running time, Gerard (Scott Shepherd) leaps out. His personality draws her in like a lion's paw. A law enforcement agent, Gerard carries with him an element of unpredictability, if not danger. (His unexpected appearance at her AA Meeting causes Stephanie to ask, "Does the word anonymous mean nothing to you?") He looks and dresses the part, but it still takes a few minutes to shake the notion that the guy who brought a drunken Stephanie to safety wasn't also her kidnapper. Gerard gets interspersed throughout the first half of filmmakers Joe Denardo and Paul Felten's nonlinear narrative, and once he's out of the picture and Stephanie winds up bunking down at a musician's commune, a huge chunk of the film's fascination goes with him. Group leader Jim (Ean Sheehy) is assigned the singular character trait of angling to get into Stephanie's pants. It will leave you in a fog, but until then, it's a kick watching it run out of steam. 2020. — S.M. ★★

Who Are You, Charlie Brown? — If your kids turned out even slightly well-adjusted, chances are two pop culture icons deserve credit with an assist: Fred Rogers and Charles Schulz. The former has already been galvanized on film, and until Tom Hanks gets around to playing Charlie Brown's papa, this will have to do. As a child, I was never without a paperback compilation of the newspaper strips poking out of my back pocket. Around the Bar Mitzvah age, we parted company. With the exception of the TV specials and an occasional read in the Sunday funnies, I had forgotten the sizable contributions Schulz made to the art of comic strips, and the responsibility with which he cared for and nurtured the popular culture icons he created. Each of his characters represented a different facet of the cartoonist's personality. He worked without assistance, right down to the inking, which he did himself. Franklin was the first recurring African-American character in a comic strip, but the idea came to Schulz from a woman named Harriet Glickman. And Peppermint Patty, patterned after tennis star Billie Jean King, was the group feminist. At a little under an hour, one could have done without the standalone TV special contained within (*It's a 500 Word Essay, Charlie Brown*), although Pippen starting a dust storm simply by jumping rope brought a smile. 2021. — S.M. ★★



Before we discuss three of the better Bugs and Elmer shorts contained in the numbered, limited edition Blu-ray set, *The Bugs Bunny 80th Anniversary Collection*, a word about packaging. The zombified Funko Pop vinyl wabbit contained within the Diamond Collection is enough to petrify any child. I'm never one to judge a Bugs Bunny Box by its shabby cover: Doc, there are 28 previously unreleased shorts to behold! But for what it cost to design and create this hollow-eyed monstrosity I'd have settled for another 10 remastered shorts.

— Scott Marks

ELMER'S CANDID CAMERA (1940)

If Tex Avery and Chuck Jones had a son, he would have looked something like Elmer J. Fudd. As it is, it was Egghead who begat Elmer. The curious-looking creation — an egg-shaped nose protruding from an otherwise ovular noggin — made his big screen debut, and earned title billing, in Avery's *Egghead Rides Again* (1937). It wasn't until his sixth cartoon that the Fudd moniker was introduced. *Elmer's Candid Camera* saw the birth of the prototypical Fudd, voiced for the first time by Arthur Q. Bryan. For his initial foray into the forest, Elmer stalks his prey with a camera, not a gun, so for now, rather than an oversized hunter's cap, a derby will do. This was the fourth go-round for Bugs, and with no rabbit hole for him to call home amid the Disney-decor bucolic back-grounds, the rock-hard earth was where he made his bed. The vulcanized-treated tips of his ears would soon vanish; ditto the husky-throated lisp Mel Blanc was still fine-tuning into Bugs'

instantly recognizable Brooklyn twang. (We fade out on Bugs letting loose with a decidedly Woody Woodpecker guffaw.) Under Jones' direction, Bugs would adopt a "passive until pushed" demeanor. (It was under Jones' tutelage that Bugs uttered his first, "Of course you know, this means war.") This mean-spirited variation leans more in the direction of studio bad boy Bob Clampett, particularly when, for no reason other than the opportunity to be a jerk, Bugs plants his rabbit's foot squarely in Elmer's keester.

THE OLD GREY HARE (1944)

Bob Clampett had always dreamed of producing an animated version of *Jon Carter on Mars*, so it's not hard to understand why this futuristic glimpse into the lives of cartoons' most enduring duo ranks high amongst his crowning achievements. Sixty years in the future, Bugs and Elmer are still pulling the same schtick, now with the addition of rubbery, age-defining wrinkles. Elmer has traded his trusty rifle for a Buck Rogers Lightning-Quick Rabbit Killer, while Bugs speaks through a cottontail beard. The lumbago that plagues him forces the aged hare to walk with a cane before the Wackyland backdrop. As if the look into the future were not enough, Clampett hops a slingshot and transports us back in time for a Bugs & Elmer origin story. What begins with the christening of Baby Elmer's bonnet by the breaking of a glass bottle of carrot juice over his skull ends with a uniformed Bugs pimp-slapping Elmer to oblivion in his baby buggy before sealing the deal with a kiss on the lips. (Are you sure you want children to see this stuff?) It ends happily enough, with Elmer and Bugs buried alive. A mere four years into their relationship, and already Clampett is undertaking what animation historian Greg Ford called "a cradle-to-grave biopic."



Bugs Bunny 80th Anniversary Collection: Funko Cwip

HARE BRUSH (1955)

One of the best of the "wabbit-weversal" shorts, in which Elmer gets the upper hand. If the E. J. Fudd building that opens the show is any indication, Elmer has invested his money wisely. The only problem being, after all these years spent chasing a rabbit, Elmer thinks he is one. It's hard to imagine a contemporary cartoon set in a mental institution, particularly one called the "Fruitcake Sanitarium." And why Bugs is strolling inside the grounds of an insane asylum is anyone's guess. What's important is that inmate Elmer spots him and offers to switch places in exchange for a lifetime's supply of carrots. Bugs is the perfect patient, downing any pill German-sounding Dr. Oro Myicin hands him — in this case, a narcotic strong enough to instill in the bunny a new mantra: "I am Elmer J. Fudd, millionaire. I own a mansion and a yacht." Once acclimated, Bugs spends his Hump Day in the wild, hunting a billionaire in a bunny suit. For two solid minutes, Fudd earns his retroactive payback as seemingly every violent act played out against him turns about in the direction of his enemy. There's even a Tashlinesque bear, reminiscent of the one that tormented the duo in *The Unruly Hare* (a short in sore need of making its disc debut). The end finds Bugs being carted away, not to Bellevue, but to jail. Fudd lets his guard down long enough (and returns to humankind just long enough) to partake in a dance sensation that once swept the nation: the bunny hop.

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would have given homeowners up to \$50,000 in zero-interest, forgivable loans to build a granny flat. The units would have to be rented to low income households for at least 10 years. For each year rents were kept affordable, 10 percent of the loan would be forgiven. An additional \$10,000 would be available if homeowners rented to very low income tenants. Similar terms would have nudged along owners of unpermitted units, providing loans up to \$25,000 and basing permits on building and fire codes at the time of construction.

Why did homeowners need luring? Encinitas has received accolades for its permit-ready granny flat plans. Yet the city noticed people were applying for permits and not finishing the units. Surveys of residents found the big-

“Surveys of residents found the biggest issue was the financial burden — from permitting and design costs to fees and utility connections.”

gest issue was the financial burden — from permitting and design costs to fees and utility connections. Next was feeling overwhelmed by the process, followed by the feeling that development standards and plans were too limited. And according to one recent study, it can be hard to finance an unfinished granny flat. That prompted the search for incentives, with the result that the city’s \$400,000 funding pool, part of its \$1.4 million affordable housing fund, would pave the way for eight homeowners in the first year. After that, the city would continue to look for new funding sources. Another idea floated was to partner with builders and contractors to act as “ambassadors” to bewildered homeowners.

Bob Kent, a local affordable housing advocate with Keys4Homes, wrote in a letter that he supported the incentive program, but wasn’t sure it was the most efficient use of the funds. The homes, he said, would be mostly for low and moderate income tenants, while the greatest need is very low income housing. Mayor Blakespeare agreed, saying the program would subsidize eight homeowners who might just build their units anyway.

In 2020, the city issued 128 building permits for accessory dwelling units; 22 percent were affordable for low and very low income, while 27 percent were moderate. So far in 2021, there have been 83 applications and 51 permits have been issued. Of those issued, 25 percent were affordable for low and very low income and 23 percent to moderate.

According to the mayor, a consultant is currently evaluating the city’s potential to do an affordable housing project, which she considers a better use of the funds. “This money



Pictured: approved housing designs for low-income Encinitas residents. Not pictured- low-income tenants in prime North County real estate.

would deplete that.” How close is Encinitas to finding and pursuing such a project? City planners said there’s not enough money in the fund to do any kind of 100 percent affordable project, and that the incentive program is the cheapest way for the city to get eight units — and that it doesn’t diminish other options they’ve been studying. “We have talked to several affordable housing develop-

Amando Arciniega, who crosses daily to work in San Diego, agrees with the initiative. Even though he granted that the driver did wrong by trying to escape from the police on the Mexican side, he says the way that vendors acted has no justification, because the police were present to handle the situation. “In their claim for ‘justice,’ vendors acted as savages and put at risk the life of the child inside the car. They should take the consequences of their actions. If we get united, things like this should disappear. The consumer should hold the power, not the seller. Is not just because of this incident; it is years of the same thing.” Vidal Hidalgo, another Mexican-American who agrees with the boycott, noted that the sellers shouldn’t be in that area in the first

place, because it’s within the jurisdiction of the federal government. “Besides, they just sell junk food or souvenirs about El Chapo or Scarface.”

if they will eat the next day. If they don’t sell, they don’t eat.” Cesar Heredia, responsible for the municipal department that gives permissions for street vendors, said that past governments had given 450 permissions, when it should be just 50.

Ignacio Lopez, leader of the vendors’ organization, said their behavior in the incident was justified, because the driver was avoiding the law and because people have been crushed to death due to irresponsible drivers. He said that the union of vendors has been affected by their sales since the Covid-19 outbreak. He did not want to specify if the boycott has directly reduced their sales.

IVÁN MOLINA

ers about how to incentivize more low income units within their development,” Sapau said. “Their biggest concern is funding.”

The city will pick up the granny flat topic again later this summer as part of a broader discussion of affordable housing.

SHEILA PELL

TIJUANA

Border buyer boycott Vendors clash with crossers over June 6 incident

As a result of a recent attack on a U.S. citizen by street vendors in the waiting lane to San Ysidro, daily users of the Port of Entry have started a boycott against sellers. Through social media groups and the hashtag #NiUnDolarMas (“Not even one dollar more”), Mexican-Americans are encouraging others not to buy products from vendors in the waiting lane.

The incident happened June 6, when a San Ysidro local was pulled over by the municipal police for a traffic offense. The driver decided to avoid the officer and drove towards the Port of Entry. In his attempt to reach U.S. soil, he hit a couple of vendors’ carts, used to display their products, and plowed through the traffic. Surrounding sellers stopped him, claiming that he ran over a child, a fact that was later denied by the authorities. Videos showing an angry mob of sellers breaking the car windows and pulling the driver out while his wife and child remained inside the car caused outrage among the bi-national community. The next day, users of the social media group *Como esta la linea* began the move against border crossing lane merchants.

But Lucero Orozco said judging all vendors equally is not fair for those who make an effort to bring food to their families honestly. “People call them parasites or worse, just because they can cross to the U.S. and have government support when they are having harsh times. In Tijuana, there are people that live without knowing



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“If they don’t sell, they don’t eat.”



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Boycott supporter Hidalgo: “They just sell junk food or souvenirs about El Chapo or Scarface.”

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LET'S RAISE A GLASS, To our ancient ancestors! For just surviving childhood! I can not imagine how hard life was back then. I just came home exhausted from a one block walk! Lol.

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RUNNING INTO BLOCKS Dead ends, ravines full of B.S? Sigh. Kinda feeling like the powers are trying to tell us something.

GOD'S LOVE For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. CMR

HAPPY 78 IN HEAVEN, MAMA Miss you! 6 years on 6/4. I know you're around. I can feel your feathers.

I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LOSE. To feel so desperately that you're right, yet to fail

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TEENIE It was a beautiful sunny day in 1983 when my beautiful blue eyed Teenie was born. And just look at you now. Everything you do is astonishing. Every role, every task, every challenge you just shine. Who loves you baby? Mel does. Happy birthday. moparmel123@yahoo.com

FRIENDS OF JAMES HARPER (JIM) Please call Jim's family- Ann, Jennifer, Jamie. (619) 917-6975

WOMAN SEEKING FRIENDS for AM Mission Valley movie house on weekends. Call Mary and leave a message. (619) 269-3434

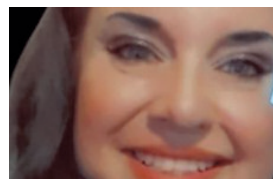
LOOKING FOR AN OLD FRIEND Caroline Bankhead, we lost touch four years ago, any help will be rewarded and gratefully appreciated. Tell Caroline I have the money I owe her plus interest. Tony and Chapo (619) 586-0131.

SEEKING WEALTHY MENTOR I am a senior gentleman looking for wealthy mentor. If interested call Gary (858) 262-1171, leave message and phone number.

NOTICES

LOST MY WALLET in Clairemont area, need badly. Keep the money, return the wallet. (619) 276-5508 anytime.

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IT'S TACO TUNES-DAY Tuesday night Karaoke at the Full Circle Saloon in Santee from 7 pm till midnight. (619) 596-8350 / fullcirclesaloon@gmail.com

FUTURE FIREFIGHTERS OF BAJA Baja Bridges is a network of volunteers in the northern United States, who provide necessary fire, EMT, and educational supplies to agencies and civil organizations in Baja, Mexico. Call or email to join us. https://www.bajabridges.org/ (916) 832-8965 / info@bajabridges.org

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SEEKING MYSTERY ARTIST Can someone tell me who the artist is? They dropped these in my recycling bin and I want some original art done by the artist. Thank you in advance. shafe015@cougars.CSUSM.edu



STOLEN FLAMINGO IN NORTH PARK Please help me find my flamingo. This upstanding member of society stole my beloved, deceased aunt's yard flamingo that has been in my life since I was a child from in front of our house around 10:30 last night. Emily emilythebeachbum@gmail.com

VW BUSES ON THE BEACH SHOW VW Buses on the Beach show at Clam Beach on July 30-31. Carrtera escenica Tijuana/Ensenada km 70 https://www.facebook.com/chombi66



9/6 AUTO SWAP AND SHOW Auto-Swap & Car Show at Santee Drive-In Swap Meet on Sept. 6. Contact Charger Steve on Facebook for more information

COMMITTEE NOW FORMING to promote a national day of celebration of English heritage. Center for Applied Critical Thinking, (619) 428-1274.



FREE DRIVE-THRU FOOD BOXES Free drive-thru food boxes every Monday and Thursday, with one stipulation: you need to be in a car to receive food; no walk-ups. 485 Imperial

Beach Blvd. Imperial Beach, CA 91932 (619) 271-0717

NOTICE TO APPEAR Crystal Barnes is summoned to be present, 7/7/21 at 1:45pm. Department 902 for remote hearing, served by person by mail, by public notice.



PAPAS N BEER EVENTS Papas N Beer has announced its July/August events, of 2021 @ www.papasandbeer.com/rosarito/events/

SD STATE OF MIND RELEASE PARTY Come check out 619's best rappers! On July 14, #HIPHOPWEDS is hosting the SD State of Mind release party @ the Casbah on Ketter Blvd. Tickets are \$10 and it's a 21-and-up party! https://biglink.to/sdstateofmindbarsweekly@gmail.com



SWEET SIXX IS BOOKING Sweet Sixx is available for bookings of all sizes, and types. We have decided it is time to make ourselves essential again. We are booking for all events from festival to house parties; any size venue, any size budget. Diegoknight69@gmail.com

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SAN PEDRO MÁRTIR HILL CLIMB The San Pedro Mártir Hill Climb race is on October 27 -28. Spots are available

and registration is now open. Communicate via whatsapp at (664) 205-2871 or send e-mail to rhranspen@gmail.com for regulations, formats and payment method.

DINNER AND BLUES MUSIC Once again, reminding you that we are waiting for you this Saturday at Sunset Cocina de Mar with music by Hola Soy Lola - Blues Band playing live for you!! FB: sunsetcocinademar.acua. sunset@gmail.com



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RAP BATTLE ON JULY 17TH Peep the rap battle at The Ugly Dog Pub on July 17! The address is 6344 El Cajon Blvd. and it's presented by Shots Fired Battle League. If you wanna spectate or battle, hit 'em up @ https://www.instagram.com/ShotFiredRap/ (619) 269-8204

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BALLET FOLKLORICO DANCE Join us for our spring camp 2021 Ballet Folklorico dance classes. Information in the flyer. To register, please visit the link: https://apm.activecommunities.com/nationalcity/activity_search? (618) 336-4290

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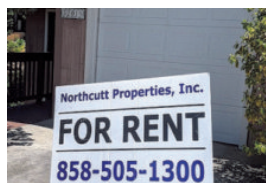
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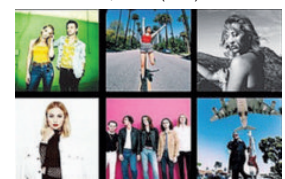


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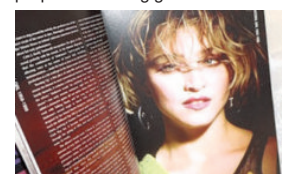
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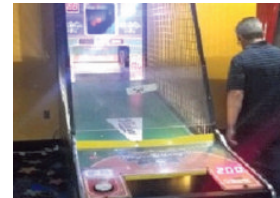
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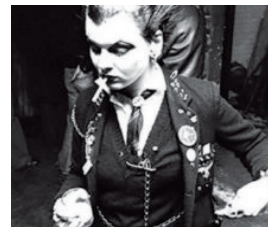
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Mass of bluefin slowly edging north while yellowfin begin to show in the counts

Dock Totals 6/20 - 6/26: 5061

anglers aboard 210 trips out of San Diego landings this past week caught 172 barracuda, 4173 bluefin tuna (up to 200 pounds), 33 bonito, 2,371 calico bass (952 released), 7 halibut, 1 leopard shark, 9 lingcod, 1,833 rockfish, 691 sand bass, 28 sculpin, 111 sheephead, 176 whitefish, 12 white seabass (released), 3 yellowfin tuna, and 303 yellowtail.

Saltwater: Though Yellowfin tuna are beginning to show within full day range, the talk is still all about this year's great bluefin bite just south of the border for the full day and longer trips. Normally, yellowfin pop up in the counts when the water starts warming past the 68-degree mark. This may be an indication that the predicted albacore will not make an appearance, as they, like bluefin, prefer the water on the cooler side and usually will move north along their migratory route to entice anglers off the central California coast north to British Columbia by mid-to late summer. For the past two decades since the last good show of albacore for the San Diego fleet, the 'new normal' seems to be a prolonged bluefin bite on the semi-coastal banks, outer banks, and San Clemente Island and yellowfin and dorado moving in by mid-July.

There are several theories as to why albacore have not been caught in any numbers by the San Diego fleet since the turn of the century. The increased seasonal warming trend in north Pacific waters is commonly factored in these theories, but the claim that the fish have just passed our waters too far off the coast or are too deep in the water column has not been proven to any degree. Albacore tuna are speedy fish and have high metabolisms, swimming up to fifty miles per hour and consuming up to a quarter of their weight daily. Their gill plates cannot pump enough oxygen alone, so they are constantly swimming with their mouths open. These factors keep the schools moving along, and often boats would spend a lot of time trolling



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Once the realm of the well-heeled seasoned anglers, quality fish can be boated by novices using rented gear.

and looking with little result in an area that was on fire the previous day.

Bluefin, on the other hand, seem to be able to better respond to changing conditions and will tend to be caught in similar locations over a longer period. Their lengthy annual migratory pattern runs from their spawning grounds near Japan to the semi-tropical west coast of Mexico, up through the Pacific northwest and back across to the western Pacific. But not all bluefin migrate; younger fish will spend several years in our area until they reach the spawning age of six or seven years. Unlike hunting the fast-moving albacore, the bluefin bite that has kept the fleet busy this spring and early summer has crept northward at a slow pace from off Ensenada, then Rosarito, and is now centered around the 302 Bank about twenty miles west-northwest of the Coronado Islands. This has kept them well within reach for the local fleet, making it possible for anglers of all levels of experience to catch quality fish usually only consistently boated by the long-range trips of three or more days.

Fishing for bluefin in the grade that are being caught used to be the realm of the vastly experienced anglers with top-notch gear, but now it is entirely doable for those who do not have several years and thousands of dollars invested. When these fish aren't finicky, leaving the dock in the early morning and returning while it is still daylight with limits is possible for anglers with no gear and of all levels of ability. This report from H&M Landing highlights that possibility: "Capt. Tyler is out on a Full Day private charter with the United Rentals group. This trip got off the dock a little late and is fishing with all rental gear and still getting these beautiful grade fish on deck. This is a testament to good rental gear from H&M's tackle shop, good angler training from our expert crew and teamwork from the charter group! It is totally possible to get on these trips without Bluefin Tuna experience and still come back with a successful result!"

DANIEL POWELL

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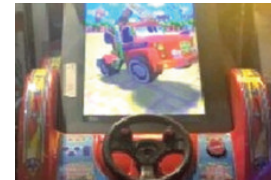
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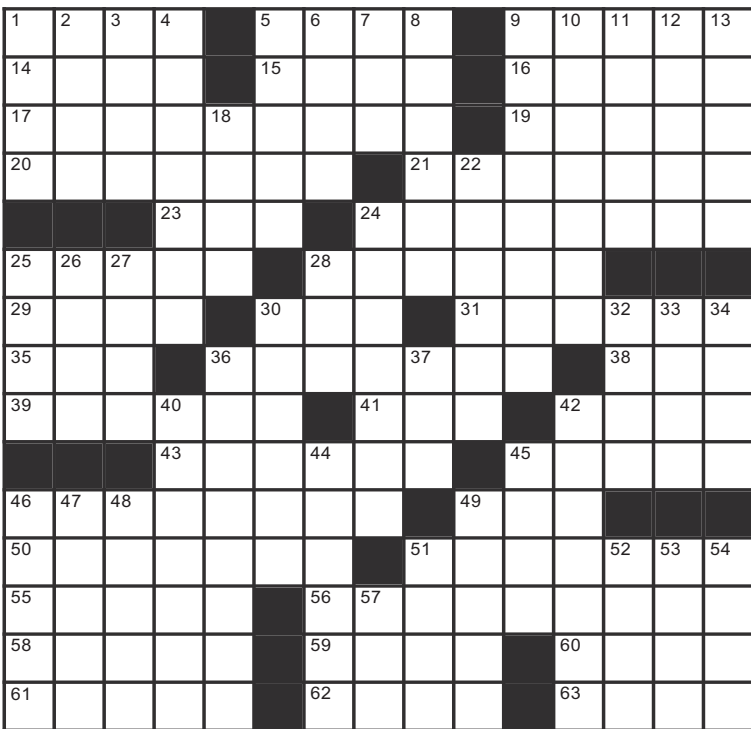


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Across

1. "Who is John _____?" (question in "Atlas Shrugged")
5. Something "kicked up"
9. Embarrass
14. "That's _____ haven't heard"
15. Biblical twin of Jacob
16. Japanese box lunch
17. "My mustake!"
19. Pop's _____ Brothers
20. Site of a 1945 Allied victory in the Pacific
21. Lady Gaga's debut album
23. "Baby Cobra" comedian Wong
24. "Apologees!"
25. Shows signs of life
28. West Coast team
29. Converse competitor
30. Shania Twain's "_____! I Feel Like a Woman!"
31. Two-time Oscar winner Jackson
35. "If u ask me ..."
36. "Dadn't mean to!"
38. Lummox
39. Part of the lymphatic system
41. The "G" of LGBTQIA+
42. Rowlands of "The Notebook"
43. Gather, as fallen leaves
45. Renewable energy choice
46. "At was my fault!"
49. 205, in old Rome
50. Daily allowance

51. Actress Ronan who has helpfully explained her name rhymes with "inertia"
55. Grant-_____ (government funding)
56. Rueful admission (or a description of how the clues for 17-, 24-, 36- and 46-Across were written)
58. Richard who played Barzini in "The Godfather"
59. It's cheap, they say
60. Easy as falling off _____
61. Villain's look
62. 25% of doce
63. Nike's swoosh, e.g.

12. It may say "Forever"
13. Old Testament prophet
18. Is unwell
22. Cranky due to lack of food
24. Singer Kylie
25. Makes tracks, in a way
26. Office fill-in
27. Bedroom poster figure, say
28. Phosphine, e.g.
30. Word repeated in the Davy Jones quote "Once a _____, always a _____"
32. Season to be full of cheer
33. Political commentator Perino
34. Way off
36. Beach house owner
37. Knock (on)
40. Scholarly
42. Get seen by, like, everyone
44. NFL great Smith who won on "Dancing With the Stars"
45. Garbage boat
46. "Cast of thousands" films
47. Only element that starts with X
48. Origami bird
49. Winery containers
51. Telemarketer's success
52. Chocolate/caramel candy
53. Make out, in Manchester
54. Brand originally called Froffles
57. General practice?

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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RULES OF THE GAME

- 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.
- 2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name.
- 3) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489** or mailed to *Reader Puzzle*, 2323 Broadway Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92102; or scanned and emailed to puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions by email must be attached in JPG format, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed. One win per person within a 4 week period.
- And now for the really small print:
 - 1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
 - 2) Late entries will not be considered.
 - 3) We will draw **1** name from weekly puzzle submissions.
 - 4) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
 - 5) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

THIS WEEK'S WINNER:

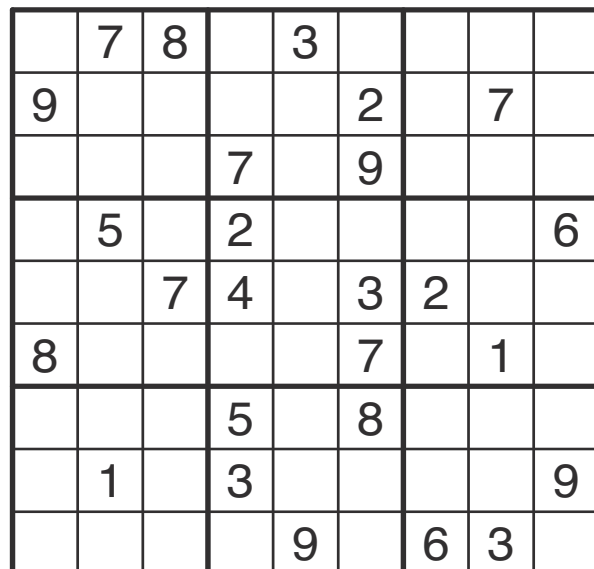
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- 1) Submit your completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest. Your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
- 2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name.
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Right Under Your Nose

— A woman known only as Sajitha from Kerala, India, disappeared in 2010, when she was just 18 years old, reported *Newsweek*. But about three months ago, the mystery of her disappearance began to come to light. Sajitha had left her home 11 years ago and walked just 1,600 feet to the home of her neighbor, Alinchuvattil Rahman, who at the time was 24 years old. Reportedly, the couple believed their romantic relationship was threatened by their differing religions, so Rahman settled her in a locked spare bedroom in his parents' home, where she spent the next decade watching a small TV using headphones. Rahman's brother, Basheer, said Rahman was intensely secretive about the room and kept it locked at all times; his bad temper discouraged his family from asking about what was going on. "During the day, as everyone was at work, Rahman and Sajitha would have the house to themselves," Basheer said. The room had no bathroom; Sajitha would crawl out a window at night to relieve herself. This spring, Sajitha left the home and Rahman followed shortly after; his family reported him missing, but Basheer soon "spotted Rahman by chance" in another village, where he and his beloved have set up their new home.

Weird Fashion

— Crocs went on sale less than 20 years ago, but they're already experiencing a "renaissance," according to *The Independent*. And for the Spring 2022 season, Crocs are getting

a crossover boost from luxury fashion house Balenciaga: New models feature a stiletto heel (which looks more like a Lego piece) under the traditional green or black perforated upper. The new model may cost as much as \$1000, but social media isn't on board. One tweet called them "an actual nightmare," and another commenter said she is "irrationally angry."

— If the high-heeled Crocs aren't outrageous enough for you, look into this accessory: the Mundstuck, made by MYL Berlin. "Mundstuck" means "mouthpiece;" this high-style one fits over the bottom lip and decorates the chin, *Oddity Central* reported on June 7. MYL Berlin calls it "structured, chic and daring. ... It nestles perfectly on your lip without applying pressure or hindering your mobility." The stainless steel Mundstuck comes in black, gold or silver and in three different designs. Prices range from \$75 to \$140.

Weird Animals

— In Victoria, British Columbia, photographer Tony Austin was out for a nature walk on May 31 when he ran across an inexplicable sight: A murder of crows had landed close by, and one was sort of flopping around in the dirt. "It would sort of ... hop into the air and ... then hop back onto the gravel," Austin said. As Austin grew nearer, he saw that the bird was covered with ants. He was concerned for the bird's welfare, but when he posted a picture on a Facebook page for bird enthusiasts, he was relieved, NPR reported. The crow was "anting" -- spreading ants on its feathers and wings. Ex-

perts aren't clear about why birds do this; it may be related to cleanliness or to share the ants' defensive secretions of fungicides, miticides and insecticides.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

— Small businesses have had to be creative in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, as demonstrated by Club Pro Adult Entertainment in Toronto, Ontario. *The Toronto Sun* reported that shutdowns nearly destroyed the strip club — until owner Teresa Marciano and her staff came up with another idea. "Since we couldn't operate as a restaurant, the only thing we wanted to do was something outdoors," Marciano said. "Most of our staff and managers love golf, so we tried to marry both industries together." The new venture, Stiff Shafts, turns the former club's parking lot into a driving range where golfers can aim their shots at caricatures of prominent politicians. Bartenders and waitstaff will return to provide food and drink to customers, and the dancers will be caddies. The Marcianos hope to open on June 14.

Compelling Explanation

— A man caught for two days in a sticky situation had a clever, if false, explanation. In Santa Rosa, California, on June 8, a man was discovered trapped in the shaft of a vineyard fan. He told police that he likes to take pictures of engines used in old farm equipment, but there was more to his story, NBC Bay Area reported. The Sonoma County Sheriff's Office comment-

ed, "After a thorough investigation, which revealed the farm equipment wasn't antique and the man had far more methamphetamine than camera equipment, the motivation to climb into the fan shaft remains a total mystery." The "photographer" did require medical attention but wasn't seriously injured. Sheriff's officers will recommend several charges.

Relationship Goals

— Henry Williams and Tuhonsty Marie Smith of Milwaukee have been in a relationship for eight years, but things haven't gone so well lately. When Williams returned home from work on June 2, Smith wouldn't talk to him and was walking in circles. Williams had told her a couple of weeks before that he was thinking of getting a divorce, *Yahoo! News* reported. Later that evening, he went to bed and awoke with the back of his head on fire, he told police. Williams grabbed his infant daughter and ran to his parents' adjacent home, where they called 911. When police arrived, Smith admitted to setting Williams' head on fire; she told them that that morning, she had "started eating chicken wings and thought Henry poisoned them." Smith was charged with arson of a building, do mestic abuse and other crimes and was ordered to undergo a competency evaluation.

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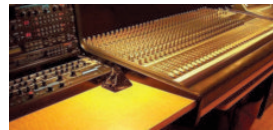


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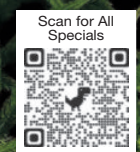
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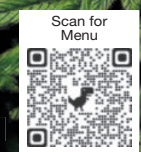
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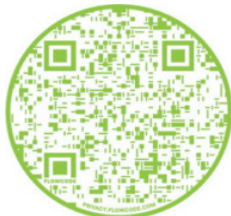
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