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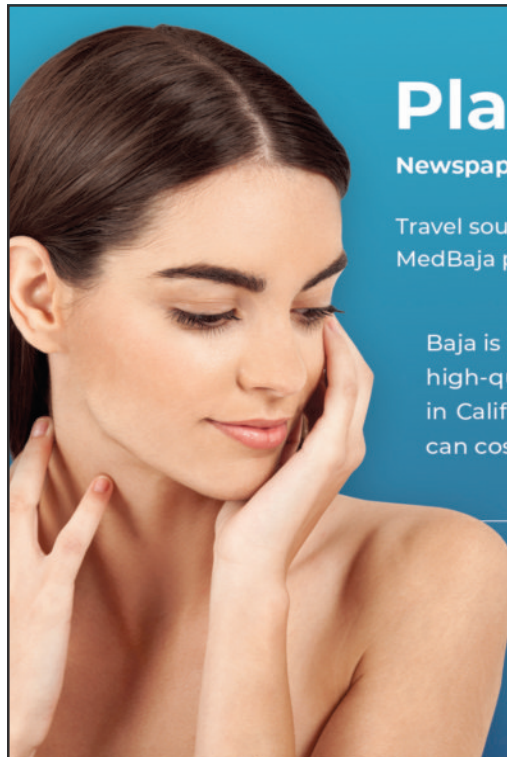
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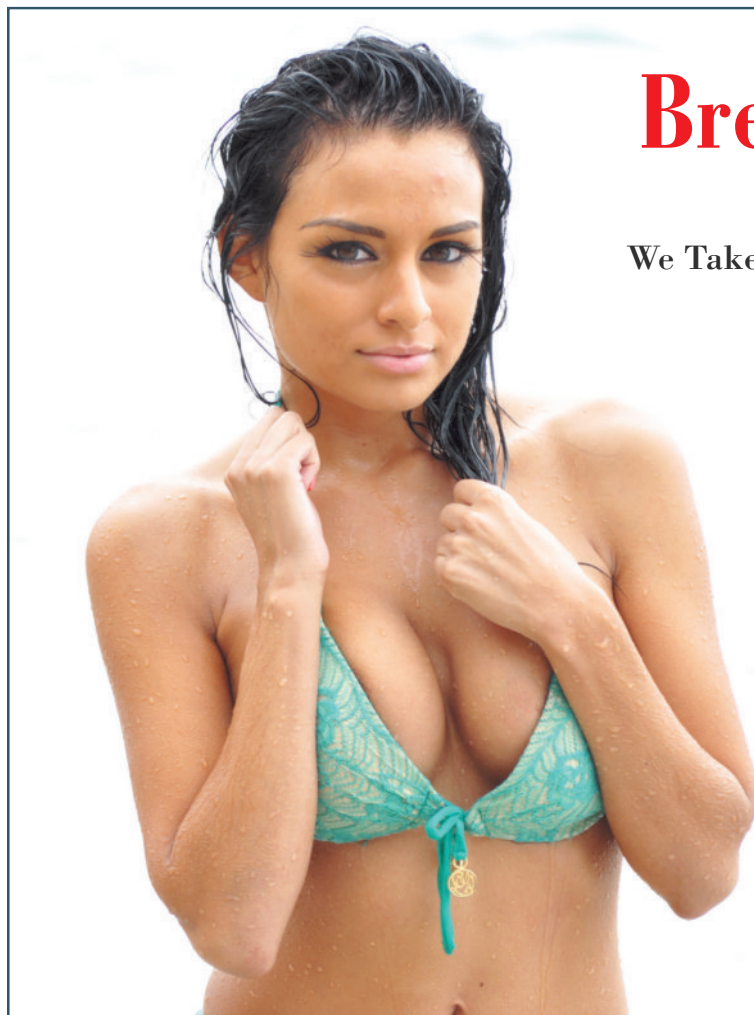
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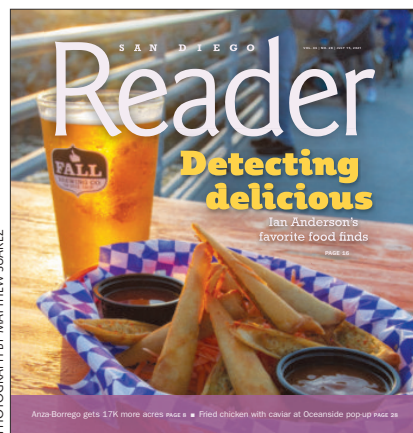
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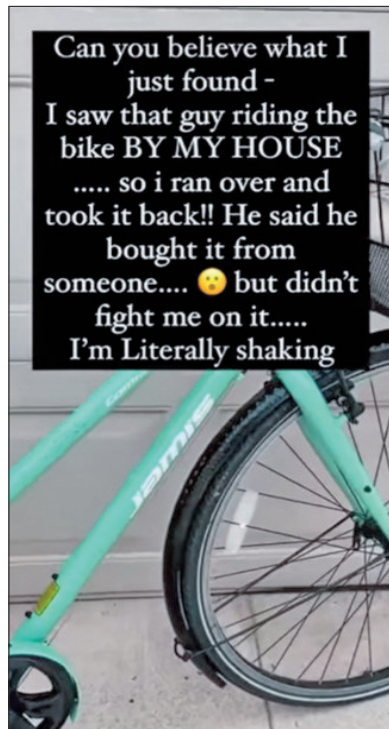
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

ROLLING DOWN THESE MEAN STREETS Thwarting the thieves

Bike owners declare: no Morely

On June 30, a local woman reached out to the 1700-plus members of the Stolen Bike San Diego Facebook forum. “My Jamis City bike was stolen from my garage in Hillcrest last night along with my husband’s bike. I drove around this morning and found the culprits, but unfortunately, I was alone so could not approach the group.” She uploaded a photo of her aqua bike before it was stolen. The other image she posted depicted three individuals on the lawn of the Newbreak Church at the corner of Normal Street and Harvey Milk Street, a block north of University Avenue. One person in the photograph appeared to



be a six-foot-tall man wearing a black shirt, a black baseball cap, a black backpack, a dark pair of distressed pants, and grey sneakers, pushing a bike towards Normal Street. The other person stood closer to a different bike that lay on the grass by the church’s wrought-iron fence.

“The culture/belief of ‘It’s okay to steal’ comes from the pits of hell,” commented Ivan.

“They were already taking his [bike] apart to disguise it,” the victim explained.

Later that day, she posted an update. “I



“I don’t know what came over me, but I wasn’t letting him get away.”

walked by the Morley Field [by] Balboa Park and saw the same guy as this morning riding it. So I ran over and pushed him off. I don’t know what came over me as I was still alone, but I wasn’t letting him get away. I pleaded with him to give it back as it was special to me, but he was not aggressive. He said he bought it, but I don’t believe [it]. They all had nice bikes in the group. But anyway, I thanked him for doing the right thing by giving it back.” The victim added that she was

because the cranks don’t necessarily match, and they have to walk them.” Herrera said that on his birthday, thieves broke into his North Park property through the fence, clipped the cables protecting two bicycles, a bike trailer, and a bike seat, and took off with the whole lot. “There’s no lock that can withstand a three-foot bolt cutter that goes through an inch of steel.” Two of Herrera’s other bikes had been snatched from a sun-room soon after he moved in. The crimes

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He did not fight back and said he also just bought it.”

shaking during the confrontation and posted an accompanying video of her recovered bike. The basket on the bike’s handlebars still appeared intact.

“I was shaking, too,” commented an Ocean Beach cyclist. “I was just as scared getting my bike back in a similar way. [I] called 911; they said [to] call non-emergency. Waited a few minutes, and I just approached him in an aggressive way. He did not fight back and said he also just bought it.”

“Wow!!” added Joseph Herrera “Great story but glad you are safe and got your bike back!” Herrera was my North Park neighbor when I lived off University Avenue. On July 4, he told me, “I’ve seen that before with other people, where the [bike theft victims] go do that. Morley Field is a chop shop. It’s a location where they gather to modify and sell the bikes that they have stolen from the North Park and Hillcrest neighborhoods.” Herrera and others on the stolen bike forum snap photos of groups of individuals breaking down bicycles in areas around the county, then post the images online. “They like to take the rims off of the bicycles first to conceal the bike’s identity; then the seat post has been modified and so forth. They sometimes can’t ride them

led him to put up security cameras and to start patrolling his neighborhood streets. “I walked around and asked people, ‘What’s your business here? You’re casing houses. I’ve seen you, and you’re not welcome here.’ If they approach me in an aggressive manner, I will defend myself, and that’s when I realized that is what’s going to take to get these people to go. So I cleaned up my neighborhood.”

Continued Herrera, “Citizens have to take it upon themselves to fight back for their property. Morley is Central Division’s responsibility, even though the bikes are stolen out of mid-city. That is where the biggest disconnect with the police is. So we started complaining. Then they transfer the call to dispatch, and they take the call with a non-emergency tone, saying, ‘Okay, it’s a bicycle.’ They are probably not cyclists and probably have never seen a \$13,000-\$15,000 mountain bike or road bike. On a rare occasion, you get a dispatch that asks you if you see your bicycle, and then when they send someone, their response is good — but the rest of the time, it’s terrible.”

Many cyclists on the Stolen Bike San Diego forum advise other cyclists to register their bikes on *BikeIndex.org*. The bike registry seeks to give “everyone the ability to register and recover bicycles,” and claims it is “the

most widely used and successful bicycle registration service in the world, with over 286,000 cataloged bikes, 850 community partners, and tens of thousands of daily searches. It’s a database used and searched by individuals, bike shops, police departments, and other apps.” As of July 5, nine bikes had been stolen in San Diego County and then reported on *BikeIndex.org* since the month started. Three of the owners had recovered their bicycles. But Lily Williams from *BikeIndex.org* warns bike theft victims that “whoever has your bike might not know it’s stolen” in a blog post titled “Bike safety tips for recovering your own bicycle.” The post continued, “If someone has or lists your bike and you want to confront them, remember that they could truly think they got a screaming good deal on a sale. Your bike could have also been stolen, abandoned, picked up, abandoned again. It goes on and on. Your bike’s journey once it leaves your possession might not make much sense, but it’s not on you to accuse someone of bike theft. Even if you have concrete evidence that your bike’s thief is a serial offender and will strike again if you don’t do something, your local law enforcement might not be able to help. They’ll be even less inclined to assist if you haven’t filed a police report on the theft to begin with.”

MIKE MADRIAGA

HILLCREST At Whitson’s end Scripps to scrap solar structure

A modernist tower built with San Diego’s sunny climate in mind finds itself threatened by modern medicine: its owner, Scripps Health, wants to replace it “in accordance with leading hospital standards.” The Whitson medical building, situated at the intersection of Washington Street and Fifth Avenue, features a functional passive solar design that gives it a distinctive, sunlight-and-shadow facade. The Whitson’s aluminum “tracery,” which changes along with the movement of the sun throughout the day, was characteristic of its designer, William S. Lewis, Jr. (Deems Martin and Associates). Built in 1964, the tower is something of a landmark for the neighborhood; but to the hospital, it’s an outdated shell.

In February, in response to a proposal to refurbish or demolish the eight-story building, the San Diego Historical Resources Board found it worthy of historic designation as a unique local example of formalism. That rendered the building shovel-proof, but not for long. Scripps filed an appeal, claiming factual errors, violation of bylaws or hearing procedures by the board, and new information. And two weeks ago, the city council overturned the designation, disappointing those who consider the building an icon of the commercial corridor. “This paves the way for the owner to demolish this well-known landmark,” said the Save Our Heritage Organization on its website.

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Savvy Sara sells scores of shares

Controversial Covid crusaders AstraZeneca and Gilead among the dumped

As the stock market reaches near-record highs, wealthy House Democrat Sara Jacobs of San Diego has unloaded a raft of personal shareholdings — some potentially controversial — per a May 28 Periodic Transaction Report filed with the Clerk of the House. The transactions came on April 9, the report says. The young congresswoman, an heiress to the Jacobs family fortune created by her grandfather Irwin's Qualcomm cell phone chip success, disclosed 41 separate sales transactions, all but three of which yielded capital gains of greater than \$200, the disclosure threshold required by law. Her lone asset purchase, according to the document, was an investment valued between \$100,001 to \$250,000 in a security by the name of "San Diego County Regional Transportation Sub Ltd BDS B 5.0 % Due 4/01/2045."

Among the Jacobs holdings sold were interests valued between \$50,001 and \$100,000 in computer and cell phone chip-maker Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd., cell phone giant Verizon Communications, cell phone infrastructure provider SBA Communications Corporation, and healthcare insurance behemoth Anthem, Inc.

Jacobs's collection of sold-off interests valued between \$15,001 and \$50,000 included those in coffee concern Starbucks, Inc., medical tech maker Stryker Cor-

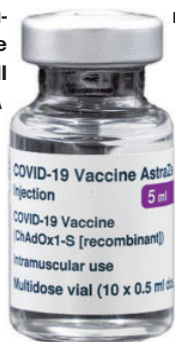


Selling Starbucks stock? What does she know that we don't?



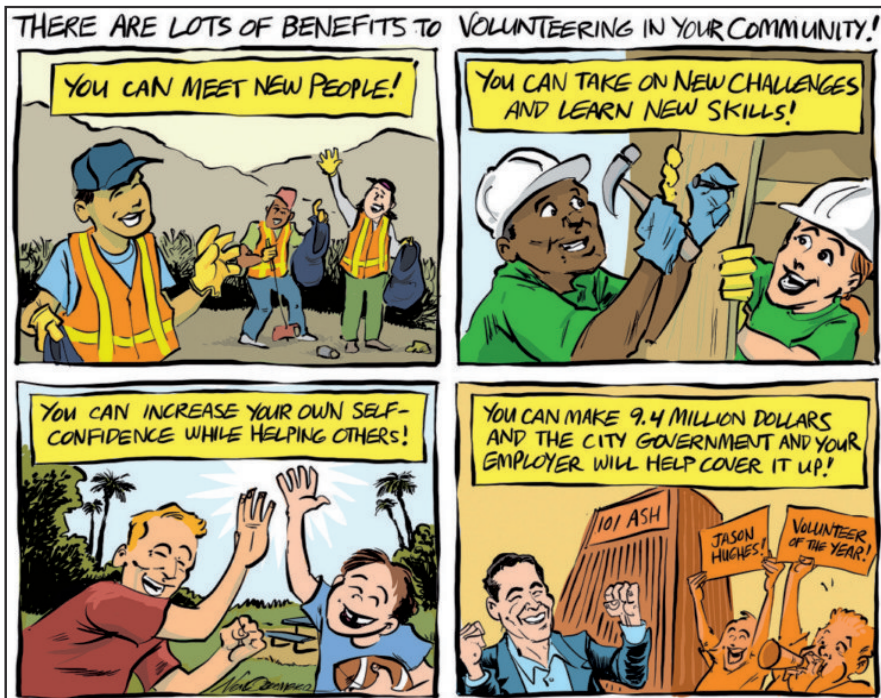
poration, and merger-seeking Connecticut-based power utility Avangrid. Avangrid, seeking to combine with New Mexico power giant PNM, has run into a buzzsaw of local controversy over alleged failure to fully disclose customer service penalties in the Northeast, and the role of Four Corners, the power plant long a thorn in the side of environmentalists.

The Santa Fe New Mexican described the ongoing regulatory battles on June 22. Also notable among former Jacobs holdings was a \$15,001 to \$50,000 interest in AstraZeneca, PLC, a major player in Covid-19 vaccine development. The company has of late faced criticism regarding uncertified Indian vaccine supplies and alleged vaccine side effects. Another former Jacobs holding, Gilead Sciences, of which the first term congresswoman owned between \$15,001 to \$50,000 worth



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Neal Obermeyer



UNDER THE RADAR

Faulconer's China connection

Some well-heeled members of the made-in-China clothing crowd are coming out for Republican ex-San Diego mayor Kevin Faulconer's bid to become governor. Among them is Gerard Guez, chairman of the board at Sunrise Brands of Vernon, who kicked in \$5000 for Faulconer's 2021 campaign committee on June 28. "Sunrise Brands has leveraged three decades of uncontested denim preeminence into becoming the most dynamic diversified apparel company in the United States," says the company's website. "Today, while Sunrise Brands remains a denim powerhouse, our product mix includes casual bottoms, knits, sweaters, sportswear, outerwear, bags and other lifestyle accessories." According to an online Dun and Bradstreet profile, "Its products are made by third parties, primarily in China." According to a June 12 account by the Miami



Gerard Guez, denim king, funds Faulconer's future.

Herald, Guez and his wife, Jacqueline Rose own a condo in north Miami-Dade's Arte Surfside residential tower. It's the same building where Jared Kushner and wife Ivanka Trump are renting while their new mansion on nearby Indian Creek Island is under construction. Also among Faulconer rag trade donors, Yosef and Aliza Simsolo, proprietors of YS Garments, also known as Next Level Apparel, came up with a total of \$10,000 for the former mayor on July 7. "At Next Level Apparel, we respect the rights of each individual and care for the environment. In addition to being sweatshop-free and child labor-free, we take social responsibility to the next level in everything we do." Meanwhile,

back home in San Diego, Morgan Dene Oliver, a developer pal of the mayor, gave \$7500 on June 25 to Faulconer's 2022 election committee. Oliver's behind-the-scenes lobbying of the mayor on behalf of the ultimately failed Soccer City development in Mission Valley featured intimate office lunches and a lavish bayside wedding venue in August 2015 for mayoral chief of staff Stephen Puetz.

Down in Mission Bay As the city's Mission Bay Park struggles to re-emerge in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, some self-inflicted harm to the well-being of the lucrative hotel and tourist magnet is getting called out in a June 29 performance review done by the city auditor's office. "The Real Estate Assets Department is not properly staffed," according to a report summary. "They lost a key employee that manages the Mission Bay Leases in March

of 2020. This position was cut from the budget in FY2021. On-site visits have not been completed this past year due to this as well as due to COVID-19." The document adds that "because of Assembly Bill 1486, which was signed into law in October 2019, there is now a requirement based on this Assembly Bill that all lease renewals be brought forward for State review. This adds additional responsibilities to the management of the Mission Bay leases." Regular oversight is needed, says the

audit, "to ensure compliance with lease terms and to ensure the property is being properly maintained." Making matters worse, the audit team discovered that an unnamed member of the Mission Bay Committee/Mission Bay Improvement Fund Oversight Committee "is currently serving beyond eight consecutive years in violation of the language in the [Municipal Code]."

Road trip taxation Pushing a mammoth \$160-billion public transportation plan, to be paid for in part by \$34 billion gleaned from a so-called road charge on drivers through 2050, the San Diego Association of Governments spent more than \$150,000 on lobbying fees during the year's first quarter. The funds went to the Sacramento influence-peddling firm of Ellison Wilson Advocacy, LLC, run by Brooks Ellison. Since the beginning of the current legislative session, the company has received \$308,793 of the San Diego agency's cash, according to an April 26 disclosure report. "Brooks is the managing partner of Ellison Wilson Advocacy and was admitted



Lobbyist Brooks Ellison is happy to work both lanes.

into the California Bar in 1986. He began his lobbying career in 1986 with Former Senator Bob Wilson," notes the lobbyist's website. Wilson was the only Democrat among three San Diego pols, including Republican mayor Pete Wilson and GOP House member Bob Wilson, to bear the same last name. The happenstance was widely believed to have boosted his showing among unknowing Republican voters.

Other Ellison Wilson clients include the California Tow Truck Association and the Western States Trucking Association, which skeptics fear could cause conflicts with SANDAG's role as the region's top transportation arbiter.

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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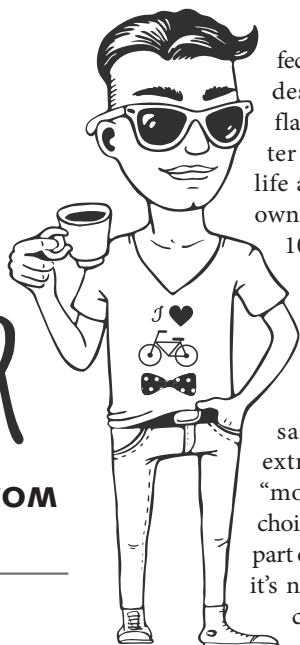


Dear Hipster:

What is the meaning of life? Is it all just a bunch of frothy beverages and salted caramels, or is there more to it? Will the tie-dye revolution ever dismantle the oh-so-fashions of yesteryear? Or are we to be subjected to another day of white socks ankle high? Any insights you have on this matter are welcome.

— ANONYMOUS, VIA EMAIL

From a purely existential standpoint — and you'll have to excuse some serious nerdiness here — I've always thought Middle Earth had the best take on the question, "What is the meaning of life?" That take is found in the comparison between elves and men, which I swear I can relate to something more practical if you hear me out. On the one extreme, you have the elves. They live forever as physically perfect specimens, but they're totally chained to the fate of the world, and, for all the amazing things they can accomplish through great wisdom and millennia of effort, the fate of the world determines their lives, not the other way around. On the other extreme, you have mortal men. Men lead short lives marked by the "gift" of mortality. They lack the wisdom and beauty of the elves, and they are more susceptible to corruption in various forms. But, unlike the elves, they have power over their own fates instead of being pawns in destiny's eternal chess match. For all their power, the elves cannot save the world when it needs saving; men prove to be the more "per-



fect" people in this regard, despite their superficial flaws. It's ultimately better to live a single, short life as the master of one's own destiny than to spend 10,000 years completely bound by fate.

From that perspective, it's a false dichotomy to put frothy beverages and salted caramels at one extreme, and something "more" at the other. The choice itself is the important part of the equation, because it's not so much what you choose to do with your life but the fact that you get to make that choice

in the first place.

Philosophical, theological, and scientific naysayers love to question the existence of free will as a concept, but hipsters are very big on it. Hipsters reject the whole idea of going along with what everyone else does, because that ultimately doesn't amount to much more than being a passive participant in life. The ultimate tragedy of following the mainstream is how it thwarts the idea of free will, or at least of self-determination. Nothing

is more powerful than the opportunity to carve out a you-shaped niche in the world, as opposed to having your lot in life cast by someone else. All that is to say this: the purpose of life is to be yourself, not somebody else.

Of course, such an opportunity is a total luxury not enjoyed by, say, medieval peasants who simply endured whatever crappy situation they had the miserable luck to be born into. It's hard to suffer existential angst over delayed self-actualization when you are busy trying to avoid cholera, starvation, and more or less constant violence. Pondering the meaning of life, or more accurately, having the free time and resources to ponder the meaning of life, is one of the greatest luxuries of modern living. Hipsters, perennially concerned with living meaningful, non-mainstream lives, are the chief citizens of this counterintuitive leisure class.

— DJ Stevens

LETTERS

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

Paeon for pans

Accolades and praise for a well put together, researched article that was nicely delivered ("San Diego stupid," Cover Stories, June 30). Unbelievable (almost) as to just how vacuous and STUPID some people can be. How did this sickness fall upon them I wonder. Gene transfer, early and poor social choices, head trauma ??? Ah well, they will always be with us. It was Thomas Larson, in his July 1 *Reader* article, that so clearly he pointed out some of San Diego's more famous "Stupid People". Nice work Thomas! Intelligent presentation, darkly incisive and perhaps prophetic conclusions. I send my applause.

Nicholas Kennelly

Fan well-read

I've been reading the *Reader* for years - (up in Encinitas). But the "Stupid" article is the best article I have ever read in the *Reader*. And ranks right up there with other essay type articles...wayyy up there. I am an avid reader. So to try to convey my appreciation for your talents I can only clumsily say I read a lot. I am an experienced reader and this note to you is from someone who loves well written copy. Excellent!!

S. Walker
Encinitas

Smart news coming?

Hopefully, San Diego Stupid will be followed by San Diego Smart: A Meditation on locals who cause gains for others while deriving no gain and possibly incurring losses for themselves.

Stupidity is easy, Selfless intelligence is challenging, yet far more grok-worthy.
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—rplm

"Krispy Kreme Triple Burger and fried Oreos find comfort at the San Diego County Fair"

Tin Fork

July 8

The San Diego County Fair is fun, but this food is a little too unhealthy for me. We have a "2/3" problem in America, and I'm more comfortable being a "minority." I like fruits and vegetables, and so does my waistline.

—Socks3742

"Oceanside facing big comeback"

Neighborhood News
July 2

Over twenty years ago, that bandshell was scheduled for demolition to make way for some sort of development. Oceanside High had its graduation ceremony there since time immemorial, but the 1998 ceremony was announced as the last one there. As to what didn't happen I have no knowledge, other than that it still stands. It is a nice spot and setting, and should be used. We will see what happens this time.

—Visduh

The bandshell was never scheduled for demolition. The city tried to give the land to a sleazy developer named Doug Manchester. The Coastal Commission killed the deal after a pair of "vocal" housewives started a grass roots effort to save the public beach.

—JonBeck

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The demolition “would result in the loss of one of San Diego’s most important and influential post-WWII buildings.” Another supporter told the council that as the pandemic recedes, holding on to history “is more important than



It may be modern architecture, but it doesn't meet modern standards.

ever before.”

Scripps Mercy argued it was one of the state’s hardest hit hospitals during the pandemic, and to carry on, “the existing hospital requires full replacement and modernization.” (The tower was the biggest single element in a larger building plan announced by Scripps in 2017.) The historical designation, said Scripps, “obstructs our ability to create a new landmark medical facility” at the site, though the hospital granted that some buildings on its campus “truly warrant historical designations” and “are an important part of our legacy.” Currently, the northern portion preserves the original chapel, nursing student housing, and nursing education building. Scripps has invested in restoring these buildings for use as AIDS housing and health care support. But it argued the southern part of their campus, where the tower stands, is the focus of new development and innovation and “does not host any historic buildings.”

Adjacent to the building that many begged the council to protect, Scripps is completing construction of the new Scripps Prebys/MD Anderson Cancer Center, “expanding world-class cancer care to Hillcrest and surrounding communities.” The center “will complement the future Scripps Mercy hospital where the 550 Washington Street building is currently situated.” To continue serving San Diego into the future, “Scripps must evolve with new

technologies and best medical practices in state-of-the-art facilities, including on the Scripps Mercy campus.”

The board granted the appeal based on factual errors - nothing could be found in the record to support a claim by Save Our Heritage that the building was nationally awarded and recognized. They disagreed with the other claims, saying the new infor-

mation that had been presented to the board — which involved a 1964 *San Diego Magazine* article and a transcript from a conversation between seven local architects — was insignificant. The board pointed out that their motion to designate under Criterion A - finding the building a unique example of San Diego’s architectural development - focused on the tower and excluded the modified ground floor, which Scripps said had caused the building to lose its historic core. In comments to the city, Alan Hess, an architect and architectural historian who serves as Commissioner on the California State Historical Resources Commission, said - speaking independently of the Commission - that it’s crucial to recognize what the

alterations did not alter. “The tower’s seven floors remain true to its original aesthetic, compared with one ground level floor which has been altered. Seven to one.”

SHEILA PELL

DEL MAR

Fair first for fun County celebrates while state hesitates

“Better than I expected. I’m very pleased,” said Terrill, proprietor of the High Seas Hawaiian Shirt booth located inside Bing Crosby Hall at the Covid-abbreviated San Diego County Fair. He thought most of the other booth operators would agree. Terrill pointed out that no organization wanted to be the first to hold a big public event in California. “They” — the Fair officials — “took a chance.”

It was April when Governor Newsom indicated that he might be dropping his emergency color-tier restrictions by summer. In response, the Fair’s board of directors, unlike other major fairs and festivals around the state, decided to put together an abbreviated fair for this year. Using the theme of Homegrown Fun, the Fair opened on June 11, four days before the governor’s final elimination of most Covid restrictions. “Remember,” said Terrill, “this [large public gathering] was illegal for the first few days.”



Finery at the Fair on the Fourth.

Other counties chose not to take the chance. The Los Angeles County Fair — one of the largest in North America, but one situated in one of the hardest hit areas for Covid infections — pushed their event to May 2022. The Sacramento Fair, the official state fair of California, pushed theirs to July of that year. The counties of Contra Costa, Kern, Merced, San Joaquin, and Ventura canceled their 2021 fairs for this summer and fall. Alameda, El Dorado, San Bernardino, and Sierra counties all “post-

Fair officials estimated a daily attendance of 7000-20,000, compared to 45,000–80,000 per day during the 2019 season.

The Jack Straws Band has been the welcoming house band at the Fair since 1982. This year, they were relegated to the lush paddock area, where tribute bands usually play to hundreds. “It’s great to see the smiles on people’s faces again,” said band member Jeff Williams, who had to convince Fair officials to hire the band, as the original plan was for no live music. The

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poned’ or “rescheduled” their fair dates, with no new dates announced, while Marin and Solano counties will hold “virtual” fairs. Santa Clara County will be the only California county to try another “drive-through” fair, a format which was little attended when it was tried last year at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. After hearing of the San Diego County Fair board’s decision, the Orange County Fair announced an abbreviated fair with their regular summer dates, starting on July 15.

The San Diego County Fair offered little in the way of regular fairgoers’ attractions. There were no flowers, agricultural displays, or farm animals. There was no infield Kiddie Land or fair-theme exhibit building. Also, no concerts. Carnival rides and games were greatly reduced. But if attendees were disappointed, you’d never know it from the backed-up line at the ride ticket booth on the Fair’s final weekend, July 3 and 4. Hundreds of families and teens waited, eager to board the kid’s carousel, big Ferris wheel, and a few adrenalin-pumping rides. And as the day wore on, the exhibit halls started to fill up as well — but not too much. Visitors enjoyed crowds that were less dense and entry ticket prices that were less steep: just \$10 for adults, down from \$20 in 2019. And

paddock provided sit-down tables with shade and adult beverages; Williams said he liked the casual atmosphere, as compared to playing at the front gate.

Fair Fun Facts: San Diego County has 43 coffee bean farms. Who knew? The popular Swifty Swine Pig Races, normally held in the Ag Show area, took place right beside the food booth Midway, just behind the pulled pork sandwich booth. And even with a pocket full of quarters, sore-footed souls could not get automated relief: the famous 25-cent Foostie Wootsie machines were nowhere to be found.

KEN HARRISON

TIJUANA

Migrant miseries mounting Degenerates, disputes, disease, and displacement

Racial brawls, high insecurity, a chicken pox outbreak, and even child sexual abuse claims are piling up within the migrant camp at the El Chaparral-San Ysidro port of entry. On June 29, Pedro Cruz Camarena, security and civil protection secretary of Tijuana, informed the public that sexual abuses of minors have been detected, but migrants haven’t filed any

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criminal complaints in the state prosecutors office. “With help of drone patrolling, we have confirmed, as well, the sale and consumption of drugs and other illegal activity — in federal areas where we have no jurisdiction to take action,” Camarena added. Tijuana’s mayor, Karla Ruiz, noted that despite migrants having spoken with authorities about sexual abuses within the camp, the migrants have no will to file any criminal complaints due to fear or other situations. “When we take them to the prosecutor’s office, they don’t want to start the procedure, so that limits us. If there’s no complaint we can’t take any action.”

Two weeks ago, tensions between groups of Central Americans and Haitians reached their peak when, according to the Haitians, 150 Hondurans broke into their tents. “Saturday night they beat us with sticks — even women — ripped our tents, and told us that all black people will have to leave the camp,” said a Hai-



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encourage chaos in the camp. There’s just 10 of them living here, and the rest live downtown; they all pay rents there.”

On Monday, June 28, Alejandro Encinas Rodriguez, who is in charge of human rights at

“We are monitoring the camp to act if we detect any adult with chicken pox because it can dangerous for them.”

tian who did not wish to be identified. “They took our phones and the money we had.” But a Honduran migrant, also unwilling to be named, says that the Haitians are pretending to live in the camp to receive food or humanitarian aid and have initiated brawls and harassed women. “The Haitians just come to start up fights and

the federal ministry of the interior, said that due to the upcoming withdrawal of tourist restrictions on July 21, the migrant camp at El Chaparral would be relocated. The next day, alleged activists unknown to the migrant community showed up at the camp, offering the shelter of a facility for 3000 people in La Mesa, four miles

from the border. Migrants showed distrust; one said, “If we leave from here our cause will have failed. We should stay here until they open the tourism; maybe if they delay it one month more, we’ll have more chance here.”

On top of everything else, a chicken pox outbreak was detected by the state public health department; 585 vaccines were given to children. According to health department secretary Alonso Perez Rico, what they’re really worried about is an outbreak of tuberculosis, which is endemic in Baja, and against which migrants have no immunity. “It’s more dangerous for migrants to get infected by us (Tijuana citizens) than the other way around. As for chicken pox, none of them know what vaccines they have already, so that’s a big problem. We are monitoring the camp to



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see if we detect any adults with chicken pox, because it can dangerous for them.”

For now, migrants are staying in El Chaparral until the border reopens to tourists again, hoping that opening will be put off one more month, and so give them more time to get responses to their asylum requests.

IVÁN MOLINA

ing desert parcels, talking up mineral rights and the possibility of oil.

By the 1960s, when the Anza-Borrego Foundation began its work, those private holdings remained largely unoccupied, and presented a challenge for the state park system. The foundation was formed at the behest of the California State Park Commission to fill in the gaps. The current 17,597-acre transfer represents 29 years of acquisitions, a combination of 331 separate parcels donated or paid for with foundation funds and grants. The largest single parcel was 690 acres; the smallest was a 3-foot by 402-foot former mining claim.

One highlight of the new additions: a portion of Lucky 5 Ranch that expands the connection between

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and Anza-Borrego, forming a continuous link from coastal mountain habitat to desert for wildlife such as mountain lions, bobcats, gray foxes, and golden eagles to roam. Hundreds of acres of wildflower fields along Henderson Canyon Road are also now part of the state park. Also added: a bundle of parcels totaling



Flowers and fossils abound; gold and oil, not so much.

THE DESERT Anza expands State park swallows stakes

At over 640,000 acres, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in eastern San Diego County is the largest state park in the contiguous 48 states. And as of July 29, its domain, which stretches beyond the northern reaches of the county to within one mile of the international border, will grow by 17,597 acres. When the park was officially created in 1933, it encompassed a checkerboard of private lands (about 68,000 acres) mixed in with park holdings. That was because planning for the park’s creation was going on simultaneously with the development of the town of Borrego Springs during the 1920s. Speculators were dividing and sell-

6000 acres in Coyote Canyon, watershed of the whole Borrego Valley, and 3500 acres of Borrego Badlands, current home of the Flat Tail Horned Lizard and previous home of dinosaurs. Anza-Borrego is the only state park to have a full-time paleontologist on staff, and fossils found in the park include prehistoric camels, woolly mammoths, and “terror birds.” A beak found in the Badlands in the 1960s was classified as that of Titanis, a six-foot-tall flightless bird that lived from 2 to 62 million years ago.

In her quest to add “pieces to the puzzle,” Anza Borrego Foundation land program manager Julie Gerson communicated with landowners scattered all over the country. She had a list of about 350 names to whom she

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by Dave Rice

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Bill Clinton ate here.

Having received various additions over the years, Crown Manor currently counts 12 bedrooms, nine full baths, and another seven half-baths among

its more than 40 rooms. Built in a Tudor Revival style, the Manor stands out from the Queen Anne Victorians popular at the time (such as The Culver House,

another historic home we recently visited up in Carlsbad). Over the years, it’s played host to a variety of guests, ranging from the entire Indonesian national

swim team to President Bill Clinton — a guest in the 1990s of then-owner and Democratic political booster Larry Lawrence.

We’re eager to get inside, but first let’s pause a moment to admire the “gabled red brick exterior surrounded by a fortified, gated garden” that at one point was reported to be home to more than 130 species of flora. There’s a massive semi-circle driveway guarded by two gates facing Ocean Boulevard, but garage access is around back, off Loma Avenue.

The formal entry is draped in wallpaper that we’ll assume is period-specific, and the rich wood paneling that runs along the bottom of the walls and frames the doorways thankfully hasn’t been painted over. We also get a hint of the listing’s promise of an “enchanted

home filled with elegance and history,” including “marbled floors [and] jeweled chandeliers,” both of which immediately make an appearance.

The living room has even more of the polished wood paneling, plus a marble fireplace, but it’s a shame that the front wall mostly blocks our ocean view from the first floor. We’ll overlook that and instead focus on the gold leaf ceiling, which was painstakingly installed by hand in four- to five-inch sections. A formal dining room offers seating for up to 20 guests, while an adjacent smaller dining area works for family breakfasts or the kids’ table during holiday gatherings.

We also see the formal ballroom with grand piano and a separate billiards hall before coming

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On a bustling corner of the Gaslamp Quarter, I'm chatting with The Smoking Gun's bartender Alex Ramos, who tells me to give the Smith 'n Wesson a shot. The name, she says, "goes back to, historically, what this building was before it turned into bars — it was a shooting range. That's where 'The Smoking Gun' came in, in a lot of how we do things. A throwback on the original building."

The Smith 'n Wesson was also part of the original drink menu when the bar first opened. "We brought it back for a reason! Because it was so good, and we wanted to get back to where we started, with our roots."

The cocktail offers a unique blend of coffee liqueur and spiced rum, "with a Coke whip that layers on top. And then we grate the fresh nutmeg on top for just a little spice, a little drizzle of color to it," says Ramos. Leveraging a surplus of soda syrup, the whipped topping adds a special element to an otherwise understated cocktail. "We just wanted to have

fun with it. And it did blend really well with the nutmeg and everything else. It seemed to have a great flavor profile."

To make that tasty Coca-Cola-flavored whip, the bartenders "take equal parts of the Coke syrup and heavy cream, and we just whip it until it's ready," she explains. "It kind of has a thick layer, similar to the consistency of Bailey's, where it kind of lays on top."

Ramos doesn't consider it a dessert-only cocktail, but grants, "It tends to be something people enjoy after dinner. It does have a little sweetness to it, it's a little bit creamy, a little bit heavier — but still light and refreshing in a sense."

In Ramos's experience, anyone who tries the drink becomes a fan. "The coffee liqueur is a good balance for the spiced rum. It's just something really new to [guests]... an interesting combination that isn't commonly seen. So once we tell people about it, they're willing to try it, and they absolutely love it."

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Pyramid of Soap

So this was pyramid selling: recruiting other people to recruit other people to recruit other people to sell. It seemed as though Bestline's approach could more properly be called pyramid selling than Amway's. Bestline kept playing down the fact that eventually, someone was going to have to sell the product. **FEB. 1, 1973**

Goodbye Radical Chic

The first time I saw B.B. (BeBe) was 1967; she was in a white corduroy jockey suit and cap. She reminded me of a 90-pound white rat on speed. Later at an after-the-play party for Theatre Five in Pacific Beach, Bob Glau-dini, the director, threw her over his shoulder and carried her from the theater screaming, "You're all fascists, you live off the rich." I looked to check the response of her husband,

San Diego Superior Court judge Roger S. Ruffin....there was none. A few years ago, Warhol put her in his film shot on the beach at La Jolla. **NOV. 13, 1975**

Peace Be Still

I am late to the first Gulf War protest, the one before the war officially starts. It's dusk, and as I cross Broadway and pass the hollow pillars of the Federal building, there is already the rhythmic thumping of somebody's African drum, backed by a thick echo of cheering. I come around the corner onto dark, milling hundreds, a harassed-sounding voice ringing through a PA system. The air has cooled and smells of incense. A girl twirls in circles, then skips off through the crowd, shaking a tambourine. **APRIL 18, 1991**



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Jane Fonda described how tens of thousands of Vietnamese women would march on district headquarters in South Vietnam, and with police shooting at them, the women would ask them, "Why are you shooting at us?"

Following the Yellow Brick Road

"What more could I want?" asked Barbara. "I have a mansion, a pool, a butler, a maid, my old man, my kids, limousines. I live the the people I love. I never have to do any housework, I only cook a meal if I feel like it!" **SEPT. 16, 1973**

Eye of Newt, Toe of Frog

Force claimed he had played a role, witch-wise, in the indictment of San Diego's former Mayor Curran and his staff, in the Yellow Cab scandal. **NOV. 1, 1973**

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

Safe Harbor

(Town & Country Magazine)

IT IS AN EXTRAORDINARY ENVIRONMENT

that [San Diego Mayor Maureen O'Connor] married into 15 years ago. Her husband, [Robert O. Peterson,] founder of the Jack-in-the-Box fast-food franchise, is 30 years her senior. In the late 1960s, before he was married to O'Connor, Peterson went to [San Diego architect Russell] Forester and asked him to build a Japanese-style house on a Point Loma property [Peterson] had acquired a few years earlier. "I'd done hundreds of Jack-in-the-Boxes," Forester recalls, "but nothing like this house. Peterson really designed it himself."

The construction of interconnected pavilions for cooking, dining, reading, guests, lounging and sleeping took years; the parts were assembled with such precision that "they look like they were made by cabinetmakers," says San Diego landscape architect Kenneth Kengo Hayashi, who was asked to design the garden when the house next-door came up for

sale and Peterson purchased it for the land.

He leveled that house and, with the help of Hayashi, created a completely secluded oasis. Gigantic boulders were brought in, then carefully placed in the landscape by a huge crane. Mature trees were placed around the periphery. Everything was done under Peterson's direction. "We even had the koi flown in from Japan," he says. "Two hundred carp were sent by air in plastic bags filled with water. When they arrived in Los Angeles, the bags were injected with oxygen. After we got them to San Diego, we gently lowered them into the pond to release the fish. We lost only two..."

The [house's] interior, serene, elegant and



Mayor O'Connor's husband, Robert O. Peterson, founder of the Jack-in-the-Box fast-food franchise, is 30 years her senior.

austere, was designed by Jack Lenor Larsen, the renowned New York creator of luxury textiles and furniture. "It's a Jack Lenor Larsen museum," says the mayor, who often wears similarly elegant and austere gray Yves Saint Laurent pantsuits....

While most of the corridors between pavilions have glass walls, to bring the garden indoors, rooms are paneled in whitewashed teak. Couches are upholstered in Larsen's Siam spun silk. The classic Jules Lelou Art Deco club chairs are covered with his buttery leather. In the dining room, Larsen used Wholly Cow woven leather for his Legatto dining room chairs. Walls are appro-

priately covered with a lightweight fabric he calls Whispers, the hall with a wool carpet named Syncopation...

O'Connor draws strength from her home, a place where she can spend unhurried time with her husband, think and read. (Not long ago, her night table was stacked with Daniel Yergin's *The Prize*, Umberto Eco's *Foucault's Pendulum*, Bernhard Anderson's *Understanding the Old Testament and the Bible*). This tranquil space is the ideal antidote to City Hall, where each day the idealistic mayor brings the same dedication to "fight the big fights — the things that take the most energy out of me, because I have to fight the world for my city."

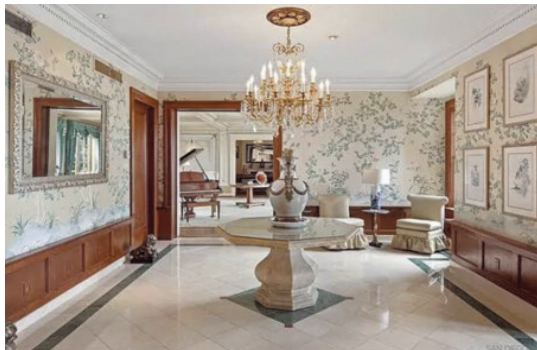
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UNREAL ESTATE

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to the kitchen — or, more appropriately, kitchen complex. First, there's a wine tasting area that's been redone with tons of stainless steel and solid white quartz. It's much more modern-looking than anything we've encountered so far, probably part of a reported 24-month renovation that was recently completed "to revitalize the infrastructure while preserving the architectural heritage of the property" while "technological innovations affording the most affluent of amenities were seamlessly integrated."



An entry fit for gentry.

Next we see the "butler's pantry," with more original-looking glass-doored cabinetry and a butcher block prep station along with a nice touch for the help: an ornate chandelier. From there, it's off to the "industrial style" kitchen, which looks more like the back of house at a medium-sized restaurant and can reportedly pump out food for 100 or more guests at a time.

Passing through the rest of the house, we first encounter a bath that's fully tiled in red except for the claw-foot tub that looks like it could be original, a stark contrast to the multi-room main



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bedroom's "spa/bath" suite that, while exuding the style of a 1990s Las Vegas Strip penthouse, is still somehow nice, with a full wall of book-matched pink marble by the tub. Moving on, there's a full salon on site, with multiple beauty chairs and a massage room; another bedroom where the walls for some reason are entirely covered

features a saltwater pool and spa, offering perhaps more privacy but much less space than the giant saltwater ocean sitting right across the street.

Crown Manor has passed through many hands over the years, including a period in the early 1970s when it was owned by noted former Navy SEAL and local favorite McP's bar owner Greg McPartlin. Public records show ownership currently lies with Christopher Bower, founder and CEO of the private equity fund Pacific Corporate Group. Until last year Bower, in partnership with the Hilton hotel group (which manages the nearby Hotel Del Coronado), was attempting to turn Crown Manor into a public event space, which would host corporate retreats and overnight guests, much as a hotel would. That may help to explain the commercial nature of some of the upgrades described in the listing. Unfortunately for him, the Coronado Planning Commission denied the request in the summer of 2020.

Shortly after the permit denial, a listing seeking \$25 million for Crown Manor (dating to 2018) expired in September 2020. After several months off-market, the Manor was re-listed in mid-May; its asking price of \$34 million remains unchanged to date. ■

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Detecting delicious

Ethiopia-born entrepreneur Genemo Ali recalls the impression waffles made on him as a young immigrant first arriving in San Diego.

Ian Anderson's favorite food finds

Most restaurants count on location, location, location to help make a name for themselves. Others make do with whatever space they've got. The restaurants featured here don't necessarily operate in conventional storefronts, on restaurant rows, or within popular dining neighborhoods. Some of the people behind these businesses chose their location out of convenience, or due to a unique vision. But most are chasing dreams on limited resources. What

they all have in common is that they offer something tasty, and in most cases interesting, to San Diego's food landscape — often with an equally interesting story to back it up.

FRIED CHICKEN IN A DONUT SHOP

Ali's Chicken & Waffles

4350 University Avenue

CITY HEIGHTS

To find City Heights' favorite new chicken and waffles spot, look for

the Donut Star. Ali's Chicken & Waffles leases the back counter of the donut shop, serving a halal rendition of the famous pairing alongside shrimp and grits and fried chicken sandwiches. It's a unique setup, and owner Genemo Ali took a unique path to get here. The Ethiopia-born entrepreneur recalls the impression waffles made on him as a young immigrant first arriving in a San Diego school. By the time he earned a business

degree from San Diego State, he and a friend wanted to launch the Ali's Chicken brand, in the mode of L.A.'s famed Roscoe's Chicken & Waffles. But he would have to start with a smaller investment. In 2018, he bought a farmers market stand established by a local Thai chef, and wound up entering the restaurant game making Thai food. Then he had to move his Coconut & Co. operation inside when covid closed the farmers markets. Work-



PHOTOGRAPH BY MATTHEW SUAREZ

and Veg'n Out

5500 Grossmont Center Drive

LA MESA

Traditionally, mall food courts have been more closely associated with corn dogs and orange chicken than plant-based cuisine. But a funny thing happened at the Grossmont Center food court during the pandemic: three new vegan eateries sprang up. And if Vanessa Corrales has anything to say about it, they won't be the last. The founder of Split Bakery has been a tenant at the mall for three years: her plant-based business sits just outside the food court's doors. That put her in prime position to notice when three businesses vacated their food court counters last year. Sensing an opportunity, the vegan entrepreneur leased all three counters herself, then turned around and sublet them to vegan entrepreneurs in her network. Now mall visitors will find a pair of farmers market fixtures operating permanent locations side by side: Veg'n Out serves vegan burgers, brats, and wings; while El Veganito offers plant-based Mexican food, including

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ing out of the Minnehaha Food Market up the street, he found he was doing most of his business through delivery apps. So he tried reviving the Ali's Chicken and Waffles idea as a ghost kitchen, and before long, it was outselling the Thai. His chicken

is seasoned in a blend of three flours, with a spicy option heated by Thai chilis. Now available daily, to the right of the donut case.

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Split Bakery, Mariscos No Mar, El Veganito,



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When Andrew Hannegan's kids interrupted his home brew session, demanding he make them ice cream, he knew it was only a matter of time before the two interests collided.

tacos, burritos, and specials ranging from pozole to mole. Directly across the court, new property Mariscos No Mar concocts vegan ceviches and aguachiles, replacing seafood with jackfruit, mushrooms, young coconut, and vegan shrimp

made from the starchy konjac root. And while Split itself had been operating as a wholesale-only bakery prior to the pandemic, Corrales pivoted a few months back and began making retail pastries available from her food court-adjacent

cent window counter. That's four vegan food options for Grossmont, and counting — Corrales will be standing in the front in line should any of the other counters become available, and hopes to lure other plant-based businesses



PHOTOGRAPH BY MATTHEW SUAREZ

Three new vegan eateries sprang up at the Grossmont Center food court during the pandemic.

to what could someday become an entirely meatless food court.

BAKERY IN A PRINT SHOP

Deb's Cookie Jar

668 10th Street

IMPERIAL BEACH

There's only one place I know where you can

print bake sale flyers and also go home with fresh, homemade cookies. Deb's Cookie Jar shares a space with I.B. Printing, a 20-year-old design and print shop that makes stuff like car decals, graphic t-shirts, retail signage, and embroidered ballcaps.

Originally, Deborah Berry opened her cookie bakery across the street from her husband's business. But a couple years back, the couple decided to consolidate, and the print shop made room for Deb's. It's easy to spot which side of the counter sells cookies: a vibrant checkerboard motif frames a glass counter filled with large, crumbly cookies ranging from snickerdoodles to almond coconut chocolate chips (\$3 each, or two for \$5). Deb's got a few non-cookie winners up her sleeve as well, including buttercream cupcakes (\$3), fudge brownies (\$3), and on Fridays only, monkey bread (\$5).

BBQ JOINT IN A LIQUOR STORE

Pete's Smoked BBQ & Burgers

977 Main Street

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store, and it's there only partly by accident. Store owner Peter Aboudi has worked primarily in liquor stores and beer distribution since coming to San Diego as a refugee from America's first Iraq war. He hadn't intended to open a restaurant, but after they bought the shop formerly known as Ramona Old Time Country Store, Aboudi and his wife Susan realized it offered considerably more space than a liquor store needed. So they decided to turn it into a food counter. Initially, they hired people

to establish a taco shop. Several other concepts followed, but nothing stuck until Aboudi invested in a smoker and started cooking up brisket, tri tip, pulled pork, and ribs. Six years later, the Aboudis are scouting locations to open a stand-alone Pete's BBQ restaurant, probably in a more conventional location.

HOT DOGS IN A HOME DEPOT PARKING LOT **Duff's Doggz**

12047 Carmel Mountain Road
CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH
Forget about getting

Swedish meatballs at Ikea: this hot dog kiosk in a Home Depot parking lot is the place to get your snack on when you're out shopping for the home. Chicago favorite Vienna Beef hot dogs provide the heart of the menu, and the "Chicago style doggz" — with mustard, relish, onions, tomatoes, sport peppers, a dash of celery salt and a pickle spear — shouldn't be missed. However, the stand's namesake owner, Hatch Duffy, has built a deep menu, featuring a litany of toppings.

You may opt for the relatively simple Coney Island style, with mustard, onions, and chili. Or you can try one of Duff's more exotic hot dog creations, featuring the likes of pastrami, jalapeño relish, pineapple salsa, or crushed Fritos. But the small-business-owner-in-a-box-store-parking-lot really throws a culinary curveball when his menu explores a decidedly different bun-based cuisine: Maine lobster rolls.

ICE CREAM SHOP IN A SHIPYARD BREWERY **Hannegan's House Beer Co. & Creamery**

1535 Tidelands Avenue, Suite C
NATIONAL CITY

It might not seem like you'd want to go for ice cream at a narrow strip of industrial real estate squeezed between Navy shipyards and a freeway overpass. But what if I told you there was beer in the ice cream? When Andrew Hannegan's kids interrupted his home brew session, demand-

ing he make them ice cream, he knew it was only a matter of time before the two interests collided. Fast forward a couple of years, and he's built Hannegan's House, brewing true-to-style Irish ales and serving them in pub-inspired taproom, along with pints of ice cream flavored by the beers themselves. Think mint chocolate stout ice cream, or chipotle and strawberries ice cream made with red ale. It's good enough that you'll be forced to wonder: does he add the beer to his ice cream just



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Izola's small operation bakes in the loft space above the photography studio Studio 710. Photographer Jeffrey Lamont Brown pivoted into baking when the pandemic struck, and it's taken off to the extent where he reports being on the hunt for a more regular restaurant space.

because it's there? Or does he brew the beer just so he can make the ice cream?

BAKERY IN A PHOTO STUDIO

IZOLA Bakery
710 13th Street, Suite 300
EAST VILLAGE

Hungry pedestrians strolling the sidewalks of Paris will find a *boulangerie* serving fresh bread and pastries on virtually every block. And they're always at street level. In

East Village, they do things differently. This bakery sells its sour-dough loaves and croissants from three stories up. Make that three and a half stories: Izola's small operation bakes in the loft space above the photography studio Studio 710. Photographer Jeffrey Lamont Brown pivoted into baking when the pandemic struck, and it's taken off to the extent where he reports being on the hunt for a more

regular restaurant space, one somewhat closer to ground level. Izola first caught my attention by using a basket and pulley system to lower baked goods to customers waiting on the sidewalk below, but these days, I'd recommend going upstairs and eating a hot croissant while admiring Brown's stunning studio space, built within "a converted turn-of-the-century sewing factory."



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Mariscos No Mar concocts vegan ceviches and aguachiles, replacing seafood with jackfruit, mushrooms, young coconut, and vegan shrimp made from the starchy konjac root.

BEER, SAUSAGE, AND BURGERS ON A FISHING PIER

Fathom Bistro, Bait, and Tackle

1776 Shelter Island Drive
SHELTER ISLAND

Dennis Borlek was five years old when his father taught him how to fish on the Shelter Island Pier. That charming bit of history may help explain why diners will find burgers and sausages at the pier's bait shop today. A former bartender, Borlek was looking to lease his own, traditional restaurant space nine years ago when, while walking his dog, he noticed the bait shop had closed. Then he learned the Port Authority was looking for a new tenant to keep the shop going, so he quickly put together a business plan, one built around his fondness for his beer- and sausage-making hobbies. He suspects his personal history fishing from the pier helped him beat out the ten other applicants to take over the shack sitting atop it. He installed a gas grill and 20 craft beer tap handles, and six months later, Fathom began serving beer, burgers, and sausages, in addition to sell-

ing bait and tackle. Borlek says bait shop customers are more likely to buy candy bars than shrimp or squid these days, but a steady stream of tourists staying at local hotels have been delighted to discover the small bar and grill, decorated with vintage scuba gear and nautical-themed movie posters. And while in-the-know locals have long since realized it's an excellent place for a pint and bite (with an outstanding view of San Diego Bay and Coronado across the way), some are still surprised to learn the place also serves kimchi, lumpia, and Sunday brunch.

THAI SPOT IN A CORNER STORE

55 Thai Kitchen

2601 Broadway
GOLDEN HILL

Since launching four years ago, prolific restaurateur and chef Vijit Pipatkajonchai has expanded his charitably-minded 55 Thai Kitchen brand to three additional locations, including SDSU and central Pacific Beach. But it's this original location, set up in the back of a corner convenience store, that contin-

ually proves the concept. It wasn't the first food counter installed behind San Diego Market, but considering the fact that previous tenants lasted months, not years, 55 Thai's longevity speaks volumes. Crammed into a couple hundred square feet at most (including table tops), there doesn't seem much to recommend it from the outside. But in the eyes of renters in the neighborhood, it has basically everything going for it: affordable, healthy food, served late. Everything tastes good, whether you're craving meat, seafood, or sticking exclusively to the refreshing, par-cooked vegetables.

MEXICAN RESTAURANT ON A RESIDENTIAL BLOCK

Rincon Azteca Homestyle Mexican Restaurant

2172 Ocean View Boulevard

LOGAN HEIGHTS

Vibrant blue and green Aztec-inspired murals call attention to the storefront of Rincon Azteca, and it's a good thing; otherwise, it might blend in with the houses on its mostly resi-

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dential block in a corner of town encircled by trolley tracks and freeways. Inside, there's a simple-yet-cared-for dining room. It's worth seeking out to enjoy the homestyle Mexican cooking of Alicia Lorenzo — *Doña Alicia* to regulars. Serving customers inside and out from behind a pair of window counters, the one-woman show conjures a bit of everything in her kitchen: tacos, birria, soups, tamales, enchiladas, Mariscos, *antojitos*, moles, even the dipped Mexico City sandwiches, *pambazos*. It may be served on a plastic tray,

but it'll be made as though for her own family, with recipes tried and true. It's as though someone's *abuela* made all the best dishes in the neighborhood, and invited you over to eat whatever you feel like.

FINE DINING IN AN INDUSTRIAL PARK

The Cork and Craft

16990 Via Tazon

RANCHO BERNARDO

You don't expect to find a fine dining experience tucked within an industrial park — the neigh-

bors here include HVAC contractors and a packaging equipment supplier. But there's a reason The Cork & Craft does it: the gastropub is built around both a brewery and a winery. Abnormal Beer Co. and Abnormal Wine are both produced on-site, and the house brews provide plenty of nice drink options. But that doesn't stop the restaurant from stocking its 40 taps with examples of the world's best beer, or furnishing an extensive international wine list. The whole experience is supposed to revolve



PHOTOGRAPH BY IAN ANDERSON

Nestled in the canyons below City Heights, City Farmers Nursery dubs its two-acre nursery and farm "a little bit of the country in the heart of the city." That includes Nate's, the on-site bar and grill.

around an appreciation of refined flavors and techniques: in this case, creating elevated dishes around comfort concepts such as pork chops, poutine, mac & cheese, fried chicken, and even hamburger. With this kind of focus,

who cares how industrial the zoning is outside the restaurant's walls?

BURGER BAR BY THE PARK

The Balboa

1863 Fifth Avenue

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Vibrant blue and green Aztec-inspired murals call attention to the storefront of Rincon Azteca, and it's a good thing; otherwise, it might blend in with the houses on its mostly residential block in a corner of town encircled by trolley tracks and freeways.

practically hear the collective moans of downtown burger fanatics last July, when the bar's founding griller, Tom Logsdon, announced he was permanently closing the location. Fortunately, that permanent closure proved short-lived. Turns out, the property owner recognized that having burgers in the building was mutually beneficial, and reached out, asking Logsdon to return. Even better? The offer included the original Balboa's neighboring suite. So, when the bar re-opened in April, it was double the size, now with ample seating for covid-weary fans to resume eating, with newfound elbow room.

ASIAN FUSION NEXT TO THE TROLLEY TRACKS

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734 Park Boulevard

EAST VILLAGE

Since 2019, across the trolley tracks from the NewSchool of Architecture and Design, chef Socheath Sun has been turning a small commercial kitchen with a narrow sidewalk patio into a venue for the ongoing exploration of Southeast Asian and fusion cuisine. Her pop-up started out serving weekday lunches, but has come out of our uncertain year serving dinner a couple nights a week — usually, but not always, Sundays and

Thursdays — offering one or two dishes at a time. Fans have long since learned to keep an eye on the @angkorian_pikestaff Instagram for the latest details, including each day's menu and the deadline for pre-orders (usually noon the day prior). It's an unusual place and process, but arguably the wildest part of Sun's project is that she has yet to repeat a dish. She'll routinely offer some kind of banh mi, noodle soup, or even breakfast burrito, but will switch up the ingredients to make it a different experience. For example, sometimes, the meal is vegan, while at other times it presents



PHOTOGRAPH BY IAN ANDERSON

There's only one place I know where you can print bake sale flyers and also go home with fresh, homemade cookies.

a more traditional turn, whether reflecting Sun's Cambodian background or the national dishes of other Asian cultures, whether Malay, Indonesian, Korean, or Chinese. More often than not, Sun conjures irresistibly creative dishes sparked by whatever meal, ingredient, or mashup inspires her: Mongolian beef Wellington, bulgogi brisket, and vegan dim sum are but a handful of recent examples. Eventually, the greatest hits may turn up on a fixed menu at a permanent Angkorian Pikestaff location, but for now, Sun is expanding her pop-up presence with collaboration meals served at partnering businesses around town.

the best spots in the city to grab a beer and a burger (or vegan alternative), especially while listening to live music. Bordering the nursery, the grill's rustic setting feels removed from the warrens of freeways and commercial corridors surrounding the property. And, like the nursery, the kitchen favors naturally raised products, whether local produce, free-range poultry, or grass-fed beef. It likewise champions local brews and local performers. Bill Tall founded City Farmers here nearly 50 years ago, and Nate's owes its name to his father Nathan, who originally brought the property into the family.

shopping strip, across the street from the other restaurants. But the small shop's Thai and Lao cuisine is worth seeking out, and in just over a year, So Saap has managed to build a regular clientele with a menu of boat noodle soups, larb, and delectable Lao beef jerky. It's proof you don't need a splashy storefront to serve good food.

SUSHI BESIDE A 7-11

Sushi Ota

4529 Mission Bay Drive

PACIFIC BEACH

Since 1990, chef Yukito Ota has offered "choice sushi, in an unassuming setting." Though the address is technically Pacific Beach, it's neither close to the beach nor to the neighborhood's clusters of bars and restaurants that bustle with beachgoers. Instead, his unassuming setting is tucked behind a 7-Eleven and surrounded by car dealerships. Nevertheless, it's long been considered one of, if not the best sushi restaurant in town, a surprising enough development to make it San Diego's original unexpected dining destination.

— Ian Anderson

BEER AND MUSIC IN A NURSERY

Nate's Garden Grill

3120 Euclid Avenue

CITY HEIGHTS

Nestled in the canyons below City Heights, City Farmers Nursery dubs its two-acre nursery and farm "a little bit of the country in the heart of the city." That includes Nate's, the on-site bar and grill that's one of


LAO FOOD BEHIND A TIRE SHOP

So Saap

4710 Market Street

CHOLLAS VIEW

You'll spot a cluster of small eateries situated around the intersection of 47th and Market Streets, but So Saap probably won't be one of them. It's mostly hidden behind an auto repair shop, in the back corner of a run-down



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Calendar

Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT



WHITNEY SHAY

Friday | 16

WHITNEY SHAY AND THE SLEEPWALKERS

Bluesy soul singer Whitney Shay will play a long-delayed release party for her album *Stand Up*, which earned a three-and-a-half star review in *Downbeat* magazine and topped *Billboard*'s Blues chart. Opens the Sleepwalkers have been playing authentic Americana rock since 1992. Their music styles range from blues and country to Tex-Mex, cumbia, and their own brand of roots rock.

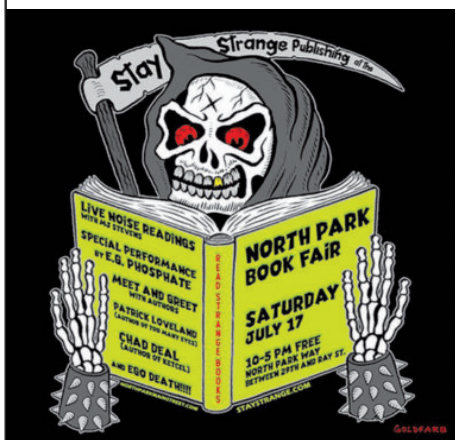
WHEN: Friday, July 16, 7 pm

WHERE: Music Box, 1337 India Street, Little Italy. musicboxsd.com

Saturday | 17

NORTH PARK BOOK FAIR

Local booksellers, small presses, and literary collectives present two blocks of books, zines, comics, and literary art. Enjoy local children's authors



story times & activities, live music from Morning Glory Family Band, open-mic poetry curated by Poets Underground (poet "Little Blue"), spoken word/readings from the So Say We All collective, and a history presentation from Katherine Hon of the North Park Historical Society. Food vendors: House of

Bao, Kula Vegan Ice Cream, Nostalgia Coffee, Salt & Lime, and Mango on the Moon.

WHEN: Saturday, July 17, 10 am to 5 pm

WHERE: North Park Way between 29th and Ray. North Park. northparkmainstreet.com

THE DINNER DETECTIVE INTERACTIVE MYSTERY

The culprit is hiding in plain sight somewhere in the room, but you may find yourself the prime suspect

before you know it. Each ticket covers a murder mystery theatre show, a full plated dinner, and waitstaff gratuity. Actors are not dressed in costume and are hidden in the audience.

WHEN: Saturday, July 17, 6 pm to 9 pm

WHERE: Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter, 401 K Street, Downtown. thedinnerdetective.com

Sunday | 18

CHOLO GOTH NIGHT

Electronic artist Dave Parley co-founded the killwave group Prayers in 2013. The band eventually pared down to a dusty monochrome duo show with Leafar Seyer. They dubbed their style "cholo goth," and their most recent



wave, synthwave, '80s new wave, and '90s hip-hop.

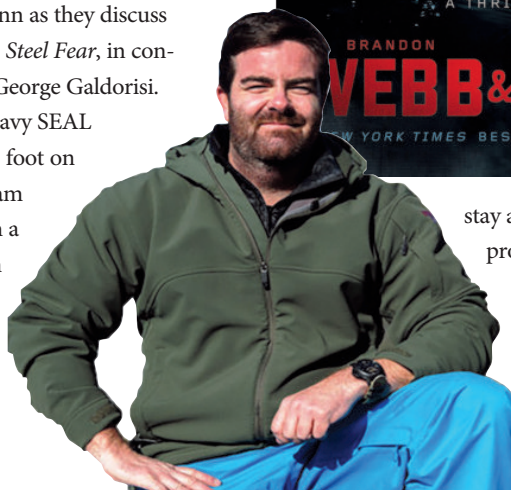
WHEN: Sunday, July 18, 8 pm

WHERE: Soda Bar, 3615 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights. sodabarmusic.com

Wednesday | 21

STEEL FEAR

Warwick's will host Brandon Webb and John David Mann as they discuss their new book, *Steel Fear*, in conversation with George Galdorisi. The moment Navy SEAL sniper Finn sets foot on the USS Abraham Lincoln to hitch a ride home from the Persian Gulf, it's clear something is deeply wrong. Leadership is



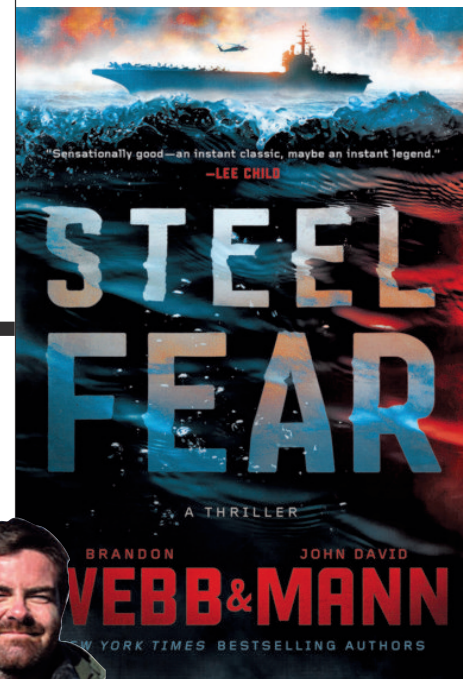
stay alive long enough to prove it isn't him.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 21, 4 pm
WHERE: warwicks.com



SATURDAY, JULY 17: THE DINNER DETECTIVE INTERACTIVE MYSTERY

weak. Morale is low. And when crew members start disappearing one by one, what seems like a random string of suicides is soon revealed to be something far more sinister: there's a serial killer on board. Suspicion falls on Finn, the newcomer on the ship. Finding the killer offers a chance at redemption, if he can



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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)

Familiar Strangers "Self-portrait" Exhibition The Vacant Museum's upcoming online exhibition, Familiar Strangers will implore artists and viewers to question everything they think they know about themselves. The self-portrait showcase featuring over 100 artists from over 30 countries, challenges the concept of the self-portrait as accurate and honest representation, especially in the age of the internet. Friday, July 16, 12am; **free**. vacantmuseum.com/exhibits/. (ONLINE)

Peter J. Geise: Secret Society Peter J. Geise returns after being the first artist to have an exhibit back in 2009 at the gallery's past location in Normal Heights. Secret Society invites collectors to view recent works from one of Peter's busiest years creating a gamut of work. It's a 3-day pop-up. The show is dedicated to Peter's late husband, Arnold L. Melvin (1965-2021) Friday, July 16, 4pm; Saturday, July 17, 12pm; Sunday, July 18, 12pm; **free**. Visual, 3778 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Tianguis de la Raza Monthly outdoors artisan market that connects local crafters and community members promoting an autonomous economy and community building. Good music, great food and non alcoholic drinks, children activities. Friday, July 16, 12pm; **free**. Centro Cultural de la Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Talks: From Frivolity to Austerity From Frivolity to Austerity - Addressing the Rococo and Neoclassical Periods: This talk examines the Rococo style as represented by the works of Boucher and Fragonard and takes you through the Neoclassical period with its main proponent Jacques-Louis David. Free virtual Timken tours allow you to step inside the museum and explore. Thursday, July 15, 11am; **free**. timkenmuseum.org/calendar/list/. (ONLINE)

Rhyme & Verse

Two poems by Allen Ginsberg

A Supermarket in California

What thoughts I have of you tonight, Walt Whitman, for I walked down the streets under the trees with a headache self-conscious looking at the full moon.

In my hungry fatigue, and shopping for images, I went into the neon fruit supermarket, dreaming of your enumerations!

What peaches and what penumbras! Whole families shopping at night! Aisles full of husbands! Wives in the avocados, babies in the tomatoes! — and you, Garcia Lorca, what were you doing down by the watermelons?

I saw you, Walt Whitman, childless, lonely old grubber, poking among the meats in the refrigerator and eyeing the grocery boys.

I heard you asking questions of each: Who killed the pork chops? What price bananas? Are you my Angel?

I wandered in and out of the brilliant stacks of cans following you, and followed in my imagination by the store detective.

We strode down the open corridors together in our solitary fancy tasting artichokes, possessing every frozen delicacy, and never passing the cashier.

Where are we going, Walt Whitman? The doors close in an hour. Which way does your beard point tonight? (I touch your book and dream of our odyssey in the supermarket and feel absurd.)

Will we walk all night through solitary streets? The trees add shade to shade, lights out in the houses, we'll both be lonely.

Will we stroll dreaming of the lost America of love past blue automobiles in driveways, home to our silent cottage?

Ah, dear father, graybeard, lonely old courage-teacher, what America did you have when Charon quit poling his ferry and you got out on a smoking bank and stood watching the boat disappear on the black waters of Lethe?

An Eastern Ballad

I speak of love that comes to mind:
The moon is faithful, although blind;
She moves in thought she cannot speak.
Perfect care has made her bleak.

I never dreamed the sea so deep,
The earth so dark; so long my sleep,
I have become another child.
I wake to see the world go wild.



Allen Ginsberg (1926-1997) was an American poet and a core member of the Beat Generation of poets and writers, which included William S. Burroughs and Jack Kerouac. A gadfly of the Industrial-Military complex as well as the traditional moral and social norms of the day, Ginsberg was seen as a spokesman for the Hippie culture that flourished during the 1960s and 1970s. His most famous poem, "Howl," became all the more popular when it became the focus of a well-publicized obscenity trial — the poem included descriptions of heterosexual and homosexual sexual acts. (The judge ruled in the case that as poetry, "Howl" was protected under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.) Ginsberg's work reflects a panoply of influences — including Walt Whitman (whose long vatic lines Ginsberg consciously emulated), William Carlos Williams, William Blake, Eastern philosophy, and jazz.

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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 atop the iconic La Mesa Lumber & Hardware truck located at 3rd St. and La Mesa Blvd. The band lineup includes: Ron's Garage Band – July 15th, Zeeland – July 22nd, Stars on the Water – July 29th, 4 Way Street – August 5th, The Siers Brothers – August 12th, The Cool Rays – August 19th, and The Farmers will close out the summer on August 26th. 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)

7 Year Celebration Live music, giveaways, cold beer and lots of aloha. Saturday, July 17, 3pm; Pacific Islander Beer Company, 8665 Argent St., Suite B. (SANTEE)

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 Enjoy team sports and social distancing. Thursdays, 7pm; through Thursday, July 29, free-\$9. Duck Foot East Village Taproom & Kitchen, 550 Park Bl., Ste 2104. (EAST VILLAGE) & Wednesdays, 7pm; through Wednesday, July 28, free. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

BOOK SIGNINGS

North Park Book Fair Stay Strange Publishing will be doing live noise readings. Saturday, July 17, 10am; North Park Way between 29th and Ray

Warwick's Author Livestream: Brad Thor Warwick's will host Brad Thor as he discusses his new book, *Black Ice: Scot Harvath #20*. Tuesday, July 20, 4pm; \$28-\$32. warwicks.com/event/thor-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream: Brandon Webb & John David

Mann Warwick's will host Brandon Webb and John David Mann as they discuss their new book, *Steel Fear*, in conversation with George Galdorisi. Wednesday, July 21, 4pm; free-\$31. warwicks.com/event/webb-and-mann-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream: Carolyn Ferrell Warwick's will host Carolyn Ferrell as she discusses her new book, *Dear Miss Metropolitan*, in conversation with

Karen E. Bender. Tuesday, July 20, 4pm; free-\$27. warwicks.com/event/ferrell-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream: Megha Majumdar Warwick's will host Megha Majumdar as she discusses the new paperback edition of her debut novel, *A Burning*, in conversation with Jeniffer Thompson. Thursday, July 15, 4pm; free. warwicks.com/event/majumdar-2021. (ONLINE)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

A Workshop on Yiddish Grammar This two-part workshop will cover all the essential topics regarding Yiddish nouns. Thursday, July 15, 11:30am; \$35-\$60. https://bit.ly/3wssVjy. (ONLINE)

Couples Thai Massage Class Physical touch with your partner

releases a hormone called oxytocin, also known as the cuddle hormone, spending a few minutes massaging your partner boosts oxytocin and increases feelings of love and trust. Saturday, July 17, 6:30pm; \$60. Tap Fever Studios, 2180 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Intermediate Gel Soapmaking Soapmaking 216 is an intermediate-level soapmaking class to teach students to make gel soap using the hot process soapmaking method.

This class includes information on a simple FDA-approved ingredient for making antibacterial gel soap. Each student receives a bottle of gel soap made during the class. Prerequisite: Soapmaking 101 or 1 year of experience (at least 5 batches of soap). Classroom hours: 3 hours, includes one 15-minute break. Sunday, July 18, 1pm; \$83. Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

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Meditation Meditation and Magical Stories: The class will start with a brief meditation, followed by the lecture, 15 minute meditation and a Q&A session. Roger uses storytelling as a way to bring advanced spiritual teachings to life. Friday, July 16, 7pm; **free**. 18 and up. dharmacenter.com. (ONLINE)

Meditation Join Hathor from Dharma Center in transcending the limits of thought to find a deeper stillness in the Trinity of Body-Heart-Mind system. Sunday, July 18, 11am; **free**. 18 and up. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (ONLINE)

Meditation The Truth of Finding Yourself Though Meditation and Mindfulness with Terra from Dharma Center. Mondays, 5pm; through Monday, July 26, **free**. 18 and up. dharmacenter.com. (ONLINE)

SDCDM Science & Engineering Day This summer, embark on a STEM-filled adventure during Science & Engineering Day with a day full of educational activities. All activities will be published on the Children's Discovery Museum's Facebook page. Tuesday, July 20, 10am; **free**. facebook.com/sdcdm. (ONLINE)

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 21, 10am; \$160. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Sweet & Savory Stone Fruit Cooking Class Learn how to make sweet and savory recipes with stone fruit. Make Bellini mocktails (or bring your own bubbles), Grilled Stone fruit Caprese Salad, Creamy Chickpea Cherry Pinwheels & Baked Plum Crisp. Saturday, July 17, 5:30pm; \$25-\$50. Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center, 2525 N Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

Watercolor Magic 4 Week Art Class Play, learn, gain understanding & confidence as you play & paint. 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. Tuesday, July 20, 4pm; \$80-\$100. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

OUTDOORS

July – San Diego's driest month

July is San Diego's driest month, according to precipitation data compiled since the year 1850. Only four hundredths of an inch of rain falls on average this month, compared to almost two inches in January — the wettest month. July also marks the beginning of a new rainfall year, as defined by local meteorological convention.

Native lilies, such as the Humboldt lily, are blooming this month in widely scattered locations throughout San Diego County's higher mountains. To find them, take a walk on the Noble Canyon Trail in the Laguna Mountains, or explore the pine woodlands of Palomar Mountain and Cuyamaca Rancho state parks. The large, nodding flowers of the lilies — orange or yellow with brown spots — grow in clusters on stems two to eight feet tall.

Cicadas, the insects that sound like tinny buzzsaws in the brush, have been putting up a racket around San Diego lately. Occasionally mistaken for the tail buzz of a rattlesnake, the sound is merely that of a male calling to potential mates. Some 30 species of cicadas inhabit San Diego County, but none are of the famous periodical type that emerge en masse every 13 or 17 years to serenade parts of the eastern United States.

With the advance of summer, the Sagittarius Teapot, in the south-southeast lower left of Scorpius after dark, is starting to tilt and pour from its spout to the right. The Teapot will tilt farther and farther for the rest of the summer — or for much of the night if you stay out late.

In late twilight, Spica shines three or four finger-widths lower left of the first-quarter Moon (it's exactly first-quarter at 3:11 a.m. Saturday the 17th). High above them is brighter Arcturus, tinted



TO FIND HUMBOLDT LILIES, TAKE A WALK ON THE NOBLE CANYON TRAIL IN THE LAGUNA MOUNTAINS.

with a lower color temperature: yellow-orange.

The tail of Scorpius is low due south right after dark, to the lower right of the Sagittarius Teapot. How low depends on how far north or south you live: the farther south, the higher. Look for the two stars especially close together in the tail. These are Lambda and fainter Upsilon Scorpii, known as the Cat's Eyes. They're canted at an angle; the cat is tilting his head a little to the right and winking (Upsilon is fainter than Lambda; they're magnitudes 1.6 and 2.6). Both are blue-white supergiants, 700 and 500 light years away, respectively. Yes, the nearer of the two is the fainter one.

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.

COMEDY

KevOnStage KevOnStage: Slightly Problematic Tour live, As seen on The Real Comedians of Social Media/YouTube & more. Friday, July 16, 7:30pm; Saturday, July 17, 7:30pm; Sunday, July 18, 7:30pm; \$30-\$40. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Tinder Live with Lane Moore Wednesday, July 21, 7:30pm; Music Box, 1337 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Summer Bash Business Expo The "Summer Bash" Business Expo will use both the ballroom and the outdoor courtyard. All vendor space will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, as well as the event tickets. Wednesday, July 21, 5pm; \$10. 21 and up. Courtyard by Marriott El Cajon, 141 Magnolia Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Voices for Children Volunteer Info Session Nationally, as many as 1 in 3 youth in the foster

care system identify as part of the LGBTQIA community. Many of the LGBTQIA youth in our foster care locally are still waiting for an advocate. Volunteers spend just 10-15 hours each month on their case. Saturday, July 17, 10am; **free**. 21 and up. speakupnow.org/volunteer-2/information-sessions/. (ONLINE)

FOR KIDS

Friday Coloring Contest Friday coloring contest summer themes: July 9 Roller Coaster; July 16 Surfboards; July 23 Kids Playing on the Beach, and July 30 Kids Swimming. Fridays, 6:30pm; through Friday, July 30, **free**. Terra Nova Plaza, 358 East H Street. (CHULA VISTA)

FUNDRAISERS

Over The Edge Rappel down the side of a 30-story building. From the side of the Hilton San Diego Bayfront, you'll experience a life-changing adrenaline rush and take in stunning views of the San Diego Bay and downtown skyline. This thrilling adventure is available to anyone. No prior experience necessary, for participants ages 13 to 103. This is a fundraiser for Reality Changers, a local organization that helps youth from underrepresented

backgrounds achieve their college dreams. Every dollar raised supports tutoring, career readiness programs, college application support, and more for students who will be the first in their families to graduate from college. Saturday, July 17, 9am; \$50-\$75. Hilton San Diego Bayfront, 1 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

LECTURES

COVID Research During the Pandemic Building the Plane While Flying: COVID Research During the Pandemic - Presented by Dr. Sumit Chanda, Director and Professor, Sanford Burnham Presby Medical Discovery Institute. Presented by La Jolla Community Center. Tuesday, July 20, 10am; **free**. ljcommunitycenter.org/dss. (ONLINE)

Support Squad Webinar Series Support Squad Webinar Series - It's a Two-Way Street: Why Good Communication Matters for Everyone: Kelsey Crowe and Colter Ray from Empathy Bootcamp and Brendan McDonald from Uncomfortable Revolution will give attendees an overview of communication challenges and offer tips and techniques to navigate the interactions so that AYAs can stay connected and provide meaningful support consistent with patient needs.

Wednesday, July 21, 5pm; **free**. <https://bit.ly/3yOhmVA>. (ONLINE)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Vintage & Makers Market Enjoy vendors with unique vintage clothes, handmade silver goods, and sustainable fashion textiles. Sunday, July 18, 12pm; **free**. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Austin Sol vs San Diego Growlers The defending AUDL West Division Champs will host the Austin Sol. Sunday, July 18, 1pm; **free**-\$12. Mission Bay High School, 2475 Grand Avenue. (MISSION BEACH)

Sneaks Summer Classic 5-on-5 Basketball Tournament Local co-founders Sawsun Khodapanah and Tyson Youngs present the third installment of their Sneaks Summer Classic 5-on-5 basketball tournament. Saturday, July 17, 9am; **free**. La Jolla Recreation Center, 615 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

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Afghan afternoon

“Mantu has been adapted all the way from Western China to Europe. A lot of people call it ‘The dumpling of the Silk Road.’”

Oh man. I do this every time: show up at my wannabe favorite place, Chennai Tiffins, just as it’s closing for the afternoon. This is in Little India, up by Miramar. I sit down in their tent, just to take a load off. Had to walk 1.4 miles down roads crossing scrubby fields from Miramar College to reach this food-mecca-in-a-bus-desert. That or wait 45 minutes for the #31.

So, hungry? You can say that again. Actually, though, the main reason I’m in this part of town is for the Marmite. Most people can’t stand the stuff. It’s a yeast extract made from beer leftovers — dark, strong, ancient gloop. Hard to track down. Sorta like soy, but different. It’s a concentrated, sticky spread that you scrape on toast, or make into a soup. For me: deee-lish! Has been around forever. (OK, just looked it up: it’s the creation of Justus von Liebig, a German nobleman. Invented it in the late 1800s.) The only place I know that has it in ‘Diego is Akshar Cash’n’ Carry, here in Little India. I nail the purchase (costs about \$6), and then head for Chennai Tiffins, because what I’m desperate for now is a nice gungey Indian curry, even a cliché one like chicken tikka masala. Only problem: Chennai Tiffins is closed for three hours between lunch and dinner.

Sigh. I wander up towards Black Mountain Road, but now I find I’m gradually joining what feels like a little group of hungry people. They have that urgent walk about them. We all end up outside a sign that says “Baba Kabob.” Open! “We are here for a family reunion,” says one of the ladies. “Half of us live in San Diego, the other half in Texas. We are all originally from Afghanistan.” Huh. That’s interesting, specially with the US troops pulling out.

But the people — kids, grannies and everyone in between — ain’t interested in talking war. They move out to a parking area and sit down at long tables under tents near the grass verge. Me, I head inside the main building. Gent asks what I need. He turns out to be Rohullah Attai, the founder and owner here — and of another Baba Kabob in Poway. I’m impressed that he’s still doing the day-

to-day work like this at the counter. His wife, Sofia, is rolling dough for what look like dumplings.

Hmm. I look at the food pictures around the wall. Honestly, I’m so hungry that as soon as I see they have French fries, I take one order of those (\$2.59) *tout suite*. “Do Afghans have curry

like Indians?” I ask Rohullah. Dumb question, when you stop to think that Afghanistan straddles

all the trade and invasion routes of Asia. Heck, India and Pakistan are on Afghanistan’s doorstep.

“Your best bet is our chicken tikka korma,” says Rohullah. Seems the korma is a mild curry with coriander, yogurt sauce

and nuts. Heck yes. It sounds right on the button. Costs \$10.99. So I order that plus a fountain Coke (\$2.69). And when it comes, it is like the curries I know and love. The meat may be a little less drowned in curry sauce than I like, but it’s still full of flavor. What impresses me the most

is the steady stream of customers coming in. Tuesday, 3 pm! Other restaurants have closed for the afternoon! “I think we do good business because Afghan food is way less spicy than some other Asian foods,” says Rohullah (he says his name means “spirit of God”). “Afghan food is more familiar to the American palate.

The amazing thing is despite covid, we have had our best year ever. We never slowed down. I am so grateful.”

“I always ask for the same thing,” says Karim, who’s at the next table. “The chicken kabob (\$11.99). Really tasty.”

He’s an air traffic controller supervisor at nearby Miramar. Looks so like The Rock that I have to ask if he is The Rock.

Meanwhile, I’m also noticing this continuous stream of plates heading to the reunion outside. I follow them. “OK, this is bolani,” says one of the ladies. She’s pointing at a plate laden with slabs of thin, stuffed bread, looks like. I’m thinking Polish pierogi, Argentinian empanadas. “You usually have mashed potato inside and maybe spinach,” she says. “Or chives and spices.” (A plate costs

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Bolani: think flatbread stuffed with potato, or here, chives



Afghanistan’s favorite treat meal, Mantu: Afghan wontons, veggies, special yogurt



Afghan family reunion, outside, Baba Kabob. Fave dish: Mantu

\$10.99.)

But the star of the party is a plate loaded with what looks like wontons and white yogurt and colorful veggies. “Mantu,” says one of the ladies at the end of the table. “A beloved Afghan dish. Especially for occasions like this.” I look at the plates. A mix of thin-skinned steamed wonton-style dumplings stuffed with beef and onions, with an herby yogurt sauce on top. “Mantu is a dumpling that spread and has been adapted all the way from the Uyghurs of Western China to Turkey to Europe,” says the lady. “A lot of people call it ‘The dumpling of the Silk Road.’”

Whatever, the Afghans have taken this dish right to their heart. “We always have it at celebrations,” says the lady. Boy. I have to try this. I go back in and ask for a plate to go. Costs \$15.99. When I get to it, it has the sharp edge of a distinctive yogurt base, in a tzatziki, lightly peppery, veggie-filled, creamy kind of way. I think



Is it The Rock? Could be! But no, it’s Karim, air traffic controller and kabob fan



Owner Rohullah Attai with tray of Bolani

of all the people in history, up and down the Silk Road, who must have closed their eyes dreamily at their first taste of this very dish. Meanwhile, Baba Kabob never slows down.

I’m gradually getting a picture of Afghan food: ground meat and vegetables, tomato-based sauce, garlic-based yogurt dressings, sprinklings of mint and paprika. Kinda Greek, kinda Turkish, kinda Middle-Eastern, kinda Chinese... kinda Silk Road, when you think about it. Guess I’ll have to come back for Chennai Tiffins, but if they hadn’t been closed just now, I would have missed all this. Crisis equals opportunity! ■

The Place: Baba Kabob, 9474 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-800-1258

Hours: 11am-08pm daily (till 9pm Friday, Saturday)

Prices: Potato bolani (stuffed flatbread), \$10.99; four sambosas, \$7.49; chicken kabob, \$11.99; lamb kabob, \$13.99; Baba Kabob sandwich (gyro meat, chicken shawarma, fries), \$9.99; mantu (dumplings, garlic sauce), \$15.99; kabuli (brown rice, carrots, raisins, lamb shank), \$14.99; chicken shawarma salad, \$10.99

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Fried chicken gets caviar treatment at Naegi

Elaborate green and black graffitied monikers float like crumpled leaves through a landscape of clouded mountain peaks, pink cherry blossoms, and blue waterfalls. The vibrant mural covers the broad, flat side wall of the stand-alone storefront, a block west of the Coast Highway (626 South Tremont Street, Oceanside). The product of a recent live art performance, its more colorful elements were added in deference to the building's imminent future as a Japanese fine dining restaurant, Matsu.

a year ago providing fried chicken meals to food insecure residents from his kitchen post at Mission Avenue Grill. That's where a growing interest in Japanese cuisine prompted Eick to introduce the Matsu concept, as a *prix fixe* pop-up restaurant charging \$120 per person.

Two years later, the upscale Matsu (what the Japanese call a pine tree) is waiting on an alcohol license, and will open as soon as late August or September. Until it does, Eick will use its kitchen to operate Naegi (Japanese for sapling).

Though Naegi is only at this property temporarily, Eick has wider plans for the casual concept and is actively seeking multiple locations for it around San Diego (though the proud local is determined to launch first in Oceanside). The restaurant's focus is *karaage*, better known as the Japanese fried chicken familiar from many a ramen and sushi menu.

At Naegi, this means marinating chicken in a *shio* blend of *koji* and *shoyu* for up to three days, prior to frying in a crisp potato starch crust.



A *karaage* fried chicken sandwich topped with sturgeon caviar.

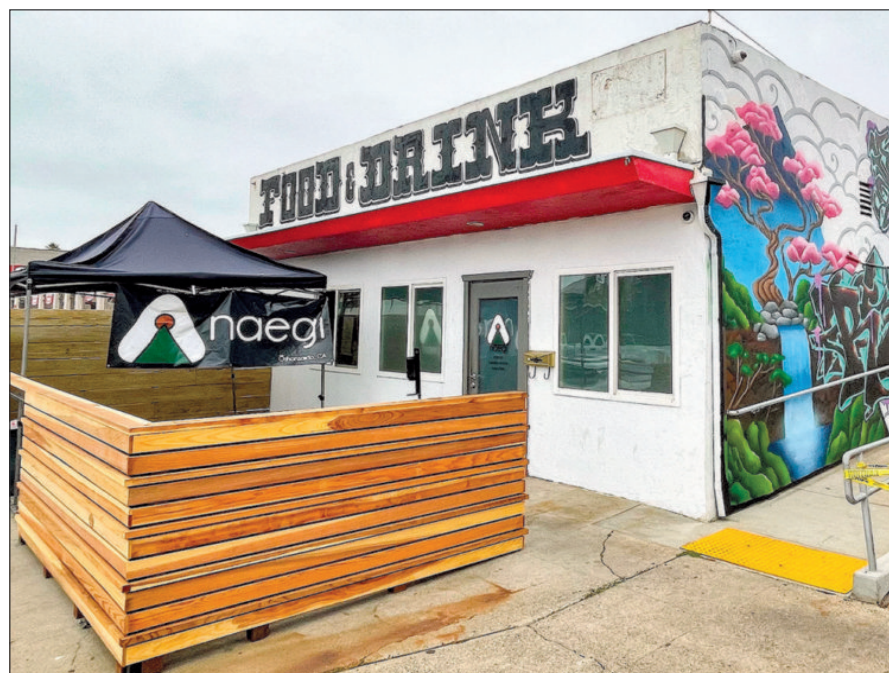
But first, and for this summer only, it's a fried chicken pop-up restaurant called Naegi. And not only does Naegi offer the best fried chicken sandwich in the county (for \$8) — for an extra \$20, you can make it the most indulgent chicken sandwich in the county, thanks to the option to add sturgeon caviar.

Both the Matsu and Naegi concepts are the work of Oceanside chef William Eick, last seen

You can order a whole bird for \$29, or order chicken pieces of your choice: a single breast (\$8), or pairs of thighs (\$7), legs (\$7) and wings (\$7).

The \$8 “famous *karaage* sando” features a thigh, dressed with togarashi mayo and cabbage on a house-baked Hokkaido milk bun. If you're not feeling chicken, sandwiches also feature the likes of fried tofu (\$7) and shrimp (\$9). If you're not feeling fried food, you may opt for egg salad (\$5) or *kanikama* (a.k.a. krab).

You may add caviar to any of them, but I cannot argue for skipping the fried chicken.



Current site of Naegi fried chicken pop-up; soon to be the home of upscale dining establishment Matsu (with some modifications to the mural and storefront).

The meat inside is surprisingly succulent and tender, while the starchy exterior adds crunch and a seasoning that offers more complex *umami* notes than the southern fried and Nashville hot chicken styles that currently dominate San Diego's fowl cravings.

As for the caviar, it adds an ocean essence to the sandwich, boosting the salinity and creating a palate that is unmistakably Japanese. Like caviar itself, it could easily become an addiction. It turns out Eick acts as an ambassador for Sterling Caviar, a brand out of Northern California. It will be a fixture on Matsu's menu, and he told me the idea to put sturgeon roe on his Naegi sandwiches is mainly about priming the Oceanside community to associate this building with a place where caviar is served.

Caviar may or may not travel with future Naegi locations, but for the time being, the 20-dollar add-on may be the cheapest way to experience the fish roe delicacy. Sterling's caviar starts at \$90 per ounce, and when New York City chef David Chang famously made caviar available with fried chicken at his restaurant Momofuku, he charged \$500.

By comparison, Oceanside's highbrow ingredient on a casual dish combination looks too good to pass up at \$28. Get it soon — it'll be gone by end of summer.

by Ian Anderson

FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

Dim Sum & Jazz Dim Sum & Jazz every Friday. Fridays, 6:30pm; through Friday, August 27, **free**. Golden Island, 10660 Camino Ruiz. (MIRA MESA)

Gelson's Virtual Ice Cream Tasting In celebration of National Ice Cream Month, Gelson's is hosting a virtual ice cream tasting event in collaboration with Coolhaus Ice Cream for All, Craig's Vegan Ice Cream, McConnell's Fine Ice Cream, and more. Thursday, July 15, 6pm; \$24. gelsons.com/icecream. (ONLINE)

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

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

Street Food Market Lane Field Park Market is a street food market showcasing 20+ food vendors, as well as boutique coffee, with live music from 12:30pm until 2:30pm. Saturdays & Sundays, 10am; through Saturday, December 31, **free**. Lane Field Park, 1009 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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Shower to stage

Singer-songwriter Elisia Savoca, currently living in L.A. but raised in San Diego, has no qualms about being known as the “Shower Singer,” a sobriquet bestowed by her beloved father. Everyone has to start somewhere, and she started when the hot water hit. Asked if the rest of the family ever banged on the door and shouted for quiet, she’s candid: “Yes, all the time. Especially when I was jamming to ‘My Sharona’ or ‘Crazy On You.’” Not everyone complained, however, “‘My Sharona’ was one of Mom’s favorites, and Heart was always being played by my Dad. Ann Wilson’s vocal capabilities are stunning.”

Savoca, who recently gave the world *MANIFESTO – VOLUME 1*, grew up grooving in “Pacific Beach, La Mesa, Point Loma, and Ocean Beach. Sometimes downtown San Diego. My favorite memories would be surfing with my mom at Tourmaline, bonfires on the beach with the homies, and of course house shows. I love house shows.” Dining-wise, “I loved Mr. Frostie off of Garnet. That was my middle school spot after school. Rigoberto’s for sure. Still one of my fave spots. If you want some good guac, go to the one off of Marine Street beach.”

As far as formative influences, she feels like she’s been “a bit too redundant in my love for Gwen, Amy, Madonna, Tyler, Lady Gaga, etc. But they’re just so dope. Multi-faceted artists who bring you into their world and put on an incredible show. ‘Born This Way’ and ‘Single Ladies’ were super influential as a kid, belting out freedom and femininity at



Elisia Savoca: from shower to stage.

the same time. Empowering for a young kid like me. Currently I am stuck on *To Pimp a Butterfly*. Kendrick [Lamar] is a legend. The record ‘Institutionalized’ is crazy.”

She can still recall facing the world as part of her first band. “Ahh, Natural Disaster. My first show ever, when I was 14. I just remember wanting to be there, to make them feel the adrenaline I feel.” After that, she had momentum. “My earlier gigs were getting my feet wet. Everything was [about] showing up and just being there. At pubs, bars, but mostly cafes. At that point, I just needed to get it out and get used to it. This led me to my first headline show at Soma with my second band, The Casualist. Soma became one of my favorite spots: young kids in a place they’re allowed to get a bit wild. My favorite show to date was at Hotel Cafe though, a classic venue in L.A. We brought my homies up from San Diego, which turned into a one-of-a-kind jam session. We hit capacity from walk-ins off the street. Was a great night.”

She makes an effort to vary her approach tune by tune. “‘Falling’ is more of

a fun, melodic sing-along record that shows how much I love pop structure. ‘Youth’ is more emotional, about finding myself as a teen in San Diego, little bit moodier, grittier. They’re kind of a contrast to each other, much like me. As an artist, I can feel many different things, and I want to try and convey my truth as much as possible.”

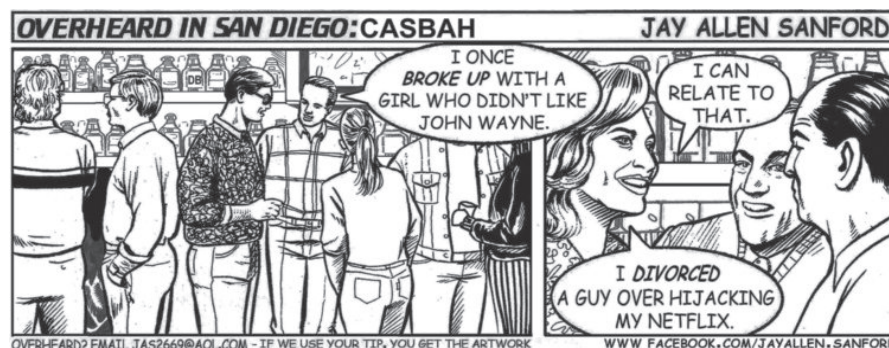
Asked about her post-virus schemes, she’s already got a list. “Definitely starting to think about shows in San Diego. Nothing like playing in your hometown. It’ll be fun and interesting to see what we can come up with, cautiously, but still bring that live juice we’re all in need of.” One of the last local gigs she played pre-Covid was at Lestat’s

in Normal Heights, which recently announced it would no longer be hosting live music. But a dwindling number of local venues will not deter her plans. “I have a song dropping every month, so I’ll be itching for the stage, to try them all live for the first time.”

— Andrew Hamlin

Stay Strange turns a page

Circa 2006, Sam Lopez was in a band, playing what he refers to as “straight music” and feeling as if he had reached a plateau. He felt he needed to take his music in a completely different direction, and had a revelation that he now equates to a scene from *Apocalypse Now*. “Remember when Kurtz said he felt like a diamond bullet hit him in the middle of his forehead and he got that moment of clarity? That sort of happened to me, where I felt like a joker. Like an imposter. I stopped with the straight music and started



going into more of an experimental route, and found that it was very liberating. It was probably the free-est music that I’ve played, ever.”

Over the following years, Lopez would go on to form his own noise rock band, Zsa Zsa Gabor, and would also join two different local, experimental music collectives: SD Noise and Trummerflora. When the latter fizzled out around 2010, Lopez said, “Fuck it, I’m gonna start my own thing.” His Stay Strange collective was up and running by 2012.

Stay Strange started out by booking shows at music-oriented clubs such as Soda Bar, The Void, and The Hideout, But Lopez soon found that alternative spaces were often a better fit for the jarring music that he was presenting.

Local libraries, institutions famous for cracking the whip on any noise

the light shined through, and I was like ‘Wow, that’s amazing.’ That was my first foray into the library system. We had Author & Punisher play, and he blew out all the lights and everything. It was completely awesome.”

All that time in the library may have played a role in what is a relatively new venture for Stay Strange: publishing books. It started when horror and science-fiction writer Patrick Loveland asked Lopez if he would be willing to release his anthology *Too Many Eyes*. Stay Strange had already branched out to releasing music and creating their own clothing, and publishing seemed like another natural progression. Chad Deal (occasional *Reader*

scribe and local musician) released his book *Ketcel* via Stay Strange in April of this year; both Loveland

is just really bizarre and shocking,” Lopez explained. “He’ll make guitars that have tree limbs on them. With him being a book lover and also a noise artist as well, I figured it would be cool to do some sort of noise reading where he incorporates some prose, some poetry, and some interesting scraping demonic noise. The noise reading would be him doing this insane word experimental mish-mash stuff.”

So, yeah, picking out the Stay Strange crew at the Book Fair shouldn’t be an issue. “With any Stay Strange event, I always want to make it fun, interesting, and I always want to do something that is a little bit different and maybe shake up whatever event we’re in. There’s a lot of things that are going to be going on, but I

want to do something that’s gonna be,



You can’t judge a book by its cover. Well, maybe a little, as these Stay Strange offerings suggest.

rising above a whisper, nevertheless became one of his preferred outlets for showcasing ear-bleeding, experimental music. He tried unsuccessfully to get a show into the old location of the downtown library (on E Street), but got a break when a librarian from the Malcolm X Library contacted him via email. “He goes ‘I see what you’re doing, do you want to have a show?’ The heavens opened up and

and Deal will be present at the two Stay Strange booths (in front of Dark Horse Coffee) at the North Park Book Fair on Saturday, July 17.

Encouraged by Lopez, Deal created his own 40-minute soundtrack for *Ketcel*. He will be performing pieces from that soundtrack during the Fair. The event will also feature “live noise readings” courtesy of MJ Stevens. “Everything [Stevens] does

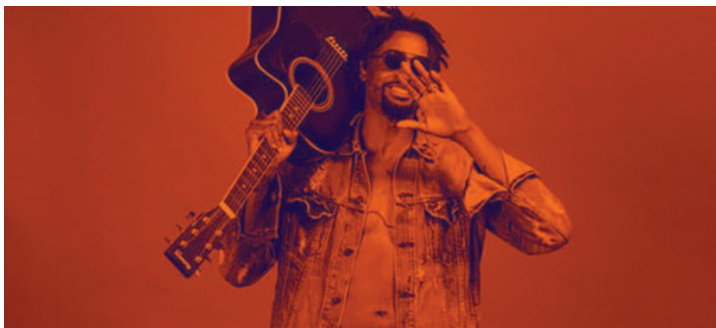
like, ‘Who the hell are these Stay Strange people?’ I always love the fact that people will come to us out of interest, or horror, or maybe they’re offended by something, sonically speaking. I always want to leave an impression.”

— Dryw Keltz

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RISTON DIGGS

MC Riston Diggs (the Known Unknowns) recorded his debut album, *The Blvd Experience*, following the completion of a nine-year Navy career where he served as an aviation administrator. His video for “Post Traumatic Stress Disorder,” featuring producer/singer Sly Beats, was shot at various locations in San Diego. A new *Three Headed Monster* EP pairs him again with Sly Beats, providing vocals for tracks such as “Back For More,” “Breath Mint,” and “Changed World.” “The EP is a celebration of our time recording and working together,” Diggs tells the *Reader*, “a quick capsule of the interesting year we all had for the first

time in our lives and how we overcame it. We were already collaborating way before the pandemic, so it was easier to continue to work during the lockdown whenever scheduling permitted. That’s Sly Beats’ specialty, he makes the beats and adds seasoning to the record via singing the chorus.” Riston Diggs will open for One Hot Planet at Soda Bar on August 8. “I’ll be closing out my set with the guys joining me on stage. I also have another project debuting on my birthday, September 7. This will be a solo project produced entirely by dynamic sensation BNYN. I’m already performing songs from the project at my gigs.”



DAVE KEUNING

Iowa transplant Dave Keuning attracted the attention of 20-year-old Brandon Flowers after placing an ad in the local Las Vegas Weekly looking to form a band, mentioning Oasis. With a four-track demo in hand, Keuning impressed Flowers enough to result in them co-founding the Killers. Keuning just released his sophomore solo album *A Mild Case of Everything*, featuring 16 tracks written throughout 2020 and recorded in his San Diego home studio. A music video is streaming on his YouTube channel for the guitar driven opening track “From Stardust,” directed by longtime collaborator Russell Sheaffer. The animated stop motion

film short explores the theme that all living beings, especially animals and humans, are all connected. “I wrote and recorded this album throughout 2020, I am really proud of the music, and I think it is my best work,” says Keuning. “I felt more comfortable as a singer this time, and also had a lot of fun with the guitar. I also took some chances on some short songs, long songs, and did whatever I felt like. ‘Don’t Poke the Bear’ is a 9-minute song I wrote in the middle of the night and just kept adding parts to it until five in the morning.”



SILENT

A video is streaming online for the new track from goth-inclined rockers Silent, “Empty Spaces,” from their upcoming sophomore album (their first in five years) *Modern Hate*. “For this record,” says the band, “an ever-evolving work in progress on and off over the last five years, the focus culminates in what is happening around the world right now. *Modern Hate* represents all the racist, supremacist bullshit that has come to the surface again as a new form of rage and hate, not only in America, but across the world. The band also considered all of the mass shootings and killings

that have happened across the U.S. over the years. These are some of the heavy influences that brought the band to the idea of the album’s title. Most of the lyrics focus on the disturbing flaws of people and religion, love and dreams.” Jung Sing has been talking up the album with online music sites such as Ordinario Extraordinario and Scene Point Blank, and the band is racking up new accolades at *Post-Punk.com*, *I Die: You Die*, in British magazine *The Quietus*, and elsewhere.



E.N. YOUNG

Reggae singer E.N. Young has kept busy during the pandemic, with a single called “Queendom” made available in both electric and acoustic versions, as well as a collaborative album, *Raggamuffin Ride Riddim*, featuring eleven different singers on his song “Cooyah Raggamuffin.” He also released a remake of a track from his first album, “Wicked Man,” this time featuring reggae star Michael Palmer. Now, “I’m working on live dub performances from many songs I’ve produced over the years,” says Young, who recently gave his four year-old son Sol his first dub lesson. “As a

young kid getting into reggae music, I discovered dub and was immediately hooked and taken into a trance. It was after listening to the ambient spacey mixes from engineers like King Tubby, Scientist, [and] Mad Professor that I knew I needed to learn more about this art. Dub is an alternative mix to a song. Instead of focusing on the lead vocal or lead instrument, dub focuses on the drum and bass, while creating space using time-based effects on the different layers in the song.”



SCOTT WEILAND

In their San Diego days (1987 through 1990, when they moved to Los Angeles), Stone Temple Pilots called themselves Mighty Joe Young. In a 1994 *Rolling Stone* poll, STP was voted Worst New Band by critics, and Best New Band by readers. The same year, STP’s song “Plush” won a Best Hard Rock Performance Grammy. The band’s late singer Scott Weiland will be the subject of an upcoming biographical film from Dark Picture called *Paper Heart*, based on Weiland’s own memoir *Not Dead & Not for Sale*, co-written with David Ritz. “It’s an honor to have the trust to tell Scott’s story and the ability to portray the lesser known sides of

him,” says Dark Picture cofounder Jennifer Erwin, “the loving and tender man he was, the high school athlete he was, the melancholy soul he was, and the legendary frontman that he will always be.” Weiland passed away in his sleep while on a 2015 tour stop in Bloomington, Minnesota, with his band the Wildabouts. His son Noah Weiland recently formed a group called Blu Weekend with Tye Trujillo, son of Metallica’s Robert Trujillo. Noah and Tye previously played together in Suspect208 alongside Slash’s son London Hudson, but Noah Weiland departed that group in January.

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Thursday, 8pm — Sully & the Blue-Eyed Soul Band. \$12-\$14.
Friday, 8pm — Common Sense and the Devastators.
Saturday, 8pm — Mustache Harbor.
Sunday, 8pm — Jerry's Middle Finger. \$20-\$22.

Black Cat Bar:
Friday, 8pm — Super Buffet and Hiroshima Mockingbirds.

Casbah:
Thursday, 8pm — Creepy Creeps, Low Volts, the Loons.
Saturday, 8pm — Shattered Faith and Spider.

Civita Park:
Sunday, 6pm — Breez'n. Free.

Coyote Bar & Grill:
Thursday, 6pm — Miss Demeanor.

Creative Studios:
Saturday, 6pm — Honey: Live Electronic Dance Music. \$10-\$20.

Ebullition Brew Works:
Friday, 6pm — Mitch Polzak & the Royal Deuces. \$10-\$12.
Saturday, 5pm — Robert John & The Wreck. \$12-\$15.

El Camino Memorial Park:
Saturday, 5pm — The 80'z All-Stars. Free.

Harry Griffen Regional Park:
Sunday, 6pm — Sonic Epidemic. Free.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:

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Summertime sounds and sensations

As we are in mid-July, your summer should be in full swing. With that in mind, let's take a look at five pieces of music that inhabit the tone of summer. There is one caveat here: the word "summer" cannot appear in the title of the piece. That rules out Vivaldi's "Summer" from *The Four Seasons* along with Frank Bridge's *Summer* and Frederick Delius' *A Song of Summer* and at least a dozen others. Anyone can Google "classical music for summer" and see lists of pieces that contain the word "summer." We are going after something finer here.

When you think about summer, Russia might not be the first place that comes to mind. However, I would imagine that Russians have

an extra appreciation of summer, based on their winter. Musically, I find the third section of Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings* to be quite evocative of a summer day. Though I should note that this music isn't just a series of lazy naps on a sunny beach. Rather, this is a summer experience that has some activity to it. There's even a bit of drama under the shining sun.

"Daybreak" from Maurice Ravel's *Daphnis et Chloe* interprets the rising of the sun — but it is rising on a warm summer day. I can recall being a school-aged child and waking up on summer days with the realization that I didn't have anything to do except whatever I wanted to do. It was a glorious epiphany, and I find some echo of it



Ferde Grofé wrote his *Grand Canyon Suite* just as the automobile was opening up the country to the summer road trip.

in this music by Ravel. What a gift to regain the feeling of a summer day from one's childhood.

Many of us find ourselves hiking during the summer season. Some hikes are more demanding than others. We might find ourselves on a hike that is a little more than we had anticipated. For the most part, the difficulty of the hike is relative to the payoff. The "Adagio" from Bruckner's *Symphony No. 5* starts off very much like a fatigued hiker. The strings pluck out the steps, while the oboe plays a mournful tune for our aching feet. All seems to be lost until we arrive at the vista and the strings intone a solemn hymn of nature (at the 2:30 mark of the video included

on the website), washing the accumulated dust of the trial off of our souls. We continue on our journey with renewed enthusiasm.

Nothing is more associated with summer than a National Park, and no National Park is as impressive as The Grand Canyon. Ferde Grofé wrote his *Grand Canyon Suite* between 1929 and 1931, just as the auto-

mobile was opening up the country to the summer road trip. "On the Trail," the third section of the suite, impersonates the canter of the donkey train as it descends into the canyon.

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BOOZE NEWS

BY IAN ANDERSON

Half of Novo Brazil's brewing business now kombucha

Last October, when Chula Vista beer-maker **Novo Brazil Brewing Co.** took over the Ocean Beach taproom previously operated by **Culture Brewing Co.**, it had a branding decision to make. The company had been brewing beer since 2015, but a hard kombucha pilot program launched in 2018 had rapidly grown into a thriving spin-off brand in its own right — and was still growing. When the sign went up, it didn't mention beer at all. Instead, it read **Nova Easy Kombucha**.

"I was really in doubt whether to build it as a beer brand or kombucha brand," says Novo CEO Tiago Carneiro. "But when I look at the vibe of Ocean

Beach," he adds, "it's very colorful, it's made of different cultures, it's very open minded." With nine other beer outfits operating in the beach neighborhood, a chance to stake a claim as its first hard kombucha bar tipped the scales. And judging by customer response, it was the right call. Since opening, taproom sales "are basically 80 percent alcoholic kombucha," reveals Carneiro, "even though we have beers on tap."

Indeed, Novo pours its beers, both hard and soft kombuchas, and hard seltzers at the location. But the overwhelming success of its hard booch in the beach community is no anomaly. Nationwide, hard kombucha sales have grown exponentially each of the past five years, and at Novo itself, Carneiro says beverage sales are now 50/50 beer and hard kombucha. Overall, beer still holds the edge in wholesale and on-premise sales. But kombucha is surging when it comes to retail packaging (12 and 16 ounce cans), especially since placing the non-alcoholic kombucha in Whole Foods this year.

"When we look to the packaging side," Carneiro says, "we will sell more kombucha than beer, I think, by the end of this year." Novo sells 85 percent of its booch in California, and Carneiro says Nova Easy Kombucha now stands as the "number three hard kombucha in SoCal... according to [market measurement firm] Nielsen."

While other craft breweries have worked to develop hard kombucha lines, Novo had a bit of a head start. Carneiro launched the business along with his father and brother, who came to

debut each summer, alongside seasonal releases, including this year's cactus fruit, agave, and jalapeño; and peach lychee.

Meanwhile, the beer side of Novo's business isn't slowing. Carniero anticipates Novo Brewing's beer branded taproom at the long-expected (and pandemic-delayed) National City food hall and market on 8th will finally open in September.

Novo will follow that up with an even bigger project in Imperial Beach. Carniero reveals it has purchased a more than 13,000-square-foot property from **Coronado Brewing Co.** A part of the city's burgeoning Bikeway Village, the property fronts the Bayshore Bikeway, the bike path that circumnavigates San Diego Bay. Positioned at the Bay's southern tip, the new Novo Brazil property will comprise a full restaurant with a large patio and views across the bay to Coronado Bridge and the San Diego skyline. Carneiro expects it to open in December at the soonest.

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



When Novo Brazil Brewing opened its Ocean Beach taproom, it was branded Nova Easy Kombucha

San Diego from their native Brazil, where they previously owned a brewery. But the family also operates **KHappy Kombucha**, South America's largest traditional kombucha brand.

In addition to a core offering of 6-percent alcohol kombuchas, Nova has launched an 8-percent, cocktail-inspired line of "sexy" offshoots, so far including a Sexy Piña Colada and Sexy Mojito. A new cocktail-flavored kombucha will

MISSION BEACH

Coaster Saloon: *Monday, 3pm-6pm:* \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft, \$5 well drinks. *Tuesday, 3pm-6pm:* \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft and El Jimador shots, \$5 well drinks, house margarita. *Wednesday, 3pm-6pm:* \$1 off all IPA, \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft and Fireball shots, \$5 well drinks. *Thursday, 3pm-6pm:* \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft, Mission Blonde draft, Polish Pie shots, \$5 well drinks. *Friday, 3pm-6pm:* \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft, \$5 well drinks, Captain Morgan, Jack Daniels, Jager shots. *Saturday, All day:* \$15 Champagne bottles. *Sunday, All day:* \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$12 Champagne bottles.

MISSION HILLS

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MISSION VALLEY

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NORTH PARK

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OLD TOWN

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Mavericks Beach Club: *Monday, 5-6pm:* \$4 beer, wine, and wells, \$6 margaritas and mai tais. \$2 off snacks. 3-10pm: Half off one pound orders of all wings, no limit. *Tuesday, 5-6pm:* \$4 beer, wine, and wells, \$6 margaritas and mai tais. \$2 off snacks. 5-10pm: \$10 all you can eat taco bar. 5pm-2am: \$4 all Mexican beers, \$4 Margaritas, \$4 shots of Eljimidador. *Wednesday, Friday, 5-6pm:* \$4 beer, wine, and wells, \$6 margaritas and mai tais. \$2 off snacks. *Thursday, 5-6pm:* \$4 beer, wine, and wells, \$6 margaritas and mai tais. \$2 off snacks. 9pm-2am: \$3 Natural Lite seltzers and Naturdays, \$4 shots of Jameson, Altos, Absolut, Malibu, Jagermeister.

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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

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A winning Widow

Thoughts of writing this one off were tempting, but the day was hot, the timing right, and the screen large. Was Marvel right to patiently ride out the pandemic by skipping the VOD route in favor of a theatrical release like its DC super-sister? Would this be the first post-pandemic film to draw the masses back to the multiplex? The two-hundred or so souls who joined me inside the big Grossmont for an opening weekend matinee of *Black Widow* seemed to think so.

At its most elementary, the first shot we see in a movie should in some small way set the tone. The logo faded and in an instant, my palms were drenched, shirt collar tightened, and seat back taxed by what greeted me: an anonymous pan-down from the sky. The same tilt of the camera that had for decades unimaginatively kicked-off live-action Disney comedies, episodic network dramas, and sitcoms alike opened the show. A \$200 million budget and that's all the Marvel braintrust could come up with? Audiences returning for a big screen vision were greeted by *WandaVision*!

MOVIES

Fortunately, it got better fast.

In many ways, this is the best James Bond picture since Daniel Craig assumed the role. Imagine two sibling 007s for the price of one: Natasha Romanoff (Scarlett Johansson) and her little sister (a feisty, pug-nosed Florence Pugh). The act of leaving home to find a home among superhero freaks supplies the backstory for much of what follows. What stands out amid the swamp of special effects is

the chemistry between the two leads. (The one message that can't be hammered home hard enough for this crowd is the one about women making choices.) For the most part, it's the characters who drive the special effects, not the other way around. The genuine rapport between sisters is what separates this from Brie Larson's pretentious turn in *Captain Marvel*. It's clear that Pugh is being groomed for a standalone feature. Let's hope future scripts offer her more to work with. Even Margaret Leighton couldn't have done much with dialogue like "Hal!" and "Whoa!" and "Huh?"

Had the filmmakers trimmed the redundancy, we could have left a good 15 minutes earlier. Mason (O-T Fagbenle),



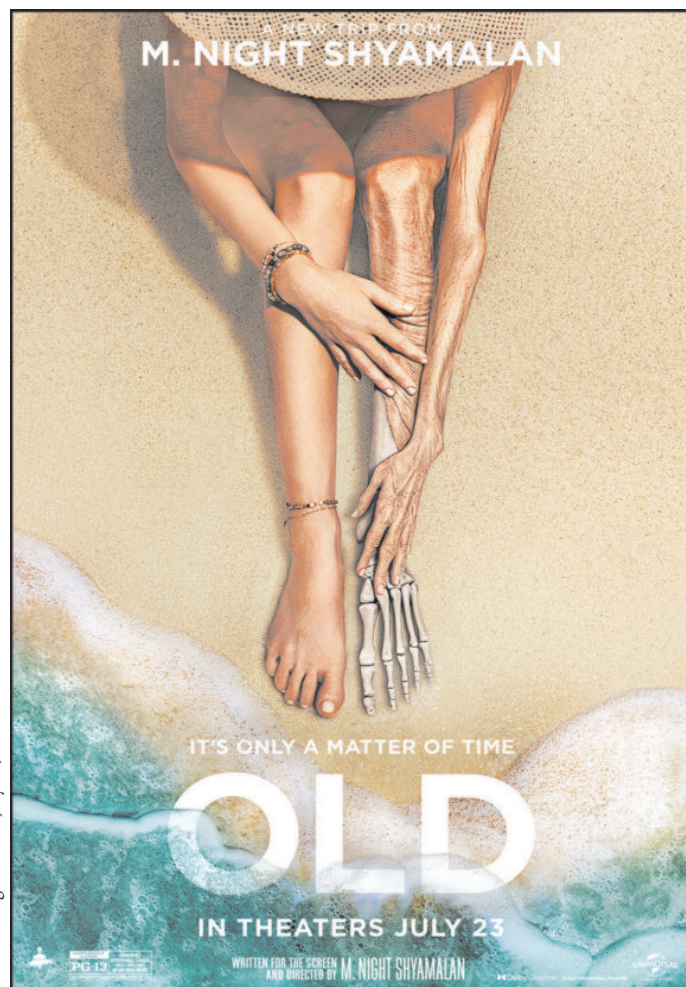
Black Widow: Scarlett Johansson, David Harbour, and Florence Pugh prove the family that slays together stays together.

the closest we get to a love interest, returns to Romanoff a box containing mail and personal belongings from her time spent in a Budapest safe house. Her verbal underplaying of the importance of its contents is followed by a lingering shot of her placing the box in the trunk of her car. With all that effort paid

to getting audiences to ignore the box, one knows damn well there's something of importance in it. Mason is Natasha's answer to 007's gadget-master Q, providing a beat-up chopper when the girls asked for a jet.

Watching an episode of *The Rifleman* fifty years ago at the Goldmans'

house comes to mind whenever I pay a visit to the MCU. During the climactic showdown, Chuck Connors hears the villain tiptoeing across the roof above. No sooner did dad Irv Goldman yell "Shoot through the wood!" than Connors aimed and fired his gun skyward to take out his target.



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Moments like this are geared to make even the most undemanding viewer among us feel one step ahead of the game. *Black Widow* is padded with at least a half-dozen obviously foreshadowed “Irv Goldman moments.” At least these digressions involve some thought on the part of the audience. One guesses that for all the times the filmmakers spent tricking viewers into feeling smart, they’ll be forgiven when they slip in something blatantly stupid in order to facilitate dad Alexi’s jail-break: the prison guards are too busy chowing down on the pastries in his CARE package to bother examining the Avengers doll contained within.

If there is one thing the Masters of the MCU are guilty of, it’s their reliance on CGI as a crutch to tell the story. For over a century, filmmakers have delighted in crashing cars for our pleasure. Since when does an action as insignificant as two cars colliding need to be juiced by a computer? CGI is used much the same way slapstick comedians employed sudden bursts of accelerated motion to get cheap laughs. Only in this case, computers aren’t taking work away from stunt people.

I’m still not 100% clear on the significance of Red Room. At the risk of alienating audiences with unpleasantry, if it’s the child-slavery ring I think it is, the filmmakers should have played it up more. Come for the special-effects, stay for the subplots involving adoptive daughters and their deeply damaged parents, played spectacularly by Rachel Weisz and an uncompromisingly amusing David Harbour. I haven’t enjoyed a Marvel movie this much since the second *Captain America*. Be glad that they waited for the theatres to reopen to release it. Why wait for your living room? See it on a BIG screen. ★★

—Scott Marks

Video on Demand and New Release Roundup

The Boss Baby: Family Business — Apart from Frank Tashlin’s *The First Time* (it’s narrated by a fetus), talking baby movies are not my bag. Adding to the aggravation, this joins *Spirit Untamed* as the second film from Dreamworks Animation in as many months to base a sequel on a small screen counterfeit and not the spawning theatrical release, and it shows. Like any lazily conceived follow-up, this *Baby* laughs at the thought of continuation and character advancement, opting instead for the sparkly distraction of simply parroting its older brother. Ted (Alec Baldwin) and Tim (James Marsden) have grown up and apart. Tim is quick to admit that being a dad is the best job in the world. But his older daughter



Saturday Night Fever made something special out of white polyester and blow-dryers as an extension of one’s arm, and transformed Denny Terrio — John Travolta’s trainer and future host of *Dance Fever* — into a household name.

— Scott Marks

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER (1977)

John Travolta was responsible for spearheading not one but two culture-crippling trends — disco and the mechanical bull — and legendary Chicago showman Oscar Brodman cashed in on both. When it came time for *Saturday Night Fever* to hit the screen of his Lincoln Village Theatre, rather than dismissing disco as a developmental disconnect, Brodman embraced the craze by transforming a portion of the theatre’s spacious lobby into a mini-disco, a giant Lite Brite box located to the right of the concession stand. (Years later, a bucking machine was erected on the same spot to celebrate the opening of *Urban Cowboy*.) Adding to the disco delirium, Brodman raided the Fred Astaire Studio and hired pros to prance delightedly on stage before each show and during intermission. A brace of Tony Manero wannabes in attendance that opening night pelted the entertainers with a steady stream of discouraging heckles. But like bossman Astaire, the duo’s smiles and fluid moves remained undithered. No one expected a film about a short-lived fad to have such staying power,

but this is one that gets better with time. Had it not been for the film, and the \$285 million it took in, disco would have been dead by 1977. We open memorably on a paint run through the streets of Brooklyn that invites audiences to follow the bouncing can rhythmically dangling from store clerk Tony Manero’s (Travolta) hand. Travolta oozes seductiveness, so much so that it’s



Saturday Night Fever: nothing breaks a fever like a slider!

almost easy to overlook the more repugnant aspects of his personality: Tony’s joke about a customer’s wife’s ass finds the shnook on the receiving end of the gag laughing and patting him on the shoulder on his way out the door. Paramount had no faith in the production. The suits considered it a “vulgar little movie” with little to redeem it. As if chain-smoking weren’t enough to earn the film its R rating, Manero is a confirmed sexist, racist, and gay-basher who resorts to attempted rape when he doesn’t get his way. And yet screenwriter Norman Wexler’s dialogue remains as fresh as the day it was written. Travolta fought hard not to sweeten Tony, and if there’s one thing on which to pin the film’s success, it’s the entirely fair approach it takes to the characters. The term “dansi-

cal” — a musical without singing — was a new one on me, but the genre fits. The “Night Fever” number offers a welcome respite from the reality that engulfs it. Wexler’s script honors Tony’s point-of-view. Apart from one moment featuring older brother Frank (Martin Shaker), Tony appears in every scene. As for Frank, back living with his parents after resigning from the priesthood, it seems he had long lost his calling. The little belief left in him stemmed from buying into his parent’s bragging rights to having a priest for a kid. There’s a side of Tony that’s happy his brother is no longer the #1 son: his leaving the Church evens the

score a bit, or as Tony says, “If you ain’t so good, I ain’t so bad.” The biggest risk was the casting of unknown Karen Lynn Gorney as Tony’s love interest, Stephanie. Though nine years Travolta’s senior in real life, Gorney is called upon to play a character just one year older than Tony. Apparently, audiences of the day were unwilling to buy into a May-December romance. We’ll close with a cherished anecdote that was confirmed by the man who originated it: Roger Ebert, while in town for the 2006 Country Fair. His critical better-half and *Saturday Night Fever* groupie Gene Siskel bought Travolta’s iconic white suit at a charity auction. Upon learning this, Ebert quipped, “Anyone who would pay \$2000 for John Travolta’s suit from *Saturday Night Fever* has snot for brains.”

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Ted. The movie never finds a story on which to string it’s only sporadically amusing series of gags. For adults looking to experience the feel of being buried eyeball deep in a digitally enhanced ball pit for nearly two hours, look no further. 2021. — S.M. ●

Die in a Gunfight — We come galloping out of the gate, practically tripping over an overabundance of cracker-barrel narration (spoken by Billy Crudup) and characters’ names spelled out in the corners of the frame. In the numerous physical altercations

Ben Gibbon (Diego Boneta) has been in since the age of five, the win to loss ratio stands at 0 to 723. The son of an obnoxiously wealthy telecommunications magnate, poor little rich boy Ben won the lottery the day he was born. With nothing in life to motivate him, the closest our masochistic heir gets to experiencing human feeling are the constant slugfests he provokes. Even his choice of girlfriends — Mary (Alexandra Daddario), the daughter of Ben’s father’s bitter rival, is his perfect fit — sparks a blood feud. The couple’s elopement kicks off a downhill race between modern-day Montagues and Capulets towards a decisive face-off between the lovers and the carnivalist assembly of hitmen hired by their parents to permanently annul the marriage. The romantic chemistry is potent and director Collin Schiffl and *Ant-Man and the Wasp* scribes Andrew Barrer and Gabriel Ferrari steep their latest action comedy in color-drenched panels. Alas, they do so without stopping long enough to smell the satire inherent in what could have been a comic book clash between CNN and Fox News. 2021. — S.M. ★★

Lydia Lunch: The War is Never Over

— A 75-minute crash course on the 62-year-old singer, poet, and performance artist for those, like me, familiar with the name but not the work. You’ve heard of New Wave? Lydia’s aggressively insane contributions to music — she champions “unlistenability and unpopularity” — fall under the category No Wave. It’s a rare case that finds me loving an artist and not their art. The sound of her voice hit my ears with the similarly unpleasant sonorousness of a tray of silverware being hurled off a 20-story building. She became sexually promiscuous “in order to wash the taste of my father off my hands” and was strong enough to transform his unspeakable acts into her art. Lydia didn’t eff her way to the top; people effed her to get to the top. Former band mate Jim Sclavunos reveals that one of the prerequisites to joining the band was his agreeing to allow Lydia to relieve him of his virginity. Unable to perform on the spot, an appointment was set for the defloration. He brought the Redi Whip, Coca-Cola, and gum as requested, but rather than seeing them incorporated into the sex act as expected, they turned out to be Lunch’s dinner. Much of what comes out of her mouth is meant to shock, none more than her thoughts on Harvey Weinstein’s victims. (“They couldn’t crack the *** of a fat man in a bathrobe?”) And how can you not love someone who describes the cop who assaulted her as “Robert Blake with a cheese-grater complexion.” Beth B directs. 2019. — S.M. ★★

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PERSONALS

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Thank You for all you did in life. I remember giving you \$100 in 1982- for your "village"- You did good works. Enjoy your wings! R.I.P

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

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PLEASE KNOW That was probably all me. Ive had quite a life things, people just don't do

and or even know about many many. It's not unheard of that they might bring unusual to the norm stuff around. I don't doubt things others just wouldn't think etc. So I realize ok.

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TAKE CARE OF YOUR "ELDER SELF" Always keep in mind, He or She will be old and frail. What the remainder of their/ your life is, it's all on You, now!

BIRTHDAY Shawshank, Happy Birthday Mrs Jones...69 and fine and your all mine....Gman

TO MY DEAREST RACCOON You're moving on and up and I cant wait to see you flourish beyond what I could help you do. You've taught me more than you know about tenderness, family, and love. I'm eternally indebted to you for teaching me to be more like you. Timelessly, DVD

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REMEMBER One side gets all the hate the other the love so they feel a lot different about things.

SILENCE For me has caused more hate than I care to have and I wasn't even trying. You got a problem with that coward.

ANDINA Hope you had a good birthday and enjoy many more. Brian B

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NOTICES

7/17 COMIC BOOK SHOW On July 17, there's a quaint comic book show at The Hilton Garden Inn in Mission Valley. (909) 929-1124

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Bluefin tuna near San Clemente Island provide mixed-bag opportunity for anglers

Dock Totals 7/4 – 7/10: 5139 anglers aboard 218 trips out of San Diego landings this past week caught 535 barracuda, 1 black seabass (released), 2875 bluefin tuna (up to 213 pounds), 2599 calico bass (1453 released), 12 halibut, 1 leopard shark, 1069 rockfish, 1545 sand bass, 27 sculpin, 201 sheephead, 90 whitefish, 2 white seabass (released), 163 yellowfin tuna, and 453 yellowtail.

Saltwater: The bluefin tuna bite that had been holding off the northern Baja coast for a month or so began sliding north into US waters this past week. Schools have been spotted as close as a few miles off the coast, roiling the surface as they pummel balls of baitfish in feeding frenzies commonly called 'foamers'. As the week progressed and catches were recorded on outings as short as three-quarter day boats departing from landings from San Diego to San Pedro, social media started buzzing about the possibilities of catching tuna from the rocks. That's probably not going to happen, and though most of it was joking (including posts of schools swimming into lagoons, up rivers, bumping into the Queen Mary, and boiling in swimming pools in the Hollywood Hills), there were credible sightings on the north end of 9 Mile Bank west of Mission Bay, and one fish caught within three miles of Oceanside Harbor by a private boater.

The fleet is currently concentrating on an area of several schools a few miles to the east of San Clemente Island and is reporting good action on fish from 20 to over 200 pounds. More yellowfin tuna are trickling into the counts as they slide up from the south with warmer water that is pushing bluefin schools north. Most of those fish have been between 25



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A happy angler with a mixed catch of tuna, yellowtail, bass, and barracuda aboard the Grande.

and 40 pounds and were caught by anglers on trips targeting bluefin. As the tuna are closer to shallower water and near-shore fisheries, full day boats are reporting uncommon mixed catches; the Malihini and the Grande motored out on Saturday, July 10, and returned to the dock with barracuda, bluefin tuna, calico bass, rockfish, sculpin, yellowtail, and even one halibut.

Given that bluefin tuna can often be finicky biters, their current location allows for inshore-type fishing en route on shallower banks and off San Clemente Island as a viable backup plan. This is a good thing for anglers, as when the tuna are in deeper water or further from the landing and biting in slow or finicky fashion, it can make for a long trip with little result. The mixed bag reports from Saturday were no accident. The previous day, the Grande reported just three bluefin for the 35 anglers on board.

That prompted this announcement: "Fish everywhere today putting on an impressive show but not very many willing to bite. We will be trying our luck tomorrow in shallower water." So they headed toward the Coronado Islands, which worked out well, and though only a couple tuna were caught in the shallower water, all the anglers aboard returned with fish in their sacks. As the fish are within 30 minutes of the lee side of San Clemente Island, I suspect we will see more mixed catches — including bass, barracuda, yellowtail and tuna — in the coming weeks.

Fishing Events 7/15: 4 pm – 1 am; Christmas in July Kid's Free Fishing at Lake Jennings. Kids 16 and under fish for free with paying adult.

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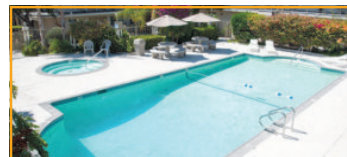
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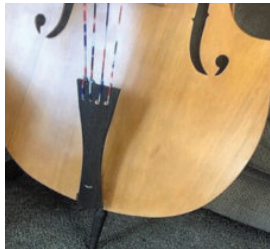
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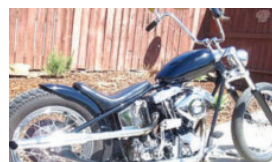


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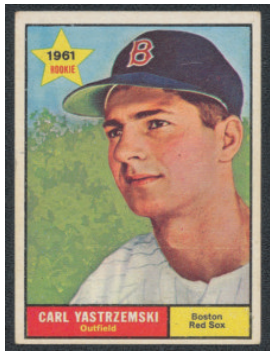
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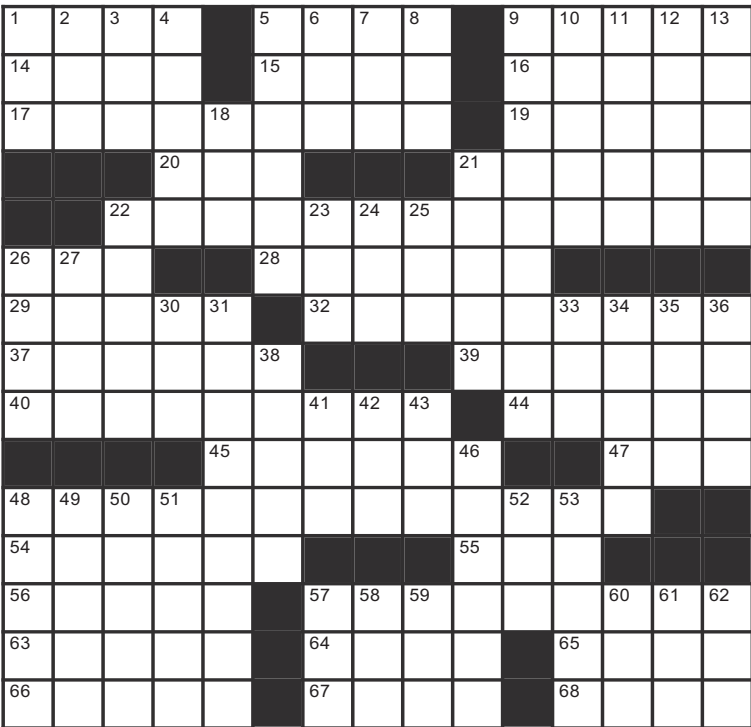
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Across

1. Where edelweiss grows
5. Nerve
9. Burrito bean variety
14. You may save or take one
15. Cookie in the shape of its first and last letters
16. Buck _____, first African-American coach in Major League Baseball
17. His 2007 song features the lyric "That don't kill me can only make me stronger"
19. Some office desk clutter
20. Hawaiian garland
21. Phrase on a mailing label
22. Her 2011 song features the lyric "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger"
26. Chicago-to-Miami dir.
28. Leave
29. "Not for me, thanks"
32. Their 2010 song features the lyric "What doesn't kill me only, will make me stronger in my head"
37. Pumpkin pie spice
39. Dropped clues
40. His 2011 song features the lyric "What didn't kill me, it never made me stronger at all"
44. Milwaukee draft pick?
45. Citrus-flavored soda, on its labels
47. 4x4, for one

48. Their 2006 song features the lyric "That which doesn't kill you only makes you stronger"
54. Give for a time
55. Playful bite
56. "Wait for it... wait for it... NOW!"
57. Philosopher who made a gift to songwriters when he said "What does not kill me makes me stronger"
63. Cook, as mussels
64. _____ American Heritage Month (April)
65. Only state with a nonrectangular flag
66. Yankee Joe whose #6 was retired
67. Guarded
68. NBA team with B&W uniforms

18. Coral reef dweller
21. John's running mate in 2008
22. Colleague of Byron & Shelley
23. "Indeedy"
24. H&R Block worker, for short
25. Lick (up)
26. Reciprocal of cosecant
27. Tater
30. Texter's "I can't believe this"
31. "I think ..."
33. "Snakes ____ Plane" (2006 film)
34. Before a sitting judge
35. "____ la guerre"
36. Vizio or Panasonic product
38. Reach
41. Time off, in mil. slang
42. _____compliant (wheelchair-accessible, maybe)
43. Home of Carson City: Abbr.
46. Passed
48. Quarry noise
49. Slowly, on a score
50. Below
51. Tarzan creator _____ Rice Burroughs
52. Tracy and Jenna's boss on "30 Rock"
53. Big name in printers
57. "Thanks anyway, pardner"
58. Roth _____ (investment)
59. Pencil holder, at times
60. Michael of "Weekend Update" on "SNL"
61. #1, e.g.
62. Greek goddess of the dawn

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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THIS WEEK'S WINNER:

Winners will be contacted for prize redemption.

📧 Jane Underwood, Chula Vista, 1.

Name: _____	State: _____	Zip Code: _____
City: _____	Phone #: _____	
Email: _____		

SUDOKU

EVIL:

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EVIL:

7	3	9	6	4	5	8	1	2
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SURF DIEGO

“Everyone seems pretty chill”

LUKE JOHNSON

Chula Vista native Zachary O'Hara, an 18-year-old surf instructor at the San Diego Surf School, talks about nearby Ocean Beach as well as his local break in Imperial Beach.

His go-to spot since starting surfing at the beginning of the pandemic has been Imperial Beach — in part, O'Hara said, because the temperament of the local surfers in OB can be hit and miss. “From what I've heard, they are kind of territorial a little bit,” said O'Hara. “I heard there's a lot of competition out here; it sure seems like it, too.” O'Hara finds Imperial Beach more welcoming, though tensions can still flare both in the water and on the beach. “Everyone seems pretty chill,” said O'Hara. “You get the one or two hotheads that show up, but from what I know, everyone is pretty much chill.”

On one tense day, two of these hotheads crossed paths, as O'Hara recounted. Things got nasty as violence broke out. “This one guy got pushed off his wave and then pulled a pocketknife out of the sleeve on his wetsuit,” O'Hara said. “He cut someone's leash as they were going by. There was an argument on the beach after, and both guys just stormed off.”



Zachary O'Hara: 18-year-old instructor at San Diego Surf School

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regularly sent letters of appeal to sell or donate. "A story I hear again and again," she said, "is that relatives inherited the deed from parents or grandparents who bought it in the '30s." In those days, Gerson said, speculators were selling 10 acres for \$10 and making it look good on a map — with roads, easements, and access to

services. But in reality, it was never developed, and most of the land remains largely inaccessible. Mineral and oil discoveries obviously didn't pan out. "When they see the land is in San Diego County, they think it must be worth a lot. They've never been here, they don't know it's a desert. They're surprised to find out their 10 acres is only worth about \$4,000." Also surprising — much of the land is in a flash flood zone, where storms can bring two feet of water in

just a few hours. Consequent strict building codes make development more expensive.

Gerson said it would take about \$10 million to acquire the remainder of private land — about 14,000 acres — still mixed in with Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Land close to Borrego Springs is worth about \$400-\$600 per acre, and in rare cases, up to \$800. "We're only looking for willing sellers or donors," Gerson said.

LEORAH GAVIDOR

NEWS TICKER

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before her April divestiture, helped develop the antibody cocktail known as Remdesvir, aided by federal assistance arranged by the Trump administration, per a June 29, 2020 *Washington Post* account. "A clinical trial sponsored by the government showed the drug — invented by Gilead but developed largely by taxpayer-funded agencies — sped up hospital

recoveries by four days. It had no statistically significant impact on survival for Covid-19 patients." In June of last year, Gilead told the *Post* that the cost of the drug for a typical privately insured patient would be \$3120.

Jacobs also disposed of a similarly valued holding in AvalonBay Communities. Last September, the big development outfit attracted controversy when it gave \$2.9 million to Californians

for Responsible Housing sponsored by the California Apartment Association, a political committee. The group opposed the ultimately defeated Prop 21 state-wide rent control measure.

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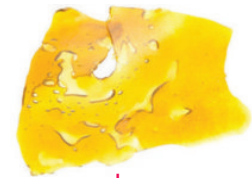
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