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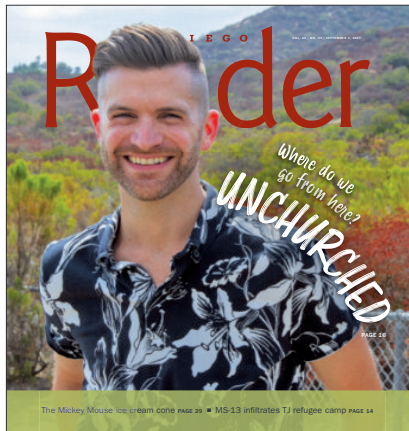
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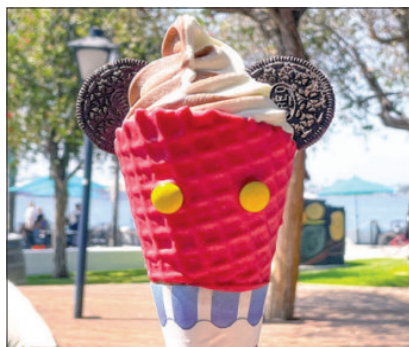
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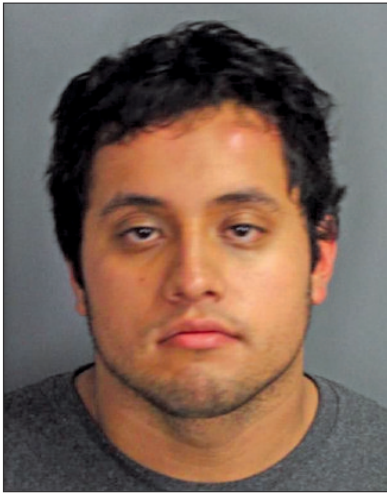
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OCEANSIDE

Make the call, take the fall

Jailed felon asks mother of his baby to be owner of his gun

On March 27, 2017, Roberto Flores made a collect call from the jail in Vista where he was incarcerated to his girlfriend Lizzie in Oceanside. They talked for more than 20 minutes; the call cost her about twelve dollars. Per the jail's routine, the call was recorded, and a prosecutor later used Roberto's statements from the conversation as evidence against him.



Roberto Flores, penal papa

Roberto Ignacio Flores, 25, was recorded at the beginning of the call identifying himself as "Miranda Rights." When he got through to Lizzie, he asked, "Hello beautiful. What are you doin'?" She answered, "I'm currently changing our son's diaper." She had recently given birth; their son was just four days old. (The baby could be heard making pleasant baby noises, but the jail's background clatter was loud — Roberto said "Huh?" or "What?" or "I can't hear you" at least 37 times during their conversation.)

Flores quickly moved the conversation from his baby to the items which the police had confiscated from the baby's room four days earlier — the day that he was arrested. His in-laws had found an illegal weapon, body armor, and other items hidden behind a bookcase while they were tidying up the room for the new baby's arrival. "I want you to tell me if you're going to take ownership of that property, because none of that property is illegal for somebody that doesn't have a



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felony," Flores told Lizzie. Flores was a felon, and because of his prior convictions, he was not allowed to be in possession of a firearm. But the young mother had no criminal record at all.

Lizzie hesitated; her baby started crying. Then she told the child's father, "I don't think

there in front of him. I want you to tell him personally I'mma be out, 'cause whatever he's thought he was gonna accomplish with his setup, it didn't work. And it's not gonna work. And I need you to claim that property so you can sell that property. I mean, sell it for what it's worth, because that's a thousand-dollar,

"Because he has made me go through something that I know that shouldn't have been. This is doing me dirty."

that my Dad will let me. I'll try."

Flores complained that the weapon had been confiscated and would be held as evidence if Lizzie did not claim it. "So that's a lot of money that's gonna go down the drain. Nothing of it is illegal." He wanted Lizzie to tell authorities that he did not live there with her, at her family's home. "I don't even know the address there," he declared.

He then seemed to threaten Lizzie's brother; perhaps he believed he was the one



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who had snitched on him. "Just tell him that they might release me today or tomorrow, and I hope to God he, uh, has something to tell me when I'm there." The recording captured Lizzie's loud sigh in response. It had not been her brother who tipped off the police, but no one bothered to tell Roberto, and he continued, "Because he has made me go through something that I know that shouldn't have been. This is doing me dirty. Like really dirty. You just tell him that I'mma be out, if I'm not out today, I'mma be out in less than a month. Yeah, I'm gonna walk it home or I'm gonna take the bus to you, and I'mma be right

ARs aren't cheap, supposedly... that's over a thousand dollars' worth of value that they want to keep illegally through their search and seizure."

Lizzie soothed her baby and said, "Uh huh."

Flores wanted to know if Lizzie had given permission to police to search the baby's room, which was also her bedroom. "I didn't say anything," she answered. "I wasn't here." (Lizzie was still at hospital with their baby when police came to her home.) Roberto complained again that he was not able to hear her, and Lizzie whispered, "I know. I'm trying to be quiet, because if I say anything any louder, anything, they'll tell my friends I'm talking to you." Apparently people who knew Lizzie didn't think that talking to Flores was a good thing for her.

But Roberto just wanted to know "if you're gonna do that for me or not? If you're gonna, tell me if you're gonna take that property or not? It's just a yes or a no."

Lizzie hesitated, and then replied, "I want to, but I don't know if my Dad will let me, is the thing."

Flores pressed her, "As my partner, are you? Yes or no?"

Lizzie sighed, then said, "Sure. Yeah, I guess."

Roberto Flores was in custody for felony possession of assault weapon for about one month. He was released on bail, and was at liberty three months later when he drove his car into an Oceanside motorcycle cop on June 19, 2017. Following that, Flores was convicted of attempted murder of a police officer and possession of illegal weapon, along and other charges. But those convictions were overturned on a legal technicality by a Cali-

fornia appellate court, and Roberto got a new trial in August 2021. During the retrial, the weapon was presented in court as evidence. Prosecutor Keith Watanabe took the long, black firearm out of a cardboard box and held it aloft for the jury to see. At the same moment, everyone in the jury box shifted in their seats; the substantial weapon had made an impression. An expert testified as to why the weapon was considered an illegal assault weapon in California. He wrote a report and made a brief summary to the jury. The problems were

related to the lack of a serial number, the ammo magazine, the pistol grip, a perforated shroud on the barrel, and other issues.

The jury deliberated for less than one hour before unanimously agreeing that Roberto Flores, now 30, was guilty of both felony charges. Flores will be sentenced for the illegal weapon charges, plus the attempted murder of the Oceanside cop and his other convictions, on the morning of September 7, 2021. The case will be presided over by the same judge who heard his retrials, the Honorable Carlos Armour

EVA KNOTT

CLAIREMONT

Air scare

Report compares airport-adjacent air to Flint water

Efforts to bring unleaded fuel to Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport have had little impact thus far. But a study of an airport less than half its size is raising new concerns about the effects of lead exposure on children.

On Aug. 24, a petition was filed by Earthjustice, Santa Clara County, and community groups that include the Montgomery Gibbs Environmental Coalition, urging the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate lead in airplane fuel. Even though it's been 25 years since lead was removed from gas used in autos, aviation fuel (known as "avgas") still relies on it. Today, most airborne lead in the U.S. comes from aircraft. The groups filed the petition after a study that reviewed 10 years of data from Santa Clara County found that blood lead level increases in children downwind of Reid-Hillview Airport are similar to those seen in the Flint, Michigan water crisis. "We are not aware of any studies measuring the blood lead levels of children near San Diego airports," says Kelly Lester, one of the attorneys leading the case. But two other studies have measured blood lead levels of children around airports where leaded avgas is used, and the news was no better in those cases. Each showed that children who lived close to the airport had higher levels of lead in their blood.

Clairemont's eastern boundary is directly in the flight path of northbound takeoffs from Montgomery-Gibbs. According to the Mont-

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gomery Gibbs Environmental Coalition, it is home to twelve elementary schools, two middle schools, and two high schools. Serra Mesa, which also borders the airport, has homes situated only one city block from the entrance to the airport. One of the six Serra Mesa elementary schools is within a half-mile of the airport, and is located under the

fuel. Officials have said such changes are four to five years away. Currently, Indiana-based Swift Fuels is the only company in the U.S. selling unleaded aviation gasoline, known as UL94 avgas, which has been available since 2015. Airport officials have raised issues about the cost to transport the fuel from the Midwest, the need for dedicated tanks for the unleaded gas, and concerns about intermixing leaded and unleaded fuels.

“Many small planes aren’t FAA-approved to use this fuel, which now serves up to 66 percent of the U.S. piston fleet,” says Chris D’Acosta, CEO



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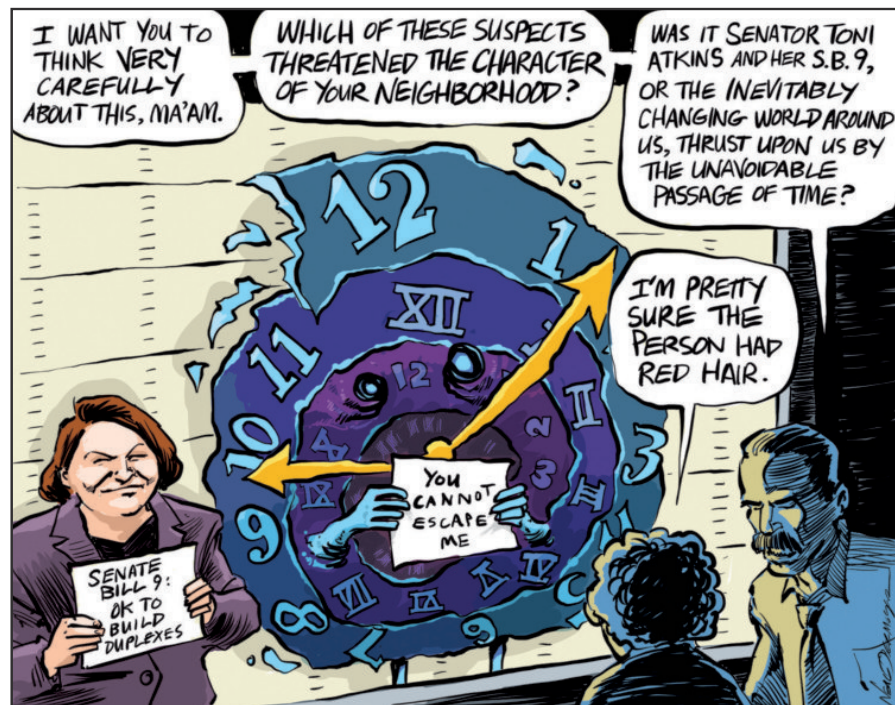
takeoff pattern of east- and southbound planes, as well as touch and go flight school operations. Two private schools are located even closer to the airport boundary.

Lead, a potent neurotoxin that can cause learning delays and other health problems, builds up in the body over time. Of the top 15 airports with the highest lead emissions across the country, two are in San Diego County. A new lease approved in April for Montgomery Gibbs contains no requirement to phase out avgas or introduce unleaded

of Swift Fuels. “Commingling of 100LL (leaded) and UL94 unleaded avgas in the wing tank of an aircraft is 100 percent safe – as long as the aircraft and engine are approved for the use of UL94,” he says. “The pilots who use my fuel know the process for their aircraft. They follow FAA-required instructions.” D’Acosta adds that he is the “sole party responsible for determining the cost of UL94 fuel delivered to any airport.”

Jorge Rubio, airport deputy director, says that *continued on page 6*

Neal Obermeyer



UNDER THE RADAR

Gloria’s Colma casino cash

When he was mayor of San Diego, Republican **Kevin Faulconer** was slapped with a \$4000 fine by the city’s ethics commission (ultimately paid by his campaign committee) for failing to disclose so-called behested payments for his now-defunct charity, known as One San Diego. The cash came from Camp-land, LLC, a city leaseholder seeking Faulconer’s favor in a bid to extend its lucrative grip on Mission Bay real estate. Camp-land gave the mayor’s non-profit \$10,000 in February 2018, but Faulconer didn’t report the gift until six months after the legally mandated 30-day deadline. A bevy of other questionable donations to the mayor’s charity, including one from a concern run by Padres general partner Peter Seidler, also went undisclosed for weeks and months. “This was the result of an unfortunate administrative error, but the buck stops with me,” Faulconer said in an emailed statement to a reporter.

Now Faulconer’s mayoral successor, Democrat **Todd Gloria**, has just escaped paying a financial penalty for similar failures as an Assemblyman. “We found that on June 28, 2018, the California Charter School Association made a payment of \$5000 to Foundation for California’s Technology and Innovation Economy at your behest,” says a July 9 Warning Letter to Gloria from California Fair Political Practices Commission enforcement chief **Angela J. Brereton**. “Additionally, on August 18, 2018, Lucky Chances Inc. made a payment of \$5000 to the Foundation at your behest. Both of these payments triggered behested payment reporting



Todd Gloria sidestepped a shaming — this time.

obligations under the Act. Once a source reaches the \$5000 disclosure threshold in a calendar year, all payments from that source, regardless of the amount, must be disclosed.” Says the letter: “Your actions violated the Act because you failed to timely file two behested payment reports within 30 days of the date of the payments.” Brereton then went on to cite several so-called mitigating factors to justify why Gloria was getting no financial penalty. “The payment amounts were low, you filed the outstanding reports before the Enforcement Division contacted you, and you have no prior Enforcement history.” But the new mayor is not entirely off the hook, per the letter: “The information in this matter will be retained and may be considered should an enforcement action become necessary based on newly discovered information or future conduct. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future will result in monetary penalties of up to \$5000 for each violation.”

Lucky Chances, Inc. runs a casino in Colma, famous for its 17 cemeteries containing the graves of many San Franciscans, noted and otherwise — including murdered mayor George Moscone. Lucky Chances has had more than its share of run-ins with federal and state regulators, including an October 2008 prison sentence for owner **Rene Medina** in an income tax case. He turned the operation over to his sons Rommel and Ruell. But a January 2, 2020 document filed by the California Gambling Control Commission alleges that Rene was still “involved in the operation, management, and control” of a separate corporation linked to the family. That firm furnished “third-party provider services to Lucky Chances casino,” per the document. “The management outfit does not provide third-party services to any other card room.” The declaration continues, “Rene Medina is disqualified from licensure under the Act because in 2008, he was convicted of three federal felony tax evasion counts based, in part, on falsifying records relating to the Casino’s business and operations.”

Summer’s money District Attorney **Summer Stephan**, the handpicked establishment candidate appointed by the county board of supervisors to succeed her boss **Bonnie Dumanis**, had a good first six months of 2021 raising money for her reelection bid next year. Per a July 30 disclosure filing, Stephan raked in \$236,390, ending the period with a hefty cash balance of \$209,562. At least \$30,900 came in from members of the legal profession, the docu-



Summer Stephan, readying for reelection with a little help from Reagan’s writer.

ment shows, including \$1800 each from lobbyist **Paul Robinson**, Morrison & Foerster’s **David Doyle**, and **David S. Casey, Jr.** Out-of-town donors include San Clemente’s **Ken Khachigian**, a lawyer and one-time speechwriter for Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan, who kicked in \$500...A big-money county employees union has come up with a punchy name for its recently registered independent expenditure committee targeting a foe on the board of supervisors: “Defeat Dangerous **Jim Desmond** for Supervisor 2022 Sponsored by Service Employees International Union Local 221.”

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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Dear Hipster:

Everyone has to pick one, so: are hipsters dog or cat people?

— DYLAN D.

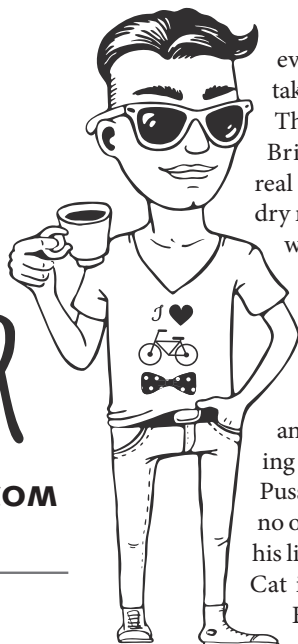
Short answer: hipsters are bird people.

Long answer: we relate to preferred pets on a level deeper than verbal or physical communication can convey. It's as if you can read their little minds when scratching them behind the ears/earholes/dorsal fins, easily establishing an emotional connection with the beast whose instinctive behaviors mirror your own.

The housecat loves what is not. If she is inside, her druthers would be to be outside. Or, were she already outside, well, that's old news — inside is the place to be, now open the DOOR NOW! Cats are natural contrarians, especially when it comes

to attention. She will grease her way around your legs for some pats in your busiest moments, cruising in for a scratch while you're occupied finishing a puzzle with your neighbors who you're secretly excited to hang out with, even though they were weird when you first met. But as it goes, the cat is into being petted, and then she is over petting the second everyone in the room agrees that "petting the cat is really in right now." Respect.

Dogs, wild or Wiener, are inherently pack animals, so it's in their best interest to go with the flow. They are helpers-of and hangers-onto the man with the biscuit, even in fiction: Goofy, Odie, Santa's Little Helper, Pluto, The Doo Brothers,



even the Beagle boys just take orders and play along. The obvious exception is Brian Griffin, but every real dog I've ever offered a dry martini has sniffed and walked away, so make of that what you will.

Now, when we contemplate fictional cats, we find them written as pranksters and solo-acts, ever-changing and counter-whatever. Puss in Boots? Guaranteed, no one told him how to live his life, or how to dress. The Cat in the Hat does a full B&E on some bored kids, humblebragging about all the new ways

to play and underground tricks, and the Fish is all, "No, that's not how you're supposed to play, that's wrong," and the Cat's like, "Dude, relax, I can balance you on an umbrella and a book and a cup." Ok, he was less aloof than your standard tabby, but he was just as unapologetically polarizing. Point is, us hipsters would sooner meow than bark, but probably end up chirping all the same.

Dear Hipster:

I realize non-mainstream sports have a certain hipster cachet, but they can't all be cool. What is the lamest alternative sport a person can possibly play?

— QUINN

Oh. Foosball. Yeah, it's a sport, in that two opposing teams compete for points via established scoring zones. But it's also a game you can win at by being bad. No shade to the foosball legends who would score five goals on me before I could say "nice forearms," but the fact remains that I could likely score one or two of my own by just furiously spinning the rods. It's effectively a dice-roll strategy, but it's a viable tactic nonetheless. I can't think of another organized sport in which frantically choosing inputs for a potential output can benefit the player. This is probably the reason foosball is so dope after several pitchers at the pub: it appeals to the Lush Level of judgment and motor control, but if you get serious and call it a sport, then you're the Germans from *Community*.

— DJ Stevens

LETTERS

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

Surfside punch-out

Some airhead, I guess it was a girl, Ella, is quoted as saying, "I cut off this guy once on a wave and he started calling me all these names." ("Picking colleges based on surf spots," Surf Diego, August 17) Listen, honey, all I have to say to you is we don't make up the rules, we just follow 'em. I've seen people getting punch-outs over that. Look to your left or your right before you drop in on somebody. You could hurt them. So yeah, get over it.

Chuck Cadena

Paralyzing notion

I read with amusement the letter from antivaxer Carol Lencine Thomas ("Vaccine-hesitant comes forward," Letters, August 25). To say it was a fount of misinformation would be an understatement. "It wears off, people have died, blood clot, etc." All with zero proof. I'm sure she's getting all her rock solid info from extremely reliable sources.

She further claims she is being discriminated against because she is "intelligent." Sure. She is being offered a vaccination that can actually prevent her from getting sick, spreading the Covid to others, and possibly dying, but is refusing to get the shot. A real intelligent decision.

Those of us doing the right thing by getting a vaccination have "low intelligence" and are "sheep." An interesting view of vaccinated people from someone spewing falsehoods and utter nonsense. If this were the 1950s she'd probably be in La Jolla holding a sign and demonstrating against the Salk polio vaccine!

Michael Quirk
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"Oceanside comes down hard on plastic" Neighborhood News August 10

Most Americans care about the environment. Most Americans (80%) are also moderate or conservative, and we're sick of liberals trying to micromanage and control the narrative by pushing their liberal views on the rest of us. If I want to use a straw, buy salad in a plastic container, etc. and they don't like it... that's their problem. It's a free country, and liberalism is all about control.

—Socks3742

"Murder brings down price of some San Diego homes" Cover Stories August 18

The double murder of my sister and her fiance at their home in Vista in early December of 2017 would've easily have made the news, however, due to the fires that were ravaging that same area, the story only made the local papers. They lived in a lovely home on a nice plot of land where they grew exotic bamboo, and had a small array of farm animals. I was intrigued by the article and wanted to comment to keep their memory alive, as they are both missed.

—Stellar Torrey

"In the Heights takes a hint from La La Land" Movie Reviews

June 10 *In The Heights* was awful: as plastic as a Puerto Rican flag-emblazoned Dixie cup stocked in McDonalds, barren of any real pain or struggle or truly compelling sociopolitical conflict, Disney Ghetto and ultimately arch-conservative with its obnoxiously familial and sentimental reification of The American Dream. The Latinos I know who saw it said they hated it....and so did several other ethnicities. For someone who seems to want to display their snarky intellectual sophistication like so many oh-so-clever peacock feathers, you sure come off like a picture-perfect dilettante, and a particularly transparent one at that.

—i-yip

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city staff have met with the local providers of retail fuel at Montgomery-Gibbs and Brown Field, as well as Swift Fuels, to consider bringing unleaded aviation fuel to municipal airports. He reports, "The local fuel providers have not provided an estimated timeline on procuring UL94," but staff is considering ways "to encourage the local use of unleaded aviation fuels as they continue to be developed." Cost and availability have presented challenges, he says, "but as time goes by, those are hurdles the providers and manufacturers are overcoming. Locally, additional fuel storage tanks would also need to be planned out and built."

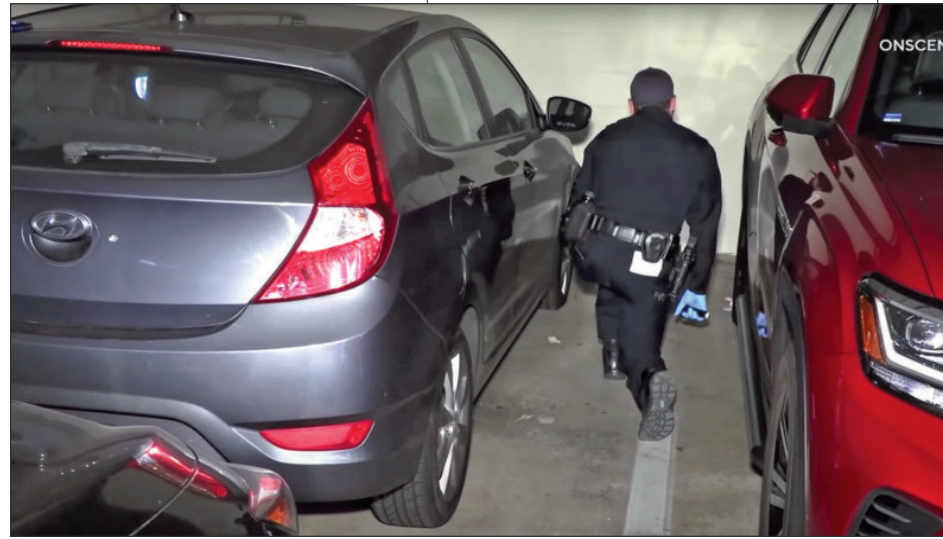
Unfortunately, there are no clear answers as to how long that implementation of the petition's recommendation will take even if it succeeds, Lester says. Before the EPA makes an endangerment finding, they will give notice to the public and accept comments on the agency's action. Once they have made the endangerment finding, it will go through a new rulemaking process for the emissions standards, along with more public input before finalizing any standards. There are no explicit deadlines, but the law requires a "reasonable" time frame, she says. "It will likely be a few years before there are changes at the airports."

SHEILA PELL

UNDER THE HOOD

Cat for plat plot goes splat Car falls on would-be catalytic converter thief

On August 15, shortly before 6:30 am, Cindy Morton said she heard a man screaming, "Help, help, help!" from the tandem parking spots underneath her Mission Heights apartment complex in Mission Valley. "I ran down, came out here, and found the man underneath the car," Morton later explained to an OnSceneTV cameraman. "He was



SDPD- "Thanks, jack!"

trapped; he said he can't breathe and said, 'Lift the car!' So I called 911." Minutes later, the San Diego Police Department pulled up, followed by San Diego Fire-Rescue Department personnel. "They said they thought he was stealing the [catalytic] converter from

happens all the time."

California leads the nation in the number of catalytic-converter-theft reports. Per *BeenVerified.com*, the state had 8031 cat thefts from January to June 20 of 2021, far surpassing the 6021 thefts through all of

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underneath the car."

Based on the raw video footage, the unidentified man used a Milwaukee Hackzall reciprocating saw on a Hyundai Accent's catalytic converter pipe, cutting through the portion of the tube that led to the mufflers on the rear of the late model hatchback. It was unclear whether or not the perp was able to saw off the front of the catalytic converter pipe that leads to the engine's exhaust manifold before the floor jack gave out and the 2500-plus-pound vehicle collapsed on him. Fire and Rescue pulled the man out and carried him away on a stretcher. He was conscious in the video.

"It's not surprising," Morton added. "It

2020 and the 1254 thefts in 2019.

Last month, about 25 miles north of the Mission Valley theft attempt, the Escondido Police Department arrested three individuals with "eight catalytic converters, burglary tools, and other evidence" inside their getaway vehicle. And the owner of a Honda Element posted to an online neighborhood network that week or so prior, "I was just at Harbor Freight in Escondido, and apparently two guys in a black C-Class Mercedes came up and stole my catalytic converter...right in the middle of the parking lot! It took just a matter of seconds. I drove home sounding [like] a old lady with a mid-life crisis driving a street racer. Apparently, there's platinum in

catalytic converters, which will bring probably about \$500."

Besides platinum, catalytic converters also contain palladium or rhodium, "precious metals that have seen their value skyrocket over the past two years," according to *BeenVerified*. "The theft of a catalytic converter can be done in minutes by culprits, who then resell to recyclers for between \$50 and \$250 per part. The most popular cars by make and model targeted by catalytic converter thieves in 2020 were the Honda Element, Toyota 4Runner, Toyota Tacoma, Honda Accord, and Toyota Prius."

"The first thing you notice when you start the car with a missing cat is the loud exhaust sound," auto mechanic Justin Goen explained to

me in an interview. "Then you will have a check engine light from the missing oxygen sensor, followed by a raw fuel or exhaust smell." Goen's 2005 Toyota Prius was "cat-jacked" two years ago, a few miles south of Escondido, but his thoughts are for other victims. "Stealing a cat from a single mom or a struggling family is forcing major life changes for them — just for a quick buck. Many times these cars get totaled out after the cat gets stolen, and this is harmful to the mid- to lower-income families." (Mechanic Goen was able to fix his Prius with a used Toyota catalytic converter that cost about \$900 on eBay plus about \$40 shipping.)

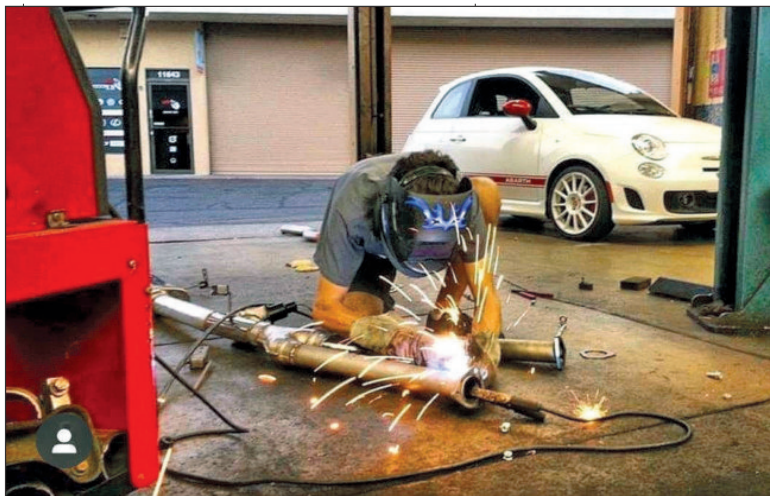
To help prevent thefts, Goen recommends "cover plates/shields that make getting access to the catalytic converter more time consuming, and also painting the cat in a bright color with high-temperature paint. If you have a high-dollar cat, remove it and install a low-cost aftermarket unit; the thief will only get a fraction of the price. I would also consider welding on rebar or other thick metal along the pipes to increase noise and time spent cutting."

MIKE MADRIAGA

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Tools of the trade.



Justin Goen in Escondido, welding a catalytic-converter pipe.



Catalytic converters confiscated by Escondido police.

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

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San Diego book and education characters

“Then there were a couple of older gentlemen here in California, one an ophthalmologist in Santa Monica and the other a retired naval officer in Julian. Both of them took the time to call me on the phone and write long letters. Each had read *The Magic Mountain* seven or eight times in his life, and suddenly they were reading it again and it was brand new, and they were so excited.” **AUG. 14, 1996**

I'm Talking Monster Books

“So I said nooo, and then I looked at her synopsis, and in the middle, she had the words the ‘Joy Luck Club.’ and I got goose pimples. I said, ‘Oh, my God. This could really be a bestseller. This is a magical title.’ And I said to her, ‘We’re gonna call it *Joy Luck Club*, and it’ll be a Chinese-American *Decameron*.’ And that had a magical effect in New York. It electrified people.” **APR. 26, 1990**

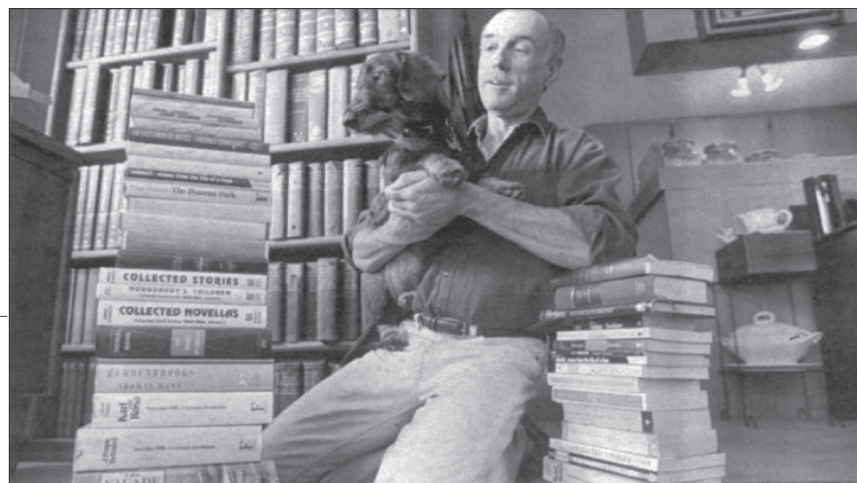
What Greater Curse Than Life Without Verse

Theobald opened a correspondence with Ezra Pound that lasted for years. Throughout this time, the poet was an inmate at St. Elizabeth’s mental hospital in

Washington, D.C., having been convicted of treason for radio broadcasts from Mussolini’s Italy. The correspondence consisted of practically nothing but gossip, literate though it was, but Theobald traded the letters to Laurence McGilvery of La Jolla, in exchange for the typesetting of his culminating book. **JUL. 8, 1982**

The Bookseller Who Came in from the Cold

“The idea of a bookstore had been in my mind all along. Probably since I read *The Razor’s Edge* and *Lost Horizon* and visited those great bookstores in England, Blackwell’s and Thornton’s. I always knew I wanted to study religion and philosophy and maybe work in arms



Woods and Zepp. “Thomas Mann sometimes built sentences a page long. My task as a translator is to take each of those sentences apart piece by piece.”

control and maybe, maybe, like in *Lost Horizon*, have a collection of books and knowledge where not only I but also other people could contemplate problems of knowledge.” **FEB. 20, 1992**

Revelle: Friend, Scientist, Real Estate Tycoon

When Salk soon decided he wanted to build his institute at a premiere site near

the bluffs along the ocean, Revelle ruled out the selection because it was on city-owned property already promised to the university. Six months later Revelle found out through a call from a reporter that the polio researcher had gone behind his back and quietly convinced the city council to earmark Salk’s preferred ocean-view site for the research center. **JUL. 25, 1991**

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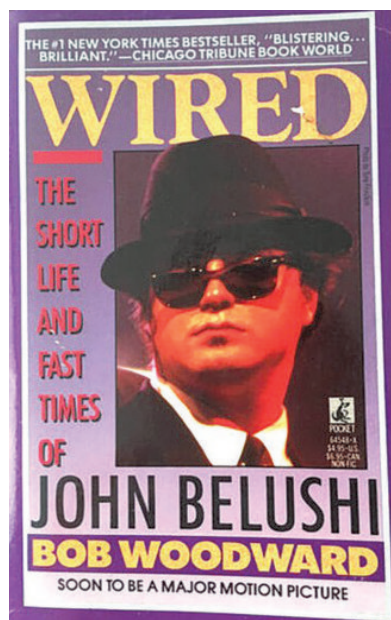
SAN DIEGO IN BOOKS — OUR CITY IS MENTIONED BY AUTHORS OVER THE AGES

WIRED Magazine

JOHN BELUSHI decided he needed a rest, and on September 1, 1978, he and Landis checked into La Costa, the famous health and weight-reduction spa outside San Diego. John took the health regimen seriously — the herbal wrap, the \$13.80 massage and \$13.80 facial. But he had a cache of fresh cocaine with him, and Landis discovered it and threw it out. John complained bitterly. A thousand dollars’ worth of coke had just been wasted.

One night, John and Landis ran into actor William Holden, who was also staying at La Costa. The three sat down for their 800-calorie, mostly vegetable dinner. Holden, who had won an Academy Award for best actor in *Stalag 17* (1953) and had been nominated for *Network*, looked thin, and seemed angry and frazzled about the press and reporters.

“You know they’re going to get you,” Holden said. “You know what they are? They’re vampires. You know what we are? We’re in our homes with garlic around the windows and hoping it will work.”



Being a star, Holden said, is transitory. He had been up, and then down, and up again, then down again, and then up once more. Hollywood was a mess. John loved the speech.

“They’re bloodsuckers,” Holden said. “They’ll fuck you.” Everyone in show business needed something on the outside to retain sanity. Holden said he had his co-ownership of the 1,260-acre Mount Kenya Safari Club, his hideaway. When things got fucked, he said, “I go to Africa.”

John hung on Holden’s words.

“You have to take it for what it’s worth. If they say you’re a genius, don’t believe it.”

Howard S. Randolph: La Jolla Year by Year 1955

NO STORY OF OLD LA JOLLA would be complete without mentioning old Uncle Tom, one of the really fine old colored men. Born in slavery in old Virginia, raised among the finest people (and horses) of this earth, in old Kentucky, he was a credit to those who raised him, and to his race. When one talked horses to him, one talked as one expert to another. He had a way with horses, and the wildest ones gentled quickly under his kind but firm hand. His own beautiful sorrel horse “Tramp” was always groomed to



Howard S. Randolph, 1939

perfection, and was a source of great pride and satisfaction to him.

He was hard-working and thrifty, *continued on page 47*

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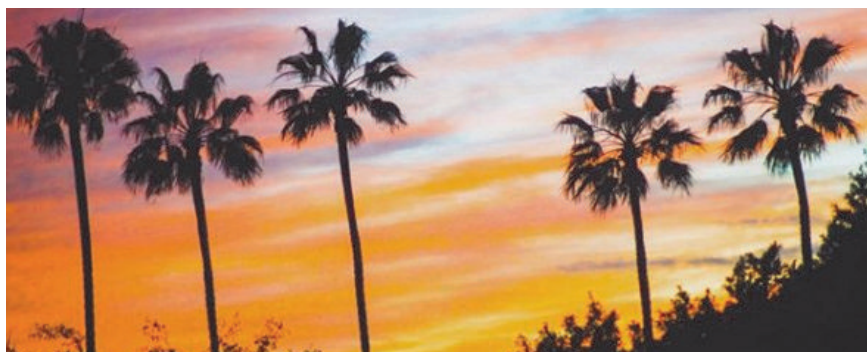
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Joe: the commander, off-duty

Welfare warfare

Evening neighbors' conversation:

"Why don't they get off their fat asses and find a job?" Annie's talking about the homeless people she passes every day on her way back from work. "We can't afford them! I grew up drinking powdered milk. I survived, but I also worked. I have never not worked."

Across the fence, Joe cocks his head. Joseph Pope, who's a commander in the Navy, chief staff officer of a heavy-lift helicopter squadron.

School in Palatine, Illinois. It's a blue ribbon school, so we were able to get this excellent secondary education, and I was lucky enough to be accepted into multiple universities. And I applied for an ROTC scholarship, which paid for all the tuition and fees. But even that wasn't enough, because I would still have to pay room and board at university, and my dad couldn't afford that on social security, especially with two other mouths to feed. I can still remember my father saying to me, after my mother

"Public assistance allowed me to prosper, allowed me to flourish and become a member of society."

He's preparing a BBQ for his wife Jessica and their two kids. The perfect middle-class family. "Let me give you a different perspective," he says. "If it wasn't for government welfare, I would not be here. I would not be a naval officer. You don't believe in public assistance?"

He comes over to the fence. "When I was about 10 years old, my father had a stroke, got sick, and couldn't work any more. My stay-at-home mom had to go to night school, to learn to be an appraiser. But even with her working, the income in my house dropped to a third of what my father was making before his stroke.

"And then my mother got sick, when I was thirteen years old. Lung cancer. And she was our sole breadwinner.

"I was 14 when my mother passed away. So then we did receive social security for my mother's passing because she was the breadwinner of our house. But we essentially lived on social security, and various forms of public assistance, children's health insurance, different programs. And then my father became even sicker. He got some social security, but even that's not very much.

"The point is, we basically lived on all these forms of public assistance, and this enabled us to stay together, and in one of the best school districts in the country. I went to Fremd High

passed, 'Your mother and I talked, and we'd really like you to get a scholarship to college.' Yes, he was trying to motivate me, but also it was, 'If you don't get some sort of scholarship, you're not going to college, kid. The math ain't adding up.' Luckily, I got a Pell Grant.

"I mean, I admire Annie here, for her hard-working, honest attitude. But my lived experience is, sure, you could say public assistance makes people dependent. But I would look at it this way: public assistance allowed me to prosper, allowed me to flourish and become a member of society. Same circumstances for my cousin April, who became a practicing psychiatrist, and cousin Sara, who's now a probation officer for duPage County. So the question you have to answer, is were they — was I — am I — worth all that public money?"

Murphy's laws

"My mama's a witch and daddy's a sorcerer," says Irish Eddie Murphy. He sits down outside the liquor store, stroking his beard.

I offer coffee or Coke, but nope. "I'm going to get myself a couple of cans of raviolis. It's sad, but I saw the 99-cent stuff, and I'm like, OK. Because I've got a \$2 bill. I save \$2 bills. They represent freedom and independence. Except the thing is, in 1776, the Declaration

of Independence was signed by nothing but hemp farmers! Jefferson, Adams, Washington? Hemp farmers!"

Is The Wizard an eccentric? Definitely. It runs in the family. His daddy's name was Irish Eddie Murphy as well. "Just like the fellow that wrote 'Murphy's Law,' which says, 'If something can go wrong, it will, at the worst possible moment.' I pray a lot, and when I pray for good luck, I get bad luck. Which is better than good luck, because you get wisdom. I pray for strength and I get weakness. And I pray for others, and that's probably when I get my most wisdom, because if you want to get wisdom, you pray for poor people. If you want wealth, you pray for rich people. If you want to have fun, you pray for the ladies. They smile at me and they make my heart go pitter-patter. I'm a gifted salesman. I have read the book *The Greatest Salesman in the World* fourteen times. And I'm adamantly opposed to taxes, but by the same token, when I do get wealthy, I'm definitely going to give away 50 percent of my money, because I think it's imperative to give back. When you give, you live." It's easy conversation, marked by these little rhyming couplets.

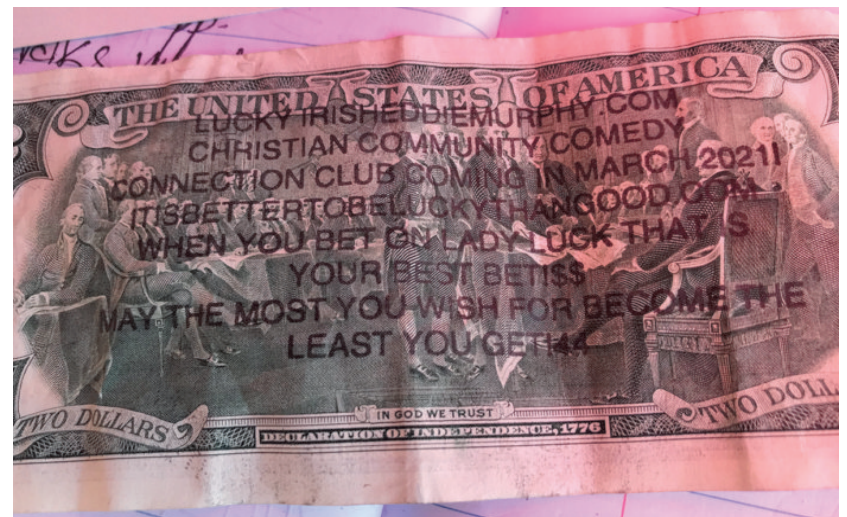
"I'm also trying to learn new stuff," he says, "and I just told the people at the library: they've got an awesome media room in there, but what they do is they let you reserve it for yourself. So when you're in there alone, you can't be teaching yourself. You don't know what you're doing! So I told them, I'd rather have

six people in there. Then everybody's learning from each other."

He also searches for those gold coins featuring Sacagawea, the Shoshone guide for the Lewis and Clark expedition (1803-1806). "On the coin, she has her baby on her back. And I do feel like we need her guidance, now that we're headed for a maybe little bit of war. I'm fifth-generation Irish-American, and every one of my ancestors has been in [a war], and I just feel like right now, there's a lot of people ain't pulling their weight. And it's kinda like what China's doing. They've given us stuff. And when you give people too much, it makes them weak. Because I don't want something for free. As I say, I have my PhD, my Pan-Handler's Degree, heh heh. I give and I take. So what I'm doing now — because most people don't read! — is these 14-page e-books. I'm brief, blunt, and done. I like to talk about situations that cause me pain, and turn my tears into laughter. And you want pain? Last night! These Padres lost by three to the Draft Dodgers. They're gonna need a little magic. I've offered." ■



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TIJUANA

No refuge for refugees Extorters assault reporter at El Chaparral camp

What started as a refugee camp close to the El Chaparral Port of Entry in Tijuana has ended up as a sort of shelter for criminals and gang members from Central America. According to Paty (not her real name), a central American migrant activist who has been working with the migrant community for 20 years now, El Chaparral has now become a dangerous place for migrant families and the Mexican public. “I have taken several people out of the camp at night because we can’t do it during daylight,” she says. “There’s a gang that’s threatened to beat people. I haven’t been hurt yet because I help people by giving them meals, but people are blackmailed to pay them to use the bathroom. They harass girls, and the police don’t do anything.”

Julia (not her real name) spent ten days with her two daughters in El Chaparral camp. She says that when she arrived, a man asked her to pay 600 pesos (\$30 USD) for a spot in the camp. A countryman offered to share his spot with her, but days later, a group of men came to beat and threaten him because he was helping

people to settle without paying. “They told him that the next time they won’t spare him. He was just setting up another tent for a family that was coming. All this happened in front of the kids; that’s not a place for a woman and her kids now. And the police appeared to be afraid of them. Some of these gang members brag about the police being bribed by them, and therefore they rule there. We had to leave.”

One of the gang leaders has already been identified, and he has attacked journalists while doing their work. On August 8, an alleged member of the *Mara Salvatrucha* (MS-13), El Gato, spilled sewage on Angeles Garcia, a photojournalist from *El Sol de Tijuana*. She noted that after she had reported on the state’s vaccine campaign, she took a photo of the camp and was harassed by the gang member, known in the camp for his violent behavior. “He came to me and yelled that I wasn’t allowed to take pictures there and threw sewage all over me. My first reaction was to cover my camera because it belongs to the newspaper. If something happens to it, we need to use our money to replace it.”

About 20 minutes passed before a police patrol appeared, and Angeles told them about the incident. When she returned to the camp and she pointed out the aggressor to the officers, El Gato started assaulting her. “It’s unbelievable that the officer told me that they couldn’t do too much because we could be lynched there. And



Reporter: “The officer told me that they couldn’t do too much because we could be lynched there.”

a woman with her kid in her arms who had witnessed the aggression denied it in front of the police. I couldn’t understand why she did it at the moment, but imagining how it is to live there, he (El Gato) can easily come back and do something to her.”

Angeles filed a complaint at the state prosecutor’s office that took her three days to complete. The office told her to come back two weeks later to see what progress had been made in the investigation, but she thinks it won’t do much — the inefficiency of justice is one of the

main reasons why migrants aren’t complaining to the authorities about the gang’s aggressions in the camp.

According to an August 4 story in *Milenio*, El Gato was detained by the local police. But an unnamed source says he was not held. For now, the municipal authority hasn’t said anything about the eviction of the Chaparral inhabitants, but it is believed that they will do it as soon as the U.S. and Mexican governments agree to reopen the border.

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Where do we go from here?



“Churches still tell gay people they’re bad.”
But not Shawn Burgh’s church, the Met.
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Christianity in America is waning. In 2016, only 26 percent of weddings took place in a church, which seems to suggest that religious matters are becoming more peripheral to our social and economic life. The latest survey from Gallup shows that since 2000, formal membership in a specific church has fallen from 70 percent of the population to 47 percent. (That 70 percent had stayed roughly the same since 1937.) And the Public Religion Research Institute reports that the nationwide drop in the number of white Protestant evan-

gelicals is unprecedented: since 2006, from 23 percent of Americans to 14 percent. The upshot is that the largest single religious group today is the unaffiliated, nearing 30 percent. (It may seem odd to call these people “religious,” but it makes sense when Gallup reveals that 87 percent of Americans still believe in God.) These dramatic shifts started me wondering: why do people leave a church, and more than that, what replaces the goods that membership once provided, particularly if a person is alienated from a specific denomination but still seeks some kind of spiritually affiliated community?

Difficulties with doctrine

One day in 2011, Colby Martin, an assistant pastor in a Gilbert, Arizona, evangelical church near Phoenix, was summoned to a board meeting of the church’s elders. The concern was a Facebook post Martin had shared about President Obama lifting the ban on “don’t ask, don’t tell,” the military regulation which allowed LGBTQ people to keep that fact private but also barred openly LGBTQ people from service. To the post, Martin appended six words: “I’m glad this day finally came.” Martin, who is 29, tells me this story over breakfast in Del Cerro; he pos-

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sesses a confessional well-being, and seems equal parts vexed and resolute. He took his time with my questions, pausing over his bagel slathered with cream cheese. Because of those six words, a storm blew in. Further comments on Facebook hatched his superiors' suspicions, and he was called on the carpet.

"I was asked, point blank, 'What's your theology on sexuality?'" he says, "and I shared honestly, 'I think we've got the Bible wrong and I'd be in favor of same-sex marriage.'" Anxiety rushed in; would he lose his livelihood, his home, his ostensible "faith fit?" Quickly, he told the board he was still committed to the church's leadership. Then he realized that if he said that, he'd be lying. "I'm really glad I didn't [plead for the position] because I needed to get out of there," he says. "I needed to get in alignment." Martin and his pastorship were soon parted. He and his wife Kate sold their home, lost their savings, moved back to Oregon, and stayed with relatives.



Shawn Burgh (right) found acceptance in the Bay Park Metropolitan Community Church, which accepted his identity (the pastor is transgender) and which fit his Christ-centered belief to a T.

Martin, who goes by Pastor Colby, got a new appointment in San Diego in 2012, from which, a year later, he was also sacked. "Twice in two years," he says — a bit of polish on the badge. "I call it the gift of spiritual termination."

Back to the LGBTQ fissure. "The minute you question whether or not gay people can be Christians, the minute you question whether two same-sex partners can be in a loving, committed relationship, you'll be

shown the door." Asking those questions hadn't been a knee-jerk decision; his core beliefs — and doubts — had been evolving for some time. "Aligning my head and my heart," he set about evaluating the evangelical *Weltanschauung*. He took a "deep dive" into the way evangelicals exclude people. He was shocked to find more inequality, sexism, and cruelty than he thought most Christians would ever admit existed.

A common aspect of many people's religious

disaffiliation is the pain of detaching from "family values," bred blood deep. Martin's raising, he says, was that of "typical American Christian family — white, middle-class, in church multiple times a week, Sunday morning service, Sunday night choir practice, Wednesday youth group," Baptist, conservative, "hymns, dress-suits... moralism, the most important thing." At 17, he decided to preach the Gospel, a vocation he has never given up.

Martin's preaching style — abundantly documented on social media and websites — can be characterized by his enthusiasm, his facile delivery ("sauté that in your mind this week"), and his self-examining testimony, which peppers evangelical shibboleths with the doubt-curious faith he practices. James Baldwin said that art's purpose was "to lay bare the questions hidden by the answers;" the same might be said of Martin's sermons. He has "a love/hate relationship with the Bible," he's not "good with prayer;" he calls much fundamentalist belief "toxic;" he likes

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to “lean into the tension” still mushrooming within him, that spurs his spiritual wanderlust.

After his “spiritual termination,” Martin was desperate, not for an identity — that much he had already — but for a cohort. He needed denominational space, even if it was self-administered. Staunch organizers, he and Kate had already inspired a group of fellow travelers, and so on March 2, 2014, they started Sojourn Grace Collective in their living room. The Martins’ “church services” consisted of a dozen friends, coffee and croissants, communion, kids playing in the yard, songs, maybe ten minutes of a “sound-bite message,” emphasizing the crew’s “radically inclusive and progressive mindset.” Sunday by Sunday, it grew; he and Kate served as co-pastors. Eventually, they found space in the Lutheran church in Pacific Beach. Its particular character, Martin says, was intentionally wide open: “You belong just as you are, you don’t have to believe anything, you don’t have to change anything, you are beloved children of God.” The talk at Sojourn’s weekly service swims freely among the secular, the religious, and the therapeutic.

For Martin, “belonging” replaces the traditional puzzle-piece assembly of “fitting in,” a term of coercion he especially dislikes. “We’re not asking you to believe any particular thing.” That’s first. Second is the work of “healing from religious trauma,” which by his estimate affects 85 percent of Sojourn’s members. The collective, he said, “has become a spiritual hospital, a soft landing for people who have

been wounded” by their experience of religion. One example Martin cites about himself: as a teen, he wondered, “Why recycle?” Revelation had already predicted the pagans would burn and that the faithful would be raptured to Heaven. Given that, why save the planet? Such reasoning dismays him now.

I couldn’t help but notice a kind scab-picking in Martin’s focus on “toxic fundamentalism,” which, he says, “hijacked the good narrative of Christianity.” No denomination has, in admitting to its dark side, disestablished itself. There has been reform, yes, but not existential suicide. Martin believes the Christian story is worth preserving, but in a radically modernized form. As for me, I wonder whether the doctrine of God’s love and universal acceptance can still minister to the theologically bereft — though it does seem that the Sojourn Grace approach offers a sort of necessary refuge through friendships and a pressure-free environment.

A Slow Train Leaving the Station

Among the progressive set of disaffiliated Christians is a methodology called deconstruction. A rascally literary term, deconstruction can simply mean taking apart previously assembled structures of value and power. One of the best podcasts working to deconstruct Christianity is *The Liturgist*. A mid-20s-ish listener describes the murk many are mired in. “I’m really grieving that I’m not quite Christian enough for Christians, but I’m a little too Christian for people who are not Chris-

tians. So it’s lonely. The good thing is the new person I am and the way I see the world, and how much more open and inclusive my world has become. The bad thing is, there are parts of me that I can’t share with people who are part of the world I used to be a part of.”

Ryan Burge, author of *The Nones*, writes that its “members” believe in “nothing in particular.” Such identitylessness has its troubles: Burge discovered that Nones are less formally educated, make under \$50,000 a year, eschew politics and protest, and are marked by one word, apathy. Could it be that what’s shaping our post-Christian era is that very little — certainly not religion — relieves the malaise that younger generations of Americans feel?

For some Nones and many other disaffiliated, leaving church can produce, post-apathy, an emotionally raw experience of despair. Eric Wells, a program director for the nationwide group *Recovering from Religion*, told me that he was raised in a “hyperliteralist faith” which included the dogmatic lessons of a vengeful God — sin of thought and deed, Biblical inerrancy, and the promise of a redemptive afterlife.

When Wells quit his religion, one of those lessons took time to unlearn: the promise of heaven and its promise of reunion with loved ones. When his dog Toby died of bone cancer while, he found it traumatic. “I was in my early thirties. It hit me that I would no longer see her again. That last little bit of spirituality had disappeared from me. And I knew that if I couldn’t see her again, then I couldn’t see all the

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other people I'd lost or would lose — including myself." When Toby died in his arms, his "whole worldview collapsed."

With or without a church, his hope of heaven had propped up his emotional core. Disassembling that old structure took much contemplation, as did assembling a new one. Eventually, Wells found confidence in himself, his work, and his associations with "a group of likeminded people I had no idea was out there." Comparing his loss of faith with that cohort of fellows was, at first, like swimming with sharks.. "I'd been taught how horrible these people were." But eventually, he developed a therapeutic solidarity with these former believers, and realized, "I'm not alone."

Reevaluating God and Faith

About a decade ago, after a lifetime of Southern Baptist "brainwashing," Anissa Cornelius, a 37-year-old midwifery student, left the church. No, revise that: the church's vice-grip left her. It's not surprising to learn that took a while, seeing as how her formation started when she was six. Over coffee one recent evening, her Baptist pains now repurposed through laughter, she detailed her earliest memories. Primarily, she was taught this: "If you don't pray this specific prayer, you're going to Hell, because you're an awful person, and you're a sinner." That message, and the rhetoric that accompanied it — sinners lie to their parents, treat their sisters badly, say filthy

words — was cemented in. She prayed every night, and internalized the edict that "sin is sin," whether murder or cheating. "You learn," she said, that "you're the reason Jesus died on the cross."

"You?" I asked. "Really? At six?"

"Yes, you. You are personally responsible. But the good news was, 'If you believe all the right things, then you don't have to go to Hell.' That was my whole childhood and adolescence." That childhood and adolescence included church twice on Sunday, Wednesday prayer time, Saturday youth group (constantly "memorizing the Bible"), Mira Mesa High School, and a Purity Ring. She signed a pledge not to have sex until marriage and wore the ring in full view of any young

man who "courted me." (She wore it for ten years; once, she took it off, just to see what it felt like. No thunderhead cracked; no ill wind blew.) At a Baptist College in Riverside, Cornelius was singled out by male Poohbahs for her leadership traits. She proved herself by evangelizing on missions overseas in Kazakhstan and Germany, teaching Bible study to kids, running the Baptist Student Union at the University of Oklahoma ("it's like Christian camp but all year round"), and majoring in "Christian behavioral science." None of the work was paid. "It was what God wanted."

Throughout, Cornelius heard putdowns of the "backslidden," especially anyone outside the Baptist cocoon. And despite her genial nature, she was criticized for "gettin' above your raisin'" as the Ricky Skaggs song goes. In the Baptist hierarchy, she had plateaued. She heard regularly that she was an unmarried woman, and even if she were hitched, she'd be subordinate. And there were particular, personal criticisms: "I was told I was too emotional." She was positive to a fault, a Type-A personality who created her own assignments, but she said her independent streak didn't fit the mold. As she crossed into "old maid" status at 26, "I went off by myself and cried."

Soon after she did marry — a Christian man, Benjamin Cornelius, who removed the Purity Ring and buried it in Sedona, Arizona on their honeymoon. Then one day he confessed, "I don't believe in Hell anymore," a thought which had never occurred to her. OK, she said. Then Benjamin wondered if



Mickey Maynard's homosexuality did not distance him from the faith. In fact, during a debate on the science of sex in a college Christian theology class, he heard that "same-sex attraction" was identified in all species. He decided that if that was so, then "God will have a purpose for it. Eventually I'll find my niche in His plan."

she was OK with drinking and if he cursed. She said OK to that, too. Anissa had been taught that in the Christian fold, one should be "equally yoked" to one's spouse. Step by ironic step, they bonded by reevaluating God and faith. Gradually, then suddenly, the pair was "yoked" by the specter of religious doubt.

Not all was risk. She said that when she and Benjamin stopped going to church, "everyone bought the excuse that it was too far for us to drive." Friends figured they were church-shopping, starting a family, being in love. Lazy rebels, they went instead to Sunday brunch. They read books: *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr, *Velvet Elvis* by Rob Bell, *Jesus Feminist* by Sarah Bessey. Curiosity was born, "a curiosity that may have come up sooner had I not pushed it down when I was growing up." When the couple's first child Frankie was born, her tiny hands and sardine toes changed everything. (Cornelius, a doula in training, wears

a T-shirt imprinted with a fetus inside a womb, surrounded by vined flowers.) "I realized," she said, "that if someone told Frankie what I'd been taught growing up, I'd be very upset. If anyone said it to my kid, I'd lose it on them. Especially to my daughter — about being too emotional, too loud, too much." Reviewing her life, Cornelius recalled the happiness of belonging. "But the things I had to do to belong, I think now, no way. It's not what I want for my kid."

Tell me more about Frankie, I said.

"Her name is Franklin Justice Shalom Cornelius," she replied. "Franklin' means 'freedom.' She's spitfire and magic."

Now Cornelius worships at Sojourn Grace Collective. She says that when Baptist friends hear about her straying from Christ, "I'm their new ministry project." But the music of that church has died for her: the words to the old tunes won't rise in her throat. One

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other thing: the first day attending Sojourn Grace Collective, she felt free enough of the past to recognize that this new “deconstructing church was *home*; these are my people. We spent half our lives giving ourselves to this one thing that screwed us over until it feels traumatizing as an adult.” Today, she’s an amalgam, “kind of spiritual-ish, on a witch-crafty path, and [studying] mid-wifery. I watch a lot of babies come earthside. It never gets old.”

The Language of God: They/Them

It’s not hard to imagine that people who are outside the norm when it comes to gender assignment and sexual preference struggle within churches that refuse to fly the rainbow flag. Shawn Burgh, a transgender man, grew up in Ventura, north of Los Angeles. His father prayed with him every night. In high school, Burgh found the Assembly of God. “I had a great time,” he said at the start of a sad/

happy story he shared with me one afternoon in Hillcrest, a cross dangling from a silver chain around his neck. At the Ventura church, “I broadened my relationship with Christ” and, “in a big theatrical moment at summer camp, I gave my life to Christ.” At the same time, he was thrilled to discover he “identified as lesbian... since I was born with female anatomy.” (Burgh said that he has always been male, and was “assigned” the wrong gender at birth, misgen-

dered.) No sooner did he meet a girl his age in the Assembly than the pair fell in love. Even during services, they couldn’t keep their hands off each other. One Sunday they were spotted and detained: why all the affection? Burgh confessed, “Oh, this is my girlfriend.” Pastor and youth pastor told them that such expression was not allowed; it was an “insult to the church and to God. Their argument, he said, sprinkled the familiar salt, “Love the sinner but hate

the sin.” Next, the pastors hauled in the parents for more confrontation, forcing him “to come out. But luckily, they said, ‘Oh, we know.’” And that was that for Burgh and the Assembly of God.

When young, Burgh said he knew who he was as a “girl. I was very comfortable being a lesbian, being really, really butch. I wore male clothes, was very masculine.” But once at UCLA, he started feeling uncomfortable in his body, “having breasts, having hips, the feminine

aspects.” It’s called gender dysphoria, an alienation from one’s biological sex. In 2018, at 23, he began attending therapy and support groups, took male hormones, and eventually had surgery. He added, “I am still advancing my transition emotionally and physically every day.” Today, the Bankers’ Hill law clerk, a graduate of the University of San Diego law school, has grown modest facial hair, much like an Amish beard.

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found acceptance in the Bay Park Metropolitan Community Church, which accepted his identity (the pastor is transgender) and which fit his Christ-centered belief to a T. Over time, he has lost the sense of God as male; he and the Met subscribe to an sensibility of God as “they/them.” He characterizes “them” as “the higher power of love and inclusion.”

What struck me about Burgh was the vigorous support he’s had from his parents, college mates, the LGBTQ+ community in Hillcrest, and a medical establishment that offers reassignment surgery: none of it sounds traumatizing. Is that a fair assessment? I asked. His nuanced reply was one I never expected to hear. “Whenever I go home and drive by the Assembly of God church, I feel the hurt of what they told me. I lost a lot of time because of that church; I lost time during my high school and college years from developing a loving relationship with Jesus. It’s a relationship I work on every day. What [the Assembly of God] told



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me still comes up in my brain, but I’m learning I was in a bad church. It’s an unlearning from my childhood.”

Burgh’s declaration was profound. The Assemblies of God’s doctrine stresses the following: “Christ does not discriminate in His offer of salvation to humanity.” It was Paul who wrote that salvation is open to “all who believe.” But the church stipulates that

“the word ‘all’ here does not mean every person will be saved regardless of what they believe.” Burgh believes differently than the church does, so the church rejects him. As does his fundamentalist brother Jonathan, who, Burgh said, is convinced there’s a hellhound on his trail. “I tell him, ‘Look, we both pray to the same God; we read the same Bible; but we get totally different meanings.’” To

go back to church is, Burgh said, “a big stigma in the gay community,” and he feels it. The reasoning goes, why would anyone go back to biblical bondage, especially after one’s sexual and gender identity have been vehemently disparaged? “Churches still tell gay people they’re bad.” But not his church, the Met. “They don’t tell me that I’m a sin.”

The Universe is Not Your Friend

I’m reminded of a biblical prophecy that feels foundational to Christian disaffiliation. It’s 2 Timothy 4:3: “For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.” One such person who has suited his desires and fully itched his ears is the picture-framer and atheist Mickey Maynard, whose dogs, Otis and Ace, cuddle by me on a couch in his very long-lived Sports Arena shop, Crack in the Wall. “I was born,” he

said one recent morning, “into the Church of God of Anderson, Indiana,” a sect identified by place. Jesus arrived when he was 11. “Yes, I felt something” strongly emotional, he recalled. In the church, he and others “spoke in tongues, cast out demons,” which was to him a clear sign that he should train for the clergy. (At 68, the memory is hazy, but he wonders now whether the “possessed” weren’t actually suffering from schizophrenia.)

Eventually, he began experiencing the yearnings of a “hormone-raging” young male. But he found that his “sexual focus turned to men.” It was, he said, “a conundrum for me; people I confided in said I probably had a demon.” But Maynard’s homosexuality did not distance him from the faith. In fact, during a debate on the science of sex in a college Christian theology class, he heard that “same-sex attraction” was identified in all species. He decided that if that was so, then “God will have a purpose for it. Eventually I’ll find my niche in His plan.”

His story took a dramatic turn. Drinking heavily in his late teens, he “got involved in the gay scene,” wherein, by his late twenties, he was shooting crystal meth. Though he was doped and liquored up for way too many years, he said, his faith held. “I still believed God had a plan for me,” though the drugs, “obviously, became a problem.” Not until his forties did Maynard begin recovery. Once in Crystal Meth Anonymous, he heard his fellow addicts talk of a “generic God, a God-light version,” which encouraged him to reappraise the creator he knew in the Church of God. The recovery door kicked open other doors. He began mulling questions he hadn’t bothered to ask before. Why doesn’t everyone believe as the Christian does? Why do kids get cancer? Why did God create evil? “I did the one thing I was always told not to — I listened to atheists. And I was impressed.”

By his late forties, he was fully in recovery and far into the realm of dig-7

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Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

Thursday | 2

SAN DIEGO, NORTH ISLAND, & THE BIRTH OF NAVAL AVIATION

110 years ago, North Island became the birthplace of Naval aviation. Join Larry Croll, a volunteer at the San Diego Air and Space Museum and Coronado resident, as he gives an overview of San Diego and North Island Aviation History. Registration recommended.

WHEN: Thursday, September 2, 11 am to 12 pm

WHERE: Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue, Coronado.
<https://bit.ly/3ymZKPL>

of the Year and Best Alternative Album (*Homewrecker*). Their song “Haunted Heart” was heard on the TV show *Gossip Girl*, and another tune, “Get By,” landed in the ABC drama *Revenge*. Their fourth studio album *Love Luck* was nominated for Best Blues Album and Album of the Year at the 2020 San Diego Music Awards.

WHEN: Friday, September 3, 8 pm

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



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2: SAN DIEGO, NORTH ISLAND, & THE BIRTH OF NAVAL AVIATION

Friday | 3

LITTLE HURRICANE

Since winning Best New Artist at the 2010 San Diego Music Awards, blues duo Little Hurricane has gone on to take home SDMA trophies for Album



LITTLE HURRICANE



Saturday | 4

1904 FC VS. LOS ANGELES FORCE FC

Watch San Diego’s new professional soccer team take on Los Angeles Force.

The name 1904

was suggested by a fan, and refers to S and D, the nineteenth and fourth letters of the alphabet. (To help illustrate, the 9 and 0 in the club logo resemble the letters S and D). Bonus: commenters on social media have pointed out that the number could also be seen as a reference to a joke in the film *Anchorman*, in which Ron Burgundy falsely asserts that San Diego was “discovered by the Germans in 1904”.

WHEN: Saturday, September 4, 7 pm to 10 pm

WHERE: Canyon Crest Academy, 5951 Village Center Loop Road, Carmel Valley. 1904fc.com



Sunday | 5

UMPHREY’S MCGEE

Having been around for over 20 years and with more than 2000 concerts to their credit, Umphrey’s McGee

has evolved into a Grateful Dead-like cult-rock road show that matches an immersive high-tech presentation with an old-fashioned gospel revival. The band, which hails from South Bend, Indiana, is touring

WHERE: Observatory North Park, 2891 University Avenue, North Park.
livenation.com



UMPHREY'S MCGEE

ARTWALK LITTLE ITALY SUMMER SERIES

About thirty select artists will be exhibiting on the streets of Little Italy. The event has been running every other Sunday and is a scaled-down preview of what to expect at the Mission Fed ArtWalk, which is scheduled for October 2 & 3.

WHEN: Sunday, September 5, 11 am to 6 pm. Through

Sunday, September 19.

WHERE: Piazza della Famiglia, 523 West Date Street, Little Italy.
artwalksandiego.org



ARTWALK

in support of their new album, *You Walked Up Shaking In Your Boots But You Stood Tall And Left A Raging Bull*.

WHEN: Sunday, September 5, 6 pm

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

OUTDOORS

Beautiful chaparral on San Diego's lower mountains

Chaparral, the tangled assortment of low-growing, drought-resistant, native shrubs covering most of San Diego County's lower mountain slopes, has managed to remain fairly attractive this summer. Unlike many of the scrubby natives near the coast, chaparral plants tend to hang on to their leaves year-round.

This month, the coppery, sun-burnished remnants of last spring's flower clusters are still clinging to the tips of buckwheat and chamise plants, and a few wildflowers have popped up here and there in response to scant thunderstorm activity over the mountains. To enjoy the beauty of the chaparral landscape, explore the hillsides above Lake Morena and along Lyons Valley, Japatul, and Boulder Creek roads in East County. Or head inland from Escondido toward Ramona or Valley Center. Most of these areas have been swept by one wildfire or another in the past years, but the native vegetation is gradually returning.



CHAMISE SHRUBS, WITH BLACK MOUNTAIN IN THE DISTANCE



RIBBONWOOD LENDS A GOLDEN TINT TO THE CHAPARRAL-COVERED HILLSIDES ALONG AGUA CALIENTE CREEK

Highest Tide for September (a not-very-high +6.66 feet) is predicted for 9:05 pm on Sunday, the 5th. The month's lowest tide (a not-very-low minus 0.8 foot) will occur on the morning of September 18th at 2:40 am. During September, the tidal range is typically minimized. Starting in mid-October, extreme negative tides will begin to occur during the afternoon hours (a much more convenient time for exploring tidepools in the low-lying intertidal zone), and not much in the early morning. By December and January, the highest high tides will crest at nearly +7 feet during morning hours, and the lowest low tides will sink to nearly -2 feet during afternoon hours.

Before and during early dawn Friday morning the 3rd, the waning crescent moon hangs below Castor and Pollux in the east. Far to the right of this tableau, Orion has already risen high to warn that winter is coming. Look far beneath Orion for Sirius. Between Sirius and the moon shines Procyon.

The coming of September means that Scorpius, the proudly starring constellation of the southern sky in July, is tilting over and lying low in the southwest after dark, preparing to bed down and drift off for the season.

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

ART

Art Making Classes for Adults

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

ArtWalk Little Italy Summer Series

Taking place at the Piazza della Famiglia and the adjacent block of W. Date St., ArtWalk Little Italy Summer Series will include thirty select artists exhibiting their stunning works of art. The event will run every other Sunday, giving locals and visitors incredible opportunities to purchase one-of-a-kind art from local, national, and international artists in a variety of mediums. Sunday, September 5, 11am; free. Piazza della Famiglia, 523 West Date Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

BEER

BeerFest Pregame happy hour in Gallagher Square featuring live entertainment and \$5 beer specials from a variety of local and national partners, including Ballast Point and Budweiser. Friday, September 3, 5pm; 21 and up. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

SeaWorld Craft Beer Festival

The festival will feature more than 100 craft beers, wines, seltzers, cocktails and bites spread throughout the park, plus festive entertainment. Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through September 19, \$50-\$65. 21 and up. SeaWorld, 500 Sea World Drive. (MISSION BEACH)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Warwick's Author Livestream:

Andrea Owen Warwick's will host Andrea Owen as she discusses her new book, *Make Some Noise: Speak Your Mind and Own Your Strength*, in conversation with Amy E. Smith. Tuesday, September 7,

4pm; free-\$26. warwicks.com/event/owen-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream:

Meredith Hall Warwick's will host Meredith Hall as she discusses the new paperback edition of her debut novel, *Beneficence*, in conversation with Christina Baker Kline. Wednesday, September 8, 4pm; free-\$16. warwicks.com/event/hall-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream:

Susan J. Farese Warwick's will host Susan J. Farese as she discusses her new book, *Poetic Expressions in Nursing: Sharing the Caring*, in conversation with Laura L. Engel. Thursday, September 2, 4pm; free-\$10. warwicks.com/event/farese-2021. (ONLINE)

Weekends With Locals: John Prather

As part of the ongoing Weekends with Locals Program, meet John Prather, author of *The Jesus Nut*. Sunday, September 5, 2pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Weekends With Locals: Labris Willendorf

As part of the ongoing Weekends with Locals Program, meet Labris Willendorf, author of *How I Became The Love of My Life*. Sunday, September 5, 12pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Get Paid to Talk: An Intro to Voice Overs

Get Paid to Talk: An Intro to Voice Overs live web-based workshop and Q&A.

Thursday, September 2, 6:30pm; \$15-\$30. 18 and up. <https://bit.ly/3yuunmt>. (ONLINE)

Intermediate Liquid Soapmaking Class

Soapmaking 215 is an intermediate-level liquid soapmaking class designed to teach students to safely make liquid soap at home. This class covers the various difficulties faced by home soapmakers who strive to make a truly clear liquid soap. Each student receives a 2-ounce bottle of handmade liquid soap. Prerequisite: Soapmaking 101 or 1 year of experience (at least 5 batches of soap). Sunday, September 5, 1pm; \$82. Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

Introduction to Screenwriting

Introduction to Screenwriting with David Raines. You will be emailed the Zoom link 24 hours before the start of class. If you sign up less than 24 hours before the start of the class, email Kristen at programs@sandiegowriters.org for your link. Sundays, 12pm; through Sunday, September 5, \$144-\$168. sandiegowriters.org/. (ONLINE)

Learn to Fly Radio Controlled Aircraft

The Palomar

Radio Control Flyers are hosting free flight lessons on Mondays (weather permitting during daylight savings time), airplanes provided. Mondays, 5pm; through Monday, October 25, Johnson Field, Pankey Road. (FALLBROOK)

Lights, Camera, Acting

Students will virtually explore theatre acting, musical theatre acting, Shakespeare, commercial acting and film/tv acting. By the end of this course students will have general knowledge of many genres of acting. Students will explore the basics of musical theatre. Students will find out what a professional audition is like and learn how to do one. Friday, September 3, 3pm; free. sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/virtual-lights-camera-acting-6. (ONLINE)

Marine Mammals of California

This workshop introduces students to the many marine mammals native to San Diego, including seals, sea lions, dolphins and great whales. Through virtual activities, students will learn about marine mammal adaptations, such as echolocation in whales and locomotion in seals and sea lions. Friday,

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SHEEP AND GOATS

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Pastor: Sam Codington

Age: 34

Born: Clinton, SC

Formation: University of South Carolina; Columbia International University, Columbia, SC; Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena; San Francisco Theological Seminary

Years Ordained: 6

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

Pastor Sam Codington: The Sermon on the Mount, which is a pretty good baseline for how

to live with one another, follow the way of Jesus in the world, cultivate a tender heart, and practice compassion on a day-to-day basis.

SDR: What is the mission of your church?

PC: We are a family of Christ welcoming all, worshipping God, growing in the Spirit, and joyously serving others all across San Diego. The common life we share, whether through small groups, Bible study, choir or women's study groups, is aimed at gathering, nurturing and sending people out to the community.

SDR: What one book has had the most impact on your ministry?

PC: *The Brothers Karamazov* by Fyodor Dostoevsky. That

was a pretty influential novel in my life early on when I was in college and seminary, and it continues to be an influential book on my spiritual and theological thinking. At the heart of *The Brothers Karamazov* is the problem of suffering, and the problem of suffering is something that authentic faith must respond to. The novel is big and that can be daunting, but it's worth the trip from start to finish. The youngest brother, Alyosha, and the middle brother, Ivan, get into a series of arguments. Alyosha is going to be a novice entering a monastery, and Ivan is an apostate. He doesn't believe in God at all – or at least, he contests the existence of God. Alyosha's mentor essentially embodies

love, and teaches that love is the ultimate response to suffering — our love for each other and God's love for us.

SDR: Where's the strangest place you found God?

PC: God shows up all over the place, and I am perpetually surprised by that. But one of the framing moments for my life was when I was ten years old and I was on the island of Hispaniola in the Dominican Republic. I was with my parents and we were visiting Haitian migrant workers in a sugar cane field. My parents were working with local schools; my mom was a teacher and my dad is a retired pastor. That day, my dad knelt down next to me and said, "Sam, this is their home — do you understand?" Of course, as



Sam Codington

God's presence is being with the least of these.

SDR: Where do you go when you die?

PC: I think we read in Colossians that Christ will be all in all, and that's enough consolation for me.

SDR: Do we have a choice in the matter of whether we go to heaven or hell, as C.S. Lewis asks in *The Great Divorce*?

PC: That would be C.S. Lewis's way of framing things; but I don't think that would be my way of framing things. I would totally leave the question of heaven and hell up to God.

– Joseph O'Brien

Find more *Sheep and Goats* columns at SDReader.com/worship/

September 3, 3pm; free. sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/virtual-marine-mammals-california-3. (ONLINE)

Novel IV: Intermediate Novel Novel IV: Intermediate Novel with Rich Farrell. You will be emailed the Zoom link 24 hours before the start of

class. If you sign up less than 24 hours before class, email Kristen at programs@sandiegowriters.org for link. Saturdays, 10am; through Saturday, September 25, \$216-\$252. sandiegowriters.org/. (ONLINE)

Starting Your Traditional Compost Pile 2 of 4 Starting

Your Traditional Compost Pile - Part 2 of 4 Traditional Composting Virtual Workshop Series: You will receive the link to join upon registering. Thursday, September 2, 6pm; free. solanacenter.org/free-compost-workshops. (ONLINE)

Wake Up With Wildlife: Training to Save Wildlife

From training the household pet to caring for the largest exotic animal in the zoo, applied behavior analysis has led to better behaved pets and improved care for animals all over the world. Saturday, September 4, 9:30am; free-\$5. <https://bit.ly/2WCZfnZ>. (ONLINE)

COMEDY

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George Perez As seen on HBO *Taco Shop*, MTV's *YO MOMMA*, Netflix, JRE, and more. Wednesday, September 8, 8pm; \$20. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

County Redistricting Public Hearing District 3 The County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission is hosting pre-mapping public hearings to hear from District 3 residents about how County supervisorial district lines should be drawn. This hearing is both in-person and virtual. Zoom Webinar ID: 848 8960 6839 Passcode: 236086 or by phone (408) 638-0968 Thursday, September 2, 6pm; **free**. Escondido Chamber of Commerce, 720 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

FARMERS' MARKETS

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

Little Italy Wednesday Mercato Little Italy Wednesday Mercato offers a selection of farm fresh produce, pastured eggs, poultry, meat, fish, baked goods, dips and spreads, yogurt and select local arts and crafts brought to the neighborhood by California farmers, fisherman and artisan foodmakers. The market occupies three blocks on West. Date Street between Kettner Boulevard and State Street including the Piazza della Famiglia. Wednesdays, 9am; through Sunday, December 26, **free**. Piazza della Famiglia, 523 West Date Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

FOOD & DRINK

22nd Century Taco ReBel-Foodie ByPOE presents 22nd Century Taco Afro-Mex style by Chef Poe. Tuesday, September 7, 4:30pm; The Modern Vegan, 4332 30th St #3. (NORTH PARK)

Breakfast Buffet Two breakfast buffet options to satisfy those looking for a quick bite on the go as well as the leisure-chasing diner. Saturdays, 7am; Sundays, 7am; through Sunday, November 7, \$25-\$38. 20|Twenty at Westin

Carlsbad, 5480 Grand Pacific Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Friday Feels Friday Feels presents live tunes, food, and drinks every Friday night. Fridays, 6pm; through Friday, October 29, Village at Pacific Highlands Ranch, 13490 Pacific Highlands Ranch Parkway. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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)

Holy Smoke Deep Pit BBQ & Community Event The 84th Deep Pit BBQ is dubbed Holy Smoke this year because the beef is slowly smoked in a deep pit while sending up heavenly holy smoke. The BBQ feast includes deep pit BBQ beef with all the fixings at \$10 a plate. Cobbler/ice cream booth, the Whiskey Ridge Band, and games for the kids! Raffle drawings all day and Grand prize \$1,000 cash drawing. Free admission and parking. Sunday, September 5, 11am; **free**-\$10. Our Lady of Light, 9136 Riverside Drive. (DESCANSO)

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, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through Saturday, December 31, **free**. Lane Field Park, 1009 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Walkabout Shelter Island & Happy Hour Meet Rob K. for a stroll down beautiful Shelter Island followed by Happy Hour. Wednesday, September 8, 1:45pm; **free**. 18 and up. Bali Hai, 2230 Shelter Island Drive. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Wine & Charcuterie Pairing Indulge in a Wine and Charcuterie pairing special. Sip select glasses of wine start at \$10 and indulge in the chef-curated cheese and charcuterie boards for \$15. Wednesdays, 4:30pm; through Wednesday, November 3, \$10-\$25. 21 and up. 20|Twenty at Westin Carlsbad, 5480 Grand Pacific Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Wine Tasting & Live Music Weekends Enjoy estate-grown wines, hayride tours of our groves and vineyards, family fun, yard games, and live music all day. Food and Charcuterie Boards available for purchase, but outside

Rhyme & Verse

Two poems by Laura Riding

The Poet's Corner

Here where the end of bone is no end of song
And the earth is bedecked with immortality
In what was poetry
And now is pride beside
And nationality,
Here is a battle with no bravery
But if the coward's tongue has gone
Swording his own lusty lung.
Listen if there is victory
Written into a library
Waving the books in banners
Soldierly at last, for the lines
Go marching on, delivered of the soul.

And happily may they rest beyond
Suspicion now, the incomprehensibles
Traitorous in such talking
As chattered over their countries' boundaries.
The graves are gardened and the whispering
Stops at the hedges, there is singing
Of it in the ranks, there is a hush
Where the ground has limits
And the rest is loveliness.

And loveliness?
Death has an understanding of it
Loyal to many flags
And is a silent ally of any country
Beset in its mortal heart
With immortal poetry.

In Due Form

I do not doubt you.
I know you love me.
It is a fact of your indoor face,
A true fancy of your muscularity.
Your step is confident.
Your look is thorough.
Your stay-beside-me is a pillow
To roll over on
And sleep as on my own upon.
But make me a statement
In due form on endless foolscap
Witnessed before a notary
And sent by post, registered,
To be signed for on receipt
And opened under oath to believe;
An antique paper missing from my strong-box,
A bond to clutch when hail tortures the chimney
And lightning circles redder round the city,
And your brisk step and thorough look
Are gallant but uncircumstantial,
And not mentionable in a doom-book.



Laura Riding (1901-1991) was an American poet, critic and fiction writer. Born in New York City, she first rose to prominence as a poet in the early 1920s after becoming associated with the Southern poets known as the Fugitives. After one of its members, Alan Tate, introduced her to the group, some of her poems appeared in its influential literary magazine, *The Fugitive*. The only

female to be included in the publication, she was awarded the 1924 Nashville Prize by the group. After divorcing her husband, historian Louis Gottschalk, she moved to England at the invitation of British poet Robert Graves, who, with his wife, invited her to form a ménage-trois, which eventually destroyed Graves' marriage. In 1941, she renounced poetry as an inadequate means of personal expression and turned instead to a style of criticism which has been seen as anticipating the emerging New Criticism school, which sought to judge literary texts divorced their from historical or biographical contexts. She died of a heart attack exactly 30 years ago—on September 2, 1991.

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picnics are also welcome. Shade and outdoor seating are provided, or BYO blanket or chairs. Saturdays, 11am; Sundays, 11am; through Sunday, November 7, **free**. Rancho Guejito Vineyard, 17224 San Pasqual Valley Road. (ESCONDIDO)

FOR KIDS

Free Lego Creations Hangout Ages 5-10 Join Mateus for an hour of Lego building fun. Hangout and build along with other Lego lovers. Classes led by adults and students. This class is facilitated and monitored by staff, but is led by students. This class is led by Mateus and his mother. Mateus is a 6 year old Lego fan. Mondays, 8am; through Monday, October 25, **free**. <https://bit.ly/3yybvDi>. (ONLINE)

Super Soccer Stars Camp (Ages 3-4) Coaches work with 4-8 children to build skills and create a team atmosphere while physically distancing. Thursday, September 2, 9am; Friday, September 3, 9am; \$199. Liberty Station NTC Park, 2455 Cushing Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

LECTURES

Gardening Historian Nancy Carol Carter The Lemon Grove Historical Society will continue its "History Alive" lecture series with the woman who knows where everything grows in Southern California, Nancy Carol Carter, gardening historian, in-demand speaker and associate editor of *California Garden*. Her topic: "The Gardens of Eloise Roorbach," the famed early 20th century grower of native, exotic and edible plants in San Diego. Thursday, September 2, 7pm; **free**. 18 and up. H. Lee House Cultural Center, 3205 Olive Street. (LEMON GROVE)

San Diego, North Island & the Birth of Naval Aviation Join Larry Croll, a long time volunteer at the San Diego Air and Space Museum, and Coronado resident as he gives an overview of San Diego & North Island Aviation History. This talk will be recorded and available for on demand viewing on the Library's Facebook and Youtube pages following the event. Thursday, September 2, 11am; **free**. Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

The Natural History of Insects in San Diego Sierra Club Sierra Talks: Join Michael Wall, curator at The Nat, for a conversation about some of San Diego's most interesting insects. He will explore their behaviors, ecology, and interesting stories. You will walk away with a new awareness of our world. Information about The Nat's diverse insect collections and projects is at sdnhm.org/science/entomology/. Friday, September 3, 7pm; **free**. sdnhm.org/science/entomology/. (ONLINE)

SPORTS & FITNESS

1904 FC vs. Los Angeles Force FC 1904 FC is a new local independent professional soccer team in San Diego. Saturday, September 4, 7pm; \$10. Canyon Crest Academy, 5951 Village Center Loop Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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Drinks All Around

BY AMANDA
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YVETTE LARA

Romescos Mexican Bistro
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The Tamarind Martini is our top selling drink," says Yvette Lara about Romescos signature fusion-inspired cocktail. "It's very tasty, because it has that spice — we use a chili powder on the glass — and the sweetness of the tamarind. So it's a mix of flavors but it's very tasty, very fresh." She explains that tamarind is "a fruit

that represents the Mexican culture. We are a Mexiterranean restaurant, so it's part of the vision for Mexiterranean cuisine."

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An orange-red chili-lime salted rim complements the burnt brown color of the martini. "Some fruits are very sweet, some are more tropical. But tamarind is very unique. Maybe you wouldn't think it's a fruit, you might think it's something else, like a spice." She adds with assurance, "If you like different flavors, not [common] flavors, you're going to like this." Imagine a Mexican candy recreated in the form

of a cocktail. "Some people get attracted because they think, 'Oh I remember this kind of candy I tried in Mexico and it was delicious,' so they want to know how it will taste combined with vodka."

The Tamarind Martini is nothing new to those in the know. "Romescos has been around for 16 years, and all this time it has been very popular." Lara believes that while it may have proved a challenge to introduce, the cocktail has become part of the restaurant's identity. "It represents Romescos — a lot of people say, 'I'm going to Romescos to drink some tamarind martinis,' and we see a lot of comments online like, 'Oh the tamarind martini is excellent, try it.' People recommend it a lot."

As for food pairings, Lara finds it difficult to narrow down her recommendation. "Well, some people order a lot of tapas! Maybe *pulpo asado*, *gambas al Romescos*, we have the *cazuelitas* — *cazuelita de cachete*, *cazuelita de costilla*..." One must-try, Lara insists, is the paella entrée. "When you come, you can order a Tamarind Martini and paella — both of them are our most popular, so you're not going to regret it."

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Currying favor

"I have still been able to experiment. Not in the lab, but with recipes."

Malaysian?" asks Kevin. We're standing outside this little storefront place. It's like so many others here on Mission Boulevard: small, quirky businesses, many from the '50s, most of them appealing to the surf culture. Except this one is Malaysian. Somehow you don't think "surf" and "Malaysia" in the same breath. Which is crazy, because Malaysia has some of the best surf and most incredible beaches and unbelievable islands in the world.

"Yeah, but Malaysian food?" I reply. "I'm honestly trying to remember what that would be like."

I should know. I've been to Thailand, and hey, that's just north of Malaysia. I know Malay-

was addictive."

Laksa? "Here," says Ernie. He's pointing to the menu in the window. "*Laksa*, curry noodle soup with bean sprouts, cabbage, hard-boiled egg, crispy onions, fried tofu." Costs \$10.50, plus \$3 if you want chicken in there.

"I loved all the dumplings," adds Carlito. "We had a lot of them, including *hargow*." ("Shrimp bonnet" dumplings, usually stuffed with mutton, scallions and ginger.)

Sounds good, even though I don't pretend to know much about the almost cultish world of dumplings. Besides, most dumplings come from the Mother Culture of China, and I'm looking for Malaysian accents. So Kevin and I head on into this

plain (but still attractive) space with its artificial grass and flowers on both side walls, and a large bulb-illuminated sign that says "Kitchen." Rachel the cashier hands out menus, and we study them like they're exam papers. Seeing lots of Thai dishes, quite a few Chinese dishes, only one or two that say they're from Malaysia.

"So who are the Malaysians?" I ask. Because Kevin has been there more than I have. "Like, where does their food come from?"

"Think Malays, Chinese, Indians, all living and eating and cooking together," says Kevin. "Well, more or less. A mix, just like the US."

So we're looking, *umming* and *ahhing*,

There are a lot of cheap but attractive-sounding appetizers, things like crab rangoon (\$6.25), dirty wontons (with seasoned chicken, topped with cheese, \$6.95), and roti puffs (\$5.95). And hey hey! They're described as "Malaysian pancake puffs, with yellow curry dip." Crushed peanuts and green onions on top. "Oh yeah!" exclaims Kevin. "Roti. They're like croissants that you dip in a curry bath. Here, let's get that, and I'll decide the rest. Trust me, you'll like it." Okay, the guy's an ex-Marine. Gets impatient. And he *has* been out in that area; I'll give him that. Leave him to it.

"As long as it's Malaysian. I want Malaysian food," I say.

And soon enough, those roti puffs arrive. They are indeed like super-light croissants. And yes, you take one (there are half a dozen of them) and dip it in a bowl of yellow curry. The curry and the roti are surprisingly light, but still a perfect intro to this corner of the culinary world. Because that's what these Malaysian dishes are: mostly curry-based. The *laksa* is

one of the biggies. It has tummy-stretching amounts of veggies and meat in it. It's colored almost red, and, well, tastes to me like sweet *panang*, the Thai curry. Maybe a bit fishier in flavor. They say that because the dish has traveled up and down the Silk Road, *laksa* has gathered 10,000 tastes. And guess what? "*Laksa*" in ancient Sanskrit means "ten thousand."

But the clincher (cruncher?) has to be *mi goreng* (fried noodles,



Owner Supranee - 'Tuk' - wais in front of her flowers

for heat and soy to sharpen up the flavor. Result is like a fresh plateful.)

When I'm paying, I meet Supranee, the chef and part-owner. ("But everybody calls me 'Tuk.'") She is from the northeast of Thailand, but her restaurant partner is from Malaysia. She's here partly because of covid. "I have a PhD in chemistry," she says. "I interned at the Salk Institute, and then two things happened: I started having babies, and covid hit. We opened this restaurant a year ago — at the wrong time! — but people have been wonderful. We have survived, and I have still been able to experiment. Not in the lab, but with recipes. We're always changing the menu. We'll have a lot more dishes from Malaysia soon."

I hope they do. Ain't many restaurants that claim to make Malaysian food, and curries are growing on me. So hey, let's keep this outpost — and Tuk, the Coconut Girl — alive and cookin'! ■



Carlito and Ernie, who introduced us to The Coconut Girl's dumplings

\$10.50). It's Malaysian-style stir-fried udon noodles, with cabbage, carrots, green onions, broccoli, a fried egg (for two bucks more), bean sprouts, and your choice of meat. And the Japanese were right: there's something about the wide, slow, fat udon noodle that is comforting. That's why it's beloved. It absorbs all the flavors around it. It feels like a cat curling its tail around your tongue. Eating it makes you contemplative. So by the time we've had our fill, we've split a ton of *mi goreng*. (When I get into it again, back at the ranch next day, I reheat, then add Sriracha

The Place: Coconut Girl Kitchen, 4658 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-263-4309

Hours: 12pm-9pm daily

Prices: Roti puffs (Malaysian pancake puffs) with curry dip, \$5.95; crab rangoon, \$6.25; dirty wontons (with seasoned chicken, topped with cheese, \$6.95); *Laksa* curry noodle soup, \$10.50; *Hargow* ("shrimp bonnet" dumplings, stuffed with mutton, scallions and ginger), \$9.35; shrimp, chicken, pork shumai (open-faced dumplings), \$9.35; pineapple fried rice, \$10.50; crab fried rice, \$17.25; CGK yellow rice, house special coconut curry, with carrots, potato, rice, \$10.50; *Mi Goreng* (fried noodles), \$10.50

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Laksa, a catch-all soup that's a staple for millions of Malaysians



Mi goreng, classic Malaysian udon noodle dish

sia is a Muslim country, which kinda influences the food they eat. And I know that Thailand's "Gang Massaman" comes from the south, near Malaysia. It means "Muslim curry." And it's totally delish. But that's about all I got.

"We've just eaten a whole lot," says this guy Ernie. He and his friend Carlito are finishing up at one of the sidewalk tables outside the place, which is called Coconut Girl Kitchen. "We had *shumai*, open-faced dumplings. And others as well. It's street food. They're such a good price here."

Now Kevin starts reminiscing about Lau Pa Sat, a famous hawker food center in Singapore. "I had *laksa*," he says, "every night I was there. It



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Seaport sweets report

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Seaport Fudge Factory has kept dentists in business for 30 years

Seaport Fudge Factory; 859 W Harbor Dr, Downtown San Diego. I've photographed burritos, dumplings, and egg rolls, but probably the most challenging photo I've ever tried to take centered on a lump of fudge. I'd ordered the rocky road flavor, hoping that the large, white marshmallow at the fudge's center would provide eye-pleasing contrast. I'd counted on the wave of chocolate, folded over the top when it hardened, to frame the piece like a pompadour. Two dozen, three dozen snaps, and not a one could find focus. However rich and sweet that \$6.50 piece of fudge might taste, I could not find a way to make it photogenic.

But that's okay. Seaport Fudge Factory offers other sweet treats designed to pop on camera.

The waterfront dessert shop has had three decades to figure this out. Established in 1991, the Seaport Village mainstay is celebrating 30 years in business. And though the Fudge Factory lives up to its name with decadent, buttery fudge, most of its offerings these days are more colorful, and hold a relatively well-defined shape. At the top of the list has to be the Mickey Mouse ice cream cone.

Bear in mind, for some length of its tenure, the Fudge Factory has shared its duplex shack with a Ben & Jerry's franchise, so I've got to assume most Seaport visitors craving ice cream look right past it, whether tourists or staycationing locals. But take



The "Mickey Mouse" cone, featuring red chocolate-dipped cone and Oreo ears.

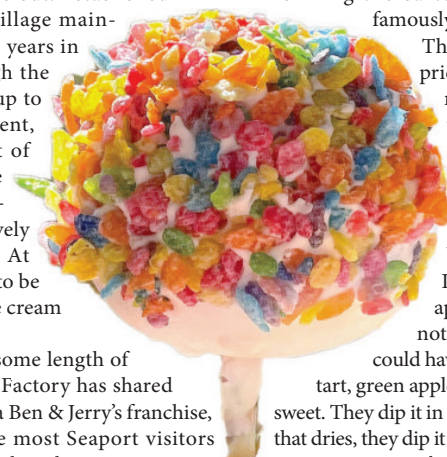
a closer look at the family-owned Fudge Factory, and you'll notice plenty of soft serve ice cream options, including a Belgian waffle topped with a swirl of chocolate-dipped soft serve surrounded by Oreo crumbles. Consider it a ten-dollar sugar crash waiting to happen.

Much cuter is the Mickey Mouse cone (\$9.50), which for starters has been dipped in red chocolate (well, a red-colored white chocolate — or pink chocolate, should you prefer a Minnie Mouse cone). A pair of yellow M&Ms front the cone — either representing Mickey's iconic yellow buttons, or his eyes, I'm not

sure. Easier to figure are the Oreo cookies propped up on either side of the soft serve, forming the cartoon character's famously round ears.

Think what you will about the pricey cone: I have no doubt it makes a more memorable treat than any amount of Chubby Hubby.

For those neither feeling ice creamy nor fudgey, a third option delivers a bit of fruity fiber on a stick. I'm accustomed to candied apples coated in caramel, and nothing short of the county fair could have prepared me for the ways a tart, green apple could be made implausibly sweet. They dip it in caramel, sure, but then, when that dries, they dip it in white chocolate. And then, before that dries, they stick it in a pile of something crunchy. Crushed peanuts would be

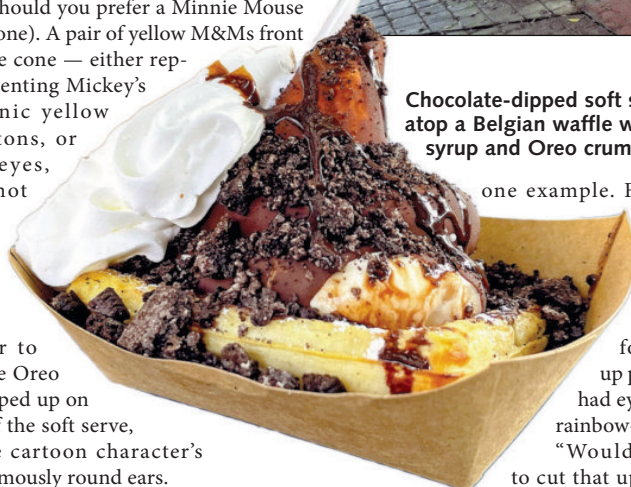


A candied apple dipped in caramel, white chocolate, and Fruity Pebbles breakfast cereal.



A little dessert shop in Seaport Village celebrates 30 years.

Chocolate-dipped soft serve ice cream atop a Belgian waffle with chocolate syrup and Oreo crumbles.



one example. Fruity Pebbles cereal would be another.

Inevitably, one of the kids tagging along for my fudged-up photo excursion had eyes only for that rainbow-colored feast.

"Would you like me to cut that up for you?" the

woman working the counter asked.

"No way," I replied. Candied apples are meant to be eaten on a stick, I reasoned. And besides, I needed a good photo subject to get around that fudge.

Well, I got my photo, but we learned a valuable lesson: say yes next time. The first bite of a large, crisp apple is tough enough without having to break through two layers of sweet treat, and a coating of sugary breakfast cereal. The kid sure couldn't do it, and my attempts didn't fare any better. My apologies to the Seaport Village custodial staff for the mess we made. I hope they blamed tourists.

by Ian Anderson

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Chicago Not Dogs, not for purists

Chicago Not Dogs, 4332 30th St., North Park. Plant-based eateries aren't as tough a sell as they used to be in San Diego, but they're still part of the volatile restaurant business, so even some of the good ones close before their time. If there's a silver lining in recent times, it's that once a physical restaurant location has gone vegan, there's a good likelihood another vegan entrepreneur will step in to take it over. So it was in North Park after Anthem Vegan closed a couple years back, ultimately to be replaced by The Village. And so it was this summer, when the former 30th Street site of The Modern Vegan became home to a new-ish farmers market concept: Chicago Not Dogs.

As its kinda clever name suggests, this is a plant-based spot devoted to Chicago food traditions, which as an idea is kind of genius. After all, most Chicago food traditions tend to revolve around meat and dairy, almost as though an entire city cuisine had been designed explicitly to exclude vegans.

Obviously, the first point of order here is the veganized Chicago hot dog. True Chicago dogs are always built upon all-beef franks, of course, but what actually makes them Chicago-style hot dogs are the toppings. And as meat-centric as Windy City food tends to be, there are



All the traditional toppings of a Chicago style hot dog, but made with a vegan frankfurter.

actually more vegetables on a Chicago dog than any other frankfurter tradition. Along with mustard and relish, the classic set of toppings includes chopped white onions, tomato slices, pickled peppers, a dill pickle spear, and the signature dash of celery salt.

As one might expect, the native Chicagoans behind this concept wholly embrace the breadth of vegetables, employing thick tomato wedges and a hefty pickle spear. They've also diligently sources items from back home, including those spears, the pickled sports peppers, *giardiniera* (a spicy relish of pickled, chopped vegetables), and the traditional poppy seed hot dog buns.

I only wish they'd sourced a better plant-based hot dog. This one starts strong, with a dead-on hot dog-like bite. But each bite winds up taking a bit more chewing than the real thing, and the more you chew, the more clear it becomes there's not a lot of hot dog flavor to go with it. On its own, this vegan frank winds up being too bland to enjoy. With all the condiments and toppings, it holds up just enough to satisfy a dedicated herbivore. For the rest of us, a chili dog option will hold up better.

I can't be as supportive of the Italian beef — and no, that's not a typo. The Italian beef sandwich sits above hot dogs on the pantheon of classic Chicago foods, just below deep dish pizzas, and were I ever to forsake meat altogether, it's the Chicago mainstay I would miss the most. So I was particularly intrigued by the seitan-based menu item dubbed "Italian beef sandwich." I was even able to get it topped with that straight-from-the-midwest *giardiniera*.

Italian beef is typically a dipped sandwich, and while I had braced myself to dip the thing in something like a mushroom broth, rather than the usual beef stock, it wasn't

served that way. Instead, it received a cursory dunk (at best) to wet the sandwich. More importantly, though it may sort of look the part, the thinly sliced seitan "beef" tastes nothing like beef. It tastes like wheat gluten (which it is), and simply cannot hold up a sandwich concept roughly 100-percent predicated on the winning flavor of beef and beef fat. Were I vegan, this sandwich would only make me miss meat all the more.

Chicagoans tend to be a brash people, and if you've ever put ketchup on a hot dog in the presence of a Chicago native, you'll know they're fiercely protective of Windy City culinary traditions, and have no trouble telling you that ketchup on a hot dog amounts to heresy. So I'll say this much: are you the sort of Chicago meat-eater who leaps at any opportunity to point out how a specific meal may not be Chicago enough? Then skip this one, and head to Lefty's down the street instead.

Plenty of plant-based restaurants have dishes stellar enough to turn the most ardent carnivore. But Chicago Not Dogs is for the vegans and the vegans alone.

by Ian Anderson



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Hoyt hallowed Multiple creative scenes in San Diego reeled from the news of Matt Hoyt's death on August 14. According to KPBS, he had been diagnosed just a week earlier with the rare and

bandmate Bryan Lancaster says, "Matt had the kind of magic that transforms a room with a band and a few kids into the full-blown rock and roll revival concert experience. He was committed to the

twinkle in his eye that always seemed to be calculating some devious and wonderful plot."

His love of film intersected with work again when he directed videos for local stars Goblin Cock and Pinback. Hoyt recalled his work on these projects fondly in an April 2020 Facebook post. "In the midst of everything we're all dealing with, I think it's important to remember what we love to do. I love making film and videos with friends,



PHOTOGRAPH BY MARILYN HOYT

Matt Hoyt: RIP to an impressive impresario.

aggressive illness that took his life. Hoyt, age 45, possessed a seemingly boundless appetite for creativity, one matched only by his output — in art, film, food, and especially music, as both fan and performer. As the lead singer of Turkey Mallet in the mid-'90s, Hoyt lent his voice to San Diego-centric compositions such as "Surf Nazi Norman," which chronicled nominally fictionalized run-ins with the titular character in Ocean Beach.

Remembrances posted to social media paid tribute to Hoyt's impact, which continues its ripple effect in the wake of his death. Director Benjamin Johnson (*Fanboy*) credits his interactions with Hoyt for pushing him forward in his endeavors beyond bartending at the Casbah. "I first got to know Matt Hoyt when he was filming the Blackheart Procession movie and videos, and I was just blown away by him. Here was a guy doing huge things! But he was just a funny kickback dude. It made me stop and reassess what we are capable of if we work hard."

Former Turkey Mallet

music and to whatever needed to be done. For the 45-60 minutes we were on stage, Matt was a complete rock star, making everyone who was there feel included and seen, like they were one of the band."

Music played a major part in the convergence of passions he pursued, as when he became business partners with promoter/Casbah owner Tim Mays and musician Steve Poltz in the restaurant and bar Starlite. "Matt had a certain gleam in his eyes and a Mona Lisa smile as he told stories," says Poltz. "This guy could make anything funny. His mind was lightning-fast and he was completely able to hold my ADHD attention."

His booking of bands such as Bikini Kill at The Soul Kitchen in the '90s exposed San Diego to touring acts which in turn ignited the already smoldering indie rock scene here. Drew Douglas, *aka* Grampadrew, recalls, "Matt had a way of commanding a room among a crowd of people used to being the ones who commanded the room. He had that wry smile that contained multitudes and that

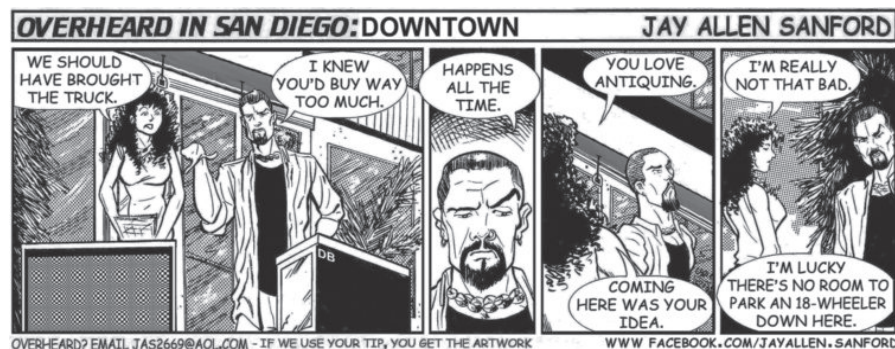
and this Pinback video is one of my favorite things I've ever done."

Hoyt concluded the post by writing, "It's funny to think this entire video is about people drifting in space, wondering if their comrades are okay, and if they will be reunited on the other side."

— Spike Steffenhagen

When Zappa did Zepelin Not even Frank Zappa realized that his March 25, 1988 concert in Uniondale, New York would be the final time he'd ever perform in the United States. "As a Long Island native, I was very excited to end that leg in Uniondale," recalls local guitarist and former Zappa bandmember Mike Keneally. "There were tensions simmering in that band, but they didn't completely catch fire until we got to Europe, so I think the mood at the end of the U.S. tour was still quite good." The concert is featured on a new two-CD release, *Zappa '88: The Last U.S. Show*

"I hear a lot of high spirits and good humor in that show," continues Keneally. "I think



we were all ready for a little break after two solid months of dates, but also happy that there were still so many shows ahead of us, in a completely different environment. But again, I really can't speak to everyone's attitudes about that. I was so young and green, and the whole thing felt like a miracle to me." (Keneally was fronting local band Drop Control in 1987 when the invitation came to join Zappa's touring band as a "stunt guitarist," replacing Steve Vai.)

The 1988 Zappa band rehearsed a 100-song repertoire that included Zappa's complex genre-fluid songs, as well as several nearly unheeded covers included on *The Last U.S. Show*, such as The Allman Brothers' "Whipping Post," Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven," and the first official release of "The Beatles Medley." According to Keneally, "Those first two songs had already been well-rehearsed in advance, during the rehearsals in L.A. prior to the tour. There was always the chance that new material would be added during a tour though. In fact, 'The Beatles Medley' emerged during soundchecks on the road."

The album features 29 unreleased performances, recorded with two Sony 3324 DASH PCM 24-track tape recorders synced together using a Lynx Time Code Module, thus providing 48-track recording capabilities. "I think a lot of Zappa fans have been surprised by the richness of the sound of that band on this album," says Keneally, "thanks

to the beautiful mix that Craig Parker Adams did for it. Frank released a lot of material from that tour, but I've seen a lot of people online say that they think this is the best sounding release from the tour yet, which is very gratifying."

Keneally has recorded over a dozen albums of original music and has shared the stage with Screamin' Jay Hawkins, Robert Fripp, Negativland, Wayne Kramer, Solomon Burke, Sting, the Persuasions, and the Loud Family. He has also played keys in Joe Satriani's band, and sometimes tours with Dethklok, based on the Cartoon Network TV show *Metalocalypse*. And 2018 saw the announcement that Keneally would take part in a tour with other former Zappa band members, to be accompanied by holographic projections of Zappa and related imagery created by



Mike Keneally: has guitar, has traveled — including with Frank Zappa.

Eyellusion. The outfit had previously crafted a Ronnie James Dio hologram.

After the last U.S. show and subsequent European dates, Frank Zappa disbanded the group and canceled the rest of the tour, reportedly forfeiting \$400,000 in revenue. He would never mount another full tour before his death from prostate cancer in December 1993,

at the age of 52. "There were personal issues in that band which ultimately forced Frank to make the choice to call a halt, which was very sad, as we were planning to do a further ten weeks of U.S. dates later in the year. Very disheartening. But also, Frank was not feeling well, and although he wouldn't know this for another two years, the cancer was already growing inside him. I think his resistance was low and any instinct he might have had to conquer and repair the issues in the band was significantly less than it might have been when he was younger and healthier and full of piss and vinegar."

Concludes Keneally, "I'm just grateful that he was able to work later on with the Ensemble Modern on the *Yellow Shark* project, likely a more joyful experience for him all around. It probably would have been utterly blissful, were it not for

the cancer, which had advanced a great deal by that point. I tend to think of that Ensemble as Frank's real last band, so I'm grateful that he went out on an up note."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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GREG DOUGLASS

“The covid lockdown was a mixed blessing for me,” says former Steve Miller Band guitarist and songwriter Greg Douglass. “After two weeks of staring at Netflix, my eyeballs began to melt, so I went down to my office and, at the age of 71, began to practice like I used to when I was 15, three to four hours a day, relentlessly revisiting my guitar heroes and my kick-ass rock roots. Obviously, I want to play guitar, but I don’t want to play ‘Brown Eyed Girl’ for the millionth time.” After booking two sold-out shows at a Kona club called Gertude’s, “I made a big chunk of change and decided return to San Diego and

put together a killer group of players.” The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member and his new band the Sidewinders will make their onstage debut at the Mission Fallbrook Theater on Friday, September 10. “I’ve got my old pal Hector Toro on drums and vocals, singer Jesus Guillermpoprieto, a world-class vocalist, Mark Knoll on keyboards and vocals, and our secret weapon, J.D. Pinckney on stand-up and regular bass. He’s also an amazing luthier. The setlist includes ‘Beck’s Bolero’ by Jeff Beck, ‘Vaseline Machine Gun’ by Leo Kottke, and of course bucketloads of Steve Miller material.”

RON HOUSTON

A rugged country band based in the North County, the Sickstring Outlaws first made their local mark when their album *Johnny Drank Jack* was nominated Best Local Recording at the 2013 San Diego Music Awards. Singer-guitarist Ron Houston released a solo single last year, “Take a Walk With Me,” inspired by the George Floyd protests and recorded before the outcome of any related trials. Then in November, he lost studio time while battling covid-19, which he says he believes he was exposed to at a gig. He was still recovering in early

2021 as he put the finishing touches on a just-released debut solo album, *A Long Road Home*. Produced, mixed, and recorded by Jeff Berkley, it features an array of local guest stars, including Berkley’s partner in Berkley Hart, Calman Hart, as well as the recently passed multi-instrumentalist Dennis Caplinger. Other players include Cathryn Beeks, Doug Pettibone, Sharon Whyte, Veronica May, Josh Hermsmeier, and Jason Littlefield. Banjo player Daniel Mason, from the Hank Williams III band, also makes an appearance.

MICHAEL BRONDSTETTER

Americana singer-songwriter Michael Brondstetter grew up in Detroit, Louisville, and New Orleans before relocating to southern California, where his gig history includes playing venues ranging from Genghis Cohen and The Bootleg to appearing at Bar 20, The Mint, The Lost Knight, and the Pig N Whistle. His debut solo EP *Iron Mountain* was released in 2014. “Everything I see, hear and experience influences my writing,” he says. “I guess working in the hospital and dealing with the loss of my wife to cancer [in 2016] has made me more appreciative of life and living it. I believe in living it and

enjoying it, with the hope of the future to drive us forward. I try and write about the things that we all experience and, despite getting your butt kicked, fighting back and trying to show the hope in everything we do.” His single “Dark Cloud Blues” was followed by an EP called *Change Your Mind*. Within a couple of years, his songs had earned more than one million streams on Spotify. 2020 saw the release of his album *Eyes on the Moon*, along with singles for “On My Way,” “The Other Side,” “You Make My Day,” and “We’ll Walk Away.” Brondstetter just released a new single, “Sunset Silhouette.”

WAVVES

Nathan Williams, a former Music Trader manager who called his early band Fantastic Magic, originally brainstormed Wavves as a one-man lo-fi DIY project. His debut album as Wavves was recorded on a laptop computer in his parents’ garage, on the trial version of Garage Band with a Macbook routed through an internal mic. The band’s first new release since 2018 dropped in April, “Sinking Feeling,” with a Jesse Lirola-directed video that features Williams driving around and sleeping in his car in remote desert locales. It’s the

group’s first new music since re-signing to their former label, Fat Possum Records. Wavves will tour with a full band in support of their new album *Hideaway*, beginning October 1 in Las Vegas, and concluding in San Diego at Soda Bar on November 20. A single for “Caviar” is streaming online. Williams is also said to be currently working on a cinematic side band with his brother Joel, *Sweet Valley*, pitched on Patreon as a project “where the duo creates a remix for every *Sopranos* episode strictly using sounds from that episode.”

JASON MRAZ

After a brief stint studying musical theater at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York, Jason Mraz moved to San Diego. He soon joined percussionist Toca Rivera and his brother, Latin-pop guitarist Carlos Olmeda, in a regular Thursday-night gig at Java Joe’s coffee shop, where Jewel played many early gigs. Mraz’s major label debut release, *Waiting for My Rocket to Come*, would be certified platinum by the RIAA in July 2004 and reach number two on *Billboard’s* Heatseekers chart. During the pandemic

shutdown of early 2020, his La La La Livestream concert broadcasts happened every Wednesday morning at 10am for several weeks. He donated proceeds from sales and streams of his 2020 reggae album *Look For the Good*, including a \$250,000 advance, to organizations working for racial equality and justice. Mraz will follow up his new single “Be Where Your Feet Are” with a September 26 appearance at the San Diego Symphony’s new \$85 million downtown venue, Rady Shell at Jacobs Park.



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

THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

Arrowood Golf Course:

Friday, 5pm — Cowboy Jack. Free.

Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday & Friday, 8pm — Toad The Wet Sprocket.

Saturday & Sunday, 8pm — Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real.

Tuesday, 8pm — Buddy Guy and Ally Venable.

Wednesday, 8pm — Silversun Pickups.

Casbah:

Thursday, 8pm — Jon Snodgrass & His Buddies.

Tuesday, 8pm — Islands.

Wednesday, 8pm — San Diego State of Mind. \$10.

Cooler, Tap & Tasting Room:

Saturday, 1pm — Dirty Confetti. Free.

Coronado Library:

Friday, 1pm — Autumn Concert Series: Claudio Martin. Free.

Coyote Bar & Grill:

Thursday, 6pm — Miss Demeanor.

Crossings at Carlsbad:

Monday, 10am — Rick Harchol. Free.

Fluxx:

Friday, 9pm — Tee Grizzley. \$40.

House of Blues:

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Christian French.

Humphreys by the Bay:

Friday, 7:30pm — Dave Koz Summer Horns.

Jazz Lounge:

Thursday, 6:30pm — '90s Reimagined.

Josie's Hideout:

Monday, 11:30am — Dirty Confetti. Free.

Market Creek Plaza:

Saturday, 2pm — Jazz at the Creek: Patrice Rushen & Friends. \$50-\$90.

Sunday, 2pm — Jazz at the Creek: Ronnie Laws. \$50-\$90.

Music Box:

Thursday, 8pm — The Steely Damned 2.

Friday, 9:30pm — GoldFish and Likewise.

Saturday, 9pm — Queen Nation and Graceband.

Sunday, 7pm — El Gran Silencio.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Atlas Genius and In The Valley Below.

Observatory North Park:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Future Islands and Hinds.

Friday, 7pm — Gogol Bordello.

Sunday, 6pm — Umphrey's McGee.

Online Internet Events:

Friday & Saturday, 5pm — Hanson: Against the World Concert Series. \$17.

Wednesday, 12pm — 21st Annual Toy Piano Festival. Free.

Open Air Theatre:

Thursday, 8pm — Caifanes.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Counting Crows. \$15-\$129.

Pechanga Arena San Diego:

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Celine Dion.

Priority Public House:

Sunday, 11:30am — Tim Yancey. Free.

Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center:

Saturday, 5pm — Doll Face Club Punk Rock Party. \$15.

Rady Shell at Jacobs Park:

Friday, 7:30pm — Rocketman Live In Concert.

Saturday, 7:30pm — The Goonies Live in Concert.

Sunday, 7:30pm — Davina & The Vagabonds and Hot Club of Cowtown.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Gary Clark Jr.

Reds Whites and Brews:

Saturday, 6:30pm — Dirty Confetti.

Soda Bar:

Friday, 8pm — Little Hurricane.

Saturday, 8pm — Meatbodies.

Sunday, 8pm — Through Being Cool.

Tuesday, 8pm — Sweet Myths and The Naked I. \$10.

Wednesday, 8pm — Milly and Shindigs.

Soma:

Thursday, 7pm — Together Pangea.

Monday, 7pm — Simple Plan and New Found Glory.

South Bay Drive-In:

Thursday, 8pm — Country Kickoff: Toby Keith & Alabama.

South Coast Winery Resort & Spa:

Thursday, 7pm — Coffey Anderson and Kanan Road. \$45-\$175.

Spreckels Organ Pavilion:

Monday, 7:30pm — International Organ Festival.

Sun Outdoors:

Wednesday, 5:30pm — Rick Harchol. Free.

Welk Resort Theatre:

Wednesday, 7pm — Scot Bruce: Tribute to the King. \$25-\$38.

UPCOMING SHOWS

1st Street Bar:

Saturday, Sep. 11 — The Ram Unplugged.

Aztec Brewing Company:

Saturday, Sep. 11 — Geza Keller.

Balboa Theatre:

Saturday, Sep. 11 — MC Magic, Lil Rob, Jay Roxxx.

Tuesday, Sep. 14 — City & Colour and Dizzy.

Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday, Sep. 9 — Ty Segall & the Freedom Band.

Saturday, Sep. 11 — DSB.

Sunday, Sep. 12 — The Wallflowers.

Wednesday, Sep. 15 — Andy Frasco & the U.N.

Thursday, Sep. 16 — Tab Benoit's Swamp Land Jam ft. Big Chief Monk Boudreaux. \$39-\$69.

Friday, Sep. 17 — The English Beat.

Saturday, Sep. 18 — The English Beat.

Sunday, Sep. 19 — Billy Bob Thornton & The Boxmasters.

Monday, Sep. 20 — Jake Shimabukuro.

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Tuesday, Sep. 21 — Ghostland Observatory.

Thursday, Sep. 23 — KBong and Boostive.

Friday, Sep. 24 — The English Beat.

Saturday, Sep. 25 — Led Zepagain.

Wednesday, Sep. 29 — Samantha Fish.

Thursday, Sep. 30 — The Wailers.

Belmont Park:

Saturday, Sep. 18 — Beats at The Beach.

Brick by Brick:

Wednesday, Sep. 22 — Soulfly and Niviane.

Thursday, Sep. 23 — Unleash the Archers and Aether Realm.

Casbah:

Thursday, Sep. 9 — The Four-Eyed Horsemen.

Saturday, Sep. 11 — Manic Hispanic and Low Volts. \$18-\$20.

Tuesday, Sep. 14 — Kunzite.

Wednesday, Sep. 15 — Detroit Cobras.

Saturday, Sep. 18 — JMSN.

Sunday, Sep. 19 — JMSN.

Tuesday, Sep. 21 — Black Lips and Kate Clover.

Wednesday, Sep. 22 — The Nth Power.

Saturday, Sep. 25 — Joey Cape. \$16-\$18.

Sunday, Sep. 26 — Mipso.

Casino Inn Bar and Grill:

Saturday, Sep. 11 — 8 East Band. Free.

Civita Park:

Sunday, Sep. 12 — The Mighty Untouchables. Free.

Coastal Roots Farm:

Sunday, Sep. 19 — Annual Sukkot Harvest Festival. \$9-\$18.

Community Actors Theatre:

Monday, Sep. 27 — Open Mic. Free.

Coronado Library:

Friday, Sep. 10 — Autumn Concert Series: Ed Kornhauser. Free.

Friday, Sep. 17 — Autumn Concert Series: John Gutheil. Free.

Friday, Sep. 24 — Autumn Concert Series: SD Chamber Music Society. Free.

Embarcadero Marina Park North:

Saturday, Sep. 11 — San Diego Blues Festival. \$40-\$350.

Escondido Elks Lodge:

Saturday, Sep. 11 — Barbwire.

House of Blues:

Friday, Sep. 10 — Khai Dreams.

Sunday, Sep. 12 — Panteon Rococo.

Wednesday, Sep. 15 — Jukebox the Ghost.

Friday, Sep. 17 — Dayglow and Arlie.

Sunday, Sep. 19 — Black Dahlia Murder and Carnifex.

Sunday, Sep. 26 — 070 Shake.

Tuesday, Sep. 28 — Kat Von D and Prayers.

Wednesday, Sep. 29 — Tyler Rich.

Thursday, Sep. 30 — Armor For Sleep and Never Loved.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:

Thursday, Sep. 23 — Brian Jones Rock 'n' Roll Revival. \$5.



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Saturday, Sep. 11 — Lost 80s Live.
Sunday, Sep. 12 — Rodrigo Y Gabriela.
Monday, Sep. 13 — Chicago.
Friday, Sep. 17 — Judy Collins.
Monday, Sep. 20 — Michael Franti & Spearhead.
Tuesday, Sep. 21 — Boz Scaggs.
Wednesday, Sep. 22 — The Temptations & The Four Tops.
Thursday, Sep. 23 — Three Dog Night.
Friday, Sep. 24 — Little River Band.
Sunday, Sep. 26 — Chris Isaak.
Monday, Sep. 27 — Andrew McMahon in the Wilderness.
Thursday, Sep. 30 — Shakey Graves and Sierra Ferrell.

Il Sogno Italiano:
Tuesday, Sep. 14 — Sacha Boutros & Jonathan Karrant.

Lake Perris State Recreation Area:
Thursday, Sep. 9 — Same Same But Different Festival.
Friday, Sep. 10 — Same Same But Different Festival.
Saturday, Sep. 11 — Same Same But Different Festival.
Sunday, Sep. 12 — Same Same But Different Festival.

Magnolia Performing Arts Center:
Saturday, Sep. 18 — The Monkees.
Friday, Sep. 24 — Gilberto Santa Rosa.

Mission Theatre:
Friday, Sep. 10 — Greg Douglass. \$20-\$25.

Mission Trails Church:
Sunday, Sep. 12 — Tinkersmith & Friends. **Free.**

Molly Malone's Waypoint Saloon:
Friday, Sep. 17 — Deena and the Dirty Dogs. **Free.**

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Green makes the scene

Opera singer Ryan Speedo Green proved a very important point during his performance at The Rady Shell during the opening night concert on August 7. Mr. Green proved that opera, when done well, appeals to a broad audience.

Green may well have received the largest ovation of the evening. Why is this significant? Because believe it or not, there isn't that much crossover between the symphonic crowd and the operatic crowd. There are a few who enjoy both art forms, but most connoisseurs fall into one camp or the other. Mr. Green wasn't performing for what could be considered his audience, but he brought down the house all the same.

Make no mistake, Ryan Speedo Green is an opera

singer. His larynx is low, his mouth is open, and the dark fury of sound that issues forth is 100% opera singing.

When opera is done well, anyone can love it. The problem is that there are about 19 singers who can do it well. I've been to several productions at The Metropolitan Opera, LA Opera, and San Francisco Opera. I can count on one hand the number of singers who could truly sing opera at those venerable houses. In the 20-plus years I was with San Diego Opera, there were hundreds of principal singers, but only a few who brought the full operatic experience. Let's take a look at some of them.

During a production of Wagner's *The Flying Dutchman*, we were all impressed with the voice of

Daland, one of the secondary characters. Then Robert Hale showed up to sing the role of the Dutchman, and we immediately realized that this was something completely different. Robert Hale was in his seventies at the time, and was still singing at an incredible level.

Stephanie Blythe sang the role of Ulrica in Verdi's *A Masked Ball* in 2014. As soon as she opened her mouth, it was clear that this was a force of nature. Her voice engulfed the whole of the San Diego Civic Theater and took no prisoners.

Ferruccio Furlanetto was the best singer in every production he appeared in at San Diego Opera. In some productions, he was the only opera singer. In



Ryan Speedo Green is not like the rest of us.

March of 1993, a group of us college students went to see *Don Giovanni* at San Diego Opera. We were all in choir, but none of us knew anything about operatic singing. However, it was clear to us that Furlanetto, in the role of Don Giovanni, was incredible, while the rest of the cast was so-so.

Great opera singers are like great athletes. When

you encounter them in the real world, as opposed to TV or recordings, it is obvious that they are not like the rest of us.

That's what happened with Ryan Speedo Green. The audience was confronted with the reality of a full-fledged opera singer, and it was glorious. For opera to thrive, we need more Ryan Speedo Greens.

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Music Box:
Thursday, Sep. 9 — Oceans and Blaze of Jovi.
Friday, Sep. 10 — Yachtley Crew.
Saturday, Sep. 11 — Dazed and Confused.
Wednesday, Sep. 15 — Kiyoshi Music and Miki Vale.
Thursday, Sep. 16 — Minnesota and VCTRE.
Saturday, Sep. 18 — The Grouch & Eligh.
Sunday, Sep. 19 — The Highwayman.
Wednesday, Sep. 22 — The

Sounds.
Thursday, Sep. 23 — Los Amigos Invisibles.
Friday, Sep. 24 — The Backseat Lovers and Sleepy Gonzales.

North Island Credit Union Amphitheatre:
Sunday, Sep. 19 — Pitbull.
Thursday, Sep. 23 — Luke Bryan.
Saturday, Sep. 25 — Kiss and David Lee Roth.
Thursday, Sep. 30 — Alanis Morissette.

Observatory North Park:
Thursday, Sep. 16 — James Blake.
Saturday, Sep. 18 — Gary Numan.
Wednesday, Sep. 22 — Toadies & Reverend Horton Heat.
Friday, Sep. 24 — Cold War Kids.

Open Air Theatre:
Tuesday, Sep. 14 — Switchfoot and NEEDTOBREATHE.
Saturday, Sep. 18 — Kidz Bop.
Sunday, Sep. 19 — John Legend.
Wednesday, Sep. 22 — Modest Mouse.

Panama 66:
Sunday, Sep. 12 — Uptown Rhythm Makers. **Free.**
Sunday, Sep. 26 — Uptown Rhythm Makers. **Free.**

Pechanga Arena San Diego:
Sunday, Sep. 12 — Maluma.

Perris Recreational Campgrounds, Lake Perris.:
Thursday, Sep. 9 — Same Same But Different Festival.
Friday, Sep. 10 — Same Same But Different Festival.
Saturday, Sep. 11 — Same Same But Different Festival.
Sunday, Sep. 12 — Same Same But Different Festival.

Petco Park:
Friday, Sep. 10 — Thievery Corporation.
Saturday, Sep. 11 — Slightly Stoopid and Stephen Marley.

Rady Shell at Jacobs Park:
Saturday, Sep. 11 — Classic Albums Live: Pink Floyd's *The Dark Side of the Moon*.
Sunday, Sep. 12 — Classic Albums Live: The Beatles *Abbey Road*.
Tuesday, Sep. 14 — Sergio Mendes & the San Diego Symphony.
Saturday, Sep. 18 — Star Wars Return of the Jedi In Concert.
Sunday, Sep. 19 — Star Wars Return of the Jedi In Concert.
Friday, Sep. 24 — Ella Fitzgerald & Frank Sinatra Tribute.
Sunday, Sep. 26 — Jason Mraz.
Wednesday, Sep. 29 — Bobby McFerrin.
Thursday, Sep. 30 — Pat Metheny's Side-Eye.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:
Thursday, Sep. 16 — Kim Simmonds and Savoy Brown.

Rancho Carlsbad Clubhouse:
Tuesday, Sep. 14 — Cowboy Jack. **Free.**

Ritz Theater:
Saturday, Sep. 18 — Thunderstruck: AC/DC Tribute. \$25-\$35.

San Diego Civic Theatre:
Friday, Oct. 1 — Dead Can Dance and Agnes Obel.

Soda Bar:
Thursday, Sep. 9 — Transviolet.
Friday, Sep. 10 — Drain.
Saturday, Sep. 11 — Truths You Crave and Drug Hunt.
Sunday, Sep. 12 — Hope Waidley.
Monday, Sep. 13 — The Orphan The Poet and Friday Pilots Club.
Tuesday, Sep. 14 — CryoGeyser & Girl Friday.
Wednesday, Sep. 15 — Negativland.
Thursday, Sep. 16 — Buck-O-Nine and Beta7.
Friday, Sep. 17 — Esme

Patterson.
Saturday, Sep. 18 — 22 & Good 4 U.
Sunday, Sep. 19 — Nascar Aloe.
Tuesday, Sep. 21 — A Giant Dog.
Wednesday, Sep. 22 — Dear Boy and Devora.
Thursday, Sep. 23 — Urethane and Decent Criminal.
Friday, Sep. 24 — The Backseat Lovers.
Wednesday, Sep. 29 — Flipturn.
Thursday, Sep. 30 — Sadgirl.

Soma:
Thursday, Sep. 9 — Half-Alive.
Friday, Sep. 10 — AJJ and Emperor X.
Saturday, Sep. 11 — Sylvan Esso and Samia. \$35.
Monday, Sep. 20 — Durand Jones & the Indications.

South Coast Winery Resort & Spa:
Wednesday, Sep. 22 — Dylan Scott. \$55-\$175.
Thursday, Sep. 23 — Cassadee Pope and Leaving Austin. \$55-\$175.

Space:
Thursday, Sep. 9 — Actors and Blood Handsome.
Friday, Sep. 10 — Twin Tribes and Wingtip.

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Too much *Respect*?

C.L. Franklin (Forest Whitaker) regularly awakened his daughter Aretha (Skye Dakota Turner) to wow the partygoers gathered in the spacious living room below with the young girl's remarkable vocal reach. These so-called "church parties" were attended by some of the biggest names in song, all of whom are singled out here by their first and/or last name — Aune Ella, Uncle Duke, Dinah Washington, Sam (Cooke) — depending on the accuracy of their doubles. Years later, Dad reminded record producer John Hammond (Tate Donovan) that Aretha (Jennifer Hudson) wasn't raised in a warehouse like Bessie Smith or Billie Holiday, that she had a proper upbringing. Considering the lack of *Respect* paid to the truth, it might have been wise for episodic television director Liesl Tommy, here making her feature debut, to open in adulthood.

What's rape got to do with it? Everything. It was during one of these late night at-homes that an unidentified man closed Aretha's bedroom door behind him and impregnated the 12-year-old child. By the time she reached 14, Re, her family nickname, had given birth to two children fathered by Edward Jordan. It was a period in her life the singer remained tight-lipped about, and one first-time screenwriter Tracey Scott Wilson dangled like a carrot before dropping like a hot potato. As a mother, she's a stranger on the road who stops in to see her children when she plays town. Or worse, carts them around like props to remind the sentimental in the crowd that she is a mother, albeit not a very good one. We never learn why C.L. got custody of Re and her two sisters. No words were exchanged between parents when Barbara (Audra McDonald) came to pick up the children, but dad's frustration is reflected in the cocktail glass clinking in his hand during daylight hours.

Barbara made an early exit, but not before instilling within her daughter certain standards by which to live. Choose "Yes" over the more common slang variant "Yeah." And "never fear any man." This coming from the woman brave enough to call it quits with C.L. Aretha was dubbed "the black Judy Garland," but next to her mother, the single greatest female influence on her life was Dinah Washington (Mary J. Blige). Washington can be the first to set the record straight — "Church folks are some of the nastiest people out there" — just don't cross her. She was seated in the front row the night Re kicked off the set with a tribute to her idol; before she could make it to the chorus,

the diva overturned her cocktail table and screamed, "Bitch! Don't you ever sing the Queen's songs when the Queen is in front of you!" And before we leave the gossip trail: Re didn't see dime one from touring with Mahalia Jackson. When pressed, the Queen of Gospel assured her that she would receive her reward in heaven.

Re had been wanting to break away from her manager-father for some time, blaming her lack of hits on C.L.'s faulty taste in music. He doesn't tell Re about the meeting he's arranged in New York with Columbia Records exec Jerry Wexler (a delightfully obsequious Marc Maron). He instead waits until a crowded party to publicly break the news and make himself look like the star. And Re takes up with her first husband Ted White (Marlon Wayans) much to the objection of C.L. The Reverend makes it clear that White is not only forbidden to see his daughter, he's no longer welcome in their home. (C.L. later pulled a gun on White upon discovering that Aretha invited him to dinner.) For the time being, she chose love over family. It was Wexler's idea to play down the big city slickness of Re's current crop of recordings. And no more standards. From now on, only songs written expressly for her. White accompanies his wife to a small recording studio in Alabama to work with a bunch of rednecks who possess among them the soul of professionalism and style needed to back Re.

"Re" is also short for "respect," and in spite of her insistence on originality, the titular tune that put her on the charts was recorded two years earlier by its composer, Otis Redding. According to legend, Re woke her sisters up in the middle of the night to help her compose what would become her signature song. The "Re-Re-Re-Re-Res" were added by her siblings calling her name. The last half of the film, covering her post-ascend years, quickly descended into a greatest hits performance reel alternating with made-for-TV dramatics.

It was during a drunken performance in Columbus that I began to wonder whether it was a case of a sympathetic actress not wanting to strip bare her idol, or the estate of the late superstar looking to control her image from beyond the grave. It was during this brief, boozy downfall that, with the aid of Barbara's ghost, Re was motivated to record a gospel album. We close with the recording of *Amazing Grace*. Not that I'm begging for a sequel, but considering the gloss factor that went into this bloated two-and-a-half-hour biopic, 1972 would have made a much better launching point. ★

—Scott Marks

MOVIES



Respect spells mediocrity on the Hudson.

Video on Demand and New Release Roundup

Reminiscence — A waterlogged Miami ("the sunken coast") provides a sensational special effects backdrop for this otherwise routine noir merger of *Altered States* and *Strange Days*. Stock fatalistic narration leads the way: "We don't haunt the past, the past haunts us." Nick Bannister (Hugh Jackman) is a tour guide of the mind, setting subjects in a flotation device and watching as a circular holographic image reminds a bilateral amputee remember what it was like to walk or helps a beautiful woman remember where she misplaced her house keys. The latter act is of such seeming insignificance that her presence can only lead to romance compounded by dark secrets. Nick is instantly smitten by Mae (Rebecca Fergusin), a torch-singing spider woman with no venom in her veins and a cookie-cutter wardrobe consisting of Jessica Rabbit gowns — different fabric, same hourglass cut. She's a recovering addict, while Bannister's assistant Watts (Thandiwe Newton, in the film's best performance) is a relapsing drunk. A brief underwater tussle in a submerged movie theatre holds more allure than anything in *The Shape of Water*, but it isn't enough to elevate Lisa Joy's directorial bow much above passable entertainment. 2021. — S.M. ★

Stillwater — The multiplex air conditioner pooped out halfway through, occasioning an early exit. Part of me was thrilled, but there's this completist in me who hates not seeing a movie through to the end, particularly when the decision to leave was not my own. I should have thanked the gods of cinema and been done with it: *Stillwater* doesn't run deep. One day, Oklahoma Everyman Bill (Matt Damon) is helping to clean up after a tornado, the next he's in France, working to reverse his daughter Allison's (Abigail Breslin) murder conviction. (The character is loosely based on Amanda Knox.) Early

on in his career, director Tom McCarthy (*The Station Agent*, *The Visitor*) displayed a genius for dramatizing the everydayness of life with a near-neorealist devotion. In McCarthy's France, what with all the Burger Kings, Subways, and Best Westerns, it's hard to differentiate between Montclair and Clairemont. And Virginie (Camille Cottin), the woman in the adjoining room who, when asked to keep the noise down, tells Bill she doesn't speak English, is embarrassingly fluent when it comes time for her to thank him for helping her young daughter Maya (Lilou Siauvaud), who was locked out of their room. It might

have worked had McCarthy focused on the father/daughter relationship rather than having Bill (widowed by suicide) shack up with Virginie. I was more interested in the lies the father told his daughter than I was in waiting for the inevitable Sandra Bullock moment when Bill and his replacement family would indulge in a group dance. An Instagram investigation of the suspected killer held more logic than the happenstance encounter at a soccer game, followed by his kidnapping and incarceration in Virginie's flat. What follows is a total acquiescence to formula. 2021. — S.M. ★



A tidbit of historical goodness to whet your appetite for the original version of *Casino Royale*. To read the rest, visit us online!

— Scott Marks

CASINO ROYALE (1967)

We open with a postscript that can found in the supplementary section of the DVD: It was Peter Sellers who suggested Orson Welles for the role of Le Chiffre in the 007 spy spoof *Casino Royale*, a move his ego later regretted. Sellers was so intimidated by Welles' genius, he demanded the two not be filmed in the same shot. (Blows were exchanged when director Joe McGrath called him on it.) According to Sellers, who received an enormous salary

plus a percentage of the gross, he walked off the set, never to return, because Welles and McGrath were ganging up on him. Months after monkey-wrenching the production, Sellers called director McGrath to arrange for a meeting over cocktails, during which he apologized at length for his unprofessional behavior. McGrath recalls that in the middle of Sellers' prolonged grovel, one of Columbia Pictures' head honchos walked over to the table to voice his own apologies to the director for everything that happened during the making of the film. He closed with, "And it was all that bastard Sellers' fault." According to McGrath, the executive then turned to Sellers and said, "We're glad you're here, Mr. Allen. It's a pleasure to have you in our movie." He walked away, and Sellers said, "He thought I was Woody Allen. I've just had a check from him for a million dollars. And he signed it!"

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ROOM FOR RENT call (619) 869-5814.

\$900 FEMALE ROOMMATE EL CAJON Large Master bed and bath w/walk-in closet, 170 sq ft. Backyard for a dog available. Senior preferred female only. El Cajon area close to all shopping and public transportation. No smoking or drinking. Cox cable/WiFi for \$60, utilities not included. carrierorton@cox.net

10X14 ROOM Walk in closet, Share 1.5 Baths. North West Chula Vista, \$1200. Voicemail OR Text Dave. By Appt only (619) 494-6048

MISSION VALLEY ROOMMATE Saw this on FB - Ideal roommate someone in their late 20's mid 30's needs to make 3 times the amount of rent. No security deposit just need the first month's rent to hold your spot paid in advance. Location Mission Valley. DM bit.ly/mv-roomie

MOVED IN FROM BRAZIL Hey everyone! I'm 26, Brazilian looking for a roommate or possibly 2. Also looking for a 420 friendly roommate and someone that won't mind my 6-year-old pitbull she's well trained and loves to cuddle. facebook.com/guilherme.augusto.77920526

MOVING TO SAN DIEGO I work full time. My budget would be less than \$1100. I went to UC Davis and got my medical license, I also got my Firefighter 1 certification. I'm now looking at paramedic school. Anyways if you got a room DM me @bit.ly/sdparamedicschool

\$627 PRIV FURN BDRM-SD HOUSE One adult male. Share House: Toilet-shower+kitchen+washer+dryer. Includes utilities+WiFi. Close2Bus. Street parking. No smoke/vape/pets. Verifiable: Current job w/ income-rental history. Security deposit. South of downtown (92113). Text: (619) 825-0560 AcaciaStHouseSD@pm.me

ELDERLY QUIET LADY NEEDS ROOM Independent elderly quiet lady looking for room with private bath. Clean, Non-smoker, no pets. Prefers Clairemont or Kearny Mesa. \$600 max., including utilities. dave@title24consultants.com

LOOKING FOR A ROOM TO RENT I'm looking for a room to rent towards the end of September/early October. Open to living with any gender. My budget is \$1200 max! I'm 28, naturally outgoing but can keep to myself if need be. Basketball is life. FB/IG: ThatGuyNamedDre

ROOMMATE NEEDED Private Room, Share Condo in Chula Vista. \$1200 Please Voicemail Dave OR Text (619) 494-6048. (No emails returned)

ROOMMATES WANTED I recently signed a lease on a 2 bedroom place near SDSU. The complex is called Dorado Plaza, rent would be around 1100 per month starting around mid September. FB: www.facebook.com/jackson.sutter.315

MASTER BEDROOM, \$750 in 2bd +1ba corner apartment. Clairemont area, professionally managed, non smoking, no drugs, no pets. Includes utilities, and WIFI, Dave (858) 499-0099.

OTAY RANCH, \$1,100 Room for rent, furnished, AC, tv, internet, non smoker, no drugs, no pets. \$1,100/month, \$300 deposit. Call Carlos (858) 999-7980.

SANTEE, \$725 2/2 home w/ homeowner, dog. Same price furnished/unfurnished. No kids under 18. Pools, spas, clubhouse, tennis. AC & heat, kitchen, W/D. No tobacco, or add'l pets. Share util. (619) 499-9663, phone calls preferred.

TINY ROOM TO LIVE PLEASE 62 year young healthy single, no family, Virgo, never married non-smoker,. Clean SoCal native low income male high school/ college graduate. Seeking any somber tiny room please in Solana Beach, Cardiff, Leucadia, Encinitas, Carlsbad. Dale Hauskins (858) 401-2973.

COLLEGE ROOMMATES



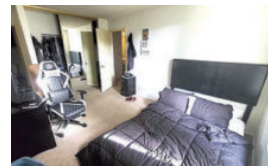
4 MESA AND USD STUDENTS Saw this on FB. Need to fill a room in my townhouse in Linda Vista ASAP! I'm super clean and work a ton! The room is \$900 and comes with a parking spot and comes furnished with the basics! Please no pets or couples. www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=10004955505129

CLOSE TO SDSU Close to SDSU- big spacious apartment for single/double occupancy for summer. DM original poster on Facebook for availability www.facebook.com/snehatsekar/

PLACE BY SDSU? Ayo, I need a place to stay, preferably near SDSU, in a place where I have my own room. I'm chill with people from all walks of life. My budget is around 1600. Please DM me on Facebook. www.facebook.com/jackson.sutter.315

SDSU HOUSING ON CAMPUS http://www.housing.sdsu.edu/ (619) 594-5742 / oha@sdsu.edu

SDSU STUDENT I'm an SDSU senior exchange student from Georgia (Europe). I'm looking for a shared or a single room for 4 months, preferably near SDSU. Please message me @ FB www.facebook.com/lukicha



UCSD HOUSING 2 bed 2 bath UTC 945+ utilities. Move in next month. Close to UCSD 15ish minutes from downtown and even closer to La Jolla. Unfurnished. Credit check and background required. Feel free to DM. www.facebook.com/austin.terrazas

UCSD ROOMIES Reposting — I have an unfurnished private room in my UTC apartment available for rent. The room is 11.5'x16'.

and the rent would be \$1150 + utilities. www.facebook.com/luke.pickett.5



USD AND SDSU Reposting: Right by USD and 12min drive to SDSU. I'm renting it furnished, with a queen bed, bedside table, dresser, lamp, and a big closet. www.facebook.com/rebecka.aronssonelfors.9

ZOO PASSES 4 COLLEGE STUDENTS We college students get a discount at the San Diego Zoo! Pls delete this post if it is not allowed. I was just excited when I purchased my pass and had to share it! zoo.sandiegozoo.org/school-programs/student-discount



BUYING MIRAMAR COLLEGE NOTES Tell your classmates and roommates that Studocu buys your Miramar notes. Earn Money while you help other students! Be quick, the offer stands only for a limited time! www.studocu.com/ www.facebook.com/StuDocu/

MOVING TO SAN DIEGO My friend Bri and I are moving to San Diego in August and are looking for a place with 2 available bedrooms! Bri is 22 and I'm 24. Bri also has an ESA dog. DM us on Facebook - Thanks for looking! www.facebook.com/payton.renner

ROOMMATES WANTED My name is Joao Pedro, I'm Brazilian and just graduated from college up in LA. But I'm doing an internship in San Diego so I want to move here. I love to surf, play soccer, and budget is around 1000\$. DM me www.facebook.com/joaoapetro.intackli

USD AND MESA COLLEGES Current housemates are male USD graduate students and young working professionals in their 20s. 2 minutes of walking or biking to the USD campus or tram stop. Bus 44 stop and USD Tram are located right around the corner. 10 minutes bus ride to Mesa sandiego.craigslist.org/csd/

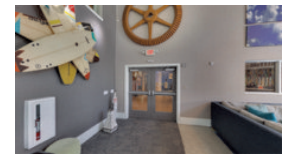
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CUTE ROOM IN VALLEY CENTER Hi fellow college students. I found this super cute room in Valley Center for rent. Perf for Palomar College Escondido Center and UEI students. DM the OP for prices. www.facebook.com/CahillandDelene

NEXT TO SDSU I have a big master bedroom available in a 2bd/2bath apartment right next to SDSU. The room has a HUGE walk-in closet and attached bathroom. You will have 1, quiet, late 20's male roommate. (me) I'm asking \$950 for rent + internet. www.instagram.com/pierceboucher/

2 MILES FROM SDSU I'm going to be living in a 2-room place in Dorado Plaza and I need someone to fill the other room. It's located about 2 miles from SDSU, rent is 1200. I'm going to Mesa, I'm 420 friendly and I like to do art! FB: jackson.sutter.315 www.facebook.com/jackson.sutter.315/



BLVD63 BY SDSU Asking for a friend: "Anyone looking for a 1 bed and one bath at Blvd63 by SDSU?" www.facebook.com/ramandeep.jagdev

LOOKING FOR A ROOM Arrived in San Diego 1 week ago and looking for a room to rent, preferably private. My budget is \$1000 with the bills but preferably \$900. DM on insta www.instagram.com/lucasfrota_/

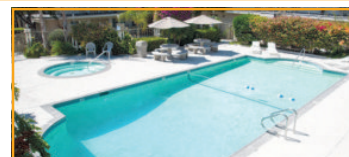
MESA COLLEGE ROOMIES? Beautiful 1000 sq ft 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom apartment for rent in Clairemont. Top floor corner unit. Within the 92117 zip code. Apartment in a secured two-story complex. Directly east of La Jolla. (619) 807-1295

MIRAMAR COLLEGE Moving to San Diego for work in Sept. I love the outdoors - hiking, climbing, surfing, etc. Looking for a van-sharing situation, AKA I'd pay you partial rent for a place to park my van and a few

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basic amenities. ISO of a spot by Miramar College. www.facebook.com/trinity.locker

ROOMMATE AT REO DR. San Diego, 92139 close to the bus stop, street parking. 10ft x 9 ft private & furnished room but shared bathroom and kitchen. www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100008366283298

SDSU ROOMMATE 2 rooms are for rent at the house I'm living at right now. Both are single rooms @ a cheap renting price, month-to-month lease & walking distance to SDSU. \$695/room www.instagram.com/luisandraxiv/

STUDENT SEEKING ROOMMATES Student seeking roommates www.facebook.com/joseph.lua.9

ADULTS GOING BACK 2 COLLEGE Scholarships for adults returning to college @ www.facebook.com/cappex [@cappexsupport](http://www.facebook.com/cappexsupport)

AZTEC PACIFIC APARTMENTS Less than a mile from SDSU, Aztec Pacific apartment homes have a hip, retro design with spacious floor plans. Located at 6663 Montezuma Rd. www.facebook.com/AztecPacificApartments (833) 659-5779

CUTE PLACE BY SDSU SDSU students, I found this place by campus called College Campanile. It's super cuute! www.facebook.com/CollegeCampanile/ (619) 582-7158

MESA COLLEGE Looking for a couple more people to jump on this 4bed/2bath right next to Mesa in Clairemont. The house is cute and the rent is insane, less than 850 each. The other occupants would be in their early 20s. bit.ly/by-mesa-college

SDSU STUDENT HERE Hey everyone, I'm doing my semester abroad at SDSU and still need a spot in a shared bedroom or

private bedroom as I'm living in a hostel in downtown at the moment. Budget \$1000 per month. www.facebook.com/leonardo.cofone.3

SHARE A PLACE BY SDSU? Gravity Apartments at 4560 Mission Gorge Pl, San Diego, CA 92120 is renting a studio for \$2,440 — wanna split rent here? It's like close to campus! www.facebook.com/GravityApts (619) 880-8340 / leasing@livegravityapartments.com



UCSD / PALOMAR \$1500 ROOM Repost: Large private bedroom + attached sunroom for rent in La Jolla/Windansea. 4BD/2BA with three mid-20s males working professionally in the surrounding areas (UCSD alum). Ocean view from the front yard. Looking for someone to fill the room. www.facebook.com/commerce/listing/3064661000422157/

UCSD ROOMMATES Renting out a room for 1500/month in a 2 bedroom 2 bathroom apt in Del Mar, CA. 8 min drive to the beach. 10 min drive to UCSD. If interested, please DM me on IG so we can set up a room viewing! Del Mar Villas bit.ly/ucsd-roommate

USD AND MESA COLLEGES Two rooms are available for rent in the house I live in. Located in Linda Vista by the 163 highway. DM for more details if you are interested. No more pets, not a party house. Thank you - rent \$720/month+utilities. bit.ly/housemate-by-163

MESA COLLEGE ROOMMATE Hi, my name is Michelle, I'm looking for a rental until 5/22. school next month at Mesa

College for the Medical Assistant program. I'm 30, I do not smoke or nor do I have an interest in partying. www.facebook.com/michelle.ramirez.39545 (424) 240-0777



CLOSE TO PLNU Reposting this from CL. This house is close to Point Loma Nazarene University. It's a 1 bedroom and private bathroom on W. Point Loma Blvd. sandiego.craigslist.org/csd/roo/d/san-diego-bedroom-and-private-bathroom/7370625427.html

COLLEGE STUDENTS GETAWAY 2BD/1BTH and 300 steps to the lake! Hiking, fishing, WiFi, and a fully stocked kitchen and our personal home are unlike company-owned cabins. Email for price/night - <http://www.getlostinn.com/> www.facebook.com/GetLostInn contact@getlostinn.com



HOUSE NEAR UCSD Saw this house by our campus. UTC 4bd/2bth 2 car garage house A/C avail Sept 12, incl. water 1yr lease on Governor Dr. \$4200 (619) 992-6264

LOOKING FOR STUDENT ROOMMATES Looking for student roommates to rent this room to. www.facebook.com/mercedes.gomez.908347 (949) 482-7540

PALOMAR COLLEGE Room with private entrance, and bathroom, share utilities \$75 per month, large closet, Storage/ kitchenette area, near Palomar college, Cal State, public transportation, HWY 78, Call for more details. (760) 383-9122

UCSD ROOMMATES? Found this place by UCSD — roommate is moving out and I'm looking to fill her room in a 2b/2b in UTC. Rent is \$1230 with in unit washer & dryer and secured parking. Dm me for any questions www.facebook.com/isa.chancey/

3 ROOMMATES Reposting. We are looking for a place to stay for three months in San Diego. We are 3 girls, coming from Europe. Budget: maximum \$600/pers. Do you have any tips? Direct message on FB @ bit.ly/three-roommates

CAL STATE UNI. SAN MARCOS One room with a separate bathroom is available to rent. Located at Vista. In-unit laundry was also available. Rent 1150 with all utilities and wifi included. Looking for just a single person with no pets. DM: bit.ly/csusm-room

COLLEGE HOUSE WITH POOL 3Bd/3Ba house for rent in a very chill community in between Bay Park and Mission Valley. -Literally a 2 minute walk to USD. -10 min drive to SDSU. -10-15 min drive to UC. 1 room-\$1450/month + utilities. MSG OP on FB @ Lufyrb www.facebook.com/Lufyrb

FREE MOVIES 4 COLLEGE STUDENTS Our magazine is giving away FREE movie passes to the first five college students who place their

"college roommate" ads on our magazine's site @ www.sandiegoreader.com/classifieds/. Last week's free movie passes were for "The Forever Purge." This week is for "Snake Eyes." www.facebook.com/ClassifiedsBySDReader (619) 235-3000 / post@sandiegoreader.com

NORTH PARK CLOSE TO SDSU \$842 for a medium-sized private room and shared bath available in 3 bedroom/2 Bath North Park Craftsman home. Send a message about you (socials if you would like) so we can set up an apt! bit.ly/np-roommate

PACIFIC BEACH ROOMIES Hi, fellow college students! I found a place, but it's not open until Sept., so I passed on it. If you are looking for a place in PB sandiego.craigslist.org/csd/sub/d/san-diego-furnished-2br-cottage-close/7362681514.html

PALOMAR COLLEGE / CSUSM Moving date starting Nov. 1st. It's at the Marc Apartments in San Marcos. 749 SQ.FT 1 Bd. / 1 Ba. W/D in the unit. \$2336. Dog friendly. Walking distance from Palomar College and close to Train Station and Freeway 78. www.facebook.com/archstu27

SERRA MESA NEAR SDSU Room is private and with a shared bathroom (only shared with one more person). Rent is \$730 (month to month) + Utilities (around \$75- all electric, water included). Deposit is \$700. Room is 120 square feet. bit.ly/serra-room

UCSD/MESA COLLEGE ROOMMATES Have 2 rooms available out of 5 rooms. Looking for 2 guys. Each room is 500 dlrs a month deposit is 500, no contract month to month. It is in Clairemont right off Clairemont Mesa Blvd and the 805. bit.ly/clairemont-roomie

UCSD ROOMMATE Repost — my current lease is ending Aug. 13 but my landlord is going to let me try and find 3 other roommates to sign a new lease! The house is located in UTC between Genesee and Regents Rd, 4 bedrooms & 2 baths. DM: bit.ly/utc-roommates-wtd bit.ly/utc-roommates-wtd

MISSION VALLEY TOWNHOME 3 bedroom townhome for SDSU students (818) 687-9060

CITY COLLEGE ROOM Single bedroom for rent in a 2 bedrooms house. Utilities included with rent. *women only preferably around 20-28. *room fits a full bed comfortably. Available sept. 1st. 3 min away from downtown. bit.ly/loganroom facebook.com/marketplace/item/545277570027209/

LA MESA CONDO 3BD + 2BA 1320 sqft unit in La Mesa near SDSU. Updated Kitchen and baths. Easy Freeway access. 1 car garage + 1 assigned parking spot. No smoking and credit check required. Email: mmedina66@gmail.com

NEAR SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE Who wants to split rent w/two other students from SWC? Up for rent is a 3 bedroom/2 bath house in Chula Vista for \$2,700. The price includes utilities. @ 443 Emerson Street Chula Vista www.facebook.com/norma.m.saylor

NEAR TO MESA COLLEGE Private bedroom 10x10 (furnished). Kearny Mesa (92123). 3 bedrooms, 1/2 bathrooms townhouse... 2 people in the house. 900\$ month to month lease, 450 \$deposit (refundable). www.facebook.com/anderson.assis www.facebook.com/anderson.assis

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PERFECT 4 UCSD/MIRAMAR STUDENT Spacious 3BR/2BA home. The family room is open to a dining space and the kitchen. The kitchen has upgraded cabinets and counters. Lots of storage! Option for Miramar and UCSD students. www.facebook.com/kim.chishi.54

SDSU STUDENT SEEKING ROOMIE Student looking for a furnished room near SDSU for the fall semester. Either a single room or shared is okay. My budget is up to 800. Please message me. www.facebook.com/IamPropertyOfJevCipriano

USD/SDSU STUDENT? Master bedroom with private bath / private entry. Close to Sdsu, USD. Beautiful Mountain View / pool house. Brand new bathroom and wooden floor / built in closets. My room mate is studying master of nursing. bit.ly/room_usd_sdsu www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100014835751201

APT COMPLEX NEAR SDSU Hi all, I am looking for a roommate to share the bedroom with me in a 1 bedroom apartment. The complex is called Villa Del Sol. The area is off-campus of SDSU. www.facebook.com/Villa-Del-Sol-Apartments-106409991659182 (619) 371-9925

BY CSUSM \$950 I'm looking to rent a master bedroom, in a beautiful area of San Marcos. I'm asking, \$950 per month, (utilities included) with a security deposit of \$500. It's furnished. (442) 224-9549

BY MESA COLLEGE & UCSD I'm looking for a private room w/ bathroom or roommates, anything really. Max budget is \$1300. I'm 27, have a cat, moving from Ohio and I'm an architectural designer. I love being active playing soccer, basketball, volleyball. FB: jay.d.schlesinger www.facebook.com/jay.d.schlesinger

COLLEGE STUDENT ROOMMATES Are you searching for a quiet yet fun roommate in San Diego? Our FREE classified ads have a roommate section that's connected to our thousands of readers. Post your FREE ad here. www.facebook.com/ClassifiedsBySDReader (619) 235-3000 / classifiedsbydsreader@gmail.com

COLLEGE THANKSGIVING BREAK Book now — whether it is in Green Valley Lake or Arrowbear Lake, come stay at the cozy mountain retreat perfect for any season - Skiing/ snowboarding and hiking rentals. www.facebook.com/GetLostInn getlostinn@gmail.com

NORTH PARK RENTAL Rental at Dale Street in North Park, south of Thorn Street. It's a big house, good for SDSU roommates, about 5 miles west from the campus! (858) 505-1300

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE Legit room nearby campus for \$850! I was searching online for an SWC roommate, and this one in East Rancho Del Rey in Chula came up at bit.ly/sw-college-room

CITY COLLEGE ROOMMATE? We are two girls in an early twenties looking to fill in the last bedroom in our 3 bedroom 2 bathroom cute remodeled home! It's on 25th street so only an 8 min drive to downtown by City College. \$900 DM bit.ly/nearcity www.facebook.com/samantha.lachica.9

CUYAMACA COLLEGE Helping my mom rent out a room in her condo located in Rancho San Diego. The rent is \$850 per month and includes utilities. Please have proof of income and 2-3 references. Facebook.com/alank35

LA JOLLA / U.C.S.D. / UTC AREA 1 completely furnished room is available for rent. 5 minutes from UCSD / La Jolla / UTC area. More info @ bit.ly/uc-room

LOOKING FOR 3RD ROOMIE My roommate and I are hoping to find a third person for this house. We thought it would be nice to use the fourth bedroom for storage/office space since a couple rooms are pretty small and close together but would be open to finding a fourth roomie! www.facebook.com/anna.lippold.5 www.facebook.com/anna.lippold.5

MESA COLLEGE OR USD 1 bedroom in Linda Vista. A very clean and very good sized single room with a bed and other furniture. Super clean house with two other girls. It is located in Linda Vista next to Fashion Valley Mall, \$900. FB: daniel.florenzano.7 www.facebook.com/daniel.florenzano.7

MIRAMAR COLLEGE ROOMMATES \$700, in Mira Mesa, monthly cleaning service, furnished room. FB me @ www.facebook.com/jon.choi.50 your name, occupation, length of desired stay, date you are looking to move in http://www.facebook.com/jon.choi.50

PALOMAR COLLEGE / CSUSM For \$1100, we have 1 extra bedroom with a private bathroom and a large size closet available for rent. Under ten minutes away from Palomar College, California State University of San Marcos. FB me @ www.facebook.com/ledinhlong1015 www.facebook.com/ledinhlong1015

PREFER SDSU STUDENTS Another guy and myself are living in the house as of now. We would prefer roommates that go to sdsu or a college. It's \$695 a month/room. For more details, DM through Instagram: www.instagram.com/rene_osuna/ www.instagram.com/rene_osuna/

ROOMMATES WANTED I'm looking for a room/or roommate! I'm looking to move ASAP but no rush as well. My budget is \$1,000. Please message me if you have a room available or wanna be roommates! www.facebook.com/Fischer.christina7 www.facebook.com/Fischer.christina7

ROOMMATES WANTED Hi I'm Sophie and I'm 23 years. I am looking for roommate. I am 4/20 friendly and drink socially. I work remote but will be done by 3pm every day. Message me to see if we are a fit! www.facebook.com/sophie.tokheim www.facebook.com/sophie.tokheim

SAN CARLOS ROOMMATE? Saw this 3 bd/2 ba house located on Lake Baca Street in San Carlos by State! Has brand new vinyl flooring throughout house. 2 car garage. Surfer if you want to split rent! email.415@gmail.com

SAN DIEGO STUDENT HOUSING Welcome to San Diego Student Housing, the leader in furnished, affordable, and comfortable housing for students in San Diego. www.facebook.com/SDStudentHousing/ www.facebook.com/SDStudentHousing/ (619) 788-1782

SHUTTLE RIDE FROM SDSU ISO roommate for furnished bedroom and bathroom in very good condition (recently cleaned) with parking spot @ the Plaza

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PERF FOR CSUSM STUDENTS

One available room for rent in September 14. newly renovated house with new doors and ceiling fans. Rent included the utilities. Cable and WiFi. Have access on laundry on the premises. Message owner/op on FB @ bit.ly/calstateusmroom www.facebook.com/lulu.jones.589

SDSU ROOM Found this on FB - room for rent August 16th!! 4540 60th St, San Diego, CA 92115-5416, United States. Looking for a roommate to stay in one of the bedrooms inside a nice 2 bed 2 bath condo nearby SDSU! www.facebook.com/joshua.baldwin.18 www.facebook.com/joshua.baldwin.18

TAKE OVER LEASE Hello! I'm looking for a female to take over my lease in an all-girls house on Montezuma Rd. College area by SDSU. It is a single bedroom with a shared bathroom and the monthly rent is \$728. IG: _brookevu/ www.instagram.com/_brookevu/

1BR/1BA UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS 1BR/1BA studio for rent; bright airy units; 1-year lease. in University Heights at Illinois and Meade (619) 280-3278

IN PB, CLAIREMONT, LA JOLLA Hi, I'm looking for a room/or roommate! My budget is \$1,000. Looking in PB, Clairemont, La Jolla, Sorrento Valley, Mission Valley, Kearny Mesa. Please message me if you have a room available or wanna be roommates! www.facebook.com/Fischer.christina7 www.facebook.com/Fischer.christina7

LOOKING FOR ROOMMATES I'm Jordan, 29, and a full-time nursing student. I work from home and have 2 dogs. I'm

looking for another female to rent a house within San Diego County. PLMK, thanks! Budget: \$1500 DM on Facebook, thanks! www.facebook.com/jordan.mcguire.3 www.facebook.com/jordan.mcguire.3

ROOM BY SAN DIEGO STATE? I am looking to rent a 1 Bedroom apartment in the San Diego area. My budget is around \$800-1250/ month for rent. School starts next week, so I am urgently looking for a place! DM on FB @ Jalen Dumphord

ROOMMATE IN SEPT./OCT. I'm looking for a room to rent towards the end of September/ early October. Open to living with any gender. My budget is \$1200 max! I'm 28, naturally outgoing but can keep to myself if need be. Basketball is LIFE & I love the outdoors. DM my IG www.instagram.com/ThatGuyNamedDre/ www.instagram.com/ThatGuyNamedDre/

UCSD ROOMMATES Looking for 1 male roommate (no doubles) to fill a single bedroom in a 3 br, 2.5 ba townhome by UTC. 8 minute car ride and 15 min bus to UCSD. You will be living with three guys. Saw this on FB - MSG OP @ bit.ly/ucsd-utc www.facebook.com/matthew.dzoan

RENTALS

LOOKING FOR 2 BEDROOM APT. Hello everyone! I'd like to rent 2 bedroom apartment. Or take a lease. Price around \$2000. Preferably, North Park, Normal Heights, Kensington, South Park, Hillcrest, University Heights, Mission Valley, FB: aigulya. sarsenbaeva.9

BANKER'S HILL, \$1395. 1BD+1BA large upstairs unit. Stove, refrigerator, hardwood

floors, near Balboa Park. No pets (service animals are not considered pets.). 342 Kalmia St. Add Realty, (619) 232-6811.

NORTH PARK, \$1995. 2BD+2BA upstairs apartment. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, plank flooring, washer/dryer, A/C, parking space, balcony, fireplace, garage. No pets. (Service animals are not considered pets.) 3751 31st Street #7. Add Realty, (619) 232-6811.

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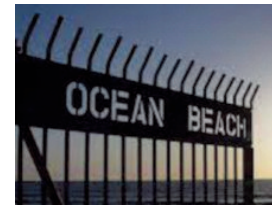
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Saltwater: The full moon phase at the beginning of the week, coupled with breezy conditions, slowed the bite across the board for the fleet.

But while fishing was spotty for some trips it was still very good overall for anglers aboard full day to 2.5-day trips for yellowtail, bluefin, dorado, and yellowfin. Bluefin are showing up best in numbers and size about 30 miles southwest of San Clemente Island around the Cortez and Tanner banks. Yellowtail, yellowfin, and dorado are biting well at the 9-Mile Bank, Coronado Islands, and south along the Baja coast. Much of the fleet heading that way is fishing an area 20 to 50 miles off the coast between Rosarito to Ensenada, including the 371, Upper Finger, Airplane, and Hidden banks.

Inshore, the La Jolla flats outside of the reserve from the north of the kelp beds to the canyon has been productive for a good grade of yellowtail and a few large white seabass and halibut for private boaters, half day trips, and kayakers. Sardines and squid fished near the bottom on a dropper loop or other weighted rig in 90 to 130 feet of water is working best for yellowtail, which are ranging from 15 to 35 pounds. Squid have been in their bellies, some about twice the size of the normal market squid one can find at the market, and indications are yellowtail are feeding in the lower portion of the water column. Yoyo irons in squid or scrambled egg colors will also get these fish biting, and early morning from first light to 10 am has been the best timeframe, which is often the case when squid are around.

For anglers fishing from the beach, surf perch, corbina, and rays have been common on bait including sand crabs, blood worms, clams, and cut sardines. There have been a lot of shovelnose guitarfish caught lately, as the species feeds in the warm shallows this time of year when baitfish are in close and sand crabs are prolific in the surf line and swash

Guitars on the beach



A pair of California corbina bracketing a pair of guitaras (shovelnose guitarfish) will make for fine eating.

breakers works better. In observing from the kayak, or better, from a pier, I have noticed a common pattern of species that feed in the surf. They tend to swim parallel to the beach in the clearer water behind the break, then dart in to feed during the larger waves in the set. This is due to turbulence in the shallows washing crabs up out of the sand, and the fish can access crabs higher in the swash for a longer period.

A surf rig, dropper loop, or Carolina rig works best with bait from the beach, with hooks sized to the bait used, and enough weight to cast just beyond the waves. Halibut, too, will feed in the surf, though lures like Lucky Craft, spoons, and scented grubs will get more action than bait. The better times to target species that feed in the surf line are during the two-hour window before and after high tide, with the top to middle span of the receding tide being best. Surf perch and corbina are excellent table fare with flaky white meat that works well fried whole, breaded and fried in strips for finger food or tacos, or prepared in ceviche being the most common methods. Though their appearance can be off-putting when considering eating your catch, guitaras, or shovelnose guitarfish, have two loins of meat that run from behind the head to the tail. They fight with stubborn runs and are very strong, making for a lot of fun on the light tackle usually used in the surf. Very popular south of the border, guitarfish meat texture and taste is similar to mako shark, and is usually cut into chunks and breaded and fried in tacos or sauteed in butter with lots of paprika.

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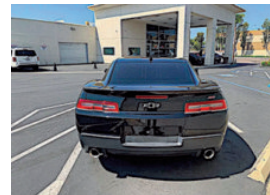
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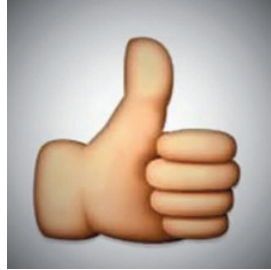


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SURF DIEGO

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20-year-old Colin MacLeod has been surfing for seven years.

How long have you been surfing?

“Seven years now. The first time I ever surfed, I hated it. My dad got me out on a surfboard for the first time at Doheny State Beach. It was like a ten-to-twelve-foot longboard. I fell on my first wave. I ended up hitting my head on the board, and I was like, ‘I am not doing this anymore!’”

How long did it take for you to get back out there?

“It was a couple of years later before I went back out. My dad bought me a Wavestorm. He would push me into waves for the longest time. Finally, I figured out how to stand up and how to read the waves.”

What's your favorite surf spot?

“In San Diego, Sunset Cliffs is my favorite spot by far, but I really like to surf Blacks, Ocean Beach, and Mission beach is pretty fun.”

Have you ever seen naked surfers at Blacks?

“Yes, actually, I have! I caught a glimpse of one naked guy heading up the trail.”

Have you had any frightening surfing experiences?

“I've had a few instances where I thought I was going to die. A

couple of years back, I was at Bluff Cove [in Palos Verde] surfing a really big swell in the winter. I was riding this wave and I fell at the worst possible spot. I was tumbling, I had no idea what was up or down. When I started getting my bearings and coming up to the surface, another wave landed right on top of me and I did the whole spin cycle again. At this point, I'm trying not to panic, trying to get back up to the top. Just before the surface I took the biggest gulp of salt water that went straight to my lungs. I made it up to the top, got on my board., and I'm coughing out all this salt water. I still can't surf waves that big, it freaks me out. I went surfing the next day though. I mean, there was swell, I had to!”

Do you compete?

“I used to do a lot of contests. Right now I am trying to join the SDSU surf team. There is a south bay league I was in and the WSA [Western Surfing Association], which competes anywhere from Moro Bay all the way down to here. My dad and I would do that a lot. My dad is 60 and he rips harder than I do. I stopped [com-

peting] because I am too busy with college.”

Did you go to SDSU so you could surf?

“Yes, honestly that was my number one priority looking for colleges. I was like, ‘First of all, where can I surf? And secondly, is this a good college?’”

What is your advice for newbies?

“Start with a longer board—maybe a Wavestorm or a longboard, anything that will really float and get you into waves. One of the hardest parts of surfing is learning how to pop up to your feet instead of taking a bunch of time getting on one knee. My dad told me to lay a yoga mat on the floor and do pop ups over and over again. Also, when paddling into waves, you really just want to paddle like there is a shark behind you. Paddle your heart out, so you can get in early and not have to worry about that vertical drop in.”

What has been your favorite surfing experience?

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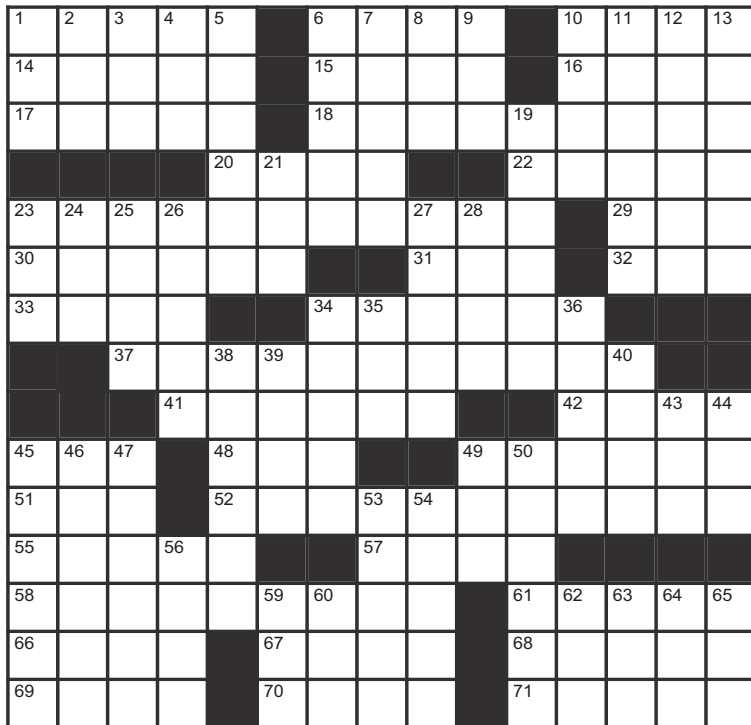
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1. Type of 37-Across ... or a two-word hint to 23- or 52-Across
6. Up to the job
10. Speak with a gravelly voice
14. Last name in Scotch
15. "____: Legacy" (2010 film sequel)
16. "If ____ believe ..."
17. Only president born outside the continental United States
18. Reality TV's Gordon Ramsay, e.g.?
20. Planted
22. Spooky
23. Medical professional used by Bert's roommate?
29. Signature 17-Across health measure, for short
30. Home to the Venus de Milo
31. Common suffix on chemical elements
32. D-Day vessel: Abbr.
33. Final Four game
34. Drives home, as runs
37. Yours may be a 1-Across or 71-Across
41. Perceived to be
42. Singer Bareilles
45. Something to hang your hat on
48. Record producer Brian
49. "A Lesson Before Dying" author Ernest J. ____
51. Sierra Nevada, for one
52. Pickup used by a college-area local?

55. Greek column variety
 57. "You've Got a Friend ____"
 58. 509 hatchlings in ancient Rome?
 61. Bits of viral web content
 66. On the briny
 67. Oxford, e.g.
 68. Some beach toys
 69. Laura of "Blue Velvet"
 70. In perfect condition
 71. Type of 37-Across ... or a two-word hint to 18- or 58-Across
- Down**
1. "Don't mind if ____"
 2. Cornhusker State: Abbr.
 3. Rap group inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2016
 4. "____ shocked ... shocked!"
 5. Golf pencil's lack
 6. When some lunches end
 7. Horse to be broken
 8. Baseballer Gehrig
 9. Grade school subj.
 10. It might be wild, dirty or sticky
 11. Unconcerned with right and wrong
 12. Greek philosophical group
 13. Jab with a finger
 19. ____ crab
 21. Praiseful poem
 23. Ernie who won the 2012 British Open

24. Fish eggs
25. Give an epidural, e.g.
26. Harvard, Yale, Brown, etc.
27. "____ Andronicus"
28. Dethrone
34. At this point
35. Lawyer's org.
36. General refusal?
38. NHL legend Brian inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in 2008
39. Fallon predecessor
40. When repeated, Mork's sign-off
43. Parks' partner, familiarly
44. Query
45. Expense intended to increase traffic?
46. Title six-year-old of literature
47. Millennial's parent
49. Little treasure
50. At the original speed, musically
53. Japanese camera
54. Many a map of Hawaii
56. "Not if ____ help it!"
59. School of thought
60. "____-Raq" (2015 Spike Lee film)
62. French quencher
63. "Good Will Hunting" sch.
64. Two-time Super Bowl MVP Manning
65. NNW's opposite

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EVIL:

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Unchurched

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belief with the New Atheist movement — Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, and others who were proclaiming “the end of faith.” Maynard heard the virulently godless Gore Vidal at a book-tour appearance utter a line whose drollery enthralled him. “The universe is not your friend.” That quip alone, he told me, launched his “de-conversion experience, [which] was as noteworthy as my conversion experience was when I accepted Jesus — like the first time you get glasses and you can see again.” Still, old habits die hard. Stressed out about something personal, he’d start to pray. “Help me God, help me, help me. Then I’d stop, and remember, ‘Oh yeah. I don’t do that anymore.’” For a time, he struggled with the God-focus in the A.A. community, where, he said, “people would credit God with everything from parking places to why they’re millionaires.” He reacted differently, “screaming out in my head, ‘You guys did this yourselves. You guys have been sober all this time, and you’re giving God credit? You should be giving us, the group, credit.’”

Maynard switched to another A.A.-based support group, We Agnostics, one drained of its “God dependence.” He found it was a better fit for his substance issues. He cherished its brotherliness and warmth, and stayed for nine years. One day, he heard someone say, “I’m a godless alcoholic.” I said, “I just love that.” Such is his “avocation,” a self-directed atheist in groups where he labels himself as the “godless addict or god-



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**Sojourn Grace
Collective’s Pastor
Colby Martin has “a
love/hate relationship
with the Bible.”**

less tweaker.” In a range of meetups — including the San Diego Humanist Association — he started offering testimony: “You can do every step without God; you’re not alone, and you will get better.”

Maynard believes that the lastingness of recovery lies in group association, “where people have connection. There’s a lot of science about the power of connection in healing people from what is technically a brain disorder. For years, people said alcoholism wasn’t a real disease.” Instead, they labeled it failure of will, a defect in character. “But now with brain imagin-

ing, we know about the craving response.” He said that the best feature of A.A., godless or otherwise, is its “fellowship component. You’re matched with a sponsor to help you learn the steps. I’ve had the same sponsor for 18 years.” With fellowship, addiction is mirrored by others who have been where you’ve been. “I go into groups not to advocate for disbelief, but to offer companionship to those who already disbelieve.”

Conflicts of desire

Of course, the irony here is that three of the four people I spoke with are still in some sort of church. It strikes me as a sort of Catch-22. To process the abusive attachments of their religious youth, these people must seek a new cohort of like-minded people, bind themselves to a new congregation, one based around its members’ needs. If this story taught me anything, it was less about belief and more about belonging.

I have always admired how the English

philosopher Bernard Williams measures the roles of belief and desire. He asserts that conflicts of belief are far less burdensome on people than conflicts of desire. Everyone I talked to was conflicted, to say the least, by their love of, and distress with, fundamentalist churches and their teachings. Everyone used the term “traumatic.” Martin and Cornelius told me of their pain, which was lessened somewhat after children, and which gave rise to a desire for some alternative that did not throw out the ecclesial baby with the toxic bathwater.

But the great commonality among my subjects is the need for fellowship. Sojourn Collective does not require that attendees “believe in anything” in particular. What matters is the desire for togetherness. All four are more comfortable and less anxious after rejecting their initial formation; if anything, their anger, grief, and vulnerability have helped them evolve a new faith, one that is almost carefree. If their lives’ tra-

vails are not fodder for a healing spiritual journey, I don’t know what is. They have followed a spiritual path that has helped them undo their

pasts and build their presents, a present that lets them repair the soul without creating another set of binding oaths.

— Thomas Larson

La Jolla 1955

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and when Henrietta came to town as cook for one of the old families, and they were married, it was just one of those happy marriages that every one hopes to see. But times changed and a high-powered salesman sold Tom an automobile. Of course there were no self-starters in those days, and... one day old Uncle Tom cranked and cranked until he fell unconscious and was carried into his house — but he was gone before they reached his bed. The people of his race, of whom there were quite a few in La Jolla by that time, just stood around in horror and terror. I drove my father there at once and I shall

never forget it as he quietly folded “Uncle Tom’s” hands and closed his eyes, and held his hand on the dark brow and said, “Good old Tom.” The tension relaxed, the terror was gone. God was still in heaven and peace was on earth again.

Yes, we had our tragedies as well as our comedies in “Old La Jolla.”

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Inexplicable

— *Metro News* reported on Aug. 15 that authorities in the village of Wonerh in Surrey, England, are stumped by a serial baked bean bandit who is pouring the savory legumes on doorsteps, cars and into mail slots. Officers have promised to step up patrols in the area, but residents are seeing the lighter side: "What half-baked idiots would do this? I hope they get thrown in the can!" and "Absolutely Heinzous crime."

Fine Points of the Law

— Paul Flores, 44, of San Pedro, California, is facing the court for the 1996 disappearance and murder of Kristin Smart, *Yahoo News* reported. On Aug. 11, Bob Sanger, Flores' attorney, filed a motion requesting a hearing to recuse the entire district attorney's office. Sanger argued that prosecutors have a conflict of interest because they've been wearing purple clothing during the hearing, which was Smart's favorite color. He also said the victim witness coordinator has been sending a "prejudicial message" to witnesses that the DA's office is on Smart's side. Specifically, Sanger said, Detective Clint Cole had worn a purple tie every day of the hearing. Sanger's motion will be heard on Aug. 25.

Bright Idea

— New York City subway motorman Terrell Harris is in trouble with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority after letting his girlfriend take a train for a joyride on Aug. 13. Ac-

ording to NBC New York, the couple posted photos to social media showing them in the cab, with her operating the controls through several stops. Interim NYC Transit President Craig Cipriano called the incident an "egregious violation of public trust. Something that I haven't seen in my 32 years here." Harris has been "taken out of service."

Puppy Le Pew

— A Nylabone dog treat plant in Neptune City, New Jersey, has neighbors holding their noses after the company consolidated its manufacturing at the site recently. "It's nauseating," Linda Williamson, who lives nearby, told NBC New York. "Instant headaches." Nylabone President Glen Axelrod said the company has spent more than \$2 million on odor abatement, charcoal filters and other fixes. "If it were a bakery, you'd be smelling baked food; if we were a steakhouse, you'd be smelling steak," he said. But ... it's not. "You can't enjoy your own yard in this beautiful neighborhood," complained Linda Colucci. While neighbors consult with lawyers about their next moves, Axelrod said the company will continue to explore solutions to the noxious odors.

Rubbish

— In Bathside, Harwich, England, resident Irene Slater, 59, has been "gobsmacked" by the theft of garbage bags from outside her home -- four times! She keeps the full bags outside because of the smell, but someone obviously appreciates the bouquet, according to the

Harwich and Manningtree Standard, sneaking up in the dark of night to take them away. Slater and her neighbors are concerned that the thieves are looking to steal their identities. "It's just so strange -- why would you steal a bin bag?" Slater asked. "It's certainly not as bad as being burgled, but it still makes you think."

That Was Fast

— Steven James Jordan, 31, launched a Twitter account on Aug. 8 and tweeted 186 times within three hours. His account was suspended on Aug. 9, and by Aug. 12, *Law & Crime* reported, Jordan was booked into the Pinellas County (Florida) jail for threatening tweets. Sheriff's spokesperson Deputy Amanda Sinni said Jordan targeted Activision Games in reference to video games and said he was going to blow up Disney executives' homes, even tagging the company in the tweets. Jordan admitted to writing the tweets but said he posted "stupid things" and didn't want to be arrested. He has a previous conviction for threatening to open fire at a Masonic lodge in Clearwater, Florida.

Awesome!

— In July, customers at Tesco supermarkets in England were greeted with motivational posters encouraging camaraderie during the COVID-19 pandemic, the *Daily Record* reported. However, some patrons were amused by the placement of the messages -- especially one reading "Together we can do this" found in a urinal stall in the men's restroom. Users posted

the sign online, prompting replies such as, "Nah I got this one all by myself thanks Tesco" and "Ok, but only three shakes please."

Birdbrained

— In the western German city of Kleve, a regional court in mid-January overruled a lower court and awarded the owner of a chicken mauled by a dog higher restitution because the chicken had TV experience. Sieglinde the chicken, who died in the attack, had completed 10 hours of acting training and had appeared in at least one German movie, for which she received a three-figure daily fee. The court ordered the dog's owner to pay 615 euros (about \$680) in damages, the Associated Press reported. A regular chicken is worth about 15 euros.

Repeat Offender

— A Davenport, Iowa, man was arrested on Aug. 12 after nonchalantly entering a home and rummaging for children's dirty underwear, then sitting down next to a juvenile on the couch. *The Quad-City Times* reported that Brock Joseph Beert, 30, was led out the back door and waited for police while sitting on a fence. Beert was charged with second-degree burglary and will face the court for those charges after a sentencing hearing on Aug. 19 for another burglary earlier this year.

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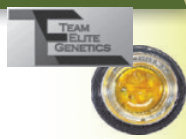
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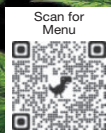
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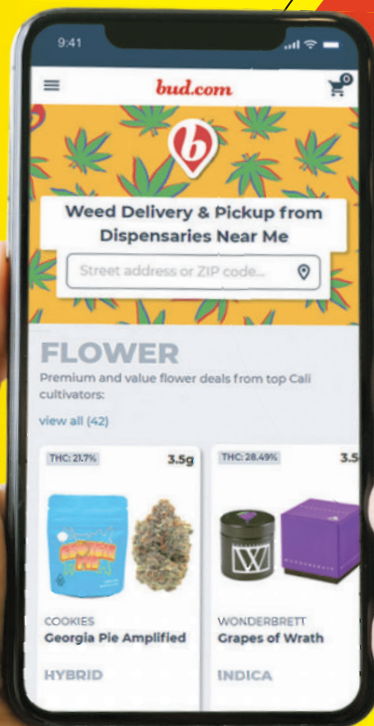
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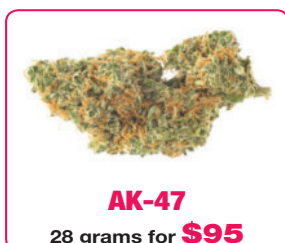
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