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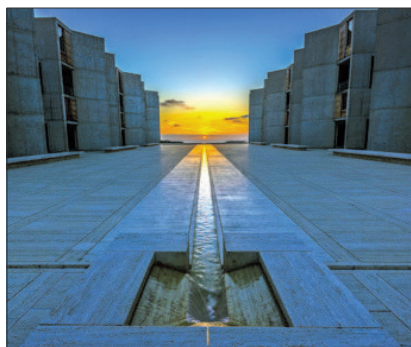
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

CRASH SITE

Cars mar bars

“The biggest miracle: no one was smoking in front of Ould Sod.”

On August 26, a driver in a yellow Kia Rio crashed into a tree in front of Top Gun Wash & Groom on Adams Avenue in Normal Heights. “I had just crossed the street,” Jonathan Conklin explained to me via DM on September 4. “So, if I were 15 seconds slower in life, I wouldn’t be writing to you.” Conklin then sent me video footage of the Thurs-

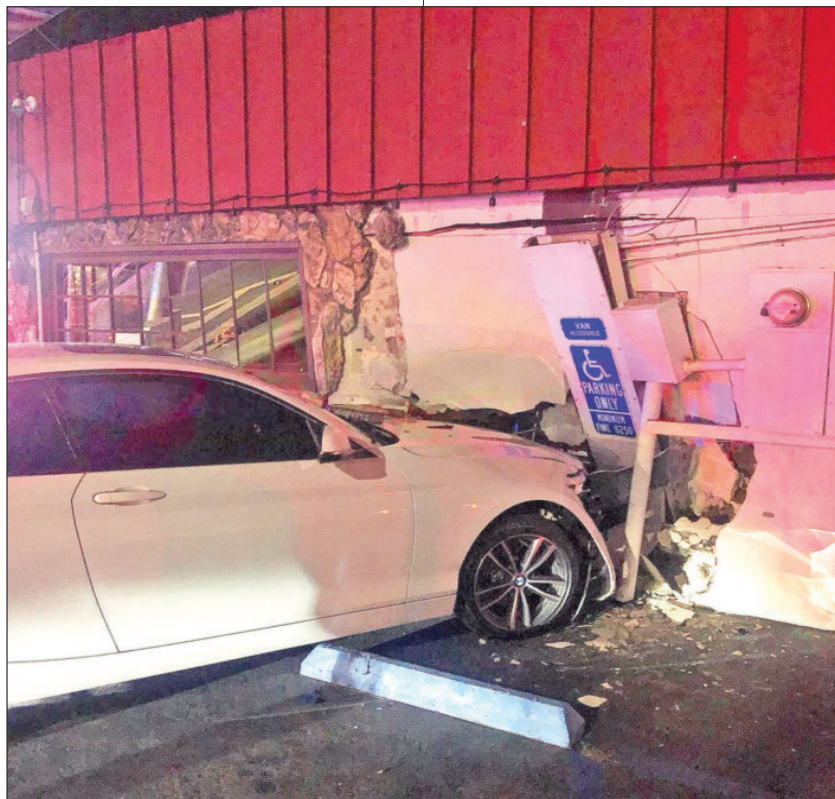
Adams. At the same time, the Kia driver was traveling westbound. Though the speed limit was 25 miles per hour, Conklin estimated that the Kia “was going about 70 at about 11:20 that night. Since the driver was going so fast, he didn’t even have a chance to hit the brakes.” The late-model Kia clipped the front end of the gray vehicle then veered onto the opposite lane, passing Conklin and five Sycamore Den patrons sitting on barstools on the sidewalk. The other camera at Sycamore Den captured the Kia careening into the crowd control fences that separated Rabbit Hole’s outdoor-diner customers from traffic.

The roughly 2500-lb. subcompact vehicle continued onto the sidewalk and swiped the storefronts of Nozaru, a ramen-and-sushi bar, and The Ould Sod, an Irish pub. The camera at Top Gun Wash & Groom, a dog grooming business next door to Ould Sod, captured the audio of the impact a second before the car appeared in its frame. Once visible, the car barely missed a parked vehicle and plowed into an A-frame business sign

“So that drunk bitch who ruined our evening last night busted up our bar pretty bad and broke a few really awesome beer artifacts, including a Pabst mirror.”

day night. Sycamore Den, a bar in between Salon Bordeaux and the Rabbit Hole where Conklin works, captured footage of a dark gray vehicle on 34th Street as it approached Adams Avenue. The driver did not make a complete stop and proceeded eastbound onto

and scooter. Finally, it seems, the tree outside of the doggie business helped to stop the car from reaching the Normal Heights sign at Adams Avenue and Felton Street. Then there was dead silence. About 18 seconds later, a person ran from behind the car yelling, “Is



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“Some drunk chick ran a red [light] and decorated our beautiful bar with her Beemer.”



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A witness estimated that the Kia was doing 70 miles per hour

anyone hurt?”

A man wearing a white tank top, dark pants, and white sneakers disembarked from the Kia. “Are you okay?” asked somebody else. “Yeah,” the Kia driver responded as he proceeded past the rear of the vehicle. “He stumbled out and was blaming the other driver,” Conklin noted. In the video, the driver returned to the Kia and tried to open the jammed driver-side door. He stuck his head inside the driver’s side window area to reach into the confines of the vehicle as five people rushed to the driver’s side. “It looked like he was trying to get back into the car, but the crowd restrained him,” Conklin continued. “The police and emergency medical services/fire were there ASAP. The driver [appeared] impaired [but] the driver refused a sobriety test, so they took him. Luckily, no one was hurt. This incident is a miracle because, before that, we were sitting in front of Sycamore Den. Rabbit Hole was closed. Nozaru was closed. And the biggest miracle: no one was smoking in front of Ould Sod. Adams and 34th needs to be a four-way stop. I don’t know if the city is waiting for someone to actually die, but if that were a Friday or Saturday at 11:30 pm, there would’ve been quite a few casualties.”

On September 2, about ten miles south of Normal Heights, a white BMW crashed into the Manhattan Bar in Chula Vista. “Every-

one is safe, everyone is okay, but yeah, some drunk chick ran a red [light] and decorated our beautiful bar with her Beemer,” posted the bar’s Facebook handler. In the crash photos of the 63-year-old dive bar located on Broadway and G Street, it looks like the BMW’s front bumper smashed into part of the exterior stone facade and decimated some studs, dry-wall, wall panels, and hanging decor. “So that drunk bitch who ruined our evening last night busted up our bar pretty bad and broke a few really awesome beer artifacts, including a Pabst mirror I brought from Michigan in 2003,” continued the bar’s Facebook handler. But another mirror survived the destruction. “Somehow, even though this whole piece of paneling came crashing down, the mirror on it survived. This mirror was a gift from our longest-tenured employee and was/is very special to us. I was so relieved to see it in one piece while cleaning up the mess.”

In 2020, there were 33 people killed in DUI crashes in the county, according to a video posted on the San Diego County District Attorney Facebook page on June 25. “Sadly,” commented District Attorney Summer Stephan, “we are on track to exceed that number, averaging one case a week in San Diego County.”

MIKE MADRIAGA

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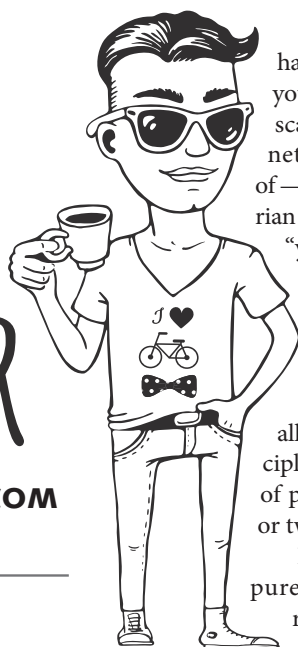
Dear Hipster:

As I understand it, one of the most powerful motivating forces in the hipster universe is “wouldn't it be funny if...” Invoking this ironic catchphrase still seems to justify doing all kinds of absurd things, no matter how much it seems like there isn't any room left for irony in the world. But, if I may paraphrase Jurassic Park, “You were so preoccupied with whether or not you could that you didn't stop to think if you should.” Sometimes, I fear this attitude leads to me and pretty much everyone else wanting to say, “Yeah, could you just @#*ing not?!” Is there any force that counteracts the hipster desire to engage in perpetual ironic brinkmanship?

— PATRICIO

The temptation to do something for no other reason than “because I can” sometimes leads to inspired feats of greatness: think George Mallory's take on trying to climb Mount Everest, regardless of whether or not he actually said the thing about climbing the world's tallest mountain “because it's there.” Taken to its other extreme, this logic can breed absolute madness. It's how we ended up with a YouTube video edit of *The Lord of the Rings* “but every time Sam takes a step towards Mordor he says it'll be the farthest he's ever been,” which is (a) a real thing; (b) exactly what it sounds like; and (c) nine hours long.

Clearly, somebody was so preoccupied with whether or not he could that he didn't stop to think if he should, which



has more in common than you'd think with internet scams. Pick any old internet scam you can think of — from the classic “Nigerian prince” to the simplistic “you need to reset your password” to the more modern “lose fifty pounds overnight with this one weird trick” — because they all work on the same principle of targeting millions of people and hoping one or two actually fall for it.

From a perspective of pure pragmatism, there's really no practical downside to orchestrating an internet scam.

The necessary cash outlay is low, the potential reward is great, and the realistic probability of being prosecuted as a filthy internet criminal is approximately zero. Other than a lack of technical sophistication, which is probably remediable by an afternoon of self-directed study, the only thing truly stopping the average person from going into the scam business is self-control and a sense of decency.

Yup, that's right. The only thing standing between you, me, and the easy lucre of internet scams is that we consider ourselves too good to get into the scam game. This self-imposed limitation is not really that much different than whatever it is that makes most of us realize we shouldn't recut *The Lord of the Rings* so every time Sam takes a step towards Mordor he says it'll be the farthest he's ever been. The only thing stopping any given hipster from doing any given insane and/or inane thing is not wanting to be *that* hipster.

And even *that* probably doesn't get us that far, because even if 100 hipsters think better of doing something, there's always going to be that one guy who doesn't listen to the little voice inside telling him ‘No.’ So there you have it. All day, every day, you're living at the mercy of some hipster's better judgment, which you may not be able to count on in the long run.

—DJ Stevens

LETTERS

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

Covid, continued

This is Michael Quirk, who had a letter published on September 1 in reply to Carol Lencina Thomas's rant about the Covid vaccine (“Paralyzing notion”, Letters, September 1). In the letter you published by her last week she calls me out by name saying I “don't read”, and that I have “fallen for the propaganda.”

An interesting assumption from someone whom I have never met and do not know nor frankly would I want to meet. Once they drink the Kool Aid it is simply useless to argue with these people. They just rant on, citing this and that imaginary statistic, with zero proof Ranting on about “1% getting blood clots and heart disease,” and people having “serious health problems” from the vaccine.

Well Ms. Thomas, I do indeed read. I read articles from reputable sources that have proof, not right wing conspiracy believing have no proof fringe publications. The only assumptions I make about Ms Thomas is that she is certainly not going to do anything to stop the pandemic. Then again, if she does get Covid she will just join the over 80% of anti-vaxxers whom comprise admissions in overburdened hospitals. Funny, they want nothing to do with sound medical advice but run right to the hospital when they're sick!

Michael Quirk
San Carlos

Big pharma's nemesis

Do you know what the term Consensus Reality means? In a nutshell, it

means what the unthinking masses believe in blindly but either has no proof or is blatantly false. For example: “I, the Lord, hate homosexuals,” or “Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.” I am not saying that the Covid pandemic is false. I am just saying that telling us that the vaccine is the only solution is false.

Moderna and Pfizer cause heart disease and Johnson and Johnson cause blood clots. There is no evidence that the shots work. People who have been vaccinated can be carriers and even get sick. Now they are talking about a 3rd booster. The big Pharmaceutical companies are spending billions on propaganda for the Covid vaccine. One can only assume that someone's lining his pockets big on profits from it. But this is the modus operandi of the pharmaceutical companies straight across the board. None of their drugs cure anything. They just alleviate symptoms temporarily. But since they don't address the underlying causes of the disease, they disease inevitably worsens over time until you die. They lie to you with false statistics and smiling faces on TV commercials. It's been know for decades that there are problems with vaccines. A case in point is the debate over whether childhood vaccines cause autism. I am not a doctor and I have no proof but it is my belief that is is the mercury base the vaccine is placed in that causes the problem.

No, I am not saying that we shouldn't vaccinate children. We need to do extensive research on how to make better vaccines. Did you know that doctors are required to take drama classes in medical school? So, a bearded, white man who is dressed to look like God, the Father calls a press conference to announce it's totally untrue that vaccines cause autism in children. This stigma-

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IMPERIAL BEACH

Anglers cast for space, catch flak

City cites safety concerns at popular pier

As restaurants resume indoor dining, more people are wanting to take back the outdoor space that businesses were allowed to occupy during the pandemic. On the Imperial Beach pier, that desire is connected to the 50 feet of fishing territory right behind the Tin Fish restaurant. It's where the big fish hang out, anglers say. It was theirs for decades, just the spot to catch yellowtail and six-foot thresher sharks, as opposed to the eight-inch specimens common to the rest of the pier. And, they say, it now belongs to a business that no longer needs it.



The Tin Fish restaurant sits at the end of the pier.

But during a city council discussion last week about public safety on the pier, the options being considered included permanently eliminating fishing behind the restaurant. That "could be a travesty" said Imperial Beach fisherman Kevin Rasmussen, who favors the council's "do nothing" option, which would return the space to pre-covid conditions, so that lines could again



Fishing in restricted zone.

be sunk where tables now reign. And he denounced the council's "middle ground approach," which would give the restaurant "even more designated outdoor dining area." In that case, fishing would still be allowed, just not behind Tin Fish.

Under consideration is the entire Port-owned 1500 foot pier, along with the surf and swim zones around it. Anglers now have access to about 600 feet. City manager Andy Hall stressed that fishing is only a blip of the activities that take place on or around the city's most popular outdoor destination. People surf and swim and walk and jog from the east to the west end. (Hall's own pet project – a zipline – was recently voted down by the council, but he's not giving up on it, he said.) Said Hall, "What really brings this item to the city council tonight was a change implemented at the end of the pier during covid-19." The change affected about 150 feet of pier, stretching from the West Gate to the end. The first 100 feet – from the West Gate to the front of the Tin Fish – has always been restricted for fishing, he said. The issue now is that remaining 50-foot section from the front of the Tin Fish to the end of the pier. "During Covid, cities were encouraged to help restaurants by allowing them to expand into areas that were a little bit atypical. Unfortunately for the Tin Fish, they didn't have a street or parking lot. The only area they could expand was around the restaurant itself." So fishing was further restricted.

And the extra outdoor space, along with city efforts to enhance the area with murals, has been a boon to the restaurant, owner Ed Kim said. People are flocking in to soak up the views of Pt. Loma, Coronado, and Tijuana. "As we see more visitors and tourists I would like to ask that the public safety of the pier can be enforced so it will continue to be a safe place to visit." Tricia Baglione, manager of the Tin Fish, said she has witnessed a lot of vandalism of tables and restrooms. "We're just looking for some peace around here, and for everyone to feel comfortable and safe all over the pier and not just by our location."



Longtime fishing fans say that the space past Tin Fish was the best spot for catching sharks and yellowtail.

Residents complained about fish guts on benches, drinking, and harassment. "We would like to see the space behind the Tin Fish remain fisherman-free," said Tony and Karen Odermatt. Added David Frank, who walks the pier daily, "Since the prohibition of fishing at the far west end of the pier, the environment has been much more pleasant, safer and more sanitary than when that area

contacts and issuing more than 60 citations. The majority were for overhead casting and swim and surf zone violations, along with alcohol, glass containers, dogs, bikes, and skateboards. Current regulations for fishing include no overhead casting, no cleaning or cutting fish except in designated areas, and no bait or equipment left on the pier. No swimming, wading or surfing is allowed

"During Covid, cities were encouraged to help restaurants by allowing them to expand into areas that were a little bit atypical... so fishing was further restricted."

was open to fishing."

Supporters of the fishermen said "the people's pier" should not be given to a private business, and that anglers should have access to its entire length. Fishing is more than just recreation, said I.B. resident Lauren Gaw. "I would hate to remove a source of sustainable food for families in these uncertain times."

But with so many different activities and interests, Hall said, safety would have to come before the question of keeping everybody happy. That was in keeping with mayor Serge Dedina's April 2021 State of the City address, which stressed public safety among its post-covid goals. The Port of San Diego contracts with Imperial Beach to provide municipal services, including public safety. From 2013-2021, the sheriff's department responded to 593 calls on the pier, most for disturbance, people under the influence, and suspicious persons. The fire department answered 49 calls involving mostly assaults and drowning. Lifeguards were the busiest, making 6842

within 20 feet of the pier.

Rasmussen said anglers face restrictions in the surf zone, too. He suggested a code change requiring surfers and swimmers to stay 100-150 feet from the pier. "This would eliminate line entanglement and surfers could still surf the same waves," he said. "We hope the council can find a reasonable solution in both zones." Anglers have very limited options to fish without a license, and in areas over the water, he said. "There's no place to do so in I.B. other than our fishing pier."

Hall said the city will collaborate with the Port to decide how to amend Port policies and the city's municipal code before the city takes action on a range of questions, including the possibility of more public input. They'll be looking at everything, from whether the pier should stay open 24 hours to how well dining and fishing can co-exist in the same area.

SHEILA PELL

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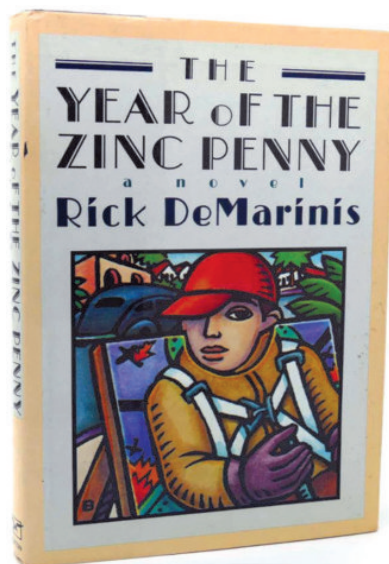
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The Year of the Zinc Penny

WE HAD BEEN IN TIJUANA showing Uncle Gerald a good time. The three of them — my mother, my new stepfather, and Uncle Gerald — went nightclubbing, arm in arm. They left me in the back seat of my stepfather's 1928 Cadillac to wait for them. The kinds of nightclubs they went to would not let in children. I was curious about these nightclubs but too young to be able to imagine what went on inside.

It was a Saturday night and World War II was in full swing somewhere else. Street whores squinted into the Cadillac's windows, checking me out. Their loose, pendulous breasts were rippled by the pulsing neon of Avenida Revolucion. Kids younger than me pulled open the doors of the Cadillac and scrambled across the rich mohair upholstery, screaming hilarious Spanish to each other, paying no attention to me at all. I was scared of them, but it was my own fault. I had insisted on coming along to Tijuana....

There was no sound in the dark fort other



than our heavy breathing. We sat there for several minutes, listening to our lungs empty and till. We were in our pajamas, shivering.

"I'm going to join the American Marines," William said.

"You can't," I said. "You've got to be at

least seventeen."

"I look seventeen," he said. "You can get a fake birth certificate in Tijuana."

What did he know of Tijuana? He was from Canada, a thousand miles north. "I've been there," I said, casually.

"Did you get a dose?" he said.

I didn't know what he meant.

I knew that 'dos' was Mexican for 'two.' So, a 'dos' must mean a pair. Did I get a pair. I still didn't know what he was talking about.

After a minute he laughed. "Where've you been all your life?" he asked.

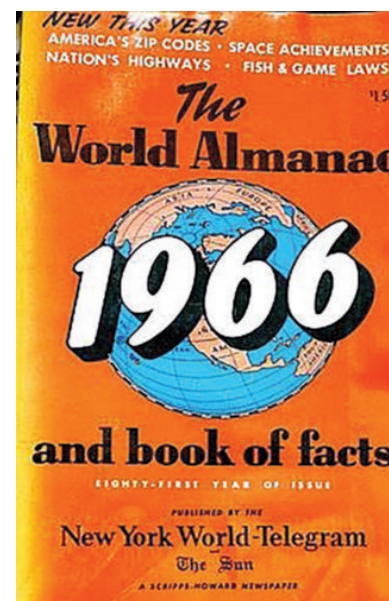
"Mostly in Montana," I said.

"That figures."

The World Almanac and Book of Facts

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San Diego Zoo.... Rare species include



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Samples of John Brizzolara

My Belly

It all comes down to a matter of vanity, I suppose. I would prefer to revert to my whip-thin rock 'n' roll weight of 150 pounds when I was 25 years old. It would be preferable not to hesitate in taking off my shirt at the beach. I would rather see my profile in the mirror as more Brad Pitt than Alfred Hitchcock. Possibly this is the price of the growth of the soul. **JAN. 18, 2001**

Father Time

The moment you were born at, I think, 3:02 a.m. at Beth Israel Hospital on Manhattan's east side, I remember thinking: I have never done anything important before. If you are lucky and have a kid like yourself and the asshole gene doesn't skip a generation and my traits crop up in your child, you will have a large degree of happiness in your life, and it will help you weather the worst of things. **JAN. 27, 2000**

Diary of a hypochondriac

I have Butt-Head on the phone while I'm holding paper towels to my Adam's apple, dripping blood on the couch. I hang up and go back in the shower and pull the thing out. I'm operating on myself after paying Dr. X and Igor \$50 with a balance due of \$110. Meanwhile, I think I'm hearing "Saber

Dance" from an old *Ed Sullivan Show* as I pull ten miles of surgical string out of my bleeding neck. **APR. 9, 1998**

Stand by your Buddy

That men lead lopsided personal lives is possibly not an original observation but something worth mentioning. During my last excursion into romantic folly, I would turn down opportunities to spend time with these friends and others if I thought I *might* spend the time with HER. My almost complete neglect of my friendships is something I still wince over. Fortunately, both Mack and Steve have been there too and might do their own wincing now and again. **FEB. 20, 1992**

End of the Line

One method of making contact with our



The meat of it, the wine of it, the essence of what I am now looking down upon as it eclipses the space bar on my keyboard: the very housing of my soul.

neighbors here -- and we seem to want to -- is at the bus stop, in line at Sav-On, or at Pacific Bell in North Park. If conversation isn't established in/on line, your moment in the spotlight arrives when you pay your fare to the bus driver or your phone bill to the clerk behind the glass who is certainly in no hurry. **MAR. 5, 1998**

Wet Misery

El Niño has struck. Mission Valley looks

like the Mekong Delta. Rain sluices through the branches and leaves of the chinaberry tree outside my window, and my next-door neighbor's camper resounds like muted, distant gunfire with pellet-like raindrops on its tarp and metal surface. I should be cackling with perverted happiness. I try rubbing my hands together with glee, and then I notice the drowned nasturtiums my girlfriend planted beneath that tree. **MAR. 5, 1998**

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What is the most important information I should know about DOVATO?

If you have both human immunodeficiency virus-1 (HIV-1) infection and Hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection, DOVATO can cause serious side effects, including:

- **Resistant HBV.** Your healthcare provider will test you for HBV infection before you start treatment with DOVATO. If you have HIV-1 and hepatitis B, the HBV can change (mutate) during your treatment with DOVATO and become harder to treat (resistant). It is not known if DOVATO is safe and effective in people who have HIV-1 and HBV infection.
- **Worsening of HBV infection.** If you have HBV infection and take DOVATO, your HBV may get worse (flare-up) if you stop taking DOVATO. A “flare-up” is when your HBV infection suddenly returns in a worse way than before.
 - Do not run out of DOVATO. Refill your prescription or talk to your healthcare provider before your DOVATO is all gone.
 - **Do not stop DOVATO without first talking to your healthcare provider.**
 - If you stop taking DOVATO, your healthcare provider will need to check your health often and do blood tests regularly for several months to check your liver function and monitor your HBV infection. It may be necessary to give you a medicine to treat hepatitis B. Tell your healthcare provider about any new or unusual symptoms you may have after you stop taking DOVATO.

For more information about side effects, see “What are possible side effects of DOVATO?”

What is DOVATO?

DOVATO is a prescription medicine that is used without other HIV-1 medicines to treat human immunodeficiency virus-1 (HIV-1) infection in adults: who have not received HIV-1 medicines in the past, or to replace their current HIV-1 medicines when their healthcare provider determines that they meet certain requirements. HIV-1 is the virus that causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). It is not known if DOVATO is safe and effective in children.

Who should not take DOVATO?

Do not take DOVATO if you:

- have ever had an allergic reaction to a medicine that contains dolutegravir or lamivudine.
- take dofetilide. Taking DOVATO and dofetilide can cause side effects that may be serious or life-threatening.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before using DOVATO?

Tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- have or have had liver problems, including hepatitis B or C infection.
- have kidney problems.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. One of the medicines in DOVATO (dolutegravir) may harm your unborn baby.
 - Your healthcare provider may prescribe a different medicine than DOVATO if you are planning to become pregnant or if pregnancy is confirmed during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.
 - If you can become pregnant, your healthcare provider may perform a pregnancy test before you start treatment with DOVATO.
 - If you can become pregnant, you and your healthcare provider should talk about the use of effective birth control (contraception) during treatment with DOVATO.
 - Tell your healthcare provider right away if you are planning to become pregnant, you become pregnant, or think you may be pregnant during treatment with DOVATO.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. **Do not breastfeed if you take DOVATO.**
 - You should not breastfeed if you have HIV-1 because of the risk of passing HIV-1 to your baby.
 - One of the medicines in DOVATO (lamivudine) passes into your breastmilk.
 - Talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Some medicines interact with DOVATO. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

- You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for a list of medicines that interact with DOVATO.
- **Do not start taking a new medicine without telling your healthcare provider.** Your healthcare provider can tell you if it is safe to take DOVATO with other medicines.

What are possible side effects of DOVATO?

DOVATO can cause serious side effects, including:

- See “What is the most important information I should know about DOVATO?”
- **Allergic reactions. Call your healthcare provider right away if you develop a rash with DOVATO. Stop taking DOVATO and get medical help right away if you develop a rash with any of the following signs or symptoms:** fever; generally ill feeling; tiredness; muscle or joint aches; blisters or sores in mouth; blisters or peeling of the skin; redness or swelling of the eyes; swelling of the mouth, face, lips, or tongue; problems breathing.
- **Liver problems. People with a history of hepatitis B or C virus may have an increased risk of developing new or worsening changes in certain liver tests during treatment with DOVATO. Liver problems, including liver failure, have also happened in people without a history of liver disease or other risk factors. Your healthcare provider may do blood tests to check your liver. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following signs or symptoms of liver problems:** your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice); dark or “tea-colored” urine; light-colored stools (bowel movements); nausea or vomiting; loss of appetite; and/or pain, aching, or tenderness on the right side of your stomach area.
- **Too much lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis). Too much lactic acid is a serious medical emergency that can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms that could be signs of lactic acidosis:** feel very weak or tired; unusual (not normal) muscle pain; trouble breathing; stomach pain with nausea and vomiting; feel cold, especially in your arms and legs; feel dizzy or lightheaded; and/or a fast or irregular heartbeat.
- **Lactic acidosis can also lead to severe liver problems,** which can lead to death. Your liver may become large (hepatomegaly) and you may develop fat in your liver (steatosis). **Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the signs or symptoms of liver problems which are listed above under “Liver problems.”**
- **You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or severe liver problems if you are female or very overweight (obese).**
- **Changes in your immune system (Immune Reconstitution Syndrome)** can happen when you start taking HIV-1 medicines. Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body for a long time. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you start having new symptoms after you start taking DOVATO.
- **The most common side effects of DOVATO include:** headache; nausea; diarrhea; trouble sleeping; tiredness; and anxiety.

These are not all the possible side effects of DOVATO. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects.

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Col. Chris: it's about the fellowship

Last night at the bistro

It's the evening of September 8 at Coronado's Bistro d'Asia; everybody's happy, in a gallows good-humored sort of way. Like passengers appreciating the band playing on the Titanic. And as the evening sky turns cerulean, everybody's here — everyone except Alaa Elsadek, the Egyptian-American ex-international soccer player who opened this place up, 20 years ago. Tonight, it's closing, for good. "Everybody wanted to come by for one last time," says Bob, the manager. "And, well, all the staff were crying. Alaa was so emotional, he couldn't [stay] here."

owners] have a vision, and we're not it."

Maybe there's a general movement towards street cafe, brasserie design? Does Coronado maybe want to move on? "We have our little niche, we have a good following. People love the food, the place. It's like Cheers. You come in, we have our banter. How many times have you told me you've been kicked out of better places than this? But closings like ours are making Coronado lose its character. The small mom and pop places? They're getting squeezed out."

At the sushi bar, Eric Medina is making his last sushi roll. It's a magnificent Dirty Vegas Maki. "I'll be okay," he says. "I've already set up a sushi catering company, 'Fish Scale.'" Beloved Brandy, who's been the barkeep everybody comes for, along with Bob, is less happy. She seems on the verge of tears. She doesn't know quite what she'll do next. She drops a glass, something she never does. I'm so discombobulated I forget to even tip her. Brandy, I owe you!

And up at the bar, Chris, a serving Marine officer, is just as emotional: "I'm sorry Alaa isn't here tonight," he says. "But it

was too much for him. I understand that. Because he made this place about the fellowship. I'll even say the food wasn't anything special. It was good, but what I loved was being here with these people. I'm a Marine, my wife is Navy, so we have a topsy-turvy life. I would come at least once a week, and usually get takeout. And Bob would say, 'Are you cooking tonight?' And I'd say, 'Yes sir, I am. I've got hungry kids, my wife's out to sea.'"

A server comes up to Bob. She has a couple trailing her. "These people are wanting to have a drink..."

Bob takes a moment to look around his workplace for the last 10 years. "No, we're closed."



Erik Medina's last sushi, the Dirty Vegas Maki

So why close? This place somehow weathered covid and the lockdowns. They always had customers. "He decided to close because the [owners] wouldn't renew the lease," says Bob. "We've been on month-to-month since May. And they wouldn't give us an extension of the lease, which we asked for. They want someone to come in and gut it. They want something like a high-end restaurant, like a Henry" — the sleek pub half a block away. "I don't know how long this will stay vacant, but I bet it will be a while. I mean, with the way the world is right now, with the economy, with covid: who is going to come and put \$2 million into a place like this, open up, and then with the expenses, make a living? The [property

Last of the summer surfers

You really notice the season's changes at the beach. For starters, where are the umbrellas? Where are the people, lying around like seals on towels? More important, where is the family of young great whites which has been dutifully patrolling the beaches all summer, looking for stingrays as snacks? I mean, we need them,

trying to corral a wave. Finally, he catches one. He barrels in like a log from a distant storm, pitched forward with only his hands sticking out. "Kevin, buddy," I shout. "Maybe if you keep your hands straight ahead and your head down, you won't look like a sheep giving birth. No offense. Just keep watching how a World Champ does it."

Only problem: the next wave we catch is a

"Maybe if you keep your hands straight ahead and your head down, you won't look like a sheep giving birth."

right? Enemy's enemy and all that?

This morning, my buddy Kevin and I head down to the lifeguard tower. Check the flags. Yellow caution's up, and so's the purple one fluttering below that. Usually means one thing: stingrays. I have trodden on the little devils twice, and you think the pain will never go away. So I always do two

real dumper. And you do have to be really careful. People have broken their necks in those. I guess we're lucky. We both get away with just scraping our chests across the shallows as the current swirls us around.

"Beat you by 20 yards!" shouts Kevin when he comes up. "It's in the timing, buddy! Maybe you should wait for the smaller ones. Less

dumpy. And they have incredible pulling power." I will never admit it, but he's right. The smaller waves fighting their way over the back of the receding bigger waves do seem to carry you further in.

"Beginner's luck!" I tell him. Still, it's a dent in my ego. While I'm waiting for revenge, I just kinda



And...action!

things: check for lifeguards pouring hot water into plastic bowls for unlucky swimmers to dunk their feet into, to draw the venom out; and actually go find a lifeguard in his beach quarters. This I do mainly out of superstition. "Seen any stingrays today?" I always ask. "Not so far today," says the ever-patient guy. "But they're always around. Shuffle your feet, and thump your heels every now and then, to frighten them off."

Yeah yeah yeah. I know the advice, and it's good. Only thing is, when you're the self-appointed World Champion Body Surfer, you've sometimes got to run towards the wave to catch it at its perfect breaking point. Or when you're trying to get on your feet with the breaker still pounding you, you don't have time to shuffle, look, and choose where you plant your feet. So at that point, you just leave it to the Fates. Meanwhile, Kevin's flopping round



Sean Carey, Lifeguard Captain: good advice

float around a bit, and realize there is absolutely nothing to stop me swimming to Japan, 6000 miles out thataway. Just water, water, water. Hmm. At 2 mph, our average swimming speed, I could do it in 3000 hours, say, 125 days, say, something over four months. That's if I never took a break, and there were no currents, or storms, or supertankers, or giant plastic patches. I decide to roll over and face San Diego, 20 feet away. Ah. Here comes a long, strong one straight from Japan. "Stand by, dude, if you're man enough!" ■



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Incompetence, not hackers, to blame?

It's been a tough year for San Diego city clerk **Elizabeth Maland** on the computer front. As revealed here on June 14, a legal disagreement between the clerk's office and long-time campaign finance data vendor Netfile ended with threats by the city and an abrupt switch to a new provider known as Pasadena Consulting. The public was not notified of the impending move; nor was it warned of what turned out to be a less than seamless transition. "If you do not comply with the terms of the contract as confirmed by the Office of the City Attorney and continue service until April 30, 2021, we would have no other recourse [than] to proceed with further legal action for breach of contract," emailed the clerk's data chief **Diana Fuentes** to Netfile's **Tom Diebert** on March 15. Wrote Diebert: "We discovered that we have invested almost \$500k in the current lobbyist platform since 2014 and have recouped less than 20% of that investment since then. As you can see, continuing forward with such a system is bad business (significantly worse than I actually was aware of prior to starting this process)."

Now the problem facing Maland is Twitter. "As you know, my team and I were devastated by the recent unauthorized Retweet of political material from my Twitter account," said the clerk in an August 26 statement posted on Twitter without further details about the nature of the offending message. "When the unauthorized Retweet first surfaced, my team and I immediately assumed we had been hacked. This was our conclusion since we have the department policy prohibiting Retweets mentioned above, and there are only three authorized users of Twitter in the department and none of us had purposely Retweeted it. So we used the word 'hacked' to reflect an unauthorized use of the department's Twitter account. Since the original Retweet, I have had several conversations with the City's Cyber-Security group, and they have made me aware that the word 'hacked' has a very specific usage, and that it is unlikely that that is what occurred in this instance."

What really happened? Maland's statement said she couldn't know for certain. "It appears that due to the fact that we deleted the unauthorized Retweet immediately upon being made aware of it on Saturday, that the history of this Retweet is not immediately available. The City's CyberSecurity team will continue to try to get to the bottom of this, but these subject-matter experts believe the most realistic scenario is that the unauthorized Retweet occurred in error." Explained the clerk,

"One of the three of us who are authorized users of the department's Twitter account had Twitter active as background on our phone. Since we are a Twitter account that Tweets out information related to government and elections, we receive 'Recommended For You' [notifications] from Twitter that cut across a variety of political views. It appears that the unauthorized Retweet popped up as a Recommended For You Tweet, and was accidentally Retweeted."



Elizabeth Maland quickly deleted what someone Retweeted.

VA's overpaid docs

According to a newly released federal audit, part-time doctors at the Veterans Administration have been getting overpaid due to sloppy bookkeeping. And, adds the report, San Diego harbors at least one bad example of the costly practice. "An anesthesiologist at the VA San Diego Healthcare System signed an agreement specifying 1300 annual hours of work from October 14, 2018, through October 12, 2019," relates the July 1 report from the VA's Office of Inspector General, known as OIG. "The OIG determined that the physician was overpaid approximately \$11,000 because he worked 1230 hours, which was 70 hours shy of the 1300 hours he was paid for in accordance with his agreement." Per the audit, VA "service chiefs and certifying officials did not take sufficient actions to ensure physicians recorded their hours worked and their leave taken in the time and attendance system." The document adds that, nationwide, "based on incomplete timesheets identified in the sample review of agreements, the OIG estimated that about 330 of 1400 agreements (22 percent) could not be reconciled when they expired or were terminated because physicians did not record all their time."

The total hit to taxpayers was sizable. "VHA medical facilities incurred approximately \$8.3 million in questioned costs during calendar year 2019, consisting of approximately \$1 million in overpayments, \$3.4 million in underpayments, and \$3.9 million in unsupported payments and unpaid hours for physicians that worked above the 1820 hour cap because the physicians' agreements

were not properly reconciled. The OIG estimated that VHA incurred an additional \$8.3 million in questioned costs during calendar year 2020 because VHA had not taken steps to ensure management controls over the physicians' salary payments were in place and operating as intended."

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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VA San Diego Healthcare System gets a worrisome checkup.

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tises the parents of autistic children as lunatics when they try to get more research done. They are doing the same thing with the Covid vaccine. Adequate testing has not been done. A 2- and a 5-year follow up has not been done. I have always been interested in alternative medicine and read as much about it as time would permit. But I am not a doctor. So about 10 years ago, I decided to look for a medical office that also practiced alternative medicine. I found Dr. Jannette Grey's office: The Center for Health and Wellbeing. There I began seeing Dr. John Humiston. He is no longer there. He is practicing in Indiana. I had been searching for something natural to boost my immunity. I experimented with several herbal preparations but to no avail.

Dr. Humiston introduced me to Natural Path Silver Wings Colloidal Silver 500 ppm. Colloidal Silver is a trace mineral, not a drug. It's a very strong antiviral and antibacterial. It is present in organic produce and products but largely

absent in conventionally produced food. Probably the people who either don't get Covid or get a very mild case eat organic. Dr. Humiston told me to take, at the earliest sign of symptoms, 1 eyedropper full in a glass of water with 1.000 mg of vitamin C 4X a day. For me, my symptoms have subsided by the end of the first evening. Before the Colloidal Silver, I would have the flu for 21 days and a cold for 10. There are no side effects. If you want to take a small amount daily as a preventative, you should check with your doctor. In the 10 years I have been taking it I have not been sick. I even stopped taking the flu shots.. Why should I take the Covid vaccine? Why should anyone? When I first wrote about this in a letter to the editor ("Vaccine-hesitant comes forward," Letters, August 25), a Mr. Michael Quirk, responded making fun of me. Wouldn't any intelligent person ask for more information about this and then try it? It's not expensive. On rereading his letter, I realized that Mr. Quirk was so slow thinking he did not understand what I was saying. You, dear readers, are

intelligent people. I would encourage you to look into this. There are three levels of sub normal intelligence. 1) You are slow thinking, know it and ask for help. 2) You are slow thinking, don't even realize it and go through life making one serious error after another. And 3) You are so slow thinking you think you know everything and become arrogant, like Mr. Quirk. Gently reader, don't pull a Michael Quirk.

Carol Lencine Thomas
San Diego

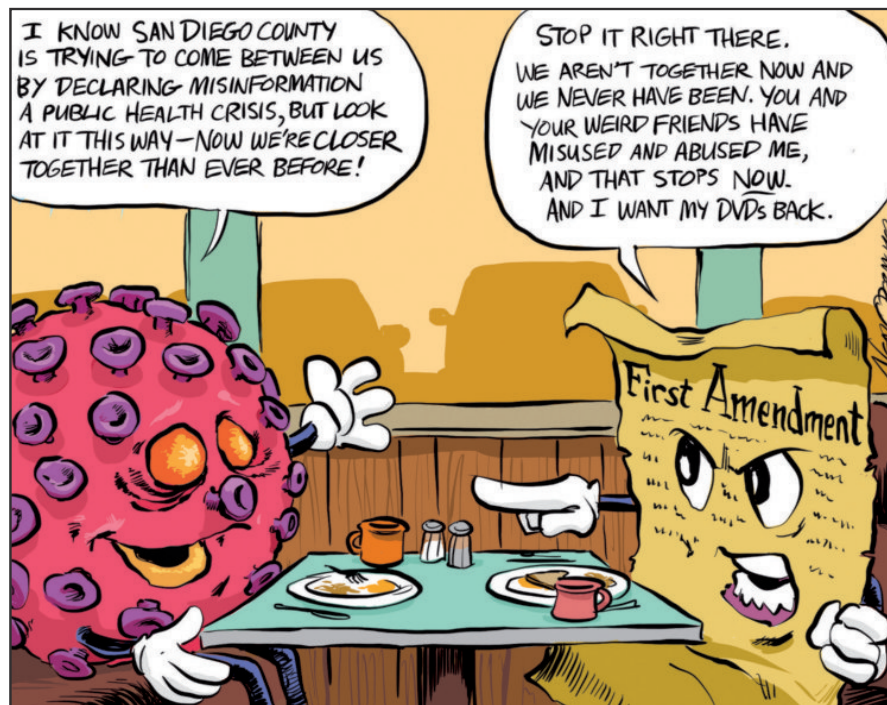
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of parrots. Also, ocellated turkeys, Galapagos tortoises, bush dogs, Steller's sea eagle, Hawaiian ducks, Tasmanian devils, wombats, monkey-eating eagles, birds of paradise and all 6 species of flamingo.

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Hall of Fame skateboarder, Dennis Martinez, embracing a vehicle he once feared.

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A farewell to arms
It is my guess that none of the 298 guns — shotguns, .22s, .38s, .45s, and the occasional AR — turned in to the Vista Sheriff's Department at their "Guns For Gift Cards" event on July 11th of this year were used to shoot clay pi-

geons. If they were, why would their owners trade them in for items worth a fraction of their value? But my guess will remain just that: as with most police-sponsored gun buy-backs, the Vista sheriffs on hand this day ask no questions about any gun's history.

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According to Lieutenant Aldo Hernandez of the San Diego Sheriff's Department, "Our goal in doing gun buy backs is to make guns easy to dispose of." With that in mind, each gun's backstory will be destroyed along with the weapon itself — no matter how suspicious it may appear. But one woman, who requested anonymity, was forthright about her reason for dropping off the handgun in her possession. "Last year, my 23-year-old son was murdered by someone carrying a gun. That's why I brought his gun here today. A lot of people are being held hostage in their neighborhoods by kids with guns."

It's 10 am sharp when the first buy-back customer of the day rolls her car up on the steaming asphalt to a still-empty card table guarded by a lone officer. The driver

is a woman who appears to be of middle age: well dressed, well-spoken, and perhaps of the soccer mom variety. It's easier to imagine her picking up her kids from practice than spraying the 'hood in a drive-by. So why does she look nervous? Because of me. "This is supposed to be anonymous," she snaps after noticing the camera slung around my neck. Once I assure her that I do not intend to photograph her, her car or her license plate, she chills a bit. She then pops the trunk to reveal 25 firearms, mostly shotguns, all in prime condition, piled up like firewood for a Girl Scout Jamboree. True to their word, the officers take the guns without asking any questions other than whether she prefers gift cards or skateboards.

I, on the other hand, am tempted to ask all

sorts of questions. *What are you doing with so many rifles? Doesn't 25 rifles seem like overkill for home protection? Are you now, or have you ever been, an Armageddon conspiracy theorist? Are you now, or have you ever been, the leader of an anarchist cult? I mean, if these weapons were used by the aforementioned Girl Scouts looking for a Markswoman badge, why destroy the evidence? Nobody would willingly throw away thousands of dollars unless...* The nosy journalist within is eventually subdued by the presence of silent armed law enforcement and my return to better judgment. The driver and I exchange polite smiles as she chooses a combination of gift cards valued at up to \$200 per weapon, and skateboards, valued at up to \$250 each. With a fistful of redeemable plastic in her purse and a clutch of harmless (unless you count the occasional self-inflicted road rash or broken bone) skateboards in her trunk, she drives away, scot-free.

The skateboards being traded out today are distributed through Training Center, a rehab facility founded by pro skate-



The scene of the crime that never happened. These rifles were traded for gift cards or skateboards.

boarder Dennis Martinez. He's been involved with the work of trading boards for guns for about a decade, and says that "we have people from age 18 who turn in their guns for reasons of their own, to those as old as 80, who want to get rid of their guns so nobody breaks in, steals them, and uses them for an armed robbery or a homicide. The reasons vary, but we don't ask what a gun was used for, no matter what." Training Center operates a non-profit 501 C3, and the boards have been donated by the following companies: Carver,

Loaded, Gravity, Quest, Kebbek, Z Flex, H-Street, Flying Aces, and Badlands. They are every bit as handsomely crafted as the items for which they are being exchanged.

Champion of the Board
Centered in Spring Valley, Training Center is a faith-based residential drug and alcohol treatment program geared toward men who are coming out of prison and suffering from substance abuse issues. Training Center's daily and weekly workshops offer relapse prevention, employment readiness and train-

ing, life development, life skills, anger management, medication management, marriage and family therapy, and support for family and community reentry. What makes it unique are the people running the place — especially Martinez, the 61-year-old the unlikely overseer in chief of the place.

Martinez, whose wild life should have eliminated him from the face of the earth decades ago, somehow looks at least a decade younger than his age. Also astounding is that he was able to launch a rehabilitation facility in 2005. Consider his resume:

1977

World Champion Skateboarding Champion

1976-1982

Pro Skateboarder

1982-1996

Homeless methamphetamine addict

1996-2005

Volunteer at youth crisis hotline. Co-founder of Rescue Records.

Today, Martinez continues to produce his Flying Aces Skateboards and, as he says, "At 61 years old, I am still a pro skateboarder." It probably helps that he has been com-

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pletely clean and sober since 1996, and that he is among the most determined people you're ever likely to meet. He traveled from crime to faith, and become extremely trustworthy in the process. Against all odds and with no formal education, he founded and co-ran a 25-room live-in rehab. From there, he traveled the world to spread his message of sobriety. A documentary, *D.O.P.E.* (Death Or Prison Eventually) was made about his life and the lives of his peers, skateboarding legends Jay Adams, Bruce Logan, and Christian Hosoi. Training Center thrived until 2019 when it became another Covid victim and was eventually shut down. Never one to quit, Dennis pivoted and opened a similar, smaller facility nearby.

He learned about both skateboards and guns in

his youth, on the streets of San Diego. Skateboarding was his first love, and endless practice led him to become one of the world's top pro riders in the late '70s to mid-'80s. His career culminated with his victory at the 1977 World Skateboarding Championships (and, more recently, a well-deserved spot in the Skateboarding Hall of Fame). "By the age of 16," he recalls, "I was making a grip of money. It was the first time I was able to pay cash for a new car and rent my own apartment." Guns entered his orbit after he discovered his then drug of choice, methamphetamine, which he snorted, smoked, and eventually mainlined for 14 years. Part of what makes Dennis good at his job is that he understands the motivation of those he's trying to help. He understands bad in-

tentions, and what might make someone want to pull the trigger, and also being under the influence. "I would be high on meth when fools would come up to me to push my buttons, not knowing that I packed a gun all the time — a snub nose .38, a nine millimeter, or a .22. When I drove around in my VW Van, I carried a loaded semi-automatic Beretta Shotgun."

Most of Martinez's life had been spent in pursuit of some sort of ecstatic rush. But his years spent as a self-confessed "adrenaline junkie" gave way to years of being just a regular junkie, injecting speed so often that he no longer has a vein anywhere in his body capable of being pierced by a syringe. Over his the course of his addiction, he sought to replace the thrill (and cash) he once received from skate-

boarding by mainlining (and selling) meth. "By my early twenties, I was already spun out on dope, snorting coke and smoking meth. Then, when I wasn't getting high enough, my neighbor turned me on to the needle, even though I had a fear of needles going back to my childhood. Still, when he described to me the type of high it was, I had to try it. And I can tell you this, from the first time he drew the needle back and I saw the blood and he injected it into me, I was hooked."

Once Dennis crossed over to the dark side, he began taking risks that led to more than the scraped knees or bone fractures of skateboarding. He started flirting with death itself. According to Martinez, "Every time you do meth, you taste death, and if that doesn't kill you, dealing it just might. I would

be holding thousands of dollars in a money belt for a drug dealer, along with a snub nose .38. I didn't even make a good drug dealer, though, because whatever drugs I got, I would do up. It got so crazy that sometimes we would play Russian roulette. You know, you have one bullet and six chambers, so... you do the math. I was out doing a drug deal when a kid I knew ended up spinning the chamber, pointing the gun at himself, pulling the trigger twice, and shooting himself. I heard that after he did it, he stood up and took a few steps forward before he died. He was 19 years old when it took his life. Man, people just don't know what drugs do."

Street cleaning

What Martinez, whose work sometimes brings him into contact with un-

savory characters, is *not* an anti-gun activist. He is a Second Amendment advocate who has carefully considered his and his family's need for home protection. The buy backs are part of his six-month rehab program, which is "geared toward making men who had been incarcerated for long periods into productive members of society. We work on getting them oriented back into society," in part "through their contact with law enforcement. Through the buy-backs, they get a different view of the police than most of them have ever had. They help assemble the skateboards we give out, and sometimes accompany us" to the events.

Among those accompanying Martinez today are his wife, Priss; his brother Johnny Ray; Training Center graduate, former prisoner, and former gang



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member Jon Lowry; and Martinez's partner in anti-crime, Harv Hawks. Hawks is Martinez's long-time friend and one-time rival pro skateboarder. He is also a convicted felon, and is as passionate about getting guns off the street as he once was about skateboarding. "I was a pro skateboarder who used to battle it out with Dennis Martinez in pools and skate parks back in the day," he says. Like Martinez, Hawks' career faded in direct correlation with his years of addiction. But while Martinez slid into obscurity over the course of several months, Hawks' career ended in a split second. "I was driving drunk when I fell into a rage and fired a 'warning shot' into a van. That single shot, while not intended to injure anyone, hit two people and killed one of them." For

his crime, Hawks served over a quarter-century in various California State Prisons. It's a safe bet that few people are more qualified to barter skateboards for firearms than Dennis Martinez and Harvey Hawks.

*They shall beat their swords
into plowshares.*
-Isaiah 2:4

While some of the guns featured in today's buy back possess an innocent history, others have, doubtless, been used for nefarious purposes. United African American Ministerial Action Council (UAAMAC) member Chaplain Gerald Johnson knows all about it. According to Chaplain Johnson, "One gun off the streets; one life saved. When I grew up in Harlem, we played a lot of basketball tournaments on the streets. I remember hearing gun-

fire once and, boom, a gentleman fell right in front of me after he was shot in the head. A few weeks ago, I did a funeral for a young man who was 20 years old when he died from violent gunfire. We [African Americans] experience many different types of things. Still, black-on-black crime far outweighs what's happening in law enforcement. We have to be vigilant as fathers and grandfathers. We've got to be parents and raise our children in the home. We've got to give our children what it takes to earn respect."

Reverend Dr. Gerald Brown worked through UAAMAC to start San Diego's gun buy-back programs in response to two young high school students being gunned down. According to Reverend Brown, "This has been a great experience over the years, and while



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According to Chaplain Johnson, "One gun off the streets; one life saved."

it's difficult to quantify the decrease in gun violence since we began our gun buy back program, during our first years, there was a definite decrease in gun violence. We have taken everything from Uzis to AK 47s off the street. It was going really well, but after a few years, fewer people were trading in their guns. Then, when Dennis Martinez from Training Center brought in skateboards, it re-awakened the call."

Control issues

The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution reads: "A well-regulated Militia being necessary for the security of a free State, the right of the people to bear arms." Standing in the crossfire of the national gun debate is risky, but here goes: roughly 20,000 Americans were killed by gunfire in 2020. The proponents of increased gun control point to this number when arguing for stricter background checks and the outlawing of some guns (mostly the AR variety.) Their arguments gain attention each time a gunman empties a clip into a crowd. When confronting the Amendment, anti-gun proponents often claim that gun ownership was intended main-

ly for militias, and that gun restrictions have always existed in the United States. More recently, some have claimed that the Second Amendment itself was racially motivated, a tool to keep slaves in check. Their opponents counter that the Second Amendment protects individual rights, and argue that gun ownership deters crime rather than increasing it. And although many people on both sides of the debate favor some sort of increased regulation on guns, the issue continues to polarize the country.

Guns are such a hot topic that most people I questioned requested that their names be withheld from this article. One Leucadia woman noted with disgust that there are more guns in the U.S. than there are residents. Representing the extreme opposite opinion was an Oceanside man, proudly flying a bedsheet-sized American flag from the tailgate of his F-150. According to him, "Guns are meant to protect citizens against a tyrannical government. The first thing the Nazis did when they came to power was to confiscate guns. Nobody's taking my guns from me without a fight." But both sides might do well to hear what I was recently told by a warden at Calipatria's level-four State Prison, which houses numerous inmates convicted of first-degree murder. "About 85 percent of violent crimes committed by those we incarcerate were done while under the influence of drugs or alcohol." And national statistics indicate that half of all gun deaths in our nation involve the use of alcohol or some other controlled substance. The gun question becomes still more

nuanced and complicated when you consider that, of the 20,000 killed by guns last year, around 60 percent were suicides. And while tragic, those 20,000 deaths are dwarfed by the 90,000 drug O.D.s and the 100,000 alcohol-related deaths in the U.S. last year.

For his part, Martinez observes that "violent crime and drug use go hand in hand. In fact, most of the homicides committed would have been avoided if drugs or alcohol weren't present. At Training Center, we spend much of our time helping get people clean and sober. This will inevitably decrease gun violence. Our goal with the gun buy backs, however, is to ensure these guns aren't used for second or third crimes. Many of the guns we receive are legal, but some are not and have the serial numbers filed off of them. Others are what we call '80 percenters,' where part of the gun is homemade."

Harv Hawks backs up Martinez with his personal testimony. "I was drunk and pissed off when I fired a warning shot into the side of a van. That shot ended up injuring one person and taking another's life. I was rightly convicted of second-degree murder and spent 26 years, four months, one week, and six days in California State Prisons. I never saw my victim, but I soon discovered that she was an off-duty police officer and a beloved mother of three. Once I went to prison, it was like her spirit grabbed me by the ear and pulled me in the right direction. I have to live with what I did for the rest of my life. Now I feel a duty to live the right way."

—Chris Ahrens

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BUCK-O-NINE

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WHEN: Thursday, September 16, 8 pm

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

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DANCING LESSONS

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All of the rock layers in the Torrey Pines park area are sedimentary in origin, that is, made up of fragments of older rocks. The sedimentary layers exposed in the seacliffs and throughout the reserve are divided into named rock formations. 1500 acres of land are as still they were before San Diego was developed — the maritime chaparral, the rare Torrey pine, beaches, and a lagoon. Enjoy a public low tide geology walk led by docent Norrie Robbins. This event is free and good for all ages. Meet at the south beach parking lot.

WHEN: Saturday, September 18, 3 pm to 4:30 pm

WHERE: Torrey Pines State Beach and Reserve, 12600



N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. torreypine.org

Sunday | 19

SUPER GIRL SURF PRO

Check out surfing competitions, 20 live concerts, a festival village, a celebrity surf invitational, extended adaptive surfing, an e-sports tournament, women's beach soccer, free classes, speakers, art & panel discussions, a DJ contest, clinics with Olympic gold medalist Carissa Moore, autographs from the pros, games, food, and a beer and wine garden.

WHEN: Friday and Saturday, September 17 and 18, 8 am; Sunday, September 19, 10 am



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19: SUPER GIRL SURF PRO

WHERE: Oceanside Pier, Mission Avenue and Pacific Street, Oceanside. supergirlsurfpro.com

JOHN LEGEND

Singer, songwriter, and producer John Legend first earned notice in 2004 with his debut album *Get Lifted*. He's become known for collaboration with artists Kanye West, Lauryn Hill, and Alicia Keys, and he appeared in a recent television version of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. He's now touring in support of his 2020 album *Bigger Love*.

WHEN: Sunday, September 19, 7:30 pm
WHERE: CalCoast Credit Union Open Air Theatre, 5500 Campanile Drive, SDSU. as.sdsu.edu/calcoast



JOHN LEGEND

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 sddreader.com/events/submit.

ANIMAL FRIENDS

Animal Care Camp Kids get unique hands-on activities from our professional animal care staff to give campers experiences with the different aspects of animal husbandry. Spots are extremely limited, so register today! Saturday, September 18, 9am; \$200. 9 and up. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Paws and Pages Struggling readers can improve their fluency skills by reading to animals! So grab your favorite book and get ready to read to and interact with a reptile. An animal interaction is included in the program, but the primary focus is on reading. Make sure to bring your own book from home! Wednesday, September 22, 5pm; \$10. 6 and up. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Paws and Paperbacks Children ages 6-11 can practice their reading skills in a fun and non-judgmental atmosphere while giving our ambassador or adoptable animals the chance to get socialization. Tuesday, September 21, 4pm; \$10. San Diego Humane Society El Cajon Campus, 1373 North Marshall. (EL CAJON)

You Can Be a Veterinarian Camp (Full Day) You Can Be a Veterinarian Camp offers a rare opportunity for kids in San Diego to practice veterinary skills, interact with animals, and gain experience with equipment they might use in the future! Sunday, September 19, 9am; \$155. 9 and up. Helen Wood-

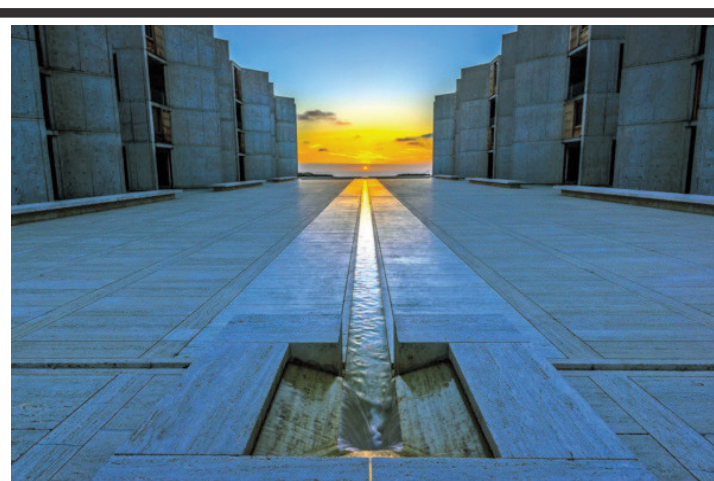
OUTDOORS

The Sun will rise from a point on the horizon due east

Fall Officially Begins at 12:21 pm local time on Wednesday, September 22. Not just the beginning of pumpkin-spice flavored everything but also a good excuse to throw an evening party to celebrate the occasion. At equinox, the sun shines directly down on Earth's equator. The Fall season will continue for another three months until the sun "moves" to its farthest southerly point, winter solstice, December 21.

Equal Days and Nights – The word "equinox" comes from Latin *aequus*, meaning "equal," and *nox*, "night." On the equinox, day and night are nearly equal in length. Another consequence is that the sun at equinox always rises from a point on the horizon due east and later sets due west. You could calibrate a compass this way if you had access to a true (unobstructed) horizon. Another, subtle, consequence is that at mid-latitudes like ours, morning and evening twilight periods are shortest during equinox. From San Diego, the duration of twilight this week is about 90 minutes; last June it was about 98 minutes.

The Harvest Moon is the full moon closest to the Fall equinox. The full Moon rises around sunset for several nights in a row, which gives farmers extra light for them to finish their harvests before the colder fall temperatures begin. The Moon usually rises about an hour later each night, but around the time of the fall equinox, the angle of the Moon's orbit and the tilt of the Earth cause the Moon



TWICE A YEAR THE SUNSET LINES UP PERFECTLY WITH THE WATER CHANNEL AT THE SALK INSTITUTE IN LA JOLLA: ON THE FALL EQUINOX AND THE SUMMER EQUINOX.

to rise only about 20 to 30 minutes after sunset each night.

You can see in the stars that the season is changing: We've reached the time of year when, just after nightfall, cold-weather Cassiopeia has already climbed a little higher in the northeast than the warm-weather Big Dipper has sunk in the northwest. Cas beds the high northern sky in early evening during the fall-winter half of the year. The Big Dipper takes over for the milder evenings of spring and summer. Almost midway between them stands Polaris. It's currently a little above the midpoint between the two.

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.

ward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

You Can Be a Veterinarian Camp (Half Day) You Can Be a Veterinarian Camp offers a rare opportunity for kids in San Diego to practice veterinary skills, interact with animals, and gain experience with equipment they might use in the future! Sunday, September 19, 1:30pm; \$80. 9 and up. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

ART

10th Annual Alley Cay Art Walk This family-friendly event will feature eight art galleries, two art studios, a museum, and other local small businesses showcasing their work for guests to enjoy. Guests will also experience music and food and beverages while exploring the Historic El Cajon Arts District. Friday, September

17, 4pm; free. Sophie's Gallery El Cajon, 140 Main Street. (EL CAJON)

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. Sunday, September 19, 11am; free. Piazza della Famiglia, 523 West Date Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Grant Pecoff Live Demo Gazing into a Grant Pecoff painting, you are drawn into an atmosphere where vibrant light and electric colors transform the familiar into the extraordinary. Take a trip into Grant Pecoff's art and share his vision of our magical world. Saturday, September 18, 1pm; free. Art and Frames by Wood Gallery, 936 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Homesteading Arts Fair The Homesteading Arts Fair is designed to connect the community to

experts in the fields of country living arts. Saturday, September 18, 9am; free. Hawthorne Country Store Santee, 10845 Woodside Avenue. (SANTEE)

Indoor/Outdoor Exhibition: Abstract Intuitions Abstract Intuitions indoor/outdoor art exhibition: Meet and greet with artists Madeline Sherry and Monique Santander. Saturday, September 18, 1pm; free. Koniakowsky Ocean Art, 312 S. Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

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SHEEP AND GOATS

I ANSWERED THE CALL

El Cajon Boulevard Church of Christ

Contact: 2528 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego 619-299-6812 www.ecbchurchofchrist.org

Membership: 60

Neighborhood: University Heights

Pastor: John Manor

Age: 53

Born: Monterey

Formation: San Diego State University; Church of Christ

Years Ordained: 14

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

Pastor John Manor: The gospel of Jesus Christ — the redemptive work of Christ for sinners like me. It's the most universally applicable topic: every person is in the same boat.

Christ has come and made atonement for sin and because of Christ I have assurance of not only of life but life with him eternally. There's no greater blessing that can be bestowed on a human being than to be with his creator forever. There's not even a close second. Just the fact that he has done that — as an historical reality and a future hope — an assured hope, not as in, "I hope it doesn't rain tomorrow!" — there's nothing greater. There are a lot of peripheral and ancillary topics related to that subject. It's not a constrictive idea — the whole idea is to speak of the holiness and glory of God which are all part of the gospel message. That's my go-to-ser-

mon subject — it's the whole message of scripture. **SDR:** *Why Church of Christ?* **PM:** I grew up in the Church of Christ, and my grandfather on my dad's side was a Church of Christ minister. In fact, I am sitting in his office right now. He was the minister here at this church from 1963 to 1969. I had no idea I would be following that closely in his footsteps. Having grown up in the Church of Christ, I understand where the church is coming from and better understand some of the things we wrestle with in the church. **SDR:** *What is the mission of your church?* **PM:** We don't have a formal mission statement, but I think our mission is to proclaim the

scriptures faithfully and with passion so that God might use his work through me to bring lost people to salvation, to strengthen the weaker Christians, and to encourage the faithful to continue in serving God. I see my purpose being of service to everyone. **SDR:** *What one book has had the most influence on your ministry?* **PM:** *The Holiness of God* by R.C. Sproule. Encountering and recognizing God's holiness is life-transforming. It helps me as a person and others to see who we are in comparison. That perspective drives the gospel because as Isaiah says when he encounters God, "I am a sinful man among sinful men — and I



John Manor

need redemption."

SDR: *Where do you go when you die?*

PM: The redeemed — those who are in Christ Jesus according to scriptures — will have a home in heaven, not because of any merit or anything I've done or any other Christian has done, but because of the merits of Jesus

Christ and him alone. Those who have rejected Christ will be in hell for the sins they've committed. Again, I'm not going to heaven because I didn't commit sins; I've committed as many or more than those who end up in hell. But Christ lived the perfect life and he paid for those sins on the cross. By faith we are joined to him and receive his righteousness. It will be his righteousness that will get me to heaven. If there had been someone who lived perfectly before God and made a sacrifice on our behalf, we might be able to discuss other options, but there aren't and there won't be.

— Joseph O'Brien

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

Paint Night No experience is necessary. All painting supplies and step-by-step instructions are provided. This includes a canvas, acrylic paint, brushes, easels and smocks. Ticket includes one house wine or draft beer, or soft drink. Monday, September 20, 6pm; **free**-\$40. Little Italy Food Hall, 550 West Date St., Suite B. (LITTLE ITALY)

Street Art Block Party The event will feature local chalk artists working their magic on One Paseo's interior street, Caminito Court, along with several live mural installations. Saturday, September 18, 11am; **free**. One Paseo, 3725 Paseo Place. (CARMEL VALLEY)

The San Diego Watercolor Society presents the 41st Annual International Exhibition juried by Master Watercolor artist, Joseph Zbukvic. This exhibition represents the very best of watermedia art from around the world. The paintings can be viewed and purchased online as well. Please visit www.sdws.org for more information. October 3-31, 10am-4pm; 2825 Dewey Rd, Bldg #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Warwick's Author Livestream:

Laura Morelli Warwick's will host Laura Morelli as she discusses her new book, *The Stolen Lady: A Novel*. Tuesday, September 21, 4pm; \$16-\$20. warwicks.com/event/morelli-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream:

Matt Witten Warwick's will host Matt Witten as he discusses his new book, *The Necklace*. Wednesday, September 22, 7:30pm; \$26. warwicks.com/event/witten-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream:

Nancy Goldstone Warwick's will host Nancy Goldstone as launches her new book, *In the Shadow of the Empress: The Defiant Lives of Maria Theresa, Mother of Marie Antoinette, and Her Daughters*. Tuesday, September 21, 5:30pm; **free**-\$32. warwicks.com/event/goldstone-2021. (ONLINE)

Weekends With Locals: Jessica Kim

As part of our ongoing Weekends with Locals Program

we will be hosting Jessica Kim, author of *Stand Up, Yumi Chung!* Sunday, September 19, 12pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Weekends With Locals:

Mariam Shapera As part of our ongoing Weekends with Locals Program we will be hosting Mariam Shapera, author of *Up Up You Go Jo!* Sunday, September 19, 2pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

House Hacking 101

By the end of this webinar, you will have the knowledge to start house hacking yourself by learning how to get others to pay your mortgage or your rent so you can truly live for free. Thursday, September 16, 5:30pm; **free**. <https://bit.ly/3yZlr7O>. (ONLINE)

Macramé Fruit Hammock

Craft Workshop Patchwork presents: learn the art of creating your own Macramé Fruit Hammock. All supplies ready to make your

personal macramé creation. Also includes a beer of your choice. Sunday, September 19, 1:30pm; \$45. Culture Brewing Company Solana Beach, 111 South Cedros Avenue Suite 200. (SOLANA BEACH)

Melt & Pour Photo Soap Class

Soapmaking 100 is a beginning-level melt and pour soapmaking class to teach students to make bars of soap embellished with personal photos. Students must email a photograph in JPG or GIF format that is at least 4 inches square or 300 pixels square to info@soapmakingstudio.com at least 24 hours before the start of the class. Sunday, September 19, 1pm; Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

Troubleshooting, Harvesting & Using Traditional Compost

4 of 4 Troubleshooting, Harvesting, & Using Traditional Compost - Part 4 of 4 Traditional Composting Virtual Workshop Series. You will receive the link to join upon registering. Thursday, September 16, 6pm; **free**. solanacenter.org/free-compost-workshops. (ONLINE)

COMEDY

Adam Carolla

Is Unprepared feat. Adam Ray. Stand up show (seated show). Wednesday, September 22, 9pm; 21 and up. Belly Up Tavern, 143 S. Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Ali Majed Al-Dhalimi

Outdoor event: Headlining Comedian Ali Majed Al-Dhalimi, host Asher Mac, featured comedians Cassidy Stains, Lin Sun, Caramelita Jonez and Benji GarciaReyes. Beer, wine seltzers and more are available for purchase. Saturday, September 18, 8pm; **free**. 18 and up. Finest City Improv, 3746 Sixth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Andrew Schulz

Thursday, September 16, 7:30pm; Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Chip Nicholson

Friday, September 17, 8pm; Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

Frank Castillo

Seen on Comedy Central's *Roast Battle*. Thursday,

September 16, 8pm; \$15. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

LaVell Crawford

AS SEEN ON: Showtime, BET, Breaking Bad, Netflix, Comedy Central & more! Friday, September 17, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, September 18, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Sunday, September 19, 7pm; \$25. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Mark Christopher Lawrence

Boop Comedy presents Mark Christopher Lawrence. Wednesday, September 22, 8pm; \$5. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Nemr Abou Nassar

Saturday, September 18, 8pm; Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

The Adam Carolla Show

The Adam Carolla Show feat. Adam Ray. Live Audience Podcast (seated show) Wednesday, September 22, 6:30pm; 21 and up. Belly Up Tavern, 143 S. Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

FALLBROOK SCARECROW DAYS

~ OCT 1-31, 2021 ~

Scarecrows have arrived for the 10th year!

- * NEW - Wizard of OZ & Ring Around the Rosy Displays
- * Silent People and Pumpkin Heads return
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- * Kid's Corner - Farmers Market Saturdays

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DANCE

Belly Dance Showcase Enjoy authentic Persian Cuisine and an exciting belly dance showcase featuring group and solo performances by members of the Salimpour Collective San Diego. Purchase of one dinner entree per person required. Sunday, September 19, 6pm; **free**. Kolbeh, 9514 Miramar Road. (MIRAMAR)

Flaunt Burlesque Saturday, September 18, 8pm; Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

Movement Makers Movement Makers, a choreographers showcase: Directed and curated by Tanya Lewis, this showcase brings together local choreographers and dancers of various styles and backgrounds. Thursday, September 16, 8pm; Friday, September 17, 8am; Saturday, September 18, 8am; \$14-\$19. Visionary Performance Space, 8693-B La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

CosmeCon 2021 Cosmecon is a one-day beauty and empowerment summit. Saturday, September 18, 11am; \$10. Westfield Parkway Shopping Center, 415 Parkway Plaza. (EL CAJON)

County Redistricting Public Hearing The County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission is hosting pre-mapping public hearings to hear from residents about how County supervisorial district lines should be drawn. Residents from all Districts are welcome and encouraged to participate. This hearing is both in-person and virtual. Saturday, September 18, 1pm; **free**. Green Dragon Tavern & Museum, 6115 Paseo Del Norte. (CARLSBAD)

Healthcare Finance Certificate Information Session UC San Diego Extension offers a variety of Finance courses for anyone who is looking to enter the field or advance their career. The Healthcare Financial Analysis Program will be discussed in this session and labor market insights will be shared. Thursday, September 16, 11am; **free**. 18 and up. <https://bit.ly/396g1hG>. (ONLINE)

The Road Forward Symposium The California School of Education at Alliant International University is hosting a free virtual Symposium for all experienced and aspiring educators, administrators or educational leaders who want to learn about the impact of safety, mental health & equity in the classroom. Saturday, September 18, 9am; **free**. 18 and up. alliant-the-roadforward.w.tame.events. (ONLINE)

Understanding & Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior Learn to decode behavioral messages, identify common trig-

gers, and learn strategies to help manage some of the most common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer's disease. Thursday, September 16, 10am; **free**. <https://bit.ly/3k2dT0O>. (ONLINE)

LECTURES

American Citizen Survivors of the Hiroshima Atom Bomb Adding a Chapter to U.S. History: Dr. Gloria R. Montebruno Saller, an Independent Research Scholar in Japan Studies, presents her research on Japanese and Japanese-Americans who, having survived the 1945 atomic blasts, became activists in the U.S. Saturday, September 18, 1:30pm; **free**. sdscholars.org. (ONLINE)

Free Lecture Series: Shakespeare in Film Beth Accomando covers arts and culture around San Diego for KPBS News. She has been a film critic for more than 25 years and began at KPBS in 1987. Saturday, September 18, 2pm; **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Insights: Researching Breast Cancer Look inside the lab of Svasti Haricharan, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Aging, Cancer and Immuno-oncology Program, and uncover how scientists approach breast cancer research and then how this research leads to new breakthroughs in treatments and therapies for patients. Examine breast cancer from the macro level, to basic and translational research.

Tuesday, September 21, 1pm; **free**. <https://bit.ly/3k72o8C>. (ONLINE)

NATURE

37th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day Discover Mission Bay, in partnership with I Love a Clean San Diego, invites the community to participate in the 37th Coastal Cleanup Day. Volunteers of all ages are invited to get outside and help remove trash from the community. Volunteers can pick up gloves, trash bags, and snacks at the WE CARE table to get clean-up supplies. Volunteers who participate in the beach clean-up are invited to attend the Discover Mission Bay Barbeque lunch hosted by Evans Hotels at the Bahia Resort Hotel on the Palm Terrace from 12pm-1:30pm. Saturday, September 18, 9am; **free**. Ventura Cove Park, 3209 Gleason Road. (MISSION BEACH)

Birding With all Your Senses Join Ornithologist Anderson for an easy stroll on a path in the canyon with many birds both visible and calling. Bring sturdy shoes, binoculars and covers. Handouts and checklists will be provided. Meet at the Preserve Sign at the west end of Canyonside Park Driveway, 12122 Black Mtn. Rd., Rancho Peñasquitos, 92129. Saturday, September 18, 7:45am; **free**. Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, 12020 Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Full Moon Hike Hike the canyon under the light of the full moon

with WillBowen. Explore opening the senses as we hunt for spider webs and scorpions and other creatures of the night. Meet in the parking lot in front of 4206 Sorrento Valley Blvd., Sorrento Valley; this is the last address on the north side of the road. Saturday, September 18, 7pm; **free**. Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Trailhead, 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Guided Low Tide Geology Walk Torrey Pines Docent Society iNature Discovery Series: A public low tide geology walk will be led by Norrie Robbins. This event is free and good for all ages. Meet at the picnic table area in the Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve south beach parking lot. Saturday, September 18, 3pm; **free**. Torrey Pines State Beach and Reserve, 12600 N. Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual Sukkot Harvest Festival The family-friendly festival is inspired by the Jewish tradition of gathering community outdoors to celebrate the end of an abundant summer harvest and welcome in the fall season. Festivities include farm tours, Kid Zone, hand-crafted goods made by local Jewish artists, live entertainment, as well as food and drink vendor options for purchase. Suggested fee of \$18 for adults and \$9 for kids, or a pay-what-you-can; RSVPs are required

via the Farm's website. Sunday, September 19, 11am; \$9-\$18. Coastal Roots Farm, 441 Saxony Road. (ENCINITAS)

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration Enjoy live music, food, cultural performances and fun for the whole family celebrating the kickoff of Hispanic Heritage Month. Bi-national group Ballet Folklórico Jalisciense will perform multiple times during the afternoon showcasing a number of traditional dances and authentic costumes. Saturday, September 18, 12pm; **free**. Otay Ranch Town Center, 2015 Birch Road. (EASTLAKE)

Super Girl Surf Pro The free, family-friendly 3-day event will be jam-packed with world-class surfing competition and entertainment. Friday, September 17, 8am; Saturday, September 18, 8am; Sunday, September 19, 10am; Oceanside Pier, Mission Avenue and Pacific Street. (OCEANSIDE)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Ride the Tide Join the San Diego Sustainable Living Institute, CatchingH2O, and San Diego Coastkeeper for the third annual Ride the Tide, a half-day six-mile bike tour of five home gardens striving for sustainability in the University City neighborhood. Saturday, September 18, 9am; \$5. Standley Park and Recreation Center, 3585 Governor Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)



MORE CHANCES TO WIN!

WIN TICKETS



Win screening passes to see *Dear Evan Hansen*.
Deadline to Enter: Monday, September 20 at 1pm

WIN TICKETS



Win a pair of VIP tickets to La Mesa Oktoberfest.
Deadline to Enter: Friday, September 24 at 1pm

WIN TICKETS




Win tickets to see Adam Melchor at Soda Bar.
Deadline to Enter: Monday, October 4 at 1pm

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Reader

Drinks All Around

BY AMANDA
TASCHER

KATIEE MITCHELL

Metl Bar Creamery & Cafe
2835 University Avenue
North Park



Metl Bar Creamery & Cafe may have gained a reputation as the House of Boozy Ice Cream, but I want to shake things up a bit (pardon the pun) and try one of their proper cocktails. Katiee Mitchell greets me with a friendly grin and points me toward the Paint It Black, a drink made with mezcal, cacao, vanilla, and cinnamon, and topped with cold brew coffee.

“Almost like a version of an Irish coffee, but with mezcal,” is how she describes the drink. “So it has the coffee, the sweetener, and the spirit. Do you like cream and sugar

in your coffee? If so, the drink will probably work out. It would just have that hint of smokiness.”

The majority of Metl Bar’s drinks are named after songs from the rock ‘n’ roll genre. “We try to keep everything close to home and stick with the theme of metal,” says Mitchell. But to give the North Park location its own identity, Mitchell aimed to make “drinks that are versatile for the whole day. Whereas downtown, the cocktails are more tailored toward a night menu. For the Paint It Black, I’ve made a couple different riffs.” She explains how they turned what was originally a slushy drink into a full cocktail because of its success. “We brought DropKick cold brew on nitro onto our draft system here, so we said, ‘Let’s top it with cold brew — that’ll add a bittering aspect, as well as a little bit of a pick-me-up.’”

Smoked cinnamon is added for a special effect. “Because if you smoke a cinnamon stick, everybody in the whole establishment can smell it, and they go ‘Oh what’s that?’ And then it’s smoking as you walk through, so it gets everybody excited about it.” She burns the end of a cinnamon stick like you would a stick of incense. “Warning to the

public — be careful when sipping!”

Mezcal offers the palate another kind of smokiness. “We’re big fans of the Illegal... A Joven is pretty introductory. It’s an easy way to switch over from tequila to mezcal. If you’ve never had it before, very welcoming,” says Mitchell. “Illegal itself does have a touch of smoke to it. So with the smokey flavor, we do warn people, ‘Have you ever had a bonfire or campfire?’ That’s the flavor you’re going for, what you think that scent would taste like.”

Confectionary flavors of vanilla and chocolate draw on the creamery theme without creating too sweet a drink. “The cold brew adds that balance of the bitterness and the Illegal mezcal adds the smoke element. So it takes all the sweetness and pulls it every different way to make this particular cocktail balanced.”

This year-round cocktail completes a menu built with “brunch and beyond” on the brain. “These represent brunch to us — cold brew floats and these flavors that are morning pick-you-up and don’t make you feel so bad about having a beverage at 10 am. But also that you could drink at night for an after-dinner cocktail. Whatever you may choose!”

METL BAR CREAMERY & CAFE'S PAINT IT BLACK



- 1 oz. vanilla liqueur
- ½ oz. cacao
- ¼ oz. cinnamon simple syrup
- 1 ½ oz. Illegal Joven Mezcal
- DropKick cold brew
- 1 cinnamon stick

Combine vanilla liqueur, cacao, cinnamon simple syrup, and mezcal in shaker tin with ice. Shake and strain into Collins glass, then top with DropKick cold brew. Garnish with a smoked cinnamon stick.

HAPPY HOUR

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

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Santee Stroganoff

“People have been coming in for years. They know what they like.”

I had to travel 20 miles outta town to get my Stroganoff fix. I'm sure some downtown places have it, but it's only here in Santee that my Stroganoff urge meets its match. We're talking the winy, sour-cream mess of meat you think of in the same breath as Hungarian goulash. But for a setting, we're not talking some dark-timbered *Mittel-Europ* mom and pop cave. My Stroganoff has turned up in a light and airy coffee shop that feels like it's still in the '70s, but also somehow modern. Jimmy's.

Got here thanks to the Green Line. It's a one-hour, single-ride trip to the end of the line. Except, when you hop off the trolley, you're still looking at another half-mile to walk, and in way more heat than Downtown.

But they've done something good here. You traipse down a kind of yellow brick road. Okay, path. It curves alongside the Green Line trolley track. And yes, you may think of Santee as a criss-cross of aggressive muscle-car speedways like Mission Gorge Road, but here, right nearby, runs



Santee's Riverway Parkway: The pleasant path to Jimmy's place

this curvy walking track for sauntering, as quiet as an English country garden. And with barrel cacti lining the path, it also feels like a walk in the Sonoran desert.

The path spits you out where Mission Gorge Road meets Cuyamaca Street, and, a thousand feet west, that she blows, the classic '70s coffee-shop/restaurant/sports bar, Jimmy's of Santee.

“Touching me, touching you,” sings this waitress, Erna, along with Neil Diamond. “Sweet Caroline!”

Jose sits me at the long counter. Glad to get in to the cool, and also I'm stah-ving. He leaves a menu, and, hey hey! Beef Stroganoff is front and center among “Jimmy's Deluxe Dinners.”

“Tender chunks of beef served over noodles,” it says simply. “Served with garlic toast, \$15.99.”

Oh yes. Visions of my childhood. Cold nights, warm fire, smell of paprika, great aunt Nona

scooping out chunks of meat and dark sauce from this marmite as she called it, a great cooking pot brimming with Stroganoff, wafting also of brandy

and sour cream, not to mention the red wine she had glugged into it. My big bro and I loved it, because it made us giggle, and put our parents

in a jolly mood. Specially dunking the bread chunks. Natch, I know nothing's ever going to match those nights. And besides, still need to skim through whatever else is on the menu. And there's quite a bit. (Good news upfront: everything's served all day, at least till they close at three: breakfast, lunch, and dinner, a relic from the good ol' pre-covid days when they stayed open right into the night.)

The other dinner that gets a special menu plaque is “Jimmy's Famous Broasted Chicken.” Four pieces of the “finest-quality chicken” plus soup or salad, mashed potatoes and a roll, \$15.99. Everything seems around fifteen bucks. I guess prices have just gone up everywhere since the pandemic hit. Pork chops, liver and onions, grilled cod, all \$15.99. A quarter broasted chicken and a Belgian waffle, \$14.99. Most breakfast dishes, about \$14. A shrimp basket goes for \$13.99

I notice the choices seem super-trad, unchanged from the, well, at a guess, '50s. “We have a lot of mobile homes nearby,” says Erna. “People have been coming in for years. They know what they like.” She points out some breakfasts that are a couple of bucks cheaper. The Denver omelet goes for \$13.49, a Belgian waffle's \$10.49, a short stack's \$8.49, pigs in a blanket are \$11.49. Maybe one of the best deals is the Hobo: two bacon, two eggs any style, one French toast for \$10.79. Or a half order of biscuits and gravy for \$6.99.

Also I spot a section they call the “Experienced Menu.” For the 55-plus crowd. Omelets are \$11.99 instead of \$13.49; the “quick snack,” a half sandwich with soup or salad, is \$10.99, and a prime rib dinner with soup or salad, potato, vegetable, and dinner roll, costs \$15.99.

“So many of my customers have become family,” says Erna. She has worked here since 1977.

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Count Pavel Stroganov. His French chef named his winning stew after him



Simple combo, rich century: Beef Stroganoff was big from the 1860s to the 1960s

“During the worst of covid, I got them to give me their phone numbers, and every Saturday, I would call them all, to make sure they were okay. Know what you're having, hon?”

Of course I do. It has to be the Stroganoff, \$15.99 for salad and a simple dollop of beef chunks piled on pasta between two thick slices of garlic bread. Except, in that dollop, a ton of taste and a load of history.

Basically, we're talking chopped-up steak, pan-fried on the stove, with mushrooms, onions, and a sauce made of brandy and sour cream. There's the magic! Oh, and paprika. And Jose says yes, there is some red wine in there too.

Why's it called “Stroganoff?” The way I heard it, a French chef invented it for a cooking contest in 1891, while he was working for a wealthy family in St. Petersburg, Russia. He named the dish, as was the tradition, after his boss, Count Pavel Alexandrovich Stroganov (yes, with a “V.”). Here, they serve it with oodles of wavy, wide egg noodles.



Erna, longtime employee, beloved server

(Traditionalists say it should be on rice.) For moi? No problemo. It's mild, but still you get the taste of *smetana* (sour cream), brandy, and *Krasnoye vino* (red wine). Oh man, I long for a bottle of that wine and ten of my closest friends, plus a few Crossacks to dance on the tabletops. Pah-tee!

Erna says this place changed hands a month ago. “But the deal was, the staff stays or no deal,” she says. “New owners agreed. We're all relieved.”

As she starts setting things up for tomorrow, she hums along with the tune, “Leader of the pack.” ■

The Place: Jimmy's of Santee, 9635 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-448-8994

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Prices: “Jimmy's Famous Broasted Chicken,” four pieces, with soup or salad, mash, \$15.99; pork chops, \$15.99; liver and onions, \$15.99; grilled cod, \$15.99; quarter broasted chicken with Belgian waffle, \$14.99; shrimp basket, \$13.99; Denver omelet, \$13.49; Belgian waffle, \$10.49; short stack, \$8.49; pigs in a blanket, \$11.49; Hobo (2 bacon, two eggs, French toast), \$10.79; half order biscuits and gravy, \$6.99; “Experienced Menu (55 and older)” selected omelets, \$11.99; “quick snack” (half sandwich, soup or salad), \$10.99; prime rib dinner, \$15.99

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For one of the city's best sandwiches, look to Ranas Mexico City

Ranas; 9683 Campo Road, Spring Valley. I'm not a big fan of making lists, but within a couple bites of this *pambazo*, my mind starts sifting through all the hot sandwiches I've tried in San Diego. Can I think of five better? In no particular order I come up with the Italian beef Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria, and the meatball sub at Poma's Italian Deli. It's also easy to argue

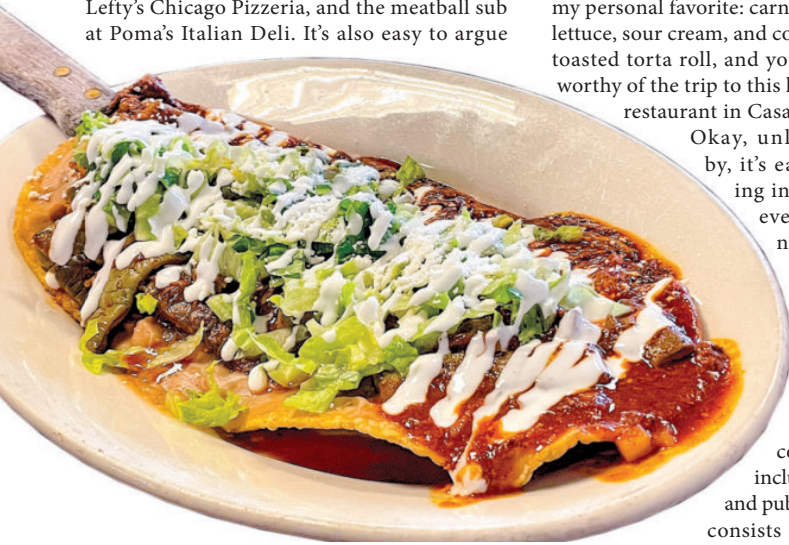
it in a red sauce made from guajillo pepper, then frying it. The dried pepper, guajillo, brings with it earthy, smoky, and fruity flavors, lending a deep savor and mild heat to the bread, along with a bit of needed succulence. It can make the sandwich a little bit messy to eat, but spicy fingers are a welcome trade for something so delicious.

The traditional *pambazo*, available at Ranas, features potato and chorizo, a breakfast friendly combination, and distinct among sandwiches. However, plenty of other toppings are on the Ranas menu, including chicken and pork, and my personal favorite: carne asada (\$14). A little lettuce, sour cream, and cotija cheese on Ranas toasted torta roll, and you've got a sandwich worthy of the trip to this humble table service restaurant in Casa De Oro.

Okay, unless you live close by, it's easy to go years living in San Diego without ever realizing there's a neighborhood called Casa De Oro. Maybe because the "House of Gold" straddles toney Mount Helix and the northern edge of Spring Valley. Or because its commercial center — including the Post Office and public library — mainly consists of an unremarkable succession of 1970s-era shopping strips.

Ranas is the small shop with a cartoon frog peeking out from its sign (*rana* means frog in Spanish). And it's worth seeking out for much more than its exquisite sandwiches. Across the board, I've found delicious dishes here, including an assortment of *moles*, sizzling hot grilled meat platters, *chilaquiles*, and another Mexico City mainstay: *huaraches*.

This *antojito* originates from other parts of Mexico, named for a type of sandal that shares its ovoid shape. It's comparable to a pizza or tostada, in that it adds assorted toppings to a flatbread. In this case, it's corn masa, formed into a thick, soft, more than foot-long tortilla, smeared with refried beans then dressed with



The somewhat football shaped *Entomatado huarache*, topped with refried beans, lettuce, crema, pork, and two salsas.

a Philly cheesesteak from Calozzi's belongs up there. And take your pick of any the spicy seafood options at SuperNatural Sandwiches.

But I can't come up with a fifth, which means I consider this *pambazo* from Ranas Mexico City Cuisine to be among the top five hot sandwiches in San Diego.

What's a *pambazo*? you might be asking. From what I gather, its name starts with a bread called *pan basso*, which loosely translates as "low class bread." It's a light, chewy bread with a thin crust.

But in terms of Mexico City street food, the *pambazo* sandwich elevates this bread by dunk-



A *pambazo* sandwich, glistening with the telltale red guajillo sauce.

shredded lettuce and crema.

Ranas makes breakfast *huaraches* that include scrambled eggs, but the lunch and dinner options stick to a variety of meats and meat/vegetable combos, including carne asada with *nopales* (cactus) and that familiar chorizo and potato pairing. I go for the *entomatado* (\$15), which features satisfying chunks of roasted pork with cactus and two salsas: a green tomatillo sauce, and a spicy, dark red sauce made from *arbol* chilis.

That's another thing to love about Ranas: not only do they make great sandwiches, but if you're into it, they're prepared to bring the heat.

by Ian Anderson

Ackee Tree and the real national dish of Jamaica

Jerk chicken, goat curry, oxtail, brown stew. Having spent fifteen years sampling dishes from at least that many Jamaican restaurants, I've come to view these as staples of the island cuisine built upon the pleasures of scotch bonnet peppers and allspice. But I've been missing one dish in particular, and it's a big one: ackee and saltfish. The combo is important enough to be called the national dish of Jamaica, yet it often turns up missing from several local menus.

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It may look like a boring egg scramble, but ackee and saltfish is the rather interesting national dish of Jamaica.

name: ackee fruit. The ackee tree, native to West Africa, grows in abundance on Jamaica, where it's likewise celebrated as the national fruit. However, ackee fruit imports have been banned by the FDA, off and on over the years. It's my understanding the raw fruit remains disallowed, while canned or frozen ackee fruit is okay.

The rationale behind banning it is that the red fruit — a relative of the lychee — contains harmful toxins until it's ripe. Which sounds scary, except ackee fruit offers an unmistakable signal when it does ripen: it spreads opens

like a flower, displaying a cluster of large, shiny, black seeds. The edible part is the starchy-looking white flesh surrounding those seeds.

Of the handful of San Diego area restaurants offering ackee and saltfish, one in particular puts the dish front and center: The Ackee Tree restaurant in City Heights. Opened by a native Jamaican cooking family recipes, the small counter shop has been open six years, and I've spent the past several days kicking myself for not trying it sooner.

Not only has Ackee Tree given me a chance to try

something new (which I greatly appreciate), its jerk chicken (\$11.50 small/\$13 large) stands among the best I've tried. The classic jerk sauce get a boost from the smokey charcoal flavor of an outdoor grill, compelling a primal *mmm* with each bite. I've yet to try another house specialty — the oxtail (\$\$17/\$21) — but the goat curry (\$15/ \$17) is likewise on the money. Swimming within the greenish curry, I found a the occasional whole kinking myself for not trying it sooner. *pimenta*, what Jamaicans call the allspice berry. It's similar to a black peppercorn, but tasting like every holiday



A goat curry featuring whole allspice berries.

spice rolled into one.

Already I liked the place, but I would need to return for the ackee and saltfish. Apparently, the dish is served from breakfast through dinner in Jamaica, and from what they told me at Ackee Tree, the kitchen makes a certain amount in the morning, and serves til it sells out.

I did wonder about saltfish as a breakfast food, at first. Ackee Tree makes it with small bit of cod, sauteed with tomatoes and onions and spices. What makes it feel breakfast is the ackee itself. Though the flesh of the flower resembles small bits of banana, diced into this

dish it takes on the texture of a particularly creamy (not crumbly) boiled egg yolk, or of the tofu in a Korean soft tofu stew.

It tastes neither like an egg, nor a fruit. The ackee flavor is quite mild, so it takes on the combined salt and acidity of the fish and veggies. The dish ain't pretty — at best it looks like the quickly assembled scramble of a roadside diner. But the flavors and textures give it life rarely found on the side of the highway. And I'm still here, still typing, so the FDA has no cause for concern.

by Ian Anderson

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Johnson's Web

Writer, film director, and Casbah manager Ben Johnson thought the manuscript for the final installment of his Webworld trilogy, *Children of the Web*, was in final draft form. Then he passed it to his beta-readers last fall. "The one who I have worked with forever, Arabella Harrison, she gave me a big list of stuff," he recalled. "Then I went back through and read it, and I was like, 'Oh, this isn't ready to give to someone as a final approval.'"

The glaring issue Harrison caught was the introduction of a major concept near the novel's end — a bomb drop sort of like if George Lucas had introduced the Force to the Star Wars universe around the same time that the Ewoks appeared in *Return of the Jedi*.

According to Johnson, Harrison told him, "I don't know that you want to introduce something at the end of a trilogy for 40 pages and then have it be this super-important thing that was never mentioned before." Johnson conceded this was a valid point. So, instead of wrapping everything in late 2020, Johnson didn't finish the final edits until July of this year. He completed layout for the book in August. Now, *Children of the Web* is officially, 100% D-O-N-E, with a release event set for September 25 at North Park's Verbatim Books.

Meanwhile, Johnson isn't slowing his creative output. He has already begun work on a new novel, *Second Story*, which centers on a father-and-daughter cat burglar team. He has this one roughly outlined, though — a step that he regrets skipping in the past. "With the Webworld trilogy, I did not outline anything," he explained. "So for the first one, that worked out great. The second one was a little work, and the third one



Ben Johnson had to weave many threads in order to finish his Webworld series.

was an immense amount of work to try to bring all these disparate stories that kept spreading out and spreading out. Reigning them back in, so it could become one story again. I worked on the last book for five years, mainly because the movie [*Fanboy*] took most of my energy. But then when I came back to reign the book in, it was about 30 beginnings and a couple of middles and no ends."

As for *Fanboy*, Johnson's rock and roll thriller stocked with San Diego musicians, the film is streaming on Amazon Prime and he's planning more local screenings. It now also serves as a worthy blueprint for independent filmmakers seeking to craft feature length, self-funded films that won't bankrupt them. "It was such a minimal expenditure for the film that the drive-in [screenings] really took care of all that," he said.

With the books and a film under his belt, Johnson is now focused on crafting pitches and teplays if opportunities come knocking. "I'm preparing myself for anything that comes around. 'Hey, do you want to make another movie?' I say, 'Yes, I have this script.' 'You wanna make a series?' 'Yes, I have this ready to go.' 'You wanna make another book?' 'Yes, I'm already working on something.' I want

to just be prepared for any situation that might arise from all this."

He also devised a rather ingenious way to expose *Fanboy* to national bands that are (once again) playing the Casbah. "I tell them, 'Hey, this is about the world you live in, if you want to check out this movie.' So, I have little stickers behind the bar with QR codes so they can QR it, and it goes right to my website where you can click a link to watch it on the web. That's been successful, and uses that sphere of influence that they have. A couple of bands have reposted it so their fanbase sees that it exists. Grassroots is probably the most effective way for this movie to be marketed."

— Dryw Keltz

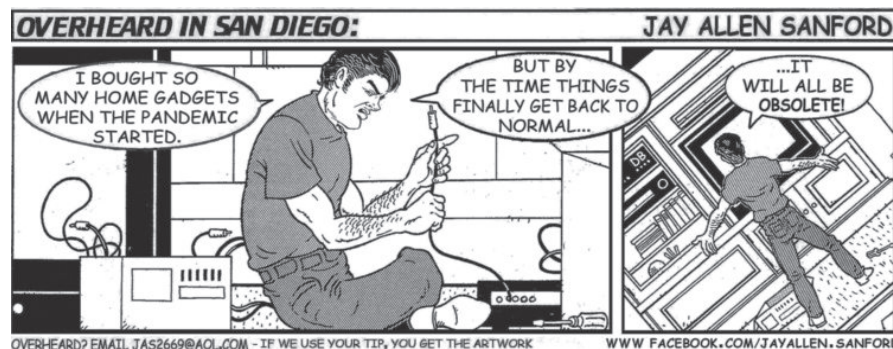
Dharma chums

"Around May 2020,

I started this project to showcase local San Diego talent," says Eric Neilson of his DharmaDen mobile media production company. "With all the music venues closed at the time, we offered our space [in Ocean Beach] to function as a virtual music venue. We record and produce short-form videos for our *Sessions* on YouTube. It's similar to what NPR's *Tiny Desk* does. We've had great feedback from the music and art community, so with San Diego opening back up, we would like to bring our audience to local businesses."

DharmaDen's *Sessions* have been staged at the Template in OB with performers such as Riston Diggs (playing with the Gravities) and a new band called the Gnarly Heads, with local musicians and artists invited to participate. "Other locations around town are in the works. The events include two musical performances and a visual artist, and will include a few local vendors. Our goal is to do our part to support local, and present new, creative gig opportunities for bands and artists. Our door is always open to support local music, art, and commerce."

The *Sessions* uploaded September 3 features a half hour set from Page Koehler, whose



performance of songs from her debut EP *Sorry I'm Late* is framed by a somewhat alien looking light-and-sculpture art installation designed by Psychedelic Toad, and artworks by Catmae. Other recent uploads feature live sets from Miro Imani, Tyler Neuenswander, Anthony Frijia, Daniel Ma, the Resinators, Happy Ron Hill, and Blazing Jane.

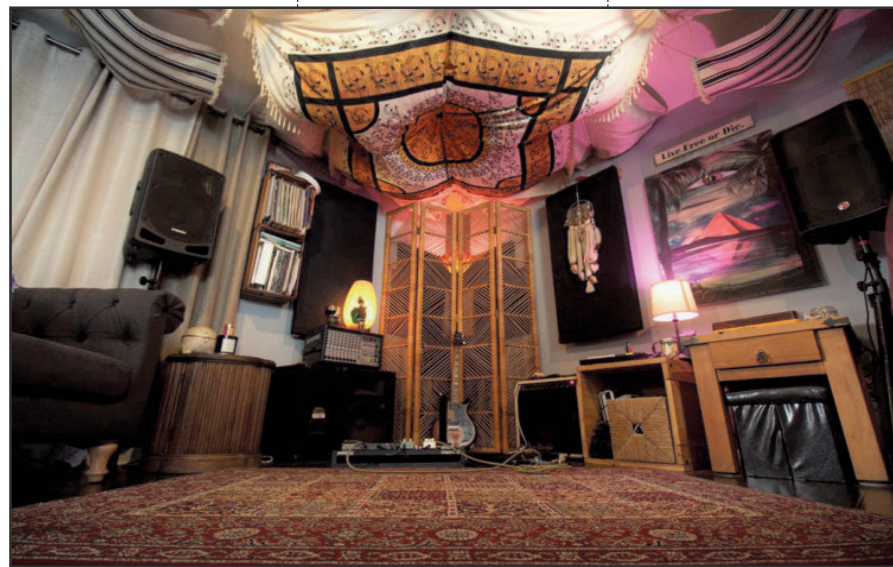
"Our *Sessions* are recorded, mixed, and edited with multiple cameras. We're even working with some equipment that has the potential to pull camera feeds from the audience's cameras into the video switcher,

("All Falls Down") and Ami Depeza ("Crossroad Ode"). Another channel is titled That Time I Bombed, with local comedians sharing their most outrageous and embarrassing stage stories, including Zoltan Kaszas, Dustin Nickerson, and Jesse Egan. A related Den Podcast offers episodes such as "Meet the Creators," where Neilson says "we discuss our origin stories and a brief outline of how we plan to continue evolving."

According to Neilson, "I kind of wanted it to be a continuation of my radio show that I used to do in college at the

mic night, after which they began dating. "When covid hit, the open mics that we were attending all stopped. Lestst's was the one we went to all the time, and Café 1134." When the operators of the latter open mic moved to North Carolina, it was clear that things on local stages were not likely to get back to normal any time soon. "Covid was like, 'Fuck you. You guys can't play anywhere live.' So we decided to start our own little music project."

More *Sessions* are in progress, including some *sans*-audience with solo performers who are still uncomfortable



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which we can then include in post-production. We're taking a more cinematic approach so we can maintain the continuity of our brand, which revolves around telling San Diego's diverse, artistic story."

A second DharmaDen YouTube channel was recently launched, *Speak Up!*, featuring performances and skits from local poets, spoken word artists, and comedians. Editions have been filmed with Timothy John speaking about "Black Privilege," as well as Mone Hicks

University of New Haven, *Late Night Buzz*, every Wednesday from 10 pm to midnight. I would have local student singer-songwriters come on and they'd play a set on my show, and then I'd play new music and talk about local venues that were in New Haven. I figured, 'Why not do that here? There's plenty of talent and venues.'"

DharmaDen co-founder Rachel de Koekoek, herself a singer-songwriter, recalls first meeting Neilson in Normal Heights at a Lestat's West open

about assembling crowds as the Delta variant spreads. "It's hard for creative people who kind of feed their soul off of sharing their work," says de Koekoek. "It's hard to no longer be able to express yourself the way we did at open mics all the time... But music never dies."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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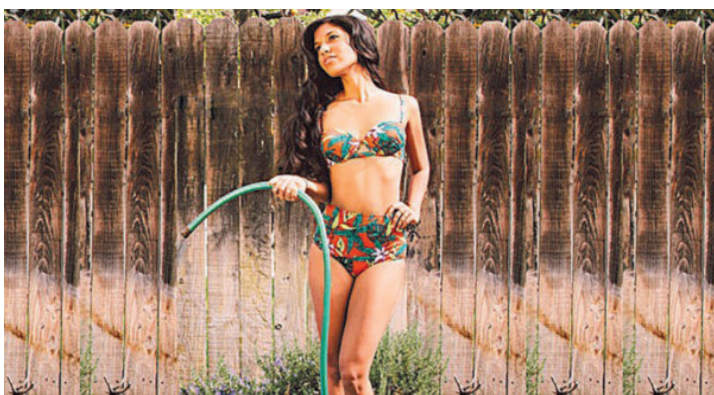
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AS I LAY DYING

On August 31, guitarist Nick Hipa of As I Lay Dying announced his departure from what he called “a superficial pursuit.” Hipa (who in 2014 called the band’s frontman Tim Lambesis a “sociopathic narcissist in definite need of rehabilitation”) posted via Instagram “It has been well over a year since I have distanced myself from [As I Lay Dying] on a personal and professional level. In that time, they have only given fans merchandising posts and show announcements. This sort of activity highlights and reinforces our differences. Respectfully, I left because the story and meaning we built our reunion upon [after Lambesis served prison time for attempting to hire a hit man to kill his wife]

decayed considerably over time. What primarily endures is a superficial pursuit I cannot justify supporting or being part of. This is not an indictment on any who choose to remain or be involved. There is tremendous good that can be accomplished through singular focus on the power of music. However, to my memory and recent experience, it comes at the cost of tolerating behavior which at times mistreats, disrespects, and hurts other people. I do not have it in me to walk that road again. The talent and unshakeable ambition of the band is undeniable. They will continue to release successful music and do great business. On a human level, I hope everything else fares well for them.”



TRISHES

Trinidadian-American electro-opera singer-songwriter Trish Hosein, aka Trishes, says her background as an immigrant is what led to her working on campaigns for Crooked Media and the Progressive Turnout Project, as well as performing and volunteering with the Bernie Sanders campaign in 2020. Her upcoming album *The Id* examines subjects with relevance to immigrants in general and to her specifically, such as racism and the dangers of social media. “I believe that all societal and global conflict begins from individual internal turmoil, and that examining those inner struggles is an essential part of effecting change,” she says. Due in October, the album is so far preceded by singles for “Venom” (currently highlighted on Spotify’s Editorial Playlist

“Equal US”) and “Big Sunglasses” (with a video featured on Billboard, VH1 India, and AXS TV). “Venom” concerns the discrimination she experienced growing up as a brown girl in America, and she says “Big Sunglasses” “connects the dots between war paint and social media, and observes how they both give us anonymity that can bring out the worst in us.” Co-produced by Hosein and Hakan Mavruk, the album will be released with ten original art pieces rendered in her signature Sharpie stippling style that she uses to illustrate her record sleeves. Cinematic music videos were shot for several tracks in Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, and Nabi Musa, a site in the West Bank believed to be the tomb of the prophet Musa.

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CULTGABE

Hailing from Imperial Beach, Cultgabe’s performer name is inspired by the modern gothic television series *American Horror Story: Cult*. The half-Mexican artist, singer, and producer recorded his first verse through his cousin’s laptop when he was eight years old. With a list of inspirations that includes Red Hot Chili Peppers, Incubus, Sublime, Frank Ocean, Kanye West, Dr. Dre, and Eminem, the 22 year-old’s upcoming debut EP *Nowhere Fast* is so far preceded by singles for “40 Wishes” and “Heathrow (Somebody Else).” The black and white storytelling video for the latter

track was co-shot and directed by Cultgabe, who is also a photographer and cinematographer. He cites the works musician/filmmakers like Jack Johnson and Neon Indian as particularly influential and describes the “Heathrow” song and video as “a nod to the lo-fi retro videos of yesteryear and ‘90s era nostalgia. I co-wrote this song with my homies from Beauty School Drop Out, and it’s meant to be an empowering break up song to hype up myself and other people in similar situations. Sometimes, we all need a reminder that we’re better off trusting ourselves.”



BLOODSTONE THE STREET PREACHER

Erick Lamont Fentress, aka Bloodstone the Street Preacher, began as a member of the rap group Partners in Rhyme, who were among the first San Diego rappers to earn a nationwide rep. He later founded the group Tha S.E.T., whose album *Trickerration Foe Life* was released in 1996. His own label B-Up Records released Tha S.E.T.’s second album, *Game Goes On*, in 1998. After going solo, his album *Bloodstone the Street Preacher* was nominated

for a 2005 San Diego Music Award. He later teamed up with his rapper wife Princess Rhyme to form a duo, and his albums *Life of Rhyme* and *The Chosen One* were both nominated Best Hip-Hop Or Rap Album at the San Diego Music Awards. A new full-length called *My Testimony* just dropped via B-Up Record/Self-Made Ent, and his collaborative trio Da Grindaz – with A.D. Walker and BMSD619 – has a new single called “Slap It In Ya.”

THE BAND OVERFALL BEFORE THE FALL WAS OVER



ASHES OF FATE

Founded in 2019, Overfall was a local progressive hard rock and metal band with a short but raucous output. Their debut single “Not Alright” dropped in May 2020. The group featured drummer Brad Cunningham, whose day job is working as a field service technician for Culligan Water, alongside Wayne Kellerman (who also played bass with Cunningham in BlackSky Nectar) and Mike Baier. According to Cunningham, “Me, Wayne, and Mike are putting a new

progressive hard rock and metal band together, though [former Overfall members] Asa and Kat are doing well with their new adventures out of state.” The new group is called Ashes of Fate, featuring guitarist Tony Martinez and lead singer Tim Bortree. The band is reportedly working on original material for a debut album and will be making their local stage debut later this year or in early 2022.

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

Aztec Brewing Company:
Sunday, 6pm — Aztec Jazz Jam. Free.

Billy Up Tavern:
Thursday, 8pm — Tab Benoit's Swampland Jam ft. Big Chief Monk Boudreaux. \$39-\$69.
Friday & Saturday, 8pm — The English Beat.
Sunday, 8pm — Billy Bob Thornton & The Boxmasters.
Monday, 7pm & 8:30pm — Jake Shimabukuro.
Tuesday, 8pm — Ghostland Observatory.

Belmont Park:
Saturday, 12pm — Beats at The Beach.

Brick by Brick:
Wednesday, 8pm — Soulfly and Niviane.

Casbah:
Saturday & Sunday, 8pm — JMSN.
Tuesday, 8pm — Black Lips and Kate Clover.
Wednesday, 8pm — The Nth Power. \$15.

Coastal Roots Farm:
Sunday, 11am — Annual Sukkot Harvest Festival. \$9-\$18.

Coronado Library:
Friday, 1pm — Autumn Concert Series: John Guthel. Free.

Dizzy's/Musicians Union Hall:
Friday, 7:30pm — Brenda Greggio.

Embarcadero Marina Park North:
Saturday, 12pm — Island Vibe Music Festival. \$15-\$35.

Fluxx:
Friday, 9pm — Bryson Tiller. \$40.

House of Blues:
Friday, 7:30pm — Dayglow and Arlie. \$25-\$60.
Sunday, 8pm — Black Dahlia Murder and Carnifex.

Humphreys by the Bay:
Friday, 7:30pm — Judy Collins.
Monday, 7:30pm — Michael Franti & Spearhead.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Boz Scaggs.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — The Temptations & The Four Tops.

Magnolia Performing Arts Center:
Saturday, 8pm — The Monkees.

Merrow:
Thursday, 8pm — The Shivas. \$10-\$12.

Molly Malone's Waypoint Saloon:
Friday, 9pm — Deena and the Dirty Dogs. Free.
Saturday, 9pm — Safety Orange. Free.

Music Box:
Thursday, 7pm — Minnesota and VCTRE.

Saturday, 8pm — The Grouch & Eligh.
Sunday, 7pm — The Highwayman.
Wednesday, 8pm — The Sounds. \$30.

North Island Credit Union Amphitheatre:
Sunday, 7:30pm — Pitbull.

Observatory North Park:
Thursday, 7:30pm — James Blake.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Gary Numan.
Wednesday, 6:30pm — Toadies & Reverend Horton Heat.

Open Air Theatre:
Saturday, 4pm — Kidz Bop.
Sunday, 7:30pm — John Legend.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Modest Mouse.

Otay Ranch Town Center:
Saturday, 12pm — Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. Free.

Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center:
Wednesday, 7pm — Sonic Colossus Jazz Orchestra.

Rady Shell at Jacobs Park:
Saturday & Sunday, 7:30pm — Star Wars Return of the Jedi In Concert.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:
Thursday, 7pm — Kim Simmonds and Savoy Brown.

Rip Current Brewing:
Friday, 6pm — Julia Sage and Trailduster. Free.

Ritz Theater:
Saturday, 8pm — Thunderstruck: AC/DC Tribute. \$25-\$35.

Soda Bar:
Thursday, 8pm — Buck-O-Nine and Beta7.
Friday, 8pm — Esme Patterson.
Saturday, 8pm — 22 & Good 4 U.

Sunday, 8pm — Nascar Aloe.
Tuesday, 8pm — A Giant Dog.
Wednesday, 8pm — Dear Boy and Devora. \$15.

Soma:
Monday, 6:30pm — Durand Jones & the Indications.

South Coast Winery Resort & Spa:

Wednesday, 7pm — Dylan Scott. \$55-\$175.

Spreckels Organ Pavilion:
Monday, 7:30pm — International Organ Festival.

Thornton Winery:
Saturday, 7pm — Chris Botti.

Tower Bar:
Saturday, 8pm — El Shirota and Mother Grundy.

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

Winstons Beach Club:
Friday, 9pm — Brother and Golden Boy. \$15.
Sunday, 2pm — Beach Punx Fest V. Free.

UPCOMING SHOWS

1st Street Bar:
Thursday, Sep. 30 — Billy Nation. Free.

Aztec Brewing Company:
Sunday, Oct. 3 — Aztec Jazz Jam. Free.
Sunday, Oct. 3 — Charles Ellsworth.

Balboa Theatre:
Saturday, Oct. 2 — Get The Led Out. \$28-\$58.

Billy Up Tavern:
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.
Friday, Oct. 1 — Los Lobos.
Saturday, Oct. 2 — Spafford and Pacific Range. \$20.
Sunday, Oct. 3 — Jefferson Starship.
Monday, Oct. 4 — Whitney and Renee Reed.
Tuesday, Oct. 5 — JD Souther.

Wednesday, Oct. 6 — Emmylou Harris.
Thursday, Oct. 7 — Madison Cunningham and S.G. Goodman. \$20.

Friday, Oct. 8 — Super Diamond.
Saturday, Oct. 9 — Super Diamond.

Booze Brothers Brewing Company:
Monday, Oct. 4 — The Felice Brothers and Al Olender.

Brick by Brick:
Thursday, Sep. 23 — Unleash the Archers and Aether Realm. \$18-\$22.
Wednesday, Sep. 29 — Black Map.
Friday, Oct. 15 — D.R.I.

Casbah:
Saturday, Sep. 25 — Joey Cape. \$16-\$18.
Sunday, Sep. 26 — Mipso.
Thursday, Sep. 30 — Staring at the Sun Album Release.
Friday, Oct. 1 — Algiers and Zen Mother.
Monday, Oct. 4 — Anti-Flag and Dog Party.
Friday, Oct. 8 — Black Midi.

Community Actors Theatre:
Monday, Sep. 27 — Open Mic. Free.

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

Dizzy's/Musicians Union Hall:
Friday, Oct. 8 — Jazz in the Movies/The Movies in Jazz.

Ebullition Brew Works:
Friday, Sep. 24 — The Saltwater Kings. Free.

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Saturday, Sep. 25 — The Toga Party Band. \$9-\$12.

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Friday, Sep. 24 — DJ J-Nice. \$25.
Saturday, Sep. 25 — Drakeo the Ruler. \$25.

Hott Mess Pizza & Sideyard BBQ:

Saturday, Oct. 2 — Sonido de la Frontera.

House of Blues:

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.
Friday, Oct. 1 — Poppy.
Sunday, Oct. 3 — Ashley McBryde and Priscilla Block.
Monday, Oct. 4 — Tech N9ne.
Thursday, Oct. 7 — P.O.D. and From Ashes to New.
Friday, Oct. 8 — Testament, Exodus, Death Angel.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:

Thursday, Sep. 23 — Brian Jones Rock 'n' Roll Revival. \$5.
Saturday, Oct. 2 — Hemisphere: American Dreams Live. \$12.

Humphreys by the Bay:

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.
Sunday, Oct. 3 — Lake Street Dive and Allison Russell.
Tuesday, Oct. 5 — America.

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Friday, Oct. 8 — The Ram Sunset Sessions.

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IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Mainly Mozart aims to heal the pain of 9/11

The San Diego Mainly Mozart Festival mounted its fourth festival in the last 12 months from last Saturday, September 11 through this Saturday, September 18. The venue was the Del Mar Surf Cup Sports Park. The orchestra is typical for Mainly Mozart. That is to say, it is a collection of high-level players from across North America, all coming together to form an elite musical ensemble.

For the current festival, the orchestra is conducted by David Chan. Chan, a native San Diegan, has been the concertmaster of the Metropolitan Opera for the past 21 years, and this marks the third time he has conducted the Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra.

The opening night concert featured saxophone soloist Branford Marsalis and Metropolitan Opera soprano Gabriella Reyes. Concert highlights

included music from Puccini's *La Boheme*, Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* and Tchaikovsky's *Mozartiana*.

On Sunday, September 12, the concert was based on Paris, with music by French composers such as Gabriel Faure, Maurice Ravel, and Camille Saint-Saëns. Mozart's *Symphony No. 31 "Paris"* completed the evening.

The midweek concert on Tuesday, September 14, was focused on Haydn and Mozart. Music by Saint-Saëns and William Grant Still was also featured. The inclusion of William Grant Still was an interesting one. Still is, in my opinion, an under-appreciated and under-performed composer.

Friday, September 17, presents one of my favorite pieces of all time, Edward Elgar's *Introduction and Allegro for Strings*. I have never heard the piece performed live, and can't

think of a better group to perform it than the strings of the Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra. Mozart's ever-green *Hafner Symphony* makes this a significant concert in San Diego's 2021 musical life.

The final concert is a night at the opera, with several orchestral highlights from some of the greatest operas ever written. Highlights include Mozart's *Overture to the Abduction from the Seraglio*, the "Intermezzo" from Pietro Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana*, and Rossini's *Overture to William Tell*.

With the opening concert falling on the 20th anniversary of September 11, the festival made efforts to include this momentous occasion by partnering with The National Conflict Resolution Center (www.ncrconline.com). "When we began planning our September 2021



Mainly Mozart Festival immerses attendees in "the healing power of live music."

program, we knew that we wanted to incorporate and commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11," said Mainly Mozart CEO Nancy Laturno. "In collaboration with the NCRC, we were grateful to be given this special opportunity to memorialize such a solemn occasion while the audience was immersed in the healing power of live music."

Before the event, NCRC President Steven Dinkin added, "The 20th anniversary of 9/11 brings back painful memories for so many of us.

But rather than staying in pain, the National Conflict Resolution Center is working toward healing through our 'A Path Forward' initiative. Most often, our medium is dialogue — but on this September 11, we will turn to music, in a unique collaboration with Mainly Mozart. We look forward to a magical and memorable evening with legendary saxophonist Branford Marsalis and the Mainly Mozart All-Star Orchestra."

Tickets are available at www.mainlymozart.org.

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La Jolla Country Day School:

Sunday, Oct. 3 — La Jolla Taiko Beats Concert. Free.

Magnolia Performing Arts Center:

Friday, Sep. 24 — Gilberto Santa Rosa.
Thursday, Sep. 30 — Mon Laferte.

Molly Malone's Waypoint Saloon:

Friday, Sep. 24 — Nemesis. Free.

Music Box:

Thursday, Sep. 23 — Los Amigos Invisibles.
Friday, Sep. 24 — The Backseat Lovers and Sleepy Gonzales.
Thursday, Sep. 30 — Black Crowes Revival and Zeptune.
Friday, Oct. 1 — Mdou Moctar and TALSounds.
Saturday, Oct. 2 — Anesthesia and Good Company.
Sunday, Oct. 3 — Xavier Wulf and Eddy Baker.
Monday, Oct. 4 — Jesse Royal.
Wednesday, Oct. 6 — Thundermaier and the Gravities.
Thursday, Oct. 7 — Ruston Kelly and Margaret Glaspy.
Friday, Oct. 8 — Talib Kweli.

North Island Credit Union Amphitheatre:

Thursday, Sep. 23 — Luke Bryan.
Saturday, Sep. 25 — Kiss and David Lee Roth.
Thursday, Sep. 30 — Alanis

Morissette:

Saturday, Oct. 2 — Brad Paisley.
Sunday, Oct. 3 — Daryl Hall & John Oates and Squeeze.
Tuesday, Oct. 5 — Maroon 5.
Friday, Oct. 8 — The Doobie Brothers.

Observatory North Park:

Friday, Sep. 24 — Cold War Kids.
Saturday, Oct. 2 — Volbeat and Municipal Waste.
Monday, Oct. 4 — Japanese Breakfast.
Friday, Oct. 8 — Beach Goons and Señor Kino.

Old Town Temecula Community Theater:

Friday, Oct. 1 — The Long Run: Eagles Tribute. \$20-\$25.
Saturday, Oct. 2 — Led Zepagain: Led Zeppelin Tribute. \$20-\$25.
Sunday, Oct. 3 — Delfeayo Marsalis & the Uptown Jazz Orchestra. \$55-\$85.

Open Air Theatre:

Saturday, Oct. 2 — Quinn XCII and Chelsea Cutler.
Sunday, Oct. 3 — Brett Young.

Tuesday, Oct. 5 — Van Morrison.
Thursday, Oct. 7 — TLC.

Panama 66:

Sunday, Sep. 26 — Uptown Rhythm Makers. Free.

Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center:

Friday, Oct. 8 — Thrash O'Lantern Local Live Band Showcase.

Rady Shell at Jacobs Park:

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:

Friday, Oct. 1 — Jackyl and Revelation 69. \$30-\$275.
Saturday, Oct. 2 — Guitar Shorty.
Thursday, Oct. 7 — Dead Daisies.

San Diego Civic Theatre:

Friday, Oct. 1 — Dead Can Dance and Agnes Obel.

San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina:

Saturday, Oct. 2 — Sunshine Gala Featuring Don Felder. \$375-\$3500.

Soda Bar:

Thursday, Sep. 23 — Urethane and Decent Criminal.
Wednesday, Sep. 29 — Flipturn.
Thursday, Sep. 30 — Sadgirl.
Friday, Oct. 1 — Jim Ward.
Saturday, Oct. 2 — Torres.
Thursday, Oct. 7 — Wheelwright.
Friday, Oct. 8 — Adam Melchor.

Soma:

Friday, Oct. 1 — Zoé and Dorian.
Tuesday, Oct. 5 — 2021 Pure

Noise Tour:

Wednesday, Oct. 6 — Juanes.

South Coast Winery Resort & Spa:

Thursday, Sep. 23 — Cassadee Pope and Leaving Austin. \$55-\$175.

Spreckels Organ Pavilion:

Monday, Sep. 27 — International Organ Festival.
Monday, Oct. 4 — International Organ Festival.

St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church:

Saturday, Sep. 25 — Bodhi Tree Concerts Tenth Anniversary Celebration. \$25.

Thornton Winery:

Saturday, Oct. 2 — Rick Braun & Richard Elliot.
Friday, Oct. 8 — Brothers Igniting a Groove.

Viejas Arena:

Saturday, Oct. 2 — Squeeze.

Waterfront Park:

Saturday, Sep. 25 — CRSSD Festival.
Sunday, Sep. 26 — CRSSD Festival.

Welk Resort Theatre:

Wednesday, Sep. 29 — Scot Bruce: Tribute to the King. \$25-\$38.
Wednesday, Oct. 6 — Walking Man: James Taylor Tribute. \$25-\$38.

Whistle Stop Bar:

Sunday, Oct. 3 — Military Gun and Glean.

Winstons Beach Club:

Friday, Sep. 24 — SM Familia. \$10.
Tuesday, Sep. 28 — Carbon Leaf.

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Days' pink moment

The bad news is that *Days* is intentionally unsubtitled. The good news is that there's barely a word spoken by our two leads. Loneliness is their universal language. More bad news: this is the only film by austere Taiwanese director Tsai Ming-liang (*Viva L'Amour*, *Goodbye, Dragon Inn*) that I have seen

as yet, and something tells me it would have made even more of an impact had I been able to view it in the context of his other pictures. My predecessor in these parts, Duncan Shepherd, was quick to cover just about anything that played town, with an emphasis on high-end art films. And according to our archives, only one of the director's films was reviewed in these pages. That's as good an indication as any that *What Time Is It There?* was the only one of Ming-liang's features to get a commercial release (and that this critic has some catching up to do).

It took a few minutes to get in sync with the deliberate pace. (The

title prophetically announced the amount of time one felt it took for the first couple of long takes to play out.) Neither one of our principals is called by name, so rather than referring to them as Old Man (Lee Kang-sheng) and Young Man (Anong Hounghuangsy), we'll go with the actor's forenames. Lee sits alone on his porch watching the rain. If

his subsequent visit to a medieval acupuncturist and need for a rub-down are any indication, the pained look on his face comes naturally. From outside his window, the camera ensnares Lee, a desperate character, seated alone and looking out. Even in more natural surroundings, Lee stands motionless in the frame, the wind blowing the shrubs and trees that surround him. What sets Lee apart from the hundreds of thousands of solitary seniors just like him? For one thing, he has three nipples.

Rather than a fly-on-the-wall approach, our first view of Anong's

MOVIES



Days: Anong Hounghuangsy and Lee Kang-sheng share a post-coital supper in director Tsai Ming-liang's austere examination of loneliness.

one room flat offers a dog-on-the-floor perspective. From beneath a kitchen table, we watch as Anong prepares dinner in a pair of makeshift kilns. Using the bathroom shower, he rinses the leafy vegetables and chopped fish. From another part of the kitchen, we observe him cooking the freshly-washed food. Don't try emulating Anong's ability to chop a cucumber at home, unless you covet the idea of ordering five beers with

four fingers. The most out of place item in the apartment — a shocking pink dinner plate propped up against the wall — begins a leitmotif, visual music for a film in which the soundtrack is determinedly diegetic. It also signals a steady and vibrant reminder — a pink-lighting if you will — of both men's sexual longings.

Lee's therapy involves having smoldering foil squares placed on his back to help smoke out the acu-

puncture, followed by a rigorous Valvoline massage. It's the type of remedy that's enough to make a Red Cross convert out of a witch doctor. Once outside and in the real world, the camera takes flight for the first time, following Lee as he walks through the streets. He sports a faulty neck brace that appears useless unless it's supported by his hand. (He presses it to the side of his face in much the same way that one would

Dear Evan Hansen,

Today is going to be an amazing day and here's why: because, today, all you have to do is just be yourself! yourself?

Turns out, this wasn't an amazing day after all. Because why would it be?

I wish everything was different. I wish I was part of something. I wish anything I said mattered to anyone. I mean face it, would anyone even notice if I disappeared tomorrow?

Sincerely, your best and most dearest friend:
Me

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hold a cell phone.) When people complain that nothing happens, it's probably because they are not using the ample time the director affords them to look his characters square in the eye. There's enough storytelling going on in their faces to fill four features.

The first time the two men meet is in a hotel room at around the one hour mark. Anong was hired to give the old man a full body massage, so Lee spends the afternoon straightening up the room. It isn't until later in the day, when the shades are drawn and the sun begins sinking, that the entire space is bathed in a pink, as if to herald Anong's arrival. With Anong stripped down to his Calvins, it soon becomes evident that a happy ending is on the horizon. The massage is shown almost exclusively from Lee's viewpoint. Anong finishes his work by joining Lee in the shower and giving him a thorough scrub down, something one assumes happens only with preferred clientele. (Note the way the camera moves up slightly so as not to expose genitalia.)

As an extra gratuity, Lee gifts Anong with a music box that plays the theme from Chaplin's *Limelight*. (In that film, an aging clown prevents a young ballerina from committing suicide.) They sit at the foot of the bed, Lee's hand on Anong's knee as the young man cranks out the melancholy tune. It's a moment of genuine tenderness, and one that sadly signals a return to mundanity. The two share a meal, and then we're returned to our spot below Anong's kitchen table, looking on as the young man prepares another meal. I've always said the only thing more boring than watching a character stare at a computer screen. There's an exception to every rule. Only his eyelids move when Lee greets the next morning. There's nothing left inside him to justify an enthusiastic awakening. His head remains glued to the pillow as he stares down the prospect of another uneventful day.

As it happens in life, the two men were thrown together for a brief time, and in the morning they parted company, only to return to the forlorn empty spaces they call life. Anong gets the curtain shot, seated at a bus stop at twilight listening to *Limelight*. A pair of pink lights flash in the distance as if beckoning the young man's attention. After a minute, he rises and heads towards the rosy glow. It's about as close as *Days* came to pulling off a second happy ending. Now streaming at the Digital Gym Virtual Cinema. 2021. ★★★★★

—Scott Marks



Malignant: Don't roll over. Just go to sleep. Everything's fine.

Video on Demand and New Release Roundup

Malignant — Pregnant Madison (Annabelle Wallis) returns from work to find the abusive slacker she married essentially lying in wait before the TV. The blow to the head she receives is enough to awaken Gabriel (Ray Chase), the monster inside her, a conjoined demon out for revenge against the doctors whose titular diagnosis unsuccessfully tried to cut him out. This isn't a plot, it's a full tilt battering ram, and the only way for it to hit the mark and still leave an esthetic aftertaste would have been to play it straight. One would think that James Wan, the architect of *Saw*, would have long since figured this out. Was it his time spent at Marvel (*Aquaman*) that led him to this disjointed slasher thriller, a camped-up soap opera right down to an evil twin and uniformly bland performances? (Madison's revelation of adoption to step-sister Sydney [Maddie Hasson] makes *As the World Turns* look like Douglas Sirk.) And must Gabriel, who communicates telekinetically through anything with a speaker, sound like a younger version of John Kramer? Good to see Wan keeping alive the motif of the villain with filthy, mud-black hair obscuring the face made popular in the early 2000s. But at two hours, it could have used a shave. And what do we learn in the end? If a man can do it, so can a woman. A commendable message, but damn if we needed a character to spell it out for the audience. Everything Wan touches turns into a sequel, so may I suggest they name part three of the franchise *Malignant Two More?* 2021. —S.M. ★

Small Engine Repair — An adaptation of writer/director/star John Pollono's 2013 play about friends enabling friends that spans 30 years. A trio of

highly engaging reprobates — Frank (Pollono), Packie (Shea Whigham), and Swaino (John Berthal) — spend the first half of the picture showing the world what a fine breeding ground Manchester, New Hampshire is for sexist and homophobic posturing. Each of these boys can tell what's on the minds of the other two even before a thought has formed. When Frank gets sent to "school" for a few years, it's Packie and Swaino who keep an eye on his daughter Crystal (Ciara Bravo). The trio of male leads are nothing short of perfect: their wild, free-form exchanges are a cringeworthy delight for the ears, if not the eyes. And bravo to Bravo for the authentic flavor and ear for dialogue she brings to her college-bound teen. When dad cries poor, she lobs a sarcastic salvo, reminding Frank that rather than being poor, they're clinging to "the last branch of the lower-middle class." Alas, I wasn't kidding when I said it was based on a play. Pollono talks a good game, but once we're inside Frank's titular chop shop, it becomes canned theatre. Why can't Pollono be more like Scorsese, particularly when it comes to reigning in the moralizing? Goodfella Henry Hill's "punishment" is a house in the suburbs with a two-car garage, *aka* the American Dream. A person's actions should speak for them, without the film having to resort to a sensational subplot to spur content. Sticking a character in a coma after a nude selfie goes viral, and the revenge theme it fosters, leads to a ping in the transmission from script to screen. 2021. — S.M. ★★

Wildland — A traffic accident ends with the car overturned and Ida's (Sandra Guldberg Kampp) alcoholic mother dead behind the wheel. That leaves the State no choice but to award custody of the 17-year-old girl to her loan shark Aunt Bobil (Sidse Babbett

Knudsen) and three male cousins, all schooled in the art of strong-arming (and possibly incestuous behavior). But adventuress Ida is the first to drop trou when the time comes to pull the truck over for the boys to relieve themselves. (She does draw the line when the youngest of the three asks to see her breasts.) Still, that doesn't

make her the type who'd ask to join her cousins on their collection rounds. It's equally hard to believe that her mother's sister, no matter how estranged the two siblings were, would demand that her niece devote a chunk of her life to crime. Watch what happens. When payment isn't forthcoming, the boys have a habit of giving the son or daughter of the "borrower" a lift home from school to act as a gentle reminder. But when Ida is used as bait to lure a schoolmate into the car, one has to ask, who's dopier, the characters or the screenwriters? How on earth did they not see the potential for picking Ida out of a lineup? The concept of a single-mother running a "loan company" out of a nondescript family dwelling has the makings of a movie written all over it. So much so that it was released in 2010 under the name *Animal Kingdom* and took home a shipload of awards. And I'm still trying to figure out whether to call Kampp's contributions performance, or to credit the Kuleshov Effect, in which a static closeup derives its meaning from the highly-charged images it's juxtaposed against. 2020. — S.M. ★★

MOVIES@HOME

My analysis of *The Carpetbaggers* was pitched as either a cover story or a column entry to be presented in two parts. Guess who lost the coin toss.

— Scott Marks

THE CARPETBAGGERS (1964)

Producer/distributor Joseph E. Levine had been in the picture business for a little over a decade before his success blossomed. What did he get in return for purchasing the rights to *Godzilla* (1956) and redubbing it for the American market? A million dollars in ticket sales. The success of *Hercules* two years later made him a multi-millionaire. In the six months leading up to the spring of 1963, Paramount had partnered with Joseph E.

Levine's Embassy Pictures on a trio of co-productions based on a pair of trash novelist Harold Robbins' biggest successes. (In his day, Robbins was the Jackie Susann of Sidney Sheldons.) Even before *The Carpetbaggers*



The Carpetbaggers: duking doubles George Peppard and Alan Ladd (or reasonable facsimiles of each).

went before the cameras, Levine saw in the novel an abundance of juicy pulp out of which he could squeeze two separate features. This was one of the first,

if not *the* first, time a novel was "twinned" for the screen. (Originally designed with a 70mm SuperPanavision release in mind, it was also one of the earliest examples of a 35mm negative being bumped up to 70mm.) It would be followed in 1966 by a prequel, *Nevada Smith* — Steve McQueen assumed the role originated by Alan Ladd — but not before Levine & Co. put Joey Heatherton on trial for murder in *Where Love Has Gone*. For more on *The Carpetbaggers* — including a San Diego connection — visit us online.

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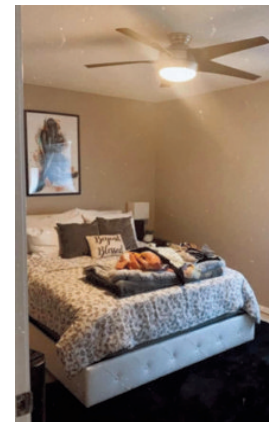
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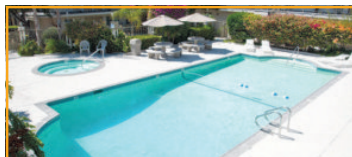
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SDSU ROOM

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Re-Post My two roommates and I are looking for another roommate in a 2 bed 2 bath apartment near USD. www.instagram.com/lizzygirl415/

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Dock Totals 9/5 - 9/11:

4401 anglers aboard 198 trips out of San Diego landings this past week caught 16 barracuda, 1 black seabass (released), 977 bluefin tuna (up to 295 pounds), 436 bonito, 594 calico bass (263 released), 235 dorado, 6 halibut, 17 lingcod, 4720 rockfish, 29 sand bass, 516 sculpin, 93 sheephead, 7 skipjack tuna, 1,557 whitefish, 2 white seabass (1 released), 845 yellowfin tuna, and 731 yellowtail.

Saltwater: It was pretty much a repeat of the week previous, with yellowfin tuna in the 20-to-40-pound range biting well on the high spots off the Baja coast between the border and San Quintin, yellowtail near the Coronado Islands, and a solid bite on very large bluefin tuna around the Tanner Bank at 90 to 110 miles west-northwest of Point Loma. The best action on yellowfin tuna and yellowtail offshore has been on live fly-lined sardines using 25-to-30-pound test line on medium-action gear, while the bluefin are being caught on flat fall irons, trolling, and kite or balloon-rigged live sardines, or preferably, flyers. Flyers are either a rubber imitation flying fish also known as 'yummy flyers', or frozen and thawed flying fish and are rigged so that by very slow trolling at a couple knots or drifting and using the wind, the bait or lure can be skipped across the swells to mimic a natural flying fish fleeing predators. In low wind conditions, a balloon filled with helium attached to a kite can provide the needed loft.

Two rods are used in this presentation. One, usually a shortened version of a trolling rod, controls the balloon or kite and can be let out and retrieved by a deckhand or tender, and the other rod is held by the angler and has the bait or lure, which is attached to the balloon or kite by a release clip similar to the clips used on outriggers. This keeps the bait on the surface while keeping the heavy leader that can often spook line-shy fish out of the water. When a fish strikes the bait, the line is pulled out of the clip and the angler is on. The balloon or kite is then retrieved while the first angler battles the fish. On sportboats with multiple passengers, other anglers will drop flat fall jigs or irons during the fight as the



A happy angler with a solid yellowfin tuna aboard the Old Glory out of H&M Landing.

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boat cannot generally move while an angler is engaged with a large tuna. This technique works very well to get the often-finicky bluefin triggered into feeding.

This past week, the kite-flyer tactic worked well for private boater Floyd Sparks out of San Diego. After boating a 200 pound bluefin tuna on the troll and a 175 pounder on the kite, another kite with a flyer drifted out produced a very large bluefin tuna at 395.4 pounds, which, if made official, would be a new state record.

For those targeting the bottom fish such as rockfish, whitefish, sculpin, and sheephead, squid or sardines presented dropper-loop style with enough weight to get down through the current have produced the best results. The dropper-loop is a simple 6-to-8-inch loop with a size 1 to 2/0 hook knotted about eighteen inches above the weight. Just let it drop to the seafloor, wind

up one or two times to keep from snagging bottom, and slowly raise and lower the rod tip. Usually, the bait will be taken within a couple minutes if there are any biters in the area. For sheephead especially, frozen whole shrimp can work very well. California sheephead, also commonly called 'goats' or 'poor man's lobster' for their crab-like tasting flesh, feed primarily on crustaceans, such as crabs, lobsters, and sea urchins around rocky reefs and kelp beds, with the larger fish coming from 60 to 150 feet deep.

California sheephead are protogynous hermaphrodites; all are born female with some changing into males by the time they are five years old. Females have a rounded head and are a solid orange in color and don't usually exceed five pounds in weight. Those that change to males turn red and black and will have a forward-protruding lump on their head. Males can reach 35 pounds. With large canine teeth and crushing bone plates in their throats, these fish will often 'raid' the lobster pots of commercial lobster operations, biting off legs or antennae sticking out through the wire mesh of the traps. Sheephead feed during the day and hunt by sight and scent, and if given time, will find a freshly thawed shrimp.

Fish Plants: 9/17, Santee Lakes, catfish (1000)

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42-year-old Joey Bradley has been surfing for 35 years

When did you begin surfing?

I started when I was around six or seven. My childhood memories of surfing were either between the jetties or down at the end of Seacoast. I have lived in Imperial Beach my whole life except for three years when I was deployed to the middle east, when I moved to North Dakota for a year, and Northern California for a year.

Do you remember the moment when surfing clicked for you?

No, it was natural. I was always with a bunch of my friends. The ocean was our playground. We went out there swimming and boogie boarding. In elementary school, we borrowed our teacher's surf boards.

Have you competed in any surf contests?

I did one when I was a teenager and one when I was 39. It isn't worth it. It's too stressful.

Where is your favorite surf spot?

I have been all over the world. I like surfing in Costa Rica. I love surfing right here because it is convenient. It takes me two minutes to get ready. I am pretty lazy. It's hard for me to leave Imperial Beach unless

I'm going on vacation. Why would I? I am paying a buttload to live right here.

What do you love the most about surfing?

I like the exercise and I like being in the water. It's where I socialize with all my friends. I go out every day.

Do you have a favorite surf moment?

Ten years ago, I was with a bunch of my friends at the south end of [Imperial Beach], at Seacoast. Four of us were trying to paddle for the same wave. There were three dolphins behind us, and two on each side of us jumping out of the wave.

What is your biggest surfing pet peeve?

There are a handful of guys out there that are way too aggressive. They surf like they have something to prove to people. They want to catch every single wave. They are never out there with a smile, and they are always arguing with people.

Any surf related injuries?

I had a board hit me in the forehead. You can see the scar still. I didn't get stitches. I went home and put superglue and tape on it and went

back out. I got hooked in the arm by a fisherman about a month ago. I got three hooks on one wave. They had their lines cast way too far out and I got clotheslined by one. That happens a lot.

How many surf boards do you have?

I have about 15 boards. I have a board for every type of wave. Today the waves are small and mushy, and this is my fish. It works good for small mushy waves. My favorite boards are probably the ones I've made. When my daughter was a baby, I made boards for her when she was learning. I probably made 10 or 12, but I got rid of all of them but three. I gave them all to friends. **Do you ever get sick from the runoff?**

I can't say for sure if I have gotten sick from the water. Even when the signs are out, I still go out unless it's really, really, stinky. Sometimes I get ear infections, so I wear plugs. I don't think that's from water quality. I've gotten diarrhea but I can't tell if that's from the water or from what I ate. Subway goes right through me. I eat it way too much because it's right there.

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TECHNOLOGY ServiceNow Inc is accepting resumes for the following positions in San Diego, CA: Senior Software Engineer (5143): Develop software solutions to complex problems. Identify and implement automated test cases for developed solutions. Mail resume to ServiceNow Inc, Attn: Global Mobility, 2225 Lawson Lane, Santa Clara, CA 95054. Resume must include job title, job ref. #5143, full name, email & mailing address. No phone calls. Must be legally authorized to work in U.S. without sponsorship. EOE.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY San Diego's only community radio station, KNSJ 89.1FM, is seeking volunteers. KNSJ is all volunteer and commercial free. Newbies welcome. Contact tim.taylor@KNSJ.org Tim.T

HEALTHY VETERANS NEEDED VA RESEARCH Healthy Veterans, ages 18-65, without psychiatric diagnoses needed. Earn up to \$165. Call (858) 552-8585 (ext, 2517) for more information.

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SEEKING CAREGIVER POSITION. Hey there, I am a 38 yr. old male. I have 10 years live-in experience. Not looking for a fortune but I am very professional. (619) 689-7344. Available btwn 9a.m.-9p.m. daily. A days notice appreciated. Keith. (619) 689-7344 / gh92565@gmail.com

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HIRING NURSES & CNA \$19-\$47 Pro Staff Healthcare Staffing is looking for RN, LVN, and CNA. (Experienced & New Grads). Nurses-\$40-\$47. CNA's-\$19-\$25. We offer Flexible Schedule. Call (619) 597-9456. Ask for Shona

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DADDY YANKEE CD (2007) Selling Daddy Yankee's El Cartel

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POKEMON TIN LUNCHBOX + TOYS Selling my Pokemon stash for \$25. I cannot split this up, sorry. petesuarez619@gmail.com

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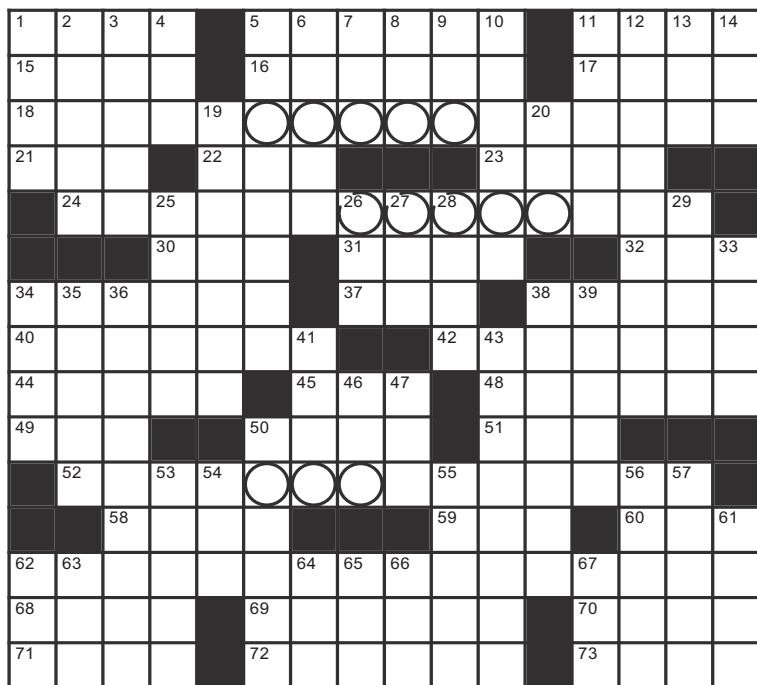
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Across

1. "Club Can't Handle Me" rapper Flo _____
 5. Part of Indiana Jones's outfit
 11. The Ponte Vecchio spans it
 15. Answer to the riddle "What cheese is made backward?"
 16. Livestock ID
 17. More than trot
 18. 1) He was the first person to split an atom's nucleus (✓) 2) He taught at Montreal's McGill University (✓) 3) He was born in Manchester, England (x)
 21. "Exile in Guyville" singer Phair
 22. Georgia airport code
 23. Standard
 24. 1) She played Gloria Stivic on '70s TV (✓) 2) She was a spokesperson for the Christian Children's Fund (✓) 3) She was married to David Hasselhoff (x)
 30. Motor City org.
 31. Einstein's "m"
 32. NYC rep since 2019
 34. Parent's mom, informally
 37. "Monsters, _____"
 38. Terra _____
 40. Scuba gear attachment
 42. Red gems
 44. Greetings down under
 45. Soak (up)
 48. Performs adequately
 49. [Not my error]
 50. Of sound mind
 51. Popular nail polish brand

52. 1) He met Gandhi in 1931 (✓) 2) His autobiography was titled "My Autobiography" (✓) 3) He won an Oscar for 1921's "The Kid" (x)
 58. Successor of Claudius
 59. Opposite of WSW
 60. Chump
 62. Popular game exemplified by 18-, 24- and 52-Across (or what's seen in the circled letters)
 68. Completely wear out
 69. Question of possibility
 70. Pile
 71. Ginger ale or root beer
 72. Old-style "Listen up!"
 73. Title alter ego of 1886

19. Danglers in a deli
 20. "Ruh-____!" (Scooby-Doo gulp)
 25. Like some mashed potatoes
 26. "You're oversharing!"
 27. Fled
 28. Org. whose academy's motto in English is "The sea yields to knowledge"
 29. _____ voce
 33. Winery container
 34. Jokes
 35. Cockamamie, slangily
 36. Spider webs, e.g.
 38. Did a Photoshop task
 39. Ninja Turtles' ally April

Down

1. Projection booth item
 2. Elba of "Thor: Ragnarok"
 3. Tony of "Taxi"
 4. Inits. in some church names
 5. "Trap Queen" rapper
 6. Some "Downton Abbey" characters
 7. R&B's _____ Hill
 8. Mel with 511 home runs
 9. "Go team!"
 10. They may be special or secret
 11. Woodard of "12 Years a Slave"
 12. Hotel costs per night
 13. "Fresh Air" network
 14. Ref. work that added "livestream" in 2021

41. Morales of "Ozark"
 43. "Oklahoma!" girl "who cain't say no"
 46. Indivisible
 47. Ab's neighbor
 50. Exhibit bad posture
 53. Subsidiary of CVS Health
 54. Trio in elem. school
 55. Intoxicating
 56. _____ Brothers ("It's Your Thing" group)
 57. River nymph
 61. Stinky Le Pew
 62. NFL scores
 63. Court
 64. Oft-stubbed digit
 65. Mao's successor
 66. 35mm camera inits.
 67. "That hits the spot!"

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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- Submit your completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest. Your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
- Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name.
- Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489** or mailed to *Reader* Puzzle, 2323 Broadway Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92102; or scanned and emailed to puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions by email must be attached in JPG format, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed. One win per person within a 4 week period.
- And now for the really small print:
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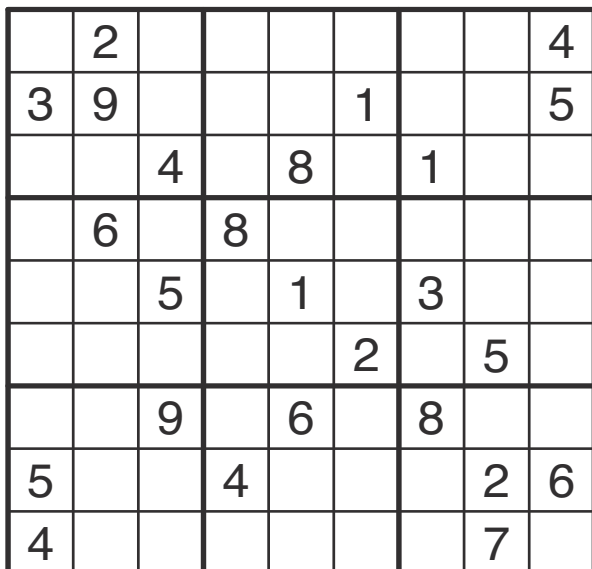
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John Carleton, El Cajon, 2.

Name: _____
 City: _____ Email: _____

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EVIL:

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| 3 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 9 |
| 4 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
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| 7 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 4 |
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| 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 8 |

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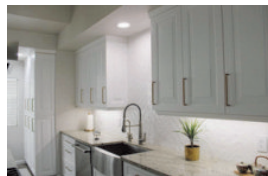
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TIJUANA

Poop at the Playas

The water is dangerous, and then there's the smell

According to the Federal Commission of Sanitation Risks, Playas de Tijuana is still one of the five most contaminated beaches in Mexico. And because of its recent reopening to the public, sewage spills are affecting the local tourism. Jorge Jesus Ramirez, a restaurant owner in the tourist area in Playas,



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said that the institution in charge, the State Public Services Commission in Tijuana, is not doing its work properly. "We have been seriously affected by the smell, they plugged our pipes and did a terrible job trying to fix our problem. I'm paying taxes and they made a mess here. On top of that, there's not proper maintenance of the pier in Playas. It has to be constant, not every three years when a new mayor gets to the office."

Juan Aguilar, a coconut vendor, noted that every business in Playas is affected by the smell, and because of it *paisanos* who visit Tijuana don't want to eat. Further, in his opinion, fewer people come because they can't get

into the ocean. "Sometimes you can see how dirty the water is. Visitors just don't know; they are the only ones that go in, but we locals know it could be dangerous."

The federal commission mentioned above conducted tests on 265 beaches in Mexico. Five of them had more than 200 units of enterococcus (fecal material) present in 100 milliliters of water.

Abraham García, co-founder of the non-profit Kilometro 1, which started as a group of young people cleaning up plastic on the beach, explained that



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"Visitors just don't know; they are the only ones who go in."

Playas de Tijuana is not known for its beauty. But he said that it is emblematic because of the border wall there, and that it has long been the Corner of Latin America. "We began focusing on plastic waste," he said, "but got involved in other fields to conserve our beaches. The sewage discharges in the ocean have existed for years; they are not treated properly. Part of the excuse of the institution in charge is that they lack income due to people's debts, which affects the budget they have to invest

in their infrastructure maintenance. A surfer friend of mine actually got hepatitis and was hospitalized several days after surfing."

Jose Barrera, who lives in Playas de Tijuana and fishes recreationally, said that it can be dangerous for kids because they can swallow the water. The Fire Department in Tijuana, which is in charge of the Coast Guard and which trains its collaborators in Playas de Tijuana, did not want to comment.

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That's One Way To Do It

— When Hurricane Ida swept through New York, the heavy rain and flooding did an estimated \$50 million in damage. But in the Big Apple, there's a silver lining: The storm may have cleared out a significant portion of the rat population that lived in the sewers and subway system. Experts believe hundreds of thousands of rats may have died as sewer systems were overwhelmed and dumped into local bays and estuaries, where the rodents later washed up on beaches. Bobby Corrigan, longtime pest control expert, told *Gothamist*, "I can't imagine they would've survived." Conversely, those that did weather the storm appear to be seeking shelter on higher ground, as exterminators report a spike in complaints.

Creepy

— As Hurricane Ida made its way up the East Coast and Louisiana started to clean up, a Covington Domino's Pizza store tossed some of its leftover dough into a dumpster out back, *nola.com* reported. Temperatures in the area climbed into the 90s, and the dough climbed ... out of the waste container. Nicole Amstutz, who lives nearby, started documenting the wayward dough blob on Sept. 1, posting updates on Facebook. The dough spilled over onto the pavement, but Amstutz reported on Sept. 4 that it had fallen and boxes were placed on top of it. The general manager of the Domino's store did not respond to an interview request.

Long Live the King

— Elvis has left ... the barber shop. Elvis Presley's personal barber, Homer Gilleland, scooped up snippings of the King's hair over multiple haircuts and kept the baseball-sized ball of tresses in a plastic bag, which he then gifted to Thomas Morgan, a friend of both men. United Press International reported on Sept. 8 that the hair, now in a sealed jar and backed up by "extensive documentation," sold at auction for \$72,500. A Los Angeles auction house offered the hair alongside one of Presley's concert jumpsuits and other items.

Suspicious Confirmed

— *Oddity Central* reported on Sept. 3 that Li Zhanying of Henan, China, is known in her community for having gone more than 40 years without sleeping at all. Her husband and neighbors confirmed her claims, saying that she stayed up all night to do chores and didn't ever nap. But recently, Li visited a Beijing medical center, where doctors used sensors to monitor her and discovered that Li does sleep -- with her eyes open and while talking to her husband. Doctors called it "sleep when awake," which is similar to sleepwalking. They said Li sometimes had "slow eyeballs and hollow eyes," indicating that she was resting.

Rude

— Doug Simmons, 44, and Debra McGee, 43, of Chicago, planned a destination wedding in Jamaica, to which they invited 109 guests. "Four times we asked, 'Are you

available to come, can you make it?' and they kept saying yes," Simmons explained to the *New York Post* in late August. But when the big day arrived, the couple realized not everyone had shown up. So Simmons, a small-business owner, sent invoices for \$120 per person to all the no-shows. "This amount is what you owe us for paying for your seat(s) in advance. You can pay via Zelle or PayPal." Simmons said he and his wife were hurt that people didn't show up: "I took that personally." No word on whether they've collected on any of the invoices.

Awesome!

— Financial advice website *FinanceBuzz* is offering the gig of a lifetime for horror movie fans: They want to pay someone \$1,300 to watch 13 classics and monitor their heartbeat while doing so, with the goal of comparing the fear factors of films with different budgets. United Press International reported that the chosen candidate will get a FitBit to monitor their heartbeat and \$50 to cover movie rental costs. Applications are open through Sept. 26, and a winner will be selected on Oct. 1.

Bright Idea

— Yves de Mbella, a television personality on NCI in Ivory Coast, was convicted on Sept. 1 of glorifying rape after he invited a convicted rapist on his prime-time show to demonstrate how he pled his crimes, using a mannequin as his victim. CNN reported that the segment, during which de Mbella helped the rapist adjust the mannequin and

asked if his victims "enjoyed it," aired on Aug. 30. De Mbella, who was fined about \$3,600, apologized for the demonstration, saying he was trying to "raise awareness."

Inexplicable

— Kimberly Dawn Maxwell, 41, of Ashland, Kentucky, is being held at the Western Regional Jail in Barboursville, West Virginia, after a puzzling incident on Aug. 27, WCHS-TV reported. As a dad and his two kids enjoyed a picnic at Harris Riverfront Park in Huntington, West Virginia, Maxwell, who was a stranger to them, came to sit at their picnic table. The dad reported that she was mumbling to herself, and he believed she might be under the influence, so he packed up lunch and directed the kids away from her. But as they walked, Maxwell ran up behind the five-year-old boy and threw him in the Ohio River. A bystander who witnessed the incident jumped in and saved the boy before Maxwell also jumped into the river. When police arrived, she told them, "This is international waters. Police cannot do anything to me." When the deputy asked her to come talk to him, she responded, "That is not going to happen." A rescue boat finally plucked Maxwell from the water and she was evaluated at a hospital before being moved to the jail.

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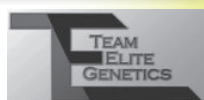


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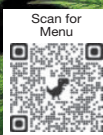


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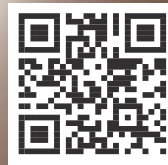


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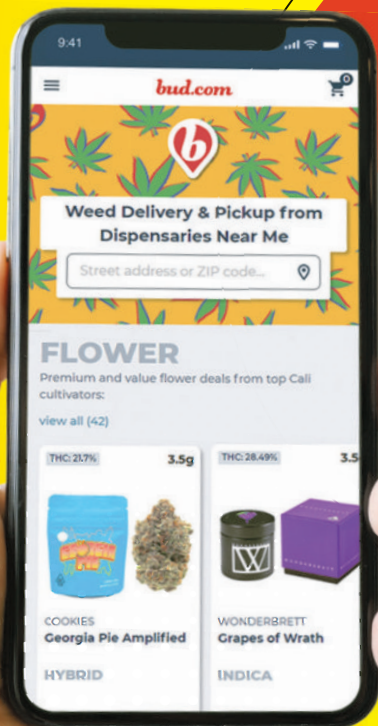
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