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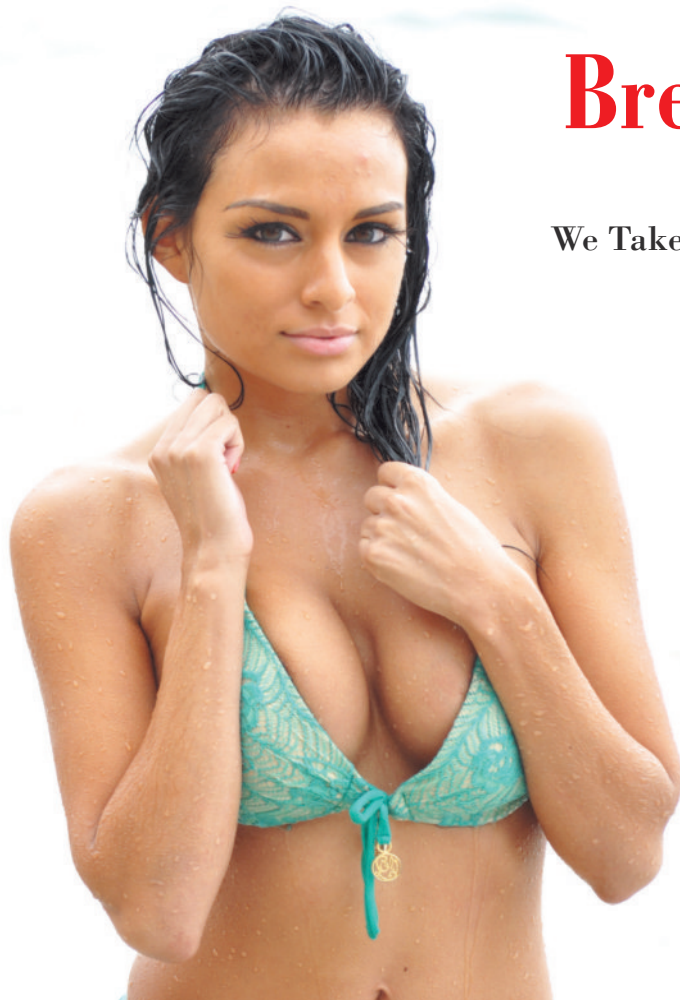
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

TIJUANA

God vs. gas in the New Jerusalem Christians parachute in over petroleum pipelines

At around 8 pm on September 12, squatters snuck onto a lot used to store liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) near Valle del Redondo, on the east side of Tijuana. The gas company's lawyer Esteban Capella said that the night watchmen reported the break-in. Capella said that besides the

activity is forbidden," said Capella. "That's why we have this land. The day after more people entered the property, we called the police, but they never came."

The company warned the *paracaidistas* ("parachutists," or squatters) about the risk and the illegality of their action and asked them to exit the property. According to Capella, despite the danger, more people arrived, and a week later the group reached 200 people. "We started a dialogue to make them know how dangerous settling there is. If they start digging to erect anything, they could cause an explosion that can lead to a big catastrophe. But the warning didn't work; they are not changing their minds."

One of the new inhabitants of the so-called *Nueva Jerusalem* is Rosario Peraza, 71, who has been living in Tijuana for the last 40 years and is trying to

own a piece of land here. He explained that 90 percent of the squatters are Christians, that they all know each other, and that they are from states like Chiapas, Sinaloa, Oaxaca, and Sonora. "We're happy over here," Peraza said. "There is no way that people will assault us, and there is no insecurity in this area. We all have Christ in our hearts. We know He's with us in this struggle. And we have no

fear of being over these gas pipelines. In all the city, it is the same. In the downtown, for instance, there are more pipelines than anywhere in Tijuana."

Part of the tiny neighbors' committee they have formed said that the Prosecutor's Office has threatened them with doing the same thing they did with the illegal



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The New Jerusalem will be a kingdom of love, not of ownership.



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"Our main problem is the lack of legality we have in Mexico."

break-in's illegality, the squatters' proximity to underground pipelines placed them in extreme danger. The company's building provides 11 million liters of LPG storage, and the occupied area is surrounded by three other LPG companies. "The mandatory security protocols in this matter require an area where human



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settlers in the *Cerros de las Abejas* some months before. They claim to be victims of aggression from the Prosecutor's Office. "These people came super aggressive and we told them that the daughter of Jesus Labra Avilez, the owner, told us where we could settle. We have her permission." One of the members of the neighbors' com-

are among those having a hard time living where they work. Now, under a new Workforce Housing Program run by the state, projects aimed at creating more middle-income units are being considered in Chula Vista, San Marcos, Escondido, and La Mesa. (The city of San Diego, which hasn't yet opted in, recently formed

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mittee who did not want to be identified emphasized. "We are organizing a demonstration in front for the state hall facilities, to be heard out by Bonilla's government."

Meanwhile, Capella and the LP gas company said they have already proved the ownership of the land and that it's a matter of time for their lawsuit against the settlers to be applied and for the inhabitants of the makeshift neighborhood to be removed. "Our main problem, I think, is the lack of legality we have in Mexico," offered Capella. "We need more civic consciousness."

IVAN MOLINA

CHULA VISTA

CasaLago = cost a little? Giving renters the option to wiggle in the middle

When it comes to housing, many Chula Vista workers find themselves stuck in the moneymaking middle, earning too much to qualify for affordable housing, yet struggling to pay the higher rents set by the open market. Teachers, police officers, nurses, retail workers, and others, including the children of longtime locals,

a middle-income housing working group.) "There really is a missing middle in our community," said Chula Vista City Councilmember Andrea Cardenas. "The reality is, we don't have options for people to kind of move and wiggle into the middle."

Last week, the city discussed entering into Joint Powers Authorities with the state, which would allow a state agency to issue bonds to buy an apartment complex. Each unit would be rent restricted for 30 years. Since the state agency is a government body, it would not pay property tax, which indirectly subsidizes the rents. Upon sale of the property, Chula Vista would expect to receive a windfall and so recoup all lost tax revenue, city officials said. "What makes the projects unique is that they are market-rate properties," said Jon Penkower, managing director for the state agency. One example, now under contract, is CasaLago Eastlake, which currently charges between \$2695 and \$5861 in rent for an apartment. Its 427 units will be converted to low- and middle-income housing. Tenants are not displaced under the program and residents

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Bice makes nice

Oklahoma Republican visits local Dem's district

A controversial House Republican from Oklahoma recently toured San Diego with Democratic colleague Sara Jacobs, courtesy of a Washington-based think tank criticized by a Harvard University ethics fellow for its ties to Big Oil. According to her post-travel disclosure form, filed with the House Ethics Committee on September 23, Stephanie Bice flew to San Diego from Oklahoma City on September 14, returning the next day after dining in North Park and spending the night at the Comfort Inn Gaslamp, Convention Center.

Bice, an "avowed conservative" Republican who toppled incumbent Democrat Kendra Horn last year, has taken fire from both sides of the aisle, according to a September 21 Roll Call account. "Even though she has voted in line with House Republicans more than 95 percent of the time, the state GOP chairman publicly rebuked her for voting in May for an independent commission to investigate the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol," the story noted. "But she drew a distinction between that measure and a later vote — after Senate Republicans had blocked the bipartisan probe — to establish a House select committee to investigate the riot, which she said could be 'nothing but political theater.'"

Expenses of Bice's trip to San Diego, including transportation (\$479), lodging (\$348), meals (\$85), along with rental car, gas, and parking (\$364), were picked up by the Bipartisan Policy Center. Bice's excursion with Jacobs was part of the think tank's American Congressional Exchange Program, touted as a way to break the partisan ice that plagues congress, but criticized by some



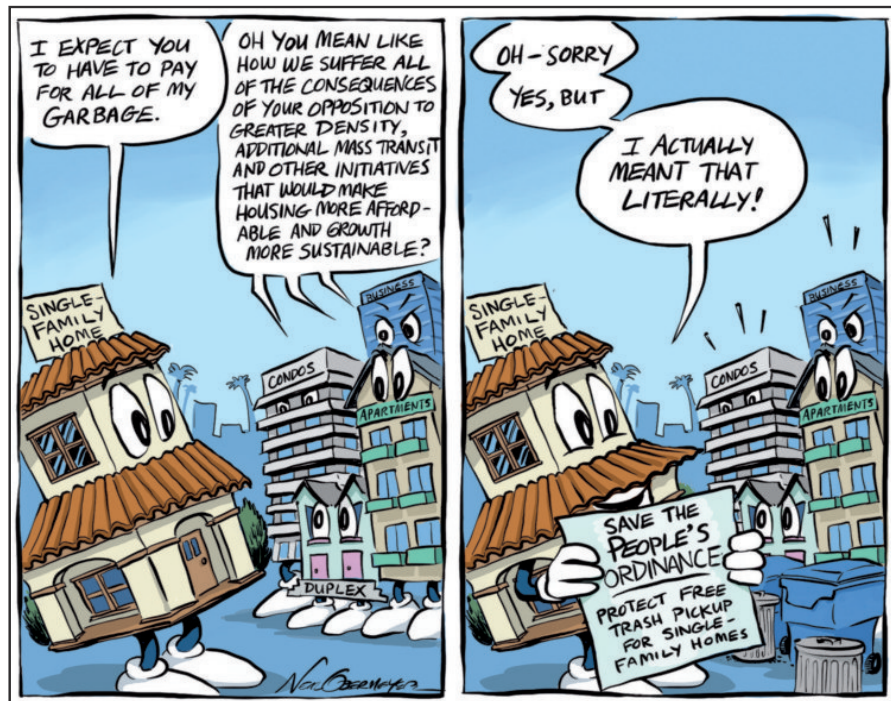
It's easy to smile when the Democrat whose district you're visiting represents San Diego.

as covert lobbying. "Members of Congress (MOC's) who participate agree to visit, for one weekend, a Member of the opposite party in that Member's district," says the center's website. "That member, in turn, reciprocates the following year or when schedules permit. Leveraging BPC's [Bipartisan Policy Center] extensive, existing relationships with Members of Congress, ACE [American Congressional Exchange Program] identifies MOC's and secures participation. ACE develops customized itineraries and agendas, coordinates all logistics and compliance for travel. Each visit is tailored to meet the participants' individual needs and build a relationship between two MOC's."

The policy center engendered controversy in May after taking House Democrat Paul Tonko of New York on a tour of his Republican colleague David McKinley's West Virginia district's coal and gas company operations. "The Bipartisan Policy Center has been funded by the fossil fuel industry," noted a June account of the trip by the liberal *Ameri-*

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Neal Obermeyer



UNDER THE RADAR

Faulconer's leavings Mike Pompeo, who served as Secretary of State under President Donald Trump, is bringing his proto-presidential fundraising campaign to San Diego. "We invite you to an incredibly unique opportunity to join Secretary Mike Pompeo for conversation and lunch on Tuesday, October 19th," says an email to local Republican fat cats. "As chair of CAVPAC, Champion American Values PAC, Secretary Pompeo is working to promote the conservative values upon which America was founded and lifting to victory candidates who stand up to the radical Left's agenda." The event at the University Club downtown is said to be limited to 25 people, each required to cough up \$1000 for the cause. Those who up their contribution to \$5000 get in on the VIP Roundtable. "Our hope is to have a strong representation of passionate individuals in San Diego as ultimately we would like to see CAVPAC support California candidates and elected officials."



Kevin Faulconer didn't break out, but maybe his charity-runner will.

The invite is signed June and Dena of the fundraising operation Highland-Illuminate. "Highland Political, LLC is a political fundraising and public relations company founded by June Cutter. Highland-Illuminate is a joint venture created to provide premiere fundraising, brand building, and event marketing services to clients in the political and non-profit sectors," says the firm's website. "June proved herself as an impressive fundraiser and fresh face for the Republican Party when she ran for the California State Assembly in 2020. She is now taking the momentum she built during her own campaign and using it to help other center-right candidates create fresh messaging that resonates with voters, and donors, throughout the State of California." Cutter's partner Dena DiSarro Cruden is a veteran of San Diego ex-mayor Kevin Faulconer's now-defunct charity work, which he once hoped would help propel him to higher office. "In 2019, the California Women's Leadership Association recognized Dena as a 'Non-Profit Pioneer' for her leadership of One San Diego, the non-profit organization started by Former San Diego Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer and First Lady Katherine Stuart Faulconer"...Reuters news service is out with a report that media giant AT&T has been a key financial backer of San Diego-based One America cable TV and online operation. "They told us they wanted a conservative network," company founder Robert Herring said regarding AT&T's longtime support in a 2019 deposition seen by Reuters. "They only had one, which was Fox News, and they had seven others on the other

[left wing] side. When they said that, I jumped to it and built one." Per the October 6 account, "Since then, AT&T has been a crucial source of funds flowing into OAN, providing tens of millions of dollars in revenue, court records show. Ninety percent of OAN's revenue came from a contract with AT&T-owned television platforms, including satellite broadcaster DirecTV, according to 2020 sworn testimony by an OAN accountant"

Dead dolphins don't talk It took almost six years, but government scientists say they finally have a theory about the mysterious demise of three dolphins found on the beach near a Navy training exercise. "Two freshly dead, adult coastal common bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), stranded one mile apart from each other on Silver Strand State Beach in Coronado, San Diego County, California on October 21, 2015," says a post-mortem by the National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration dated earlier this year. "Ten days later, an additional adult *T. truncatus* stranded dead in advanced decomposition along the same beach. The spatial and temporal similarities of the strandings represented an unusual occurrence for the region." Adds the report, "Possible explanations for the observed findings in common with all three specimens are: exposure to an underwater detonation, [acute] underwater entrapment, or exposure to mid-frequency active sonar." Conclude the find-



Did sonar make Flipper flounder?

ings: "All three dolphins clearly suffered severe acute trauma, likely anthropogenic in nature, although the exact cause cannot be confirmed." More dolphin dead were discovered washed up on the shore in Imperial Beach during the same period. "Lifeguard sergeant Jason Lindquist said the three dolphin corpses were found by lifeguards during their early-morning rounds on October 16, October 20, and November 3. Another dolphin was found on October 21 to the north on Silver Strand beach," noted a November 16, 2015, account by Vincent Farnsworth

here. "The October 20/21 beaching of bottlenose dolphins at Imperial Beach and Silver Strand are being investigated by the National Marine Fisheries Service of the NOAA in connection with the Navy sonar use on the dates of October 19 and 20"

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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Dear Hipster:

At this point, I have heard of hipster bars putting just about everything into a cocktail, or even straight up opening entire bars devoted to obscure alcohols. However, I have yet to run into a restaurant or bar menu that makes a big deal out of mead (the medieval drink made from fermented honey). If hipsters will get drunk on anything, and make getting drunk on anything cool, why is mead the only alcoholic beverage I can think of that hasn't had a hipster revival?

— TASHA

Hipster can revitalize (not the same as 'revive') just about anything. Even sherry, which at one point in time seemed exclusively the province of drag queens and teenagers stealing from Mom's pantry, has been featured at hipster bars over the past decade of boozy revivals. But the thing about a revival is that you need to have gone away first before you can get revitalized (again, not revived, because that's necromancy). You may not have noticed, but mead has been there the whole time, getting a very specific subset of people totally sloshed at renaissance fair(e)s throughout the country.

You see, because of its undeniably medieval associations (which are arguably erroneous, or at least exaggerated, given the inordinate amount of weak beer consumed by medieval peasantry, who apparently viewed beer as a kind of "liquid bread" during their short and brutal lives), mead has long had a special place at the local renn fest, usually right next to the giant turkey leg stand. And because the corsets and



breeches crowd has basically staked a permanent claim on mead, it remains perpetually off-limits for hipster revival — hence the lack of attention given to fermented honey at even the hipsterest watering holes.

Hey DJ:

Is this an accurate statement: Most nerds are not hipsters, but all hipsters are nerds?

— WINK SAJACK

You know, it's funny, because just the other day I was thinking to myself, "I wonder if any logicians ever read this column?" You've given me a good chance to answer that question, because, on the fairly safe assumption I manage to get this almost totally wrong, any logicians who happen to be perusing the Reader will surely leap at the opportunity to set me straight.

Anyway, if we take your initial premise as true (that "most nerds are not hipsters"), then it must also be true that some nerds are hipsters — although in fairness, I think this also requires us to make an assumption

that all nerds are either hipsters or not hipsters, which seems fair as a practical matter. The premise that some nerds are hipsters also includes the contrapositive premise that some hipsters are nerds, which

falls short of your conclusion that "all hipsters are nerds."

Logicians, feel free to jump in there and let me know if I've gotten it wrong.

Setting aside proof by logic, I can tell you from experience that all hipsters have at least a little nerd in them. I am, of course, using "nerd" more expansively than a strict constructionist, who would not stray far beyond a vision of the pocket protector-wearing engineer in the white short-sleeved shirt. In fact, the phrase, "I'm a little bit of a _____ nerd" is practically required for any self-respecting hipster, because subject matter nerdiness implies a deep reserve of knowledge on an extremely niche subject. The more random and obscure the _____ is, the better!

— DJ Stevens

LETTERS

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

Taking up the rear

The people of Ocean Beach should start a petition to recall Todd Gloria ("Ocean Beach and Pacific Beach — open-air insane asylums?" Neighborhood News, September 2). I guarantee once the petition has been started the rest of the city will climb aboard and you will have enough signatures to recall him without an election. He was a lousy Assemblyman and he is now a lousy mayor. All Todd Gloria thinks about is himself and his own agenda, plus he only worries about where he lives. He doesn't care about the rest of the city or any of the residences. An example is, look how he is just ignoring the non-permitted vendors around Ocean Beach, by the pier and the parks and stuff. Notice how he is totally ignoring the homeless problem by just throwing money at it and walking away. Nothing is being done by Mayor Todd Gloria that he has promised to do or that he should do. So I think the people of Ocean Beach should start a petition to recall his butt out of office.

Gary Coburn
Carlsbad

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"Barbara Bry readies run for San Diego County Assessor" News Ticker October 9

Ernest Dronenberg, Jr. was on the California state Board of Equalization for 20+ years before he was elected to his present position in 2011. So he is a career state politician/bureaucrat. He's also 78 years old. If he runs

again, he will be riding the tiger into his grave, and you might have a special election to replace him.

—Strelnikov

"Portion of Fiesta Island to serve as Colony for the Unvaccinated" SD on the QT: Almost Factual News October 8

There are those who appreciate satire, those who don't get it and a third category. Those who know darn well it's satire and they know who is writing this column. I think they're sending him a message. His other column turns controversial and sometimes toxic for no reason. It's sad, keeping in mind what he's writing about should be enjoyable.

—Socks3742

"Friends in low places" News Under the Radar October 6

I want to comment separately about sending remarkable Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez every good wish for a full recovery from her radical surgery for breast cancer and to thank her for her candor and bravery in confronting a difficult diagnosis. Lorena herself is a radical, candid and brave figure who has done much as a committed legislator in Sacramento for Californians in general and working people in particular. I believe Lorena has the makings of California's first woman governor and, when she is feeling well again, I hope she will renew efforts toward that end. Lorena Gonzalez absolutely has what it takes, the right stuff, and I want to encourage her to keep on keeping on.

—monaghan

Lorena Gonzalez would make a horrible governor, regardless of political leaning. She carries herself like Trump and people like that aren't fit for office. I'm embarrassed for anyone who votes for someone who carries themselves so poorly. You can be strong and effective without being abusive.

—Socks3742

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who don't qualify are allowed to remain at market rents.

According to Jose Dorado with the city's Development Services, the average cost for all rentals in the city is \$2006. An affordable two-bedroom rent for a middle income family of four is considered to be \$2400. As of 2019, Chula Vista has met the 15 percent moderate-income housing requirement set in the 2013-2021 Housing Element, Dorado said. But council members pointed to a gap: for anyone with a middle or lower income, "it is very, very challenging for you to be able to live here in Chula Vista," said Councilmember John McCann. Lauren Seaver, president of Opportunity Housing Group, said 27 percent of Chula Vista residents are paying more than 58 percent of their incomes on rent. "This is exactly the demographic at CasaLago," she said, where 72 percent of current renters would already qualify for the program, and so receive rent discounts of about \$500 per month.



Over 70% of CasaLago's renters would qualify for rent discounts.

Like most properties targeted for the program, CasaLago is a class A complex, less than 15 years old, professionally managed, and offering many amenities. Penkower said naturally occurring affordable housing, dubbed class C, is disappearing all over the state, especially in San Diego. They recently tried to conserve such a building in Chula Vista, to rehab and protect it, but the developer they were working with was outbid by one of the largest institutional Wall Street investors. Noted Penkower, "They're going to put money into it and raise the rents."

SHEILA PELL

BIKE WORLD Wheel and deal Covid conditions cause bump in bike boosts

According to Bryan Hance, the co-founder of *BikeIndex.org*, the jump in stolen bikes reported in San Diego "is all sort of tied together with the story of covid." In 2019, Hance said, there were 120 stolen bikes reported on his site from San Diego, and only two were recovered. "In 2020, 243 stolen bikes were reported to us, and ten were recovered. Then, in 2021, 332 stolen bikes were reported to us, and it's only October. Just 14 were reported recovered. These are our internal numbers showing results for a 25-mile radius around San Diego." (The nonprofit organization's website and app, launched by Hance and Seth Herr in 2013, now contain a database of over 688,000 catalogued bikes worldwide, host tens of thousands of day-to-day searches, and boast about 1250 community partners.)

"Regarding these huge upticks we saw starting in 2020, we attribute to four factors," Hance explained to me on October 2. "One, lots of deprioritization of smaller crimes by law enforcement, because of covid restrictions, staffing cuts, etc. — that meant

cops weren't/aren't able to handle things as low level as 'stolen bikes.' Two, the massive rise of online sales platforms like OfferUp and Facebook Marketplace, which are used to fence stolen goods. Three, the general economic problems caused by covid that spiked crimes like theft. And four, the overall value and need for bikes shot through the roof during covid, so bikes are just worth more in general and secondary markets. Remember how every bike shop sold out in early 2020 because people were stuck at home and nobody ever wanted to, say, get on a public bus again? And then there were all the supply chain problems, so that shops couldn't get bikes or parts. So that



The overall value and need for bikes has shot through the roof during the pandemic.

made the resale market for bikes explode, and all these thieves have nice convenient, anonymous online platforms like OfferUp to unload all their stolen goods with zero risk, so the whole equation meant that more bikes were getting stolen. And those bikes that were being stolen and resold were now worth more."

To make matters worse, "the [reported number of bikes] stolen in San Diego is a vast underreporting," Hance said, "and it's because we haven't done a ton of effort to get shops, cops, and cycling groups in San Diego to use *BikeIndex.org* as we have elsewhere." So lately, Hance has been proactive with some of the 1900 members on the Stolen Bike San Diego (SBSD) Facebook page. On October 3, Hance put up a photo on the Facebook page, then captioned it: "Not mine, but posting because it should stand out in the wild. Stolen: Rivendell Betty Foy, serial [number] unknown ... your daily reminder to register your serials." The seafoam-blue women's bike Hance posted was reportedly released in 2009 and sold for more than \$2200 new. "UPDATE: it was seen an hour ago heading south on Florida Avenue from University Avenue in North Park, towards Balboa Park," responded the bike's owner shortly after Hance's online post. "It has two flat tires."

On September 21, near to where someone lifted the Betty Foy bike, a \$1500 bike was stolen, even though it had been

secured to a wrought-iron fence with a u-lock device. This time around, the perp cut one of the metal bars on the fence, slid the u-lock and bicycle out simultaneously, and walked the bike out of the gated complex. Someone "posted the bike on OfferUp about six hours ago," posted the victim on the SBSD forum. "I messaged the seller, but I'm afraid they might recognize me from casing my apartment. If anyone can help, feel free to private message me." The victim updated the SBSD page shortly after,



A hard lesson- your bike is only as secure as the thing to which you chain it.

saying the San Diego Police Department accompanied her to meet with the seller. "The guy said he [initially] purchased my bike off of OfferUp for \$200 and had 'no idea' my bike was stolen, even though he advertised the bike as valued at \$1800. I proved it was mine when I recited the serial number from memory."

"OfferUp is a cesspool full of stolen goods run by a company that does not

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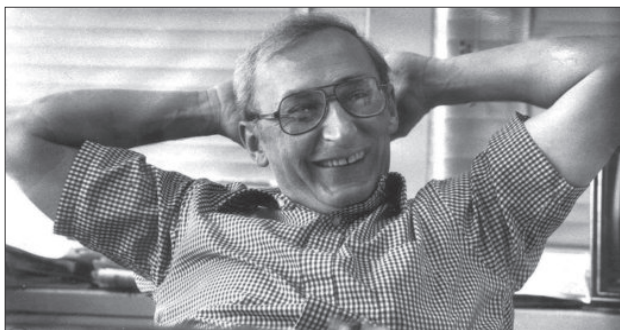
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Chicago Tribune — Mike Royko

A FRIEND OF MINE once moved from Chicago to the San Diego area to take a job managing a big pizza joint. The owner hired him because he wanted somebody with that well-known Midwestern drive and energy and capacity for hard work.

After a few months, my friend was back. He couldn't take it anymore. As he explained: "At first, I liked it. The sunshine was terrific. It was always shining. The city was

so clean. The houses were pretty. I rented a place that had fruit trees in the back yard. I'd go out every morning and pick oranges so I could have fresh juice to mix with my breakfast vodka.

"But then it started.

One day I got a call from a couple of the people who worked

for me. They said they wouldn't be to work that day. I asked if they were sick. They said, 'No, the surf is up.' I said, 'Wait a minute, you're not coming to work because the surf is up?' They said, 'Yeah, it's terrific.'

"So I told them, 'You can't take off and leave me in a lurch with the lunchtime crowd because the surf is up.' They said, 'Huh?' Like they didn't understand what I was talking about. I told them, 'Look, this is your job.' They said, 'Yeah, but the surf is up.'

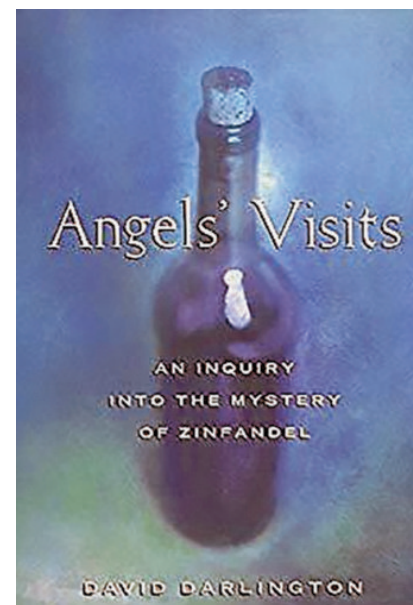
"I finally told them that if they didn't show

up for work on time, that I'd fire them. They told me, 'Sure. Do what you have to do, man. We understand.' And that was it. They didn't care if I fired them. They went surfing."

Angels' Visits: An Inquiry into the Mystery of Zinfandel

UPON ARRIVING IN CALIFORNIA, [Agoston] Haraszthy ignored the gold fields of the north and headed instead for San Diego, a southern frontier village of 650. His farsightedness enabled him to see that agribusiness — not precious metal — was the place to realize long-term profits. (Indeed, all the gold produced in California in the century following the gold rush was worth less than the state's agricultural output in 1960 alone.)

In San Diego, Haraszthy duplicated his Wisconsinian behavior, planting orchards, opening a livery stable and a butcher shop, and speculating widely in land. Somewhere along the way he picked up the popular rank



of colonel, and in 1850 he was elected sheriff of San Diego County; soon after that he was appointed town marshal. Meanwhile, his father, Charles, became a magistrate and land commissioner, establishing a greater oligarchy than any that the family had enjoyed in Bacska.

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Writers and their worlds

Wallace Stevens

I remember why I bought *The Collected Poems*. Stevens's "Anecdote of a Jar," from his first collection, *Harmonium*, published in 1923, was in an anthology I owned. I read and reread "Anecdote of a Jar" in the same way I put the needle down again and again to hear Carl Perkins sing "Blue Suede Shoes" and Elvis sing "Crying in the Chapel." I knew "Anecdote of a Jar" by heart. **JAN. 7, 1999**

Anita Brookner

Brookner never married. She did receive proposals. But almost all the proposals, she said, "made me run the other way." In a recent novel, she wrote, "The novels she had read in her studious girlhood all ended with a marriage, for that was how the reader wanted them to end, believing that marriage was the conclusion of the story. They gave no instructions on how to spend the time once the marriage was a thing of the past." **MARCH 30, 2000**

Sedaris

"I remember being surprised that they were ashamed of their lives. I always thought you were supposed to be ashamed of your life if you were a poor person. But it seemed to me like it's people with some degree of privilege

that are often more ashamed of their lives than the people that we imagine. My childhood was not remarkable in any way. I don't think really that any of my experiences have been that remarkable." **JUNE 8, 2000**

George Packer

Packer suggested that it was Adlai Stevenson more than Alger Hiss who, for his parents, was the "one who was martyred" by the rise of the conservative movement. "And Nixon," he said, "because of what he did to Stevenson and others, was my father's most hated enemy. My generation hated Reagan, but not with the same intensity that my parents' generation hated Nixon. Reagan didn't merit hatred. Nixon had all the evil qualities that merited it." **OCT. 5, 2000**



Wallace Stevens. I read about the night in Key West when the drunk and timid Stevens got into a fistfight with Hemingway. The latter left Stevens with a blackened eye and fractured hand.

Mary Karr

"My friends in this book — for instance, John Cleary, the boy I first kissed, is still one of my best friends. He's still one of the most amazing people I've ever known in my life. I just saw him out in L.A. He lives in California. Before I started writing the book, I said, 'Look, this is what I want to write about, and are you uncomfortable with that?' I didn't ask him for information." **OCT. 19, 2000**

Susan Cheever

Cheever's father, John, in addition to being one of America's greatest masters of the short-story form, was, until the last years of his life, an alcoholic. He was also bisexual and in midlife began a series of covert relationships with men. Cheever said, about her father, "He was just so good at writing about alcoholism. He was good at a lot of things. But the hidden texture of his work was about the drinking." **JAN. 21, 1999**

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Bénie (center) and her four kids, in west African styles

#MeToo, from here to Africa

"I was sexually abused as a child," says Benie Kouyate. By making that simple statement, she has broken a thousand taboos. If publicly admitting such abuse is difficult here, it is impossible in Africa, she says.

Benie lives here, but she is from Conakry, the capital of Guinea, on the west coast of Africa. I saw this handsome woman in a white dress the other night at the Westin Carlsbad. She was receiving a humanitarian award for her work fighting against the sexual abuse of women and children in places like Mali, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, and Burkina Faso. I sat at one of those round conference tables after she had given her acceptance speech.

"What happened to me as a child," she said, "nobody ever thought of me being a victim. When it came out that this person had a sexual encounter with me, it was viewed as something



Bénie with award and son Benjamin

Then came 2017, and Harvey Weinstein. "That was really the tipping point for me. All the Hollywood actresses came out with their allegations about Harvey Weinstein sexually abusing them. I was like, 'Why am I keeping my story to myself? Why can't I do something about it?' So I went on social media, on Facebook, and actually talked about the instances when I was abused as a child in Africa."

"So many girls out there are being molested by their own fathers, by their own cousins...It's out of control."

that was consensual. And this was when I was 13, 14. Nobody cared to even ask me what happened. Not even my dad did. So I had to continue growing up with that pain in my heart, with that anger. And I am not alone. I know there are so many little kids, so many babies, so many girls out there who are being molested by their own fathers, by their own cousins, by their own stepbrothers. It's out of control.

"The worst part is, you are bringing shame to the family by speaking out, because you are a woman, and you [allowed] penetration. They say, 'Oh, he's being a man. He can't help it.' It also happened with my kids' father, my ex-husband, in Michigan. He was very abusive, very insecure. Whenever he felt like I was cheating, he raped me. That's how he handled things. But I had to keep it bottled up."

Her actions were shocking to her family, but something good came out of them. "I ended up meeting this guy who couldn't believe that I really didn't care about my image. So he said, 'What are you going to do about this?' And I said, 'I want to make a difference. Whenever I get some money, I'll make a difference with a foundation.' And he said 'Well, I've got a foundation and I'm going to give it to you right here. If you just stop [putting yourself in danger]'. I said, 'Okay, okay.' And that's how The Benie Foundation started, to give women and children somewhere to go when they are abused. And it's run from here." She points to her head.

Does she feel she's gaining acceptance back home in Guinea? "Well, last time I went to Conakry, the elders welcomed me, people came and sang, they danced for me, they

cooked for me, made prayers, a lot of prayers to protect me from those who are against us. These are things they do for people they recognize as leaders. So we are no way there, but we are on our way!"

Fancy house, happy home

What do rich people hoard? I tear over at 8am to find out. This is when the Baby Del estate sale begins. Baby Del's owner, Susan H (she doesn't want to give her last name), doesn't fit the wealthy landowner image. She is an accomplished diver and ranch owner. Her two daughters spent their childhood in this house. But they are grown now, already raising their own kids. And the other day, the family slapped a notice on their front gate. "Baby Del moving. Estate sale starts 8am in the alley!"

If they're like me, this morning crowd of early risers is coming mainly to see this magnificent 1887 Victorian from the inside. You get a giddy "Upstairs, Downstairs" feeling when you enter the property. It's like an unofficial tour, almost embarrassingly intimate. Everything's for sale, from dolphin sculptures to bedside commodes.

Incredibly, I run into Susan H herself, wearing a blue denim apron and running the sale like someone from Christie's. Her daughter Vanessa says a lot of people are here because they want an actual piece of the Baby Del. A wine glass, a Father Christmas, an actual sand castle, pairs of leaping dolphins, sentimental seascapes. And yet, you'd see the same stuff in PB or IB.

The house is already in escrow. Its sale closes on October 19th. "It was going for \$24 million," says Susan. "I can't tell you what it sold for because I'm not allowed to. But it was dropped to \$18,900,000. I'm [selling] because I have another place I live at. Two houses was one house too many! I live on a ranch, and I have horses, and I can't have horses in Coronado, and I have chickens, and I can't have chickens in Coronado, and I'm a beekeeper and I can't keep

bees in Coronado. So I'm living my life out there in Bonita."

But she loved her life here. "This was a beautiful house, I raised my two children here. They had all the freedom in the world. All their friends hung out here. I usually never had fewer than ten kids in the house, so it was perfect for that whole time period."

But with this very public house, was it like living in a goldfish bowl? "There were times when it was frustrating because people just wanted to see into your house all the time, but for the most part, it was just fun," says Vanessa. "It's a rad house." She says there's a little playroom in the turret with a tunnel with lights, and a special tiny room for kids, and a rope swing in the back yard. "It was the house that all my friends came to, and we had a pantry full of food, and we'd come and play in the yard. So it was a huge house, and a known house, but it was still just a family house."

So what kind of stuff are they selling? No diamond-encrusted dog collars, for sure. "I don't live like that," says Susan. She looks up at the tower house. "I just lucked into this I guess."

People shuffle towards the alley loaded with things. "I've got what I came for," says Lori. She's clutching a giant vase of artificial sunflowers. "Thank you for sharing your life with us today," she says to Susan.

A guy with an old wooden model yacht I admired comes up. He looks at Susan. She looks back. "Would you consider sixty?" she says. ■



Baby Del: asking price, \$24 million. But what was inside?



Gent: "I got it for \$30." Wife: "Come over in two weeks with \$20. He'll be sick of it."



Lori and her \$6 sunflowers. "But I'm just thrilled to see inside."

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care that they are a cesspool full of stolen goods,” Hance opined. “They are the single largest problem we deal with in every city and every state right now.”

Jay S. is an avid cyclist from Chula Vista who has sold goods on OfferUp for four years and has over 75 perfect-five-star ratings based on ratings such as: items as described, friendly, on time, communicative and reliable. To sell, he says, “First, I upload a photo of the bike, find the category, and add a description and price. Now there’s an option to ship it, which I never use. Then I post it and wait.” Prospective buyers “click on the bike, then there are two buttons that say something like, ‘Buy it now’ or ‘Ask questions.’ The main question reads like, ‘Is this available?’” Jay says that he has to click ‘sold’ on the interface in order to communicate physical addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers with the potential buyer. “If you do not click ‘sold’ and still try to send addresses and phone numbers and email info, the bot will step in, remove the message, and replace it with a ‘message removed for protection’ pop-up. So basically, you have to click ‘sold’

to move forward. They want you to sell and buy with their protocol in place, to protect us. To be honest, OfferUp is popular because it is free with no fees, and [the interface] is easy to learn.” (Sellers have an option to pay a fee to rank higher in searches.)

OfferUp, the self-proclaimed “largest mobile marketplace in the U.S.,” states, “Any item that is illegal or that encourages illegal activity is not allowed. [This is] including but not limited to: stolen or found good[s]...” There’s a page on the site titled “How to report an item” followed by “See an item that you don’t think should be on OfferUp? Report it.” But Hance said that victims who have registered their stolen bikes on his website have repeatedly reported sellers to OfferUp for offering stolen goods, and the same sellers “continue to have an active OfferUp profile.” Cyclists on Reddit from around the U.S. have shared similar stories.

Still, Jay says OfferUp has been good to him. “Even with the flakes, I am doing OK. Although I do empathize with the bike-theft

Records in San Diego within 25 miles

	Stolen in year	Total stolen by eoy	Recovered in year
2018	97	1248	4
2019	120	1366	2
2020	243	1610	10
2021	332	1942	14

Hance’s chart of stolen bikes in San Diego.

victims and will give them a tip: on the selling apps and websites, look in other areas like ‘Collectibles and Art’ under ‘Antiques’ or ‘General,’ because I see bikes purposely listed in wrong categories.”

Hance and Jay recently read about another bike accident and theft incident in Tecolote Canyon by the 52 and I-5 freeways. The incident was posted on the SBSB Facebook page but was later deleted; it was also posted on *GoFundMe.com* by Adam Palmisano on September 15. “Gabriel went bike riding a couple [of] days ago on a trail in San Diego. He just bought the bike the day before and was extremely excited to go out and ride it, but then he crashed his bike and went unconscious and is in the hospital right now as we speak. He has not [woken] up yet. Someone found him completely unconscious

for an unknown amount of time, and his bike was gone. Please help his family and him recover and hopefully pay for medical bills down the road please. Out of the kindness of your heart, help this family [as] he is the hardest working person I know and the only one that can support his family. He is a loving father of three kids.” On September 24, I reached out to Palmisano on Facebook for an update, and he responded with only, “[His] bike was actually found at the police station last Wednesday.” Commented Hance, “These thieves are always the ones we want to go after — when bikes are taken while the rider was unconscious or had to leave in an ambulance. There’s nothing lower than stealing a bike from somebody who just got taken away in an ambulance.”

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Back to Baja

Risk and reggaetón in Rosarito

BAJA BEACH FEST, known to many Gen-Z San Diegans simply as “BBF,” is an annual music festival held just north of the Muelle De Rosarito fishing pier. The festival, which started in 2018, is a showcase for reggaetón — a meld of Spanish rap, hip-hop, Caribbean, and Latin music — and has consistently brought in the A-listers of the Latin-urban-music scene. Reggaeton originated in Puerto Rico dance halls in the early 1990s. It spread throughout the island and into the U.S.

mainland via bootleg cassettes, many of them featuring rapping by Daddy Yankee, “the king of reggaeton.” The style is based on the dembow rhythm, usually composed of a snare drum, kick drum, palito, timbal, and an occasional high-hat cymbal.

This year’s BBF, held over two weekends in August, saw Ozuna, Karol G, Lunay, El Alfa, Dalex, and other artists draw 17,281 concertgoers on the first day of the event. On Saturday, Anuel AA, Farruko, Myke Towers, and additional

singers and DJs brought in 20,340, and on Sunday, 16,513 fans watched J Balvin, Agudelo 888, and Rauw Alejandro headline, while other famous singers performed earlier in the day. The next weekend, the artists did it all again before similar numbers of fans. Mario Escobedo Carignán, the Secretary of Sustainable Economy and Tourism for the state of Baja, said in a press conference after the first three days of BBF that it had already reeled in \$24.9 million from food-and-beverage sales, lodging, concert tickets, and additional expenditures.

Covid and concertgoing

But as photos and videos from the Fest spread across social media, hundreds of Americans, together with Mexican nationals who live in the beach town and neighboring cities of Tijuana and Ensenada, expressed disdain towards the concertgoers, the event organizers, and even the government officials who allowed it to happen. “Apparently, there was a lot of money involved,” commented a Universidad Autónoma de Baja California alumnus. “I can imagine the hospitals full in a few days, but then, everyone is responsible for their own destiny.”

“That is why we are in a pandemic,” said a former Rancho San Diego resident. “I can comment because I almost lost my husband, who was intubated for 36 days. And my only two children were seriously ill at the same time. All three due to the virus. Thank God they were saved, but it was a horrible experience. God bless you and everyone to move forward.”

In response, the city of



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Rosarito, the Baja Beach Fest organizers, and the state and city health organizations assured critics that despite the state’s “yellow light” status on the *El Semáforo de riesgo epidemiológico* epidemiological risk spectrum, they had everything under control. (Throughout Mexico, the “green light” is the best scenario on the risk spectrum, while the “red light” designation brings a citywide lockdown.) “We’ve been on yellow light status for a while, long before the festival,” said Diego Knight, an American *InfoNort* reporter who lives in Rosarito. “Our city and the festival staff are taking the precautions seriously because the whole world is watching us after scrutinizing the Lollapalooza concert earlier in the month.”

On August 10, three days before the beach festival began, the festival’s Facebook handler posted, “In addition to uploading proof of vaccination or a negative covid test, we ask you to please bring your face mask and positive vibes. Masks are required at all times — unless eating or drinking.” A few of the festival’s 80,000-plus Facebook followers were upset. “Ughhhh yea, at this

point, I want my refund,” commented Lalo from Fresno. “How fun wearing a mask on the beach,” joked another concertgoer. “Good thing I’ll be drinking all night.” But the 18-and-up festival’s new protocols did not faze Kimmy Hanby from El Cajon. If anything, they reassured her that “The land of cold beers, *buenas vibras y muchoo perreo*” — good vibes and a lot of reggaetón style dancing — “was safer” than what “salty trolls commenting online” said it was. Said Hanby, “Back on July 30, to activate our wristbands, we had to take a photo of our proof of vaccination and upload it onto the site. They also said if we didn’t have proof of the vax, we could take a covid test 72 hours before we went to the concert, and if it was negative, we were good to go in.”

A concerned concertgoer from north of Valley Center asked the promoters on Facebook, “Do we get an automatic refund if the covid test comes back positive, and [does] the wristband get voided?” Nobody from the festival answered the question, but the festival’s site stated, “Unfortunately, without completing this key

step (vaccination/negative test requirement) you will be unable to activate your wristband, and as a result, it will not work at the gates of the festival.” (To ensure that wristbands stayed with authorized users, the festival partnered with Lyte, a third-party exchange-and-waitlist online platform that

ensures secure and verified changes in wristband ownership. Before the event kickoff, I saw individuals on various social media platforms and websites — including TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, NextDoor, and Craigslist — selling general admission and VIP wristbands for double and triple face value, some asking for cash via in-person meetups. Festival-staff members who monitored online threads warned interested buyers, “Please do not purchase from anyone selling ‘VIP passes.’ These are scammers, and/or if they aren’t, they have no way to actually transfer you their pass at the moment.”)

Official assurances

On August 11, two days before the Fest, State Secretary of Health Alonso Pérez Rico, held a press

conference at the Sala Forjadores de la Casa Municipal government building. He assured the resort city’s residents that the festival staff would be strict and require “that all attendees be vaccinated, wear face masks, and respect the healthy distance.” The assurance was necessary “because some bad press carried over from the past weekend,” reporter Knight explained. “At the Feria Rosarito 2021 event at Teatro Del Pueblo, a fight broke out during Aleman’s rap performance, and this made the local news. Many people noticed the crowd in the hundreds on the concert footage, not wearing masks.” Araceli Brown Figueredo, Rosarito’s municipal president, said, “This [BBF] event will be held with unprecedented health protocols, of the first level, of national

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and international importance, and will allow an important economic benefit for this region. Playas de Rosarito is a great tourist destination; we must not forget that this is our main vocation.” Irán Leonardo Verdugo, the director of Comité de Turismo y Convenciones de Playas de Rosarito (COTUCO), the city’s official tourism and convention committee, said, “Rosarito and Baja California are ready to have these kinds of events. We got the ‘Safe Travels’ [stamp in October of 2020] from the World Travels Tourism Council. That means we are a safe destination [where] we have all of the protocols to get tourism, visitors and people [traveling].” Also present at the municipal building were BBF organizers; Escobedo Carignán, the State’s Secretary of Sustainable Economy and Tourism; various city and state officials; and representatives of Papas & Beer, which sponsored and helped to organize the event.

Travels and arrivals

Early on the morning of August 13, hundreds of American festival attend-



Kimmy shares her drink with another concertgoer. “They hooked me up with a bigger glass with more alcohol in it.”

ees made their way to the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry and crossed into Tijuana. While some concertgoers braved it and walked a mile or so in, others jumped into yellow cabs or Uber vehicles and rendezvoused at Quartz Hotel & Spa in Zona Rio. Starting at 11 am that Friday and throughout the weekend, an estimated 5000 concertgoers boarded on 100 Central Turística de Tijuana shuttle buses for rides to the Fest. The typically 30-minute ride to the drop-off point at the

dirt lot behind the Rosarito Beach Hotel took over an hour. On Carretera Federal 1D, traffic was backed up to the CAPUFE-Plaza de Cobro No. 34, the toll booth by Playas De Tijuana.

While Diego Knight waited for the buses to arrive at the drop-off, he activated his camera and external mic. “This is bus number two,” Knight said on Facebook Live as the concertgoers disembarked. “Hi, how are you? Where are you coming from?” Knight asked the first pair that

stepped off the bus. “Juarez [Mexico],” they responded. Most of the young adults kept their masks on. Girls wore bikini tops and bottoms covered with sarong-style or netted skirts; boys sported fanny packs, cargo shorts, and Hawaiian print button-up shirts. A slender young man wearing a Willie Stargell Pittsburgh Pirates jersey said he was from the Bay Area. A few concertgoers said they were from San Diego. One came from Reno. “People came in from all over the U.S.,” Knight told me. “Some from the east coast.”

Meli, who got off the bus with her three friends from college, wore distressed jean shorts, a burgundy top with spaghetti shoulder straps, and flip flops. She had a black quilted backpack on her back and her phone in her hand. Denise from *InfoNort*, interviewed Meli in Spanish near the porta-potties. “I drove us in from New Mexico, and it took us 12 hours,” Meli said. “We stopped in Arizona to get a [covid] test.” Next, Denise inquired about their

tickets/wristbands for the festival. “We bought tickets last year, as soon as they went live,” Meli said. “[The price, per person, was] \$400. “And, what do you think about the price?”; “Good, it was good,” Meli responded. “I’ve been waiting a long time for this event. It’s my first time here.”

Around 4:30 pm, Knight walked to one of the two general admission entrances to the festival next to the Pink Cadillac gentlemen’s club, a few feet west of the CocoBeach night club on the corner of Calle Nogal and Calle Rosarito. The clubs played reggaeton music so loudly that if you were standing at the entrance, it drowned out the artists on stage inside the festival. As thousands of attendees entered the venue, crowd control fences guided them to festival employees wearing blue shirts with ‘Familia’ (family) emblazoned on them. On Friday, those employees reportedly checked everyone’s temperature with a digital forehead thermometer. Banners over the entrance warned that “masks are mandatory at all times.” Based on Knight’s footage, it seems that every concertgoer who entered had a mask on; I also noticed a large box of masks sitting on a six-foot table close by the entranceway.

Papas & Beer, the self-proclaimed “largest beach club on the west coast,” was the first attraction attendees saw as they strolled in. “Try and imagine Rainforest Cafe meets Spring Break meets EDM party meets pool,” said an Elite Yelp! reviewer of Papas. “There’s a[nother] concert stage in the middle of the place with a sand floor, [and] big screens,

full stage lights, two levels, a pool to the left, and [seven] bars all around. The whole place sits right on the beach.” On the left, across from Papas, was the “Experiential Village,” where the Baja Ferris Wheel spun 100 feet into the air, overlooking the venue and the Pacific Ocean. Waves could be heard crashing in between sets on stage. “The Ferris Wheel was free with optional tips,” said attendee Kimmy Hanby, who agreed to be my eyes and ears at the Fest, “For me, the wait wasn’t that long; only ten people. There were custom hair braiders there, too, and it was like \$25-\$30 for that.” Next stop was the concession stands. Concessions were reasonably priced. “A big water bottle was \$3. I bought a cheeseburger and fries for \$6. It was pretty cheap, a piece of pizza was \$3, and chicken sandwiches went for \$6. Beer and mixed drinks were being sold. I bought a mixed drink, sort of like a margarita with orange juice in it; that was \$7. “The only bad thing I noticed was the sand. Walking through it back and forth, then back and forth, was tiring.”

By the time a festival-goer reached the concessions, the music coming from the main stage was coming through loud and clear. DJ Luian — a Puerto Rican producer and DJ known for his work on “Mia,” a Bad Bunny *rola* featuring Drake, and a remix of “Soy Peor,” another Bad Bunny Latin trap song — performed from 4–5 pm. TNicky Nicole, a 21-year-old songstress and rapper from Argentina, was up on stage from 5–6 pm. She’s known for “Mami-chula” — a song she

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made with fellow Argentines Trueno, a rapper, and Bizarrap, a DJ/producer. The song reached number one on both the Argentina Hot 100 and a music chart in Spain. Later that night, Dalex, El Alfa, Lunay, Ozuna, and Karol G would take the stage.

The mask ask

The next day, August 14, rumors of the Mexican state and local government canceling the festival began to spread through the beachfront city. “There are videos and photos [posted online from the festival on August 13] where several people are dancing and singing and who did not bring their mask,” said Pérez Rico, State Secretary of Health, in an *InfoNort* report. “This is one of the most specific observations that was made. This cannot happen in our territory; we were quite clear from minute one in the scenario. Therefore, what happened there [at the festival] will be evaluated, we will talk with the organizers, the municipality, the entire state, and the rules will be quite clear when placed on the table.”

Per *InfoNort*: “The governor of the state of Baja, Jaime Bonilla, accepted that the sanitary protocols were not followed; from what he said, the support of the National Guard would be requested to reinforce sanitary measures. However, he clarified, ‘At the first change we see, the event must be canceled.’ The head of the Commission for the Protection of Sanitary Risks, Marco Aurelio Gámez, said that the reinforcement would consist of instructing attendees to wear the mask at all times, and placement of antibacterial gel.



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Baja Beach Fest drew 17,281 reggaetón fans to Rosarito on the first day of the event.

At the same time, the organizing company staff would be attentive to the sanitary filters for taking temperature.

“It’s a cultural issue there; people don’t wear masks,” said Brown Figueredo, Rosarito’s municipal president. “So today, we are going to insist that they wear masks.” The news report added that on the inaugural day of the event, of the 17,281 people that entered, 90 percent came from the U.S. [Many] came from the Latino community, of whom 16,935 proved to be vaccinated 346 presented a negative test for Covid-19. But there were a thousand people who did not prove vaccination or show a negative text, and those people were not admitted. Hotel occupancy was at 100 percent of its capacity in Tijuana, Ensenada, and Rosarito.

The fans and the famous

Diego Knight and I interviewed and photographed various people around downtown Rosarito on August 14 and 15. “We are staying at Las

Gaviotas at KM 41 for the weekend,” said Esmeralda, a 23-year-old college student from San Diego who came to see Ozuna, “because I grew up with his music.” (Ozuna is a 29-year-old trap and reggaeton singer from Puerto Rico. The “Tu Foto” singer, who also starred in *F9* from the *Fast and The Furious* franchise, reportedly has the most one billion-view videos on YouTube. He headlined at the festival on both Fridays.) “My friend and I are spending \$1000 each; we’re staying from Friday to Sunday.” Esmeralda said that she is studying at a Long Beach college to be in the health field. “I like the masking protocol the festival is enforcing, and I brought my vaccination card just in case.” She then explained how she had to get vaccinated at a particular facility on a list authorized by the festival. Afterward, the vaccination proof was sent to Baja Beach Fest, along with a government-issued identification card. “They sent me my bracelet, and it couldn’t be removed unless I cut it; if I cut it, it would cost \$25 to get a replacement. I like

the festival: the logistics are good, and I feel safe in the area.”

We interviewed siblings Raul and Mabel Gonzales from San Francisco. Raul is a 20-year-old college student; Mabel is a 26-year-old therapist. During our interview, Mabel noticed a churros vendor nearby and took off to purchase a few cinnamon-and-sugar glazed breadsticks. “It’s our first time here,” Raul said. “We spent around \$2000 for gas, the hotel, concert tickets. We are with a group staying at Rosarito Beach Hotel.” That day, as concertgoers walked up to the festival gates, a new banner was hung. It read: MASKS MANDATORY. ZERO-TOLERANCE. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE. Raul said he was OK with the mask mandate, but Mabel was not.

Fog hung over the venue in mornings, and it remained cool until noon. “It’s been chilly compared to our previous August months,” Knight noted. On Sunday, it rained in the morning, which concerned some festivalgoers, but by noon, the

weather cleared up. Knight took photos of some female staff members as they passed out Baja Beach Fest newspapers with reggaeton star Farruko on the cover. The newspaper served as a souvenir and program directory for the fans who would attend that day, and doubled as a personal shade for the many concertgoers who piled to the front of the general admissions section in the afternoon to await the headliners later that evening. Cover boy Farruko performed on Saturday night; he’s a reggaeton, Latin dance, merengue, bachata, pop, and Latin trap singer, who blew up on Myspace before collaborating with other Latin stars: J Balvin, Don Omar, J Álvarez, and Daddy Yankee. Anuel AA capped off the concert on Saturday night. Many say the

28-year-old rapper and singer from Puerto Rico founded Latin trap music, a sub-genre of the southern-U.S.-based trap music. Instead of English lyrics about violence, sex, drugs, and street life, his fans get the same thing in Spanish: *violencia, sexo, drogas, y vida en la calle.*

On August 19, there was buzz after Anuel AA posted an online photo of himself: “He had an oxygen mask on, and that caused big waves with the news here,” Knight said. Municipal president Figueredo “immediately demanded clarification from the festival’s organizing committee,” reported the *CNR TV Noticias* news outlet. “In response, the representatives of [Anuel AA] sent various types of tests [medical documentation] to the office of the municipal president so he could move

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forward and perform at Rosarito Beach.”

Hanby heads south

On the morning of August 20, Kimmy Hanby, 29, was prepping for the festival at her El Cajon home. “I didn’t want to bring too much stuff to carry, just a fanny pack with my phone, keys, sunscreen, lipstick, portable charger, license, passport, and cash: most places won’t take cards.” Expats who’ve lived in Rosarito for a while give online advice to newbie tourists like Hanby to exchange their dollars at San Ysidro to get a higher exchange rate on the Mexican peso. “Some places were not accepting credit cards to avoid us getting the proper rate,” commented Lorenzo. “It’s called commerce,” responded Carolyn. “And here, you’re talking about less than 5 cents per dollar.” As I write this article, the rate is 20 pesos to one U.S. dollar; in Rosarito, some businesses reportedly exchanged 17-18 pesos for one U.S. dollar during the festival. “To be freaking honest, I don’t mind giving the city or businesses here the lower exchange

rate,” added Ramon M. from San Diego, “because they haven’t had any big concerts since 2019, before covid hit.”

In June 2020, the promoters of Baja Beach Fest canceled the 2020 festival; local clubs and restaurants also shut down. “Many people were struggling last year,” Knight said. “Everything closed down because of covid.” During the summer of 2020, Knight covered the food pantry lines, where Americans and Mexican nationals who lived in Rosarito would buy groceries and make meals for locals, many of whom worked in the downtown tourist section. Then on July 21, 2020, Rosarito residents and reggaeton fans found cause for rejoicing. “Ufff Letsss GO! *Nos vemos en la playa* Aug. 13-15, 2021 for Baja Beach Fest Year 3,” posted the festival’s social media handlers. “Passes are going to move fast... visit bajabeachfest.com to get your pass before they’re gone.” By August 18, “over 50,000 tickets” for week one had sold out. “I ended up buying my ticket for week two,” Hanby said to me. “I paid \$371 online. I

was scared, saying, ‘What if they cancel the show at the last minute again?’” Many of the 13,000 commenters underneath the festival’s Facebook “Letsss GO!” post shared Hanby’s sentiments.

Now here she was, happily checking the oil and tire pressure on her Toyota Corolla, the vehicle she’d usually use for her Uber gig or to bring her to her day job at a local school. “I’m driving to Rosarito alone,” she said to me. “This is my first time driving into Baja; the last time I went was with my friend who drove. I don’t have a hotel reservation either. So I don’t know what I’m going to do about that. But I Googled places, and I talked to one of my friends who’s been there and asked how it was.” There’s also a page on Facebook called Talk Baja; with over 60,000 members, it proclaims itself the largest online discussion group forum for the Baja California peninsula. Many posters are Americans who have relocated or travel into Baja frequently.

Reporter Knight offered Hanby the parking spot at his home,

less than a mile from the festival. “It’s a gated community, and we have a security guard in front who I introduced Kimmy [Hanby] to so she could park here all three days,” he told me. Some dirt parking lot attendants near the festival grounds charged attendees \$100 USD to park for three days — the standard rate was about \$15-\$20 USD per day. “And people were getting towed,” Hanby said. “Like, I noticed some streets were empty.” It took Hanby about an hour and a half to get from San Diego to Knight’s Rosarito subdivision. She pulled into Knight’s parking spot at about 2 pm. From there, she walked to the Fest. Noted Knight, “According to two other newspapers, some taxi fares went up 400 percent. I checked on Rosarito Facebook forums, and a handful of *Rosaritenses* confirmed that taxi drivers upped the prices for the two weekends. A couple said that they were ignored by yellow cab drivers when waved down, because the cab drivers “preferred American patrons.” “They don’t use meters here that you can monitor; they just tell you the price. I know that taxi drivers will take you from here, where I live, to north Rosarito, it’ll be like a five or ten-minute drive, and it would normally cost about 40 or 50 pesos (\$1.75-\$2.75 USD). But during the festival, some drivers wanted like \$10- \$20 U.S. dollars.” As for Uber, well, the mayor of Rosarito banned the service in 2019. Knight said, “There are some Uber drivers that come here from Tijuana, but not many. It’s considered illegal.”

Knight and Hanby



Outside a restaurant on Nogal, they sell drinks in yard glasses for \$9. One American called the corner “Mexican Mardi Gras.”

headed toward the Fest along Calle Nogal, under the archway marked Zona Rosarito, by Acuna Bar and Mar. “There were health officials at both access points, making sure everyone that entered into Eucalipto or Nogal had masks on,” Knight said. “Note that this was not to get inside the festival grounds yet.” The two proceeded down Nogal about 50 yards where it meets with Calle Rosarito; there, Coco Beach and Club Boom Boom sit on opposite corners. “It was crazy there,” Hanby noted. “A lot of people were drinking and pregaming before they went inside.” On Knight’s video footage, people are drinking beers and margaritas out of yard glasses. One American called the corner “Mexican Mardi Gras.” Hanby wanted a drink, and Knight took her to “my buddy’s restaurant, where outside,

they sell the drinks in those tall glasses for \$9,” Hanby was pleased. “That’s cheap, because, in Las Vegas, they are usually like \$20-\$30. They hooked me up with a bigger glass with more alcohol in it.”

Emiliano R. does tequila poppers in that area for about \$5 a shot. “This time, I am doing better than Spring Break [2021],” he commented to Knight. “Does she want a popper?” Hanby responded, “*Por favor*,” got on one knee, and tilted her head back. Emiliano poured tequila down her throat while simultaneously blowing his whistle. “People walking by cheered her on, then Emiliano shook her head [vigorously],” Knight continued. The two then approached the festival entrance, where Hanby handed the tall glass to Knight. She said *adios*, and strolled inside. “They checked my

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temperature, scanned my wristband, checked my fanny pack, and I walked in. I wanted to be as close as possible to the stage on Friday,” she told me later, “so I was there for like, five or six hours. I was by the metal crowd control fence that separated the VIPs from the general admission.” VIP tickets were “like \$150 or \$100 more. I wish I would have got the VIP. Some of the performers touched the fans in the VIP area, and like one girl from the crowd got on stage. Some fans threw their cell phones up on stage, and the artists would record and take photos and give them back [to the owners]. Justin Quiles did that for his fans.”

Hanby liked seeing Karol G perform. “She brought out her dog, and she was crying, because I guess one of her songs was about her ex.” Karol G and Anuel AA dated for two years before they reportedly split up in April. When Anuel AA performed on Saturday, “they didn’t show him at



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At the festival entrance, Kimmy says, “They checked my temperature, scanned my wristband, checked my fanny pack, and I walked in.”

all on the screens, I heard he was sick or something. If you were far away, you couldn’t see him. So I left around 11:30 before the fireworks went up.” Early Sunday morning, Hanby said, she crashed out with new friends she met at the festival. “There were four of them, they asked me if I wanted to smoke weed with them, and I joined them. I stayed at their Airbnb in Tijuana, and when we woke up, we ate at a taco stand, drank mezcal,

and split the worm.” The group returned to Rosarito at 4 pm. There was a rumor that Bad Bunny would make a guest appearance, but he didn’t show up. At around 10 pm, as Becky G ended her performance, she left the stage and returned with Banda MS to perform “Qué Maldición,” a banda-and-rap song that Banda MS and Snoop Dogg released last year. Becky G starred in the music video. J Balvin, the “Prince of Reg-

gaeton” from Columbia, headlined on Sunday and early Monday morning. “He ended at 1:53 am,” Hanby said, “and then he brought out a few surprise guests, including boxer Canelo [Álvarez].”

Hanby noticed that once concertgoers entered the venue, “they

took off their masks. But some [festival] staff were getting on people and threatening to kick them out. I saw one person from the VIP area who got kicked out. But as it got darker, they (security) stopped caring about the masks.” Added Diego Knight, “There were two articles, one of them at *BorderReport.com*, that I saw saying that 1300 people at the venue were removed in the first week because they didn’t want to have their masks on.”

Happy aftermath

On September 2, State Secretary of Health Pérez Rico stated, “Seventeen days after the [Baja Beach Fest] event in Rosarito...we have not experienced any chain of [covid] transmission in the population of the 3000 workers who were at the event... Having an event with 90 percent

vaccinated, and only allowing ten percent or less with negative [covid test results], keeps us within a safe margin. So will all the events that are authorized from now on, in the territory of Baja California.” Some attendees took to Reddit and mentioned they had diarrhea and felt nauseated after the festival. Most people on the thread blamed it on the food or the water, but were not specific as to whether those items were consumed within the festival grounds or outside. As this article goes to print, only one of the many posters on the BBF threads on Reddit has said that they tested positive for covid after the event. Kimmy Hanby said she felt fine after returning to her El Cajon home, and that she plans on returning to the BBF in 2022 as a VIP.

—Mike Madriaga

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can Prospect. “According to annual reports, its donors have included America Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, American Gas Association, American Natural Gas Alliance, ExxonMobil, BP, Shell, Dominion Resources, Marathon Oil, and several other companies and trade groups in the sector.”

Of Bice’s San Diego excursion, her disclosure filing says, “The visit will provide Rep. Bice, along with Rep. Sara Jacobs, the chance to meet directly with civic leaders and economic drivers in San Diego as well as military personnel. Finally, she will meet with a military contractor in the aerospace industry and several small and medium-sized

businesses.” The advance itinerary also listed a stop at the University of San Diego’s Joan Kroc School of Peace Studies. “As a contrast to their visit to the NAS North Island, Reps. Bice and Jacobs will engage in a discussion about new approaches towards ending cycles of violence; the applied and actionable research being undertaken to assist women peace leaders; and how the University is seeking to build peace in Mexico and the border region through research grounded in a nuanced understanding of the challenges faced by border communities and in partnership with local scholars, practitioners and policymakers.” Then it was off for a tour of El Cajon’s GKN Aerospace,

part of British military contracting multi-national GKN PLC, “which manufactures lightweight structures for high performance aerospace applications and components such as rings, modules, ducts, compressor cases. Also, repair of fan blades and cases of jet engines. 800 employees. Led by Phillip Holt, Senior Vice President, Operational Excellence, and Sibel Kayaalp, Government and External Affairs.”

Other stops along the way included a trade briefing at Taylor Guitars, a review of Balboa Park infrastructure improvements, and a walk-through of North Park’s business district. Dinner was set for Café 21 on Adams Avenue.

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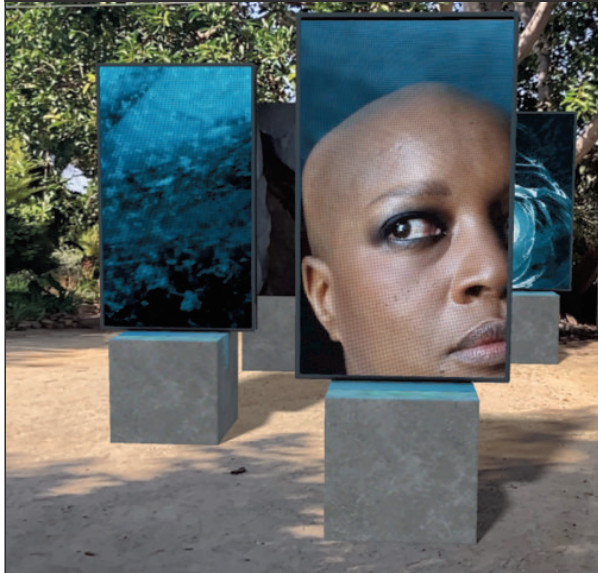
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SEEING THE INVISIBLE: ART BY ISAAC JULIEN CBE

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SEEING THE INVISIBLE: AUGMENTED REALITY ART SHOW

See artworks created with augmented reality technology by 13 international artists: Ai Weiwei, Sarah Meyohas, Daito Manabe, El Anatsui, Sigalit Landau, Timur Si-Qin, Jakob Kudsk Steensen, Pamela Rosenkranz, Meg O'Callaghan, Refik Anadol, Isaac Julien CBE, Mohammed Kazem, and Ori Gerscht. Visitors can view the exhibition only by using the Seeing the Invisible app.

WHEN: Wednesdays through Sundays, 9 am to 5 pm. Through December 31.

WHERE: San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas. sdbgarden.org

Friday | 15

D.R.I. AND THE YUCKS

Dirty Rotten Imbeciles, better known as D.R.I., have been around since 1982. Two



founding members are part of the current line-up: singer Kurt Brecht and guitarist Spike Cassidy. Besides a brief break in the 2000-teens, drummer Rob Rampy has been an Imbecile since 1990. Their last studio full-length was *Full Speed Ahead* in 1995, but they're reportedly working on a new album. Joining will be local rockers The Yucks.

WHEN: Friday, October

15, 2021, 5 pm

WHERE: Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista. brickbybrick.com

Saturday | 16

TASTE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Taste of the Philippines is a celebration of Filipino and Filipino-American arts, culture, and history. San Diego is home to the second largest concentration of Filipinos outside of the Philippines. Enjoy works by local, regional, national, and international artists and performers, Filipino Martial Arts, vocal talent, a beer garden, and food trucks serving lumpia, curries, and rice dishes.

WHEN: Saturday, October 16, 10 am to 8 pm

WHERE: Waterfront Park, 1600 Pacific Highway, Downtown. tasteofthephilippines.org

311 AND IRATION

Founded in Nebraska circa 1988, alternative reg-



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16: TASTE OF THE PHILIPPINES

gae rockers 311 have released over a dozen albums, with some of their best known singles from the 1990s: "All Mixed Up" and "Down." Their most recent full-length appeared in

Sunday | 17

DIAL M FOR MURDER

After learning that his wife Margot had a brief affair with mystery writer

Mark Halliday, Tony Wendice, a professional tennis player, decides he's going to kill her. He blackmails an old schoolmate with a shady past, Charles Swann, to do the job for him. He will give Swann a key to their flat and while he and Halliday are at dinner. But Tony soon discovers that there is no perfect crime.

PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN LEBERMAN



2019, and they'll reportedly release a new album sometime in 2022. The bill includes local reggae stars Iration and L.A. based roots reggae dub band Iya Terra.

WHEN: Saturday, October 16, 7:30 pm

WHERE: North Island Credit Union Amphitheatre, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. livenation.com

WHEN: Fridays and Saturdays 8 pm, Sundays 2 pm. Through November 7.

WHERE: Lamplighters Community Theatre, 5915 Severin Drive, La Mesa. lamplighterslamesa.com

DIAL M FOR MURDER By Frederick Knott



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

ANIMAL FRIENDS

FACE Foundation Annual Golf Tournament Join FACE for the 10th Invitational Dog-Friendly Golf Tournament. This tournament allows players to enjoy a day of golf with their furry friends followed by dinner, drinks, an auction, awards ceremony, and more, all to support FACE's lifesaving programs. Monday, October 18, 11am; \$500-\$2000. Fairbanks Ranch Country Club, 15150 San Dieguito Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

ART

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

Art Night The reception showcases artwork by veterans who are invited to show their work. Saturday, October 16, 6pm; Off Track Gallery, 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, suite C-103. (ENCINITAS)

Awakening Color: Abstract Works Awakening Color: Abstract Works of Jonathan Simon, Lisa Daniels and Laura Yelin. Saturday, October 16, 1pm; Sunday, October 17, 1pm; Konikowsky Ocean Art, 312 S. Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Birds, Bees, Flowers & Trees Art & Craft Show The San Diego Floral Association presents its annual Birds, Bees, Flowers and Trees event. Saturday, October 16, 10am; free. Casa del Prado, 1650 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

IndoorOutdoor Art Exhibition: Awakening Color Abstract Works of Jonathan Simon, Lisa Daniels and Laura Yelin. A meet & greet of the abstract artists will take place. Saturday, October 16, 1pm; free. Art Scene West Gallery, 312 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Perry Vásquez: Oasis opening reception Local artist Perry Vásquez: The artwork on view will feature his series of palm trees, along with a smaller selection of jocular narratives and experimental self portraits. Vásquez's works will be on view at Sparks Gallery from October 17 through January 9. Sunday, October 17, 10am; free.

Sparks Gallery, 530 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Taste of Art: Portraits Imagined & Imaginative Every face tells a story and throughout time artists have created portraits that reflect an inner essence. Join OMA to unpack the how and why of famous portraits, including a demonstration on human facial proportions. Plus, be inspired by OMA's current exhibition Contemporary Portraits from the Simay Collection before starting your own artwork using realistic, ideal or abstract portraits in a variety of media. Refreshments and all supplies for your original artwork will be provided. Thursday, October 14, 6pm; \$40-\$50. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

BEER

Santee Brews & Bites Sip, Snack, and Support Local Business. The event will feature live music, opportunity drawings, and food and drink samples from across San Diego County. Saturday, October 16, 5pm; \$25. 21 and up. Town Center Community Park, 550 Park Center Drive. (SANTEE)

VolunBEERS: A Hoppy Service Project! VolunBEERS has teamed up with the San Diego Loyal professional soccer team to bring you two events in one. Help us make no-sew crate blankets for our furry friends at local dog rescues and service dog organizations. Then stay for the watch party and cheer on the final away game for our own play-off contenders, the San Diego Loyal. Wednesday, October 20, 6pm; \$15-\$20. 18 and up. Stone Brewing Liberty Station, 2816 Historic Decatur Road #116. (LIBERTY STATION)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Author Talk: Alfred Scott McLaren Join us as Alfred Scott McLaren will speak about and sign his new book, "Emergency Deep: Cold War Missions of a Submarine Commander" at the Coronado Public Library. Thursday, October 14, 7pm; free. Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Author Talk: Joel Dimsdale, Dark Persuasion Author Joel Dimsdale discusses his latest book *Dark Persuasion: A History of Brainwashing from Pavlov to Social Media*. This virtual event is free and open to the public. Registration is required. Wednesday, October 20, 5pm; free. <https://bit.ly/3Av7lgm>. (ONLINE)

Elizabeth Breck: Double Take Warwick's will host Elizabeth Breck as she discusses her new book, *Double Take (Madison Kelly #2)*. Thursday, October 14, 7:30pm; free-\$27. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Joanne Oppenheim: Dear Miss Breed Author Joanne Oppenheim will virtually discuss her book, *Dear Miss Breed: True Stories of the Japanese American Incarceration during World War II and a Librarian Who Made a Difference*. Monday, October 18, 6:30pm; free. <https://bit.ly/3Bu3KjV>. (ONLINE)

Takeo Takei: Japanese Illustrated Children's Literature Join San Diego State University librarian Linda Salem for an informative presentation on pioneering Japanese children's picture book author and illustrator, Takeo Takei. Wednesday, October 20, 6:30pm; free. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Warwick's Author Livestream: David Livingstone Smith Warwick's will host David Livingstone Smith as he discusses his new book, *Making Monsters: The Uncanny Power of Dehumanization*, in conversation with David P. Barash. Tuesday, October 19, 4pm; free-\$27. warwicks.com/event/smith-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream: Jocelyn Nicole Johnson Warwick's will host Jocelyn Nicole Johnson as she discusses her new book, *My Monticello: Fiction*, in conversation. Wednesday, October 20, 4pm; free-\$26. warwicks.com/event/jocelyn-nicole-johnson-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream: Jonathan Franzen Warwick's, in partnership with Farrar, Straus and Giroux, will host Jonathan Franzen as he discusses his new book, *Crossroads*, in conversation with Mona Simpson. Monday, October 18, 6pm; \$30-\$33. warwicks.com/event/franzen-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream: Louise Fein & Laura Morelli Warwick's will host Louise Fein and Laura Morelli as they discuss their new books, *The Hidden Child* and *The Stolen Lady: A Novel of World War II and the Mona Lisa*. Monday, October 18, 11am; free. warwicks.com/event/fein-and-morelli-2021. (ONLINE)

Weekends With Locals: Nancy Mae Johnson Weekends with Locals presents Nancy Mae Johnson, author of *Things My Mama Never Told Me*. Sunday, October 17, 12pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Admit One-Session One A.C.T. Test Prep Let San Diego Public Libraries assist you in preparing for the transition from high school to college through the Admit One College Prep Academy! Admit One provides an advantage on SAT & ACT test preparation. Saturdays, 10am; through Saturday, November 20, free. <https://bit.ly/3l7MzyE>. (ONLINE)

An Intro to Voice Overs This live interactive web class will give



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Character Intensive You will be emailed the Zoom link 24 hours before the start of class. If you sign up less than 24 hours before the start of the class, please email Kristen at programs@sandiegowriters.org for your link. Tuesdays, 6pm; through Tuesday, November 2, \$144-\$168. sandiegowriters.org. (ONLINE)

Crafternics Students will explore the basics of circuits and electronic elements by using them in craft projects. Each student will take home a working electronic craft. Saturday, October 16, 2pm; free. Tierrasanta Library, 4985 La Cuenta Drive. (TIERRASANTA)

Cultivating Self-Compassion 5-week online seminar. Mondays, 10:30am and 6:30pm; through Monday, November 1, \$30-\$120. 18 and up. [\[network.org/cultivating-self-compassion.html\]\(http://network.org/cultivating-self-compassion.html\). \(ONLINE\)](http://belovedcompassion-</p>
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Exploration for a Sustainable World In this workshop, students will understand the basic concepts of sustainable design and will use their new perspective as they sketch a house of the future for a specific global site. Saturday, October 16, 1pm; free. <https://bit.ly/3AtdUjA>. (ONLINE)

Fermentation 101 Have you ever wondered why everyone says pickles are good for you? Come to Olivewood for this Fermentation 101 class and learn why. You will learn the difference between fermented foods & vinegar pickles and how to make & enjoy gut healthy fermented foods paired with delicious garden appetizers. Saturday, October 16, 3pm; \$25-\$75. Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center, 2525 N Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

Full Moon Manifestation Full Moon Manifestation with Lydia Real. You will be emailed the

Zoom link 24 hours before the start of class. If you sign up less than 24 hours before the start of the class, please email Kristen at programs@sandiegowriters.org for your link. Wednesday, October 20, 6pm; \$36-\$42. sandiegowriters.org. (ONLINE)

Independent Filmmaking Get your camera ready to zoom in on issues you care about! In this class, students will discuss how photographers highlight important societal issues. Cameras will be provided for use during class. Monday, October 18, 4pm; free. Otay Mesa-Nestor Library, 3003 Coronado Avenue. (NESTOR)

Intermediate Hot Process Soapmaking Soapmaking 105 is an intermediate-level soapmaking class to teach students to make bars of soap using the hot process soapmaking method. The hot process soapmaking method is beneficial in achieving truer scents and using less scent material. Sunday, October 17, 11am; \$59.

Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

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

Library NEXt: Admit One-Session One S.A.T. Test Prep Admit One provides an advantage on SAT & ACT test preparation to help high school students prepare for college exams and navigate the college process. Saturdays, 10am; through Saturday, November 27, free. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (ONLINE)

Macrame Air Plant Wall Hanging Craft Workshop Learn the art of creating your own Macramé Air Plant Wall Hanging. All supplies ready to make your personal macramé creation including beads, rope, feathers,

and other embellishments. Sunday, October 17, 1:30pm; \$45. Culture Brewing Company Solana Beach, 111 S. Cedros Avenue #200. (SOLANA BEACH)

Master Composter Course Solana Center is partnering with the City of San Diego to guide a five-week Master Composter course providing training in the art and science of composting. Tuesdays, 6:30pm; through Tuesday, October 26, \$25. solanacenter.org/free-compost-workshops. (ONLINE)

Meditation Clear your mind and heart with the Light of meditation. Expand your awareness and awaken to see all that you are through the practical methods of Trikaaya Buddhism. Saturday, October 16, 11am; free. 18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Meditation Join Varada on most Wednesdays and practice various methods of meditation to help alleviate your suffering and the suffering of others. All are welcome. Wednesday, October 20, 6pm; free. 18 and up. dharma-center.com. (ONLINE)

Meditation & Magical Stories The class will start with a brief meditation, followed by the lecture, a 15 minute meditation and a Q&A session. Roger uses storytelling as a way to bring advanced spiritual teachings to life. Friday, October 15, 6pm; free. 18 and up. dharma-center.com. (ONLINE)

Novel V: Revising the Novel You will be emailed the Zoom link 24 hours before the start of class. If you sign up less than 24 hours before the start of the class, please email Kristen at programs@sandiegowriters.org for your link. Saturdays, 10am; through Saturday, November 20, \$216-\$252. sandiegowriters.org. (ONLINE)

Paint & Party This month's Paint & Party is a spooky evening of sipping and painting outside. Ticket includes a drink from the bar and all necessary materials. Must sign up online to attend.

Monday, October 18, 6pm; 21 and up. Little Italy Food Hall, 550 West Date St., Suite B. (LITTLE ITALY)

Physics of Fidget Spinners Ever wonder why some fidget spinners spin longer or hum louder than others? You will discover answers to these questions and much more as we learn about motion, tension, gravity and other fantastic phenomena related to fidget spinners and the world at large. Saturday, October 16, 3pm; free. <https://bit.ly/3iLpUa8>. (ONLINE)

Releasing Emotional Triggers For Good Learn what really causes those emotional triggers, and then release one of yours for good. This is a live interactive class, please come ready to participate. Saturday, October 16, 10am; free. 18 and up. <https://bit.ly/3Av3jEs>. (ONLINE)

Shrink Wrapping Soap Soap Business 335 is a soap wrapping class, in which students learn how to apply shrink wrap film to soap quickly and effectively so little or no film is wasted. This class covers the benefits of wrapping soap, which include protecting the soap from damage and preserving a sanitary bar of soap. Sunday, October 17, 2:30pm; \$34. Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

Toss Dough Like Mr. Moto with Robin Roth Join San Diego icon and longtime radio personality, Robin Roth, in a virtual pizza-making class, courtesy of Mr. Moto Pizza. Ingredients for the class are free and will be available for pickup at Ocean Beach location (must show Eventbrite registration upon pickup). The class will be conducted via Zoom. Saturday, October 16, 10am; <https://bit.ly/2YCWQdn>. (ONLINE)

Weekly Belly Dance Class Low-impact exercise, with music and camaraderie. Open to all sizes, shapes and abilities. Taught by a Suhaila Salimpour Level 5 certified instructor, this Level 1+ class is suitable for beginners as



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well as those interested in exploring the Salimpour format. Tuesdays, 6:30pm; through Sunday, October 31, \$16-\$20. Dorothea Laub Dance Place Studio, 2650 Truxton Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

iPhone/iPad for Beginners: 6 Week Course Join the online world using your iPad & iPhone. Technology can bring many potential advantages to seniors such as enhancing communication, bonding with family and friends, and reducing loneliness. Learn the basic functions, applications, & other fun features. This class is designed for beginners. Wednesdays, 12:30pm; through Wednesday, November 17, \$20-\$90. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

"Write Like" The Great Horror Writers "Write Like" The Great Horror Writers: Mary Shelley to Shirley Jackson with Tim West. You will be emailed the Zoom link 24 hours before the start of class. If you sign up less than 24 hours before the start of the class, please email Kristen at programs@sandiegowriters.org for your link. Thursday, October 14, 6pm; \$36-\$42. sandiegowriters.org. (ONLINE)

COMEDY

Gaslamp Comedy Open Mic & Happy Hour Tuesday, October 19, 7:30pm; **free**. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Jenny Zigrino As seen on Conan O'Brien, @Midnight, MTV's Girl Code, Adam Ruins Everything, and more. Wednesday, October 20, 8pm; \$10. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Rocky Dale Davis As seen on NBC's "Bring The Funny", E's "Dating No Filter" and MTV's "Greatest Party Stories." Sunday, October 17, 7pm; \$20. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Vir Das As seen on Netflix, ABC, Conan, and more. Thursday, October 14, 8pm; Friday, October 15, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, October 16, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$25. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Cars & Coffee The community is invited to visit the Museum for a discounted admission price (\$10 before 10am) and free coffee and donuts for guests to enjoy while browsing the vehicles on display. The public is also invited to bring their own cars to display in the parking lot for other spectators to enjoy. Sunday, October 17, 7:30am; \$10. San Diego Automotive Museum, 2080 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

OUTDOORS

Chinese flame trees – an early sign of San Diego fall

Chinese Flame Trees all over the San Diego region are displaying colorful clusters of orange, reddish, or salmon-pink seed pods. Good specimens line the south end of Balboa Drive in Balboa Park, and Lake Murray Boulevard through San Diego's San Carlos district. Most of the remainder of San Diego's ornamental trees will continue to remain drab until November, the onset of "autumn" botanically.

You don't have photometric-quality eyes, but if you did, you might notice that earthshine on the Moon has gotten just a trace dimmer on average in recent years. This is due to a slow change in Earth's average reflectivity (albedo) over some 20 years due to changing cloudiness trends. The earthshine fade that P. R. Goode and colleagues measured across two decades from Big Bear Solar



DECREASED ALBEDO DUE TO CLOUDINESS LEADS TO A SLIGHT DIMMING OF THE MOON.

Experience The Zeen The latest invention in mobility innovation is ready to show. October 14-20, 10am; **free**. Westfield University Towne Centre, 4425 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Global Movements for Social Justice Dr. Antonio De La Garza will share unique perspectives on the intersection of migration and gender in the US/Mexico borderlands. Henry Edward Frank will share American Indian views from Northern California. Dr. Meshack Simati intends to discuss electoral rules, elections, election violence, and judicial independence in sub-Saharan Africa. Dr. Darren Byler's expertise on the ongoing struggles for the Uyghur people in Western China will enlighten the audience on how this group of indigenous Chinese continue to pursue dignity in the face of an authoritarian regime. Thursday, October 14, 12pm; <https://bit.ly/3FyReBX>. (ONLINE)

Mirrors for Earth's Energy Rebalancing Zoom presentation by Dr. Ye Tao about the work being done by his team at MEER:ReFlection. He will discuss how mirrors can save the world. Thursday, October 14, 5:30pm; **free**. meerreflection.com/home. (ONLINE)

The Real Word Speakers Panel The Real Word is a panel comprised of courageous individuals who currently live or have lived in foster care, and who now speak both locally and nationally about life in the dependency system. Register online. Wednesday, October 20, 6pm; **free**. 18 and up. speakupnow.org/news-events/real-word/. (ONLINE)

Third Sunday Craft October, Building Suspense with Rich Farrell: Third Sunday Craft is a monthly gathering of creative writers that fosters support, inspiration, and community. Sunday, October 17, 10am; \$36-\$42. sandiegowriters.org. (ONLINE)

Voices for Children Volunteer Info Session By volunteering 10-15 hours a month, you can make a difference in the life of a child, both in school and beyond. Help provide a trained advocate for every child who needs one – visit the website to sign up for a volunteer information session: Saturday, October 16, 10am; **free**. 21 and up. speakupnow.org/volunteer/. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Livestream: Tea-time Recommendations Join Warwick's booksellers and publishing reps for their latest book recommendations on Facebook

Live. Monday, October 18, 4pm; **free**. warwicks.com/event/tea-time-211018. (ONLINE)

Why Are US Police Being Trained in Israel? Did you know that law enforcement officials from virtually every major police department in the country have traveled to Israel over the past several years to receive training in "counter-terrorism" techniques by Israeli police, military, and intelligence units? The panel discussion features speakers who will examine the widespread use of US-Israeli law enforcement training exchanges and what that may mean for the American public. Register to receive Zoom link. Sunday, October 17, 4pm; **free**. <https://bit.ly/3FyCPWI>. (ONLINE)

FARMERS' MARKETS

Escondido Certified Farmers Market Local, organic and delicious produce from certified farms. Tuesdays, 2:30pm; through Monday, December 27, **free**. Escondido Arts Partnership Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

FOR KIDS

A Funny Name Band A Funny Name Band World Premiere Kids Concert and puppet making workshop: Join Fancy Nancy and Lucy Loop for an interactive



A CHINESE FLAME TREE IN FULL BLOOM IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Observatory is tiny; it amounts to Earth absorbing an additional 0.5 watt per square meter of incoming sunlight on average. But they say this change matches measurements made by other methods and is "climatologically significant."

Did you know that October is aurora season? Your chance of catching a display of the Northern Lights is greater now than average around the year, for reasons having to do with the tilt of Earth's magnetic axis with respect to the incoming solar wind and the shape of Earth's magnetosphere. This month the magnetosphere's northern "throat" is well aimed to swallow charged particles from the Sun and steer them down toward the world's north polar region. Sometimes a gust of particles widens the throat to include lands farther south. The mid-hours of the night are the likeliest time, and of course you want the Moon to have set by then. Keep an eye to the low north.

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.

Little Italy Wednesday Mercato Little Italy Wednesday Mercato occupies three blocks on West. Date Street between Kettner Boulevard and State Street including the Piazza della Famiglia. Wednesdays, 9am; through Sunday, December 26, **free**. Piazza della Famiglia, 523 West Date Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Promenade Market Enjoy crafts, coffee, and street food. Saturdays, 10am; through Saturday, December 31, **free**. Ruocco Park, 585 Harbor Lane. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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

morning of fun with their band of Grandiloquent Starkeepers. Sunday, October 17, 10:30am; \$13-\$18. Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo del Norte. (CARLSBAD)

Free Lego Creations Hang-out Ages 5-10 Join Mateus for an hour of Lego building fun. Hangout and build along with other Lego lovers. Classes led by adults and students. This class is facilitated and monitored by staff, but is led by students. Mondays, 8am; through Monday, October 25, **free**. <https://bit.ly/3A8rOrM>. (ONLINE)

Not So Scary Fall Festival Costumes are encouraged. Kids can join hands-on interactive activities, from craft-making to live animal encounters. Nature gets the spotlight with a fun variety of family-friendly experiences and nature walks in a Halloween theme. Join Nature Collective with County Parks rangers to discover that creepy crawly creatures are not-so-scary after all. Refreshments and water available. Sunday, October 17, 10am; **free**. San Dieguito County Park, 1628 Lomas Santa Fe Drive. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Pumpkin Patch Starting October 1 through Halloween, families can spend the day at the farm

interacting with animals and picking pumpkins from the pumpkin patch. Thursdays, 10am; Fridays, 10am; Saturdays, 10am; through Sunday, October 31, \$20-\$38. Children's Nature Retreat, 5178 Japatul Spur. (ALPINE)

Super Soccer Stars Fundamentals Classes Ages 3-4 At Super Soccer Stars, the soccer ball is used as a vehicle to help children not only improve their soccer skills, but develop self-confidence and physical literacy, improve gross motor function, and hone socialization skills. Wednesdays, 4pm; through Wednesday, December 15, \$300. Otay Ranch Town Center, 2015 Birch Road. (EASTLAKE)

HALLOWEEN

Fallbrook Scarecrow Days Businesses and residential areas will be displaying scarecrows of all genres. Main Street is adorned by pumpkin head scarecrows. Scarecrows can be seen marching along South Mission Road. On Saturdays, Kids Corner will be at The Farmers Market from 9:30-1:30. Kids can create a scarecrow craft, write a letter and mail to Mr. & Mrs. Scarecrow and will receive a letter back with a surprise. Saturdays, 8am; Sundays, 8am; through Sunday, October 31, Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, 111 South Main Street. (FALLBROOK)

LECTURES

All About Hearing All About Hearing: Unpacking the Brain-Hearing Connection & the Latest Treatments for Hearing Loss: This presentation will explore the current treatments for hearing loss, including speech mapping—a system that allows practitioners to see sound at the eardrum for fine-tuning treatment. Wednesday, October 20, 10am; free. ljcommunitycenter.org/wc. (ONLINE)

Art Lecture: Female Artists 19th-21st Centuries Five Part Art Lecture Series: Female Artists Presented by Cornelia Feye: Part II 19th-21st centuries. Tuesday, October 19, 7:30pm; \$16-\$21. Athenaeum Music and

Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Comparative Anthropogeny: From Molecules to Societies As the name suggests, "Comparative Anthropogeny: From Molecules to Societies," focuses on the big and the small of interactions that uniquely differentiate the human lineage. Saturday, October 16, 12pm; free. carta.anthropogeny.org/events/comparative-anthropogeny-molecules-societies. (ONLINE)

Modern Kosher: Global Flavors, New Traditions While most of us have a vague idea of kosher food, perhaps gleaned from a favorite Jewish deli, Michael Aaron Gardiner will guide us through this little understood cuisine from its early history to today's varied and vibrant global practice. The event is free and open to the public. Monday, October 18, 10:30am; free. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Ocean Prototype Nights: Reclaiming Native Waterways A virtual event in Ocean Prototype Nights, a UC San Diego "Navigating the Pacific" series anticipating Getty Pacific Standard Time "Art + Science" 2024. Thursday, October 14, 7pm; free. <https://bit.ly/3uX3K9H>. (ONLINE)

Promise & Dangers of Early MultiCancer Screening Tests The Promise and Dangers of Early MultiCancer Screening Tests – Are We Ready? Presented via Zoom. Tuesday, October 19, 10am; free. ljcommunitycenter.org/dss. (ONLINE)

Tell Them Where You're From: Teaching Our Lives/Stories In this presentation using poetry and testimonio, Irene Sanchez, Ph.D. will share her experiences as a high school Latinx Studies teacher. Tuesday, October 19, 6pm; <https://bit.ly/2YyVWF>. (ONLINE)

NATURE

Creepy Critters Talk Torrey Pines Docent Society's monthly Nature Discovery Series will be "Creepy Critters." The public talk will be led by Johnson and Joy Jou. This event is free (with

Rhyme & Verse

Two poems by Robert Frost

A Brook in the City

The farmhouse lingers, though averse to square
With the new city street it has to wear
A number in. But what about the brook
That held the house as in an elbow-crook?
I ask as one who knew the brook, its strength
And impulse, having dipped a finger length
And made it leap my knuckle, having tossed
A flower to try its currents where they crossed.
The meadow grass could be cemented down
From growing under pavements of a town;
The apple trees be sent to hearth-stone flame.
Is water wood to serve a brook the same?
How else dispose of an immortal force
No longer needed? Staunch it at its source
With cinder loads dumped down? The brook was thrown
Deep in a sewer dungeon under stone
In fetid darkness still to live and run —
And all for nothing it had ever done
Except forget to go in fear perhaps.
No one would know except for ancient maps
That such a brook ran water. But I wonder
If from its being kept forever under,
The thoughts may not have risen that so keep
This new-built city from both work and sleep.

October

O hushed October morning mild,
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,
Should waste them all.
The crows above the forest call;
Tomorrow they may form and go.
O hushed October morning mild,
Begin the hours of this day slow.
Make the day seem to us less brief.
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,
Beguile us in the way you know.
Release one leaf at break of day;
At noon release another leaf;
One from our trees, one far away.
Retard the sun with gentle mist;
Enchant the land with amethyst.
Slow, slow!
For the grapes' sake, if they were all,
Whose leaves already are burnt with frost,
Whose clustered fruit must else be lost—
For the grapes' sake along the wall.



Robert Frost (1874-1963) is one of America's most celebrated poets. Although his work — including his first two books, *A Boy's Will* (1913) and *North of Boston* (1914) — was first published in England, he eventually captured the attention of American readers with his colloquial style, traditional forms, and common-sense approach to his subject matter. Especially in his poems on rural life, Frost typically employed the "middlebrow" tone of a cracker-barrel philosopher to reveal the relationship between the individual, society and the natural world. Born in San Francisco, Frost settled down in rural New England, which serves as the backdrop for many of his poems. Among his many awards and honors, Frost received an unprecedented four Pulitzer Prizes for Poetry, as well as the Congressional Gold Medal (1960).

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parking fee) and good for all ages. Meet at the pavilion area near the Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve upper parking lot. Saturday, October 16, 3pm; free. Torrey Pines State Beach and Reserve, 12600 N. Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

Kumeyaay Ethnobotany Walk During this Ranger-lead trek of moderate difficulty, patrons will learn about the various uses of local plants. Whether harvested for food or medicine, our vegetation has long been cherished by indigenous peoples. Note that our ranger walks are 1 to 2 miles long on dirt surfaces with some hills and steps. Bring water, sun

protection and sturdy shoes. Meet near the comfort station at the north end of the parking lot. Saturday, October 16, 2pm; free. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Business & Personal Head Shot Event Attractive images are the stickiness of today's internet driven help searches. No matter the industry, professional photographs boost your image. Saturday, October 16, 9am; \$135-\$150. 18 and up. You Belong Here, 3619 El Cajon Boulevard. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Fallbrook Harvest Faire Scarecrows all month long. Harvest Faire is a family-friendly event with music, crafts, contests, vendors and classic cars. Sunday, October 17, 9am; free. Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, 111 South Main Street. (FALLBROOK)

Filipino-American History Celebration This free afternoon will feature music, food and fun for the whole family. Guests can get their traditional Filipino food fix for Lumpia, Pancit, Adobo and more from vendors such as Seafood City and Grill City. Live performers and a Filipino/a fashion show and presentations from local

community partners will entertain visitors all afternoon. Several screenings throughout the day at AMC Otay Ranch Town Center as part of the San Diego Filipino Film Festival (SDFFF) which runs October 14-19. Saturday, October 16, 12pm; free. Otay Ranch Town Center, 2015 Birch Road. (EASTLAKE)

SPOKEN WORD

Twelfth Night (Part Two) Reading Patrick McBride has directed, acted and taught for over 25 years. He is a Teaching Artist with Young Audiences of San Diego, Playwrights Project, and CoTA. Sunday, October 17, 6:30pm; free. <https://bit.ly/3iPUm2D>. (ONLINE)

SPORTS & FITNESS

1904 FC vs. Detroit City FC 1904 FC is a new local independent professional soccer team in San Diego. Saturday, October 16, 7pm; \$10. Canyon Crest Academy, 5951 Village Center Loop Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Boost Your Immunities With Yoga All levels. RSVP at solyoga@yahoo.com. Tuesdays,

9:30am; through Saturday, October 30, \$20. La Jolla Cove Bridge Club, 1160 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Slow Flow Yoga Class Slow Flow Yoga class combines postures and breath, facilitating the calming of the mind while stretching and building muscle in a heated studio. Mondays, 4pm; through Sunday, October 31, \$5-\$15. 18 and up. Twelve Company, 5752 Oberlin Drive Ste 111. (MIRA MESA)

Yin Yoga Class A slow-paced style of yoga as exercise, incorporating principles of traditional Chinese medicine, with asanas that are held for longer periods of time than in other styles. Mondays, 5:30pm; through Sunday, October 31, \$5. 18 and up. Twelve Company, 5752 Oberlin Drive Ste 111. (MIRA MESA)

Zombie Comp & Anniversary Jam Enjoy a Southern California Local Open Parkour Competition & Anniversary Jam featuring three events: Speed, Skill, & Free-style. Athletes compete for Individual Points & Rankings Saturday, October 16, 8:30am; \$5-\$60. Apex School of Movement, 8050 Ronson Road. (KEARNY MESA)

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Drinks All Around

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JOSH BLANTON
The Rabbit Hole
3377 Adams Avenue
Normal Heights



Feeling festive, I make my way down to The Rabbit Hole in Normal Heights, where they've curated a fall-themed drink menu. There, bartender Josh Blanton serves up his Apple Cinnamon Fashioned, a cocktail he created by putting a seasonal spin on a classic recipe. "It's made with apple brandy, Buffalo Trace, a little bit of agave, three to four dashes of apple bitters, and stirred with

a cinnamon stick, over a big ice cube," he tells me. "And it's a fan favorite for a good fall drink."

Blanton shares the inspiration behind the recipe, "I wanted to do something with an Old Fashioned for fall. And everyone does typical fall flavors, but I wanted to do something a little different. So I used apple-cinnamon — which is still fall flavors." The resulting concoction is subtle to the eye, but powerful on the palate. "It's very spirit forward, but it has a nice sweet kick to it because of the apple bitters and the agave. And the cinnamon gives a nice aroma to it when you drink it." He is quick to quell any suspicion that the apple flavor might be too tart. "Agave settles that, and so does the cinnamon stick. The bourbon cuts through as well."

Blanton believes the apple is what sets his drink apart this season. "Not too many people use apple in their fall drinks; it's usually pumpkin or other flavors. And the apple bitters — I had to search for that one!" He's too polite to just throw pumpkin spice under the bus, but I prod him until he grants, "I just think it's been too long, and there are other avenues of fall that we can be expressing."

Besides the apple autumn innovation,

Blanton touts the virtues of Buffalo Trace Bourbon. "It's from one of the oldest distilleries in the country — it's actually older than our country! It's very acclaimed, and Buffalo Trace, coming from them, is a moderately priced bourbon. So I'm a big fan of that." He describes its flavor as "one of the smoothest bourbons out there for the price. It's not too oaky, it's got a nice medium level to it, it's a nice, drinkable bourbon."

The Apple Cinnamon Fashioned came about through trial and error. "I was using regular almond bitters, then I tried walnut bitters, different syrups... I was going to make an apple syrup but I thought that would be too overpowering... So, I went with agave. Lots of trips to the drawing board after a couple cocktails, for sure."

Blanton grants that his drink "might sound weird at first, but once you have it, it's a very tasty cocktail." He cites an Old Fashioned fan who was hesitant about the apple and cinnamon. She found it "intriguing, but kind of off-putting, because she wanted a spirit-forward drink, and she didn't think this would be. But it is." Blanton boldly offered to pay for the drink if she didn't like it. "She tried it and sold three or four to her friends."

THE RABBIT HOLE'S APPLE CINNAMON FASHIONED



- ½ oz. Jim Beam apple brandy
- 1 ½ oz. Buffalo Trace bourbon
- 3 dashes apple bitters
- ¼ oz. agave
- Cinnamon stick

Build in the glass over one large ice cube. Serve with a cinnamon stick.

HAPPY HOUR

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DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

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

Carnitas' Snack Shack — Embarcadero: Tuesday, 3pm-5pm: \$8 well drinks, \$10 craft cocktails, \$2 off all draft beers. Three tacos

for \$13 all day.

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.

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

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

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

EAST VILLAGE

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

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

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

ture cocktails.

KENSINGTON

Kensington Brewing Company: Wednesday-Thursday, \$1 off pints from 4-6pm Friday, \$1 off pints 3-6pm

LA JOLLA

Spiro's Mediterranean Cuisine: Daily, 3-6pm: \$2 off wine and beer.

LITTLE ITALY

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

King and Queen Cantina: Daily, Noon-6pm: \$1 off drafts, \$4 beer bottles, \$7 well drinks, wine, sangria, \$8 margaritas. Appetizers \$5 to \$9.

MISSION BEACH

Coaster Saloon: Monday, 3pm-6pm: \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft, \$5 well drinks. Tuesday, 3pm-6pm: \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft and El Jimador shots, \$5 well drinks, house margarita. Wednesday, 3pm-6pm: \$1 off all IPA, \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft and Fireball shots, \$5 well drinks. Thursday, 3pm-6pm: \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft, Mission Blonde draft, Polish Pie shots, \$5 well drinks. Friday, 3pm-6pm: \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft, \$5 well drinks, Captain

Morgan, Jack Daniels, Jager shots. Saturday, All day: \$15 Champagne bottles. Sunday, All day: \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$12 Champagne bottles.

MISSION HILLS

Cardellino: Wednesday-Sunday, 3-6pm: Drink specials and discounts on small bites and pizzas.

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

NORTH PARK

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

PACIFIC BEACH

Ambrogio 15: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$19 per person biodynamic (organic) wine flight with three selected biodynamic wines (two ounce pour) and focaccia bread, olives, artichokes.

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

The Local Pacific Beach: Monday, 4-7pm: Half off appetizers.

Mavericks Beach Club: Monday, 5-6pm: \$4 beer, wine, and wells, \$6 margaritas and mai tais. \$2 off snacks. 3-10pm: Half off one pound orders of all wings, no limit. Tuesday, 5-6pm: \$4 beer, wine, and wells, \$6 margaritas and mai tais. \$2 off snacks. 5-10pm:

\$10 all you can eat taco bar. 5pm-2am: \$4 all Mexican beers, \$4 Margaritas, \$4 shots of El Jimador. Wednesday, Friday, 5-6pm: \$4 beer, wine, and wells, \$6 margaritas and mai tais. \$2 off snacks. Thursday, 5-6pm: \$4 beer, wine, and wells, \$6 margaritas and mai tais. \$2 off snacks. 9pm-2am: \$3 Natural Lite seltzers and Saturdays, \$4 shots of Jameson, Altos, Absolut, Malibu, Jagermeister.

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

POINT LOMA

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

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

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

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

Rare Society: Wednesday-Sunday, 5-6pm: \$5 drafts, \$8 select wines and select cocktails. \$16 half-dozen oysters, \$32 one dozen oysters, other food specials.

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New name in Old Town

A reminder of what a concentrated collision of tastes a taco can be

think I'm in love.

Again.

With tacos.

I've been tramping the streets of Old Town. I can see it's trying hard to get back on its partying feet. And yes, places like Cafe Coyote and Casa de Fred's and Tahona Bar seem to be as crowded and sparkling as ever. But, well, the Casa de Bandini — now Cosmopolitan Hotel — and others, they just plain look like they're still in the trenches.

But I have an hour to kill and a stomach to

it meant. So we gave it a name that was easy to say and easy to remember and they could laugh at."

I guess it worked, because, even now, around eight, the place is pretty full. Natch, I start off with the \$3 Corona. "Only have Dos Equis," says Julio. "That okay?"

Absolutely. Like being bumped up to first class in a plane. (If you like Dos Equis like I do.)

I sit up at the bar, because it's got a nice buzz going. Place has lots of dark brick and dark timber, but the whole front is open to the street below. And in case we forget that people have been traipsing this street for a long time, they have banners on lamp posts featuring dated figures like Father Junipero Serra (1769) and John Fremont, California military Governor (1848).

Meanwhile, I look at the menu. Oh man. It is huge. The whole panoply of *Mexicania*, from steak quesadilla appetizers (\$14.95) to Mexican street cob (two ears of corn, rubbed with Mayo, cheese, cilantro and paprika) for \$9.95. In between, we're looking at burgers (not bad for \$10.95), to the El Chapo burrito ("Don't let this one escape!") stuffed with chicken and pork, \$24.95. Oh, and tacos for \$6.50 each, or \$19.95 for three. But you get rice and beans with the trio.

I mean I understand: this is tourist land. Things ain't supposed to be cheap.

Except *hey hey* once again! We've hit this place on Taco Tuesday. Tacos, three bucks each. Any taco. I go through them: fish, shrimp, chicken habanero, ground beef in a hard shell,

veggie, fried avocado — interesting! — "street style," (whatever that means), chicken mole, shrimp enchilada, shark, and seared ahi. Three bucks each!

"Corner!" shouts this server, Catalina. She's warning other servers coming out of the kitchen. Now she's waiting on me while I dither. She says the Baja fish taco is popular, as is the blackened chicken or "El Inferno" taco. So, to get things rolling I go for the beef, just because it's in a hard shell. And when I get it, the ground beef has a strong umami flavor, a good beef extract taste that goes well with the crunchy shell. And while I'm crunching, I'm looking for the next two I wanna have. So far I've spent all of six dollars,



Looking into the inferno: my favorite taco

The Place: Chi Chi's Mexican Cantina, 2502 San Diego Avenue, 619-326-8222

Hours: Mondays, 12 noon till 5pm; Tuesdays, 12-9pm; Wednesday, Thursday, closed; Friday, Saturday, 12-9pm; Sunday, 11am-5pm

Prices: Steak quesadilla appetizers, \$14.95; Mexican street cob (two ears), \$9.95; burger, \$10.95 with fries; El Chapo burrito (chicken, pork), \$24.95; tacos, \$6.50, \$19.95 for three with rice, beans; queso fundido (melted dipping cheese), \$9.95; habanero wings, \$14.99; platter of 3 tacos, with rice and beans, \$19.95; 1-taco platter, \$9.50

Taco Tuesday: all tacos, \$3 each;

Buses: 9, 10, 30, 35, 44, 150

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Trolley: Green Line

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Nearest train stop: Old Town

including the beer. Plus, Julio brings me corn chips and hot sauce to keep me going. "El Inferno is one of our best," he says, "if you can take our very spicy enchilada sauce."

Hmm. Sounds like a challenge. So I go for the shrimp *enchilado* taco: It comes on a flour tortilla with grilled shrimp "tossed in our spicy creamy sauce, cabbage, pico de gallo, and avocado slice." I already have a bowl of hot salsa for the chips. But now Julio, who sees I have the hots for genuinely hot salsa, brings me a little bowl of habanero sauce. "Habanero chilis, butter, onion, it's all in the mix," he says. And man, it truly ups the ante, just a perfect add to the already nicely garlicky-flavored, I'm guessing, grilled shrimp. The cabbage and the ark of avo make it all more interesting, and luckily I've ordered a second pint of Dos Equis — heck, only \$3 — as a kind of fire hose.

But I have to say, it's El Inferno that takes the prize. It's also on a flour tortilla with "ghost pepper cheese blackened chicken, black beans, corn, topped with our spicy *enchilado* sauce, and pico."

The cheese, the blackened chicken, the black beans are so-o tasty. It helps that the blackened chicken is ha-ha-hot with its Ghost Pepper.

Oh man. Ghost Pepper? I remember now. *Guinness Book of Records*

named it the world's hottest pepper in 2007. It's 170 times hotter than Tabasco sauce. (Actually "ghost" is a mistaken translation of the name for the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan, one of the countries where the "Bhut" pepper is grown. But people latched onto to a near word that also means "ghost.")

Whatever, in this mix, the sauce is no way unbearably hot. But is it still hot-hot? Oh yeah. Only thing unbearable is that it disappears so quickly.

Actually, I think both of these tacos are outstanding. And they remind me what a concentrated collision of tastes a taco can be.

And tonight, it has cost me all of \$15.70, including two beers and tax.

I'll definitely be back for more. On a Tuesday, natch. ■



Bartender Julio Antonio



Newish sign outside old Antojito. Now the cheeky Chi Chi's

fill — hey hey! I'm a poet! — and I'm heading west past the Whaley House (and Whaley's daughters' ghosts, who are sometimes out this time of night, dusk, I swear) and I'm looking for a really good Happy Hour deal. You'd think such things would be everywhere at this time. But in this covid economy, but not so much.

Then I cross Harney Street, and bingo! A sign. "Taco Tuesday. All Tacos \$3." "Corona Pints, \$3." "House Marg, \$5." "Pitcher of Marg, \$20." Now we are talking. I climb the steps of this place called "Chi Chi's."

"Just having fun with the name," says Julio, the bartender. "We used to be 'El Antojito'. But nobody could remember it! Nobody knew what



Behind the cabbage leaf: hot and juicy grilled shrimp

Head for the red

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Mike's Red Tacos seeks best of both tortillas

The hashtag, painted across the top of the truck, reads #worldsbestbirria. It doesn't beg, it insists on a comparison with the best you've had. And it doesn't matter all that much whether the boast rings true, because it's at least tasty enough to make you wonder.



The Crunchstack: beef birria, onions, and cilantro, sandwiched in crispy corn tortillas, wrapped in grilled flour tortilla and melted cheese.

The nation, at least, does seem to be paying attention to such things. San Diego is far from the only city to experience a boom of Tijuana-style beef birria. The *guisado* is up there trailing only hot chicken as the winning comfort food of the pandemic. Whether fried chicken or tacos, it's as though everyone in isolation abruptly decided they prefer their favorite foods to be red.

And I'm getting the sense Mike's Red Tacos has hit upon the winning formula. Open Saturdays only, the food truck sets up in the parking lot beside what used to be the Italian restaurant Old

Trieste (2335 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park). And it provides enough picnic table and high top seating to handle a steady stream of customers rolling in from the far points of the city.

Red tacos are so called due to the hue of tortillas dipped in chili-spiced birria consomé, and "red taco" named restaurants have sprung up from New York to L.A. to cash in on the internet's

thirst for red *quesabirria* tacos, soaked in spice and dripping with melted cheese. And that sure makes sense. I'm only a couple hours removed



A *quesabirria* taco, dipped in red consomé.

from eating one, and just thinking about it makes me desire more.

Mike's offers red tacos with (\$3.99) or without (\$3.49) cheese, turns its birria into ramen (\$8.99), and presses cheese and beef between corn tortillas to make *mulitas* (\$4.99). But where Mike's really stands out among red taco joints is its creation of the Crunchstack (\$9.99).

If that name reminds you of something conjured by the test kitchen geniuses of Taco Bell, you're not far off. The Bell used to do something called a *Crunchwrap*, which saw a crunchy beef tostada folded neatly inside a large flour tortilla. The Crunchstack likewise sandwiches Mike's birria between crispy, consomé-dipped corn tortillas, then wraps it all inside a flour tortilla, with plenty of cheese.

Where the *mulita* resembles a beefy grilled cheese, the Crunchstack is like a *mulita* cooked inside a *quesadilla*. I ordered it for the novelty, but it's pretty tough to hate any combination of beef, cheese, and tortilla.

Is it hashtag world's best? It'll do until the next one. If we're truly in the midst of a golden age of red tacos, I've got loads of messy eating ahead.

by Ian Anderson

and new to 2021, a wellness lounge. Festival goers also have an option to purchase a higher ticket that gains them exclusive access to the Maxim VIP Village, featuring bottle service, hosted bar hours, celebrity DJs, and more. The Blended Festival will strictly follow all local and state COVID-19 guidelines. Also, in an effort to decrease touchpoints, the Festival will use a touchless cash system. Friday, October 15, 12pm; Saturday, October 16, 12pm; Embarcadero Marina Park North, 400 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Dinner Detective Interactive Mystery Show

Solve a hilarious mystery while you feast on a fantastic dinner. Best beware. The culprit is hiding in plain sight somewhere in the room, and you may find yourself as a Prime Suspect before you know it. Saturday, October 16, 6pm; \$69. Courtyard San Diego Downtown, 530 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Taste of Liberty Station

Liberty Station businesses will open their doors for attendees to discover the variety of bites of Liberty Station's eateries, live music and artisan goods in the storied corridors and artwork from the local galleries. Ticketholders will receive a "Liberty Pass" that will map out a list of participating restaurants with their menu offerings as well as businesses and art galleries that are taking part in the event. Wednesday, October 20, 5pm; \$45-\$55. Arts District Liberty Station, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Taste of the Philippines

Taste of the Philippines is a celebration of Philippine and Filipino American arts, culture and history. San Diego is home to the second largest concentration of the Filipino diaspora outside of the Philippines. The approach is to provide a destination event that reflects the diversity and hospitality of the Philippines, showcasing contributions from around the world. Saturday, October 16, 10am; free. Waterfront Park, 1600 Pacific Highway. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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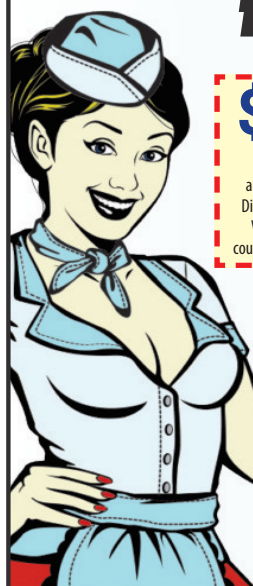
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blurt the inside track

Video saves the radio star? If you're still unsure about the level of influence that gaming culture exerts on present-day society, take a moment to consider this fact: there is now an entire ecosystem of bands whose sole purpose is covering songs featured in video games. Even more surprising is that there are so many of these bands that every new act jumping into the genre of Video Game Music must come up with a unique spin on how they will deliver these songs, just to seem relevant.

When Kirby's Dream Band

KDB has played at large industry events such as Washington DC's Music and Gaming Festival (MAGfest) and its



Video game tunes — welcome to the music of your life.



Brew Game Plus 3.0 flier

(KDB) formed 11 years ago, the scene was still relatively small. "We were the only ones in San Diego at the time, and I think there was one in L.A. and one in Sacramento," explains the band's keyboardist, Ian Luckey. He has watched the scene grow to the point where there are now jazz groups, string quartets, and mariachi bands tackling the same musical material. "Pretty much any genre you can imagine, someone is doing video game music with it now," he says. "There's a group in Nashville called The Protomen. They're a really large group. They're like Queen; kind of rock opera-style. They write all original music, except all of the lyrical content is about Mega Man," a Japanese manga comic character. "If you can think of it, at this point, someone is doing it in that genre or style in the VGM scene."

more recent west coast incarnation, MAGwest. MAGfest had over 24,000 attendees in January 2020, numbers which Vista-based Aztec Brewing's upcoming Brew Game Plus 3.0 festival are unlikely to top on October 16. That being said, you can expect the same universe to be represented, as the VGM events have developed a fanbase that displays many of the same traits found in the Comic-Con scene. Even the trajectories of the two movements share similarities. "Comic-Con started off as kind of a pretty niche thing," Luckey explains, "and you look at it now, and you can't get anywhere in San Diego while Comic-Con is going on. It's gotten crazy. I think that's a good example of a thing that seemed niche early on, but there's actually a really big fanbase for them. It just hasn't been until a little more

recently that there's been an outlet for it."

Luckey and his wife CeCe are helping Aztec co-owner Tristan Faulk-Webster organize Brew Game Plus 3.0. It's not their first rodeo together. "We did a show [at Aztec] in 2018 and we did a show in early 2019, but as far as Brew Game Plus goes, that was something that we

created with Tristan, in terms of it being a festival instead of a show with a couple bands. It kind of started off with Aztec providing the venue, and then us just booking the talent. Then we started working together on other elements. It's melding together as we do each subsequent event. They're getting a little bit bigger and more elaborate." This year's edition will feature, along with the food trucks, vendors, and a costume contest, eight VGM bands. KDB will headline, and Luckey and his wife will share the stage in their Halloween-inspired VGM outfit, the Tonberries.

For Faulk-Webster, this is the Aztec event that he has grown to look forward to the most. If it comes off, he has ideas for how it could expand in the future. "I think, first-off, we would probably try doing multiple days, and then after that, find a bigger place that we could hold it. Vista has the Moonlight Amphitheater, which can fit over 1000, and there's lots of other possibilities all throughout San Diego." — Dryw Keltz

Commander Cody, cocaine compadre "He was the real deal, not an ounce of artifice in him," says guitarist Greg Douglass of



George Frayne, best known as Commander Cody, who passed away September 26 from esophageal cancer at the age of 77. As the frontman for Commander Cody and His Lost Planet Airmen, the alt-country pioneer toured right up until the pandemic, scoring occasional radio hits such as "Hot Rod Lincoln."

"He was always unfailingly pleasant to me, although Lord knows how he knew who I was," says Douglass, who played with the Steve Miller Band (it's his guitar on "Jungle Love"), Greg Kihn (as heard on "Jeopardy"), Van Morrison, and others. "I had an epic evening with the Commander at the Lone Star in Manhattan. First, the opening act was Robert Gordon with Link Wray on guitar. I played on Link's album on Polydor records, *Be What You Want To*, and we became friends. He saw me in the front row, and gave me a huge shit-eating grin. After the show, he gave me a huge hug and said, in that odd twang of his, 'Mr. Jungle Love! You were in short pants at my recording session. Now look at you!' We bullshitted until autograph seekers besieged him.

"Then the Commander came out. First thing I noticed, no Bill Kirchen. Bummer, the King of Truck Drivin' Guitar was MIA. Second thing I noticed, he had two female backup singers. One instantly organically demanded attention with her gorgeous voice and impossibly long, gorgeous hair. Turned out to be the soon-to-be famous Nicolette Larson. While Kirchen was definitely missed, George put on a great show." Afterwards, he walked up to me and said, 'Hey, Greg! Whatcha doing here?' I explained I was in New York City with Greg

Kihn, our show had been canceled, and I was enjoying a few days off after months of playing every night. He then offered me a ride back to my hotel. I happily accepted. Cabs were pricey, even back then."

The duo soon found themselves sharing the back seat of a limousine. "George asked if I'd like a little bump — that's cocaine for you unhip folks. Who am I to refuse an offer from the Commander? He removed a massive baggie full of Peruvian Marching Power and poured a much-too-large line on my hand. 'Jesus, George, I can't do all that!' I whined like the lightweight I was. 'Ah, come on,' he growled,



Commander Cody lived The Life. RIP.

'the bar's still open at the Waldorf' — that's where I was staying. 'You can take the edge off. I vibrated into the Waldorf like one of those cheap 1950s football toys where the players went every direction but the right one, on an electrically jiggling playing field. I went immediately into the bar, spent my entire week's per-diem money on a series of double shots of Canadian

Club, and once my heart stopped beating at the speed of a hummingbird, I went upstairs and passed out."

Douglass says he regrets that he never got a chance to thank the Commander for a memorable evening. "He was a wonderful, charismatic guy, a terrific showman, a great graphic artist, and one of the friendliest guys I ever met. And he was one tough son-of-a-bitch to have survived for so long. And thanks for always remembering my name, even though we were never properly introduced. That in itself is an astonishing talent."

He also recalls that Cody was as much a fan of music as

he was a musician. "I told him I sat next to his amp all night after the show in New York. 'Oh my God,' he exclaimed, 'I'm glad you told me that AFTER the show!' His playing was sheer perfection."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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THE YUCKS

Extant since the late 1990s and fronted by Jeff Freedman, The Yucks were founded by drummer Bill Yuck. They've been a longtime staple of the local scene, with a five-song EP called *Full Of It* released in 2019. The band is working on a new album, *World's Gone Blind*, recorded at bassist Rowland Bluntz's home-based BluntCave Studios with a band lineup featuring him with Yuck, Freedman, and "Mad Dog" Matt Murphy on guitar. "This will be the second release from the Yucks with this new super tight lineup,

recording some new material along with a few unreleased and unrecorded oldies," says Bluntz, a vet of Resevior Tips, Ramblin' Outlaws, FuckLordz, and Punk Floyd who joined the Yucks around eight years ago. "We had planned on going to DoubleTime Studios last year, but covid hit and put those plans off, so we started recording everything ourselves." The album, which features cover artwork by Shannon Roscoe, will be highlighted in their opening set for D.R.I. at Brick By Brick on October 15.



SEEU SPACE COWBOY

Screamo metalcore band SeeYouSpaceCowboy features former members of René Descartes, alongside players from Letters To Catalonia. A four-song debut EP was released in 2016, issued on cassette via Structures/Agony and on CD from React With Protest Records. The following year saw the release of a six-song seven-inch EP, *Fashion Statements of the Socially Aware*. Earlier this year, they released a split-EP via Pure Noise Records with If I Die First, a new metalcore band with emo-trap artist Lil Lotus and members of From First To Last, alongside fellow emo-

trap artists Nedarb and Zubin. A new single just dropped for "Misinterpreting Constellations," in advance of the sophomore SeeYouSpaceCowboy full-length *The Romance of Affliction*, due November 5 via Pure Noise. The album features guests such as singer Keith Buckley (Every Time I Die) on "Life As A Soap Opera Plot, 26 Years Running," singer Aaron Gillespie (Underoath) on "Intersecting Storylines to the Same Tragedy," rapper Shaolin G on "Sharpen What You Can," and the title track features their recent split-EP collaborators If I Die First.

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CRUSH OF SOULS

Crush of Souls features Charles Rowell, best known from a string of experimental noise rockers such as Some Girls and the Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Tower. A debut EP called *Bad Trip* was released during the 2020 pandemic shutdown, with a single and video for "Pain & Ecstasy" that featured guest Tuna Mess. The project just issued a cassette single for "Call You," the title track of a new EP released this month via Kill Entertainment. A video for the song again features Tuna Mess, along with Zeynep Kaya of the

French band Hermetic Delight. The EP also includes "J.G. Ballad" featuring guest saxophone player Tobias Johannes Pfler (who played on the Crush of Souls EP *Bad Trip*) and two remixes, one by California dub drone artist Caligears and another from techno starlet Mila Dietrich. The "Call You" cassette single is packaged in a plastic bag filled with dirt from the Père Lachaise cemetery in Paris, France, the final resting place of Oscar Wilde and Jim Morrison.



TOLAN SHAW

Singer-songwriter Tolan Shaw (the New Archaic) says scrambling for work during the pandemic has allowed time for reflection, as well as offering new money-making opportunities. "Time and again, I've been asked 'what are you? Who is Tolan Shaw? An artist? A writer? A performer? Pop? Singer songwriter?' And I get it. Lately, I've released songs via my pop solo artist project, had a songwriting credit on a newly released country song, written and produced a Christmas EP finished two kids songs for a production music library, wrote songs with a group of talented peeps

at a sync songwriting camp, worked on my alternative rock side project, sung two jingles, played guitar for a bunch of demos, and performed live at the Bluebird in Nashville. And you know what? I love doing all those things. I love that every day is different. Am I crazy and all over the place? Maybe. Is it inhibiting the industry from knowing what to do with me? Maybe. Do I need to pick a lane? Maybe. But for now I'm wearing a bunch of hats, because it's the only way for me to work full time in music."

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JT MORING

"A year into the pandemic," says Gemini Junction guitarist JT Moring of his upcoming solo album *Only Just a Man*, "I found myself with a room full of musical instruments, a bunch of songs, and time on my hands. Despite being only just a man, I decided to embark on producing the best album possible. I had made albums before with my bands, but knew to get the product I wanted this time, I would have to upgrade my recording setup and upgrade my technical and performance skills. Ronan Chris Murphy [King Crimson, GWAR] helped with the former and Eve Selis helped with the latter. Ramona Ault [Prairie Sky Band] added vocals. Finishing that project called for all the tenacity and humor I could muster. These qualities bled over into the album itself and became a unifying theme tying the material together.

Besides inspiration from my songwriting heroes like John Prine and Steve Earle, the work is influenced by the concept albums of my youth, like *Dark Side of the Moon*. I use six instrumental pieces to help tie the 13 songs into a coherent whole. While we wait for *Only Just a Man* to hit the digital platforms, I've made a private page where select folks can check out the album. Recognizing that CD sales are largely history, I'm giving away copies, but requesting that in return folks drop ten dollars in the next musician tip jar they come across." Guest singer Ramona Aunt arranged and performed the female vocals that appear throughout the 19 tracks (13 lyrical songs and six instrumentals). Moring will open for occasional Rugburn Gregory Page on November 19 for a San Diego Folk Heritage event at Templar's Hall in Poway.

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:
Saturday, 6pm — Brew Game Plus 3.0.
Sunday, 6pm — Aztec Jazz Jam. Free.

Belly Up Tavern:
Thursday, 8pm — Battle of the Bands. \$20-\$500.
Friday, 8pm — Osees.
Saturday, 8pm — Pato Banton and New Leaf. \$20-\$23.
Sunday, 8pm — Men I Trust and Michael Seyer.
Tuesday, 8pm — Robert Earl Keen. \$35-\$62.

Brick by Brick:
Friday, 10pm — Combichrist and Heartsick. \$26-\$30.
Friday, 5pm — D.R.I. and the Yucks.
Saturday, 7pm — The Iron Maidens. \$22-\$25.
Sunday, 7pm — The Cybertronic Spree. \$18-\$22.

Carruth Cellars:
Sunday, 4pm — Folklorick. Free.

Casbah:
Thursday, 8pm — ford. \$15.
Saturday, 8pm — Hello goodbye. \$20.
Wednesday, 8pm — Nation of Language. \$13-\$15.

Cicciotti's Trattoria:
Thursday, 6:30pm — Adrienne Nims. Free.

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

Ebullition Brew Works:
Friday, 5pm — Bailey Dee & The Fly-Rite Boys. \$12-\$16.
Saturday, 4pm — Skatoberfest. \$14-\$18.

Front:
Saturday, 5pm — Bostich + Fussible.

Holding Company:
Thursday, 7pm — Cash'd Out. \$22-\$30.

House of Blues:
Friday, 7:30pm — X Ambassadors. \$29-\$65.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Chloe Moriondo and Shortly. \$17.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Dayseeker and We Came As Romans. \$25-\$65.
Monday, 7:30pm — JP Saxe. \$23-\$66.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Payday and AG Club. \$22.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Alexander 23. \$17.

Humphreys by the Bay:
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Chris Isaak. \$88-\$599.

Jazzy Wishbone:
Tuesday, 6pm — Adrienne Nims. Free.

Kensington Park:
Saturday, 1:30pm — Adams Avenue Alive.

Little Dame Shop:
Saturday, 5:30pm — Adams Avenue Alive.

Magnolia Performing Arts Center:

Friday, 8pm — Wardruna.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill:
Saturday, 8pm — Miss Demeanor.

Mellano Farm Stand:
Saturday, 11am — Cowboy Jack. Free.

Mission Bay Resort:
Friday, 6pm — Tim Yancey. Free.

Molly Malone's Waypoint Saloon:
Friday, 8pm — 7 Seconds to Vegas. Free.

Museum of Making Music:
Friday, 7pm — San Diego Sound Project: Echoes. Free.

Music Box:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Elefante & Inspector.
Friday, 7:30pm — The Crystal Method. \$22.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Coral Bells and Jesus Gonzalez.
Sunday, 9pm — Brasstracks and TOBi.
Wednesday, 7pm — Mrs. Henry and Thunderbeast.

Navajo Live:
Wednesday, 6:30pm — Big Blues Jam.
Thursday, 7pm — Open Mic: Elephantricity, solos, duos, bands & jams.

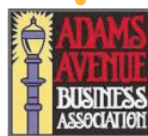
Friday, 8pm — Cher'd.
Saturday, 9pm — Serious Guise.
Sunday, 7pm — The Upshots.
Monday, 7:30pm — Rutt Velour.
Tuesday, 8pm — Kick-Ass Karaoke.

North Island Credit Union Amphitheatre:
Saturday, 7:30pm — 311 and Iration. \$25-\$85.

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Friday, 7pm — Tinashe and REI AMI.
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 Sunday, 6pm — Willie Nelson's Outlaw Music Festival.
 Tuesday, 7:30pm — Primus and Wolfmother.
 Wednesday, 8pm — Rod Wave. \$28-\$59.

Pechanga Arena San Diego:

Saturday, 7pm — Dan + Shay and the Band Camino.

Rady Shell at Jacobs Park:

Friday, 7:30pm — Steve Hackman & the San Diego Symphony.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:

Thursday, 8pm — Geoff Tate: Empire 30th Anniversary Tour.

Setting Sun Sake Brewing Co.:

Saturday, 11am — San Diego Metal Swap Meet. \$15-\$50.

Soda Bar:

Thursday, 8pm — James Spait and SHUA.
 Friday, 8pm — Dwarves. \$25.
 Saturday, 8pm — Des Rocs. \$21.
 Sunday, 8pm — Night Beats.
 Tuesday, 8pm — Riz La Vie. \$18.

Spreckels Organ Pavilion:

Monday, 7:30pm — International Organ Festival.

Starbucks:

Friday, 5:30pm — Adams Avenue Alive.

Viejas Arena:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Alejandro Fernandez and Christian Nodal. \$44-\$886.

Village Faire Shopping Center:

Friday, 12:30pm — Adrienne Nims. Free.

Welk Resort Theatre:

Wednesday, 7pm — Walking Man: James Taylor Tribute. \$25-\$38.

Winstons Beach Club:

Thursday, 9pm — Shakedown String Band. \$8.
 Friday, 9pm — Simpkin Project and Revival. \$15.
 Saturday, 4pm — Sometimes Julie. Free.

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Steve Hackman & the San Diego Symphony

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IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Al Stradella: a helluva fella

Alessandro Stradella is a name that might ring a bell with champions of early Baroque music. As for me, I knew he existed, but beyond a short "Sinfonia" from his *Christmas Eve Cantata*, I wasn't familiar with his music. Then I learned he had been stabbed to death — twice. Now I was interested.

What is it about human nature that will overlook the life of a great composer until some element of drama or scandal is discovered? Whatever it is, it's real: I am not alone in my morbid fascination. The 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries have produced operas, fantastical biographies, and fictionalized romance novels based on Stradella's life. The most famous was an opera entitled *Alessandro Stradella*, composed by Frederick von Flotow. The opera met with success, but the last fully

staged production was in 1910 at the Metropolitan opera. The 1909 book of historical fiction entitled *Stradella* by F. Marion Crawford is available as a free ebook at gutenberg.org.

Stradella is generally considered to have been born into the lower aristocracy in the small town of Nepi, northwest of Rome. By the age of 24, he was a well-known commodity as both composer and singer. He was also well known as a lothario, at least by the wives and mistresses of powerful men. Further, while in Rome, Stradella unsuccessfully tried to embezzle money from the Catholic Church. After arranging, for a fee, the marriage of an undesirable elderly woman to the nephew of a powerful cardinal, Stradella fled from Rome to Venice. While in Venice, he became the musical tutor for Agnese van Uffele, the

mistress of Alvis Contarini. A romance followed.

The house of Contarini was one of the 12 founding families of Venice and had produced eight Doges. You've got to hand it to Stradella: he swung for the fences. The affair was discovered, and Stradella fled with Agnese to Turin. Contarini hired assassins, who attacked Stradella with knives and left him in the street, thinking him to be dead.

But Stradella recovered, and left Agnese in a convent while he relocated to Genoa. While in Genoa, he seduced the daughter of the powerful and unforgiving Lomellini family. The Lomellini assassins did the job correctly, stabbing Stradella to death in 1682.

Stradella's reputation as a composer was such that George Frederick Handel sent agents to Genoa with a mission to obtain any Stradella



Anthonis van Dyck painting of the Lomellini family, which had Alessandro Stradella killed.

compositions. The agents were instructed to use any means necessary, both fair and foul. Stradella did not trust publishers, therefore, the only copies of his music were in manuscript form, and Handel wanted a taste.

Stradella had a melodic gift that established him as a preeminent composer of arias, cantatas, and operas.

Four complete operas have survived, along with almost 300 other compositions. At the time of his death, opera was about 100 years old and was still developing as an art form.

There are hours upon hours of Stradella's music available online. It is more than worthy of a listen.

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UPCOMING SHOWS

Aquarius Bar & Grille:

Saturday, Nov. 20 — Sonic Tonic.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library:

Wednesday, Nov. 3 — San Diego New Music: Deja Vu. \$10-\$25.

Aztec Brewing Company:

Sunday, Oct. 31 — Aztec Jazz Jam. Free.

Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday, Oct. 21 — Twiddle. \$23-\$41.
 Friday, Oct. 22 — Leftover Salmon.
 Saturday, Oct. 23 — Candlebox.
 Monday, Oct. 25 — Allah Las and Frank Maston.
 Tuesday, Oct. 26 — Delta Rae and Raye Zaragoza.
 Wednesday, Oct. 27 — Lydia Loveless and Lilly Hiatt.
 Friday, Oct. 29 — Dead Man's Party.
 Saturday, Oct. 30 — Inspired & the Sleep and Trouble in the Wind.
 Sunday, Oct. 31 — Halloween Heat ft. The Bella Lux Dancers.

Tuesday, Nov. 2 — Blue Oyster Cult.

Wednesday, Nov. 3 — Heartless Bastards.

Thursday, Nov. 4 — Blue Oyster Cult.

Friday, Nov. 5 — Beatles vs Stones.

Saturday, Nov. 6 — Wayward Sons and Radio Thieves.

Sunday, Nov. 7 — Colony House and Fleurie.

Tuesday, Nov. 9 — Reckless Kelly. \$18-\$32.

Black Cat Bar: Friday, Oct. 22 — The Plagues, Homeless Sexuals, Chinese Rocks. \$5.

Brick by Brick: Saturday, Oct. 23 — Exumed and Creeping Death.

Friday, Nov. 5 — Raven.

Saturday, Nov. 6 — Teenage Bottlerocket and the Last Gang.

Bridges:

Friday, Nov. 5 — Foxtide and Kocean.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido:

Saturday, Nov. 20 — ¡Viva el Flamenco! \$25-\$30.

Casbah:

Thursday, Oct. 21 — Jason Lee & the R.I.P. Tides. \$10.

Friday, Oct. 22 — Kontravio.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 — Surfboard.

Thursday, Nov. 4 — Cloud Nothings.

Friday, Nov. 5 — Blockhead and Arms & Sleepers.

Saturday, Nov. 6 — Liz Cooper and Pearl Charles.

Monday, Nov. 8 — Tokyo Police Club.

Wednesday, Nov. 10 — Nick Waterhouse.

Coyote Bar & Grill: Wednesday, Oct. 27 — Miss Demeanor.

Diamond Jim's: Saturday, Nov. 20 — J Stalin. \$30.

Dorothea Laub Dance Place Studio: Friday, Nov. 19 — Fresh Sound: Steven Schick.

Fast Times: Friday, Nov. 12 — West of 5. Free.

First United Methodist Church - Escondido: Sunday, Oct. 31 — Halloween Spook-tacular Organ Recital. Free.

Galley at the Marina: Saturday, Oct. 23 — 8 East Band. Free.

House of Blues:

Thursday, Oct. 21 — Mago de Oz. \$49-\$69.

Sunday, Oct. 24 — Weathers.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 — Gus Dapperton and Spill Tab.

Friday, Oct. 29 — David Bisbal.

Saturday, Oct. 30 — Black Label Society.

Wednesday, Nov. 3 — Toosii.

Thursday, Nov. 4 — Summer Salt, Breakup Shoes, Covey.

Friday, Nov. 5 — Pink Sweat\$ and Kirby.

Humphreys by the Bay:

Sunday, Oct. 24 — Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin Evening.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 — The Cult.

Saturday, Oct. 30 — Missing Persons and Dramarama.

Sunday, Oct. 31 — Adam Ant.

Wednesday, Nov. 3 — Gipsy Kings.

Sunday, Nov. 7 — Dwight Yoakam.

Tuesday, Nov. 9 — George Thorogood & the Destroyers.

Jacked Up Brewery:

Friday, Oct. 29 — West of 5. Free.

Jamul Feed Store:

Saturday, Oct. 30 — The Ram Sunset Sessions.

Kensington Park:

Saturday, Oct. 23 — Adams Avenue Alive.

Saturday, Oct. 30 — Adams Avenue Alive.

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The Addams, aggain

Who ya got: *The Munsters* or *The Addams Family*? I had just turned ten the season both shows made their network debuts, so the choice became the subject of raging schoolyard debate. It wasn't a clear cut leaning, not an obvious preference like Bugs over Mickey, 007 over Napoleon Solo, or Groucho over all. But it was a leaning, all the same: my loyalties will forever find me garrisoned at 1313 Mockingbird Lane. But even with almost sixty years behind them, neither sitcom has lost its comic luster. It's a testament to their staying power that to this day, both shows air nightly in syndication and, fittingly enough, on opposing networks. The animated reboot released a few years back was designed in the spirit of Charles Addams, artist and biological father of the House of Addams. The film hit big enough to warrant *The Addams Family 2*, a third of which follows its predecessor to the black letter before

crumbling under the weight of workaday lightheartedness.

America fell in love with Uncle Fester's nipples. Why else would a topless Fester be there to greet audiences at the outset, the first big guffaw in a rapidly narrowing field of laughs? Inked across his back is "No Regrets" — it's one of the few toppers in a sequel that, according to the press release, promised "many new kooky characters" before asking "What could possibly go wrong?" New kooky characters could go wrong, for starters. (Wallace Shawn makes a dismal substitute for Allyn Joslyn's unflustered small-screen truant officer.) Were all of the gags involving Casa Addams milked dry the first time around? Was the goal of animators Greg Tiernan and Conrad Vernon to pluck the family from their comfort zone, send them on a cross-country vacation in which Wednesday takes the lead, and close on a sinistral satirical inversion of a dark Disney

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The Addams Family 2: Nipplearoo and Fester too!

Princess switched at birth? If so, two out of three's not bad.

In order for the environmental flip-flop to succeed, no matter where the family goes, clouds of gloom must follow overhead, and always to their delight. It's the universe conforming to their macabre household, not the other way around. The darker it gets, the more apparent a need for the Addams' influence becomes: Wednesday's PC teachers declare no winners or losers for those compet-

ing in the science fair, teaching the tots that participation alone makes them special. Her classmates say "Baa!" but Wednesday says "Nah!" and refuses to settle for a trophyless victory. Why leave home to find humor, where there's an abundance waiting to be unearthed here in your own backyard?

Niagara Falls is introduced as the great wonder of the world that kills the most tourists, but other than that, the fun stops almost as soon as the

family hits the road. Still, it was the electric pink, purple, and antifreeze green color scheme that dragged me kicking and screaming out of my comfort zone. A commonplace musical number set to the uplifting beat of "I Will Survive" felt as out of place as would a visit from Grandpa Munster. And forgive me for not referencing this in my review of Part One: I must not have been paying close enough attention to detail when it came to the character design of Cousin Itt.



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Itt's synthetic CG likeness owes more to Dawk — the Lloyd Thaxton “silent protest” doll — than it does Feliz Silla's hair suit. (Google “Thaxton” and “Dawk.” You're welcome!) Digitally hempen mane notwithstanding, Itt's payoff justifies the means. Seeing as how no one can decipher what comes out of the spectacled furball's yap, a future in rap music couldn't be more appropriate.

The characters and their various incarnations have morphed throughout the years. Oscar Isaac's Gomez owes more to Raul Julia than it does John Astin. Uncle Fester looks the part as drawn by the artist and later co-opted by Jackie Coogan and Christopher Lloyd. Nick Kroll's slobbering puberphonia does both actors one better. Charlize Theron's sudden flights of French, the sort that drive Gomez wild, date back to Carolyn Jones' Morticia. And if Hollywood were ever to decide on an Addams update set 20 year into the future, Paul Walter Hauser has a lock on the adult Pugsley. ★★

—Scott Marks

Video on Demand and New Release Roundup

Candyman — What is the first thing that separates this from Bernard Rose's original, a film that posited as its monster a housing project located on the brink of Chicago's affluent Gold Coast area? For one thing, there's Sammy! One mention of the nauseatingly saccharine chart-topper in a 1992 horror film would have set audiences giggling. Here it acts as a faint reminder of the past. It's not the only difference. Writer-director Nia DaCosta's latest isn't so much a remake, as most sequels are, but a continuation, an update. It's the same housing project — the CG recreation of Chicago's Cabrini Green is so precise that it looks like documentary footage — with the horror emerging from a different hole in the tenement wall. This time, it takes less than five minutes for the titular boogeyman to appear, and the handling of white guilt is much more pointed. Brianna (Teyonah Parris) is quick to state the obvious: “White people built the ghetto and erased it when they realized they built the ghetto.” Giving equal time to arrogance, Brianna lives on the very gentrified spot where the infamous housing project once stood. One drawback of contemporary thinking is the establishment of a seemingly upstanding character who goes south if for no other reason than two bad guys are better than one. Other than that, there's enough here to give your nerves a good rattling. 2021. — S.M. ★★



Ema: Don't look now...

Coming Home in the Dark — Who is that man seated atop the hill, contemplating a circus-peanut-orange sky? It will take 93 minutes for writer-director James Ashcroft's punishing saga to come full circle, more than enough time for the probie to amass an impressive body count. We've seen this premise play out in one form or another at least a dozen times before: an anti-social baddie with a score to settle terrorizes a family in transit (*Cape Fear*, *Funny Games*, *Hot Rods to Hell*, *Cape Fear*, *Funny Games*). Hoaggie's (Erik Thomson) wife (Miriam McDowell) and sons are forced to pay the ultimate price when Papa's past sins catch up with him. From out of nowhere, two drifters appear — one mute, the other overly articulate — and proceed to pick off Hoaggie's pride. All this killing makes a man want to ramble, and Mandrake (Daniel Gillies) is no different from many a workaday movie psychopath. To compensate for his accomplice Tubs' (Matthias Luafutu) mute demeanor, Mandrake works double-time to deliver the dialogue. I'm all for pursuing a revenge motif, but this one lost me the minute Mandrake blew away an innocent gas station attendant and the genre shifted from stylish revenge thriller to just another doggone slasher picture. For the same story better told, I offer up *In a Glass Cage*. (Digital Gym Virtual Theater.) 2021. — S.M. ★

Ema — In the “Love at First Sight” Department, it's been twelve years since the Latino Film Festival introduced me to Pablo Larrain via his second feature *Tony Manero*, a picture I

never tire of watching and championing. Now Larrain acquaints audiences with *Ema* (Mariana Di Girolamo), the reggaeton sensation with the Shinola mane drawn so tightly across her crown one could use her skull to keep the beat. Ema, like her driven cinematic Uncle Tony, wants to hold her family together in the worst way, which is precisely how she goes about doing it. Time away from rehearsing for her husband/choreographer's (Gael Garcia Bernal) latest dance ensemble finds Ema drilling solo before a dusky CinemaScope cityscape, practicing the flamethrower — we open memorably on a smoldering spotlight — partaking in indiscriminate sex, and doing her best to convince CPS that she was wrong for returning Polo (Cristian Suarez), her 7-year-old adopted son of one year, to the orphanage simply for torching his aunt's face. (The lad does take after his mother.) Once again, we have Larrain to thank for sticking his arm down the throat of convention and delivering a rigorously everted melodrama. Films that individualize feelings of abandonment generally associated with the subject of adoption are usually told through the eyes of a child, not exclusively from the viewpoint of the fostering parents. (Polo isn't seen until halfway into the picture; I can't recall the boy saying a word.) Nor would a CPS agent stop and deliver a stunning dressing down to both overly absorbed parents. And what better way than in bed (and one at a time) for Ema to get to know Polo's replacement parents? Di Girolamo delivers as frank and assured a debut performance as any we've seen in ages,

but I'd be loath to recommend *Ema* to those expecting something along the lines of Larrain's *Jackie*. 2019. — S.M. ★★★★★

In Balanchine's Classroom — Prior to George Balanchine's opening of the School of American Ballet in 1934,

toe-dancing was a decorous, rigidly-staged proposition. His arrival on the scene was the choreographic facelift dance needed, and Balanchine's influence was such it earned him the byname Father of American Ballet. Not everybody was built for Balanchine's class. Success came from prodding students to see just how far they would go. He used his dancers as guinea pigs, modeling clay shaped by the hands of a master sculptor. Legs cramped, stomachs turned, and there were certain dancers who swore he was going to ruin their body. But in order to dance in one of his ballets, one had to also learn and swear by Balanchine's technique. Prior to this, my familiarity with the choreographer was limited to seeing his name pop up occasionally in movie credits. (The ballet in *Goldwyn Follies* is a stunner.) What biographical information there is is scarce, with little mention of his work outside the homonymous practice space. Worse yet, little of Balanchine's panache or flair for experimentation found its way into first time filmmaker Connie Hochman's narrative, a by-the-numbers procedure that intercuts home video shot inside Balanchine's teaching space with modern day testimonials from adoring students. Documentary or 89-minute infomercial? You decide. 2021. — S.M. ★

MOVIES@HOME

To celebrate the release of the 27th James Bond film, might I humbly suggest that after you make time for *No Time to Die*, you spend 142 minutes in the service of *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*.

— Scott Marks

ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE (1969)

Were it up to me, the nighttime ski chase down Piz Gloria would be a staple in every film school editing class in the land. Director Peter Hunt edited the first four Sean Connery interpretations; he eyeballs the action scenes as only

an experienced editor could, resulting in a smooth, uninterrupted flow of movement. And for a spell, producers Cubby Broccoli and Harry Saltzman's prized possession appeared to be their editors; the quickest way to earn a director's credit on a Bond picture was through the editing



On Her Majesty's Secret Service: Diana Rigg and George Lazenby as the happily married, though not for long, Bonds.

suite. Connery chose to sit this Bond out, leaving the producers scrambling to find a replacement. Rather than reinvent the wheel, the unanimous decision was that the new Bond be cut in Connery's

mold. Legend has it that Broccoli took one look at the guy in the barber chair behind him and saw in George Lazenby the outward appearance of a successful businessman, the type needed to play the part of a spy with a license to kill. More awaits you at sandiegoreader.com.

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

MIRAMAR AND UCSD STUDENTS REPOSTING: Urgently looking for someone to fill a single room in a 4bd/2ba house in Mira Mesa! Rent would be \$825 a month + utilities. The house is about a 15 min drive away from UCSD and less than 5 min away from Target, Sprouts, etc. facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070684745484

SDSU STUDENT ISO ROOMMATE I'm 22 years old, finishing up my last year at SDSU as an Environmental Science Major I'm tidy, respectful, and will give you space, without being a stranger. Budget: Max of \$1100/month. I hope you'll consider me as your future roommate. facebook.com/maren.appert

UCSD ROOMIE Posting again. My friend needs a roommate in the San Diego area one mile from UCSD. Rent is 1400. Master bedroom, with balcony and in unit laundry, pre furnished. There are also 3 pools in the complex. Pls message if interested. facebook.com/darrell.hale.395

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

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

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

couples. facebook.com/profile.php?id=100049555505129

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

CAL STATE UNI SAN MARCOS Saw this on FB: Renting out a room in a 2bed 2 bath apartment you get your own bathroom parking. Utilities are light bill, and internet we split everything in half. Use of kitchen refrigerator cabinets lol living room gonna share the apartment space facebook.com/commerce/ listing/600179214309162/

NORTH PARK, HILLCREST, DT Looking for a roommate, room, or studio. My budget is \$1400 max for the North Park, Hillcrest, Downtown, Mission/Fashion Valley areas. I work full time and I have an ESA dog I might bring with me so pet-friendly would be a plus! IG @jacysteves www.instagram.com/jacysteves/

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

TWO USD ROOMMATES Me and my friend are also open to find a place to rent with several or one other person(s). Our budget is from \$800 to \$1,200 for each, including utilities. Internet. www.instagram.com/nikitamdclxxvi/



CITY COLLEGE STUDENTS Reposting again: Open spot in an apartment located in downtown, high floor. 2 bedroom apartment, with individual bathroom and walk-in closet. Big balcony and windows on rooms. I have a dog. \$1900+ utilities. facebook.com/piresrafaell/

SAN DIEGO STATE STUDENTS Reposting: We're looking for a 5th roommate to complete our home. You'll have your own private bedroom and shared bath with 1 other roommate. Located in a great neighborhood close

to downtown La Mesa. See फिर. facebook.com/drell0k



CLOSE TO UCSD Private room with private bath, pool, parking in 2-bed apt., furnished w/queen bed in Carmel Valley - \$ 1250 / month www.sublet.com/property/4540058

CSUSM + PALOMAR STUDENTS Fellow college students: I found this sorta nearby our campuses. Message the OP if you think it's a fit for you and your roommates! It's a cozy 3-quarters 2 bath home in Vista near Sycamore and 7B freeway. \$2800 facebook.com/taniasegal/

PALOMAR/USD COLLEGE STUDENTS Hi fellow collegiates! OMG, check out this dreamy rental I found on Facebook! It's in Carlsbad just up the 5 freeway. facebook.com/commerce/ listing/708863296652929/



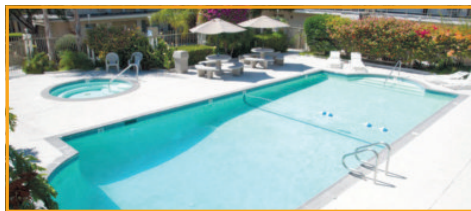
PERF FOR SDSU STUDENT Apartment for rent at the Suites on Paseo by SDSU. Fully furnished room, ready to move in. Apartment includes TV with cable, air conditioning, spa, and a gym. Shared place - \$745 i. alpaca.casa/HsC1RB5

SDSU STUDENTS LOOK HERE Repost from FB: Hello! I am looking for a female to take over my lease of a single room with private bathroom in a 4 rooms dorm asap. It is in BLVD63 near SDSU. Possibility of living there by this week. No pets. facebook.com/profile.php?id=100012703626352

UCSD ROOMIES Reposting — I have an unfurnished private room in my UTC apartment available for rent. The room is 11.5'x16', and the rent would be \$1150 + utilities. facebook.com/luke.pickett.5

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



CLOSE TO SDSU/GROSSMONT Hey female-identifying persons! I have two rooms for rent. 1 is a regular room with shared bathroom, 11ft X 13ft. That room is \$1000/month with all utilities included. Other is 22ft by 15ft. -\$1450/month. facebook.com/sarin.parris/

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

ISO HOUSEMATES I'm looking to rent a room asap since I'm couch surfing right now. I'm looking to spend around \$1000 but can maybe go a little more. I'm working 7 days a week and when I actually have free time I am gaming or watching tv. facebook.com/austin.krooswyk

MOVING IN FROM NEW YORK Would love the Mission Bay area. I'm a 27 year old teacher from NY looking for a house with flatmates for ideally 1k or less/person. I prefer living with clean and smoke free people. facebook.com/alex.orteig

NORTH PARK, HILLCREST, DT Looking for a roommate, room, or studio. My budget is \$1400 max for the North Park, Hillcrest, Downtown, Mission/Fashion Valley areas. I work full time and I have an ESA dog I might bring with me so pet-friendly would be a plus! IG @jacysteves www.instagram.com/jacysteves/



SDSU STUDENT IN SPRING I'm looking for a studio, 1-bedroom, or private room with a bathroom between \$1000 and \$1500. I prefer Hillcrest or near downtown SD. I'll be at SDSU in the spring. facebook.com/profile.php?id=100073424672224

COLLEGE STUDENT RN? Are you a student in San Diego County looking for a roommate, a job, cheap furniture, a spot to sell your books, free movie tickets, happy hour locales, or a club to rage at? Check SDReader.com or our free magazine on campus for more deets :-). facebook.com/ClassifiedsBySDReader (619) 235-3000 / post@sandiegoreader.com

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

Dock Totals 10/3 - 10/9: 3552 anglers aboard 185 trips out of San Diego landings this past week caught 1352 bluefin tuna (up to 340 pounds), 35 bonito, 255 calico bass (64 released), 1429 dorado, 2 halibut, 7 lingcod, 226 lobster (148 released), 23 rock crab, 3439 rockfish, 43 sand bass, 284 sculpin, 190 sheephead, 181 skipjack tuna, 521 whitefish, 188 yellowfin tuna, and 1716 yellowtail.

Saltwater: Anglers that ride sportfishing boats often have their favorite vessels and crews and are generally loyal customers to their preferred platforms. During late summer and fall, when fishing is good and boats are full to capacity, getting out on a favorite vessel can be tough if reservations are not made far in advance. As San Diego boasts the world's largest live bait sportfishing fleet, it would seem there are always options even for the most loyal of customers when their favorite has sold all the available spots in advance. The truth is that the captains and crews of the San Diego fleet are adept at their trade, and all try to put their clients on the best possible bite considering their range and time allowed per trip. But, especially with the advent of social media, some of the old stories of bad crews and captains still circulate

When I worked the deck a few decades and a handful of years ago, long before social media gave a voice to every opinion, there were detractors of every boat at one point or another. Sportfishing crews cannot guarantee results and there will always be those who did not have an epic trip despite the overall fish count. Due to rising overhead and inflation, prices have climbed substantially over the years and with such an investment, folks tend to expect results. But fishing is fishing, and even in the best glassy conditions with schools of tuna, dorado, and yellowtail roiling the surface, some anglers will not get their limits of desired species.

This is where 'boat limits' come into play. As there is a limit set for every species targeted by the fleet, as well as fines for overtakes or undersized fish, the crew must maintain an awareness of the exact number of each species caught while checking sizes of those species with a minimum length requirement. Tracking every angler's catch is nearly impossible when the deckhands are busy chumming, untangling lines, helping novices, and



The Pacific Islander returned to the dock from a successful outing that included a 344-pound bluefin tuna.

gaffing fish, so the overall number of fish divided by the number of anglers is often applied. The number of anglers times the daily limit equals boat limits, even if some anglers did not catch a limit and some caught over the limit. For multi-day trips, no more than three daily limits can be kept per trip of three days or longer.

Of the detractors, I have heard more than once, "How can the boat report limits caught when I didn't catch my limit?" As a former deckhand, I know the obvious answer: the boat had limits aboard when they returned to the dock, but some anglers had more, and some had less. This misunderstanding is what inspires the untrue (in my experience) statements of 'sportfishing crews inflate the count,' as in reporting more fish caught than the actual total in order to sell more tickets. First, one must consider that most boats are and have been selling out their spots during the high season even since before the internet, when the counts were reported only in the newspaper. Why inflate counts when the boat will fill up anyhow? Secondly, considering reputation in the eyes of the angling community, and especially when there are legal ramifications that could bring suspicion or fines from the authorities, would the negative risk/reward balance of such a practice not be obvious?

When anglers board any sportfishing vessel, they are putting their lives in the hands of seasoned crews, yet when disembarking, some will give negative reviews of their experience. Some of this

is justified; I have seen cases where disgruntled crew members might have mishandled a passenger's fish or mixed or lost fillets, or even lost their cool and been rude, but many of these cases are the result of an insatiable or rude passenger in the first place. Still, that is no excuse. Sportfishing is a service industry, and like waitstaff at the local diner, crew members have to have thick skin and perform their duty with a smile and the thought, "The customer is always right".

Then again, the customer is not always right, especially on a vessel with dozens of other customers aboard. Safety for all aboard is the first and foremost concern. After that, catching is the priority. Way down the list is any one angler's fish count, and even so, deckhands will pay attention and help those who are having a hard time to improve their experience. That is their job, and generally, San Diego sportfishing crews do their jobs very well. It is an incredible fishery just off

our shores and within reach of the fleet, and there need be no exaggeration. Outside of a possible mathematical mistake and in spite of a few disgruntled anglers, rest assured that the counts reported reflect what was caught.

Since we have the prime saltwater fishing locale in the nation, there are some boats that work out of San Diego seasonally. The Pacific Islander spends spring and early summer working out of Oxnard, mostly fishing the Channel Islands targeting halibut, white seabass, and rockfish. In mid to late July, it moves down to San Diego and fishes out of Point Loma Sportfishing's landing and targeting tuna, dorado, and yellowtail. Though there are schools of yellowfin and yellowtail along with marauding dorado closer to home, the boat traveled some 70 miles out to the Tanner Bank area to target the larger bluefin tuna for the 25 hopeful anglers aboard.

Not everyone aboard landed a fish, and, as is the case with the larger tuna, many broke off. Still, it was a successful trip with just ten bluefin tuna landed. These are large fish and will pull hard for a long time, and thus, no experienced angler expects to land the two-fish limit. But they hope to. The fish that were landed were of a size that will draw anglers even when the odds of landing one are low. There is no need to make up a number when catching 'cow' bluefin tuna, especially when the largest fish caught weighed in at a whopping 344 pounds.

Fish Plants: None scheduled

DANIEL POWELL

MESA, UCSD, SDSU STUDENTS My budget is \$1,000. I would prefer to live in one of the following locations but can be a little bit flexible: PB, Clairemont, LA Jolla, Sorrento Valley, Mission Valley, Kearny Mesa. DM me if you have a room available or wanna be roommates. facebook.com/Fischer.christina7

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

POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY Re-post - My boyfriend is currently living in a 3 bed/3 bath house in Point

Loma. His current roommates are moving out. He is looking for 2 new male roommates. He's in his late 20s and would preferably like roommates. Rent is 1450/month. facebook.com/jessica54433/

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

SOUTHWEST COLLEGE STUDENTS \$630 - This room is for one person only. No pets allowed. Street parking, utilities included in the rent, washer and dryer access in home. Close to trolley and freeway @ Coronado Ave, San Diego, CA

92154 facebook.com/commerce/listing/367360911734463/

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

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

BLVD63 BY SDSU Reposting: XL room available for a lease take over in a V-Dub apartment. 3 female roommates neat and clean. No pets. Room rate is \$1174/month + utilities (~\$30/

month). Lease expire the 07/24/2022 with possibility to extend. \$500 lease take over facebook.com/william.prevost.758

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CAL STATE UNI SAN MARCOS Repost: San Marcos rooms avail on Dec 1st. Rent: \$900/room+ \$550 security deposit. 3 bed 3 bath house (2 rooms available). DM for more info facebook.com/profile.php?id=1785634881

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

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

DORCHESTER APTS BY SDSU I am looking for a female roommate to rent out the other room in my 2 bed

2 bath apartment. The move in date is October/November, 2021 and it is located in: Dorchester Apartments. 6595 Montezuma Rd, San Diego, CA 92115. facebook.com/TheDorchesterApartments (619) 583-8084 / dorchester@hcares.com

MESA COLLEGE STUDENTS I found this room on Facebook. The OP is looking for a roommate and the house is close to Mesa College. \$800 facebook.com/gilbert.aldana.3

MIRAMAR AND UCSD COLLEGES Rp: Room available in 3br home in Mira Mesa. Looking for professional and student tenant. \$875 per month, plus utilities. 15m drive to UCSD, 5m walk to public transit. Garage and driveway, plus plenty of on-street parking. facebook.com/betty.ramirez.3766952

MISSION VALLEY SPOT \$1100 One bedroom rental available immediately. Female only. Prefer professional or conscientious student. Unit has attached bathroom, walk in closet and an assigned parking place. Available immediately. \$1100 including utilities. www.sublet.com/property/3604522

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SHUTTLE RIDE FROM SDSU ISO roommate for furnished bedroom and bathroom in very good condition (recently cleaned) with parking spot @ the Plaza Apartments (6150 El Cajon Blvd). piagarewal22@gmail.com

STUDENTS SHARE A RENTAL IN UTC HI! Looking for other students to share this cute place I found in UTC. Owner is asking \$2,750 and it's a mile from UCSD w/UCSD bus service one block away. University Woods Pool directly behind condo in a beautifully landscaped area. Email me abc@gmail.com

ISO A REPLACEMENT TENANT Reposting: The house has 3 bds/2bths and access to the country club and gym. Spot to park on you car. Rent and security deposit is \$1350/utilities are separate. More info on the pictures or DM/email OP, thank you for looking. facebook.com/christinav419 leahgordon43@gmail.com

PERF FOR CSUSM STUDENTS One available room for rent in September 14. newly renovated house with new doors and ceiling fans. Rent included the utilities. Cable and WiFi. Have access on laundry on the premises. facebook.com/lulu.jones.589

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

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

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

ROOMMATE VEGETARIAN PREFERRED Apartment for rent in Rancho Penasquitos. \$ 1100/m 400/w 75/d. A fully furnished room in a gorgeous model home, with exclusive/attached bathroom and toilet available for rent for working professionals/ students (Females Only - Vegetarian Preferred sublet.com/property/4681667

UCSD MED STUDENTS Apartment for rent in Mission Hills property — It's a quiet sanctuary furnished with bed, linens, high-speed Wifi, desk, chairs, dresser, chandelier, washer, dryer and parking. \$1200/month www.sublet.com/property/2694226

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

UCSD STUDENTS Room for rent at Rancho Penasquitos for \$1100. www.sublet.com/property/4681667

CLOSE TO SDSU I am located in La Mesa. Rent/utilities is \$900/month. Room fits a queen size bed. Bathroom is shared with my 12 y/o son and another roommate. Access to main areas of house facebook.com/kristine.leigh.12

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

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

NEAR MIRAMAR COLLEGE This is a house with 4 rooms and 2 bathrooms, you have to share a bathroom with 2 other girls. No deposit. No pets. We will pay for the water bill and electricity. facebook.com/profile.php?id=100029548033978

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

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

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

COLLEGE STUDENT ROOMMATE Looking at this Newport Place in San Diego. Is anybody here looking for a 420 friendly roommate that's transferring to SD? Email me and we'll switch social media

accounts! Cheers! abc-1904@gmail.com

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

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

LA JOLLA STUDENT HOUSING ROOMS Go to the link for more info. >>> sandiego.craigslist.org/csd/roo/d/la-jolla-student-housing-rooms/7343642644.html

MIRAMAR COLLEGE Moving to San Diego for work. I love the outdoors - hiking, climbing, surfing, etc. Looking for a van-sharing situation, AKA I'd pay you partial rent for a place to park my van and a few basic amenities. ISO of a spot by Miramar College. facebook.com/trinity.locker

SDSU ROOMMATE Reposting - We have a private & furnished room opening up in our 6 bedrooms, 2 bathroom house near SDSU. We are 6 people right now (3 girls & 3 boys) and we're all studying at SDSU. DM @ FB facebook.com/angelicavaar

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

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

2022 MESA COLLEGE STUDENTS If you are planning to attend Mesa College in 2022, and need a place, Villa Mesa Apartments is super close to campus. Call (858) 560-6529 and see if you can get on their waiting list in time for the Spring session.

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

ADULTS GOING BACK 2 COLLEGE Scholarships for adults returning to college @ facebook.com/cappex facebook.com/cappex support@cappex.com

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

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

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

NEAR USD AND MESA COLLEGES The Parkridge Manor is within walking distance from Mesa College and a short drive to USD. Call (858) 576-6396 for prices and availability on 1/2 bedroom apartments.

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

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

USD AND MESA COLLEGE Perfect for 2022 Spring students at Mesa or USD colleges because of proximity. There is a swimming pool on the property as well :-). Check the Facebook page and message for prices and availability for the next semester. facebook.com/riviera.deville (858) 279-6186

WILL PAY \$1400 FOR STUDIO HI everyone, my husband and I are looking for a studio for \$1400 for October. We are students and would like a studio for a long stay. Message me on FB Thanks! facebook.com/amanda.lucila/

IB HOUSE FOR SWC STUDENTS Check out this fabulous single story house in the city of Imperial Beach, a mile and a half away from the ocean and 10 minutes from Coronado Island. IB house w 3 bds + 2 bath, \$3295. House is perf for students IMHO. DM the OP facebook.com/commerce/ listing/335906211651275/

ISO A PRIVATE ROOM 2 RENT ISO A private room to rent, preferably with my own bathroom, in a house or apartment. My budget ranges from \$700-\$900 including utilities. I'm 25 and have a 2-year-old neutered male cat. PLMK @ facebook.com me Thanks! facebook.com/dezertdippin250

NORTH PARK ROOMMATE WTD My roommate and I are looking for a 3rd roommate for an apartment in North Park for \$3300. Jackie (28) and I (26) are moving to San Diego from greater Boston. Please DM me a message with a blurb about yourself. bit.ly/NP-3rd-roomie

SDSU STUDENT NEEDS ROOMMATES I'm Robert, I'm transferring from the Bay Area to San Diego this August to SDSU. I'm looking for 2-3 roommates who already have a place and are just looking for 1 more. FB: robert.baghdasaryan.7. IG: _baghdasar www.instagram.com/_baghdasar/

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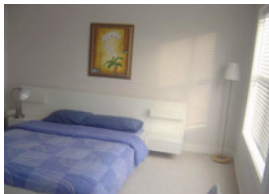
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"They always try to sell you a beginner board because they don't think that women can surf."



Sarah (23) and Anika (21) surf Carlsbad 3-4 times a week.

Are you locals?

Anika: Yes, I grew up here.

Sarah: I am originally from Davis, California. [Anika and I] met in college up at SLO. I just moved here from San Luis Obispo for work, a change, and honestly, just to surf.

How often do you surf?

Sarah: I go surfing four times a week.

Anika: My goal is four times a week, but I probably go more like two to three times a week.

How long have you been surfing?

Anika: I started when I was 14.

Sarah: I just started two years ago. It's super tough in the beginning. The first part of surfing is learning how to interact with the ocean, because it just destroys you. I would get out of the water feeling so defeated. Once you learn how to read the waves and you know how to get tossed up, it becomes fun and manageable.

Do you ever experience sexism in the water?

Anika: We are a little biased because where we were surfing on the central coast is a lot worse. Guys will make

comments like, "Are you sure you want to paddle out in that?" Or they will say things like, "That might be a little too big for you." It's better here. I notice that the [guys] are respectful compared to back in SLO.

Do you have a favorite surfing moment?

Anika: One time I was surfing in Morro Bay, and I dropped in on a really big wave. It was like 8 feet. I was right at the base. It was so peaceful. Time slowed down.

Sarah: The first time that I successfully caught and dropped in on a wave was super magical. I felt like all the hard work I had been doing paid off. The sun was setting, and I was with my friends. I just thought, "This right here is the best moment ever!"

Do you have any surfing pet peeves?

Sarah: It's annoying when you're just paddling and paddling and your arms are getting tired and you're thinking, "Will I ever get out there!?"

Anika: Another pet peeve is that most boards are shaped for men's

bodies. It's harder to find a board that will work for me. We are smaller, obviously, than men. We have less arm strength. Our boards should be a little thicker and the tail should be a little thinner. It's hard finding a board that will work for women. And, when you go to buy a board, they always try to sell you a beginner one because they don't think that women [can surf]. I find myself fighting for the board I want while [the salesperson] keeps asking, "Are you sure?" It's just a different level of service [for women].

What do you love the most about surfing?

Anika: I really like the community around surfing. I like the people you meet. It's honestly really healing. It's great when you can bring someone out into the water, and they feel better afterward.

Sarah: The ocean is my happy place. If I am having a bad day, I go to the ocean. It's super calming. Being out in the waves is very grounding. Everything about it is amazing.

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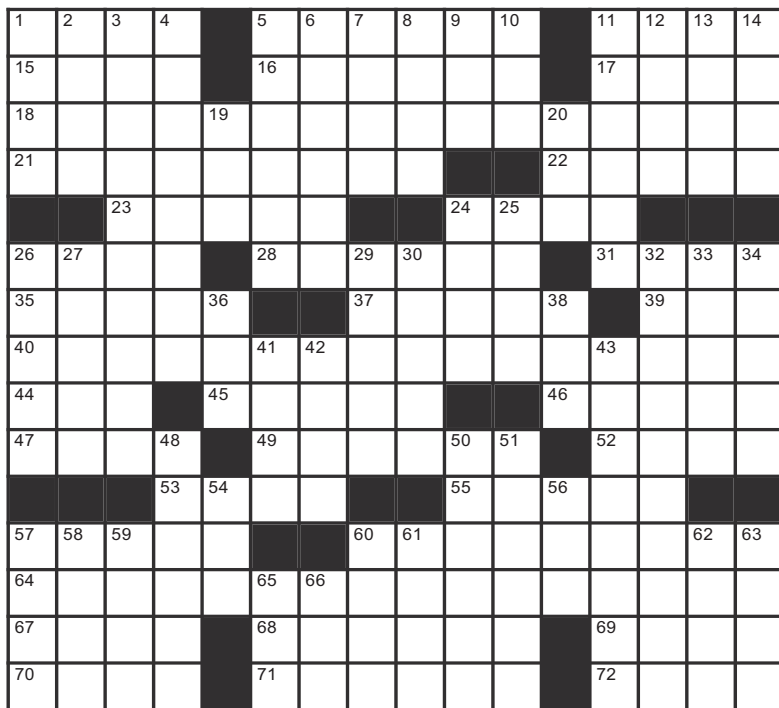
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Across

1. "Nooooo!"
5. Artfully avoids
11. X-ray units
15. Contents of un río
16. WWII subs
17. Three-vowel berry
18. Person who is two-thirds German theologian but 100% Civil Rights leader?
21. James Bond's specialty
22. Actor Quinn
23. Rinsed (off)
24. Their maximum scores are 1600
26. Kirk _____, first actor to play Superman on the big screen
28. Put to rest, as rumors
31. Set in a man cave
35. Attended
37. "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" author Eric
39. Eggs on a sushi roll
40. Person who is two-thirds '80s R&B star but 100% "Stranger Things" star?
44. Actress de Armas of "Knives Out"
45. Fuel-efficient Toyota
46. Vocalized one's displeasure
47. Rookie, briefly
49. "Final Destination" actress Ali

57. Tennis star Naomi who said in 2021 "It's o.k. not to be o.k."
60. Common course penalty
64. Person who is two-thirds labor organizer but 100% boxing champ?
67. Its flag displays a curved dagger known as a khanjar
68. Disney villain partially inspired by drag queen Divine
69. Richard of "Chicago"
70. Dance partner?
71. Scrambled, as eggs
72. Killmonger's first name in "Black Panther"

Down

1. Julie Andrews or Helen Mirren
2. "Jumping Jack Flash, it's _____"
3. "If something can go wrong, it will" principle
4. Like some pride or parks
5. Persistently demanded payment from
6. First half of a Beatles title
7. Heisman Trophy winner Flutie
8. Airport locale
9. Horn of Africa country: Abbr.
10. U-turn from NNW
11. Debonair
12. Prilosec target
13. Delany of "Desperate Housewives"
14. Ink
19. Android alternative
20. Chinese zodiac rodent

24. Tennis' Novak Djokovic, for one
25. Supporter
26. "Dude, you gotta be kidding me..."
27. 1940s-'60s singer Frankie
29. Use steel wool on
30. Brewery that co-distributes Not Your Father's Root Beer
32. Finds incredibly desirable
33. Item that may say "his" or "hers"
34. Sells in the stands
36. Bit of advice
38. Abate
41. Perry Mason creator _____ Stanley Gardner
42. Concern for a poll
43. Possible effect of doping
48. "The Thrill Is Gone" bluesman
50. Ray who sang with the Glenn Miller Orchestra
51. Do a price check on, perhaps
54. Ming in the Basketball Hall of Fame
56. Extreme degree
57. Spanish eyes
58. National sport of Japan
59. Computer science pioneer Turing
60. Legendary Greek mount
61. Ship-related: Abbr.
62. Actress Russell of "The Americans"
63. Prophetic O.T. book quoted in "Pulp Fiction"
65. Young grizzly
66. Before, to Dickinson

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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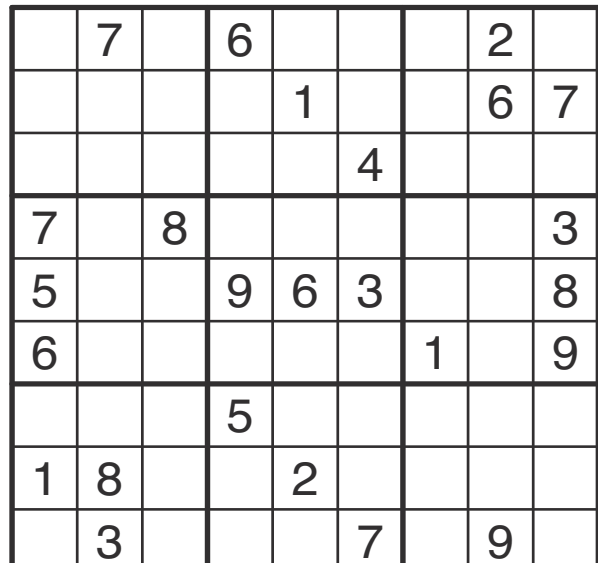
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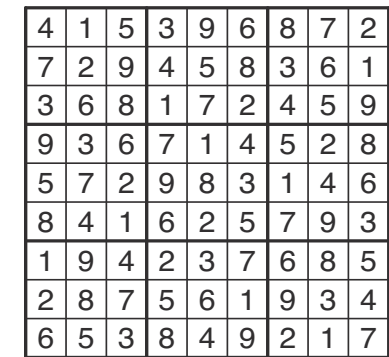
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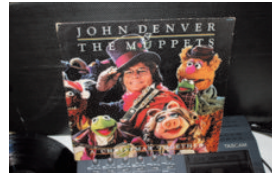


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— The divorce of Valeria Udalova and Danila Medvedev, former co-owners of cryonics company KrioRus in Moscow, Russia, has turned ugly as they battle over 81 bodies of KrioRus clients, *Slate* reported. On Sept. 7, Udalova reportedly broke into a cryostorage facility that is under Medvedev's control and loaded containers with dead bodies onto a truck, causing damage and spilling liquid nitrogen in the process. Both parties now own separate cryonics businesses, but police continue to investigate who controls the 81 bodies, which in the meantime rest at Medvedev's facility.

Compelling Explanation

— An elderly woman in Okemos, Michigan, moved to a nursing home, and an auction company was hired to clear out her home, *MLive.com* reported on Sept. 22. One of the items found by Epic Auctions and Estate Sales' Brad Stoecker was a 5-foot-tall granite headstone with the name Peter J. Weller on the front. Apparently, the woman's family didn't know the origin of the stone, saying they used the reverse side of it to make fudge. Stoecker donated the stone to the Friends of Lansing's Historic Cemeteries, but a genealogist was unable to find any surviving family members of Weller, who died in 1849. However, they did track down his grave, which had been moved in 1875. That's probably where the gravestone was lost, experts believe. Cemetery preservationists restored the stone to Weller's current resting place and repaired and cleaned those of his family members nearby.

Ewwwww!

— Here's one way to swear off fast-food burgers: Estefany Benitez of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, visited her favorite burger chain, Hot Burger, on Sept. 12 and got an extra topping with her sandwich: a rotting human finger. *The Daily Mail* reported that Benitez bit into the burger and felt something unfamiliar, then pulled the finger out of her mouth. While the restaurant "carried on serving customers like nothing had happened," Benitez said, a company representative told her the burgers arrive at the store pre-prepared. But later, Edson Claire, director of the National Police's Special Crime Fighting Force, confirmed that a company employee had lost part of his finger at work. It's not lost anymore!

Inexplicable

— On Sept. 17, at a penguin colony near Simonstown, South Africa, 63 endangered African penguins were killed by a swarm of bees, *CNN* reported. South African National Parks issued a statement saying that the "deaths occurred suddenly sometime between Thursday afternoon and Friday morning." Examinations revealed that "all the penguins had multiple bee stings," many of which were around the birds' eyes, which one expert called a "fluke."

Family Values

— As a 48-year-old man pumped gas in St. Louis on the morning of Sept. 21, a woman approached and said she and her son needed a ride to her mother's house. He agreed,

KSDK-TV reported, but when they arrived at the home, the woman reportedly grabbed the keys from the ignition, and her 11-year-old started pistol-whipping him in the head. The woman then dragged the victim out of his car and sped away with her son. Police are still looking for the carjacker.

Compelling Explanation

— Some students at Piedmont High School in Union County, North Carolina, were upset after a sign reading WHITE was placed on a drinking fountain at the school, *The Charlotte Observer* reported on Sept. 23. A Snapchat video of the sign circulated on social media, and parents became upset, prompting a response from Principal Dylan Stamey, who said he had investigated and the placement of the sign "was not intentional." "During practice, a cheer sign was left just outside the gym on the floor, and it was picked up and placed on a water fountain. We apologize if anyone was offended," he said.

Too Good To Be True?

— Two men in Byram, Mississippi, couldn't believe their luck on Sept. 19 when they came across an Acura with keys in the ignition and a "free car" sign, *People.com* reported. They drove the car to a family member's home and started to check it out, and that's when they found a surprise in the trunk: the body of 34-year-old Anthony McCrillis. The body had been there at least 24 hours, noted Copiah County Coroner Ellis Stuart. The men called 911 and waited for authorities; the car was registered to Mc-

Crillis, and his death is a mystery: He had "no visible signs of trauma," Stuart said. An autopsy is underway.

Awesome!

— In Summit County, Colorado, schools are struggling to find bus drivers, but Josh Smith, 12, has a solution. Smith, who lives with his parents in Silverthorne, approached them about kayaking to school across Lake Dillon, rather than having them drive him the long way. "I have a 12-year-old who wants to be adventurous, wants to do something none of his buddies would do, and how can I say no to that?" said Jason, Josh's dad. KDVR-TV reported that on Josh's first commute, he arrived almost on time. "I was late to one of my classes, and everyone was like, 'Josh, where were you? We were worried,' and I was like, 'Oh, I was kayaking to school,'" Josh said.

Least Competent Criminal

— Timothy Wolfe of Lake City, Florida, arrived at the Lake City Chrysler Dodge Jeep dealership on Sept. 20 to buy a new car, *WTLV-TV* reported. And, bonus, he had a trade-in. But when employees checked the VIN of the trade, they found it was a car that had been stolen from that dealership just a few days earlier. Police were called, and Wolfe admitted to the theft, which had been captured on a surveillance camera. He was charged with grand theft and dealing in stolen property, among other crimes.

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Angels' Visits

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In the 1850s, however, California was a place where such compartment could be seen as enterprising. Never one to be deterred by disgrace, Haraszthy next sought higher office and allied himself with an ex-

Mississippian and pro-Southern militant, William Gwin of the California Democrats, in calling for a north-south division of California. The ostensible rationale was an unbalanced tax structure that favored the north, but the pro-Southern leaders also hoped for a transcontinental railroad from New Orleans to terminate in San Diego. Campaigning on this platform, Haraszthy won a seat in the state assembly, which brought him north to the state capital for the first time in 1852. Soon thereafter he liquidated his Southern California holdings and moved to San Francisco.

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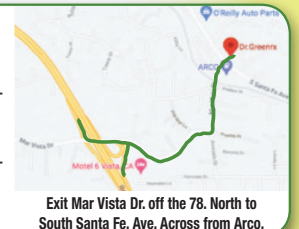


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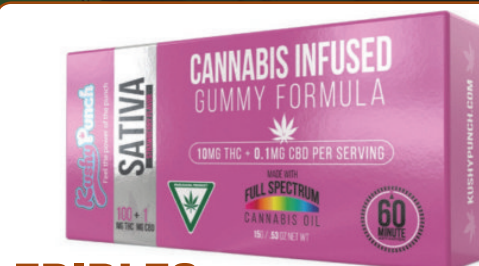
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