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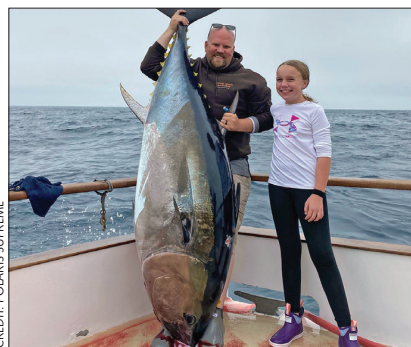
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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BARRIO LOGAN

Build Barrio better

New community plan offers actual plan instead of chaos

Barrio Logan leaders have spent years fighting for a better community plan, one that doesn't let polluting industries overlap with homes, and it's finally paying off. The San Diego Planning Commission is recommending that the city approve the 2021 Community Plan Update, which covers 1000 acres between downtown, I-5 and San Diego Bay. Roughly half that land is taken up by Naval Station San Diego and Port Tidelands, so conflicts were inevitable. The plan builds off one adopted in 2013 that created a transition zone to separate homes and industry. It was repealed not long after by a citywide referendum vote. The update began with the contested zone between the Port of San Diego and the neighborhood.

"The 1978 plan was woefully inadequate and allowed a lot more degradation of the community."

Other key elements include more separated bike lanes, new restrictions on additional truck routes on community streets, and an arts and culture element. There will be eight new parks, and links to regional bikeways. "I have to say that this has been a very happy day for me, for the planning group, and for the community," said Mark Steel, the Barrio Logan planning chair. "The 1978 plan was woefully inadequate and allowed a lot more degradation of the community." He refers to it as "the Houston plan; where you can do anything, anywhere you want to." Over time, the industrial uses and freeway and truck exhaust fouled the air, sending asthma rates up. And of course, there was the occasional crash-landing of a vehicle from the bridge above. Nearly 75 percent of Barrio Logan is Hispanic, sparking claims of environmental racism woven into historic land-use patterns.

Environmental health advocates, industry, and community planning group members sparred over the issue of a buffer between homes and industry until May 2020, when they signed an agreement — a memorandum of understanding, or MOU — that Steel said "resolved all the issues around the



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transition zone."

The majority of the 2021 plan is carried forward from 2013, with the primary changes applying to a 65-acre MOU area where, for some businesses, it might as well be yesterday. "We are smack dab right in the middle of the re-zone," said Jennifer Case, CEO of a New Leaf, a biodiesel company that wants to expand, but is limited to a 20 percent increase under the plan. The goods movements will continue to use fossil fuels,

look into a freeway cap that could help shield the Barrio from I-5. Since the area is entirely within the coastal zone, the plan will need to be approved by the coastal commission. Steel said they hope to get it through the city council by the end of the year, noting, "Time is of the essence in this community."

SHEILA PELL

TIJUANA

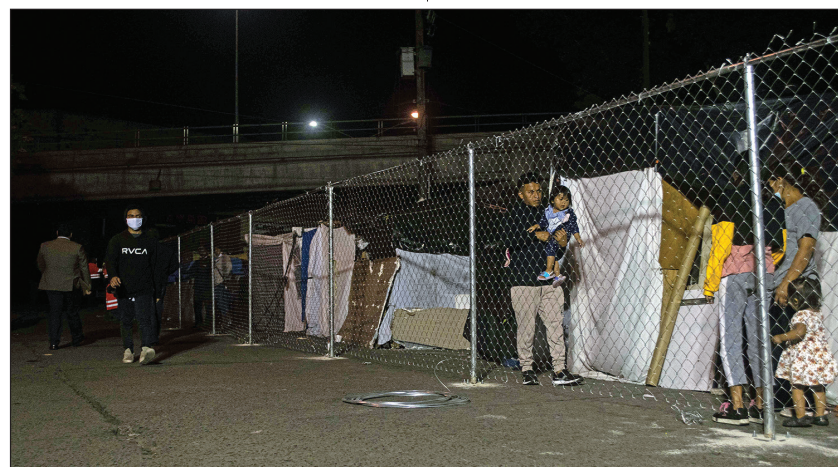
Don't fence us in Did mayor use rumor of disappeared girl to contain migrants?

On Thursday, October 28, 120 policemen and a contingent from the municipal welfare department showed up at the El Chaparral migrant camp in Tijuana and put up a chain-link fence around the tents. This was part of an order by Mayor Montserrat Caballero to conduct a census and create credentials for every camp inhabitant. The plan had been announced beforehand by the mayor, but nobody expected it to happen at night. It was 8 pm when the city hall's workers started removing tents and trashing the belongings of migrants who weren't there.

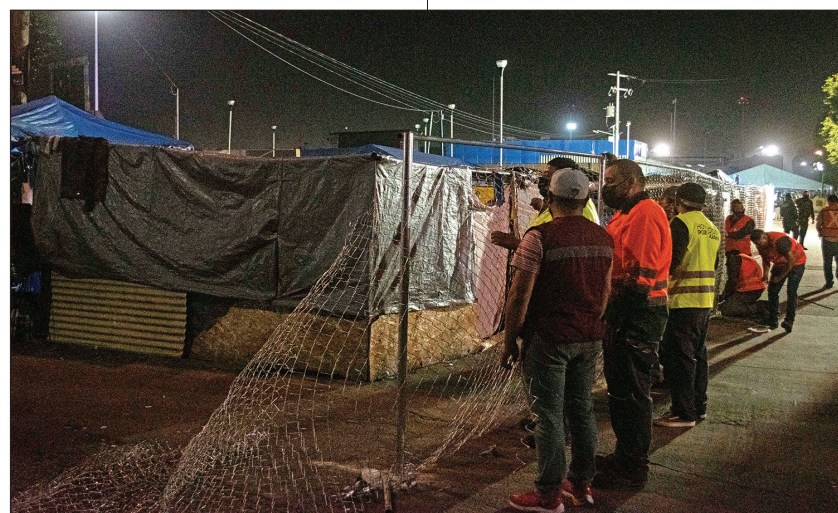
Ana, a pregnant Honduran woman who was present at the fencing, said

that at first, they thought they were about to be evicted, because they saw so many policemen. "That night, we couldn't even sleep because of the fear we had. They threw away the belongings of people who were working. When they came back later, all their things were gone, their papers and all."

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"Trust us, it's for your own good."

After the first census at 11 pm, construction workers arrived to install the fence that surround the 180 square meters. According to the police department's director Rafael Vazquez, there were four men trying to drive people against the police but without success. Ana countered that actually, none of the real inhabitants protested, because they were told if they did not stay in their spots, the authorities would remove their tents. She said that "the ones that were present just stayed with our children, expecting not to be evicted. On one hand, I think it's good because children are not playing in the streets. But right now, the environment is pretty tense; it looks like we are imprisoned."

The census showed that 53.6 percent of the inhabitants were Mexican nationals; one of those is Oscar Hernandez from Mexico City He is fleeing due to the insecurity his family encountered. "This is the best place we could find, because we have no relatives here," he said. "We are not here because we want to be. Even me, as a Mexican, I have felt discrimination to be a migrant,



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especially from the police. I think because of the insecurity, this is a good measure, but I personally feel trapped. They are putting us in cages as if we were animals, and we are all human beings here."

Mayor Montserrat Caballero said that the measures were taken because a month ago, there was a rumor of a girl's disappearance. Due to the lack of population con-

trol in the camp, they were unable to find out who the girl was or if the disappearance actually happened. The mayor also asserted that there are four minors in the camp who are pregnant. But the camp migrants said that was a rumor that the government was using to legitimize the fencing and census.

IVAN MOLINA

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Neal Obermeyer

LISTEN, GUYS—YOU CAN'T KEEP TICKETING HOMELESS PEOPLE FOR ILLEGAL LODGING AND ENCROACHMENT WHEN THERE AREN'T ANY SHELTER BEDS AVAILABLE. THAT'S CRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS! IF THERE ARE NO OPEN SHELTER BEDS, NO TICKETING THE HOMELESS. GOT IT?



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UNDER THE RADAR

Million-dollar miss An October 20 report from San Diego city auditor **Andy Hanau** argues some unspecified user fees at municipal parks and other public recreational facilities are too low, and should be hiked. "Parks & Rec's user fees have not been adjusted since [Fiscal Year] 2016 and are due for updating," says the document. "Although the department did participate in the FY2016 Comprehensive User Fee Study, it did not participate in the City's FY2019 study. We estimate that missing the FY2019 user fee adjustments may have led to approximately \$1 million in foregone fee revenue for the City over the FY2020 to FY2022 period." The data suggest new prices for traditional city venues might be painful. "The Parks & Rec Swimming Facility Admissions Swim Passes have an average user fee rate of \$3; however, according to the department's FY2020 User Fee Study, the true cost for this service is \$48. Moreover, total revenue for this fee in the most



Andy Hanau thinks its time San Diego got some more funds out of our fun.

recent fiscal year was \$128,343, and total subsidization costs for this fee totaled \$1,925,145." The report goes on to say, "Likewise, the City may have missed opportunities to reduce fee rates to increase access, consolidate similar user fees into a single fee, or eliminate some fees altogether." Adds the document, "Given that the City charges more than 540 user fees, it is essential that City leadership and the public are given comprehensive user fee information to improve oversight of all General Fund user fees. However, the current user fee reports do not provide key information to City leadership to assist them in identifying and incorporating these factors into their decision-making." City bureaucrats told auditors they were

already acting, but it may not be enough. "According to Parks & Rec's fee analysts, the department is now considering an 11 percent fee increase for most of its user fees to align them with increased service provision costs since FY2016." An October 15 memo to Hanau from city Chief Financial Officer **Rolando Charvel** agreed with the findings.

Sara's spousal support

With Democrats in danger of losing their narrow majority in the House of Representatives, a top staffer for San Diego Congresswoman **Sara Jacobs** took off for Philadelphia with her spouse last month to make nice with GOP aides. "I serve as Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Sara Jacobs," wrote **Amy Elizabeth Kuhn** on her October 31 trip disclosure report of the so-called retreat, paid for by the non-profit Pew Foundation. The tax-exempt William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Democracy Fund, a non-profit started by eBay co-founder

Pierre Omidyar, also chipped in. "This trip is intended to foster better relationships between bipartisan Chiefs of Staff, a task which has been made difficult by the first eight months of this term existing in the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic, amid telework, and with the security challenges following January 6." Pew paid for transportation (\$156), lodging (\$129), and meals (\$91) expenses run up on the October 15 overnight junket, during which Kuhn was accompanied by her spouse **Erin Hogeboom**, according

to the disclosure. Per the itinerary, one highlight of the tour was a visit to Independence Hall. A stage show was set to feature "reenactors who will discuss struggles for enfranchisement, and resolution via collaboration in the face of partisanship, through key moments in American history, and how that process can inform the work of this bipartisan group of congressional chiefs of staff today." Dinner was at the National Constitution Center,

featuring **Jane Campbell**, President, United States Capitol Historical Association, and **Joanne Freeman**, who wrote *The Field of Blood: Violence in Congress and the Road to Civil War*.

Send out the Marines? As big-money national developers continue their San Diego invasion, one of their targets has made Save Our Heritage Organisation's 2021 Most Endangered List of eleven "impaired historic sites, buildings, and landscapes." Explains a SOHO release: "The traditionally all-male San Diego Marine Corps Recruitment Depot is federally mandated to integrate women by 2028. The Marines continue to consider their options for MCRD, such

as increased training of male and female platoons together." The rub is that "any solution will likely require changes to the depot, such as adding residential facilities for women or selling and replacing the historic property." The putative Marine move said to be tied to another potential historic casualty on SOHO's list: the Navy's massive redevelopment of the old Consolidated Aircraft plant across Pacific Highway from the Marines, now occupied by the Naval Information Warfare Systems Command. "The proposed mid-to high-rise buildings would forever block and literally overshadow San Diego's historic and cultural landmarks, oldest neighborhoods, and quintessential views."

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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Sara Jacobs isn't a Republican, but she'll work with them.

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Dear Hipster:

It is no secret that culture and counter-culture move in cycles, such that 'old' is periodically 'new' again, whether it's regarding fashion, tech, or anti-prohibition homebrew in the cellar. Knowing what we do about time travel, how bad of an idea could it be to go back and tweak a few things here and there, hoping the newly wrought future will stay one foot in the past?

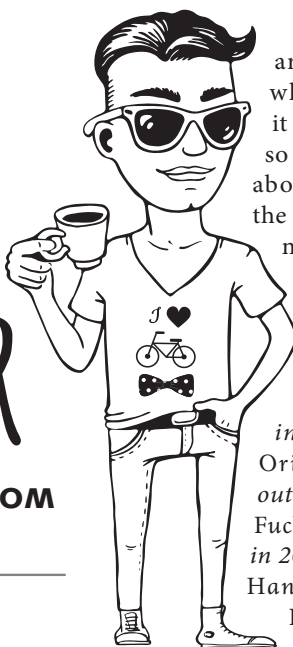
— D.

Well, that all depends on if you do regular time travel or hipster time travel. If you do regular time travel and mess with stuff in the past, everyone knows you either (a) create a *Simpsons*-esque butterfly effect, leading inevitably to a tragically donut-less world; or (b) fracture the multiverse into infinite timelines.

It may be tempting to mess around with time travel.

Would I like it if there was a world where you could get a McRib 365 days out of the year, or where the Black Keys broke up after *Rubber Factory*? Hell yes. But I know mankind was not destined to live in such a paradise, and creating it would be a fool's errand doomed to failure.

Hipster time travel lacks this distinct disadvantage, because hipsters were already doing time travel before anyone else thought to do time travel, so if they alter the past, they already altered it before they alter it, and there



are thus no ill effects whatsoever. I promise it makes perfect sense, so don't worry too much about thinking through the details or questioning my logic.

Dear Hipster:

Is it still hip to be a hipster? The *Hipster Handbook* came out in 2003. Dads are the Original Hipsters came out in 2012. Look at this *Fucking Hipster* came out in 2010. Even The *Hipster Handbook: A Guide for Douchebags: A Millennial Series* came out in 2017. It strikes me

that a key element of being a hipster is getting out while a thing is still a thing.

— BRODERICK, LA MESA

I think you're conflating the closely related concepts of "being a hipster" and "being obsessed with hipsters and making fun of them every chance you get." I have to admit the latter is soooooo late-2000s. That's why we don't so much make fun of hipsters here at *Ask a Hipster*, as we cherish the uniquely hipster perspective on queries from the mundane to the truly weird. Mocking hipsters because they're hipsters simply isn't funny or clever enough for me.

But being a hipster will never go out of style.

As I have said many times, the hipster is an eternal presence.

No matter how you change society, there is always

going to be a place in the margins for a hipster figure who challenges the status quo and who sets the trends that others inevitably follow.

In any event, there's no need for hipsters to quit the hipster business. Hipsters took pride in being bashed during the era of peak hipster-bashing, but they never went away. It's more like the world caught up to them, and now they're hipstering onwards into the bright, hipster future — whatever that may be.

— DJ Stevens



McRib: time-travel temptation

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"Times are swell at The Shell"

Classical Music
November 5

From my isolated perch in No County, I am often left behind on names of places and things in central SD. This one is such a case. Where the heck is Jacobs Park? And what is the Rady shell? This whole thing comes across the way many earlier naming binges have gone, especially the always generous Jacobs clan of modern-day robber barons.

My guess is that Jacobs Park is in or near the area formerly called Embarcadero Marina Park adjacent to the former Seaport Village, and that the shell is located there. But you know, so little has been said or reported about such developments in recent years that nobody can be totally certain. It seems that ol' Irwin and his wife and offspring want to stick that name on as many things as possible, a way of guaranteeing that they will all live forever. Jacobs this, Jacobs that, Rady this, Jacobs whatever, and one more Rady something seems to be the norm now. If either of those names were associated with doing something altruistic or publicly beneficial in their earlier years, it would be one thing, but that isn't the case.

Both Jacobs and Rady went full bore to enrich themselves and then much later on, started the philanthropy. In the case of the Jacobs gang, much of the giving has recently been

directed into politics, often in the face of plenty of local opposition. Far back in time ol' Irwin and his wife gave over \$100 million to the symphony, which if spent and managed could keep it viable for another century or longer. But now, it seems that the orchestra is still trying to keep up. Makes ya' wonder, doesn't it?

— Visduh

"Sidewalk vids" News Under the Radar November 3

That city "wayfinding" device sure sounds like an outdoor advertising billboard to me, and I thought those were illegal.. I guess the 49% rule for commercial ads is what gets it under the wire. Otherwise, maybe I'd appreciate advance notice of a bomb-cyclone or a Gaslamp shooting, even if there is visual clutter.

—monaghan

"Pernicano's Hillcrest property goes to San Francisco group" Neighborhood News November 1

It's long past time for this blighted property to be refreshed. While I'm sure we will see ground floor retail, the need in our area is for affordable housing. The cost of housing in Hillcrest is not matched to the median salary of those who work here. It's critical we start to enable those who work and play here to live here as well. As for the community planning group, they get to review those projects who don't comply with the community plan and city growth program incentives. While they would like the opportunity to stymie growth, they have the same opportunity as the rest of us to make our opinions known to the city council. I can't wait to see what exciting future is in store for central Hillcrest as we grow from a sleepy bedroom community to a more vibrant modern urban neighborhood.

—Michael Donovan

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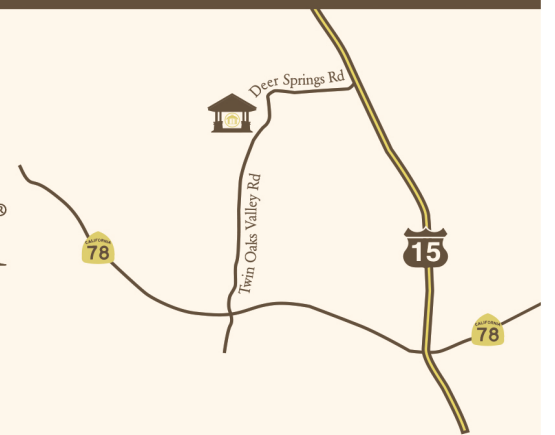
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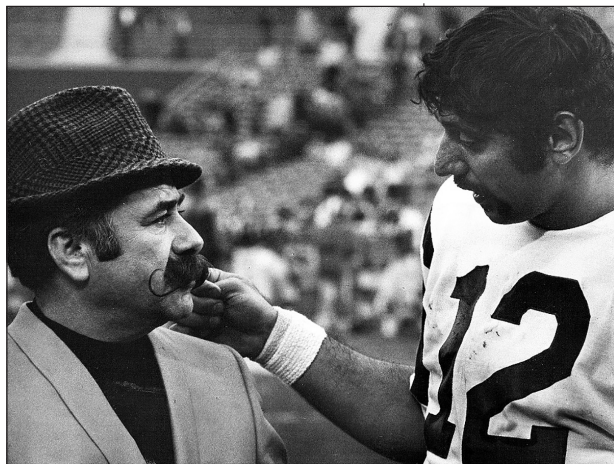
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Gateway to the future?

Pizza pioneer Pernicano's property to be developed after long delay

For many years, Pernicano's restaurant on Sixth Avenue in Hillcrest was a popular eatery, especially for sports celebs. Colorful owner George Pernicano owned three percent of the San Diego Chargers (down from seven percent originally). But his restaurant closed in 1985, and the building has been vacant ever since. Multiple attempts to buy it fell through, but in 2019, Carmel Partners Inc., a developer headquartered



George Pernicano owned three percent of the San Diego Chargers.

in San Francisco, paid \$8.5 million for the property against an asking price of \$12 million. The restaurant building offers approximately 25,000 square feet of space, and the property includes two parking lots on Sixth Ave. (3818-24 and 3828-30). In addition, an attached building housed Pernicano's other restaurant, Casa di Baffi.

Real estate broker Jeanine Savory of The Savory Group sold the property. Savory said the property zoning is "currently CC 3-9, which is one unit per 400 square feet prior to any density bonuses for affordable housing." The San Diego inclusionary housing ordinance (effective July 2020) requires new residential and mixed-use developments to include 10 percent of the rental units as affordable housing. That includes individuals with income up to 60 percent of area median income. An alternative choice for a developer is paying a hefty fee, currently \$17.60 per square foot of the property. Savory says there was a plan for the project, something called Hillcrest Gateway. But, she added, it now looks unlikely that Carmel "plans to utilize the previous concept." As for the naming, Savory hopes it will "somehow be incorporated. I am excited to see them break ground."

Tom Mullaney, chair of Uptown Plan-

ners, is not so pleased. Mullaney asked me me, "Has the city of San Diego changed the zoning code so much that projects can be reviewed and approved with no public input?" He added, "As chair of Uptown Planners, I have not received any notice of a development project at the former Pernicano's site." Per its website, Uptown Planners "is the only legally recognized community planning group (advisory board) to the City of San Diego regarding land use, development, and discretionary projects in Uptown," including Hillcrest.

Benjamin Nichols, executive director of Hillcrest Business Association, welcomes the new project, saying,

"I think Pernicano's was always a psychological barrier for developers that Hillcrest was off-limits. But with the demo of this building underway, the dam is breaking." Nichols says he's "been in contact with Carmel for about a year, and they've been very communicative." He proclaimed that with "new construction underway" on Hillcrest streets, "Hillcrest is having a residential renaissance."

Carmel previously developed "BLVD63," a controversial 332-unit residence near SDSU. A *Reader* article reported on the



The property has been vacant since 1985; its development is being hailed as part of the neighborhood's "residential renaissance."

project's legal troubles, and the \$150,000 fee paid by Carmel to the city. The company was asked for comments on their new project, but no response has been received.

Courtney Pittam, press secretary for Mayor Todd Gloria, said the mayor "has not been briefed about any future plans for the site."

The two buildings were not considered historic. Bruce Coons, executive director of Save Our Heritage Organisation, said that "we are not opposing" the Hillcrest property teardown.

Gary Pernicano, son of George, offered his thoughts on the sale: "It's an emotional transition, having so many memories there." He stated that his parents "opened it in August of 1946, when they introduced the West Coast to pizza."

DAVID BATTERSON

WEBSTER

Rental Rashomon

A tenant's tale, a landlord's lament

Thirty-three-year-old Jess Harmon and her boyfriend were honest when their Mission Bay landlord said they needed to vacate in 60 days in April. Unlike many San Diegans who have reportedly pulled the "eviction moratorium" card in order to overstay when asked to leave, Harmon explained to me on October 30 that "using the 'eviction moratorium' wasn't even a consideration, honestly. My partner and I were fortunate enough to both keep our jobs during the entire pandemic, so we paid in full and on time every month. So when we were told in April that our landlord would need the place back to let her son and his family move in, we understood. It was a valid reason. But don't get me wrong, it was devastating, and the

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Pernicano's property (in yellow)

An aerial photograph of San Diego, California, showing the city's urban landscape, the San Diego Bay, and the San Diego-Coronado Bridge. The text "What's happening in *your* neighborhood?" is overlaid in a large, white, serif font.

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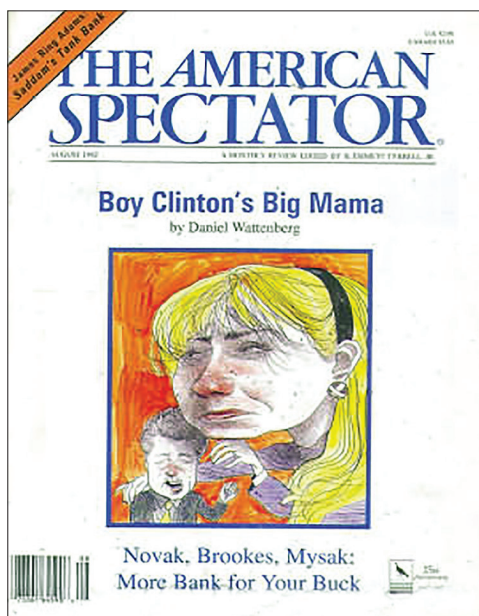
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IF YOU SEEK ROGER REVELLE'S MONUMENT, take a walk around the campus which has spread on the mesa. Looming near and over the center is the very good Central Library. An upside-down pyramid of glass fully utilized from morning to midnight, it's one of the few interesting buildings around, Engineering being another. Someone has scratched an obscenity on a wall in one of the men's rooms, but "Lassie Eats Chickens" is more typical of UCSD graffiti....

A "geek" ... is a person so devoted to studying that he's incapable of socializing — formerly, geeks were called nerds, and when your reporter was at Harvard a genera-



tion ago, they were grinds. The worst thing at UCSD isn't to be a geek, however, but a "weasel," that is, insincere. To "wease" is to

speak or behave insincerely, to have ulterior motives....

Does the level of lecturing at UCSD connote and inspire a genuine life of the mind among undergrads, or does it obscure their real business, i.e., racking up grades?... [Anthropology professor Donald] Tuzin, it seems, visited Harvard recently — how wonderful, he says, it would be to hear at UCSD the kind of "intellectual talk" he heard in the Freshman Union there!

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WE WERE GOING ALONG A STREET that turned steadily scruffier, with porno movie houses and "adult" book stores interspersed with bars and pawnshops, all closed and looking dirty and squalid in the dear morning light. An indefinable hightening in the sky in the direction in which we were going told me that we were headed toward the ocean. We passed a sign that said Market Street, and this street reminded me of the more rundown parts of Market Street



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Wildlife surrounds us

Return of the Mountain Lion

In October 1983, a lion killed a domestic goat at a ranch near Julian; in November 1983, a dead lion cub was found on the road near Santa Ysabel. In January 1984, at the Christian Conference Center near Mount Palomar, a lion killed 20 goats. That same month, a lion was accidentally caught in, and later released from, a coyote trap near Mesa Grande. In April 1984, an adult lion was killed by a car near Lake Henshaw. **AUG. 27, 1985**

The Wild Horses of Coyote Creek

I was the only human in the canyon that night — probably the only human for ten miles in any direction. Before dark I walked in a circle on the canyon floor and found fresh, barefoot (unshod) horse tracks. There were also the tracks of wild cows, and later, when the moon rose over the Santa Rosa Mountains, I heard one of them bawling up Tule Creek. It was a forlorn song that lonely cow sang. **NOV. 20, 1986**

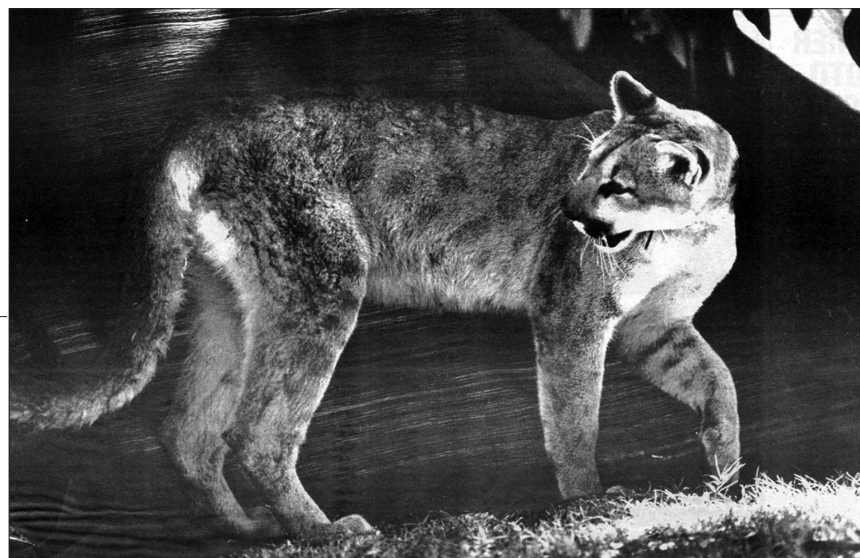
A Whiff of Whale Breath

For a dozen years after gray whales were first attacked in Magdalena Bay, they did find refuge in the large lagoons along the Baja coast. These lagoons were hidden from view, but in the winter of 1857-58, a sea captain

from Maine who'd been lured to California by the gold rush figured out how to make his way into one of them. The name of Charles Scammon still designates that body of water on many maps. **OCT. 23, 1987**

Wild Dogs of Hillcrest

Crooks sees three major threats facing the canyons. The first is cats. "Outdoor cats surrounding the typical canyon kill nearly 1000 rodents, over 500 birds, and 600 lizards per year." Then there's the coming red fox invasion. Since fur ranchers and hunters introduced them elsewhere in California, they're spreading south. And the third invader? "Ice plant," says Crooks. Ice plant invades down the slope, grows over



"There's a whole den of lions down on Prisoner Ridge [west of Lake Henshaw] somewhere."
 (The lion in this photograph is owned by Bob Farnor of Vista.)

the native habitat, and kills it. **JULY 23, 1998**

Lions in Wait

"Some of this may have to do with the fact that hunting mountain lions was outlawed in 1972. In addition to there being more people in the state, people are developing

areas that were once wild. They go out into rural areas and start building homes and golf courses and irrigating and planting gardens - doing things that increase the amount of food consistently available to deer, for example. Deer are a mountain lion's main food source. **OCT. 23, 1997**

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Firefighters' and cops' boots symbolize losses activists expect if they refuse shots

Public workers, public protest

"Stop the Tyranny!"

"Unvaxxed doesn't mean infected!"

I'm surrounded here. "Here" is the late October City Hall demo against vaccination mandates for city employees. Cops and firefighters, mainly. The city has told them December 1st is when they have to have the shot or risk losing their jobs. Message T-shirts and shouted slogans are everywhere.

"I thought the consent of the governed was the law of our land!"

"Freedom not force!"

"Yes to religious exemption!"

"Newsom released 50,000 felons. Gloria fires 300 cops to 'keep us safe'?"

"No Mandate! Right to choose! Right to refuse!"

Somebody's wearing a T-shirt that says, "Covid 19 Medical Mandates Violate Human Rights." A guy wearing a San Diego Fire Rescue T-shirt emblazoned with hand-daubed green and purple letters stands next to people with more professional signs. "These brave police and firefighters sacrifice their whole lives protecting and fighting for us! It's our turn to fight for them!"

"No to vaccine mandates."

"Yes! to our body, our choice."

"The government doesn't have the right to interfere with my body!" says Jenny, sounding like an abortion rights activist.

"Psalm 91: God's protection," says a lone demonstrator's card. "1 Cor 8: Liberty of conscience."

"For those I love, I will SACRIFICE," reads the message of a 30-something woman.

Crowd's starting to chant. Don't quite get it. "What are they saying?" I ask.

"They're saying, 'Hold the line! Hold the line!'" says my friend Jenny. (That's not her real name. She's a committed anti-vaxxer. She doesn't trust that I won't be biased in reporting on her. Also, I had my recorder rolling before asking her. It was to capture the public speakers

at the microphone. But that's the wary atmosphere here. Whatever, we'll call her Jenny.)

Today's organizers, *ReopenSD.org*, have lined up a platoon of boots to symbolize how many cops and firefighters may leave rather than obey the vaccination mandate. "They're going to lose a lot of police, firefighters over this," Jenny says. Now a lady on the brink of tears is speaking into the mic. "I know someone who has served ten years," she says. "One of those

good man, a man of principle. But he will not sacrifice his principles for his job. Our city is in big trouble. The [police, fire] are not going to be able to answer the call. Will you protect the protectors?"

"YES!" The crowd of about 200 cheers and pumps signs.

I try to talk to folks, but people hold back. "We don't trust the media," says Jenny. "All that the media pumps is fear! Fear! Fear! Fear!"

"My husband is a good man, a man of principle. But he will not sacrifice his principles for his job."

who served their country with loyalty. And I know someone who, with the same loyalty to country, dreamed of serving his community as a police officer. I know someone who was hired by the City of San Diego. I know someone who suits up every day to protect and serve the City of San Diego. I know someone who very soon will no longer live that dream, and will have to leave the city he passionately and righteously serves. I know that someone because I am married to him. My husband has dreamed of being a police officer since he was a child. And he's not the only one. He's a

"That's why it's called 'Tell Lie Vision!'" says her friend John. "It's a propaganda tool for fear. Fear brings business."

A guy's speaking. "This is not just about the pandemic. It's not just about the vaccine. That's just a small part of it. This is about saving America."

"YES!" The crowd erupts.

"The vaccine?" says John. "The jig is up. The jury is out. There is no debate. Everybody should know what I'm talking about. The PCR tests. The fact is this virus, what we call covid 19, has never been isolated. It's never

been purified. It's never been a whole sample. What they have is cell cultures and they take a little bit out, and add to DNA and say, 'This is covid.' If you're healthy, you should never be tested, because the test is invalid. How do you know what people died of? You call it covid. What is covid? They have never presented a full specimen of the virus! So the burden of proof is on them to prove that the virus even exists! What we're calling covid is like the flu!"

Uh huh, I think. So how about the three quarters of a million Americans who have died in this pandemic? Flu?

But the crowd is with him, yelling out "Hold the line! Hold the line!"

"This whole manufactured fear," John is saying, "to create Communist Chinese authoritarian Social Credit... [to spread the belief that] not getting vaccinated is some kind of risk to others...the vaccine is not a vaccine! It doesn't stop transmission. It doesn't stop you from getting it. So by technical definition, it is not a vaccine. It is an mRNA gene therapy. To call it a vaccine is to be obviously ill-informed."

Behind him, the speaker at the mic is warning what will happen if first responders leave their jobs, rather than cave to the vaccination mandate. "If you lose 30 percent of your public safety people," he's saying, "there are people who will die unnecessarily, and the blood will be on the City's hands."

"In the end we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends," says a lone girl's hand-written placard.

I head back out of the plaza. Incompatible truths are flying around like competing viruses. The one comfort I take is that this is, well, democracy in action. *Demos*, crowd, *cracy*, rule, from the Greek. Like the Latin word "republic," *res*, rule, *publica*, of the people. It's a messy as hell way of running a society. Democracy, as Churchill said, may be the worst way to run a country.

Except for everything else.

Last thing I hear as I run to catch the trolley: "Hold the line! Hold the line!" ■



Pitching for a mandate-free covid



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by Dave Rice

Let's take a trip to *La Casa De Los Sueños*, a 1923 Spanish Colonial Revival styled mansion occupying a hilltop plot about a half-mile from the beaches of Del Mar. Is this 6100-square-foot estate, nearly a century old, really the house of our dreams?

"Perched on the highest crest of Olde Del Mar," the Zillow listing opens, "this singular home is as rich in its extraordinary details, artisanal appointments, construction and finishes as in its heritage... Often referred to as the Jewel



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Wow, that's quite a lot

to take in. But the home does show promise, from the moment "hewn timber gates welcome visitors into the... expansive driveway and car plaza,"

where "reclaimed bricks are accented with inlaid ceramics by renowned artist Laird Plumleigh." A quick side trip to Plumleigh's website notes his work on

public projects, including fountains at the University of San Diego and Balboa Park's Plaza de Panama, along with residential installations for celebrities including Mel Gibson and Barbara Streisand — though it's unclear whether photos of the latter are readily available online.

On to the house: a "façade of covered balconies and wrought-iron accents" gives way to a foyer leading to a "vaulted formal reception room with coffered ceiling, stone fireplace, and Fortuny chandeliers." Back to the Google: it looks like these lamps sell for at least \$3000 each, and I count two of them in the living, *err*, reception room alone. The orange ceiling really works to highlight their presence, and also adds a pop of color to the otherwise very neutral-toned space.

From there, we pass into

the formal dining room, which "takes full advantage of the elevated ocean view with wall-to-wall restored vintage windows." It seems like we're just getting a peek of blue through the Torrey pines and other trees that line the back of the half-acre lot, but this is still a pleasant space.

Next up is a sitting area, with some built-in China cabinets and a hutch that appear to be original. A lot of the wood trim has been painted a muted grayish color. The trim might have lent the home a stronger feel of age and dignity had it been left in its natural state, but there's nothing we can do about this now.

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MISSING *the* MISSING



"I would like to bring him home, lay him to rest properly. If he's out there somewhere, let's bring him home and enjoy him, but most likely we'll be laying him to rest when we find him," says LeLanie Thompson, when asked if she believes her son is still alive.

At the time of his disappearance six years ago, Skylar Gregory Peterson Tosic was employed by the county of San Diego as a caregiver for his mother's fiancé, a popular Escondido musician known as Ukelele Ray, who was suffering from complications of Valley Fever and unable to walk. Skylar lived with his mom — who had split from his dad after she got pregnant — and his extended family in a huge house across from Kit Carson Park in Escondido. An Escondido native, Tosic was 20 years old

and a student at Palomar College. During his teen years, he had played bass in a number of rock bands, one of which did well enough to play the iconic Whiskey a Go Go on the Sunset Strip on more than one occasion. He also tutored fellow students in math.

But after a bad experience with bath salts that prompted him to swear off pot, Skylar Tosic became a changed man. He suffered from acne, and was

skinny and a bit of loner. "He had gotten rid of a lot of his high school buddies when he turned 18," his mother, Olivia Tosic, recalls. "He didn't want to be in the drug world." He was hesitant about making new friends in college, but his mom says she told him to just approach fellow students. "Don't be afraid to talk to people," she counseled. On the night of Friday, August 28, 2015, Sky told his mom he was going to meet two new friends, Thaddeus and

Eli. As his Mustang was in the shop, he took an Uber. He returned Sunday afternoon, but before his mom could talk with him, he left a second time — again in an Uber. That night, he texted his mom that he had met two “rich women” who had offered to take him on a trip.

That was the last time Olivia Tosic heard from her son. That night, she contacted Escondido police. The responding officer took a report, Olivia says, “but he kind of laughed in my face. He said, ‘People leave when they are 18.’” Since then, Olivia says, she has devoted her life to finding her son — or at least finding out what happened to him. She accessed his computer and found he had met Thaddeus and Eli at their house out by San Pasqual Academy for some hiking in the hills between Escondido and Ramona. She immediately drove

out to canvass the area; on innumerable return trips, she and a handful of friends combed the hills near the school. She talked to people who lived or worked in the area, and even had a conversation with a school administrator who thought she gave Skylar water on Saturday afternoon and, that night, found him asleep in one of the buildings. “He told her he got lost and was dehydrated,” Olivia says. The distraught mother has also made and passed out thousands of fliers in both English and Spanish. She has posted those flyers to various Facebook pages for missing persons, and she’s created a Facebook page of her own: Help Find Skylar Peterson Tosic. Currently, it has more than 3100 followers.

“I think he’s alive,” she says. “Oh my God, it’s a living nightmare. I can’t even tell you — it’s surreal;



The last time Olivia Tosic heard from her son, he was planning to meet friends near San Pasqual Academy for some hiking in the hills between Escondido and Ramona.

it’s like living in the Twilight Zone. I was dizzy for four and a half years. I couldn’t drive down the street to the 7-Eleven — I’d park my car and imagine what happened to my son. He’s my pride, my joy, my everything. I just want my son back. It’s very hard

on me.”

Lieutenant Bode Berreth, the public information officer with the Escondido Police Department, says Skylar’s vanishing is still an open missing persons case. “We have sent materials to the FBI for analysis, but nothing’s led to locat-

ing him,” he says. “And tips, as they have come in, have been followed up.”

The recent tragic tale of Gabby Petito put the media spotlight on missing persons. Petito, as everyone surely knows by now, was

a pretty 22-year-old with blond hair and blue eyes who left on a summer road trip tour of national parks with her boyfriend, Brian Laundrie. The pair traveled in a white Ford Transit van and chronicled their adventures on Instagram and YouTube. Laundrie returned to the North Port, Florida home he shared with his parents and Petito on September 1, alone in the van. Ten days later, Petito’s parents reported her missing. Laundrie refused to cooperate with police and then vanished himself. Five days after Laundrie’s disappearance, Petito’s remains were found in Wyoming’s Bridger-Teton National Forest. An autopsy ruled her death a homicide; the cause was strangulation. On October 20, Brian Laundrie’s skeletal remains were found in Florida’s Carlton Reserve.

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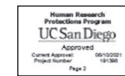
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ued to generate headlines into the fall, while an undercurrent of protest surfaced on social media about all the missing persons cases that weren't receiving as much press — if any. Some questioned whether Petito's beauty and "whiteness" was a factor. In a *USA Today* opinion column, Suzette Hackney, who is Black, noted that in 2020, 543,018 individuals were reported missing, nearly 40% of them people of color. "We've been here before — too many times," she wrote. "Tens of thousands of individuals — Black, Latino, Asian, Indigenous, LGBTQ, young, old, men and boys — disappear every year. Some return to their families; some remain unaccounted for; and, unfortunately, some end up dead. But very few receive the national spotlight that seems reserved for white women and white girls."

Here in San Diego County, hundreds of people are reported missing each year, and the vast majority are either found or, in the case of children, reclassified as runaways. Last May, the local NBC affiliate reported that just 20 of the 1,100 adult missing persons cases filed with the San Diego Police Department in 2020 remain open. In El Cajon, just three of the 193 missing persons reports filed in 2020 are still open, the NBC report said; in Escondido, one of 171. But it's those open cases, like the Skylar Tomic case, that continue to haunt families, friends and investigators.

Debbie Puente was a cheerful, outgoing 50-year-old when she disappeared the night of March 28, 2017. Born and raised in San Diego, she had four adult children and a good job

at Wawanesa Insurance, where she had been working for 14 years. She lived in Linda Vista, in a duplex she shared with her boyfriend and the boyfriend's brother. After work on that Thursday evening, Puente and two co-workers met at the Longhorn Bar and Grill in Grantville for happy hour. Around 10 pm, the two friends were ready to leave, but Puente said she wasn't quite ready to go home. She was fighting with her boyfriend, she told her friends as she got in her car alone, and wanted to cruise around to give her boyfriend some more time to leave the house.

Tami Cox, one of Puente's two younger sisters, said the family didn't know Puente had vanished until April 5. That's when her parents got a call from Wawanesa, informing them their daughter hadn't been to work since the previous Thursday and that they couldn't get ahold of her at home. That same day, Cox says, police found Puente's car, a black 2013 Hyundai, at the foot of Santa Cruz Avenue in Ocean Beach, where it dead-ends at the cliffs. Her socks, shoes, and purse with ID were all inside the car. "The car was found



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Elijah Diaz, "Bear" to his family and friends, was a diabetic, in poor health. At the time of his disappearance, he carried only 110 pounds on a five-foot, ten-inch frame.

with a bunch of parking tickets because my sister did not park parallel — she just drove straight to the end of the road and turned her car off," Cox says.

Puente's family filed a missing persons report with the San Diego Police Department and then, as families of the missing often do, took matters into their own hands. They did their own search of

the area, made fliers and distributed them all over Ocean Beach, and joined various missing persons groups on Facebook.

The detective assigned to the case has since died, Cox says, and the new police officer assigned to the case hasn't been returning calls. "I honestly don't know what to think," she says. "I don't want to believe she's in the water. I don't know if

she went back home, got in a fight with her boyfriend and he staged her car. I just don't know. I don't know if she walked down and put her feet in the water and the waves overtook her and she went out to sea. No body ever washed up. And I honestly, truthfully believe that if she fell in the water or hit her head or drifted out, something would have washed up. My parents thought maybe she was running away because she was fighting with her boyfriend, but I can't imagine her being gone for five years without coming back. And she'd never leave her dog or her kids. I'm praying that she's still alive."

Puente's boyfriend, Cox says, "was extremely sketchy. So was his brother. The family didn't like them — that's why we never went to her house. But the police said they interviewed him and he had an alibi, and he just seemed to them to be not guilty. He passed a lie detector test."

Debbie Puente, Cox says, "was a fixer. She was always trying to fix people and help them. But it doesn't always work."

The San Diego Missing Persons Search Group has 544 members on Facebook. It was started by a woman who calls herself Chloe Jolene, a 43-year-old real estate agent who lives in Mission Valley. A single mom, she just completed her first year of law school. "I started this page in loving memory of Max Lenail, who went missing and was found dead after drowning in the San Diego River in Mission Trails Regional Park last January," she says. "When I was little, around seven years old, my father was murdered in front of our home in the Hollywood Hills. His murder is still unsolved to this day. I've always been

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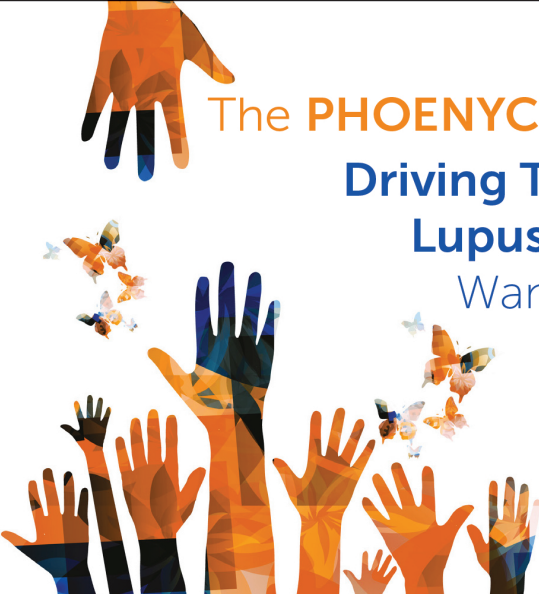


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drawn to crimes. I watch *Forensic Files* all the time. And when I was little, I was extremely afraid of getting kidnapped. I used to watch *America's Most Wanted*, and I always told my mom, 'Please make sure nobody steals me' when we were at the mall together. One time I did get lost and separated from my mom when I was at Universal Studios, and it was a very traumatic experience. I am extremely protective of my 12-year-old daughter, and I never let her go anywhere alone, not even walking to school. In fact, it scares me when parents let their children walk alone to school in this day and age."

Helping missing persons, Jolene says, "is something I've always wanted to do, and when Max died, it was so close to my home, and I didn't even know he was missing, and I found out about his death afterward... There was a whole search



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Bear's family members initially posted a \$10,000 reward, then bumped it up to \$50,000 four years later. In the meantime, they put up a billboard in Lakeside, on southbound State Route 67 at Mapleview Street, as well as a banner reading "Bring Bear Home" outside his El Cajon house.

group out there, and I felt not in the know about it, and it really affected me deeply. After I found out about his death, I cried. I went and visited where he died, and it inspired me to create my missing person search group for San Diego.

I wanted to do something for the community."

Jolene says she's been "really disappointed in the how the police handled Maya Millete's disappearance. I felt so outraged, especially when I saw how the community

came together for Gabby. I thought, *why can't they do that for Maya and everyone else who goes missing?*

Maya Millete is the 39-year-old Chula Vista mother of three who was last seen by her family at her Paseo Los Gatos home

at around 5 pm on January 7, two days before the family was supposed to leave for Big Bear. Her sister, Maricris Drouaillet, called Chula Vista police to report her missing two days later. The following month, Drouaillet said detectives told her that her sister's husband, Larry Millete, had retained a lawyer and was no longer cooperating with the investigation. Millete was named a "person of interest" in his wife's disappearance on July 22. In an update from the Chula Vista Police Department, issued September 22, police said they had interviewed 85 people about Millete's disappearance, written 68 search warrants, and reviewed more than 128 tips. On October 19, police arrested Larry Millete and charged him with murdering his wife.

"I feel like every single missing person case should be handled the way Gabby

Petito's case was handled," Jolene says. "I feel like changes need to be made, so that when a person goes missing, there is no waiting and searches are done right away, because the crucial time to find them is within the first 48 hours of their disappearance. Although I just started this Facebook group this year and I'm a single mom — I don't get paid for this — I feel like this is my starting point. I don't have a lot of resources or networks, but I am learning, and I want to help and I'm doing all I can. I hope to grow my Facebook page, and I really hope to make a difference in helping find missing people in San Diego and branch out from there."

Elijah Diaz, "Bear" to his family and friends, went missing six years ago. At the time, he was a 20-year-old, described by his mom,

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LeLanie Thompson, as a “young man with a big heart.” I pressed his mom for more details, telling her I wanted to really zero in Bear as a person. She paused, then: “He wanted to help anybody he could ... I don’t think I was ready for this, I am so used to just rattling off the facts of the case.... Those who got to know him saw he was a precious person. If he had friends who were battling health issues, he was right by their side. If they were having trouble at home, he was there for them and would take them in. Even when he was a teenager we had so many young men coming and spending the night on our couch, and I would always call their parents and check if everything was OK before sending them home.”

A Native American and member of the Barona tribe, Bear Diaz lived in a house on El Cajon’s Joey

Street. He was a diabetic, in poor health. At the time of his disappearance, he carried only 110 pounds on a five-foot, ten-inch frame. He shared the house with several roommates, a situation that made his mom unhappy. “The roommates we thought he was going to get were not the roommates who moved in,” Thompson says. “The house was full of people we did not know.” Bear didn’t take good care of himself, and had wounds on his feet because of neuropathy. “He was just learning to use crutches, the last time I saw him,” Thompson says. “The week before, he had been in a wheelchair.”

Bear was last seen on August 29, 2015 at around 10:30 pm, when his mom dropped him off at his house. The next day, Thompson stopped by her son’s house around 4 pm to bring him dinner. He wasn’t home. “I waited

the day to see if he would answer the phone or text,” she says. The next day, after he missed a doctor’s appointment, Thompson reported him missing, at first visiting the Lakeside sheriff’s station. “The lady there who wrote down the information was very rude, and when I said he was disabled, she told me he wasn’t,” Thompson says. “I was changing his bandages daily; his roommates were no help.”

Thompson later went to the El Cajon sheriff’s station to file a formal missing persons report. She noted that Bear’s 55-inch TV, comforter, and bedsheets were missing from his bedroom, “but they didn’t care.” So were his crutches, the contents of a safe he kept in his room, and a backpack with 10 days’ worth of diabetes medicine. It was not until two weeks later, when someone else asked deputies to make

a welfare check on Bear at the Joey Street house, that detectives took action. An investigation found that Diaz’s phone was turned off the day after his mysterious disappearance, and was never turned on again. Social media posts also stopped, and there was no further activity on his bank account. “He always called me,” Thompson says. “There was never any moment in time that I wasn’t aware of where he was. There was a very close bond between he and I. People say, ‘He’s a 20-year-old, he’s not going to be good friends with his mom,’ but they’re wrong. He didn’t really have any friends who had the time to spend with him that I did, and we were very, very close.”

From the start, Thompson suspected the worst. On the website *BringBear-Home.com*, she writes, “Someone took Bear

from his home. I believe it was a horrific scene... He opened his door to anyone he thought he could help. Eventually, the people in and out of his home were beyond his control. Whoever took Bear that night knew the house, knew our routine, and waited for me to leave.” Thompson said she hoped a police search of Bear’s house would yield clues about his disappearance, but by the time deputies got around to it, “it was too late – the kids who had been living in the house could have been stealing from his room and cleaning up. It was very strange that they took the bed sheets and comforter, that doesn’t make sense. They also took the wrong shoe — he only had one, because of his injured foot. That tells me he didn’t leave willingly.”

Family members initially posted a \$10,000 reward, then bumped it up to

\$50,000 four years later. In the meantime, they put up a billboard in Lakeside, on southbound State Route 67 at Maplevue Street, as well as a banner reading “Bring Bear Home” outside his El Cajon house. They organized door-to-door searches around El Cajon, combed the backroads for over two years, hired a private investigator, and launched a website with the tagline, “Pray that the truth is revealed.”

In April 2017, the case was featured on the TV series *Disappeared*. “We had a lot of exposure,” Thompson says. Six years after Bear’s disappearance, does Thompson think her son is still alive? She pauses, then: “I do not. He hasn’t used his health insurance in six years, and his foot, if he didn’t have a doctor’s attention, it would have continued to eat itself and he would have wound up in the hospital. And to

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not access his money in six years, his credit card... You put this piece and that piece together, and you just come up with the fact that most likely he's not alive." Even so, Thompson says, "I would like to bring him home, lay him to rest properly. If he's out there somewhere, let's bring him home and enjoy him, but most likely we'll be laying him to rest when we find him."

Sometimes a missing person doesn't want to be found. That may or may not be the case with Brandi Jolene Meinhart, one of the most recent San Diegos to seemingly disappear. Brandi was happy and excited the day she vanished. After several months of homelessness, during which she was in and out of rehab for alcohol and meth, she had gotten a new job. Not only had the owner of the City Lights Christmas store in Bay Park agreed to rehire her, he also was willing to give her boyfriend, London Sandoval, a job as well. Meinhart, 41, showed up for her first shift on August 23, 2021, and clocked out a few hours later. That was the last time anyone saw her.

Meinhart was a troubled soul. Born in Illinois, she lived a nomadic lifestyle with her parents: first mom and dad and then mom and stepdad. She graduated from Helix High School and married her high school sweetheart, with whom she had two kids. By the time she was in her late twenties, the marriage was dissolving and she had begun to drink — heavily. After her divorce, things went from bad to worse. A judge deemed her unfit to be a mother and sent the kids to live with their dad. Meinhart began drinking more, and was soon remarried. "We never even met the second husband," says Meinhart's sister, Jamie Robison, 46, who lives near Akron, Ohio, with their mom, Heidi. "He was abusive and threatened to kill her."

In December of 2016, that marriage, too, ended in divorce. The following month, Meinhart got married a third time, to someone else she had dated back in high school. "By this time, Brandi was a recovering alcoholic and her new husband, a recovering drug addict," Robison says.

Despite her drinking, Meinhart had maintained steady employment, first



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at City Lights, and, later, processing claims for Sharp Healthcare. She also was an aspiring writer, and had published a book of poetry, available on Amazon. But Meinhart and Husband No. 3 still could not afford a home of their own, so they rented a room in a house "where there were bad things going on," Robison says. "She was drinking and he was drugging; they both lost their jobs, and after trying to kill each other, they decided to separate so they could continue breathing."

Last November, Meinhart moved in with a friend in Imperial Beach. Her



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Police found Debbie Puente's car, a black 2013 Hyundai, at the foot of Santa Cruz Avenue in Ocean Beach, where it dead-ends at the cliffs.

friend had a 23-year-old son who was addicted to meth. Before her third divorce was even final, Meinhart and the son began dating — and drugging. "When his mom found out, she kicked them both out," Robison says. "They went to rehab, stayed in hotels, went to Father Joe's, went back to rehab — it's crazy for me to even repeat this."

Mom Heidi chips in: "For the last twenty years, Brandi's life was non-stop crazy."

The craziness finally appeared to subside by summer of this year. By that point, Brandi was keeping in touch with family members back in Ohio. But the last time Jaime

heard from her was a call on Heidi's birthday in July. "Brandi told us she had gotten mugged and that someone had stolen her phone the last time they stayed at Father Joe's," Robison says. After a month of no contact, Robison says, she and her mom became concerned. They contacted the three ex-husbands, but none of them had heard from Brandi, either. They found out about her new job, but the owner of City Lights said he had seen her just once, on the day she was supposed to start, and then never again.

Robison filed a missing persons report with the San Diego Police Department and started making fliers, which have since been distributed, electronically, around the world. "We joined 44 different missing persons groups and gotten notices published in all 50 states plus Canada, Mexico, even Ireland. We've gotten over 1000 primary shares." In late September, Robison said, she received a call from a police officer assigned to her case, who said contact had been made with Brandi. "He told us she's alive and in San Diego, but because she is an adult he couldn't tell

us anything more," Robison says. "She was told she has been reported as missing, but at this point, it's up to her to contact us."

In the meantime, Robison says, she and her mom are continuing their cyber-search for Brandi, distributing the flier and posting notices on Facebook and other social media sites. "We're 3000 miles away, with health problems and a lack of finances," Robison says. "I just started a new job, and I can't take two weeks out of my life to go to San Diego with no place to stay and no vehicle, to try to find somebody who may not want to be found at this point." Mom Heidi adds, "Brandi at one point wanted to work with kids, she wanted to work with deaf kids and go into sign language. She had just high aspirations when she was in high school. And now this..."

One week after our interview, I received a message from Robison: "Hi Thomas, Brandi was picked up by a couple of friends I've met along the way and she's now in a detox center... She's down to about 80 pounds, and is going to need years and years of therapy."

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The members of Montana power trio Satsang look like 1960s folk rockers, sing and harmonize like vintage soul crooners, and stir up the mix with electronic hip-hop beats and reggae swagger akin to bands such as Sublime and the Red Hot Chili Peppers. They're touring in support of their most recent album, *All. Right. Now.*

WHEN: Friday, November 12, 8 pm

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

Saturday | 13

SAN DIEGO BAY WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL

Enjoy live music and tastes from over 60 celebrity chefs and restaurants and hundreds of domestic and international wine, beer, and spirit purveyors such as Beach House Winery, Boochcraft, Fallbrook Winery, Paso Robles Wine Country, Temecula Valley Winegrowers. and Societe Brewing. Food from Big Oven Pizza, Lionfish, Maya's Cookies, Mister A's, Pacific Catch, Verbana Kitchen, and Ranch 45.



WHEN: Thursday, November 11 through Sunday, November 14, 12 pm.

WHERE: Embarcadero Marina Park North, 400 Kettner Boulevard, Downtown. sandiegowineclassic.com

Sunday | 14

WEEKENDS WITH LOCALS: CHUCK WEIKERT

Coral Reef Curiosities: Intrigue, Deception and Wonder on the Reef and Beyond is popu-



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12: SATSANG

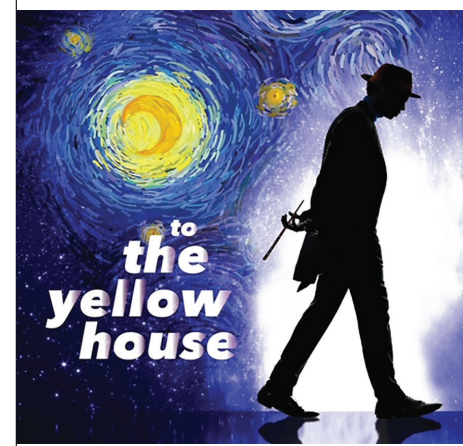
lated with the likes of Touch-me-not Sponges, Spanish Dancers, Bumphead Parrotfish, Colossal Squids, Hawksbill Sea Turtles, Nurse Sharks, Great Barracuda, stingrays, octopuses and solar-powered sea slugs. Each of the 25 chapters is dedicated to a particular kind of animal. Meet scientists and sailors, artists and poets, and famous writers such as Jack London and Herman Melville. Now retired, author Chuck Weikert lives in Del Mar, California with his wife Rosemary and two cats.

WHEN: Sunday, November 14, 2 pm to 4 pm

WHERE: Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. warwicks.com

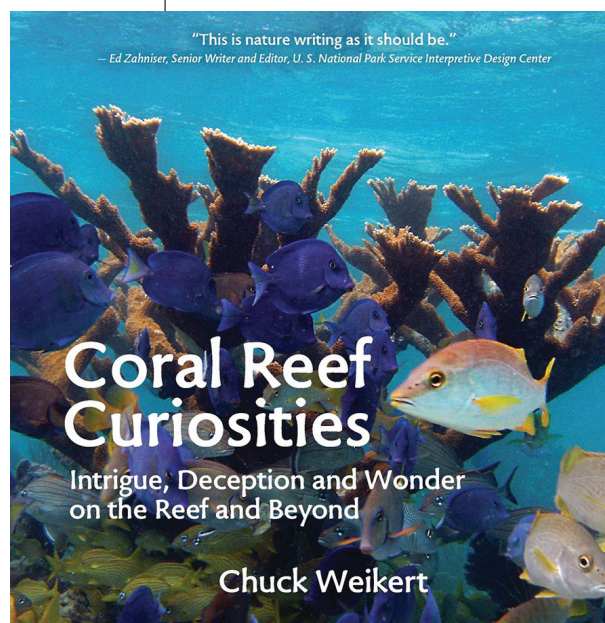
Tuesday | 16

TO THE YELLOW HOUSE



Vincent van Gogh is broke again. Trailing past-due notices and annoyed innkeepers, he arrives unexpectedly at his brother's doorstep in Montmartre determined to make another fresh start. Caught in the colorful whirl of the Parisian art scene, he drinks too much, falls in love with the wrong woman, argues with everyone – and paints. Night and day he works to translate what he feels onto the canvas, relentlessly chasing a new form of expression.

WHEN: Sundays, 7 pm; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7:30 pm; Thursdays and Fridays 8 pm; Saturdays, 2 pm and 8 pm. Through Sunday, December 12. **WHERE:** La Jolla Playhouse, 2910 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla. lajollaplayhouse.org



Coral Reef Curiosities

Intrigue, Deception and Wonder on the Reef and Beyond

Chuck Weikert

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

Paws and Pages Struggling readers can improve their fluency skills by reading to animals! So grab your favorite book and get ready to read to and interact with a reptile. An animal interaction is included in the program, but the primary focus is on reading. Make sure to bring your own book from home! Wednesday, November 17, 5pm; \$10. 6 and up. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

ART

Fall Craft Bazaar The 24th Annual Fall craft bazaar features local artists sharing their hand-crafted work. Saturday, November 13, 9am; **free**. San Diego Citadel Corps, 4170 Balboa Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

New Works by Ellis Duc Luu A series of ink drawings that depict the events of the Vietnam war and the refugees that were produced from the outcome. Saturday, November 13, 5pm; **free**. Thumbprint Gallery, 920 Kline Street #104. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Made Holiday Market This handmade shopping experience will feature roughly 85+ makers, large floral installation, photo opportunities, a free raffle, craft cocktail bar by Snake Oil, food trucks, live music, an interactive art installation and more. Saturday, November 13, 10am; **free**-\$5. Julep

OUTDOORS

Acorn dropping crescendo in Cuyamaca, Laguna, and Palomar mountains

Monarch Butterflies arrive along the California coast this month, migrating from their summer homes in the Sierra Nevada and the Rocky Mountains. Some 25 of the 260 wintering sites on the West Coast lie within San Diego County. The local sites include Presidio Park in San Diego, the UCSD campus, Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas, and Hosp Grove in Carlsbad.

Santa Ana Winds in San Diego County often reach their greatest intensity during November, particularly at the mountain passes, where dry air from a high-pressure area over the interior deserts



WOODPECKERS ARE STUFFING ACORNS INTO PINE TREES.



MONARCH BUTTERFLY IN BIRD ROCK.

swoops coastward toward a low-pressure area offshore. The subsiding air warms rapidly while it descends, resulting in 80°–90° temperatures close to the coast. While passing over the mountains, though, the dry air can be surprisingly cool — 60° or less in the daytime.

Acorn Dropping reaches a crescendo early this month in the Cuyamaca, Laguna, and Palomar Mountains. Wiry scrub oaks, massive canyon live oaks, and the golden-leaved black oaks all contribute to the growing collection of acorns littering the ground. Acorn woodpeckers are busy stuffing acorns into the small holes they drill into the bark of pine trees. Beneath the trees, the browns of bracken fern and the reds of poison oak are among the last expressions of autumn color we'll see in the mountains this year.

First-quarter Moon (exactly at 3:46 am PST). Jupiter shines brightly about 5° upper right of the Moon at dusk. Saturn shines more modestly to their right at dusk, and to their lower right later.

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.

Cafe, 1735 Hancock St., Suite C. (MISSION HILLS)

Untitled 2021 A Photographic Exhibition Join APA | San Diego at Bread & Salt Gallery for a one-night only exhibition of the top 20 photographic prints from our Untitled 2021 contest. Friday, November 12, 6pm; **free**. Bread & Salt, 1955 Julian Avenue. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Victorian Country Christmas Craft Show Holiday Craft Show celebration featuring handmade wood products, jewelry, ceramics, books, pillows, art, and more. Friday, November 12, 12pm; Saturday, November 13, 9am; Sunday, November 14, 10am; **free**. El Cajon Elks Lodge #1812, 1400 E. Washington Avenue. (EL CAJON)

BEER

Sails & Ales Tickets include unlimited vendor tastings Enjoy sunset views, local brews, and live entertainment at Sails & Ales this fall. Friday, November 12, 6pm; \$99. Kona Kai Resort & Marina, 1551 Shelter Island. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Taco TKO Chow down and vote for your favorite in this winner takes all competition between taco makers. Your ticket includes live music, tequila, beer, and of course tacos. Sunday, November 14, 12pm; \$65. 21 and up. Liberty Station NTC Park, 2455 Cushing Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

The Right Notes Award-winning and local wine maker Keith Rolle created one barrel called OB BLEND and has committed 10 cases that will be released at this special event to benefit the orchestra and choral programs at Correia and PLHS. Tuesday, November 16, 6pm; \$50-\$100. 21 and up. Thursday Club, 1224 Santa Barbara Street. (POINT LOMA)

FANTASTIC ADVENTURES

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Veterans Day Pub Crawl Party
Red White & Brew Veterans Day Pub Crawl: Enjoy specials at various venues with 100% of proceeds going to Paws for Purple Heart. Saturday, November 13, 1pm; \$10. 21 and up. Taste & Thirst on Fourth, 715 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Author of the Month: Holocaust Survivor Rose Schindler
Join Author of the Month Rose Schindler and her son, Benjamin for a discussion and signing of her book, *Two Who Survived, Keeping Hope Alive While Surviving the Holocaust*. Saturday, November 13, 2pm; **free**. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Warwick's Author Livestream: Brant Cooper
Warwick's will host Brant Cooper as he discusses his new book, *Disruption Proof: Empower People, Create Value, Drive Change*, in conversation. Tuesday, November 16, 4pm; **free**-\$28. warwicks.com/event/cooper-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream: Jerad W. Alexander
Warwick's will host Jerad W. Alexander as he discusses his new book, *Volunteers: Growing Up in the Forever War*, in conversation with Justin Hudnall. Wednesday, November 17, 4pm; **free**-\$26. warwicks.com/event/alexander-2021. (ONLINE)

Weekends with Locals: Harry L. Jensen
Weekends with Locals will be hosting Harry L. Jensen, author of *World Order: One Man's Journey*. Sunday, November 14, 12pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY EVENTS

Christmas at the Barn
A great place for holiday decorating ideas, and one of the most anticipated features of the event, are the themed Christmas trees. This year, they have 24! Themes include "My Favorite Things" (little boys' tree), "Merry Little Princess" (little girls' tree), "Partridge in a Pear Tree," and "Mrs. Clause's Bake Shop & Santa's Diner," to name a few. Thur-Sun, November 11-14, 10am; **free**. Countryside Barn, 14051 Midland Road. (POWAY)

Tree Lighting & Holiday Farmer's Market
The lighting of a spectacular new Christmas tree with over 17,000 lights will be the centerpiece of an annual evening filled with fun holiday-themed activities, entertainment, Santa's grand arrival and a magical snowfall at the Tree Lighting and Holiday Farmer's Market. Tuesday, November 16, 5pm; **free**. Otay Ranch Town Center, 2015 Birch Road. (EASTLAKE)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

7 Places to Make Money From Your Garden
Seven Places to Sell What You Grow (or Make) in your Garden or on your Farm. Sunday, November 14, 10am; \$33. Orchard Otter Farm, 5959 Las Tunas Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Beginning Cold Process Soapmaking Class
Soapmaking 101 is a beginning-level soapmaking class designed to teach students to make soap by hand at home. The main focus of this class is the "cold process" soapmaking method although the class does briefly describe "melt and pour" soap crafting. Attend in person. Class fee: \$99. Materials fee: \$20. Saturday, November 13, 12pm; \$119. Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

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, November 13, 2pm; **free**. Tierrasanta Library, 4985 La Cuenta Drive. (TIERRASANTA)

Curated Charcuterie Cones Appetizer Class
Learn an innovative way to entertain your appetizer party with these personalized charcuterie cones, stuffed with goodness. Saturday, November 13, 3pm; \$25-\$75. Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center, 2525 N Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

Gardening Workshops
Advanced Gardening; understand which regenerative practices help build soil nutrients and fertility, discuss, and explore pest related diseases and issues. Sunday, November 14, 10:30am; \$10. Coastal Roots Farm, 441 Saxony Road. (ENCINITAS)

Meditation
Building Confidence with Meditation with Nandi: This class is for folks who would like to build confidence in their meditation practice and other aspects of life by tapping into the powerful energy of group practice. Thursday, November 11, 7pm; **free**. 18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Meditation
Meditation, Awareness and Awakening with Turiya: Clear your heart with the Light of meditation, Expand your awareness and awaken to see all that you are through the practical methods of Tri kaya Buddhism. Class includes Meditation and Mindfulness instruction for all levels. Questions are always welcome. Saturday, November 13, 11am; **free**. 18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Messy Science
Learn about Earth science as you never have before – by handling messy slime and conducting noisy and colorful experiments. Students will discover the physics, chemistry and biology of volcanoes, rain clouds, rock formation and other natural phenomena. Saturday, November 13, 2pm; **free**. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Product Launch Roundtable
Soap Business 360 is a peer review class for students who have a new product ready to launch. During this semi-private session, students present finished products for review and discussion. Class fee: \$35. Materials fee: \$3. Sunday, November 14, 3pm; \$38. Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

Soap Labeling & Marketing Class
Soap Business 330 is an intermediate business class that covers the federal and local regulations for labeling soap. Students learn to distinguish soap from cosmetics or drugs and their appropriate labeling laws. Attend in person or online. Class fee: \$64. Materials fee: \$21. Sunday, November 14, 12pm; Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

Weekend Science Clubs
Through this program students will explore an array of fields including biology, chemistry, engineering, environmental science, physics, robotics and much more! Saturday, November 13, 12pm; Sunday, November 14, 1pm; \$15. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

COMEDY

Craig Conant
You've seen Craig Conant on MTV and at the Just for Laughs Comedy Festival and his popular podcast Community Service and more. Wednesday, November 17, 8pm; **free**. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Kabir Singh
AS SEEN ON: NBC's "America's Got Talent" in June of 2021, "Amazon Prime", "The Family Guy", "Laughs on Fox", Gabriel Iglesias' "Stand Up Revolution" on Comedy Central, and more! Sunday, November 14, 7pm; \$10. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Patton Oswalt
Sunday, November 14, 7pm; \$57-\$649. Humphreys by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Shane Gillis
Seen on Comedy Central, The Tim Dillon Show, History Hyenas, Artie Lange's Halfway House, Flagrant 2, and more. Thursday, November 11, 8pm; Friday, November 12, 7:30pm; Saturday, November 13, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$20. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DANCE

Capturing Balance: Dances of Love, Life, & Loss
San Diego Dance Theater Executive Artistic Director Terry Wilson has designed an evening of dance that journeys into the heart and soul. Friday, November 12, 7:30pm; Saturday, November 13, 7:30pm; Sunday, November 14, 2:30pm; \$15-\$30. White Box Theater, 2590 Truxtun Rd., Studio 205, Building 176. (LIBERTY STATION)

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Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 2-5 pm

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SHEEP AND GOATS

I ANSWERED THE CALL

South Bay Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Contact: 2161 Avenida Del Mexico, 619-423-2243
www.southbaychurch.com

Membership: 150-180

Neighborhood: Imperial Beach

Pastor: Mesach Soli

Age: 44

Born: Hawthorne

Formation: La Sierra University, Riverside; Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI

Years Ordained: 5 months

San Diego Reader: How long do you spend preparing your sermon?

Pastor Mesach Soli: I find it a lot easier to do sermon series, but I always try to keep a spiritual pulse on what the congregation is

going through or what we're dealing with that is relevant to some of the social issues that are surrounding our community. Normally, I start my sermon process on Monday, because I preach every Saturday. Sunday, I let my mind take a break and start putting together a framework in my mind throughout the week for a total of 18-20 hours to put into almost an hour sermon.

SDR: What is the mission of your church?

PS: Our mission is to live to bless other.... We can bless others through our message and ministries and mentorship. This is something we need to pass down to the next generation, and so we're

homing in on mentorship in discipleship. How are we living to bless others? That can be something as simple as a smile or having people donate to individuals and families in need. We have community outreach service and visitations and, since this past June, we've had a paddleboard ministry called Living Water, where, after receiving a grant for about 15 paddleboards, we offer free paddleboard lessons to community members, people from our work, and their families. Pretty much, if you have breath in your lungs, you have the ability to bless someone else.

SDR: What one book has had the greatest influence

on your ministry?

PS: Currently, the book I'm reading is called *The Spiritual Life of a Leader: A God-Centered Leadership Style* by Boyd Bailey, which talks about ministering from our overflow. A spiritual leader by default, following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is going to make an impact. It's not focusing on the work of ministry but the work of the Holy Spirit in you through ministry.

SDR: Where do you go when you die?

PS: My belief is that when we die, we rest in the Lord until Jesus's second coming. Our understanding of the Kingdom of God is being in the presence of our maker, our



Mesach Soli

creator. Hell is the absence of God, the eternal absence of God. People will ask, "Why would God send people to hell? That doesn't seem like a loving God or a loving being I would like to believe in." I always share with them that we were already on our way there, but God came and has given us a way out, an

option for us to follow him. In a sense, he's given us a life vest – or a raft – which saved us from going in that direction. When we deny that, it's something we deny ourselves. We go after we die into a state of rest. John 14 says, "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go to prepare a place for you, it's because I'm coming back. I will receive you into myself, so that where I am there you may be also." That paints the picture of what I believe after death – Jesus is coming soon, coming back for us, and we get to be with him... The greatest reward is that we get to be with our savior.

– Joseph O'Brien

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DISCUSSION GROUPS

Mended Hearts of San Diego Meeting Mended Hearts of San Diego features Dr. Poulina Uddin, Scripps La Jolla Cardiologist presenting on "Cardiovascular Disease, Management and Prevention," 2nd floor. Sdmhchap62@yahoo.com for questions. Saturday, November 13, 10am; **free.** San Diego Cardiac Center, 3131 Berger Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

The Chollas Oral History Project Did you grow up visiting Chollas Lake Park, or any of the canyons and open spaces in Oak Park, La Mesa and Lemon Grove? Did you bring your children to the lake while they were growing up? If so, we want to hear your story. Contact the rangers at apalmer@sandiego.gov to make an appointment for a fun interview. Your story will be part of a book on the history of our local parks and canyons. Saturday, November 13, 11am; **free.** Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

FILM

Think Different Awards & Brainstorms Screening Join Resurrecting Lives Foundation for an evening on the flight deck of the USS Midway Museum for the 1st annual Think Different Awards, followed by the private screening of the short film Brainstorms. Sunday, November 14, 6pm; \$150. USS Midway Museum, 910 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

FOR KIDS

A Year with Frog and Toad Based on Arnold Lobel's beloved children's books, *A Year with Frog and Toad* is a musical tale of two unlikely friends: the cheerful Frog, and curmudgeonly Toad. Friday, November 12, 7pm; Saturday, November 13, 2pm; Sunday, November 14, 2pm; \$16-\$18. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1600 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Space Night Explore the museum after hours and find your

passion for Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art and Math with us for Family Space Night! Visit the GoGo Truck, for locally sourced treats and delicious food. Registration required. Saturday, November 13, 5pm; \$10-\$15. San Diego Children's Discovery Museum, 320 N. Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

LECTURES

Art Lecture: Female Artists 19th-21st Centuries Five Part Art Lecture Series: Female Artists Presented by Cornelia Feye: Part II 19th-21st centuries. Tuesday, November 16, 7:30pm; \$16-\$21. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Clara Breed Civil Liberties Memorial Lecture Independent filmmaker and UCLA distinguished professor Renee Tajima-Peña delivers the inaugural "Clara Breed Civil Liberties Memorial Lecture," named after heroic former San Diego Public Library director Clara Breed. Wednesday, November 17,

6:30pm; **free.** Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

NATURE

Book Reading: Dasha on the Trail The new children's book, *Dasha on the Trail*, is a hike through Mission Trails Regional Park as seen from the eyes and snout of a lighthearted pup, Dasha. Free, registration required. Saturday, November 13, 10am; **free.** Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Discovery Table: Owl Pellets & Animal Tracks Stop by the Discovery Table in the lobby of the Visitor Center anytime between 10am and 1pm to learn all about Owl Pellets and Animal Tracks from MTRP Trail Guides. Hands on activities for kids of all ages. Discovery tables are set up on the second Saturday of every month. Saturday, November 13, 10am; **free.** Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park along a scenic trail. Be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Walks are canceled if raining. Saturdays, 9:30am; through Saturday, November 6, **free.** Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park along a scenic trail. Be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended.

Walks are canceled if raining. Sundays, 9:30am; through Sunday, November 7, **free.** Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Guided Nature Walk from Kumeyaay Lake Campground Join a MTRP Trails Guide on a nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the east side of the park. Walks start from the Kumeyaay Lake Campground Entry Station (2 Father Junipero Serra Trail, San Diego, CA 92119) on the second and fourth Saturday of every month at 8:30am. Be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Walks are canceled if raining. Saturdays, 8:30am; through Saturday, November 13, **free.** Mission Trails - Kumeyaay Lake Campground

Kumeyaay Ethnobotany Walk During this Ranger-led 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. Bring water, sun protection and sturdy shoes. Meet near the comfort station at the north end of the parking lot. Saturday, November 13, 1pm; **free.** Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

Nature Walk from Peñasquitos Creek Crossing Trailhead Join naturalist Les Braund for an easy walk on flat ground across Peñasquitos Creek. Besides the "usual" flowers, plants and animals, learn about lichens, mushrooms, and mosses. Meet at the kiosk near the corner of Park Village Rd. & Camino del Sur. Rd. in Rancho Peñasquitos 92129. Saturday, November 13, 8am; **free.** Peñasquitos Creek Park, 11939 Camino Del Sur. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sweet 16 Open House Villa Musica is celebrating its 16th Anniversary with an Open House outdoor event featuring music performances, food, art, opportunity drawing prizes, and more. Sunday, November 14, 3pm; **free.** Villa Musica, 10373 Roselle Street Suite 170. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Veteran's Day Special In honor of Veteran's Day, Helmand Valley Growers Company will be joining forces with El Blunto in a special pop-up at Torrey Holistics to benefit the Battle Brothers Foundation. El Blunto has created limited-release lighters bearing the Battle Brother's name in addition to a brand new pre-roll called Apple Pie. The pre-rolls are buy one get one half off, and a portion of all sales of these items will go to benefit the foundation. Thursday, November 11, 12pm; **free.** 21 and up. Torrey Holistics: 10671 Roselle St #100, San Diego, CA 92121

SPOKEN WORD

Jocko Willink Saturday, November 13, 7:30pm; Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

SPORTS & FITNESS

1904 FC vs. New Amsterdam FC 1904 FC is a new local independent professional soccer team in San Diego. Saturday, November 13, 7pm; \$10. Canyon Crest Academy, 5951 Village Center Loop Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Mexico City in Hillcrest

Seems to me this place is really a living tribute to some of the greatest taco-makers ever, the Aztecs

It's the colors, here in this neighborhood that's celebrating with tacos and beer and lots of noise, half a block from 5th and University. "Escandalo!", a gal's singing again and again. It looks like a scene from *West Side Story*.

This all started the other night when I was coming out of Hiro Nori (see *Tin Fork* 10/28/21), and noticed this hopping location. People joking, drinking, eating, groups huddling around brightly-covered campground tables, kids stretching their jaws around messy tacos. The walls were scattered with signs like "Tacos Before Vatos" and "The Short Man is the Happy Man," plus plenty more, hand-painted on the walls in Spanish. Along with the music, there were great Day of the Dead



What you see: avo, jicama, corn strips. What you get: sweetened chunks of beet. D'lish!



Roasted tomatoes and seared cheese slabs anchor the Queso Asado (\$10). Filling app!

decorations: beautiful women's faces painted like skulls with orange eye sockets, an older couple smiling out from real photos in the paintings. Ruperto and Lupita. Must be the parents of the owners.

"No, grandparents," says Antonio, who is working at the bar when I pay the place a proper visit. "Our parents were Lalo and Guille." Family is the backbone of this place. Antonio and his brothers Javier and Ignacio (Nacho) run it. "Our food resembles *puestos* (food stands), from the streets of Mexico City," he says. It has atmosphere, that's for sure, as well as all this joyful noise going on. And, now I look, washing hung out to dry across upper balconies. I'm in some old Mexican City neighborhood!

It's early in the day. Too early for happy hour,

turns out. That's 3-7 daily. Right now, it's only two. But they have lots of non-HH deals, from \$5 cups of corn to a bowl of chicken (or steak), along with black beans, *queso fresco*, salad and rice, for \$12. But seems to me this place is really a living tribute to some of the greatest taco-makers ever, the

Aztecs, who ruled Tenochtitlan (Mexico City) and a big chunk of Central America till 1521. (Hernan Cortez, anybody?) So natch, I concentrate on La Vecindad's generous taco section.

For starters, they use only homemade corn tortillas. Big plus in my book. And their tacos are all the same price, \$4.25 (\$3 in HH). Another good thing, because this way, you're free to choose what you need, not what you can or cannot afford. Also, they promise to use only certified Angus beef. And I'm glad to see they've got *cochinita pibil*, beef tenderized with achiote and orange juice.

The Costa Azul taco looks good, with bacon-wrapped shrimp, red cabbage, sliced avo, chipotle, aioli, and *queso fresco*. El Perron ("The Dog?") has steak seasoned "Mexico City style" with *nopales*, onions and potatoes; and the *Lalo* uses homemade longaniza sausage created by Antonio's dad. But I end up choosing the *campechano* taco, because it has that same seasoned steak, but also includes the longaniza sausage, plus onions, *nopales* and potatoes. *Rico suave!* (Yet it's named for the coastal state of Campeche, which is known for its seafood. Go figure.)

They have plenty of vegetarian tacos too, like the beet taco, which is pan-seared beets with interesting sides like jicama, pineapple, and berry sauce. And also, interesting seafood tacos like this new one they have called *Crazy Pulpo*, which has octopus marinated in a soy-mustard sauce, plus melted cheese and black beans. Sounds worth trying just because they serve it in an organic tortilla made of beets. It does cost \$6, though.

But heavens. They all look interesting. Hmm. I order up a cup of *sopa Azteca* (\$6), a tomato-based soup with white jicama chunks, fried black ribbons of zippy *guajillo* peppers, and lots of corn tortilla strips which kind of define the taste. And, have to say, the *campechano* taco and its steak meat really are tasty and tender, and the *nopal* strips and sautéed spuds are good, too.

"Our family, the Fragoso family, started this place six years ago," says Antonio. "We came up from Mexico City. We all designed the menu together. My mom had had two restaurants



"This is a scene straight out of Mexico City," says Antonio

down there. Unfortunately, she passed away before this restaurant really took off." He's making up a *Michelada*, with the usual lime, black pepper, Clamato, whatever. But this one is brown and grainy. Costs \$12.



Antonio, one of three brothers who run La Vecindad

"Do you know the story about *vecindad*?" says Antonio. I'm guessing it's about "neighborhood," but he says it's more. "*Vecindades* especially were created in Mexico City when the old rich families moved out of their inner city mansions for more modern housing. The poor moved in and divided up the big houses, using shared facilities around a courtyard. Called them *vecindades*. They became popular as ways to accommodate the poor." Now, *vecindades* are a model that modern urban planners in the places like the US are looking to in their effort to help with the current housing crisis.

And guess what? Next day, I'm back. Because yesterday, I eyed two things I really liked the



Ancient pic of a real Vecindad in Mexico City

look of, the beet taco (that's beet, not beef) where beet is the "meat" of the taco, and the non-taco *queso asado* — basically slabs of seared cheese, plus *nopales*, and grilled tomatoes "smothered in *epazote* herb and olive oil."

The thing is, they're served with nice, hot, and spectacularly blue-black corn tortillas. Cost \$10. It's good as a starter, and an introduction to the beet taco, which has tortilla strips, jicama, avo, and sweet jam to sex up those maroon chunks. It's almost like a dessert, and a nice ending to this little safari to "Mexico City." Next time, though, I'm gonna chase the deals on Taco Tuesday. ■

The Place: La Vecindad, 3827 5th Avenue, Hillcrest, 858-837-3484

Prices: Most tacos \$4.25 each. Costa Azul taco (bacon-wrapped shrimp); El Perron (seasoned "Mexico City style" taco); the Lalo (longaniza); the campechano taco (steak plus sausage); vegetarian tacos include the beet taco, with jicama, pineapple, berry sauce; the Perron mix (cactus/nopales); "Crazy Pulpo" octopus taco marinated in a soy-mustard sauce, with melted cheese and black beans (\$6); sopa Azteca (\$6, jicama, corn tortilla strips; campechano taco (steak meat, nopal strips, sautéed potatoes), \$4.25; queso asado, seared cheese, nopales, grilled tomatoes, \$10

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TnT Pizza explodes with flavor in every slice

TnT Pizza; 550 14th Street #116, East Village. Eighteen months ago, we all saw the pandemic make things tough on restaurants, a few of which never made it back. However, if we liken that period to a long winter of attrition, what we've been seeing since the summer might be considered a spring of rebirth. Though indoor dining restrictions have gone away, many of the parklets restaurants built to surmount them have been made more or less permanent. This leaves a number of businesses with increased capacity, and the lure of outdoor seating where it was not previously available. Most surviving restaurants also came through with more robust take-out protocols, and thanks to recent legislation at the state level, those may continue include take-away cocktail sales for at least another five years.

We're also witnessing the emergence of pandemic born restaurants, launched by folks who took the shutdown as an opportunity to pivot into entrepreneurship. Case in point: new East Village pizza joint TnT Pizza. Now, those paying attention to such things will remember that, last year, East Village saw the birth of another pandemic pizza joint — literally named Pandemic Pizza — started by a couple of dudes in

their apartment prior to setting up shop within Italian grocery RoVino The Foodery. However, the Foodery partnership ended last spring, and for the moment, Pandemic Pizza operates as an occasional pop-up restaurant, posting updates over Instagram.

TnT Pizza likewise started out as a pair of dudes, out of work due to Covid-19, baking pizzas in a home kitchen to sell over Instagram. Kevin Gist and Joseph Wehrly brought years of experience making pies at local restaurants — including Pizzeria Luigi — and built up enough of a following that they've now opened up an actual pizza joint of their own, at the corner of 14th and Market Streets.

Besides the presumption this brick and mortar business would not exist without the pandemic nudging these two pizzeros on a new trajectory, the most intriguing thing about TnT is that it offers not one, but two types of pizza: New York and Detroit style. Adding to that, they employ both organic and carefully selected ingredients, and offer both gluten-free and vegan options. The latter shows some particular pizza swagger in the case of Detroit pizza, which relies on a thick, focaccia-like crust, cheese caramelizing against the pan to create a savory, secondary crust.

Basically, if you're the sort to praise the refined simplicity of a cheese pizza or a margherita pie, this is not the pizza for you. I picked up examples of both styles for the family, and each proved about as flavor-forward as pizza gets.



Detroit-style pizza: cooked in a deep pan so that the cheese crisps up at the crust.

Take the shop's Detroit style House Classic, which draws plenty of flavor from its toppings: pinches of ground fennel sausage, *pepperoncini*, red peppers, and onions. Add the salted umami of that cheese-crisp crust and richly seasoned sauce, and you find an entire pie's worth of flavor in a single, rectangular slice. Even the comparably simple New York style pie, which I ordered with pepperoni, had flavor to spare, especially as I embraced the \$1.50 add-on option, which adds everything bagel seasoning to the crust.

The East Village shop does sell pizza by the slice, allowing customers to pace themselves with TnT's different and unique topping com-

binations, including the Hot Sop (*soppressata*, hot honey, date, and balsamic reduction), Corny Peener (jalapeño sauce with corn and cilantro), and the Trifecta, which rather than a multitude of toppings, stacks flavor from three different kinds of sauce: pesto, vodka, and tomato.

Order a pie, and all of these are available in Detroit or New York styles, vegan or not. That said, the 10x14-inch Detroit pies and 20-inch New York pies run between 25 and 30 bucks apiece, with the 8x10-inch gluten-free Detroit pies a little bit cheaper. A little spendy, whereas a couple slices can definitely fill you up.

by Ian Anderson

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It's not gone, it's Oyster & Pearl

Oyster & Pearl, 6062 Lake Murray Blvd, La Mesa. If you've happened to cruise Lake Murray Boulevard on a regular basis in the past couple years, it might be easy to presume that ten-year-old eatery The Vine Cottage

this cozy neighborhood sit-down, especially during its extended happy hours, which run all day Monday and Tuesday, and from 2-6 pm the rest of the week. In addition to drink specials, the bivalves go for \$2 each, allowing you to mix and match an assortment that may

charred octopus alongside grilled and baked oysters on the starters menu, in addition to charcuterie boards. Among entrees, we noticed comfort fare such as cioppino (\$38) and a succulent Chilean sea bass filet served in a sweet tomato broth with pearled couscous. The biggest hit was a roasted branzino (\$39), served whole with roasted root vegetables and broccolini.

Given the breadth of dishes and level of ingredients in play here, dinner's a decidedly pricier proposition than happy hour. I can't say there aren't restaurants I would prefer over Oyster & Pearl when spending upwards of \$50 a person for dinner and drinks, but most of them aren't this far east.

by Ian Anderson

Happy Hour oysters, priced \$2 apiece

didn't make it through the pandemic. By late 2020, its homey sign had come down, and the vaguely Mediterranean storefront had gotten a modern facelift. Passersby were now met with Oyster & Pearl, a more modern-looking restaurant. On its sign, the Y in Oyster is styled as a martini glass, with an olive garnish, to suggest the new place is a cocktail spot with a raw bar.

Which it most certainly is. But it's mostly the same restaurant, with the same chef, adding new options alongside the same seasonally adjusted menus. It would appear the folk behind Vine Cottage turned the covid shutdown into an opportunity to refresh the brand, going with the Oyster & Pearl name to highlight the seafood side of its Mediterranean comfort food menu.

Without a doubt, embracing oyster bar status adds value to

include Blue Point oysters as well as Washington and Baja-raised varieties.

The patio seating is nice enough, but with parking lot and that Boulevard so close, I found it better to embrace my rising indoor dining confidence to enjoy the small dining room. It gives you a sense of how hampering pandemic restrictions had to be for small venues like this. Fortunately, an interior that might have felt anxiously confined, pre-vaccination, has gone back to feeling intimate, and even inviting, with the help of dark woods and warm lighting.

Though Oyster & Pearl's Mediterranean and European inspiration means you may always find the likes of beef and duck confit on offer, it does clearly lean on seafood, including a menu of pasta dishes featuring their fair share of shellfish (\$26-39).

We found mussels and

FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

Beef & Bubbles Beef & Bubbles pairing featuring Laurent-Perrier and Brandt Beef. This curated 5-course dinner explores preparations by Chefs Aron Schwartz and DuVal Warner, and champagne from the centuries old, female owned House of Laurent-Perrier. Thursday, November 11, 6:30pm; \$145. 21 and up. Ranch 45, 512 Via De La Valle, Suite 102. (SOLANA BEACH)

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The biggest hit: whole roasted branzino, with roasted vegetables and broccolini

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It's a summerlike day in the city, but my desire for festive autumnal libations rages on. Thankfully, I'm not alone in wanting to soak up the season's specialty flavors: Barleymash bartender Ramon Torres happily serves me his bar's Birds of a Feather. "It's a pumpkin spice cocktail with a whiskey base, finished with beer," he

says. "Being in San Diego, where we don't necessarily have fall seasons, I wanted to do something that's like 'fall in a glass.'"

He explains that part of his motivation was to create a seasonally-inspired cocktail that would be approachable on two sides. "For someone who's not going to opt for a pumpkin cocktail, you have the whiskey, the beer. Then, for someone who wouldn't go for a whiskey cocktail, since there's pumpkin in it, they'll be like, 'Ok, this might intrigue me.'" Torres tacks this bit on as well: "And I kind of wanted to meld two of the things we do here, which is an extensive whiskey list and a beer program."

Though he initially set out to make a fall-style whiskey sour, "those harsher [lemon] citrus tones weren't really working. So, I went with a softer citrus with the orange." He continues describing the full flavor palate, "It's not like a typical 'pumpkin' — you get spices: the clove, the star anise, the cinnamon, and nutmeg. We do a house-made pumpkin spice honey syrup, and that enhances the notes of the whiskey. A little bit of angostura bitters add to the spice."

As for the name, it turns out that Wild Turkey bourbon and Elysian Night Owl

pumpkin ale are what flock together in his Birds of a Feather. Bourbon brings in "vanilla, butterscotch notes, which most whiskeys have, but you still get that strong whiskey backbone to it. But [the drink] is not overly whiskey-forward, it's got a balance," says Torres. Pumpkin ale adds another level of complexity to the finish. "You get the pumpkin, but you still get that dry, little bit of hop at the end. It's more of the pumpkin essence — the flavor without being as sweet." Plus, he jokes, "More pumpkin, why not?"

"Pumpkin pie is my treat for the holidays," shares Torres. "I'm not a big desert person, but that one in particular was always nostalgic... kind of reminded me of the season. But I didn't want to go with something that was overly sweet or not approachable, so that's why I went with the whiskey and beer to round it out."

Compared to other pumpkin spice drinks, he concludes, this whiskey-beer cocktail is a unique offering for the fall season. "We tried to delve into those two different areas to challenge what you would typically want to order, or expect."

BARLEYMASH'S BIRDS OF A FEATHER



- 1 oz. Wild Turkey bourbon
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blurt the inside track

Releasing Rising San Diego rock stalwarts Mrs. Henry were about to embark on a west coast tour when covid shut down the live music industry. So they pivoted, creating and releas-

facilities, Palomino Sound and Valentine Recording. They went into Big Fish on their first day with one song to work on, and spent the next year writing and recording in the various studios at a furious clip.



Mrs. Henry ponders what happens when rock 'n roll becomes regular life.

ing a couple of YouTube episodes of their homespun *Medicine Show* early in the pandemic. They had another show scripted when they were presented with the opportunity to book studio time at Big Fish in Encinitas. “The idea was that, if we were gonna go and make a record, that this could be the last record we ever made,” Mrs. Henry singer/guitarist Daniel Cervantes explained. “I know lots of bands that didn’t make it through the pandemic. They had to go take other jobs and do other things. A lot of people had to change course. We just said ‘Let’s give it our all.’”

Two cities, three studios, and one three-LP rock opera later, nobody can accuse them of phoning in *Keep on Rising Acts 1-3*. The band recorded on and off at Big Fish from June through December 2020, before they completed tracking at two different Los Angeles

The Big Fish sessions took place while the covid lockdowns were still in full swing. “We had a very tight covid pod,” said Cervantes, “and we just kept together. We kept a tight ship of who was in and who was out. And it wasn’t a publicly open studio.” The band would stick around and rehearse for hours after the engineers left at night, and would arrive to work on the songs before the engineers returned the next day. The same mentality continued once they shifted to recording in L.A. in early 2021. The sessions benefitted from ultra-cheap covid rate drops, including discounted Airbnb lodgings (seven days for \$600, according to Cervantes). In fact, *Keep on Rising* likely wouldn’t have risen at all had it not been for the pandemic era that birthed it. “Because we were all independent contractors, we were like, ‘We can’t gig. No one can gig. We also are able to do

this because we can’t gig and we can afford to do this right now, based on that.’ With the amount of blood, sweat, and tears that went into this record, it really could have only been made at that time.”

Influenced by the likes of Pink Floyd’s *The Wall*, The Who’s *Tommy*, and Genesis’ *The Lamb Lies Down on Broadway*, the *Keep on Rising* trilogy follows the character of Mrs. Henry as he navigates a slightly altered version of our current reality, where the lines between what is taboo and what is standard are blurred. “Living in California with legalized marijuana, alcohol is available wherever you go, weed is basically available wherever you go...rock and roll [culture] has become a normalized state. You go on TikTok and there’s sex, sex, sex. It’s on your phone. Sex is at your will and call. Here we are, living in that world. Rock and roll was once taboo. The bad boys have now just become everyday life.”

Keep on Rising - Act 1: The Sex Sells, Love Drugs, Rock ‘N’ Roll

Society centers on the rise of Mrs. Henry as he becomes, according to Cervantes, “a member of the sex sells, love drugs, and rock and roll society.” *Act 2*, slated for release in winter 2022, will be the darker chapter, with more of an *Empire Strikes Back* vibe. Cervantes is hoping to release *Act 3* in time for summer of 2022, when its sunny vibes will be most at home. “At the very end of *Act 2*, you have the turn of the tide, and the whole game changes. Sometimes, you have a moment that hits you, and you decide for a change in a positive way. Things can start going really quick. *Act 3* represents that as a turn. Then, it’s nothing but a rise up. It’s all positive. It’s the most positive music I think we’ve ever made.”

— Dryw Keltz

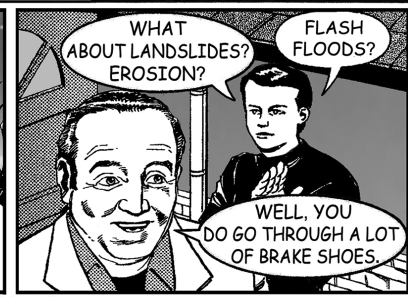
Compound band Pop-punk band Urethane was formed during the 2020 pandemic shutdown by

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professional skateboarder Steve Caballero, who has also played guitar with bands such as the Faction, Odd Man Out, Soda, and Shovelhead. He’s joined in Urethane by War Fever singer-guitarist Tim Fennelly (who lives in Carlsbad), Skipjack bassist Chad Ruiz (from East County), and BombPops drummer Dylan Wade (of Oceanside). Their debut album *Chasing Horizons*, released in September via Cyber Tracks, was produced, engineered, and mixed by Cameron Webb (Motörhead, Megadeth, Alkaline Trio, NOFX, Pennywise). According to Caballero, “Expect part skate punk, and part emotionally-driven pop punk. Urethane’s diverse mix of hook-laden, melody-soaked songs will have a little something for every fan of the genre. The album is jam-packed with catchy choruses and melodic hooks that range from mid-tempo sing-a-longs to aggressive fist-pumping screamers. Also, it was written during quarantine, so the lyrical theme leans a bit dark.”

The album title comes from the song “Wyoming,” which bassist Chad Ruiz says is about giving up, running away, and starting over. “There is a line where the [song’s] character is on an open road chasing the horizon, and it just made sense. During the short life of this band, we have been chasing horizons non-stop. It’s that kind of fun feeling you get when you’re just out on the road going for it. We are very blessed to be chasing horizons.”

The album covers a wide range of emotions and topics. Narcissism is the subject of “Avalanches,” featuring Toby Morse of H2O. “Inheritance,” which includes Jim Lindberg of Pennywise, is said to concern “the bad traits and genetics we

inherit and are forced to live with,” according to Caballero. “Love Letter Bombs” is about “being your own worst enemy,” “What You Get” concerns embattled relationships, and “What Becomes Of Us” offers one final hopeful note of “love conquering even the darkest times.” The track “Gravity” deals with personal depression, as depicted in a music video featuring the band members performing in a cutaway household set, with each member at first separated by thick walls as they all endeavor to play in time and in tune with each other, despite the foundational barriers that separate them. Then they all come together in one room to rock out with the radio friendly pop-punk number. Shot by Mario J. Rivera, the video includes an exterior scene that sports a bit of flaming CGI trickery, taking full advantage

(NOFX, Lagwagon), along with skateboarding icon and actor Kevin Staab, known from *Thrashin’* (1986), *Barge at Will* (1989), and *The Last Day of Summer* (2007). Says fellow skater Caballero, who holds the long-standing record for the highest air achieved on a halfpipe, “We’re very honored to have Kevin Staab star in our video. For one, he’s such a recognizable ‘80s skateboarding legend. Dude, come on. He’s the one that invented the trick half cab back in 1983.” For his part, Caballero, who is of Japanese and Mexican descent, has also released a compilation CD via Sessions Records called *Bandology*, featuring all of his various groups over the years. One of those bands, The Faction, landed their song “Skate and Destroy” on the soundtrack of Powell Peralta’s *Bones Brigade Video Show*. Urethane will perform on Saturday, November



Urethane was chasing horizons when they made *Chasing Horizons*.

of the videographer’s happening upon several San Diego firetrucks parked in front of a house fire and exponentially exaggerating it with special effects. The same trick is used to seemingly set fire to the video extras seen in the shot.

The “Gravity” video features artist Mark deSalvo

13, at the 13th annual Thanksgiving Punk Rock Food Drive, taking place all day through closing at Legacy Brewing Company in Oceanside.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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SPRAY ALLEN

Brought together by skateboard icon Danny Way, Spray Allen is an alternative desert rock band with a mildly psychedelic blend of '70s to '90s influences. Founded by drummer Wade Youman (Unwritten Law, Demasiado) and bassist Eric Wilson (Sublime, Long Beach Dub Allstars), the band also features guitarist Eric Sherman and lead singer Daniel Lonner, who have been playing together in bands like Late Night Episode since both were attending New York high schools, before relocating together to California. The first song that the foursome ever played together, "Left For Dead," was videotaped and uploaded

to Spray Allen's Instagram. Encouraged by the feedback, the band spent pandemic shutdown time at Sonic Ranch Studio in El Paso Texas with Paul Leary (of the Butthole Surfers), Gabriel McNair (No Doubt keyboardist and horn player), and Stu Brooks (Dub Trio), resulting in a 26-song double album. Videos are streaming online for tracks such as their debut release "Stay Clean," which features guest appearances from Butthole Surfer Leary and Bam Margera from MTV's Jackass. A follow-up single-and-video is available for "Sabotage." They'll play Vista's Ebullition Brew on November 13.



PATHOLOGY

Heavy metal band Pathology has seen a lot of pivotal local players come through its ranks over the years, including Dave Astor (the Locust, Cattle Decapitation) Levi Fuselier (Disgorge), Diego Sanchez (Disgorge), Matti Way (Disgorge, Liturgy), Mason Gregory (Element), Pascual Romero (In This Moment), Jonathan Huber (I Declare War), and a seemingly endless array of temps and come-and-go players (they once notched seven lineup changes in a single year). They've released around a half dozen albums, many of them adorned

with intentionally alarming cover artwork painted by genre fave Par Olofsson. The group is streaming their new song "Dirge for the Infected," the third single from their upcoming album *The Everlasting Plague*, due November 19. Says the band, "We're stoked to finally share another track from the new album. 'Dirge for the Infected' shows the full range of Pathology's music, from brutally heavy to fast and complex along with everything in between." A lyric video for the track is streaming online.



SLACK KEY 'OHANA

"We play traditional Hawaiian music with modern Aloha vibes," according to guitar duo Slack Key 'Ohana, known for attracting an ever-expanding roster of guest talent for both studio and live performances. Guitarist Kameka Mullen first got to know partner (and Pacific Records honcho) Brian Witkin when Mullen decided to take slack key lessons from the vet of Rock and Roll San Diego. Witkin later produced one of Mullen's solo albums. With Slack Key 'Ohana, they specialize in a Tiki Waikiki 1940s vibe, blending Hawaiian melodies with Beach Boys-style harmonies, and using old school recording

techniques in the studio and vintage instruments and equipment onstage. The band's self-titled debut, due December 3, will be preceded on November 17 by a single being released exclusively with Apple Music and iTunes, "Hanalei Moon." The record features a mix of originals and covers, with sleeve artwork painted by Tom "Thor" Thordarson, a Hawaiian artist who is known for his work with Disney. Slack Key 'Ohana will perform on November 20 at the Carlsbad Camp Store, where they'll stage holiday-themed return engagements on December 5 and December 17.



REBECCA JADE

Singer Rebecca Jade has enjoyed a steadily rising profile after being spotted at the 2020 Oscars ceremony singing backup for Elton John. Her Autumn 2020 single and video for "Bad Wolves" — featuring local stars Jason Mraz, Miki Vale, and Veronica May — is described by San Diego label Pacific Records as "a dark yet inspiring protest against the 'bad wolves' running the country, furthering systems of oppression and racism in the U.S." The track won Song of the Year at the 2021 San Diego Music Awards. Jade recently co-produced her first

solo project with Carnell Harrell (the Jacksons, Jennifer Lopez), known for working with jazz icon Dave Koz. In related news, Jade was just added to the Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour, which kicks off this month. Jade sang on Koz's virtual holiday special in 2020, and she will join Koz on the road this year alongside holiday tour regulars Jonathan Butler, Richard Elliot, and Rick Braun. The Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour hits downtown's Balboa Theatre on December 20.



FALLING DOVES

"The Falling Doves have been collaborating with Little Miss Nasty, a Hollywood-based rock and troll burlesque troupe, on some video content for the Doves upcoming tour," says Doves frontman Christopher Leyva. "They started looking to bring their show to San Diego a few times, but San Diego is a bit shy about controversy. They finally found a buyer for the show, so Brick by Brick will be presenting it on November 13. What makes this show incredible is that it's all the dancers, choreographers, and musicians who play with everyone from Kid Rock to Rhianna and Justin Timberlake, and major stadium giants like Nicki Minaj, Britney Spears,

Beyoncé, Lady Gaga, Jennifer Lopez, Christina Aguilera, Justin Bieber, Pitbull, Katy Perry, Usher, Ariana Grande, Ne-Yo, P. Diddy, Tiësto, Gwen Stefani, Empire of the Sun, Backstreet Boys, Ciara, Chris Brown, French Montana, Big Sean, and Nick Jonas." Little Miss Nasty, fronted by Gina Katon (Gina & the Eastern Block) started out as a performance art group. They released their first original song in April, "Hungry," along with a futuristic fluorescent light-filled video that comes with a warning about "flashing imagery that may affect those susceptible to photosensitive epilepsy of that may have other photosensitivities."

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

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library:
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Bruno Leone: The World of Music & Movies. \$20-\$25.

Belly Up Tavern:
Thursday, 9pm — Five For Fighting with String Quartet. \$53-\$58.
Friday & Saturday, 8pm — Brett Dennen. \$30-\$109.
Sunday, 8pm — Cory & the Wongnotes. \$25-\$44.
Monday, 8pm — Ultravox's Midge Ure Solo.
Tuesday, 8pm — Lucero and Morgan Wade.
Wednesday, 8pm — John Craigie and Chris Pureka. \$20-\$35.

Brick by Brick:
Saturday, 8pm — Little Miss Nasty. \$20-\$25.
Monday, 8pm — Bystander.

Casbah:
Thursday, 8pm — Birdtalker.
Friday, 8pm — Mating Ritual.

Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD:
Wednesday, 7pm — Kartik Seshadri: An Evening of Indian Classical Music. **Free.**

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

Ebullition Brew Works:
Saturday, 6pm — Spray Allen ft. Eric Wilson & Wade Youman. \$10-\$15.

House of Blues:
Friday, 7:30pm — Luna Luna. \$15.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Foos Gone Wild. \$25-\$85.
Sunday, 7pm — Noel Schajris. \$50-\$125.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Carpool Tunnel. \$14.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Toosii. \$30-\$75.

Humphreys by the Bay:
Friday, 7pm — All Time Low and nothing, nowhere.
Tuesday, 8pm — Postmodern Jukebox. \$59-\$499.

Legacy Brewing Co.:
Saturday, 1pm — Thanksgiving Punk Rock Food Drive.

Magnolia Performing Arts Center:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Elvis Costello & The Imposters.

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:
Friday, 9pm — The Travel Agents.
Saturday, 9pm — The Electric Blue Band.

Museum of Making Music:
Friday, 7pm — Albert Lee. \$10-\$35.

Music Box:
Thursday, 7pm — La Luz and Tropa Magica. \$20.
Friday, 7:30pm — Through The Roots and Arise Roots. \$25.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Electric Guest and Your Smith. \$22.
Sunday & Monday, 7:30pm — Goth Babe.
Tuesday, 8pm — The Black

Angels. \$27.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Tops. \$18.

Navajo Live:
Friday, 8pm — Black Star Sinners and Sonic Moonshine.
Saturday, 8:30pm — Serious Guise. **Free.**
Sunday, 7pm — Songwriter Spotlight "Duo" Sessions. \$5.
Monday, 7:30pm — Max Struthers Band.

Observatory North Park:
Thursday, 7pm — Greensky Bluegrass. \$35-\$80.
Friday, 7:30pm — Greer and Shock Therapy. \$25.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Small Town Murder.
Monday, 7pm — Coin: Rainbow Dreamland Tour.
Tuesday, 8pm — The Aces.
Wednesday, 7pm — Lovelytheband and Sir Sly. \$29-\$99.

Online Internet Events:
Thursday, 2pm — MoMM@ Home: Acoustic Guitar Roundtable. **Free.**

Panama 66:
Sunday, 3pm — Uptown Rhythm Makers. **Free.**

Pechanga Arena San Diego:
Saturday, 7pm — Porter Robinson.
Monday, 7:30pm — Harry Styles. \$44-\$154.

Pilgrim United Church of Christ:
Saturday, 7:30pm — Lisa Sanders & Ashley Norton. \$17-\$20.

Quartyard:
Saturday, 6pm — Bobby Oroza and Brainstory.

SeaFire:
Saturday, 6pm — She Says So. **Free.**

Skyline Wesleyan Church:
Friday, 6pm — Tauren Wells.

Soda Bar:
Thursday, 8pm — Bodysnatcher and Boundaries.

Friday, 8pm — Satsang. \$19.
Saturday, 8pm — Argonaut and Wasp.
Sunday, 8pm — JD Simo and GA-20. \$18.
Monday, 8pm — Dark Time Sunshine vv Torbjørn & Upgrade, Kahlee. \$15.
Tuesday, 8pm — Frozen Soul. \$16.
Wednesday, 8pm — Well Well Well and Sweet Nobody.

Soma:
Thursday, 7pm — Chicano Batman and Inner Wave.
Saturday, 7pm — Band Of Horses.

Spin Nightclub:
Friday, 10pm — Delta Heavy, R.A.W. Replicant. \$22-\$28.

St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church:
Tuesday, 7:30pm — The Gesualdo Six: Josquin's Legacy. \$10-\$45.

Til-Two Club:
Saturday, 8pm — Spice Pistols.

Verbatim Books:
Saturday, 7pm — Caleb Klauder & Reeb Willms. \$20-\$25.

Viejas Arena:
Saturday, 7:30pm — Evanescence and Halestorm.

UPCOMING SHOWS

American Legion Post 416:
Saturday, Dec. 18 — 8 East Band. **Free.**

Aquarius Bar & Grille:
Saturday, Nov. 20 — Sonic Tonic.

Balboa Theatre:
Tuesday, Dec. 14 — Pink Martini Featuring China Forbes.
Thursday, Dec. 16 — Bela Fleck.

Belly Up Tavern:
Thursday, Nov. 18 — The Movement and Denm. \$20-\$44.
Friday, Nov. 19 — The Movement and Denm. \$20-\$44.

Saturday, Nov. 20 — Pine Mountain Logs.
Monday, Nov. 22 — Dawes.
Tuesday, Nov. 23 — Dawes.
Wednesday, Nov. 24 — Yachtley Crew.
Friday, Nov. 26 — Fortunate Youth and Artikal Sound System.
Saturday, Nov. 27 — Greyboy Allstars.
Sunday, Nov. 28 — The Last Waltz with Mrs. Henry & Friends.
Tuesday, Nov. 30 — Laura Marling.
Thursday, Dec. 2 — The Reverend Horton Heat.
Friday, Dec. 3 — Queen Nation.
Sunday, Dec. 5 — Our Lady Peace.
Tuesday, Dec. 7 — Venice.
Wednesday, Dec. 8 — Leonid & Friends: Chicago Tribute.
Thursday, Dec. 9 — Robert Cray. \$42-\$74.
Friday, Dec. 10 — The Spazmatics and Lies N' Roses.
Saturday, Dec. 11 — Marc Broussard.
Sunday, Dec. 12 — The Slackers and the Aggrolites.

Brick by Brick:
Friday, Nov. 19 — Bridge City Sinners and Lower Class Brats. \$17-\$20.
Saturday, Nov. 20 — Stick To Your Guns. \$18-\$20.
Wednesday, Nov. 24 — Nita Strauss.
Friday, Nov. 26 — Mystic Ritual.
Saturday, Nov. 27 — Intervals.
Sunday, Nov. 28 — Unto Others.
Thursday, Dec. 2 — Vitriol and Unidad Trauma.
Saturday, Dec. 4 — Nekromantix.
Thursday, Dec. 9 — Exhorder.

Friday, Dec. 10 — Red Jumpsuit Apparatus.

Bridges:
Friday, Nov. 26 — Desert Oracle.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido:
Saturday, Nov. 20 — ¡Viva el Flamenco! \$25-\$30.
Friday, Dec. 10 — Carols by Candlelight Country Concerts. \$18-\$94.
Saturday, Dec. 11 — Carols by Candlelight Country Concerts. \$18-\$94.

Casbah:
Saturday, Nov. 20 — Jordy. \$15-\$45.
Sunday, Nov. 21 — Valley Maker. \$12.
Monday, Nov. 22 — Can't Swim and Night Like Thieves.
Saturday, Nov. 27 — Warish and Death Chant.
Tuesday, Nov. 30 — Cordovas.
Thursday, Dec. 2 — Off With Their Heads and Supercrush.
Wednesday, Dec. 8 — Wand.
Friday, Dec. 10 — Shane Hall Band.
Saturday, Dec. 11 — Fu Manchu. \$15-\$18.
Sunday, Dec. 12 — And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead.

Cowshed Bar and Grill:
Friday, Dec. 10 — Friday Night Ho-Down.

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

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

Fast Times:
Friday, Dec. 10 — West of 5. **Free.**

Ferry Landing Marketplace:
Sunday, Nov. 21 — Miss Demeanor.

Holding Company:
Sunday, Nov. 28 — Nathan Raney.

House of Blues:
Saturday, Nov. 20 — Destroy Boys. \$15.
Wednesday, Nov. 24 — Madison Beer.
Saturday, Nov. 27 — Regrettes.
Tuesday, Nov. 30 — The Happy Fits.
Friday, Dec. 3 — Lanco.
Saturday, Dec. 4 — Alfie Templeman.
Sunday, Dec. 5 — Pouya.
Wednesday, Dec. 8 — The Locust and Sonido De La Frontera.

Humphreys by the Bay:
Friday, Nov. 19 — Camilo Mis Manos Tour.

Jacked Up Brewery:
Saturday, Nov. 20 — West of 5. **Free.**

Jolly Joker Tavern:
Saturday, Nov. 20 — The Whole Shebang. **Free.**
Saturday, Nov. 27 — Triple Threat. **Free.**
Friday, Dec. 3 — Sonic Moonshine. **Free.**
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Saturday, Dec. 4 — David Donner & the Dynamites. **Free.**

Kraken:
Sunday, Dec. 5 — Miss Demeanor.

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Friday, Nov. 26 — Billy Nation: A Tribute to Billy Joel. Free.

Magnolia Performing Arts Center:
Saturday, Nov. 20 — The Mavericks.
Friday, Dec. 3 — Lindsey Buckingham.
Monday, Dec. 6 — Mary Chapin Carpenter, Marc Cohn, Shawn Colvin.

Molly Malone's Waypoint Saloon:
Friday, Nov. 19 — Miss Demeanor.

Moonshine Beach:
Thursday, Nov. 18 — Randall King.

Moose Lodge Escondido:
Saturday, Dec. 11 — Country Music Party.

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:
Friday, Nov. 19 — Black Cherry Lightnin'.
Saturday, Nov. 20 — Custard Pie.
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Saturday, Dec. 4 — 8 East Band.
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Museum of Making Music:
Saturday, Nov. 20 — San Diego Sound Project: Shua. Free.
Friday, Dec. 10 — San Diego Sound Project: Kathryn Schulmeister. Free.

Music Box:
Thursday, Nov. 18 — Dar Williams and Heather Maloney. \$35.
Friday, Nov. 19 — Little Hurricane. \$20.
Saturday, Nov. 20 — Fooz Fighters. \$16.
Sunday, Nov. 21 — Musiq Soulchild. \$48.
Navajo Live:
Friday, Nov. 19 — The Sticky Sweets. Free.
Saturday, Nov. 20 — I-90. Free.

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

A rewarding pilgrimage to L.A.

One of the major themes in Richard Wagner's 1845 opera *Tannhäuser* is pilgrimage. With that in mind, I took a pilgrimage to LA Opera to see their current production of the show. (San Diego Opera has produced *Tannhäuser* twice in its 57-year history, most recently in 2008.) LA Opera presented a version that was well cast, well-executed, and well-conceived. The overall effect was overwhelming. All the big moments hit and hit hard. Maestro James Conlon and the orchestra were masterful. The chorus was robust yet reverent, with magnificent tuning and balance. The principal cast was more than sufficient.

The staging got off to a shaky start. Tannhäuser enters during the prelude and wanders around the stage, as if this is his first time in the space. We find out later that he had been in the *Venusberg*, the

mountain of erotic love, for longer than he can remember. So why is he exploring the space? He spies a grand piano downstage right and is slowly drawn to it. This type of movement is well-executed by dancers. But singers? Not so much. Arriving at the piano, Tannhäuser proceeds to... make love to it? This type of staging must be removed from opera, forever. It's uncomfortable for the singer and for the audience. But after that unfortunate error, the rest of the opera proceeded naturally, with characters acting like human beings instead of vague representations of ill-conceived melodrama.

Among the secondary cast, two singers stood out. Tenor Robert Stahley was incredible. This is a singer to keep your eye on. The tone and quality of his voice imply that great things are to come. The other singer was bass

Morris Robinson in the role of Hermann. Imagine the sound of a tree being split in half. Now imagine that sound being sustained from the top to the bottom of a massive voice. That's Morris Robinson.

Sara Jakubiak performed the role of Elisabeth. She has a sizeable yet attractive voice, and that makes her perfect for the role. Interestingly, she struggled to produce a consistent tone in the lower register. She has more than enough voice, but appeared to be protecting the top of her range by under-singing the bottom.

The title role was performed by Issachah Savage. During the opening scene, I was impressed with the intelligence of his approach. The role of Tannhäuser is a task. Savage started the evening by coming off the voice a bit in the top of his range.



An impressively intelligent approach: Issachah Savage as Tannhäuser in LA Opera's 2021 production of *Tannhäuser*

It created a lyrical and pretty sound that was still ample for the house I completely understood that decision from a pacing point of view, and it also worked for the character and the setting.

I first heard Lucas Meacham in the role of Figaro in *The Barber of Seville* at San Diego Opera in 2012. He immediately became one of our favorite singers. In the role of Wolfram, he was nothing short of miraculous, with a tone

that was both powerful and tender — as required by the role. There was no baritone haze on the top of Meacham's voice. It was crystal clear and thrilling.

Those terms, *crystal clear* and *thrilling*, can be applied to the entirety of the musical elements in this production. Maestro Conlon, the orchestra, the chorus, and principal cast gave the opera lovers of Southern California a gift with this performance. We are grateful.

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Sunday, Nov. 21 — Singer Songwriter Showcase. \$5.
Monday, Nov. 22 — Dogfish Bark.
Friday, Nov. 26 — Pink Floyd. \$10.
Saturday, Nov. 27 — Daring Greatly. \$10.
Sunday, Nov. 28 — Lady Psychiatrist's Booth. \$5.
Monday, Nov. 29 — Carrie & Z Boyz.

Observatory North Park:
Thursday, Nov. 18 — 100 Gecs. \$42-\$123.
Saturday, Nov. 20 — Beabadoobee and Christian Leave. \$75-\$154.
Tuesday, Nov. 23 — Lagwagon.
Wednesday, Nov. 24 — Lagwagon.
Friday, Dec. 3 — Hirie and Tribal Theory.

Saturday, Dec. 4 — Blue October and Yam Haus.
Sunday, Dec. 5 — Courtney Barnett and Barteas Strange.
Monday, Dec. 6 — Courtney Barnett and Barteas Strange.
Wednesday, Dec. 8 — Purity Ring.
Thursday, Dec. 9 — Purity Ring.
Saturday, Dec. 11 — The Garden.
Sunday, Dec. 12 — Lettuce and Chris Karns.

Oceana Clubhouse 550 Vista Bella Dr. Oceanside, CA 92057. :
Saturday, Nov. 20 — Cowboy Jack. \$10.

Olive Peirce Middle School:
Friday, Dec. 3 — Back to the Garden: Sounds of the Laurel Canyon.

Panama 66:
Sunday, Nov. 28 — Uptown Rhythm Makers. Free.
Sunday, Dec. 12 — Uptown Rhythm Makers. Free.
Poway Center for the Performing Arts:
Saturday, Dec. 11 — John Mayall and Walter Trout.

Quartyard:
Friday, Dec. 10 — Beach Bunny and Miloe.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:
Thursday, Nov. 18 — Last in Line and Taz Taylor. \$25-\$275.

Soda Bar:
Thursday, Nov. 18 — Angel Dust. \$18.
Friday, Nov. 19 — Slow Pulp. \$17.

Saturday, Nov. 20 — Wavves. \$31.
Monday, Nov. 22 — Planet Booty. \$10-\$12.
Saturday, Nov. 27 — 22 & good 4 u.
Sunday, Nov. 28 — Night Beats and Wild Wild Wets.
Tuesday, Nov. 30 — Cory Wells and Born Without Bones.
Thursday, Dec. 2 — Through Being Cool ft. Empty Streets.
Friday, Dec. 3 — Okey Dokey.
Saturday, Dec. 4 — Runnner and Skullcrusher.
Tuesday, Dec. 7 — Jack Symes and Hot Moms Club.
Wednesday, Dec. 8 — Comeback Kid and No Warning.

Soma:
Friday, Nov. 19 — Beach Fossils and Wild Nothing. \$35.
Saturday, Nov. 20 — Kolohe Kai. \$35.
Sunday, Nov. 28 — TV Girl.
Friday, Dec. 3 — Tres Legados.
Saturday, Dec. 4 — Waterparks.
Thursday, Dec. 9 — Hot Flash Heat Wave.

South Carlsbad State Beach Campground:
Saturday, Nov. 20 — Slack Key 'Ohana.
Sunday, Dec. 5 — Slack Key 'Ohana.

Steele 94:
Saturday, Dec. 18 — Hee-Haw Party.

Sycamore Den:
Sunday, Nov. 28 — Tori Roze & Johnny Alexander.

Templar's Hall at Old Poway Park:
Friday, Nov. 19 — Gregory Page and J.T. Moring.

Til-Two Club:
Friday, Nov. 26 — The Bobby Lees.

Tio Leo's:
Thursday, Dec. 2 — Chickenbone Slim.

Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center:
Friday, Nov. 26 — The San Diego Jazz Fest.
Saturday, Nov. 27 — The San Diego Jazz Fest.

Viejas Arena:
Friday, Nov. 19 — Farruko. \$16-\$159.
Sunday, Nov. 21 — Los Angeles Azules and Gran Centenario Tequila.
Saturday, Dec. 4 — Christian Nodal and Gera MX.

Winstons Beach Club:
Saturday, Nov. 20 — The Shenanigans. Free.
Thursday, Dec. 2 — Mike Pinto.
Friday, Dec. 10 — Sister Speak and The Rad Trads.

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Edo de Waart & the San Diego Symphony San Diego Symphony principal guest conductor Edo de Waart leads his first concerts at The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park. ANNA CLYNE: *Abstractions* RACHMANINOFF: *Symphonic Dances* Other works to be announced Saturday, November 13, 5pm; Sunday, November 14, 5pm; Rady Shell at Jacobs Park, 200 Marina Park Way.

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Aspiration vs. assimilation

Many families, in some way or another, exercise their right to rely on secrets and lies as means of postponing (prolonging?) life's darker moments. It wasn't until I turned 30 that my mother copped to having my alcoholic third-grade teacher fired for calling her baby a "worthless cripple"

(my arm was in a cast) and a "kike." This was

followed by my admission to chucking a rock at the sea-hag's headlights. My parents seldom journeyed down life's darker thoroughfares. When it came to cheating, Babe and Larry never had sex with each other, let alone extra-marital sweethearts. Nor would anyone mistake my mother for a "women's libber." After all, she wasn't nicknamed Babe based on her ability to hit a ball with a stick or consume 20 hot dogs in one sitting. Both infidelity and feminism are at the core of *India Sweets and Spices*, but you'll have to wait for first-time writer-director Geeta Malik to set aside her "chick-flick" cravings before addressing the issues at hand.

We open on a coming-of-age rom-com, an Indian-flavored *Goodbye, Columbus*. Haircuts play a major role in story development. 'Twas the night before summer vacation, a time for partied-out Alia (Sophia Ali) to take a clipper to her sorority sister so the latter wouldn't return home to Texas with a bad case of big hair. At first glance, one could easily confuse Alia and her friends with drunken high school students. When mother Shiela (Manisha Koirala) was Alia's age, she was shaving her head in protest of sexual assault on campus. What happened to the once crusading feminist? In the end, it was easier to snag a husband with flowing locks. Security trounced militancy and she traded in her radical lifestyle for a lavish suburban compound in chi-chi Ruby Hills, New Jersey and an arranged marriage to a serial philanderer.

Once home, Alia quickly returns to her parent's lavish lifestyle, which includes scattering air-kisses among the gossiping hoard of locals in attendance for their regular fancy dress get-togethers. But a lot has changed in Alia's absence; that includes a switch in ownership at the titular grocery that sees the handsome Varun (Rish Shah) currently stocking the shelves of his parents' store. A gust of slow-motion wind running through her hair was a bad choice of clichés to express Alia's sudden interest. On impulse, she invites Varun and his parents to

that weekend's cookie-cutter gathering. While sizing up the potential for summer romance with alternate romantic interest Rahul (Ved Sapru), she spots her father Ranjit (Adil Hussain) at the top of the stairs and in the arms of Rahul's mother.

Varun and the folks don't fit in with the overstuffed *nouveau riche* revelers in attendance. (Ranjit purchased books by the pound to use as decor.)

Varun later jokes about throwing a pool party at his house and the butler needed to inflate it. But Varun's mother Bhairavi (Deepthi Gupta) instantly pegs Sheila as her former resistance-fighting classmate. When pressed, Sheila wriggles her way out of it. So far, so what? The subject is Indian assimilation, but the execution is strictly that of a small screen romance. All it took was the dark at the top of the stairs to shine dramatic light on a comedy that appeared to be going nowhere fast.

The following morning, Alia confronts Ranjit over breakfast. It results in both parents advising their daughter to butt out. The same thing happens when she raises the subject with Rahul. His advice is to suck it up and enjoy the summer. Is it any wonder that she finds comfort in the arms of Arun? Mom's way of dealing with stress is clearing the dinner-table with a sweep of her hand. In retrospect, Sheila refers to youthful digressions as young and stupid. This coming from a middle-aged woman who sold her soul to be with a philandering "good provider." Fortunately for Alia, Sheila didn't raise her daughter to wallow in the martyrdom of melodramatic drudgery. Leave it to Alia to look past the fatuous nature of the gatherings and stare unblinkingly into the epiphanic light of reason. Her first bid at picking up mom's torch is asking a pampered uncle if he even knows where the kitchen is. One person's fluffy comedy is another's slow-burning drama. The free-wheeling confessionals that cap the proceedings have sure-fire crowd-pleasing delight scrawled all over them. (Starts Friday at a theatre near you.) ★★

—Scott Marks

Video on Demand and New Release Roundup

Finch — A post-apocalyptic amalgamation of Tom Hanks' greatest hits (notably *Turner and Hooch* and *Cast Away*) lies at the heart of this wake up call to climate change deniers. (Perhaps the non-believers in the crowd might finally face reality if the message comes cloaked in sci-fi trappings and with



India Sweets and Spices: Sophia Ali, a still life in shallow waters.

the Walter Cronkite of cinema as their guide?) Finch (Hanks) isn't the sole survivor of the climate holocaust, but it isn't until over an hour into the picture that the presence of others is called into question. It soon becomes clear to both character and viewer that Fitch's days are numbered. Hemoptysis had set in, a throat-clearing whoop that makes Doc Holliday's hacking in *My Darling Clementine* sound like a tickle. Afraid that Goodyear (Seamus) might not be able to fend for himself when the day finally comes, or that a fellow survivor will fricassee the pup, Fitch creates Jeff, a robot to care for his beloved dog. Don't let Caleb Landry Jones' name in the credits fool you. This is a one-hander, with Jones on board to provide Jeff with his voice and motion capture likeness. Fitch not only teaches the gangly bot how to drive an RV — no small feat when one considers our hero's observation that Jeff was literally born yesterday — but he instills within his homemade friend lessons in trust and humanity. Miguel Sapochnik's (*Repo Men*) sophomore feature asks that we come for the entertainment and stay for the ecological messaging. Either way, you win. 2021. — S.M. ★★★

The Human Voice — It's not often a director remakes their own film, and even rarer for a feature to be reimagined in short form. Pedro Almodóvar's *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown* and *The Human Voice* both share as their source material Jean Cocteau's one-act monodrama *La Voix Humaine*. With a flip of the proverbial, "Speech is silver, silence is golden," the first third of Almodóvar's free-handed 30 minute redo plays out sans dialogue — give or take the words needed for the woman (Tilda Swinton) to purchase an axe from her local hardware store. The concluding 15 minutes are spent in monologic debate, a one-sided phone conversation

between the woman and her (unheard) lover of four years. It's hard for Tilda to compete with the campy set dressing and DVD covers. At times, I paid more attention to the lofty loft and the woman's taste in books and DVDs (a Douglas Sirk twofer!) than I did its occupant. The stage version ends with the depressed diva savagely strangled by her phone cord, while the shortened modern

dress version takes a last-minute detour. With nary a land-line in sight, Almodóvar closes with a stylistic tailwind that spares the woman's life while choking the narrative impact. Apart from Swinton's performance, two things stand out: playful opening credits spelled out in fonts designed from hardware store items and answering the question of who gets custody of the dog. 2021. — S.M. ★★



Drive My Car was the closing-night presentation at the San Diego Asian Film Festival, but an uncooperative screener took me three viewings to get through. For reviews of *Cloudy Mountain* and *The Velvet Underground*, two other films that slipped off the screen before I could review them, visit us online.

— Scott Marks

DRIVE MY CAR (2021)

In the shadows of their bedroom, a Japanese power couple — actor-director Yūsuke Kafuku (Hidetoshi Nishijima) and screenwriter Oto Kafuku (Reika Kirishima) — take advantage of their post-coital glow to hatch an idea for a TV pilot. She is always with him; while driving, he runs lines off a tape of *Uncle Vanya* that she recorded for him. One day, he furtively happens upon

Oto making love to her young protegee Kōji (Masaki Okada) and says nothing. Two years after a cerebral hemorrhage takes Oto's life, Yūsuke accepts an Artist-in-Residence position to direct Chekhov's tragedy-tinged comedy. There are scars in life that refuse to heal. He still listens to Oto's tape, and would prefer to drive himself. But a fatal accident involving another visiting dignitary adds a contractual provision for the services of driver Misaki Watari (Tōko Miura) that is non-negotiable. (If they go to the expense of hiring a driver, why not supply a car as well?) A master at mounting multilingual productions, Yūsuke can't find the words needed to make sense of his own life. Add to that the appearance of Kōji's headshot in the stack of audition forms, and an unexpected bonding with Misaki... all that's missing is a will to survive. Ryūsuke Hamaguchi (*Wheel of Fortune and Fantasy*) takes us on an unnecessarily long ride that is ultimately a journey worth taking. 2021. ★★★

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WHEN TEMPTED ...no one should say, "God's tempting me." For God can't be tempted by evil. Nor does He tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when...

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

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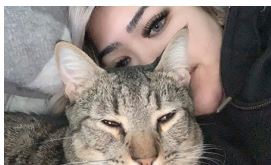
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WE'RE MOVING TO SAN DIEGO I! everyone, my husband and I are looking for a studio for \$1400 for October. We are students and would like a studio for a long stay. Message me on FB: [facebook.com/amanda.lucila/](https://www.facebook.com/amanda.lucila/). Thanks!

MOVING TO SAN DIEGO I'm moving to San Diego In Oct. I'm looking for roommates and a private room. My max budget is 1300; a place in Mission Valley or P.B. is best. I'm a fun, understanding, neat & wonderful roommate. Pls. DM me @ savana. [bjorklund.5](https://www.facebook.com/bjorklund.5) on FB.

PET LOVING ROOMMATES My budget is \$900. I'm 23, work full time as a receptionist, and in my free time, I like to go to the dog beach/park with my two tiny chihuahuas. I'd love some roommates who also work full time and love pets. [facebook.com/katrina.matese/](https://www.facebook.com/katrina.matese/)

MIDTOWN \$500 negotiable. Includes electric, Cox cable. Separate, living room /kitchen 420 friendly. Mindfulness/ meditator. You: vaccinated drug, alcohol, tobacco, drama, Trump, 5150 free. (619) 457-8516

SANTEE, \$750 2/2 home w/ homeowner, dog. Same price furnished/unfurnished. No kids under 18. Pools, spas, clubhouse, tennis. AC & heat, kitchen, W/D. No tobacco, or add'l pets. Share util. (619) 499-9663, phone calls preferred.

TINY ROOM TO LIVE PLEASE 62 year young, healthy,

vaccinated, single, no family, Virgo, never married, non-smoker, clean, SoCal native, low income, male, high school/ college graduate. Seeking any somber tiny room please in Solana Beach, Cardiff, Leucadia, Encinitas, Carlsbad. Dale Hauskins (858) 401-2973

COLLEGE ROOMMATES

\$900 ROOM Room for rent \$900; a private room with a private bathroom. It also has a private entrance. DM if interested [facebook.com/betsy619/](https://www.facebook.com/betsy619/)

COLLEGE CABIN RETREAT Retreat to Big Bear with your classmates. The 1500 square feet two-bedroom, two-bathroom plus loft home will comfortably accommodate four guests, eight with the extra futon beds in loft and living room. www.getlostinn.com [facebook.com/GetLostInn](https://www.facebook.com/GetLostInn) contact@getlostinn.com

COLLEGE STUDENTS MOVERS I am a grad student; my team and I have been in the moving business for more than 2 1/2 years we are doing this to help pay for our tuition. We are all Tall guys with strong and athletic bodies. We do discounts for all college students. (858) 208-0775

CSUSM AND PALOMAR STUDENTS Private, spacious furnished/unfurnished single occupancy studio room available. Centrally located in New Encinitas. Studio is 400 sq ft, private bathroom, kitchenette, and beautiful view from your window. \$2500 - message poster on Facebook for info [facebook.com/judy.l.nelson](https://www.facebook.com/judy.l.nelson)

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](https://www.facebook.com/luke.pickett.5)

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](https://www.sandiegozoo.org/school-programs/student-discount)

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](https://www.facebook.com/jay.d.schlesinger)



SDSU ROOMMATE I'm a Senior at SDSU and I am looking to rent a 1 Bedroom apartment in the San Diego area. My budget is around \$800-1250/month for rent. Please DM me on FB: @ Jalen Dumphord — Thank You!

MIRAMAR OR USD STUDENTS I have a 5 bedroom home in Mira Mesa with one unfurnished bedroom for rent. Has a shared bathroom and it measures 20x14. Price: \$850/month w/ \$850 deposit. Click Facebook link and DM for more info. [facebook.com/profile.php?id=24605975](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=24605975)

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/](https://www.facebook.com/sarin.parris/)

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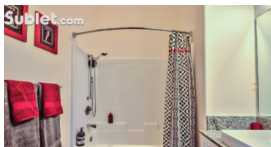
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COLLEGE HOUSE WITH POOL 3Bd/3Ba house for rent in a very chill community in between Bay Park and Mission Valley. -Literally a 2 minute walk to USD. -10 min drive to SDSU. -10-15 min drive to UC. 1 room-\$1450/month + utilities. MSG OP on FB @Lufyrb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

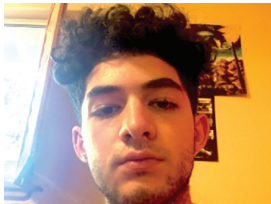


PB, EAST VILLAGE, LA JOLLA? I'm going to school to become a professional hairdresser; in my free time I love to be outside in nature, hiking, going to the beach, exploring new areas, meeting new people. ISO roommates? DM me on IG: Travelingbumblebeee www.instagram.com/Travelingbumblebeee/

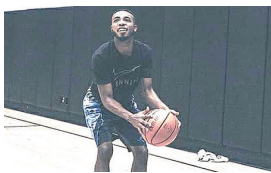
SDSU MARKETING STUDENT I'm a Senior at SDSU and I am looking to rent a 1 Bedroom apartment in the San Diego area. My budget is around \$800-1250/month for rent. Please DM me on FB: @ Jalen Dumphord — Thank You! facebook.com/profile.php?id=10007142185



SDSU ROOMMATES OUT THERE? I've found a house near SDSU (5 mins walk). Looking for 3 more roommates to sign a lease with ASAP! Looking for people who are outgoing, like to explore and can be friends with! Pm me for further details of the house or any questions! facebook.com/nupur.chunawala



SDSU STUDENT ROOMMATE I'm Robert, I'm transferring from the Bay Area to San Diego for 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/



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

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/nikitamdccxxvi/



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

SDSU STUDENT ISO ROOMMATES Hello, I need a place to move into as soon as possible. I only need it for 3 months until I finish school at SDSU, flexible with location and price. Please let me know via Facebook direct message. facebook.com/profile.php?id=100011562247879



COLLEGE STUDENT MOVERS I am a grad student; my team and I have been in the moving business for more than 2 1/2 years we are doing this to help pay for our tuition. We are all tall guys with strong and athletic bodies. (858) 208-0775



MIRAMAR COLLEGE STUDENTS 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

APARTMENT BY SDSU Apartment for rent at the Suites on Paseo by SDSU. Fully furnished room, ready to move in. The apartment includes a TV with cable, air conditioning, a spa, and a gym. www.sublet.com/property/4626547

BUYING SWC COLLEGE BOOKS This store buys used Southwest College books facebook.com/Otay-Books-437860740018652 (619) 216-3636

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

SURF DIEGO

Pacific Beach better for goofy surfers
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Victor Taveira: "I'll wake up at seven or eight and come on out."

Victor Taveira: "I usually go to OB, but it's mostly right-hand waves, so I go over to Pacific Beach, because it has waves for both right and left hands. I'm goofy, but I'm getting better with my right side."

"This board is actually brand new. It's a

5'8", 33-liter board so it's pretty good for my size and it's the dimensions that I want. The short board is used more for maneuvers. This one works well with the waves today. If the waves were too big, I'd need a bigger board to handle the pressure of the wave."

me as your future roommate. facebook.com/maren.appert

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



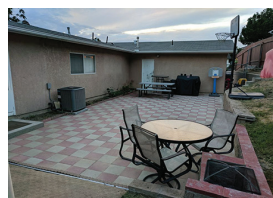
CITY COLLEGE ROOMMATES Private room downtown available Aug. 1 for a two bed/two bath unit! Close to City College, with a swimming pool, jacuzzi, fitness center. It even has a basketball court and tennis court! Perfect for college students. facebook.com/chris.olory



COLLEGE VIEW APARTMENTS @ SDSU College View Apartments @ SDSU, a safe, welcoming & conveniently located apartment community near the university at 5420- 5422 55th Street facebook.com/CollegeViewApartments.SDSU (619) 287-6456

SAN CARLOS ROOMMATE? Saw this 3 bd/2 ba house located on Lake Baca Street in San Carlos by State! Has brand new vinyl flooring throughout house. 2 car garage. Email if you want to split rent! surfer_415@gmail.com

SDSU ROOMMATES Apartment for rent at the Suites on Paseo by SDSU. Fully furnished room, ready to move in. The apartment includes TV with cable, air conditioning, spa, and a gym. www.sublet.com/property/4626547



PERFECT FOR COLLEGE ROOMMATES Found this place on FB. Five bedroom home with three full baths. 2,000 square feet. Large lot with plenty of yard. Lots of upgrades for modern living including dual laundry areas located inside and in the garage. facebook.com/commerce/listing/1023110341596177/

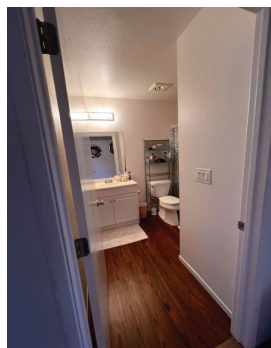
SDSU STUDENT HERE Hey everyone, I'm doing my semester abroad at SDSU and still need a spot in a shared bedroom or private bedroom as I'm living in a hostel in downtown at the moment. Budget \$1000 per month. facebook.com/leonardo.cofone.3



STUDENT FROM SDSU ROOMMATE Budget: Max of \$1100/month. I hope you'll consider me as your future 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. facebook.com/maren.appert

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 flier. facebook.com/drell0k



CSUSM STUDENTS Found this on FB. I am looking for someone to take over my room in the Escondido area. The room comes with private restroom, and an extra hallway closet as well as free parking. Access to kitchen and living room area. facebook.com/yessica.ramirez.39

#APTSNEARSDSU Check out our virtual tour and reserve today! Live with the comfort of choosing your roommates! \$99 Deposit *OAC #aptsnearsdsu #nowrenting #askaboutourspecials #lovewhereyoulive. Dorchester Apartments youtu.be/yeG1E24a64Q (619) 583-8084 / dorchester@hcares.com

ISO HOUSEMATES I'm a 24-year-old male and will be moving to San Diego to start a job in Mission Valley in November. As far as being a roommate, I'm pretty easygoing. Let me know what ya got! My budget is \$1500 facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009822840860

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

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/

UCSD HOUSING? If you're upset that you or friends can't find housing, UCSD just accepted an unprecedented number of students to make the problem worse. Please sign this petition to help rectify the issue. bit.ly/ucsdhousingpetition www.change.org/p/university-of-california-san-diego-tuition-refund-for-ucsd-students-forced-online

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

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

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/

ARE THERE COLLEGE STUDENTS that want to split the rent? It's a small 3 bedroom / 1 bath for rent at 4287 Poplar St in Azalea Park. 1900 rent and 1000 deposit. Large backyard and off-street parking behind the house. eddie.pirelli@yahoo.com

BY MIRAMAR & UCSD 3 bedroom, 1 bath with an attached one-car garage in a cul-de-sac location. Fresh interior & exterior paint. New water-proof vinyl floorings in all living area at 10935 Westmore Ln. 92126 facebook.com/kim.chishi.54/

CLOSE TO SDSU I'm looking to roommate w/ someone at Suites on Paseo at 5595 Lindo Paseo San Diego 92115. Check their photos, it's gorge and it's super close to campus, Call/text me — thanks! facebook.com/SuitesOnPaseo (619) 583-1774

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

MIRA COSTA COLLEGE I am attending Mira Costa college next sem! I found this room for rent. Any other students looking to split a room? Email me your IG or FB let me know sandiego.craigslis.org/esd/sub/d/encinitas-980-per-month-one-room-in/7350312059.html lookingforaroommate@gmail.com

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

ROOMMATE/HOUSEMATE
Posting again since it's so hard to find a place. Looking for a room OR roommates to find a spot with! Wanting to move in the next few months. My budget is around 1100. Females only, pls. facebook.com/Fischer.christina7

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

ADORABLE \$900 SPOT FOR STUDENT 2 rooms for rent near Imperial Beach townhome. Access to shower, kitchen, and laundry. Shared bathroom with shower and there is a half bathroom downstairs. Rent is \$900 DM OP facebook.com/marketplace/item/1943362612499024/

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

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

MIRAMAR AND UCSD COLLEGES Rp: Room available in 3br home in Mira Mesa. Student 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

NEED HELP IN SPANISH CLASS? We know how busy you are with your job and other classes, so we're here to help! We can help you with your Spanish homework and by tutoring you. Click the link to reach us! facebook.com/Spanish-Professor-101035555694104/

RANCHO BERNARDO PLACE
Currently living at this house that has 3 bedrooms (your potential room will be unfurnished), 2 baths (the hallway bathroom/your potential bathroom will be shared when guests are over). www.sublet.com/property/4680510

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

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

COLLEGE STUDENTS WELCOME \$529 The Lincoln Hotel is one of the last single room occupancy buildings remaining in downtown San Diego. It is on the national registry of historical buildings located downtown. \$529/month www.sublet.com/property/3825149

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

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

2022 SDSU STUDENTS We are two 21-year-old girls, looking to rent a place/room for 5 months. We are both Swedish and we'll be studying at SDSU during spring 2022 as exchange students. So we need a place to stay. Direct message if you have anything. Thanks! facebook.com/ida.hertin.5

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

ISO A REPLACEMENT TENANT
Reposting: The house has 3 bds/2bths and access to the country club and gym, spot to park on your 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

MOVING TO SAN DIEGO My friend Bri and I are moving to San

Diego 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

BLVD63 BY SDSU Reposting: XL room available for a lease take over in a V-Dub apartment. 3 females 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

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

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

GOOD FOR SDSU STUDENTS
Furnished rental. 1 bedroom available. Rent: \$ 1226/month www.sublet.com/property/3844762

ISO HOUSEMATE/ROOMIE
Reposting again: Looking for a roommate. Moving from Florida to San Diego. I start a new job on Nov 2 and I also work from home. So I kinda need to move ASAP! I'm looking for something from 1500-1800. facebook.com/chrissey.rashe

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

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

RENTALS

MISSION HILLS, \$1395.
STUDIO+1BA. Stove, refrigerator, hardwood floors. Some utilities included. No pets. 630 W. Washington. Agent, (619) 298-7724.

OCEAN BEACH, \$2295.
2BD+2BA upstairs apartment. Walk to beach! New stove and refrigerator. Plank flooring. Small, quiet, gated complex. Parking, laundry. No pets (service animals not considered pets). 4955 Saratoga Avenue #5. Add Realty, (619) 232-8811.

HELLO, OUT THERE I need a space to store a motorcycle frame with no drips or leaks for a fair monthly rate. Thanks, Bert.

INDEPENDENT LIVING Shared room for rent: Older males, nice area, large home, views, WI-FI, meals, good people, independent living \$750 per month. Kim: (619) 750-4447 / itwlb1936@gmail.com

1 BED 1BATH HOUSE Private yard, washer/dryer, (619) 298-9831 / paul.viacava@cox.net

HOME FOR RENT, \$3,000
First and last + deposit, (619) 952-0426.

LOOKING FOR AN APARTMENT OR ROOM TO RENT (619) 224-3166, have guaranteed monthly income from Veterans Administration.

FURN ROOM AVAILABLE FOR RENT I have 1 fully furnished room with a private bathroom and entrance to rent in a 2 bedroom 2 bathroom apartment in San Diego. Rent is \$850 per month utility bills inclusive. Plus \$850 for a security deposit which is refundable during departure. (929) 810-0176 / yeagerd568@gmail.com

ANYONE SUBLEASING A PLACE? Looking for a month-to-month or 6-month lease from November-April. Is anyone subleasing their place? Ideally would like 1 bed/bath to live alone. FB: facebook.com/ksmyskowska

CLAIREMONT HOUSE Room available in a spacious house in Clairemont! \$1050 month-to-month rent in a 3-BR home with landscaped private yard, fire pit, laundry, parking, spacious living room, and updated kitchen. (718) 702-3592

CORONADO CONDO FOR RENT \$3200 1500sf, 3 b/r, 2 1/2 bath, 2 story, with 3 balconies! New full-size washer & dryer in unit, stainless steel appliances, wet bar, walk-in closet, secure extra storage, 2 underground parking spaces, new paint, gated building. (619) 279-1084 / ehughes19618818@att.net

LA MESA, \$1799-2249.
3BD+2BA (\$2249) and 2BD+1BA

(\$1799) apartments. Bienvenido a la privada Mt. Helix! Espaciosos. Cocina nueva. Electrodomesticos de acero inoxidable, Casa club. WiFi. Aire acondicionado. Lavandería. Garage. Balcones. Piscina. Mascotas OK. Espanol. (619) 646-8670.

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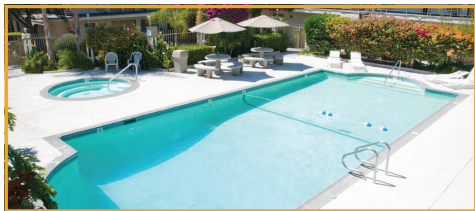
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Big bluefin biting again

Dock Totals 10/31 – 11/6: 1,776
anglers aboard 100 trips out of
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caught 548 bluefin tuna (up to 310
pounds), 83 bonito, 654 calico
bass (408 released), 29 dorado, 5
lingcod, 148 lobster (106 released),
11 rock crab, 1438 rockfish, 35
sand bass, 107 sculpin, 154
sheephead, 226 skipjack tuna,
3 swordfish, 406 whitefish, 330
yellowfin tuna, and 2332 yellowtail..

Saltwater: After a lull in the bite
following blustery conditions, the
bluefin tuna are back at it again
on the outer banks west of San
Clemente Island. Most of the fish
caught this past week were between
30 and 80 pounds, but there have
been several boated that went over
200 pounds. One 'cow' 310-pounder
hit the deck of the Polaris Supreme
and will surely register high in the
memories of the father-daughter
team that fought it to gaff. (It took
her three laps around the boat,
but young Riley outlasted the massive tuna as well as any
seasoned angler could.) These fish are biting fly-lined sardines
and vertical jigs, with the larger models showing up from
sunset into the night.

It is a long 120-mile trip out to the Tanner and Cortez banks
where the big bluefin seem to hang out every fall and into
winter, so if planning on getting in on the action, 1.5 to 3-day
trips are the best bet to get some time at the rail for a chance
at a trophy tuna. As the fish tend to school together in relative
size, a medium action 30-to-50-pound rig is recommended for
the middleweights, while a 60-to-100 pound set up is best for
the larger units.

Even with the right gear, landing a bluefin tuna can be a
challenge. Their migratory pattern begins in the spawning
grounds in the western Pacific near the Nansei Islands and
the southwestern part of the Sea of Japan. Hatching from
eggs, the young tunas feed there until they reach one year of
age or so, then they travel across the Pacific several thousand
miles at about 100 miles per day and spend the next few
years feeding off the coast of California and Baja until they
reach sexual maturity at about 5 years. Fish that reach
maturity return across the Pacific to spawn. They are one of
the most efficient swimmers, can dive to 3000 feet, and are
endothermic, which means they retain the heat they produce
as they swim and can handle cooler water than their more
tropical cousins yellowfin and skipjack. This "warm-blooded"
feature allows them to fight longer than most cold-blooded fish
that can tire relatively easily during a prolonged battle.

The bluefin tuna we catch off our coast are juveniles to
young adults, and can weigh as much as 400 pounds (a
potential California state record 395-pound bluefin was
weighed at the San Diego Marlin Club scale this September).



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Daughter-father anglers Riley and Josh with their 310-pound bluefin tuna caught at Tanner Bank.

south targeting yellowfin tuna, dorado, and yellowtail the first
day, then make the overnight 12 hour run northwest to Tanner
Bank to finish out their trip for the large bluefin. For the local
half-day fleet, calico bass and rockfish are the main targets
off Point Loma, the 9-Mile Bank, and La Jolla, with occasional
yellowtail, halibut, or lingcod making the counts.

Freshwater: It's time to dust off the trout gear as the local
lakes are beginning their winter stocking programs. Santee
Lakes just had their first plant on November 6th and will
continue stocking trout every other week through March. Lake
Jennings first plant of 2000 pounds will be November 15th,
and they will continue stocking every other week through
April. Lake Dixon will have their first plant on November 16th,
though they will be closed for fishing from the 16th until the
season opener on Saturday, November 20th. Lakes Wohlford,
Poway, Morena, and Chollas will begin their trout seasons
in December.

This is the time of year when 'mixed bag' fishing is at it's
best. As trout are being planted, big largemouth bass and
catfish become active at the scent of a favorite prey. Redear
sunfish hang in the shallows soaking up the relative warmth,
and freshly stocked trout cruise the edges of their new
environs. A fly-lined nightcrawler will often catch any of the
species found in area lakes during the fall as the warm-water
species stock up for winter. Lake Jennings and San Vicente,
especially, are great lakes for bird-watching during the cooler
months, as many raptors from higher elevations - including
bald and golden eagles – take advantage of the county's
warmer climes and freshly-stocked trout.

Fish Plants: 11/15 – Lake Jennings, trout (2000), 11/16 –
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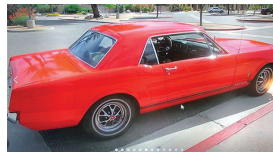
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Who Knew?

— When David Saunders, 98, died of COVID-19 in late August, his family donated his body to Med Ed Labs for medical and science research. But KING-TV in Portland, Oregon, reports that Med Ed sold the cadaver to Jeremy Ciliberto, the organizer of the Oddities and Curiosities Expo, which travels around the country and charges spectators \$500 to observe in person the autopsy and dissection of a human body. When investigators alerted Mike Clark, the funeral director in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who had prepared Saunders' body for donation, he was mortified: "I was totally horrified ... he and his family thought that his body was going for the advancement of medical students." Instead, it went to a Marriott ballroom, where participants were invited to examine and touch the body — which might still have been infectious. Ciliberto says he can "guarantee" that the departed and his family knew what his body would be used for, but a Med Ed spokesman says the event organizer was "beyond dishonest."

Great Art

— The New York Earth Room was created in 1977 by artist Walter De Maria and consists of a second-floor apartment at 141 Wooster Street that is filled with ... dirt. The room's caretaker, Bill Dilworth, waters and rakes the dirt regularly, *Oddity Central* reported, and welcomes up to 100 visitors a day. "The artist never attached any meaning to it," Dilworth said. Admission is free to view the 250 cubic yards of soil, but

people are not allowed to take photographs or touch the dirt.

Local News

— In International Falls, Minnesota, the city council voted in late October to stop dressing up the 26-foot-tall statue of Smokey Bear that stands in the center of (where else?) Smokey Bear Park, Minnesota Public Radio reported. The residents of the city have adorned Smokey for decades with seasonal attire, such as fishing gear during the summer or earmuffs, mittens and a 25-foot-long scarf during winter months. But when Mayor Harley Droba talked with other Minnesota towns with giant statues (Paul Bunyan in Bemidji, the Jolly Green Giant in Blue Earth), he learned that they "thought it was kind of crazy" that Smokey was getting dressed up. Council member Mike Holden said he would miss decorating Smokey, but "they don't want the importance of Smokey the Bear to be degraded."

Least Competent Criminals

— In Winnipeg, Manitoba, a heist went wrong on Oct. 31 when thieves broke into a vacant house to steal a furnace. The Winnipeg Police Service told the CBC that neighbors reported smelling natural gas, and when officers responded, they saw two unconscious people inside the home. The thieves, who had been "overcome by the noxious gas fumes" after the gas line became dislodged, regained consciousness outside and were questioned, but, because this is Canada, were later released without charges.

Unclear on the Concept

— A hiker in Colorado who was on a trail to Mount Elbert got lost on Oct. 18, wandering in the woods until the next morning around 9:30 am. Lake County Search and Rescue began looking for the unidentified person that evening and continued through the night, Fox News reported, making repeated calls to the hiker's cellphone, which went unanswered. The hiker, who didn't realize a search party was looking for them, told officials that they ignored the calls because they didn't recognize the phone number. LCSAR recommended to hikers: "If you're overdue according to your itinerary and you start getting repeated calls from an unknown number, please answer the phone."

Odd Job

— The city council of Christchurch, New Zealand, has officially ended its contract with The Wizard of New Zealand (also known as Ian Brackenbury Channell) after 23 years of service. Over his tenure, the Wizard cast spells and entertained tourists to the tune of \$16,000 per year, but the city no longer believes his services are necessary, *Oddee.com* reported. Officially, Christchurch's "promotional landscape is changing," said the council's assistant chief executive Lynn McClelland, with "programs that will ... showcase a vibrant, diverse, modern city." For his part, the Wizard called the council "a bunch of bureaucrats who have no imagination. I am the original image of Christchurch. They will have to kill me to stop me."

New World Order

— David and Paula Knight of Surrey, England, were confused when they opened a letter informing them of a traffic violation and fine that took place in June in Bath. The letter, which detailed a bus lane violation and included a photo of the offender, was generated by a traffic camera that captured a woman walking in a bus lane, wearing a shirt that said KNITTER. The Knights' vehicle tag reads KNI9 TER, a reference to David's nickname, Knighter. "We thought one of our friends was stitching us up," Paula told the BBC, but they finally contacted authorities to straighten out the incident. She said the staff member who looked at the photo "burst out laughing." The fine was canceled, everyone involved got a giggle out of it, and the next time the Knights go to Bath, they may take the train.

Weapons of Choice

— As Braiden Lankford, 20, and her mother, 50, argued about the "cleanliness of the house" on Oct. 23 in their home near Tampa Bay, Lankford struck her mother in the head with two tacos, *The Smoking Gun* reported. When police arrived, "the victim had food debris all around her on the couch and on the back of her shirt," police reported. The mother was not injured, but Lankford was charged with domestic battery.

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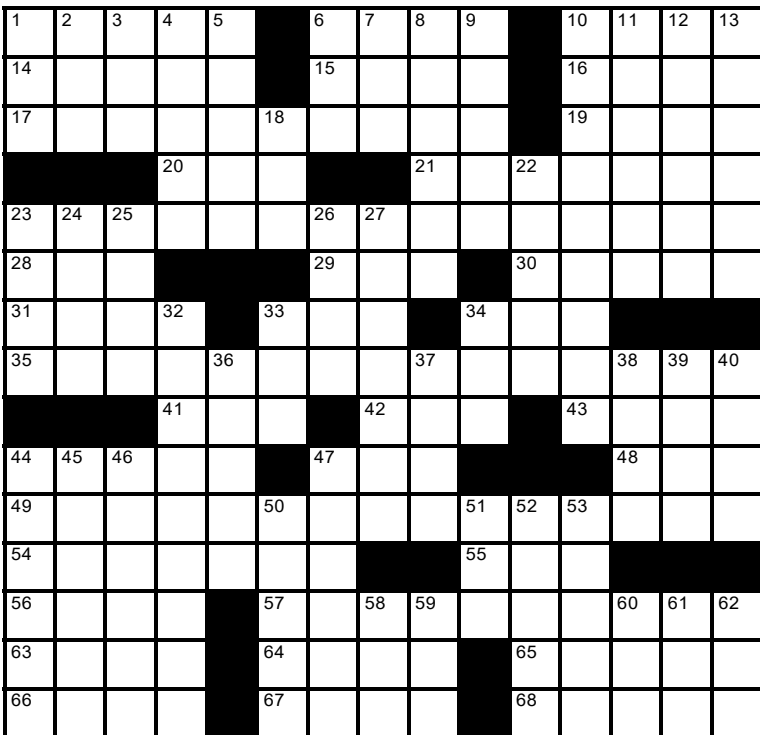
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14. Attire for an astronaut
15. Puccini piece
16. Addison and Issa
17. Partiality towards pesos over yen, e.g.?
19. Tolkien creatures
20. "Killing ____" (Sandra Oh series)
21. Grace's partner on Netflix
23. Highly opinionated sorts from north of the Rio Grande?
28. Common piercing site
29. Matcha, e.g.
30. "Ad Parnassum" and "Fish Magic," for two
31. One guarded in football
33. Showy bit of neckwear
34. "Well, lookie here!"
35. Annex Kansas?
41. What "vey" of "Oy, vey!" translates to
42. ____ Park (Pirates' stadium)
43. Bolshevik's foe
44. Get ____ of one's own medicine
47. "Dig in!"
48. One of football's Mannings
49. Competition show where people reach the finish line

- yelling "Phooey!" and "Fiddlesticks!"?
54. Georges Simenon detective Jules
55. Observe
56. Actress Hathaway
57. "Understand?" (or a five-word hint to solving 17-, 23-, 35- and 49-Across)
63. Celebrity chef Paula
64. Flying: Prefix
65. 2010s White House name
66. ____ prof.
67. "OMG, that's 2 funny!"
68. Flexible Flyer products

Down

1. One crying "Hup, two, three, four!": Abbr.
2. -talk
3. Be a political candidate
4. Fixture whose name translates to "small horse"
5. Carell of "The Office"
6. It's no free ride
7. "Either you do it ____ will"
8. Nigerian secessionist state of the 1960s
9. Iraqi city whose name, aptly, is an anagram of ARABS
10. Bob Dole's successor as Senate Majority Leader
11. Pinstripes wearer
12. Turn in
13. Gauge
18. "Toy Story" dinosaur
22. Egyptian crosses
23. Rorschach, for one
24. Nelson's catchphrase on "The Simpsons"
25. Killmonger who battles T'Challa
26. Buckets
27. Wicker chair accessory
32. London Times purveyor
33. Busy worker?
34. Tolkien creature
36. Heart of Paris?
37. ____'acte (intermission)
38. Offshore
39. Powder in the powder room
40. Lake fed by the Detroit River
44. Fleet of warships
45. Rock's Eddy and Allman
46. Voices one's view
47. Hold in high regard
50. 8.5" x 14" paper size
51. Wood in Louisville Sluggers
52. Swarms (with)
53. Queenly
58. ____-la-la
59. "____ soon?"
60. Elba, e.g., to Napoléon
61. Punk rocker Vicious
62. Univ. paper graders, maybe

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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RULES OF THE GAME

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

- 1) Submit your completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest. Your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
- 2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name.
- 3) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489** or mailed to *Reader Puzzle*, 2323 Broadway Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92102; or scanned and emailed to puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions by email must be attached in JPG format, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed. One win per person within a 4 week period.
- And now for the really small print:
 - 1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
 - 2) Late entries will not be considered.
 - 3) We will draw 1 name from weekly puzzle submissions.
 - 4) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
 - 5) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

THIS WEEK'S WINNER:

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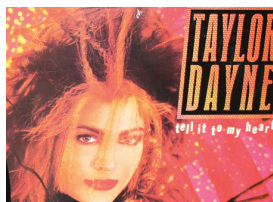
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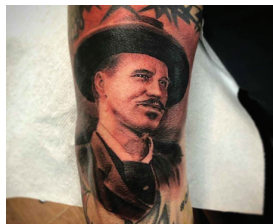


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news couldn't have come at a worse time. We were both working a lot of extra hours to make up for staff shortages at our jobs and dealing with angry clients due to stock and supply chain interruptions completely out of our control. I was already physically and mentally exhausted, and now I had to find a place to live? And pack ten years' worth of belongings? And move it to an unknown location in the height of summer? During an international pandemic? And there's a 60-day deadline? Just...so exhausting."

Exhausting or not, Harmon, who is a graphic designer by trade, started spending her free time online, looking for new accommodations. "If I found something that looked decent and within our range, I'd immediately reach out to the affiliated property management company, and I got the same response over and over again: 'I'm so sorry, but we just rented that out. We need to take the post down.' Most of these places had been listed less than 48 hours. I also had to sift through dozens of scams, especially on Craigslist and Facebook."

"Some people never made an effort to work. Let's hope we can help the honest folks who are trying."

Finally, Harmon spotted a Serra Mesa home Zillow app with only two photos, which was unusual. "It's not the norm," said Harmon. "One was a photo of the front door, and the other was a bird's eye screenshot from Google Earth. The listing was in all caps and very specific. This person wasn't working with a rental company — perfect! I called her, and we spoke for a while. I let her know our situation and our timeline. I let her know we would promise to take care of the home and that my partner is an avid gardener, so we were looking for a place with lots of space for outdoor pots, which this place had. She seemed interested, but we still had a month and a half to go until her current tenants were leaving."

Harmon and her boyfriend kept spending their extra money on rental applications. They didn't hold their breath over the Serra Mesa property. But as the couples' 60-day-vacate deadline neared, Harmon panicked. "Where are we going to go? If we refuse to leave, how does that affect my landlord and her son and his family? Our parents have spare rooms, but they live out of state, and we can't miss work, what do we do? Lots of anxiety and sleepless nights during an already stressful time. I was at work one day when the woman in Serra Mesa called and told me she was showing the house the next day and I could come to see it at 11 a.m. Thankfully, my employer understood the urgency, so I was able to leave during work hours, but not everyone looking for rentals has this option. It was a perfect fit and exactly what we were hoping for, but I knew I was just one of eight other



Comfort food, uncomfortable situation.

tours she had that day. As I was leaving, I saw a family drive up to tour, and they seemed really nice. I tried to stay hopeful but was also realistic that we might not be the most qualified." So as a backup plan, Harmon brought her partner back

Until September 30, the Covid-19 Rental Housing Recovery Act and California's Covid-19 Tenant Relief Act helped protect San Diego renters from eviction for nonpayment of rent — if the tenant gave the landlord a signed declaration. Starting October 1, the state's website states that a landlord like Anderson must apply for rental assistance before they move forward to evict a tenant. The state adds that tenants with unpaid rent can still live in their homes after September 30. But that's assuming they've applied for state or local help. "I sent him a letter stating I was going to sue him," Andersen continued. "But they're still here."

There is an estimated \$202 million in total rent debt in San Diego County, according to the National Equity Atlas. Within the 53,664 homes behind in rent, there are believed to be around 69,200 children. Anderson says her own children and brother once lived in the area where her "non-paying tenant" currently stays. "And now, he and his girlfriend live there. He's on social security, and she works at Home Depot."

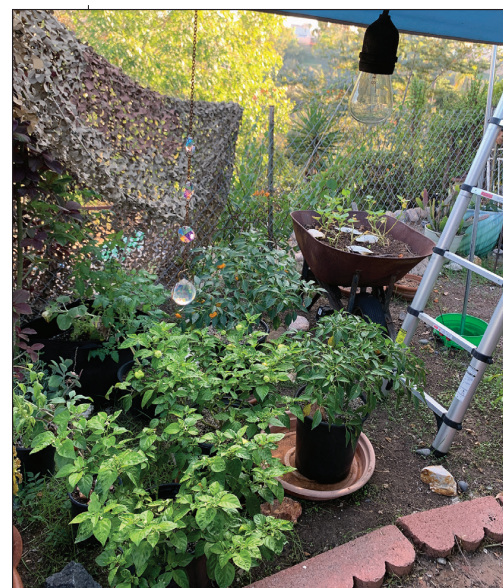
On the Nextdoor app, over 20 homeowners in my mid-city area said they were experiencing the same situation. User are advising each other to hire a lawyer. A Kensington resident added, "The Covid-related eviction moratoriums still are in effect. The practical way may be best: pay them to move, it's called 'cash for keys.'"

A former social services employee posted, "We tried to teach those who were struggling to contact the homeowner or the electric company and try to make arrangements. You can't just stop paying and make no effort. When the pandemic started, people were whining before the next month's rent was due — those people were a warning sign of the problem to come. Many are taking advantage; some people never made an effort to work. Let's hope we can help the honest folks who are trying."

Frustrated, Anderson sought legal advice on evicting her tenant while simultaneously running her restaurant, Bonnie Jean's Soul Food on 54th street. Anderson's niece found a law firm in Arizona. "Their rate was okay, and they're the ones that told me later that they [tenants] have to pay 25 percent. And we were supposed to go to court. So I paid \$2000 for legal advice." As this story goes to print, Anderson's situation has gotten worse. "And now they called the inspectors over and said that I didn't do a permit. And they're talking about fining me."

I spoke to Ash Yousif, a Southern California real estate investor, about the eviction landscape. "Even if the city and county say you're able to evict them, or you're able to get them out of the unit whether they're paying rent or not paying rent, you need to speak with an attorney. The laws are continually changing. The moratorium was extended numerous times over the last 18 months; city and county moratoriums differ. In general, you as a landlord working with an attorney will have to work with the tenant to receive 25 percent from them and 75 percent from the state."

Many people on Nextdoor asked, "Why



Harmon: "She called the next day and told us that because of our interest in gardening, she'd happily rent to us."

don't these people sell their properties?" and so rid themselves of the whole scenario? Yousif responded, "That's another problem. If you have a tenant that's not paying, and you want to sell the property, you're going to have to sell it at a way discounted price or like a fire sale to get out of it. Because nobody wants to touch it. It's like radioactive." Yousif explained, "When you buy a property, you need your home appraisal, inspection, and all that stuff. And then, sometimes, the tenants don't let them do anything. So then, to buy it without appraisal and inspection leaves the buyer with a cash offer option, which is low. So they're gonna have to buy cheap because they have to wait it out until they can get the tenant out, and no one knows when that's going to be, right?"

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There's an entire laundry list of high-end appliance manufacturers used, and we're told there are "leathered soapstone and honed Caesarstone countertops" along with a "built-in Spekva walnut cutting board." But it's the hammered copper sink, massive hood over the double range, and soccer ball light fixtures that are probably the most visually interesting touches here.

Leaving the kitchen, we're confronted with a photo of what looks like a very narrow hallway and leading to a sink at one end with a pair of beer taps dropping into it. This, we're told, is one of two climate-controlled wine rooms, holding a total of 3000 bottles. Impressive, but I'm more worried about how I'm going to angle a glass into the sink to pull a draft beer.

Never mind, let's detour outside to the patio and pool, surrounded by "native-inspired landscaping by architect Theresa Clark." It certainly seems well cultivated, and in addition to some cozy

lounge chairs resting on top of the pavers, there's another pair of stone lounges built into the pool's beach entry, allowing for not-quite-wet-or-dry sunbathing. Off to the side, there's what looks like an uncomfortable and short slide into a smaller body of water that might be a spa, but one without any underwater seating. I don't understand this.

Moving past the pool, there's another sunken entertainment area, complete with dining set and outdoor kitchen, itself complete with a wood-fired pizza oven and separate fireplace.

Back inside, the main bedroom suite on the second floor has an exposed-wood vaulted ceiling, a fireplace, and huge slider to a deck that offers an even nicer ocean view than the level below. The "hammam-inspired" bath leaves questions – the "authentic Tabarka tilework" is nice, but the shower and free-standing tub are confusing. It looks like there's a glass wall with a door to get into the shower, but also the tub is in there? It feels like if the tub is freestanding, it shouldn't be in the shower, meaning there is too much glass here, and also that the door opens awkwardly,

and the part of the glass that goes between the tub and vanity looks like it would be hard to clean.

Once we're out of the bath, a passage "leads to the dual dressing rooms designed with a separate exit for quiet egress."

There are another five bedrooms, five full baths (one surprisingly including a commercial urinal in the middle of the room, closer to the vanity sink than it is the toilet), and two more half-baths. Plus that second wine room, which looks like it also has an adjacent tasting area. There are a few photos of these in the listing, along with an extra living room with pool table, but we've seen enough to conclude this is a fine house that offers nice accommodations to the modern rich person while still retaining a bit of its old-time charm.

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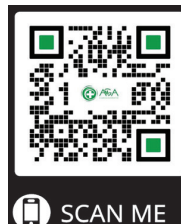
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