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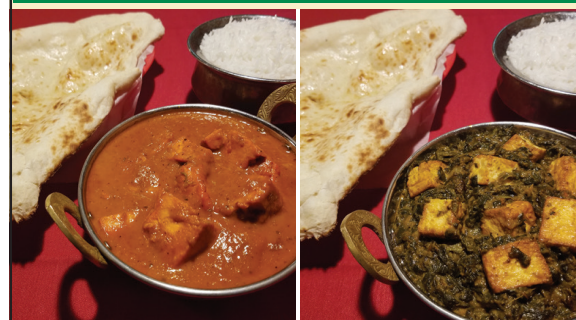
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By Reader stringers

TIJUANA

Attorney abducted

A terrifying twist on the decision to retain counsel

On November 3 at 12 noon, two armed men in an SUV with California plates kidnapped a lawyer in front of Tijuana's Civil Courts building. The courts are guarded by unarmed security men from a private company. Nevertheless, the two men easily reached the building's entrance, grabbed the woman by the arm, and pushed her out towards their car. The entire action was filmed by witnesses who thought it was a family dispute, but after seeing the violence against the female lawyer, they tried to intervene. The suspects then showed their



The courts are guarded by unarmed security, but the kidnappers had no trouble approaching the entrance and grabbing the lawyer.

family cases that involve big money can be dangerous for lawyers.

Since the abduction, the courts have been guarded by state police officers and the Prosecutor's Office's agents. But an uncertain atmosphere prevails in the Civil Courts because, as the Bar Association explained, events like

started punching me with a closed fist. He did not say anything." She later got stitches in three different places on her face, and she still has a scar around her eye. After that, she did not remember exactly what happened, "but my aunt saw me crawling out" of the house.

At that same address, 808 West Lincoln Avenue, there is another house, and that is where Grace's Aunt Carmen and two cousins lived. (They have all moved since then.) Aunt Carmen said she went outside because "I heard that my niece screamed." Aunt Carmen saw her nephew Abdiel, wearing underwear but no pants, and her niece Grace in the driveway. "I do remember that he grabbed a brick" — a concrete paver, which he raised above his head with both hands. "He was going to hit my niece, and I screamed, 'Abdiel! You are going to kill Grace!'" (Grace testified that she remembered being in the driveway. "I curled up in a ball on the ground, to protect myself.") When Aunt Carmen screamed at her nephew to leave Grace alone, he obeyed — but then began to strike his aunt. Then he turned to pursue his sister, which allowed Aunt Carmen to retreat into her house and lock the door.

At the pre-trial hearing, a prosecutor played video, taken from cameras in front of the home, that showed some of the struggle.

Aunt Carmen and her two children watched from inside as Abdiel Sarabia took a knife from a watermelon on a table. Aunt Carmen's 18-year-old son Alberto opened their door just a little bit and shouted at his cousin, "Put the knife down!" That drew Abdiel's attention away from Grace, but it drew him toward the house, knife in hand. Aunt Carmen closed and locked her door, but he was able to force the door open by throwing his shoulder against it.

Aunt Carmen described the subsequent stabs to her eye and face and neck. She showed the judge how her attacker held the knife. "Here, I have a scar!" she said. Aunt Carmen said she lost vision in one eye, despite surgeries. "I can't see, very little, it's blurry." Aunt Carmen's son Alberto was stabbed in his chest, arm and hand, but her 15-year-old daughter was able to escape and call the police. When Alberto testified, he said it took three or four minutes for police to arrive. His cousin still had the knife in his hand when police arrived. They told him to drop the knife, said Alberto. He dropped it "like ten seconds later."

Abdiel Sarabia was charged with seven felonies, including aggravated mayhem, attempted murders, and multiple assaults with a deadly weapon. The court-appointed defense attorney stated that "this is a life-top case," meaning the defendant could spend the rest of his life in jail if convicted. Defense suggested that Abdiel Sarabia has struggled with mental illness, and called Abdiel Sarabia's mother Manuela to testify. She said she was at work at the time of the confrontation, and that



Abdiel Sarabia, 34, listening to evidence against him at a pre-trial hearing Nov 9 2021.

her son takes meds for anxiety and depression and insomnia. Manuela cried when she told the judge that she had tried to contact Social Security for help with her son, but "nobody helped me!"

Defendant Abdiel Sarabia has two prior criminal cases in San Diego County, one

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Cameras captured some of the struggle between Abdiel and his sister Grace.

"We got information that confirms the existence of metal detectors in the court that don't work."

guns in an effort to threaten both the witnesses and lawyers who were present.

The City Courts are located in the 20 de Noviembre neighborhood right next to La Via Rapida, the main highway in the city. The building is two miles from the financial zone, considered Tijuana's golden area of security. Still, no public authority showed up in front of the courts, though the police department did immediately begin a search of the area to find her. Two hours after the abduction, the lawyer — identified as Monserrat Alvarez — was found by state security agents and escorted to the Prosecutor's Office, which took control of the case.

The next day, the president of the Tijuana Bar Association, Catalina Salas Bravo, pointed out during a press conference the seriousness this event represents, especially since it took place outside the Civil Courts, where citizens should be getting justice. "We got information that confirms the existence of metal detectors in the court that don't work," said Salas Bravo. "There's disarmed security guards... where is our safety there?" The Bar Association will send an official request to the state judicial president to demand 24-hour surveillance in the Civil Courts.

Neither the state Prosecutor's Office nor the Bar Association gave details about the probable cause of the abduction. This was in order to protect the safety of the victim, they said. But Salas Bravo noted that delicate

this one have happened before. And now, even though the surveillance and safety protocols have improved, it's happened again.

IVAN MOLINA

ESCONDIDO

Prayer enrages things

Assault victim called on Jesus, got help from relatives

Twenty-two year old Grace came home from college to her mother's home in Escondido on May 20, 2021. Four days later, she decided to do some housecleaning. But before she could begin, she heard her 34-year-old brother Abdiel Sarabia enter the bathroom and begin to "urinate all over." She could hear him doing it, since he had left the door open, and she grew unhappy at the prospect of cleaning up his mess. So she stood in the hallway, mop in one hand, bottle of bleach in the other, and told her brother to clean up after himself.

When she testified about the events of that day in court some six months later, she recalled, "He said, 'No, I am not going to do that. You clean it.'" She said he was standing three feet away, and that his tone was "aggressive." So she decided to pray. "I just felt like calling on the name of God, for comfort, in that time. I just started proclaiming the name of Jesus." She later told police that she felt like her brother had a demon in him, and so she started rebuking him in the name of Jesus. Grace said her eyes were closed when "he

NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Apple grows in San Diego

Tech giant sends us both employees and experiments

It's not quite Cupertino South, but San Diego and its environs have been invaded by a raft of Apple Inc. employees in support of the iPhone giant's ongoing efforts to wean itself from powerful homegrown smartphone chipmaker Qualcomm. And with 5000 new Apple employees predicted to be in place here by 2026, the company is being wooed by would-be office and research space landlords, from downtown's under-construction tech campuses to Sorrento Valley. Raising its local profile further, Apple rolled out its latest iPhone via a splashy video recorded at downtown's Rady Shell. And earlier this week, the company added San Diego and Washington, D.C. to a select group of cities getting 3D Apple maps.

Apple's senior director of corporate communications Fred Sainz has deep links to San Diego, having been city director of communications and press secretary to Republican mayor Jerry Sanders from November 2005 to August 2008. In May 2006, Sainz ordered city staffers not to answer questions from the Reader regarding a proposed municipal WiFi network that subsequently never came to fruition. "Do not speak with any reporters from the Reader, Sainz said in an email obtained under the California Public Records Act. "Tell them that you do not speak with reporters from the Reader. No additional information or follow up necessary. Thanks." And in December of last year, Sainz contributed \$1150 to current Democratic mayor Todd Gloria's election kitty.

Much lower profile than Sainz and Apple's big San Diego employment effort is the presence here of Apple's so-called autonomous

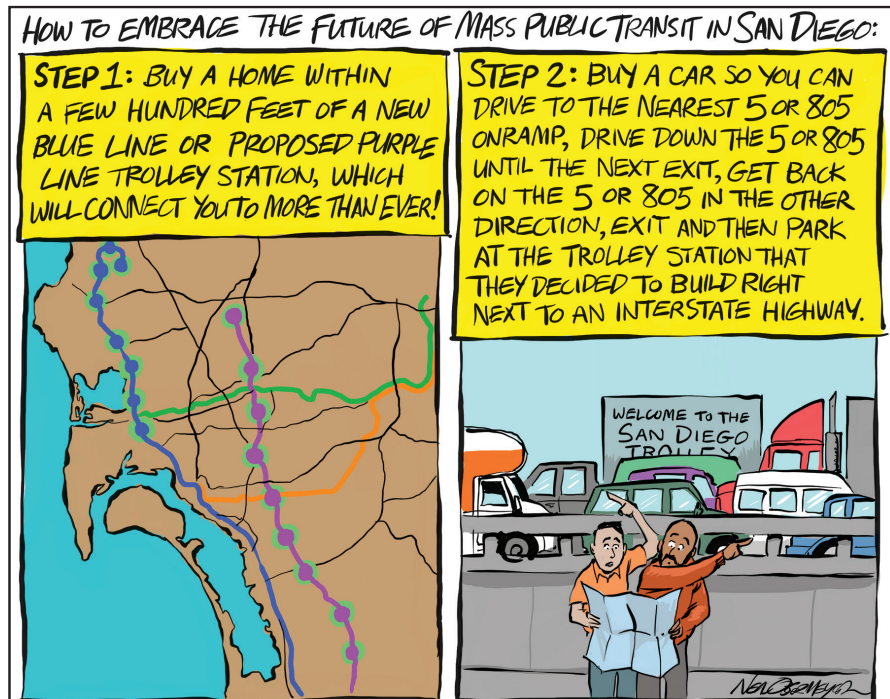


Apple has decided to head south to play one on Qualcomm's home turf.

vehicle. But according to a California Department of Motor Vehicles filing, one of Apple's experimental vehicles, which reportedly are not yet self-driving, crunched fenders last summer with a sloppy driver in the parking lot of a University Avenue strip mall. The report, labeled Traffic Collision Involving an Autonomous Vehicle and dated August 29, relates the story of the August 19 incident involving an Apple-equipped 2016 Lexus RX 450H and a Hyundai at 690 University Avenue. "An Apple vehicle, operating in manual mode and leaving a parking space in a San Diego retail parking lot, was struck at low speed on the right front bumper by a Hyundai Sonata reversing from the middle of the parking lot," according to the document. "To try and avoid the crash, the Apple vehicle stopped prior to being struck. Both vehicles sustained minor damage. At the time of the incident, no injuries were

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Neal Obermeyer



UNDER THE RADAR

UCSD faculty's hooky play

A September 21 report by UCSD's Audit & Management Advisory Services has some words of tough love for errant faculty members discovered to be taking too many paid vacations and not reporting them. "We determined that many departments/ divisions did not have processes in place to ensure that faculty vacation leave usage accurately reflected vacation leave reported," says the document entitled Health Sciences Faculty Vacation Leave Reporting.

"Based on the responses we received from Health Sciences department administrators, departments did not feel that a vacation day was clearly defined by the University, had not further defined it within their departments/divisions, and faculty members typically felt that they were always working." As a result, the report goes on to say, "many faculty members did not have a sense of responsibility that they should be reporting vacation usage, and administrators had a difficult time articulating to faculty when a vacation day should be taken." Advises the audit: "If a faculty member normally works at a UCSD clinic, hospital, lab, office, classroom, or other typical location performing research, clinical, or other University activities and generally works a particular schedule or assigned schedule, any significant deviation from those University activities or schedule should represent a leave of absence." For those still having problems with the difference between vacation and work, the audit offers: "It may be helpful for departments to further clarify and/or provide examples of vacation leave to assist faculty members in their understanding of vacation leave reporting requirements."

Escaping the slammer

San Diego County Supervisors intend to spend about \$300,000 over 18 months for a consultant to help them find ways to empty local jails, per a November 12 request for proposals from would-be contractors. On October 19, by a 5-0 vote, the supervisors approved directing county Chief Administrative Officer **Helen N. Robbins-Meyer** "to solicit recommendations and convene stakeholder meetings regarding the interventions that would most effectively and safely reduce the San Diego jail populations," per a board letter. The consultant would provide a "Data Analysis Regarding Data-Driven Approach to Protecting Public Safety, Improving and Expanding Rehabilitative Treatment and Services, and Advancing Equity Through Alter-

natives to Incarceration." Notes a board letter, "There may be fiscal impacts associated with future recommendations," but just how costly the new project will depend on what the consulting team eventually proposes. Tasks are to include "a data-driven analysis on how the use of jails changed from pre-COVID-19 versus during COVID-19, with a focus on identifying policy interventions that would most effectively, safely, and permanently reduce the San Diego jail populations."



Helen N. Robbins-Meyer: looking for lockup lessener

Off-season campaign cash

Republican politico **T.J. Zane**, whose current term on the Poway school board ends in a year, has been making significant behests to his non-profit San Diego County Prosperity group. "There have been zero local non-profit organizations serving the interests of fiscal conservatives who value personal liberty and responsibility, free enterprise, reasonable regulation, and low taxes. Until now," Zane writes on the group's website. "As you'll see, our goals are big, hairy, and audacious. We believe big, hairy, audacious goals are a unifying focal point of effort, galvanizing partners and creating team spirit as we strive toward our objectives." **Michael Schlesinger**, the Beverly Hills developer famous for pouring chicken manure on an Escondido golf course in a battle with neighbors opposing his project there, and the Millenia Real Estate Group, run by **Guy Asaro**, each gave Zane's group \$10,000. The cash reportedly went for "sponsorship of annual charity concert benefiting Rady Children's Hospital," according to twin



T.J. Zane, non-progressive non-profit pioneer

November 16 filings...California Democratic Senate pro tem **Toni Atkins**, seeking to become the state's Lieutenant Governor when she's termed out of the legislature in 2026, continues to collect big money for her California Works ballot measure committee, which she's used bankrolling the campaigns of political allies. On November 15, the California Apartment Association PAC gave \$25,000, according to a disclosure filing

of the same date. Two days earlier, the Smart Justice California Action Fund came up with \$10,000, per another November 15 filing. Last July, *Politico* reported that four wealthy Bay Area donors — **Patty Quillin**, **Quinn Delaney**, **Elizabeth Simons** and **Kaitlyn Krieger** — had "channeled \$22 million toward criminal justice ballot measures and allied candidates the previous two years. They spent \$3.7 million alone to elect **George Gascón**, who rode the

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Dear Hipster:

I have a co-worker named Cliff who is quite the hipster. He drinks good local coffee, he eats locally sourced food, he even rides a cool older bike with Italian parts on it. He knows obscure movies and has good taste in music. The guy is even a yoga instructor! Some of the guys at work have even taped the "Ask a Hipster" illustration onto his locker. However, Cliff has gotten himself into a bit of a situation. I'm pretty sure hipsters are annoyed by the trend of the younger generation wearing band shirts when they are not familiar with the music. Cliff has a cool Joy Division shirt he wears from time to time. It's the one with the squiggly lines on it. [That would be Unknown Pleasures – Ed.] Well, I guess the other day he was grocery shopping at some artisan grocery (luckily not his local) while wearing the shirt. As he was checking out, the aging punker-type grocery cashier went there! "Cool shirt, what's your favorite song on that album?" Poor Cliff got caught with his skinny jeans down! I'm pretty sure he actually owns a few Joy Division records, but for some reason, he couldn't answer! Perhaps he was tired from a long day. He could have never expected to be ambushed like that. Of course, the contempt was laid on thick by the cashier, and poor Cliff was paralyzed with embarrassment. So the question is, what should he do now? Going back in could be dangerous. What if we are dealing with a Jack Black from High Fidelity-



type character? I don't want to see poor Cliff's hipster identity damaged even further. Please help!

—CHRISTOPHER

You want to know the saddest part of this whole story? I have spent way more time than you might expect trying to come up with a clever Joy Division joke, but there's really nothing funny about Joy Division. I wanted to come up with a joke because I really wanted to soften the blow here for Cliff, because there's no good way out of this predicament. Sure, Cliff

could roll up into the store, spot the same clerk, run over and scream "SHE'S LOST CONTROL!" into his face, and then flee before Mr. Sassy Clerk Man can tempt Cliff into admitting Grace Jones did it better. But the sassy clerk will still (correctly) assume that Cliff went out and asked some hipster for help naming Joy Division songs.

The only way out of this one is to beat the clerk at his own game. Cliff needs to contract a graphic designer to create a t-shirt displaying a fake album by a fake band; or maybe a fake album by a real band, which might be even more duplicitous. Whatever he does, it needs to be super convincing. He needs to wear that shirt to the store with the sassy clerk, who will eventually be unable to resist

acting like he knows a thing or two about the fictional album. He won't be able to resist the opportunity to burn Cliff twice. And when he asks about favorite songs on the fake album, Cliff can casually deliver any one of the following sick burns:

"The one about the guy who didn't recognize a fake [insert band here] shirt when he saw one."

"What? Oh. Yeah. I guess not everyone gets it. It's pretty obscure."

Or.

"Bwaahahahaaaaa dude, seriously?"

Then he can consider the score officially settled. Otherwise, he probably should never go back to that store again.

—DJ Stevens

LETTERS

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"Creep Catcher gets 45-year-old meeting 14-year-old boy at Ramona's Stater Brothers"
Neighborhood News
November 19

Thank you Eric for continuing to cover these stories. It's sad and sickening these predators exist, but they do. For the protection of children, we all need to stay on guard.

—Socks3742

"Conviction of Army & Navy headmaster for child abuse is overturned"
Neighborhood News
February 9

We can only wonder what is going on here. The conviction was overturned on grounds that were "technical", regarding replacing a juror. The appeals court didn't rule on the evidence at all; it was procedural. So, why, if the DA was so incensed at his alleged crimes, does she go for this plea bargain? The judge hit him with a sentence that was tantamount to life, and now "might" sentence him to time served. Barton's prospects have brightened considerably, and he may easily live out his years as a free man, rather than dying in prison. But what does the future hold for him? This time he won't be able to get hired as a headmaster anywhere, and nearly nobody would have him in their employ doing anything.

—Visduh

"Juan Vargas headed to Kiev prayer breakfast"
News Under the Radar
November 17

corrupt sewage. very sad and repulsive.

—rplm

"Silver Mazda kills four on San Pasqual Road sidewalk"
Cover Stories
November 17

This is why I think that the actually driving or bad driving is what should be prosecuted. It doesn't matter if the person was intoxicated or just inattentive. This woman killed people with her car and she should be punished for it.

—Wicksout

"Infidelity and feminism are at the core of 'India Sweets and Spices'"

Movie Reviews
November 11

India Sweets & Spices is a trademark stolen from a 30+ year running family business in Southern California, operating since 1984 starting in Venice, California. As trademark holder, as son of the founder, I respectfully request everyone to boycott this film in all forms.

—rajjava

"Frank Bompensiero, Dragnas, Mickey Cohen, Jimmy Fratianno, Momo Adamo"

From the Archives
November 15

Why aren't there any stories regarding Mafia members refusing to wear a mask? I'm curious how they're handling it...

—Socks3742

"La Vecindad: Mexico City in Hillcrest"
Tin Fork

November 11

Just an FYI. Cochinita Pibil is made with Pork, not Beef!

—Luis Fitch

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felony stolen vehicle from August 2019, and one felony resisting officers from June 2020. He was on probation during his most recent alleged crimes. Judge Brad Weinreb ordered Sarabia held without bail. He will be formally re-arraigned on December 2 in San Diego's North County Superior courthouse.

EVA KNOTT

ON THE WAVES

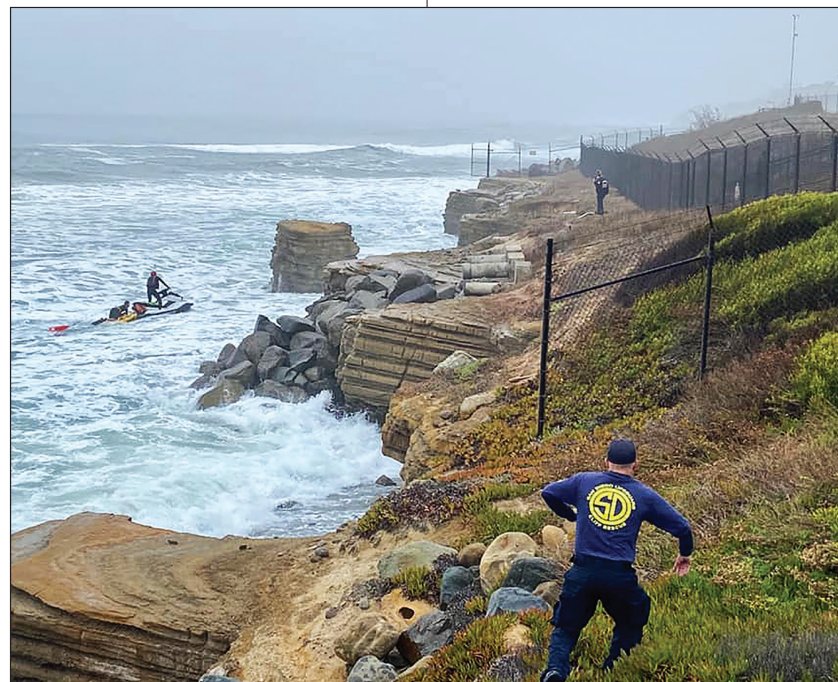
The danger of doing Donuts Surfer saved near secluded spot

At about 8:30 am on November 5, a walker near the Cabrillo National Monument park dialed 911 after seeing a distressed surfer down below. "A surfer had washed into the rocks near the tide pools at Cabrillo Park," said the SD Fire-Rescue's social media handler later. "Fortunately, lifeguards reached him quickly."

In Sergeant A. Marino's rescue photos posted that Friday, it appears there was one lifeguard onboard a watercraft who rescued a surfer wearing a black wetsuit with a red surfboard in tow in the six- to eight-foot surf. There were at least two other first respond-

ers unless you like \$2000 fines and/or getting [possibly] shot at by the military." (Naval Base Point Loma and Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, a federal military cemetery, are north of the tidepools' park; they share the cliffs overlooking the surf.) "All these assholes from L.A. come down with their boats, or so I have heard. I don't know who in their right mind would go through that much effort to surf a mediocre right point break, but to each his own, I guess."

But Marla Rothhouse disagreed, saying, "Dolphin Tanks and Donuts are some of the best-kept secrets in San Diego. Maybe it's an excellent surf, and they don't want other people to go there." For the last 36 years, Rothhouse has sold surfboards and surf gear out of the Second Chance Sports store on Point Loma Boulevard, about five miles north of the rescue scene. "It's kind of like the *Take Every Wave: The Life of Laird Hamilton* documentary, where they took a boat and they surfed at these dangerous places. It kind of reminds me of that." (A number of brave souls are depicted surfing the Dolphin Tanks and Donuts breaks on YouTube. Then there's Rob Rast's "I Got Destroyed - Surfing Dolphin Tanks From a Boat in San Diego" video, which has garnered 69 likes — and 24 dislikes. "I'd be much better if you learned at your local beach break and



PHOTOGRAPH BY A. MARINO

Dolphin Tanks is not as friendly a break as its mammalian namesake.

UNDERCOVER

Ghost frightens pervy principal

Former students spot Soto on video

On a sunny day in September of 2020, a 45-year-old public school teacher drove to the Stater Bros. grocery store on Main Street in Ramona to meet someone he thought was a 14-year-old boy he had been chatting with online. But instead, he met "Ghost," a predator catcher who spent nearly an hour following him and giving him hell for what he had tried to do. Ghost posted a video of the encounter to his CC (Creep Catchers) Unit channel on YouTube. It was his 152nd catch.

After a year, and after thousands of views and hundreds of comments, the predator still remained unnamed and unknown. Then a couple of his former students came across the video and identified the man as Mr. Soto, a math teacher they had at La Jolla High School. On November 9, 2021, Ghost posted a screenshot of one of those comments to the @cc.unit Instagram page, and comments from former students and co-workers poured in, confirming catch #152 was former Lincoln High School principal and former La Jolla High School math teacher Jose Elias Soto, aka Jose Sotoramos, now 47 years old. A former co-worker commented, "I knew it was Soto as soon as I heard him speak and saw the M&Ms tattoo on his arm...we worked together as vice principals at Lincoln." Ghost also had the license plate number from the Jeep in which the man drove

away. It was registered to Jose E. Soto.

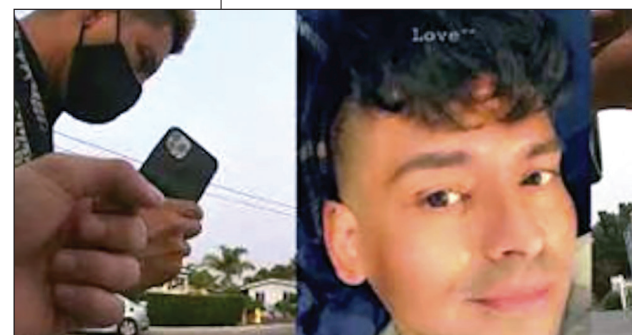
Inside Stater Bros. on that September day in 2020, Ghost started video recording Soto and said, "So Eli, I want to have a conversation about why you're doing this." Soto tried to evade his questions. Later in the video, Ghost asked, "When I put this online, do you think it's going to go well for you?"

Soto replied, "No, it's not."

"Why won't it go well?"

"Because I'm talking to a 14 year old. It doesn't look right," Soto admitted.

"You asked the boy if he was single and



Ghost confronts Catch #152- "When I put this online, do you think it's going to go well for you?"

then you said, 'I hope you're not mad. I have a girlfriend...? Do you want me to tell those cops over there about this?'"

"I don't want you to tell them," Soto said.

At another point, Ghost asked, "Why did you ask him if he was single? ...Why would you ask a 14-year-old boy if he was gay, bi or straight?"

"I don't know, I just wanted to know," Soto replied.

"Am I making things up?" Ghost asked.

"You're not making it up," Soto admitted.

Soto apparently realized his teaching career in California was in jeopardy, and on

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"You are creating animosity amongst the people that have surfed the area for many years and generations."

ers in between the overlooking cliffs and the eight-foot fence. "A very high tide made for a challenging rescue," but ultimately, "he was safely returned to his boat."

The surf breaks in that area are "legally accessible by a boat that is anchored outside the breakers," Chris Mannerino, a known waterfront photographer, told me. "The rescue was in front of Dolphin Tanks and by Donuts. You can access them by foot on low tide, but it's a huge fine from the park rangers." A Redditor who lives near the National Park commented, "You definitely cannot hike

didn't burn the people that know what they are doing while they keep this spot away from the radar," commented a local surfer. "Advice? Stay in the gym and trim your mustache. You are seriously creating animosity amongst the people that have surfed the area for many, many years and generations.") "Since the pandemic, lots of newbies got into surfing," Rothhouse continued. "And as the new surfers have increased, so have the accidents. When I hear an ambulance drive by our store, I say, 'I hope that's not a surfer.'"

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San Diego corporate giants

Thought for Food

Bob Peterson (husband to Mayor Maureen O'Connor) opened his first Jack-in-the-Box restaurant at 63rd Street and El Cajon Boulevard in 1951. Peterson had expanded his chain to include 350 units by the time he sold his interest to Ralston-Purina in 1968. The corporate food giant continued to open new units at a furious pace throughout the 1970s, boasting some 1040 restaurants by the end of that decade. But by 1979, McDonald's counted an awesome 5747 units. **AUG. 4 1988**

The Smell of the Hardwood, the Feel of the Grain

All day, working men walk in to buy wood. They have sawdust on their boots and wear tape measures on their belts next to folding knives in little snap-down holsters. They create things that last and have an old-fashioned beauty.

Mansfield particularly likes the "old salts," guys who have been around so long they can tell the moisture content of wood by feeling it with their cheeks. "Yep, 'bout eighteen percent. Thought you said this wood was dry." **NOV.17, 1988**

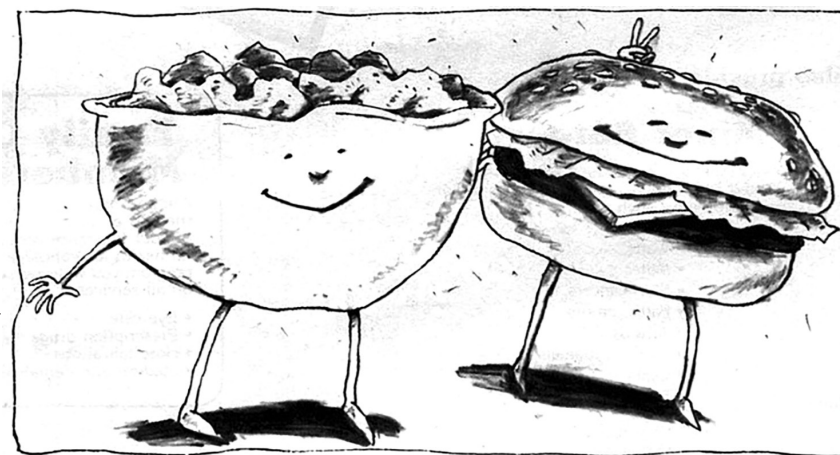
Last of the All-Nighters

In summer '81, the Aztec was screening this dumb chop socky flick called *Kung Fu of*

Eight Drunkards, about martial artists who develop a method of kicking ass under the influence. Wolfman was there as were five karate students, straight from class and still wearing their uniforms with dark-colored achievement belts. Wolfy got into a fight with the karate guys. I was behind the snack bar. I heard shouting and swearing and ran into the auditorium. **DEC. 4, 2003**

Reservations

But for all its civilizedness — this thing of history — I guess what was missing was a real sense of tradition, of classic history. You know, like when you see these names — Barbizon Hotel, the Ritz, the Plaza — you think of these places and no matter how in or out of current fashion they may be, they still have



"You'll always sell French fries. Because these are staple products. It's like rice in China."

a sense of tradition that is deeply imbedded, it's deeper than the contemporary people running them. **MAY 13, 1993**

Tales of an Airline

In San Diego, Jim Smith, the ramper, was on the runway. It was his job, along with others, to restock Flight 182 with supplies and to fuel it. Minutes after nine, on that sweltering morning, Smith raised his eyes to the landing approach and saw a brilliant flash in the air. "Then word came down

almost immediately. It was one of ours." **OCT. 30, 1980**

The Sheraton Letters

"The Inter-Continental, how much do they charge for a room? One hundred twenty dollars? So it cost them \$120,000 a room to build the hotel. They have to get \$120 a night to break even. *Break even*. Now, they can't really make it at \$120, it's really more like \$130, because they've got financing charges, a management contract. **MAY 24, 1984**

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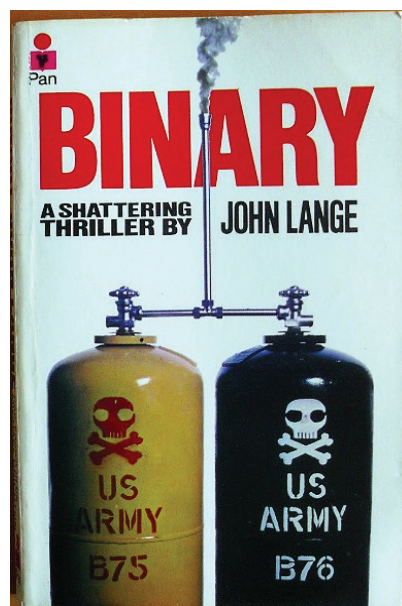
Man and His Environment: Waste — Wesley Marx

THE CONDITION OF SAN DIEGO BAY

in California has been greatly enhanced by upgrading of standards on waste discharges and improvement of municipal and industrial treatment facilities. Sludge deposits accumulated over the years — some 7 feet in thickness — are finally beginning to decompose as the bay regains its self-purifying ability. The San Diego Regional Water Quality Board, a state agency established to control discharges, has spearheaded this cleanup drive. Raw sewage has continued, however, to gush into the bay from a source beyond the effective control of the board, the U.S. Navy.

Binary

WITH A LOW WHINE the plane began its descent toward San Diego, skimming in over the roofs of the highest buildings. Graves didn't

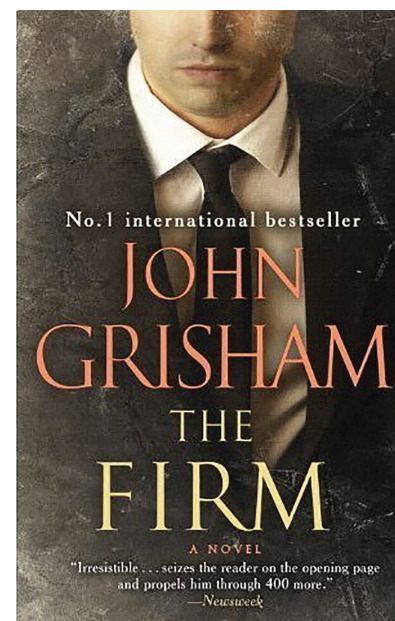


much like San Diego. It was a utilitarian town dominated by the needs of the Navy, which ran it with a firm, conservative hand. Even its

sins were dreary: the downtown area was filled with bars, pool halls, and porno movie houses which advertised "Beaver films — direct from Frisco!" as if San Francisco were six thousand miles away and not just an hour up the coast. Fresh-faced sailors wandered all over the downtown area looking for something to do. They never seemed to understand that there was nothing to do. Except, possibly, to get drunk.

The Firm

"THE FBI IS DEAD SERIOUS. Why else would the Director himself meet with me, an insignificant rookie lawyer from Memphis, in fifteen-degree weather on a concrete park bench? He's assigned five agents in Memphis and three in Washington, and he said they'll spend whatever it takes to get the firm. So if I keep my mouth shut, ignore them and go about my business of being a good and faithful member of Bendini, Lambert & Locke, one day they'll show up with arrest warrants and haul everybody away.



"And if I choose to cooperate, you and I will leave Memphis in the dead of the
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He smiled and glanced around the room. "We have a third option. We can walk out that door, buy two tickets to San Diego, sneak across the border and eat tortillas for the rest of our lives."

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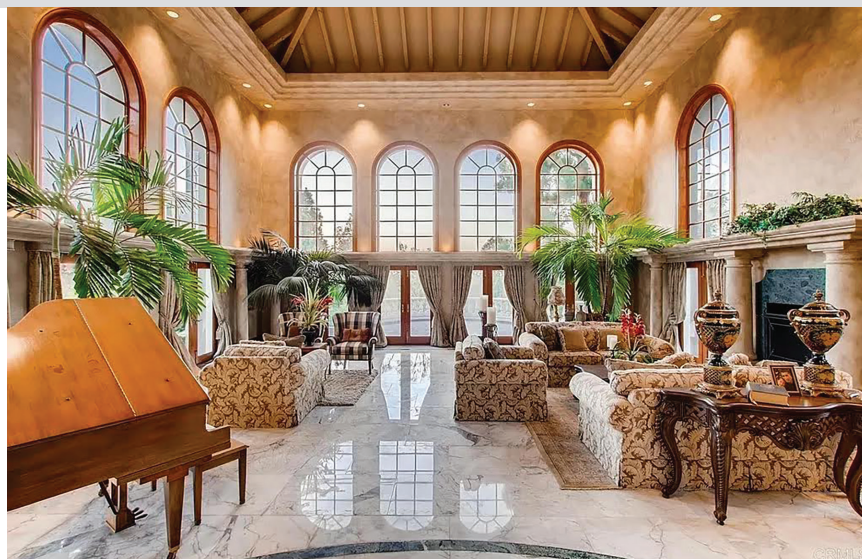
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UNREAL ESTATE

by Dave Rice

Have you ever dreamed of being wealthy enough to own a nice mansion in the country? You know, a place with some good acreage to stroll through so you can commune with nature and enjoy the outdoors. Maybe you'd even have your own private lake that you could paddle around in a canoe, or fill with fish that you could later try to catch. Maybe you'd just let the fish swim in peace.

But wait. What if you are indeed rich, but also still have a job, one that



A lot of people could do a lot of living in this living room.

requires you to regularly commute to the city for meetings with other business elites at power lunches in white linen bistros? Suddenly, Montana, Colorado, and all those other remote rich-folk getaways are out.

Reader, let me share with you this week's property, a city estate with a little bit of country mixed in.

6103 Avenida Picacho, per Zillow agent remarks, is an "elegant private gated estate perched above San

Dieguito River Valley" with a residence occupying 9000 square feet of living space on a lot that covers just under 10 acres. And while it's got a Rancho Santa Fe ZIP code, it is located in "the exclusive

gated Fairbanks Ranch community," which borders the northern edge of San Diego proper.

From the road, we first must pass through an entry gate to gain access to the property's horse-shoe driveway. This is already a private gated community, but I suppose the second gate protects against even the small handful of neighbors who can get through the first one. Past the gate, we get several photos of a very fancy sports car parked in front of the entryway, driving home the point that this is a house for very fancy people.

Crossing a bridge over a lily-and-boulder-lined pond, we approach the enormous dual front entry doors, which must be close to 20 feet tall and look quite heavy. Once inside, we find a nautical

star inlaid in the marble flooring and a sweeping grand staircase off to one side that leads upstairs.

Staying on the ground floor for now: the living room beyond the entry is filled with enormous wood-cased arched windows that extend up almost to the two-story vaulted ceilings. There's enough space in here for multiple living room furniture sets; the room is so large that a grand piano in one corner almost looks small.

Around the corner is a family room with a second fireplace, second piano, pool table, and perhaps the largest couch I've ever seen. There's also a bar area with an auxiliary dining set, though we pass through that area into a formal dining room with seating for 10.

The kitchen is very
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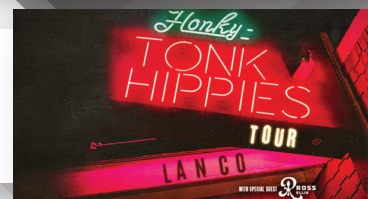
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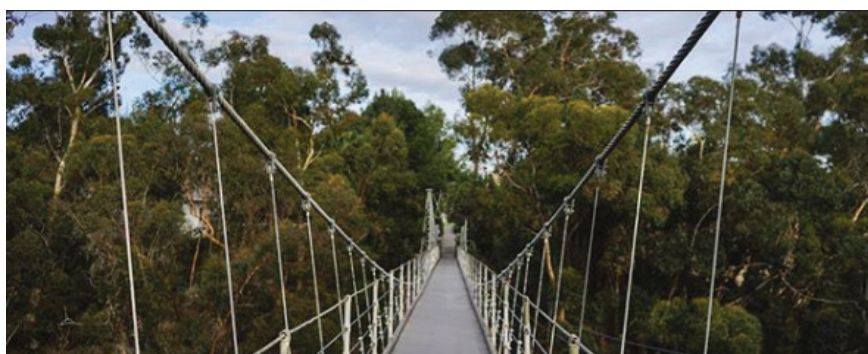
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Paddleboarding

Riding the wave

"I don't know how he does it," says my friend Gene. "He just seems to have the Midas touch." He's talking about his son Marc Miller. On October 28th, Marc's San Diego surfboard company, Isle Surf & Sup, has just joined — believe it! — the New York Stock Exchange, becoming a publicly traded company. They were welcomed aboard in traditional fashion, with the ringing of the bell and all the glorious publicity, along with two partner companies. At the end of the day, Marc and his partners raised \$219 million, which gave them a valuation of \$2.14 billion.

And this from a company that literally began in Marc's San Diego garage in 2004. "I just started selling old surfboards on eBay," he told Luke Wiatt Gilbert on the podcast *Vicariously*, "because I needed cash while I was in college at UCSD. I was on the surf team, so I'd just clean up old boards and put them on eBay."

The first board he dusted off was left behind by one of his surfing apartment buddies. He put it up for \$1. "By the end of the week, it had got to \$380. No-one had listed boards. It was a light bulb for me. Most of the kids buying them didn't want super-boards. They just wanted to get in the water and try one out. And this was direct — me selling to them. So I called my buddy Doug Pate and said, 'Let's sell surfboards online. Direct to consumer!'"

Doug borrowed \$20,000 from his brother. Marc designed the boards here, then ordered a containerful, made in China at a fraction of the cost people were paying local board makers. They

set up a website. No stores, no hiring surfer stars to be seen riding their boards, just constant online presence. "We were aiming at beginners and mid-level surfers, and honestly, most of our customers lived inland. Arkansas, Idaho. Our niche wasn't the cool dudes; it was the mass-market niche."

He says success wasn't instant. "There were whole months of eating ramen." But in two years, he quit the job he hated marketing mortgages, and moved full time into a National City warehouse. Of course, copycats followed, and business leveled off, but then along came Laird Hamilton, "the king of surfing," with a revolutionary idea: stand-up paddling surfboards.

"The thing is, most of the time, San Diego waves are gutless," Marc told Gilbert. "With paddle boards? That's no problem. They slide through the water so easily you can catch 20-60 waves on a single day. That's what grabbed everybody. No knee-paddling! It's stand-up! And with such a wide platform — my first design was 12 feet long, 33 inches wide — it was just fun. I was addicted! Using that, you can — and a ton of people do — go fishing on them, practice yoga on them — really! You can have races, and get to see the view, because you're standing up! We got our first shipments in 2012. Big boards for flat water."

He says sales took off. Again, largely to inlanders. People who wanted to glide around their local lake. "Some yoga people even put them in their pools, just for the floating feeling, and to get a slightly less stable base." Now inflatable paddle boards are the rage. They are light, and also foldable, so you can fit them in your car.

His dad Gene shakes his head. "I am very proud. But Marc is a true surfer. Go to his own IPO at the NYSE? He couldn't be bothered. He'd rather be back in Bali."

The high cider pour

"They're pouring!" says my friend Kim. We all stand up — some to get out of the splash zone, some to see just how people have been doing this for hundreds of years. We're in San Marcos, at a little outlet not far from where they process local apples into cider, and also honey from local beehives into mead, maybe the most ancient alcoholic drink of all.

Dave Carr, who grows most of the apples that

become the cider, has what looks like a magnum of champagne and — ulp — he's turning it upside-down above his head. A golden gurgle comes out of the bottle mouth, drollop by gloopy drollop. But Dave is staring down, not up, his gaze fixed on a pint glass he's holding in his other

in northern Spain. Now the rest is up to you."

There's a general groan, but each of us has to take the bottle and a glass and try to pour from on high. It makes for a wet and hilarious afternoon, especially after downing a couple of our own efforts.

Dave says he's trying to persuade local apple

"John Adams drank a pint of cider every morning. Should we do any less?"

hand. And miraculously, each drollop whizzes down beside his chest and slides cleanly into the glass. "Cider needs to be aerated," he shouts above the claps of everybody. "This is how they've done it for hundreds of years. You're not a man if you don't know how to pour a cider! This is how the Spanish do it in Asturias."

We're up here in San Marcos for a *sidra* (cider) celebration. Already the cider is pouring, and Dave's colleagues bring *tapas* snacks out to help the 20-30 of us in attendance to keep drinking the different samples. Dave and his colleagues have apple orchards nearby, and every harvest season, they turn those apples into cider. This afternoon, it's our pleasant duty to opine on the results.

Actually, the first couple of cider pours are a bit rough. "That's because they are the most recent," says Dave. "Each pour, we're going back in time. It will get smoother."

Dave, who's from the UK, says the cider is stronger here in California. "We have more sun and less rain. In England it might be 5-6 percent alcohol. Here, it's about 9 percent. It's also gluten-free and naturally fermented, which happens only because of our wild yeasts."

"And remember," says Kim. "We're doing this for patriotic reasons. John Adams drank a pint of cider every morning. Should we do any less?"

"Right!" says Dave. "Ladies and gentlemen, you have seen how the pour is done in Asturias,

orchard owners to sell him more of their apples for pressing. "We are making good *sidra* now. If people will take their orchards seriously, San Diego County could become a respected cider region. It's healthy, like gluten-free wine. *Salud!*" ■



How it should be done: Raging Cider's Dave Carr air-pours into backward-held glass



Guest at Cider Pour afternoon attempts his own "aerating" pouring of the cider

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much what we'd expect for a home of this size, with a big center island, built-in stainless appliances, and plenty of cabinet space. It feels a bit dated, what with the cherry wood cabinets and pale granite counters, but the copper range hood with pans dangling from it (probably decorative, because they look hard to reach) is a nice touch. Wait, what are those big doors on one side next to the double wall oven? Is that a wood-burning pizza oven? This looks like an interesting feature, but unfortunately, the listing does not say.

Next, the listing takes us to the main suite, which includes a wood-paneled office/library with lots of built-in bookcases and a custom arched entry door inlaid with carved glass. This would make a nice cozy space to read a book or write stories about other rich peoples' houses, and lends the home a much more classic feel than its 1987 build date would suggest. The bedroom part of the suite is itself large enough for a separate sitting area near the fireplace, and there's also an en-suite bath with another fireplace and an upstairs "loft/work-out area."

We don't see any photos of the other three "kids/guest bedrooms," but we're told they all have "stunning views, en-suite baths," and that two have fireplaces of their own.

That about covers the main house, but there are also two guest houses on the property, one of



Home pizza ovens should probably become the next *de rigueur* luxury option.

them attached to the main residence. Let's go outside, shall we? "Enjoy meandering through the sprawling lawns and waterfall guided pathways to your own private lake," the listing invites. Okay, we will, but first let's stop at the pool, which has a dark plaster finish that looks kind of lake-like on its own. Both the pool and lake get gazebos "for you and your guests to relax and take in the tranquility of the water cascading down," while "sprawling decks extend all around the home for indoor/outdoor enjoyment." Oh, and there's a private tennis court here, too. Let's go down to the lake.

Oh. Well. If we were in any other part of the country, we might call this a pond. Perhaps even a large pond. But we're in San Diego, and this is a body of water much larger than a swimming pool (probably about a dozen of this home's very large swimming pool, if I'm guessing right from satellite pictures), so we're going to count it. as a lake There's a dock with a canoe tied up, all ready for your paddle, as well as the promised gazebo. A water feature sprays up from the center of the lake, and pleasant, large trees shade the shoreline. Any lake that you own is a good lake.

Looking at the prop-

erty outline, it looks like a fair chunk of the land included here drops down into the Lusardi Creek valley that separates Fairbanks Ranch from the rest of Rancho Santa Fe, promising plenty of open space to explore and a serious unlikelihood that you will ever have any neighbors building on the land behind you.

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Public records indicate the current owners of the Avenida Picacho estate as real estate investors Tim and Belinda Foley. The home last sold in 2004 for a reported \$3.56 million, and has been listed several times in recent years, asking as much as \$10 million without attracting a buyer. The current listing, which went live in late September, carries a price of \$8,399,000 that remains unchanged to date. ■



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LANE CHANGERS



Bicyclists riding outside the bike lane, in the sharrows, on Coast Highway, Encinitas

Catherine Blakespear and Co. talk cycle culture

Back in 1897, Mayor Samuel Black of Columbus, Ohio, vowed to crack down on a new menace that appeared to be taking over his city's streets: bicycles. He called reckless bicyclists "evil" and blasted "scorchers," his term for speeding cyclists, for making people afraid to drive their cars and horse-driven carriages on the asphalt streets. Later that year, city leaders went on a regulatory binge, imposing an 8 mph speed limit, mandating lights after dark, and banning riders from hunching over so that their view of the road was impaired. *The Columbia Dispatch* newspaper, meanwhile, railed against riders who rode with no hands on the handlebars: "This latter class of riding is only done by those smart al-

ecks who want to create a favorable impression upon the ladies. This practice is a very dangerous one, and every decent rider ought to hiss off the street the man who disregards the rights of others."

Similar scenarios were played out in cities across the country as the first big bicycling craze took off, triggered by the arrival of the so-called "safety bicycle," with pneumatic (air-filled) tires and chain drives. Church leaders blasted cycling as a threat to morality because of the "indecent" bloomers worn by cycling women, while doctors warned that "over-exertion, the upright position on the wheel, and the unconscious effort to maintain one's balance tended to produce a wearied and exhausted 'bicycle face,'"

according to an 1895 *Literary Digest* article.

More than 120 years later, bicycles are once again a flashpoint of controversy.

*Bicycle, bicycle, bicycle
I want to ride my bicycle,
bicycle, bicycle*

*I want to ride my bicycle
I want to ride my bike
I want to ride my bicycle
I want to ride it where I like*
— “Bicycle Race,” Queen

What could be considered the very first bicycle was introduced to the public in Paris by a chap named Baron von Drais in 1818, according to the Canada Science and Technology Museum. The machine had two in-line wheels connected by a wooden frame, but no pedals. The rider straddled the contrap-

tion and pushed it with his feet, while steering the front wheel. “It was not very efficient but it was faster than walking, and many upper-class young men found it an amusing pastime,” according to the museum’s website. In the early 1860s, two other Frenchmen, Pierre Michaux and Pierre Lallement, came up with the idea of adding a mechanical crank drive with pedals on a huge front wheel. They called their device the velocipede. By the end of the decade, the front wheel had shrunk down to the same size as the rear wheel, and tubular steel frames and wheels with wire spokes were introduced. Next came pneumatic tires and chain drives. An Englishman, J.K. Starley, is credited with developing the first modern bicycle, the



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Peder Norby envisions a near future in which the car may still be the dominant form of transportation, but it will be greener and cleaner and share the road with a range of “micromobility” options: small, lightweight vehicles that zoom along at modest speeds.

Rover, in 1885, according to *The Independent*. The century ended with what’s known as the Golden Age of Bicycles, when the pedal-powered two-wheelers be-

came a primary mode of transportation, alongside the venerable horse and buggy and the rapidly encroaching motor vehicle.

The bicycle has been an integral part of most

of our childhoods, and most every adult I know has at least one bike in the garage. Today, concerns about climate change, an increasingly health-conscious population, and

growing congestion on our roads has led to what might be considered a second Golden Age of Bicycles. The *Bicycle Guider* website claims there are more than 1 billion bikes in the world — nearly half of them in China. The United States a distant No. 2 with an estimated bicycle population of 100 million. But between 1990 and 2009, the website claims, the number of U.S. bike trips more than doubled, from 1.8 billion to 4 billion — and that was before e-bikes became a thing.

In September 2013, the SANDAG Board of Directors approved the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program (EAP), a \$200 million initiative to expand the San Diego County bike network with an additional 77 miles of bikeways, and to finish

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high-priority projects within a decade.

This ambitious goal has not been met, due to a variety of factors, including financing and governmental in-fighting. In an opinion piece published last August in the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, Jacob Mandel — until recently, the advocacy manager at the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition — wrote, “Eight years into the program, only 12 miles of bikeways are complete. There are an additional 13 miles under construction now, and an additional 31.5 miles of bikeway projects are nearing construction. While we are making progress, we need more of it.”

One project “nearing construction” is the 2.3-mile Pershing Bikeway, which features buffered bike lanes and separate

paths for bicyclists and pedestrians. The project was supposed to be completed in 2018, but design disagreements between the city, county, and SDG&E led to a delay. “Despite being a priority for the region’s bicycle network due to high speeds and lack of adequate bicycle or pedestrian infrastructure, the delay allowed the street’s dangerous design to stay in place,” Mandel wrote. “Tragically, architect Laura Shinn was killed while cycling along Pershing Drive on July 20 in the northbound bicycle lane by a driver who struck her from behind. If our government agencies had worked together to resolve design issues and delivered the project when promised initially, the location where Laura Shinn was riding would have been a bike-

way completely separated from vehicle traffic. The driver would have hit the curb separating the roadway rather than cross into the bike lane, possibly preventing the crash that killed Shinn.”

Another impediment to bike lane construction is opposition from critics as well as elected officials who believe government should focus more on widening and otherwise improving roadways than on catering to what they consider the very small percentage of people who regularly ride their bikes. In a hilly, sprawling area like San Diego County, the vast majority of people will never abandon their cars for bicycles, they say.

These critics are missing the point, argues Catherine Blakespear, mayor of Encinitas and

chair of the San Diego Association of Regional Governments (SANDAG). She agrees that bicycles will never be anywhere near the dominant mode of transportation, but argues that even a minute switch would be beneficial. “Congestion [on our freeways and roads] is created in the last 5 percent to 10 percent, and if we can even get just 5 percent of commuters to ride their bikes instead of drive, we would reduce congestion, and people would enjoy themselves and their lives much more than sitting in traffic for hours,” she says. “Having a car as the only option is just really not what we want as humans.”

Blakespear maintains most destinations to which people drive — work, school, the store — are less than five miles from where they live. “And then there are all these kids between the ages of 10 and 16 who cannot drive and could be riding their bike,” she says. “But because we haven’t truly accomplished a bike network that is safe for kids to ride, we have all these parents circling around schools and soccer practice and the beach. It’s worth investing in building the bike infrastructure so more people can ride more places and we can improve people’s lives.”

Carlsbad City Councilman Peder Norby — a former San Diego County planning commissioner and consultant for the cities of Carlsbad and Encinitas (among other clients) on land use, transportation, energy and agriculture — agrees. “I want to draw an analogy,” he says. “Years ago, the blufftop along the Coast Highway in Carlsbad, from Pine to Tamarack, was just asphalt ending in dirt. It was a place you



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just wouldn’t walk; fewer than 100 people a day would walk there, even though the bluff was directly overlooking the beach and ocean. Then, in 1985, the city built a facility that made it very safe for pedestrians — a blufftop walkway and a lower seawall. And, almost overnight, you went from a few dozen pedestrians to a few thousand people a day. Why? It’s because they felt safe and comfortable and protected. We can do the same with bikes. As long as it’s not safe, we’re not going to get there. But if you can find a way to make it safe, I believe the same thing will happen. That’s why I’m really excited about the future.”

And how, exactly, can we make bike riding safer? Experts say the safest option is what’s called a Class I Bike Path, completely separate from vehicular traffic and reserved exclusively for

bicyclists and pedestrians. Examples include the San Luis Rey River Bike Trail in Oceanside, which runs alongside the San Luis Rey River; the Mission Beach Boardwalk along the ocean, from the tip of the Mission Beach isthmus north to Palisades Park in Pacific Beach; Bayside Walk, which winds around west Mission Bay; and 13 miles of San Diego’s famed 24-mile Bayshore Bikeway, which follows the San Diego Bay shoreline from Imperial Beach through Coronado. “They are absolutely the safest,” Norby says. “But in many cases, there’s simply no room to build them.”

But Nevo Magnezi, secretary and board director of local advocacy group BikeSD, counters, “There is room to build them, but not everyone prioritizes them over parking or building other infrastructure like freeways.” In its “Riding to 2050: San Diego Regional Bicycle Plan,” adopted in

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2010, SANDAG called for a total of 227.8 miles of Class I Bike Paths by 2050, with 159.3 miles already in existence. Since then, only about 20 miles of additional Class I Bike Paths have been built — with the most recent one being the 2.1-mile Rose Creek Bike Path, which opened in May 2021.

The next level of protection are Class II Bike Lanes, which originally consisted only of white stripes painted on asphalt, with the words “bike lane” and silhouettes of bicycles in the center. Some are buffered, with an extra stripe of paint to create a narrow strip of no-man’s-land between cars and bikes. In recent years, various local governments have stepped up efforts to paint more and more bike lanes, including those in Carlsbad

and Coronado, while others — including the city of San Diego — have experimented with giving some of those lanes bold paint jobs to better stand out.

These efforts have not always worked out well. In January 2013, KPBS reported that city of San Diego road crews had scrubbed out a brightly painted bike lane on busy Montezuma Road leading into San Diego State University “after realizing the lane made the area no safer, and possibly more dangerous.” The diagonal, neon-green bike lane, which showed where bicyclists should cross through the right-turning traffic at Collwood Boulevard, gave bicyclists a false sense of security, prompting the city to backtrack just four months after the painting was done. City traffic department

spokesman Bill Harris told KPBS, “We were a little concerned that drivers were not going to slow, not going to notice the bicyclists as much as they should, given the fact that we seemed to be encouraging the bicyclists to cross through that lane non-stop.”

More than two years later, in September 2015, angry residents converged on Coronado City Hall to protest the new bike lanes city crews had been painting on the island city’s streets over the summer. One speaker chastised councilmembers for “covering Coronado with paint stripe pollution,” according to a *San Diego Union-Tribune* report. Another said, “The graffiti on the streets does not help our property values,” while a third maintained, “It’s very similar

to personally taking all three of my daughters to a tattoo parlor and having them completely body tattooed.”

Lately, there’s been a move to install protective barriers between bike and car lanes — either asphalt or concrete curbs, or plastic “candlesticks,” or sometimes both — to create what are called “cycle tracks,” or Class IV bike-ways. Encinitas recently did this along the Coast Highway, from Chatterfield Drive in Cardiff south to Solana Beach, and also along portions of Leucadia Boulevard. Says Blakespear, “I think one of the most exciting things we’ve done in my years as mayor has been building these protective barriers along a mile and half-long stretch of Coast Highway so people can ride to the beach safely without hav-

ing to be right next to cars going 50 mph. The fear of getting hit by a car or truck is what keeps people from riding their bikes in unprotected bike lanes. If you want people to ride bikes, you need to protect them, and it makes sense that when you have a physical curb or candlestick, cars are not going to drift over into the bike lane. I’ve felt great fear in bike lanes myself, and I think protected bike lanes are something we should invest in.”

But some of the most vehement opposition to protected bike lanes has come from bicyclists themselves. They say the protected lanes make bicyclists feel they don’t have to be as careful as they would be in traffic lanes, and also limit their ability to swerve around pedestrians or other cy-

clists. Serge Issakov, a 20-year member of the San Diego Bicycle Club who also serves on the city of San Diego’s Mobility Board, maintains that “when you put up a barrier, you also put up a mental barrier. Bicyclists feel safe — that’s the whole selling point. But the flip of feeling safe is they are less careful because they feel nothing can happen to them, so they’re not paying as much attention. The push for physically separated cycling infrastructure implies that it’s necessary for cycling safety,” he adds. “The underlying message is that cycling on roads is inherently unsafe, and that message, in and of itself, is very discouraging to cycling. I go so far as to call it anti-cycling advocacy, because it’s so discouraging.”

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Blakespear says the bicyclists who oppose protected bike lanes constitute a small minority of “vehicular bicyclists” who want bikes to have parity with cars. “They are very experienced cyclists who feel comfortable acting like a car, and when people in spandex and in large groups feel comfortable acting like a car, they don’t understand why other people don’t,” she says. “We’ve been putting paint on the ground for 30 years, hoping more people will ride their bikes, and it hasn’t happened.”

BikeSD’s Magnezi says the concept of “vehicular bicycling” dates back to a 1976 book by John Forester called *Effective Cycling*, which argued that cars and bikes should share the road. According to a 2016 *Los Angeles Times* editorial, Forester argued that

“cyclists shouldn’t cower in the gutters, but should assert their place in the middle of a lane, where they should be afforded equal treatment by operators of motor vehicles — and the law.” But that philosophy is dying out in favor of building separate lanes for bikes, “blissfully segregated from bus and auto traffic by a physical partition,” according to the *Times*.

Magnezi says he’s had discussions with other bicycle advocacy groups throughout the state, “and most of them haven’t had that sort of discourse in more than a decade. You only have that assortment of vehicular bicyclists here, in San Diego County. And they’re essentially saying, ‘You don’t need to accommodate us — the safest thing is for us to act like vehicles.’

But I think that kind of perspective only applies to a very small percentage of bicyclists. We have BikeSD members who go biking with their kids, and they’re not going to take any lane on any street where the speed limit is 25 mph or greater. They’re just not comfortable. We have meetups at a coffee shop on Park Boulevard, and one of our volunteers lives just off that street, but says she would never bike even a short distance on Park.”

If anything, vehicular cyclists have pushed for more “sharrows” — marked traffic lanes where drivers are reminded that they are legally required to share the road with bicyclists, even if the bikes are traveling at a reduced speed. Sharrows are an increasingly common component of



Coast Highway bike lane, Encinitas

what’s known as Class III Bike Routes, which generally are designated only by signs. “I like sharrows a lot, for a couple of reasons,” Issakov says. “One is it tells the motorist that bicyclists are allowed to be there. But more importantly, it tells bicyclists that they are allowed to ride in the middle of the lane. It makes them so much more visible and makes motorists see you so much sooner.”

Critics, however, say sharrows are a nightmare, with bicyclists who exercise their legal right to use the full lane potentially triggering dangerous road rage from the motorists stuck behind them. South Pacific Street in Oceanside is a prime example, they say, with angry motorists patiently driving behind bikes until there’s no traffic in the opposite direction and then swerving around the bicyclists at high speed — which endangers pedestrians crossing the street to get to the beach.

“I don’t think sharrows are great,” Blakespear says. “They put cars in the middle of bicycles, and for most people, that does not work.”

“Sharrows are some-

times the worst of all options,” adds Norby. “They work better on low-speed roads where there are two or more lanes. Of all the iterations you can go through to promote bike riding, you start at sharrows only if there really is no other option.”

Another controversial way to make biking safer is through something called “road diets,” in which a two-lane road is reduced to one lane and the extra space is used for a bike lane or sharrows. In 2015, a half-mile stretch of the Coast Highway south of Oceanside Boulevard known as “The Dip” was put on a road diet after a bicyclist was killed. Four lanes of traffic were reduced to two, and buffered bike lanes were installed. The section of road that is now just one lane remains a source of frustration to motorists, as it has become a bottleneck that is more often than not congested. But observers predict more road diets along the Coast Highway all through coastal North County as it is recast from a primary artery to more of a scenic byway.

“From my perspective as a bike rider, the most

dangerous thing is relative speed,” Norby says. “If you’re on a bike and you get hit by a 4000-pound car, the rate of speed of that car is going to determine whether you live or you die. And if you look at the Coast Highway in general, the posted speed limits have been steadily decreasing. Most of it is now 35 mph; in the 1950s and early 1960s, it was Highway 5 before there was a Highway 5 and the speed limit was 65 or 70. Overall, we are in the process of rebalancing our roads. Our roads are for everyone, and we have classifications for roads. The interstate transportation system is one type of road, and that’s for cars only. Then there are prime arterials, which are mostly for cars, but we’re making room for other modes of transportation as well, because we want to give people choices. And then there are residential streets that I call jambalaya — they’re for everyone, and you’re already seeing cars, bikes, pedestrians, people walking their dogs.”

Norby envisions a near future in which the car may still be the dominant form of transporta-

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tion, but it will be greener and cleaner and share the road with a range of “micromobility” options: small, lightweight vehicles that zoom along at modest speeds, generally less than 20 mph, and are driven by users personally. Micromobility devices include bicycles, e-bikes, electric scooters, electric skateboards, and, in the future, enclosed, single- or two-seat electric vehicles. “We can look back and say the way to get across America was covered wagons, and that worked until about 1865, when all of a sudden you could take a train across the country, and now railroads were the primary means of transportation and, poof, covered wagons were gone. Then came cars and freeways and airplanes. Our transportation choices have changed dramatically three or four times over the last 150 years, so you would be unwise to think that they will never change again. That flies in the face of history and in the face of progress. But we’re still in the preseason. The game hasn’t begun.”

Perhaps, but that doesn’t mean the fight isn’t on. Right now,

there’s a growing backlash against a recent innovation, one that clean transportation advocates believe will finally make biking a viable alternative to the car, particularly for short trips around town: the electric bike. According to *Cycle Industry News*, sales of e-bikes surged 145% from 2019 to 2020. And as of July, according to *StreetsBlogUSA*, Americans are buying e-bikes — which generally retail in the \$1500 to \$2000 range — at a clip of one every 52 seconds. A surge of this magnitude is bound to create problems, particularly in beach communities like those in coastal North County — where Nextdoor, the social networking site for neighborhoods, has become a popular sounding board for complaints about e-bikes. “Every kid I see around here has an electric bike. What happened to good old-fashioned exercise on a regular bike and not spending that kind of money for kids that shouldn’t be on them anyway?” wrote one “neighbor” on the Olde Carlsbad microsite. “My worry is I see kids ALL the time without helmets, swerving on the street be-

cause they’re busy talking to each other, and two and three people on one bike literally with one hanging off the back end. What are these parents thinking???” Wrote another: “I almost ran over some kids riding those e-bikes today. No helmet. Not about to tell someone else’s kid what to do, but helmets are always a great idea...” A third added, “It’s going to take a lot of kids getting killed or mangled on these bikes before the lawmakers finally step in and make it so people have to have a driver’s license and wear a helmet before they get on these bikes.” Finally, a fourth: “Two days ago, I was on Donna Drive in Carlsbad and three young girls on ONE E bike zipped through the Basswood Stop sign. The driver couldn’t have been more than 12 years old and the two others looked a little younger, no helmets.” Similar chatter can be found on Nextdoor sites for Encinitas, where in June, critics began circulating a petition to ban e-bikes from the Moonlight Beach area.

But advocates say there’s a learning curve for everything, and e-bikes are no exception. “I think it’s

natural growing pains,” says Norby. “When you’re a teenager, you are somewhat immune to the ills of the world, and you think you’re bulletproof. But if you’re on a bike and you collide with a 4000-pound car, you’re going to lose. I look at today’s behavior and the outreach communities are doing and it’s a lot better than it was last year. Kids are wearing helmets, slowing down and stopping at stop signs. It really is an education and enforcement issue — and I’m happy they’re not in a car.”

Norby calls e-bikes “a game changer” and believes their growing popularity will lead to a surge in biking, which is a good thing, in his eyes. “A traditional bike is good for some, particularly a young athletic person, but for most of us, with the first

big hill, we’re done. I’m 60 years old and I can get to the downtown village, two miles away from my house, in a few minutes.” He maintains that virtually everyone who lives in a small town or city is no more than five miles away from that town or city’s downtown, “and that is eminently bikeable.”

“Five years ago, we had a French exchange student who would ride her electric bicycle to school and she was thought to be odd,” Norby concludes. “You hardly ever saw electric bikes, and when you did, it was for someone old or with bad knees. Now, just about every high schooler is on an e-bike, and we have all age groups, from junior high to 70-year-olds, back on bikes. That’s a massive change in consumer adoption. And every single one

of these people is not in a car, which cuts down on both pollution and congestion. Each of these kids is not being driven by mom or dad to the beach, or to school. The emissions aspect is real. I don’t care what you think about climate change, but I do know what Southern California was like in the 1970s and ‘80s — our air quality was just awful. Today our air is a lot better, and I know that’s because of the transportation choices we’ve made — beginning in the early ‘70s with catalytic converters and then the push for better gas mileage and, more recently, with electric cars and hybrids. So every time I see someone on an electric bike, that’s one less car that’s on the road. And that is something to be celebrated and encouraged.”

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Bicyclist using sharrows where bike lane and pedestrian walkway converge on Encinitas Coast Highway.

Blakespear agrees. “Electric bikes are transforming the way people get around,” she says. “Kids and adults have independence and the freedom to go much longer distances [than on regular bikes]. The important thing — and we’re doing this in Encinitas now — is to support efforts to better educate kids about safety, speed, riding in the right direction, and following traffic laws, which a lot of kids just aren’t doing. Electric bikes are one

more form of transportation, and I think they’re here to stay. My entire family has electric bikes; my kids are 12 and 14 and ride them to the beach and around the city, and my husband rides his to work in Oceanside, and it’s great.”

But David Drake, a San Diego sheriff’s deputy, says that with the increase in e-bikes on the road, his department has also seen an increase in complaints. Among the biggest safety issues are riders doubling

up on a single-seat e-bike, not wearing helmets, and disregarding traffic laws. Riders younger than 17 are required to wear helmets while on Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes, which can reach speeds of up to 20 mph. And all riders on Class 3 e-bikes, which can reach 28 mph, are required to wear helmets, Drake says. “It is very important to understand that the e-bike must be designed to carry passengers, and the same helmet laws apply to the

rider as they do the passenger,” he says. “Most of the e-bikes I see transporting passengers are not designed for them, or the rider is not experienced or mature enough to safely transport a passenger.” Drake disagrees with Norby’s contention that things are improving. “There are more e-bikes than last year,” he says, “so that is a bit like comparing apples to oranges.”

On August 31, the cities of Encinitas and Solana Beach hosted an online e-bike safety forum to share safety tips, laws, and other information for riders to know. More educational outreach efforts are underway. “The San Diego County Sheriff’s Department has partnered with the cities of Encinitas, Solana Beach and Del Mar to conduct online forums to discuss e-bike safety and help raise awareness to specific e-bike classifications and regulations,” Drake says. “The San Diego Bike Coalition also reached out to the North Coastal station and we are beginning to participate in some school-based presentations with live riding skills after a short classroom discussion.”

Magnezi notes that state and local governments are working on ways to put even more people onto e-bikes. California’s E-Bike Affordability Program, which is scheduled to begin in July 2022, will provide \$10 million in subsidies to help people buy e-bikes. SANDAG is also eyeing incentives. “My partner and I moved to San Diego three years ago and didn’t bring a car,” he says. “My partner bought an e-bike, opened a small business in Liberty Station, and every day, she takes her e-bike from our home in Hillcrest to her business. It really makes a difference. I think a lot

of people would be interested in biking a few miles regularly, but riding a [non-electric] bike any further than that is more challenging for a lot of people.” And from an environmental angle, he says, both the battery and the bike are much smaller and lighter than a car, Magnezi says, “so you’re using a fraction of the resources to get the same results, which is to get to work or the grocery store.”

—Thomas K. Arnold

The Firm

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night after I hand the firm to the feds, and we’ll go off and live in Boise, Idaho, as Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gates. We’ll have plenty of money, but we’ll have to work to avoid suspicion. After my plastic surgery, I’ll get a job driving a forklift in a warehouse, and you can work part-time at a day care. We’ll have two, maybe three kids and pray every night that people we have never met keep their mouths shut and forget about us. We’ll live every hour of every day in morbid fear of being discovered.”

“That’s perfect, Mitch, just perfect.” She was trying hard not to cry.

He smiled and glanced around the room. “We have a third option. We can walk out that door, buy two tickets to San Diego, sneak across the border and eat tortillas for the rest of our lives.”

“Let’s go.”

“But they’d probably follow us. With my luck, Oliver Lambert will be waiting in Tijuana with a squad of goons.

It won’t work.”

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NEWS TICKER

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reported by either party and law enforcement was not called to the scene.”

The Hillcrest smash-up is not the only road mishap experienced by the company’s autonomous vehicles, raising questions about the city becoming a testing ground for automotive automation. “On September 19, 2019, at 7:58 am, an Apple test vehicle which was conducting a manually driven test mission was struck while stopped in the left turn lane preparing to exit the Sunnyvale Community Center Park onto Manet Drive,” says a September 23, 2019, DMV report. “Both vehicles sustained minor damage to the driver’s side front bumpers. The drivers exchanged information. No injuries were reported. The police were not called.”

According to a November 15 account by the website MacReports, as of September, Apple had 69 autonomous vehicles with 114 drivers. Apple has experienced six collisions, the website reports.

Matt Potter

Under the radar

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social justice wave that swept over America last summer to unseat incumbent Los Angeles District Attorney Jackie Lacey in November.” Next year, they are prepared to defend appointed liberal state Attorney General Rob Bonta from charges that his policies have contributed to rising crime. “I think the rhetoric of the 2022 attorney general race is going to resemble the dynamic of status quo, lock-em-up-and-throw-away-the-key, tough-on-crime versus a new approach to public safety,” Anne Irwin, founder of Smart Justice, told Politico.

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December 12, 2020, he got new teacher and principal credentials in Texas. He had had Texas credentials from 2008-2013, and worked as an assistant principal at Progreso High School in the Rio Grande Valley's Hidalgo County. (A representative of the Progreso Independent School District says Soto has not been re-employed there recently.) Though nobody commented on the video to identify Soto until recently, a disciplinary action was taken against Soto last school year. His California teacher and administrator credentials, originally issued in the fall of 2012, were revoked on May 23, 2021, "because of misconduct." A San Diego Unified School District spokesperson did not answer questions about whether the video had anything to do with that. Leena Bakshi, founder of STEM4Real, has commented multiple times over the past few months on LinkedIn about Soto's role on her staff as program director. I asked her for comment on November 17. The next day, Soto's LinkedIn profile disappeared, and she replied, "On November 12, 2021, we were informed that Jose Sotoramos' credentials were revoked on May 23, 2021, due to misconduct in association to failed duties of mandated reporting. As of November 12, 2021, Jose Sotoramos has been terminated as Director of Programs with STEM4Real."

Soto first made the news in 2017. Multiple San Diego news outlets reported that a group of students staged a walkout at Lincoln High School and chanted, "We want Soto! We want Soto!" They demanded the promotion of Vice Principal Soto to principal. The district granted the request. But one Lincoln parent told me the student support for Soto was not what it seemed, and that the demonstration was orchestrated by adult allies of Soto at the school. In December 2018, I reported a Lincoln parent's statement that Principal Soto let people do whatever they want, except speak out about problems. That he allowed a gang of bullies to rampage across campus. And that in regard to instances of abuse, Soto "brushed it off like it was nothing."

In a speech to staff in April 2018, Soto downplayed a sexual assault a male student had perpetrated against a non-verbal disabled male student, and portrayed the victim as a mutual participant in what happened. He spoke to his staff about how he had defended some of them even though they were not committed and not willing to work, and said he expected them to return the favor and not go to the media behind his back. And he threatened his staff, saying, "I can definitely throw people under the bus, because I am privy to a lot of information."

I reported on Soto again in August 2019. A Lincoln student said her teacher was trying to pimp her out. Under Soto's watch, the teacher's friends would drive their cars on

campus and chat with students near their cars or in the teacher's classroom. The student said when she told Soto what her teacher was doing to her, Soto neglected to call the police, and "he changed the subject. He started talking about irrelevant things like how we are Latinos, and we need to move on. Then he sent me back to class."

On November 18, CC Unit caught their 234th predator and later celebrated his arrest by the Gardena Police Department. A month ago, Ghost commented on his disappointment with the lack of prosecution in San Diego. "The DA's bio says that she helped fight against human trafficking and other related crimes. However, they don't prosecute any of my catches. Every single catch I've done is an easy arrest and conviction handed to them on a silver platter, but they refuse because I don't have 'police training.' However, neighboring counties like Orange County and Los Angeles County have arrested my catches."

ERIC BARTL

MISSION BAY

Staying the course?

Environmentalists question upgrades to questionable golf site

San Diego is planning a huge investment to restore wetlands in De Anza Cove, work that may occur right on the Mission Bay golf course. So why is the city spending money on electrical and irrigation upgrades to the course when its acreage may change? The restoration work being planned is part of the 166-acre De Anza revitalization plan, for which a few alternatives have been proposed — and environmentalists are worried the popular golf course won't be as temporary as they had hoped.

Currently, the course, one of five operated by the city's golf division, is one of the biggest land uses in the northeastern corner of the park, and critics say it's a relic, a water hog, taking up land that could be used for wildlife, carbon capture, and meeting the challenge of sea rise. But in a unanimous vote last week, the active transportation committee approved a budget revision that funds the \$1,040,000 improvements from the golf enterprise fund, as well as \$285,084 to demolish the clubhouse and construct two portable buildings for golf operations and food service. The irrigation and electrical upgrades are scheduled to start on February 7, 2022, last 16 months, and cost a total of \$5,500,000. Golfers have lobbied to keep the 18-hole, 2700-yard public golf course intact, which now takes up about a quarter of the planning area. Under one alternative, it would be reduced by 30 percent.

But the future of the whole area is still



Current uses at DeAnza Cove. Has golf got to go?

being decided. "The committee would save the public a lot of money by not investing in the current land uses until the long-term land use plan is approved," said Andrew Meyer, conservation director at the San Diego Audubon Society and campaign director for ReWild Mission Bay. While the De Anza project is being led by the city, the ReWild project is conducted by the San Diego Audubon Society to restore wetlands along Pacific Beach Drive and both sides of Rose Creek.

The city's plans for De Anza Cove, which is part of the 4039-acre Mission Bay regional park, aim for a mix of public recreation, camping, wetlands, and other active park uses that will bring in revenue from leaseholds. According to the Golf Committee, in fiscal year 2020, the course contributed rent payments of \$295,000 to the General Fund, an amount that would be reduced in proportion to a reduction of its acreage.

Meyer says the parkland has greater value

as natural habitat for flood protection, to sustain the area's threatened and endangered species, and to improve access for all San Diegans. Sierra Club San Diego has criticized the funding of the golf course, saying the use of potable water for turf is reason enough to halt the sizable expenditures.

Andy Field, director of parks and recreation, said they recognize that one of the alternatives may well call for wetlands to be placed on top of the golf course, or offer other recreational experiences in its place. The planning department intends to come back at some point in 2022 with a public process to identify the best future for the area, he said. "But before that happens, we want to be sure the golf course that is occupying the space currently is in its utmost and best condition." The improvements "will eventually pay for themselves, as they're going to be saving electricity and water over the years ahead."

SHEILA PELL



Mission Bay Golf Course is used for disc golf, foot golf as well as traditional golf and is also open nights; it is the only stadium-lit course in San Diego.

PHOTOGRAPH BY DREW KEITZ

Calendar

Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

Friday | 26

PINK FLOYD



"Our first gig was in 1995," says Pink Floyd frontman Tom Quinn, who was inspired to form the tribute group after seeing the real Pink Floyd at Jack Murphy Stadium in April '94. "If I wasn't playing Pink Floyd covers, I can't imagine me doing any other tribute." Many of the band's players are members of the larger touring extravaganza The Pink Floyd Experience.

WHEN: Friday, November 26, 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm

WHERE: Navajo Live, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. navajolive.com

day light show will begin with lasers, LEDs, gobos, and snow machines choreographed to holiday music. Following the show, children are invited to visit with Santa on the stage.

WHEN: Saturday, November 27, 6 pm to 9 pm

WHERE: Forum Shopping Center, 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. eventsforumcarlsbad.com

KUMEYAAY LAKE GUIDED WALK

Visit the riparian habitat of the Kumeyaay Lake shoreline. If time allows, the group will explore the Grasslands Trail, which leads to a Kumeyaay grinding rocks site and offers views of the Old Mission Dam overlook. The trails used are easy but have uneven surfaces, and some involve steps.

WHEN: Saturday, November 27, 8:30 am to 10 am

WHERE: Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail, San Carlos. mtrp.org

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SANTA, SNOW, AND LIGHT SHOW

The tree lighting will start with a live stage show from 6 to 7 pm. Then The La Costa Canyon High School Marching Band will lead Santa onto the stage, and a countdown will begin for the lighting. Once the tree is lit, a holi-



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27: SANTA, SNOW, AND LIGHT SHOW



THE LAST WALTZ WITH MRS. HENRY & FRIENDS recording a three-LP rock opera. The band will stage *The Last Waltz with Mrs. Henry & Friends* in Solana Beach, celebrating classic rockers The Band and re-creating parts of their 1978 concert film *The Last Waltz*.

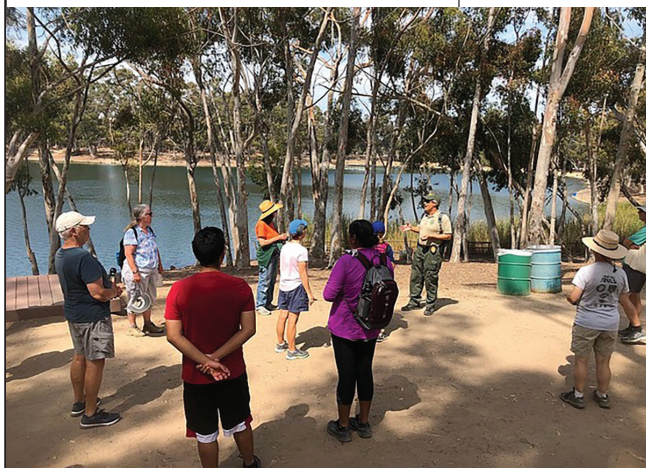
WHEN: Sunday, November 28, 7 pm

WHERE: Belly Up Tavern, 143 S. Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. bellyup.com

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THE LAST WALTZ WITH MRS. HENRY & FRIENDS

Americana rockers Mrs. Henry were about to embark on a West Coast tour when covid shut down the live music industry. They've kept busy by releasing a couple of YouTube episodes of their homespun *Medicine Show* and



the Season installation, to be enjoyed from the comfort of your own home. Join a live interactive class guided by Timken Teaching Artist Elizabeth Washburn. Premium materials include glittering gems, swirls of color, and choice filigree. These Zoom classes are geared toward beginners and seasoned professionals alike.

WHEN: Wednesday,

December 1, 4 pm to 6 pm

WHERE: timkenmuseum.org

Wednesday | 1

JEWELS OF THE SEASON: ORNAMENT WORKSHOP

The Timken is offering a virtual holiday art workshop inspired by their Jewels of



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ART

Jewels of the Season Ornament-Making Workshop The Timken is offering a virtual holiday art workshop inspired by our Jewels of the Season installation, to be enjoyed from the comfort of your own home. To purchase tickets over the phone, call Alexandra at 619-550-5955. Wednesday, December 1, 4pm; \$75-\$95. https://bit.ly/3DAk3N4. (ONLINE)

BEER

Adams Avenue Spirit Stroll The sixth annual Adams Avenue Spirit Stroll attendees will be served holiday themed cocktail tastes and sweet treats at 20 independently owned retail stops along Adams Ave., from University Heights through Normal Heights and into Kensington. There will be a complimentary trolley carrying attendees up and down the avenue during the event. Saturday, November 27, 2pm; \$25. Adams Avenue Business Association, 4649 Hawley Boulevard. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Daniel James Brown: Facing the Mountain New York Times Bestselling author Daniel James Brown will virtually to discuss his latest work, *Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II*. Afterwards there will be a live audience Q&A. Wednesday, December 1, 6:30pm; **free**. <https://bit.ly/3qXwhvV> (ONLINE)

Matt Coyle: Last Redemption Warwick's will host Matt Coyle as he discusses his new book, *Last Redemption (Rick Cahill #8)*. Tuesday, November 30, 7:30pm; \$26. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Mahjong: Beyond the Basics 4 Week Course Players must have a basic knowledge of the game. Classes will include understanding the complex hands on the card, changing sections, rules & penalties of the game, winning strategies, defensive play and more. 2021 mahjong card required. Monday,

Rhyme & Verse
Three Poems by Cecily Fox Smith

St. Andrew's Eve

The last night of November
All dreaming as I lay,
I saw a fisher toiling
In stormy seas and grey, —

A glimmering seine-net casting
In foam as white as wool . . .
And sometimes it came empty,
And sometimes it came full.

That port that fisher hailed from
Was the port of Heaven above:
The shining net he cast there
Was the net of Christ His love.

That seine it shone like silver
Or the Milky Way come down . . .
And, oh! the catch he took there
Was the souls of those who drown.

Rosemary

Rosemary for remembrance,—
O gentle memories
Of hours whose fragrance is like flowers
In olden pleasaunces!
When all the birds go South again
And all the laughter's o'er,
Rosemary for remembrance
Of days that are no more!

Rosemary for remembrance
Of summer posies done,—
And scarlet for midsummer joy
And gold for noonday sun.
God grant us in autumnal days,
When brighter flowers have died,
Rosemary for remembrance
And dreams for eventide!

November 29, 10am; \$100-\$125. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

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. Saturday, November 27, 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. Wednesday, December 1, 4pm; **free**. sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/virtual-messy-science-4. (ONLINE)

Packaging & Shipping Soap Worldwide Class Students learn how to package soap to prevent dents and damage, how to use biodegradable shipping materials, how to meet United States Customs requirements for shipping commodities internationally, the fastest shipping methods, and how to get discounted shipping rates.

Class fee: \$40. Materials fee: \$14. Sunday, November 28, 1pm; \$54. Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

Product Launch Roundtable The instructor and fellow students focus on the positive aspects of the products, suggest improvements to increase sales, assess the packaging to ensure it meets legal requirements, analyze the sale price to maximize both crafter profit and shopper value, and examine the online sales venue for an agreeable shopping experience. Attend in person or online. Class fee: \$35. Materials fee: \$3 Sunday, November 28, 11:30am; \$38. Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

COMEDY

A Very Merry Fu*king Holiday Show Host Herman the Elf takes you on a tour full of show stopping musical numbers, improvised carols, interactive comedy, sketch comedy, and seeing Santa finally get canceled. Sunday, November 28, 7pm; \$15-\$20. 21 and up. Finest City Improv, 3746 Sixth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

The Clock with One Finger

The clock with one finger
Was made in the days
When time used to linger
By leisurely ways—

When nobody reckoned
(Or so we are told)
Each fugitive, second
More precious than gold,

But the clocks, like the people,
Took things as they came,
And the chimes in the steeple
Said mostly the same: —

“Some day — no day —
Maybe — one, day —
Come day — go day —
God — send — Sunday!”



Cileye Fox Smith (1882-1954) was an English poet best known for her maritime folk poems and other verse with a nautical theme. In fact, so detailed were her sea poems that some of her readers who were weathered sailors assumed she was herself a sailor — and even a ship's captain. Many of her poems have been put to music. Later in life, she wrote fiction and non-fiction as well, including a travelogue of her lifetime dream realized—a voyage around the coast of Africa —*All the Way Around: Sea Roads to Africa*. The British government recognized her efforts by awarding her a lifetime pension.

Find more poetry online at SDreader.com/poetry

Comedy Night: Chris Clobber Friday, November 26, 7:30pm; **free**. 18 and up. Spacebar Cafe, 7454 University Ave., Suite A. (LA MESA)

For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls by Christopher Durang Get ready to laugh again with live theatre from The Roustabouts Theatre Co. “For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls...” is a collection of 5 hysterical one-acts by Christopher Durang. Catch this night of irreverent sketch comedy from one of the funniest playwrights on Broadway.

Saturday, November 27, 2pm and 8pm; Sunday, November 28, 2pm; \$32-\$40. 18 and up. Moxie Theatre, 6663 El Cajon Bl., Suite N. (ROLANDO)

Usama Siddiquee Seen on MTV, Showtime, Bravo, America's Got Talent, and more. Friday, November 26, 8pm; Saturday, November 27, 7:30pm; **free**. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DANCE

SCB Nutcracker Virtual Field Trip Debut In Poway OnStage's Virtual Field Trip, Southern California Ballet will perform narrated show excerpts of The Nutcracker, and provide extension activities in movement, pantomime and costume design. Wednesday, December 1, 7am; **free**. powayonstage.org/event/scb-nutcracker/. (ONLINE)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Residential Real Estate Conference: Outlook 2022 Outlook 2022 will feature keynote speaker Frank E. Nothaft, PhD, chief economist for CoreLogic, America's largest provider of advanced property and ownership information. Wednesday, December 1, 8am; **free**. <https://bit.ly/30PSL79>. (ONLINE)

Virtual Cracking the COVID-19 Code This course is a virtual exploration into the world of viruses. We will be establishing a strong understanding of viruses and dive in to examine SARS-CoV-2 from biological and societal perspectives. Students will examine the virus's mechanism of action and how it interacts with the human body. Tuesday, November 30, 6pm; **free**. <https://bit.ly/3CDCe3c>. (ONLINE)

FARMERS' MARKETS

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

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

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FOOD & DRINK

Seasonal Tea Tasting with Sweet Bites Enjoy an afternoon tea tasting featuring 5 seasonal teas sourced from small farms around the world and original blends. Wednesday, December 1, 1pm; \$5-\$10. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

FOR KIDS

Exploring the Science of Harry Potter Students will explore the science and magic of the world of Harry Potter through video clips, presentations, discussions, activities and artwork. Topics include genetics and trait prediction (parseltongue, giants, squibs), acid/base chemistry (Marauder's Map), fantastic beasts and herbology. Monday, November 29, 3:30pm; **free**. Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street. (POINT LOMA)

FUNDRAISERS

Encinitas Turkey Trot Thousands of local families, and tourists alike, will start the Thanksgiving holiday with a fun and healthful cruise along the coast. A family tradition, the race is both an athletic event, while also an expression of gratitude. The course starts and finishes under the famous "Encinitas" sign. Thursday, November 25, 7am; \$48-\$58. S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas 92024

O'side Turkey Trot Presented by Tri-City Medical Center, event offers a costume contest, largest teams competition, fabulous live entertainment on the course and finisher medals for all participants. Thursday, November 25, 6:45am; \$28-\$45. Oceanside Civic Center, 300 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

Teddy Ball The Teddy Ball is a high energy, black-tie holiday celebration hosted yearly in San Diego by local nonprofit, Cruise 4 Kids. Our event brings together San Diego's finest people to collect teddy bears for sick & underprivileged children, promote awareness of our beneficiaries, and celebrate the Christmas season. Each guest is required to bring a new stuffed teddy bear which we collect for distribution to multiple organizations in time for holiday gifting. Saturday, November 27, 7pm; \$20-\$175. 21 and up. Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine, 3777 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Annual Tree Lighting The 19th Annual Lighting will start with a live stage show, The La Costa Canyon High School Marching Band will lead Santa onto the stage, with a countdown to the lighting of the tree. Once the tree is lit, a spectacular Holiday Light Show will begin, all choreographed to holiday music.

OUTDOORS

Cottonwoods showing off and rainbow season arrives

The Fremont Cottonwoods along the San Diego River in Mission Gorge are now showing their best tawny foliage. You can park at the Old Mission Dam historic site or the Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center and explore the riparian area by way of river-side trails or by walking, bike riding, or skating along the bike path high above the river's south and east banks. Large cottonwoods can also be seen along other watercourses throughout the San Diego County backcountry, including along the Sweetwater River near Cottonwood Golf Course, and in Cottonwood Valley, east of Pine Valley along Interstate 8.

"Rainbow Season" arrives with the first rains of late fall. Scattered showers are best for rainbow watching: sunlight refracting and reflecting through the raindrops causes two bows to appear — an intense circular arc at 42° and a bigger but weaker arc at 51° from the antisolar point (the point in the sky diametrically opposed to



COTTONWOOD TREE

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A RAINBOW BREAKS OVER HIGHLAND VALLEY VINEYARDS IN ESCONDIDO.

CREDIT: HIGHLAND VALLEY VINEYARDS

the sun's position). From November through mid-February, the sun never gets higher than 42° above the horizon as seen from San Diego, so (rain and sunlight permitting) the brighter of the two arcs may appear above the horizon at any time of day. In spring and summer, rainbows are never seen in the sky around midday because the sun is too high — and the antisolar point is too low.

Does the Sun already seem to be setting about as early as it ever will? You're right! We're still almost a month from the winter solstice — but the Sun sets its earliest each year around December 7th, if you're near latitude 40° north. And already the Sun sets within only about 3 minutes of that time.

A Surprising Result of This: The Sun actually sets a trace earlier on Thanksgiving than on Christmas — even though Christmas is around solstice time!

But in Celestial Mechanics, every seeming abnormality is balanced out by an equal abnormality somewhere else. This earliest-sunset offset from the solstice date is balanced out by the opposite happening at sunrise: The Sun doesn't come up its latest until January 4th. Blame the tilt of Earth's axis and the eccentricity of Earth's orbit.

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.

Saturday, November 27, 6pm; **free**. Forum Shopping Center, 1923 Calle Barcelona. (CARLSBAD)

Tree Lighting Festival Enjoy a variety of seasonal-inspired dishes, assorted Christmas cookies and other delicious desserts, along with a hot chocolate and cider station. Entertainment includes Christmas carolers and a DJ playing holiday music. There will also be tractor rides, horse and carriage rides, arts and crafts, photos with Santa, and the tree lighting. Tickets are required and will be on sale through the online store. Sunday, November 28, 5pm; **free**-\$50. South Coast Winery Resort & Spa, 34843 Rancho California Road. (TEMECULA)

LECTURES

Exploring Ethics: Science, Collaboration, Innovation Speaker: Dr. Vicki Grassian PhD, UCSD Distinguished Professor and Chair of Physical Chemistry Discussion. Topic: Science, Collaboration, and Innovation. Wednesday,

December 1, 5pm; **free**. <https://bit.ly/3FzhDDp>. (ONLINE)

NATURE

Birding with all your senses with Jeanie Join Ornithologist Anderson for an easy stroll on a path in Peñasquitos Canyon with many birds both visible and calling. Bring sturdy shoes, binoculars, and coverups. Handouts and checklists will be provided. Meet at the Preserve Sign at the west end of Canyonside Park Driveway, Rancho Peñasquitos. Saturday, November 27, 7:45am; **free**. 12122 Black Mtn. Rd., Rancho Peñasquitos 92129

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 27,

free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Guided Walk-Kumeyaay Lake Join an MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk. Walk includes a visit to the lush riparian habitat of the Kumeyaay Lake shoreline and if time allows, we'll explore the Grasslands Trail which leads to a Kumeyaay grinding rocks site and the picturesque Old Mission Dam overlook. Walks start from the Kumeyaay Lake Campground Entry Station (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail, San Diego, CA 92119) on the second and fourth Saturday of every month at 8:30am. The trails used are easy, but have uneven surfaces and some involve steps, so be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Walks are canceled if raining. Saturday, November 27, 8:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Wildlife Walk with a Ranger Take a hike with a Park Ranger to "meet the neighbors" at Chol-

las Lake Park. If you are curious about the wild and feral animals that reside in our park, this program will delight you. Note that our ranger walks are 1 to 2 miles long on dirt surfaces with some hills and steps. Bring water, sun protection and sturdy shoes. Meet near the comfort station at the north end of the parking lot. Saturday, November 27, 1pm; **free**. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Small Business Saturday Shop, eat, and explore downtown Escondido to discover pop-up artists, special treats, sales, and discounts, while collecting stamps to fill Bingo cards. Completed bingo cards will be entered in a drawing for an opportunity to win prizes donated by participating local businesses. Saturday, November 27, 11am; **free**. Escondido Visitors Center, 235 E. Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

SPORTS & FITNESS

UWF Black Friday The Universal Wrestling Federation Main Event Six Man Tag Match The Real Stevie Ray & Smoke Signalz vs Black Mamba & Los Comandos. Friday, November 26, 6pm; \$15-\$75. Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

Yoga Box Fall Series Free for Yoga Box members and a \$20 drop-in for non-members. Saturday, November 27, 9am; **free**-\$20. Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Place. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Yoga for Gratitude in Yiddish In this 60-minute yoga class, practice yoga and mindfulness that focuses on gratitude. Gratitude and yoga help detoxify the mind and body. The language of instruction is Yiddish, with English translation. Sunday, November 28, 8am; \$10-\$15. yaaana.org/yiddish-yoga/. (ONLINE)

Eureka! He found them!

California's oldest restaurant and a North County bargain

This is North County, so let's not expect cheap," says my friend Diana. No sticker shock for her. She's into

swanky malls like this one, UTC. Problem: sign says the mall closes at eight, but restaurants can stay open later. At 8:30 on this cold shivery night, there are still some places with their lights on and doors open. But not a lot. So when we see a joint called Eureka! that's

open and serving customers, we're in like Flynn. It's a newish, slightly clubby, slightly stark, timberly place. Big emphasis on, like, preserved fruit in



Diana's dog Faucina sits beside her Cowboy Burger. No pressure...



Mac'n Cheese Balls. Great appetizer for burgers to come

jars, for cocktails, for sure. Except me, I'm not sure. Another eatery for the rich and famous, dressed up to look democratic, but mainly for the expense-account johnnies?

Whatever, die is cast. Diana is looking with satisfaction. "Aah," she says. "They're mainly burgers. Good. Cold weather's made for burgers. See their list here?" She hones right in on it. The plastic-jacketed menu lists snacks, burgers, "not a burger" items like a spicy fried chicken sandwich (\$14.50, which gives you an idea of prices), and greens (such as the "seared furikake ahi salad," \$18.50). But burgers are a big chunk of the menu.

"All burgers served with Santa Carota carrot-fed Angus beef atop buttery brioche bread," the menu reads. Their standard one, the "Eureka! American," goes for \$14. And then, hey! They feature in red ink their "28-Day, Dry-Aged Bone Marrow" burger with shiitake butter, horseradish mustard aioli, and roasted Roma tomato.

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I love marrow. Also horseradish. Trouble is, it costs \$20. That must be some burger. For \$18.50 they also have a bison burger, and a "double-

stacked" Angus burger for \$18.50. The jalapeño burger with fried egg costs \$15, and — this looks interesting — the "decadent" truffle mushroom burger with a white truffle cheese sauce runs \$17.50. There's also an all-veggie beet burger with a beet/kidney

bean patty for \$14. But the one that catches my eye is the Fresno Fig. This is a figgin' first for me. The burger has fig marmalade, tarted up by goat cheese, bacon, tomato, red onions, arugula, and what they promise is a spicy porter mustard. Costs \$15.

"I'll have the Cowboy," Diana tells Kim the waitress. "Only 957 calories." They exchange knowing looks. Heck, Diana is as slim as they come. And I'm actually relieved when she asks if I want to split one of the snacks, the mac'n cheese balls, as a starter, 'cause I am out-and-out hungry. They cost \$9 for five. Her "Cowboy Burger" is a fairly simple affair: patty with bacon, cheddar, BBQ sauce, and shoestring onions (\$15).

Hmm. I think of asking for the "Eureka! Burger," mainly because I feel a bond with Eureka, the place. One of the best times I ever had was up in Eureka, searching for the oldest eatery in California. My buddy Frankie and I practically lived at the Samoa Cookhouse, "the last remaining cookhouse in the West." It's still there. It used to feed lumbermen by the thousands, and ever since they stopped chopping down the redwood forests, it has fed tourists coming to see the last remaining stands. Somehow, the Cookhouse has survived the huge hole in tourism that covid has opened. "We've always fed people well, just like the Samoa Cookhouse fed the lumberjacks in Eureka," says the gal who's managing there. She's right about the Samoa. It was and always is All-U-Can-Eat. And okay, Diana and I don't get that here in Eureka!, but when our two burgers come, they are plentiful.

The main thing about Diana's Cowboy Burger is the nice big marinated patty. She lets me take a bite. Mmm. Umami. "Best thing?" she says. "It's these shoestring onions. Like tiny taste pearls on a string." My burger comes down to three words: fig, goat cheese, bacon. (OK, four.) The sweet of the fig spread knocks the meat up to something almost like a savory dessert, if there is such a thing.

Of course, I try to catch the carrot-y taste in the carrot-fed Angus beef. Can just imagine all the poor, doomed Angus cattle running to munch on their veggies every morning. But if the carrot flavor is there, it's subtle. Whatever, the whole chomp is still scrumbulicious. And I guess the guys who run this place are doing something right, because Eureka! has expanded to over two dozen eateries around the West in just over a decade. One good thing they have is a four-hour



Eureka!'s bartender Tristan spends serious time inventing cocktails with his own fruits and spices

happy hour, Monday to Friday. Deals like the Eureka! burger for \$9. With fries. Or firecracker riblets (\$7), or chargrilled cauliflower (\$6), or those mac'n cheese balls for \$6.

Or to keep it really simple and cheap, but still interesting, honey-cinnamon sweet potato fries for \$3. So let me take back that "only for the rich" stuff, because even though this place is not cheap, it does have good, interesting, original, and yes, cheapish ways of belly-stuffing, inside happy hour and out.

Oh, and that search for the oldest restaurant? Turned out not to be in Gold Country, or Timber Country, but right on the docks in San Francisco. Still prospering mightily. Tadich Grill, continuously open since 1849. Maybe because they have



Now that's a burger!
Goat cheese, bacon, fig marmalade

never gone too pretentious or toffee-nosed, even though they're right smack dab in the middle of Frisco's financial district. You can still get a Caesar salad for \$11. Not bad for the most expensive city in the state. These guys are holding a pretty good line, too. ■

The Place: Eureka!, 4353 La Jolla Village Drive, 858-210-3444 (Also at SDSU South Campus)

Hours: 11am-11pm, daily

Happy Hour: 2-6pm, 9pm-close

Prices: spicy fried chicken sandwich, \$14.50; seared furikake ahi salad, \$18.50; Eureka! American burger, \$14; dry-aged bone marrow burger, with horseradish mustard aioli, \$20; bison burger, \$18.50; "double-stacked" Angus burger \$18.50; jalapeño burger (with cheddar, bacon, pickled jalapeños), \$15; "decadent" truffle mushroom burger, white truffle cheese sauce, \$17.50; beet burger, with kidney bean patty \$14; Fresno Fig Burger, with fig marmalade, goat cheese, bacon, tomato, arugula, spicy porter mustard \$15; mac'n cheese balls, \$9; cowboy burger, (bacon, cheddar, BBQ sauce), \$15

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Smoked and Tasty yields unlikely pairings

Smoked and Tasty; 138 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. Wander into any American grocery store, and you'll have no trouble identifying dozens, if not hundreds of snack foods that pair well with beer. But I would bet you can't find any trace of one of the most beloved beer pairings in Russia: smoked smelt.

Smelt, better known in Saint Petersburg by the name *koryushka*, is a small, slender fish — about the length and width of a strip of bacon — with aromatic flesh that is said to be cucumber scented. When smoked, cured, otherwise dried, strips of this flesh become the perfect foil for the crisp bitterness of beer.

Or so it was explained to me by the Russian proprietors of Smoked and Tasty. The small group of émigrés recently opened this business together on Grand Avenue, in Escondido's historic downtown. Included among the assortment of smoked fish, poultry, and bacon sitting within the shop's glass counter are dozens of whole smelt, ready to eat at \$13 a pound.

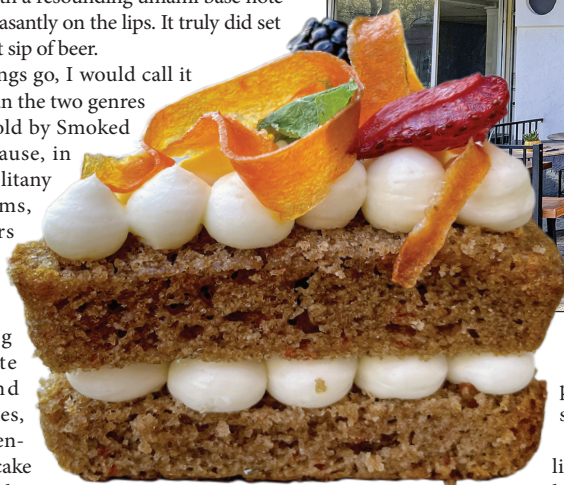
I took them up on the idea, taking a few fish home to snack on with an IPA. If there's a trick to stripping the meat from the fish, I haven't mastered it yet. However, though I had to struggle to peel the thin ribbons of flesh cleanly away from the bone

in the manner described to me, I can very much vouch for the pairing's success. I could even make sense of that cucumber comparison, though to me, the fish more closely resembled a lightly brined salmon jerky, with a resounding umami base note that lingered pleasantly on the lips. It truly did set up a near perfect sip of beer.

And as pairings go, I would call it less unusual than the two genres of foodstuffs sold by Smoked and Tasty. Because, in addition to the litany of smoked items, the shop offers an assortment of gorgeously presented baked goods, ranging from chocolate cake pops and macaron cookies, to an artfully rendered hazelnut cake that looks like a dome built with bonbons rather than bricks.

During my visit, I enjoyed a more-decadent-than-usual-slice of carrot cake.

The presence of cake seems to have more to do with the talents and interests of the friends behind Smoked and Tasty than any cultural linkage. In fact, the smelt would be the only emphatically Russian offering. The majority of the items sold sim-



A slice of carrot cake from Smoked and Tasty.

ply take well to various smoking techniques.

At the top of the list would be salmon, which you may find cold or hot smoked for \$12 to \$18 per pound. Cold

smoked salmon glistens like sushi, and is what you might put on a morning bagel with cream cheese (in fact, I ordered such a bagel here for \$8.99). Hot smoked salmon flakes like the cooked fish — I took some of this home to make my own smoked fish charcuterie board.

Other smoked fish options include eel, escolar, and my personal favorite, black cod. This white fish may be best known these days for parting into large, silky, buttery flakes when cooked with a miso glaze in sushi restaurants. However, other may recognize black cod by a different name, sable. Smoked sable has a long tradition in the Jewish gourmet shops of New York City, most notably Russ & Daughters. I liked it even better than the salmon.

Smoked and Tasty only opened this summer, and I get the sense it's just getting started. They're still working out a daily sandwich menu, and supplementing business with catering orders. I watched a few \$34 whole smoked ducks go out the door, and noted the shop is accepting Thanksgiving pre-orders for a smoked turkey until November 21.

by Ian Anderson



A new smoked meats shop and bakery for Escondido.

THANKSGIVING EVENTS

Friends & Feasting Enjoy a lavish Thanksgiving spread, featuring modern dishes and traditional favorites. Thursday, November 25, 1pm; \$98. 20, Twenty at Westin Carlsbad, 5480 Grand Pacific Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Thanksgiving Dinner 3-course prix fixe menu. Thursday, November 25, 12pm; \$25-\$90. Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Thanksgiving in Spain Enjoy a delicious 3-Course Prix Fixe Thanksgiving Menu from 4pm-11pm. Live Latin guitar music 5pm-9pm. The holiday menu includes Thanksgiving classics with a Spanish twist. Thursday, November 25, 4pm; Cafe Sevilla Tapas Bar, 353 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Thanksgiving À La Carte Dinner Executive Chef José Esparza has created a Thanksgiving menu featuring seasonal American cuisine to be enjoyed in the open-beamed, Tuscan-inspired dining room. Reservations are required at OpenTable or by calling (951) 719-8356. Thursday, November 25, 11:30am; South Coast Winery Resort & Spa, 34843 Rancho California Road. (TEMECULA)

Three-Course Thanksgiving Feasting Three courses with entrees ranging in price from \$55 to \$70; Thursday, November 25, 12pm; \$55-\$70. Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, 1380 Harbor Island Drive. (HARBOR ISLAND)



Smoked smelt and beer: a pairing made in Russia.

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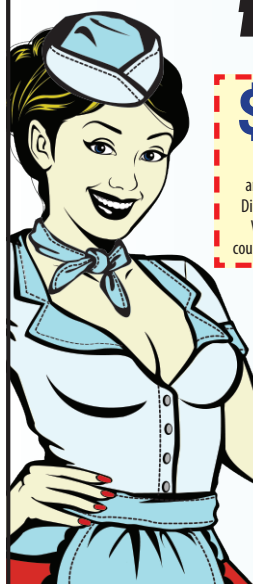
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Sandelin's training as a historian comes to bear when discussing the death of free-form radio, and what he feels may be the end of the musical style that drove it. "I think the new generations, whether they call themselves Zoomers or

whatever, want to create their own aesthetic versus listening to Dad's music when they go on the Sunday drive. So it's the same thing that happened to Greece and Rome, the same thing that happened to the Han Dynasty in China. If anything, it's a little emblematic of the rise and fall

of the American empire, too. But there's a lot of positives, because we're seeing a much more multicultural aesthetic; that means bringing in lots of different kinds of music that may even not be rock and roll."

— Spike Steffenhagen

Another day of The Locust

"I just want to change the way people look at music, or maybe just destroy it in general." That's The Locust singer Justin Pearson, who also heads up the band's record label Three One G. The celebrated noise rockers are unpacking their hardly-used 21st century insect costumes for a short California tour that kicks off December 7 in Santa Ana and runs through a December 11 date in Fresno, including a December 8 appearance at downtown's House of Blues.

Since 2002, the insectoid stage outfits worn by the Locust have been created by fashion designer Ben Warwas. "The first outfits I did were green, with masks that had mesh over the eyes" he says. "For a while, the eye coverings were white, but they discovered that stage lights would completely blind them, so I made the eyes black. The second set I did was green and red, then I did some white ones, a grey set, and the ones they wear now are

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aqua and fake fur."

Warwas says the band occasionally commissions emergency replacements. "A few masks have been stolen at shows. Now I make two sets of each outfit, so they can have a spare if something happens, or if the clothes get too stinky...it gets really hot inside them. They also travel with the previous outfits, in case anything happens."

For a while, even Robin, the woman working the merch booth, wore the same bug costume as the band. "I received mixed reactions nightly, some more amusing than others,"

essentially went on hiatus.

Guitarist-drummer Gabe Serbian co-founded a new band in 2009, Rats Eyes, with John Cota (formerly of Hostile Comb-Over), Jason Blackmore (Sirhan Sirhan), and James Armbrust (formerly of Louis XIV). Then 2012 saw the release of *Molecular Genetics from the Gold Standard Labs*, a 44-track Locust compilation from Anti Records (sister imprint to the band's one-time label Epitaph Records). Early the following year, having been inactive for nearly five years, they reunited to play I'll Be Your Mirror, a London music

the film's soundtrack. The following year, Serbian and Pearson debuted a new band with Slayer drummer Dave Lombardo, Dead Cross, with Michael Crain on guitar.

The first Locust gig in four years took place at the October 2019 Desert Daze Festival. They also announced plans to debut new costumes and their first new music since 2007, releasing a typically bizarre video for their track "Recyclable Body Fluids In Human Form." The Locust's December 8 House of Blues gig will include fellow hometown heroes Sonido De La Frontera,



June 2019 KGB alumni lunch at the home of longtime KGB DJ Gabriel Wisdom.

Video tracks the radio star

"There's something magical about a transmitter sending music across the airwaves, music that becomes unscrambled in your car to become the soundtrack of your life," says Professor Raul Sandelin about his latest documentary project, *KGB and the FM Radio Revolution*. The first of five hour-long episodes screened recently at Folk Art Records. The project is a collaboration between Sandelin and cinematographer Tony Butler, brother of Ryan Butler, who played with Thee Dark Ages alongside future Beat Farmer Jerry Raney and aspiring rock critic Lester Bangs (then attending Grossmont College).

Far from a dry recitation of dates and facts, the series attempts to delve into the glory days of local FM radio, while at the same time discussing its decline. "The story begins in 1972, and then we look at all the personalities, the big promotions. You know, the Chicken, the *Homegrown* albums. We produced an extensive look at the *Homegrown* albums run because Cameron Crowe" — Clairemont native and director of *Almost Famous* and *Fast Times At Ridgmont High* — "helped us out a lot by providing them. We do

some behind-the-scenes stuff talking with John Barcroft, who was the chief engineer for KGB in the late '70s through the early '90s. He built the Engineer Road studio, or he designed and oversaw it being built, so he talks about some of the technical stuff, including the transmitter down there at Euclid and Federal. I didn't even know that was where the transmitter was located." In the end, the collaboration of fans and insiders produced more footage than could fit in the final five-hour running time.

"The five episodes have an arc, [including] the golden era, as Ron Jacobs comes in and brings this brash new boss radio format and flips it over to the FM side. You know, everybody is young and the money's flowing, and other things are flowing, like cocaine, and it's a big party. And then of course, at the end, people got cardboard boxes on their desks, and there's a bunch of goodbye videos." Loaded with KGB luminaries such as Coe Lewis and Jim "The Last DJ" McInnes, the documentary also includes tributes to late radio personalities, including DJ John Leslie, of whom there was no footage available. Butler and Sandelin are currently looking for a platform willing to stream or distribute the series.



Bug to the future: The Locust's 21st-century insect costumes.

she told the *Reader* via email. "I quickly got initiated to a small dose of some of the shit they've dealt with throughout the years. In Budapest, a city I wouldn't describe as sober, a guy grabbed my boobs to make sure I was a girl. There were nights in Europe when the guys were concerned for my safety."

After their 2007 *New Erections* full-length, The Locust

fest headlined by the Yeah Yeah Yeahs and Grizzly Bear.

In 2014, Gabe Serbian — who'd recently relocated back to San Diego — appeared in the Asia Argento film *Incompresa*, which included an onscreen role for fellow Locust Justin Pearson, who joined with Three One G labelmate Luke Henshaw to contribute to

whose album *Sonidero Guerilleros* was released digitally in September via Three One G Records, preceded by a single for "Somos Sonideros."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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EARTHLESS

Inspired by Krautrock and Japanese psychedelic bands when it launched in 2001, psych rock power trio Earthless features drummer Mario Rubalcaba (Rocket from the Crypt, the Black Heart Procession), guitarist Isaiah Mitchell (Nebula), and bassist Mike Eginton (Electric Nazarene). The band will debut their sixth studio album *Night Parade of One Hundred Demons* on January 28 via Nuclear Blast, with a winter tour kicking off January 27 at The Echo in L.A. Recorded with Rubalcaba's childhood friend Ben Moore (Diamanda Galas, Hot Snakes), the album includes a 41-minute title track and a 20-minute song called "Death To The Red Sun."

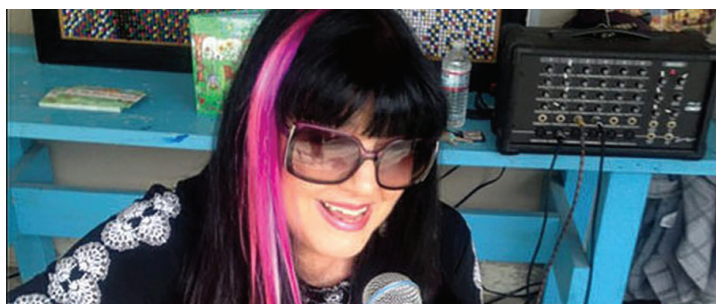
According to Eginton, "My son and I came across the 'Night Parade of One Hundred Demons' in a book of traditional Japanese ghost stories. I like the idea of people hiding and being able to hear the madness but not see it. It's the fear of the unknown." Eginton also created the album cover artwork. "I started researching the different Yōkai, the demons, and really got into it. It was really cool reading about where they came from and what their interactions with humans were. Then I tried to create what I imagined the event might look like. I didn't get a hundred in there, but I got quite a few."



HEATHER NATION

As a teenager, singer-guitarist Heather Nation was already writing songs for bands, with her first recording studio session taking place while she was still in high school. She's a founding member of synth-pop band Belladonna, which was nominated for Best New Artist at the San Diego Music Awards. She's also played with prog-groove rockers Meadow, formed in 2017 with Jon Hasz (of Aja Alycean's band), Erdis Maxhelaku (from Gayle Skidmore's group), and Josh Frontiero. Her solo single "Selene" dropped in December 2020. A live performance video for "Selene" was produced by Solana

Beach music media group Halfway Home Sessions, which debuted the clip on their website. The single was recorded and co-produced by Trevor LeVieux, and mixed and mastered by Mike Butler, whose credits include Ray LaMontagne, the Shins, the Pretenders, and Norah Jones. Nation has also taught classes in guitar, vocals, and songwriting, and even during the pandemic she could be found performing on Thursday evenings at Nick and G's in Rancho Santa Fe. Nation has new single called "Flower," which she recently debuted in a live performance with her Heather Nation Trio.



DONNA LARSEN

Singer-songwriter Donna Larsen performs and records acoustic music, having honed her art in the early 2000-teens while running her San Diego Indie Acoustic Original Artist Showcase at area venues such as ArtLab Studios on Adams Avenue. A self-titled Donna Larsen and the Messengers album dropped in 2019. She's also been writing songs geared for children's books, which were originally inspired by and created for her own kids, even though her first born child is now in their early 20s. The combination book and CD projects

are co-created and self-published with collaborating artists. Her new CD and children's book set *In My Own Back Yard* was mastered at Noisy Cricket Studio and will premiere next month in La Mesa. "Amethyst Moon is a cool little mystical shop where the release event will take place on December 11," says Larsen. "Some of the band members from my band, the Messengers, will be joining me to do a live performance of some of this music, and there will be prizes and discounts on my book and CD set and other in-store items."



X-OFFENDERS

Popular with both the punk and new wave crowds, X-Offenders were a ska-centered band frequently spotted on the local scene in the 1980s. They played area venues such as the Headquarters, Dance City, Journey, the Adams Avenue Theater, and the UCSD gym. Their songs earned airplay with tracks like "Layaway Plan" showing up on local station 91X, and they opened for touring headliners including Simple Minds, Untouch-

ables, and The Call. The band released an EP in 1982 called *Keeping Secrets*. Members included sax player Joe Asaro (Manual Scan, the Answers), guitarist Frank Glaser (later a cover artist for the *Reader*), drummer Billy Bischell, bassist Paul Fehlman, keyboardist Felipe Kolbo, and singer Mark Stuart. The youngest member, drummer Billy Bischel, passed away earlier this month.



STONE TEMPLE PILOTS

Grunge pioneers Stone Temple Pilots came together when their late singer Scott Weiland met New Jersey-born bass player Robert DeLeo at a 1986 Black Flag concert in Long Beach. The two Point Loma residents invited DeLeo's brother Dean to join on guitar and Eric Kretz (who was born in Santa Cruz — as was Weiland, though he was also living in San Diego at the time) became their drummer. Two dead singers later, their 2020 "An Evening With" acoustic tour of North America was cancelled due to newest lead vocalist Jeff Gutt suffering a severely herniated disc. But the injury didn't prevent their acoustic album *Perdida* from being released on

February 10 — Gutt's second studio release with the band. This past summer, STP released an expanded 25th anniversary reissue of their third album, *Tiny Music...Songs From The Vatican Gift Shop* and they embarked on a full tour. However: "During routine covid-19 testing of our band and crew, we have discovered that a member of our organization has tested positive for the virus," announced the group. "Out of an abundance of caution, we must regretfully cancel our remaining shows on this current tour; our appearances in Daytona, Florida at the Welcome to Rockville Festival and Tulsa, Oklahoma at the Skyline Event Center."

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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

7 Mile Kitchen:

Friday, 5pm — Rick Harchol. Free.

Belly Up Tavern:

Friday, 8pm — Fortunate Youth and Artikal Sound System. Saturday, 8pm — Greyboy Allstars. Sunday, 7pm — The Last Waltz with Mrs. Henry & Friends. Tuesday, 8pm — Laura Marling. \$25-\$44.

Brick by Brick:

Friday, 7:30pm — Mystic Ritual and Sicarius. \$15-\$18. Saturday, 7pm — Intervals and Thank You Scientist. \$22-\$26. Sunday, 7:30pm — Unto Others and Blood Star. \$12-\$15.

Bridges:

Friday, 7pm — Desert Oracle.

Casbah:

Saturday, 8pm — Warish and Death Chant. \$12. Monday, 9pm — Battle Bot. Tuesday, 8pm — Cordovas. \$12-\$15. Wednesday, 8pm — The Toasters. \$12-\$14.

Holding Company:

Sunday, 7:30pm — Nathan Raney. \$10.

House of Blues:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Regrettes. \$15. Monday, 7pm — Larry June: Orange Print Pollstar Tour. \$30-\$65. Tuesday, 7:30pm — The Happy Fits. \$16.

Jolly Joker Tavern:

Saturday, 8pm — Triple Threat. Free.

Landings at Carlsbad:

Friday, 6pm — Billy Nation: A Tribute to Billy Joel. Free.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill:

Friday, 8pm — Miss Demeanor.

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:

Friday, 9pm — 91 Octane. Saturday, 9pm — Soundvault.

Music Box:

Friday, 7:30pm — Sammy Johnson. \$27. Sunday, 7:30pm — Mud Slide Slim. \$22-\$25.

Navajo Live:

Friday, 8:30pm — Pink Froyd. \$10. Saturday, 8pm — Daring Greatly. \$10. Sunday, 7pm — Lady Psychiatrist's Booth. \$5. Monday, 7:30pm — Carrie & Z Boyz.

Online Internet Events:

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, 9am — San Diego Virtual Jazz Fest & Swing Extravaganza. Free.

Panama 66:

Sunday, 3pm — Uptown Rhythm Makers. Free.

Soda Bar:

Saturday, 9pm — 22 & Good 4 U. \$13-\$25. Sunday, 8pm — Night Beats

and Wild Wild Wets. \$23. Tuesday, 8pm — Cory Wells and Born Without Bones. \$18. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Gelly Duvall, Sparkler, Hex. \$8.

Soma:

Sunday, 7pm — TV Girl.

Sycamore Den:

Sunday, 6pm — Tori Roze & Johnny Alexander.

Til-Two Club:

Friday, 8pm — The Bobby Lees. \$10.

Winstons Beach Club:

Friday & Saturday, 9pm — Band of Gringos. \$15-\$20. Sunday, 5:30pm — Eric Lindell & the Natural Mystics. \$35. Wednesday, 9pm — The Skatalites and The Almagamated. \$20-\$25.

UPCOMING SHOWS

American Legion Post 416:

Friday, Dec. 10 — 8 East Band. Free.

Balboa Theatre:

Tuesday, Dec. 14 — Pink Martini Featuring China Forbes. Thursday, Dec. 16 — Bela Fleck. Monday, Dec. 20 — Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour with Rebecca Jade.

Belly Up Tavern:

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.

Monday, Dec. 13 — Thievery Corporation. Tuesday, Dec. 14 — Thievery Corporation.

Wednesday, Dec. 15 — Mariachi El Bronx. Friday, Dec. 17 — The Gin Blossoms.

Sunday, Dec. 19 — X and Soft Kill. Monday, Dec. 20 — Men At Work.

Tuesday, Dec. 21 — Men At Work. Wednesday, Dec. 22 — Men At Work.

Thursday, Dec. 23 — Cash'd Out Christmas. Sunday, Dec. 26 — Betamaxx and Good Company.

Tuesday, Dec. 28 — Donavon Frankenreiter and Christina Holmes. Wednesday, Dec. 29 — Donavon Frankenreiter and Christina Holmes.

Thursday, Dec. 30 — Grateful Shred. Friday, Dec. 31 — Tribal Seeds.

Saturday, Jan. 1 — Tribal Seeds. Sunday, Jan. 2 — Tribal Seeds.

Brick by Brick:

Thursday, Dec. 2 — Vitriol and Unidad Trauma. \$12-\$16. Saturday, Dec. 4 — Nekromantix and the Delta Bombers. \$25. Tuesday, Dec. 7 — GOST and

True Body. \$13-\$15. Thursday, Dec. 9 — Exhorder and Take Offense. \$25-\$28. Friday, Dec. 10 — Red Jumpsuit Apparatus and Eyes Set To Kill. \$18-\$22. Saturday, Dec. 11 — Antichrist Siege Machine and Crematory Stench. \$15. Tuesday, Dec. 14 — Hostilities and Overexposure. \$12-\$15. Thursday, Dec. 16 — Authority Zero and Bossfight. \$15-\$20. Saturday, Dec. 18 — Shred For Dime. \$10.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido:

Friday, Dec. 10 — Carols by Candlelight Country Concerts. \$18-\$94. Saturday, Dec. 11 — Carols by Candlelight Country Concerts. \$18-\$94.

Casbah:

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. Wednesday, Dec. 15 — Spice Pistols Fire Fundraiser. Sunday, Dec. 19 — Kelly Finnigan & The Atonements.

Cowshed Bar and Grill:

Friday, Dec. 10 — Friday Night Ho-Down.

Ebullition Brew Works:

Saturday, Dec. 18 — Spray Allen ft. Eric Wilson & Wade Youman. \$10-\$15.

Fast Times:

Friday, Dec. 10 — West of 5. Free.

First United Methodist Church of San Diego:

Sunday, Dec. 5 — Choral Concert. Free.

House of Blues:

Friday, Dec. 3 — Lanco.

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Jolly Joker Tavern:

Friday, Dec. 3 — Sonic Moonshine. Free. Friday, Dec. 3 — Sonic Moonshine. Free. Saturday, Dec. 4 — David Donner & the Dynamites. Free.

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Friday, Dec. 31 — The Motet and Collin Miller.

Nate's Garden Grill:
Saturday, Dec. 11 — Tinkersmith. **Free.**

Observatory North Park:
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.
Monday, Dec. 13 — CHVRCHES.
Tuesday, Dec. 14 — CHVRCHES.

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

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

Poway Center for the Performing Arts:
Saturday, Dec. 11 — John Mayall and Walter Trout.

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

The masterful *Meistersinger* singers

I've been dabbling in opera tourism this fall and decided to go full-send with a trip to New York. I looked at the schedule for The Metropolitan Opera and saw that Richard Wagner's *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg* was upcoming. That settled it. I planned my trip around the *Meistersinger* performance on Thursday, November 11.

My budget allowed for three nights. If I went Wednesday through Saturday, I could also see Puccini's *Turandot* on Friday, November 12. If I went Tuesday through Friday I could see Puccini's *La Boheme* on Tuesday, November 9. I'm not particularly interested in either opera in and of itself, so the decision came down to the singers. I saw that Charles Castronovo was singing the role of Rodolfo in *La Boheme*. He once sang

the lead tenor roles in both Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers* and Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* at San Diego Opera. At the time, I felt as if he had a generationally beautiful tenor voice. The *Pearl Fishers* production was staged back in 2010, and the famous duet with the baritone from that production is available on YouTube. So I decided on *La Boheme*, based on my memory of Castronovo's voice. I thought the role of Rodolfo would fit his baritone like a glove.

A lot can change in 11 years. To my dismay, Castronovo has beefed up his voice, creating a more baritone sound. There is nothing wrong with that. In fact, I encourage any tenor to develop a more baritone sound, unless it destroys the beauty and focus of the top notes.

The most famous recent example of this phenomenon is tenor Roberto Alagna. He too had a gorgeous tenor voice but pumped up the bottom of his voice to suit heavier roles such as Radames in *Aida*. His top notes went from being thrilling, tight, and clear, to nerve-wracking, loose, and dull. I am sad to report that Castronovo has gone full Alagna. The voice sounded magnificent until it got above the staff. At that point, a massive wobble entered the tone, rendering the performance useless. If the high notes aren't the most exciting part of a tenor's voice, why am I listening?

Fortunately, *Die Meistersinger* was an epic night of glorious opera. Antonio Papano conducted. The famous



Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg: the best six hours I've spent at the opera.

prelude was correct in every aspect, from orchestral balance, to phrasing, to tempo. It was flawless. The cast was a bit hit and miss: Tenor Klaus Florian Vogt sang the role of Walther, and the voice amounted to an up-jumped character tenor singing a *heldentenor* role. It was loud, but not beautiful or heroic. The best comparison is to the sound of a boy soprano singing in the tenor register. The voice often lacked vibrato, and sounded amateurish at times. But the rest of the cast

was solid. Michael Volle sang a lyric version of Hans Sachs, creating a more intimate figure as opposed to a profound one. Lise Daviden, in the role of Eva, was phenomenal. The voice was massive yet beautiful.

The Act III Quintet, one of the greatest moments in all of opera, was sung to perfection. The performance started at 6 pm and I walked out the doors after the applause at 11:50 pm. It was the best six hours I've spent in an opera house.

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

Soda Bar:
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Friday, Dec. 3 — Okey Dokey.
Saturday, Dec. 4 — Runnner and Skullcrusher.
Monday, Dec. 6 — Hovey Benjamin.

Tuesday, Dec. 7 — Jack Symes and Hot Moms Club.
Wednesday, Dec. 8 — Comeback Kid and No Warning.
Friday, Dec. 10 — Bury Your Dead and Ov Sulfer.
Saturday, Dec. 11 — Katzú Oso.
Sunday, Dec. 12 — Tennis System.
Tuesday, Dec. 14 — 3LH and Los Saints.

Thursday, Dec. 16 — Craig Owens.
Saturday, Dec. 18 — Mock Orange.
Sunday, Dec. 19 — The Spill Canvas (Acoustic).
Wednesday, Dec. 29 — Synthwave Live.
Friday, Dec. 31 — Death Cab For Karaoke.

Soma:
Friday, Dec. 3 — Tres Legados.
Saturday, Dec. 4 — Waterparks.
Thursday, Dec. 9 — Hot Flash Heat Wave.
Saturday, Dec. 18 — Kip Moore.

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

Friday, Dec. 17 — Slack Key 'Ohana.

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

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

Viejas Arena:
Saturday, Dec. 4 — Christian Nodal and Gera MX.

Winstons Beach Club:
Thursday, Dec. 2 — Mike Pinto.
Friday, Dec. 3 — Shakedown String Band. \$8.
Saturday, Dec. 4 — Oceans and Zeptune. \$10.
Friday, Dec. 10 — Sister Speak and The Rad Trads.
Saturday, Dec. 11 — Hang Zeros and Asteroids & One Hot Planet. **Free.**
Sunday, Dec. 12 — Kim Wilson's Blues All-Stars.
Thursday, Dec. 16 — Whiskerman and The Cedar Shakers. \$10.
Friday, Dec. 17 — Universe Peoples. \$8.
Friday, Dec. 18 — Carrie and Z Boys. **Free.**
Saturday, Dec. 18 — Dubbest and Fayuca. \$12-\$15.
Sunday, Dec. 19 — Dark Alley Dogs. **Free.**

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‘E’very single night, it’s probably the top seller,” says Anthony Belcufini about Animae’s A5 Old Fashioned. “And it ties into what we do in the back of the house with our steak program.” The cocktail’s name is a nod to the Japanese A5 Wagyu fat-washed bourbon made in-house, using cuts of meat ordered for the restaurant. “We get these long, long tenderloins and

strip loins — and if you’re familiar with A5 Wagyu, the big thing is the fat content and marbling. So there’s a tremendous amount of fat, that’s what makes it so good. But when we have to trim off all the excess fat, it costs us the same amount as the steak we’re serving ourselves. In order to make the cost of the A5 more approachable to a lot of our diners, we use that fat throughout the menu, including the A5 Old Fashioned.” It seemed an obvious answer to him: “committing to using all of that beef that we’re importing, but also putting a much more elevated twist on something that’s been done.”

Each week, the chefs cut off the excess fat and render it down. “And then when I make my batch of bourbon, I basically get a big ol’ stock pot, put it on an induction burner and put one or two quarts of that fat in there,” he says, estimating his cooking temp at around 140-60 degrees. “Warm enough where that fat turns into an oil, but it’s a temperature low enough where the alcohol won’t evaporate.” After infusing the bourbon for several hours, the batch is stored in the freezer, “where the cold temperature is going to bring all

that liquid fat back into a solid that rises all the way to the top.” The top layer of fat is then removed the next day, “and what you’re left with is a bourbon that’s richer, a little bit nutty, buttery, super smooth — I don’t like using the word ‘beefy,’ because I think that’s off-putting,” he clarifies, “but what you do get is the essence of the richness of that steak.”

To top it off, Belcufini adds a bit of Shio Koji. “It’s almost like a rice-based salt liquid... after it’s been softened, I find that it opens up your palate a lot more.” Angostura bitters and an orange twist complete the cocktail recipe. “You get a lot of the aromatics from that. You get the strength, the punch of a nice stiff Old Fashioned, you get a lot more savory quality to it.” The fat-washing technique also produces a different mouthfeel. “I hope it’s the smoothest Old Fashioned that anybody will ever have,” he says earnestly.

The base bourbon changes depending on what they have at their disposal. “Sometimes a little scotch might make it in, sometimes a bit of rye. It’s a very consistent drink,” he maintains, “but like a snowflake, each one is just a little unique.”

ANIMAE’S A5 OLD FASHIONED



- 2 oz. A5 Wagyu fat-washed bourbon
- ¼ oz. Demerera Syrup
- 3 dashes aromatic bitters

Fat-wash the bourbon: cook ½ cup (roughly 100 grams) of Wagyu tallow on low heat, allowing it to melt down completely. Remove from heat and make sure the temperature is under 150°F before adding 1 bottle of whiskey. Stir periodically to incorporate the fat oil with the whiskey. Freeze mixture for 4 hours, then remove the fat that rises to the top and strain bourbon back into the bottle. Add ingredients to a mixing glass, stir and strain over a large rock into an Old Fashioned glass. Garnish with a twist of orange.

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20Twenty at Westin Carlsbad: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4:30-6:00 pm: \$2 off wells, signature cocktails, and wines by the glass. \$10 off cheese and charcuterie.

Chandler’s: *Wednesday-Sunday*, 3-6pm: \$2 off wines by the glass, draught beers, and signature cocktails. \$3 off appetizers.

CITY HEIGHTS

Alcove Wine & Beer: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$1 off beer, \$2 off wine & appetizers.

CORONADO

Brigantine Coronado: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$1 off all draft beer, well drinks, and featured wine by the glass, \$4 sparkling wine glass.

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

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

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

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

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

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EAST VILLAGE

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beer, well drinks, \$3 to \$6 off specialty cocktails. \$2.75 tacos. *Tuesday*, 3-6pm: Taco Tuesday specials, see server.

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ON STAGE IN SAN DIEGO

THEATER LISTINGS

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The 1940s Radio Hour

It's December 21, 1942 at the Hotel Astor, and the producer of The Mutual Manhattan Variety Cavalcade is trying to keep America's war-weary spirits up while contending with a drunken lead singer, a delivery boy who wants his moment in front of the microphone, a second banana who dreams of singing the big ballad, and a sound effects man who chooses a fighter plane over Glenn Miller. LAMPLIGHTERS THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 19

Azul

Memories of Yadra's childhood in Castro's Cuba come flooding back as Alzheimer's sets in, inspiring her daughter Zelia to connect with her heritage. With her wife by her side, Zelia sets out on a journey to excavate family secrets and discover a love that led her mother's beloved *tía* to remain in Cuba. Span-

ning two countries and three generations, Azul fuses music and memory to explore a romance for the ages and the true language of love. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THROUGH DEC. 19.

A Christmas Carol

We may be done with covid, but it seems covid is still not quite done with us. Lamb's Players Theatre was all set to put on "a big celebration of great music from Lamb's Christmas shows through the decades. Unfortunately, the show was too big for these covid days. We are moving all our celebrations to 2022!" In its place is this "little turn from our Festival of Christmas," director Kerry Meads' adaptation of the Charles Dickens story, "surrounded by the gorgeous music of the season," that the company first produced way back in the '80s. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, NOV. 30 THROUGH DEC. 26

A Christmas Carol

Artistic director Sean Murray: "As we rehearsed to bring our *Christmas Carol* back for you, I often reflected on the uncertainty and isolation so many of us patiently rode out...Like Old Scrooge, we found ourselves isolated, hunkered down, and just getting through it all...It's a fractious time out there, and our annual reconnection to the story of one man's reconnection with his community, his family, and his humanity is just the story and lesson we need to hear again and again. It can literally hurt to be, as Scrooge says, as solitary as an oyster." CYGNET THEATRE, THROUGH DEC. 26.

Clue

On a dark and stormy night, six odd-ball guests, plus a butler and a maid, assemble for a dinner party at the home of Mr. Boddy. When their host turns up dead, it's clear that no one is safe! Soon the guests are racing to find the killer and keep the body count from stacking up. Join Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock, and Colonel Mustard as they race to outgame each other and stay alive. Lovingly based on the original cult classic film from 1985, itself inspired by the Hasbro board game. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH DEC. 12.

Dashing Through the Snow

It's four days before Christmas in Tinsel, Texas, and a parade of eccentric guests arrive at the Snowflake Inn to get their holiday cheer on. It's frankly more than innkeeper Trina can handle. The publicity notes call it "more fun than a joyride in a one-horse open sleigh!" Directed by Samantha Goldstein. POWPAC THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 5.

Dr. Suess's How the Grinch Stole Christmas

No matter how much you may adore the song-and-dance antics of Heat Miser and Cold Miser, in the end, there will be only two animated Christmas specials that endure: *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and this one. And this one is the clear favorite when it comes to a state adaptation, so there's that. The



to the yellow house: "I may not know much about art, but I know what I like!"

Old Globe's signature holiday production returns after a year of audio-only. This year, Andrew Polec dons the green skin of a Christmas-hating critter whose heart is two sizes too small. THE OLD GLOBE, THROUGH DEC. 31.

Ebenezer Scrooge's BIG San Diego Christmas Show

What's a modern theatrical production to do with a story most everybody knows by heart? Playwrights Steve Rosen and Gordon Greenberg (Greenberg also directs) have decided that if some familiarity is good, then more is better, and set Scrooge's story right where the theater stands today. They keep the setting in olden-days 1919, the better to preserve the mut-ton chop facial hair, the top hats, and the lack of furnace heating, but they're happy to go present-day for the sake of a joke. They go meta, they go silly, they go clever — except when they don't. Because while you can play Tiny Tim for laughs by making him a puppet with a live human head — just one clever bit of prop work in a production that makes the absolute most of a few crates, chairs, ladders, and window casings — there's only so much humor a feel-good show can get from the plight of a dying child. Or, for that matter, from the haunting of an old man's loveless heart. It's to the cast's great credit that they are able to execute the massive shifts in tone when the rim-shot rat-a-tat of jokes must give way to the story's pure feeling. THE OLD GLOBE, THROUGH DEC. 26.

Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)

In their quest to present something seasonably appropriate that is not *A Christmas Carol*, three actors — the same trio who performed in the 2018 original presentation — run through short versions of every holiday tale they can recall, plus some suggested by the audience. "Consider this a family holiday party where everyone is invited," says director David Guthrie. "We've even brought the crazy uncle." You might learn something from the seasonal survey, but that isn't the point here. The point is a good time at the

theater after too long away.

PATIO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH DEC. 19.

For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls

The Roustabouts Theatre Co. presents Phil Johnson directing Christopher Durang's (*Sister Mary Ignatius Explains it All to You*) collection of five one-act plays: *Mrs. Sorken*, an introduction to theatre given by a woman who has misplaced her notes; *For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls*, a sendup of Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*; *Nina in the Morning*, about a wealthy woman mourning the things that money can't buy (beauty and youth); *Wanda's Visit*, in which a married couple recount an encounter with a terrifying ex-girlfriend; and *Business Lunch at The Russian Tea Room*, in which a playwright must face the seductive temptations of the Hollywood adaptation. MOXIE THEATRE, THROUGH DEC. 4.

A People's Cuban Christmas Tale

"*A Christmas Carol* is a moral tale, a reminder not to forget to be human and kind while we chase the carrot. Dickens' England was in the middle of the Industrial Revolution and Dickens could see the dehumanizing effects of people working in factories while the factory owners made immense profits," says playwright, Herbert Siguenza about his new play, *A People's Cuban Christmas Tale*. In 2020, following a spate of hate mail aimed at the community support for Black Lives Matter at OnStage, Artistic Director, James P. Darvas and the Board of Directors made a conscious decision to be part of the American Theatre BIPOC Movement for a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive theater community that fully affirms and celebrates all artists, especially BIPOC artists who have too long been silent out of fear of retribution. Siguenza, who is well-known within the theatre community as Founder of Culture Clash and *A Weekend with Pablo Picasso* at the San Diego Repertory Theatre says "I adapted this classic moral and cautionary tale to remind us that there is always an alternative to greed and that we must find a drastic

change within ourselves and our systems in order to survive into the next century". The production includes 10 actors and a four-piece Cuban band bringing the traditional sounds of Cuba to this adaptation of a well-known story of Christmas loss and forgiveness. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, DEC. 1 THROUGH DEC. 19.

The Second City: She the People

The women of the famed The Second City comedy troupe created and designed this show about Life as a Woman Right Now. They perform it, too. The mimosas may be pantomime, the baby may be a doll, and the dinosaur may be an inflatable costume, but the sentiments — and hopefully the laughs — are all real. SAN DIEGO REP THROUGH DEC. 5.

She's at the Library

Every year, La Jolla author Dori Salois watches the film *It's a Wonderful Life* with her family. And every year, she hates it when Clarence the angel yells, "She's at the library!" Laments Salois, "As if that's somehow terrible. And the way they depict Mary swooning as George approaches. This is a fun little feminist take on Mary's life without George and what happens when he shows up." "This" is her new holiday play, a tweak on the Christmas classic that finds Mary waging her own war to keep Bedford Falls from becoming Pottersville when this fellow George shows up, saying that she's his wife and the mother of their four children. Zuzu's petals! POINT LOMA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH DEC. 5.

to the yellow house

Neel Keller directs Kimber Lee's "meditation on love, art, and not being popular," featuring a late-in-life artist named Vincent Van Gogh who shows up on his brother's doorstep, broke again but still driven to paint. Amid the drinking, the wooing, the arguing, and the artistic jockeying, the play asks: at what point in an endless cycle of failures do faith and persistence become delusion and foolishness? But for the artistic soul, is there really a difference? LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH DEC. 12.

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CURRENT MOVIES

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Scott Marks, Matthew Lickona, and Duncan Shepherd.

Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews are available online at SDReader.com/movies.

Belfast — There's no rush to see Kenneth Branagh's comedy of working class tumult. Chances are a week won't pass between now and Awards night where it won't be playing at a multiplex near you. But if the Irish brogues are as thick as they sound in the trailer, it might be wise to hold off for a streaming service with good closed-captioning. The cast is distinguished (Judi Dench, Ciarán Hinds, Jamie Dornan) and the black-and-white cinematography a plus, but its success will depend on one's tolerance for mainstream entertainment. 2021. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Clifford the Big Red Dog — A purple dinosaur by any other name, this animated PBS staple is given a big screen live action/CGI makeover to mixed results. Darby Camp (*Benji, The Christmas Chronicles 1 & 2*) stars as the easily teased transplant whose popularity soars the day she comes into possession



The Power of the Dog: Even Hitchcock couldn't have directed cattle to perform with such unrehearsed ease.

of the titular four-legged freak. A wag of his tail is enough to clear a desk, a sneeze hits with galewind force. Bodily functions abound. Anyone within a one block radius had best be carrying an umbrella when Clifford pulls up a tree. John Cleese assumes the Keye Luke role; rather than hawking Gremlins, Cleese's oddity empo-

rium stocks big red computer-generated puppies. Magic is all around us, except when it comes to scale and proportion; Clifford's size has a way of changing from shot to shot. Spongy and flavorless, like a giant slab of red velvet cake without the icing, this is bound to appeal to fans of the show, the average age of which is five. 2021. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Marshmallow Men in the trailer are any indication, this has family fare written all over it. 2021. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

House of Gucci — Ridley Scott's first gathers another notorious clan piloted by a gaggle of pricey lookalikes. This year's recipients of celebrity makeovers include Adam Driver, Salma Hayek, Jared Leto, and Al Pacino. (Too bad Charo wasn't available to play Cuchi Gucci.) Talk on the street is, of Lady Gaga's two features, this one isn't second best. Mark my words, Lady Gaga is gonna win. 2021. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

India Sweets and Spices — Infidelity and feminism are its core objectives, but you'll have to wait for first-time writer-director Geeta Malik to set aside her "chick-flick" cravings before she addresses the more pressing issues at hand. Over summer break, Alia (Sophia Ali) learns that her mother gave up her activist ways for a cushy arranged marriage to a serial philanderer. There's also the question of which boy Alia wants to spend her vacation with. One person's fluffy comedy is another's slow-burning drama. This is an even blend of both. The free-wheeling confessionals that cap the proceedings have sure-fire crowd-pleasing delight scrawled all over them. 2021. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Julia — By far the most controversial aspect surrounding the Julia Child biodoc is its production company (CNN, not PBS). One guesses PBS shied away based solely on filmmakers Julie Cohen and Betsy West's assertion that ageists at the top were poised to put out to pasture the world's most beloved and respected chef, whose weekly cooking show helped to put the "educational" channel on the map. She quit before they had the chance, taking her recipes up the street to ABC's *Good Morning America* where wealth and fame ballooned beyond her wildest dreams. What was the secret to her success? A throat coated with maple syrup couldn't have produced sweeter, more eloquent (and overimitated) tones. (Dan Aykroyd's *SNL* bloodletting is given its due, but what about John Candy's uncanny parody in SCTV's *Battle of the PBS Stars?*) More importantly, Child, who began her rise to power at the dawn of convenience food, encouraged viewers to

create gourmet dishes with items found at the local supermarket. 2021. — S.M. ★★★ (ANGELIKA FILM CENTER AND CAFÉ; LANDMARK HILLCREST; REGAL SAN MARCOS)

King Richard — Potential sponsors looked upon Richard Williams (Will Smith) as just another tennis father, a man whose pride and determination blinded him to the likelihood his daughters Venus (Saniyya Sidney) and Serena (Demi Singleton) had a better chance of managing a Dick's Sporting Goods than they did becoming the reigning queens of the court. Reinaldo Marcus Green's (*Monsters and Men, Joe Bell*) biopic is more interesting off the court than on, as the film adopts a unique take on the sports biopic, focusing less on the athlete and more on the coach — in this case the girls' father, who in his mind had a surefire plan for success. I'm proudly unaware of all things sports, but it didn't take a tennis savant to quickly catch on that Serena was going to ace every match. So much for kicking dramatic suspense out of bounds. And what chance was there of an unvarnished portrait with the subject alive, his daughters producing, and the most beloved actor this side of Tom Hanks playing him? Still, this held my interest far more than I feared. 2021. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Last Night in Soho — A sumptuously mod throwback from Edgar Wright. Eloise (Thomasin McKenzie) years to return to the swinging '60s when Carnaby Street was the style center of the world, which makes her scholarship to the London College of Fashion that much sweeter. Her late mother's spectral presence in her life makes her ready to embrace the ghostly face staring back from the mirror, that of aspiring singer Sandie (Anya Taylor-Joy). The chemistry between them is more exciting than the cut of their gowns; ditto the sleek digital trickery used to parallel their corresponding movements. Taylor-Joy otherworldly presence can't help but stand out in a frame, but it's McKenzie's transformation from wide-eyed awe to harsh reality that anchors the film. 2021. — S.M. ★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The Power of the Dog — Two calves butt heads just long enough for momma cow to move in and drive them apart. Even Hitchcock couldn't have directed cattle to perform with such unrehearsed ease, yet it's a wise director who sees in this happy accident a foreboding pre-amble for the tension to come. Montana, 1925. Benedict Cumberbatch stars as Phil, a hare-triggered cattle rancher who considers his partner/brother George (Jesse Plemons) a bit of a dim bulb, and rightfully so. George answers to "fatso" and while the mountain range outside his front door packs more wisdom and personality than he, there's a method to his blandness. George's unexpected marriage to a local cook (Kirsten Dunst) — she comes with a callow teenage son (Kodi Smit-McPhee) in tow — acts as a springboard for Phil's hostility. It's been 12 years (!) since last we saw a feature from Jane Campion (*Sweetie, The Piano*). While this may not spark the emotional connection found in her best work, the performances are uniformly attuned to their surroundings and it's shot in a part of the world where there is no such thing as a bad angle. Leave it to Campion to find the best. 2021. — S.M. ★★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)



Rather than calling this week's column a homework assignment, look upon it as a chance to reacquire yourself with one of cinema's founding fathers, the man who gave editing its pulse, a purveyor in Russian formalism, and the master of dialectical montage: Sergei Eisenstein.

— Scott Marks

OCTOBER: TEN DAYS THAT SHOOK THE WORLD (1927), ALEXANDER NEVSKY (1938) This week sees the DVD release of a pair of masterworks, one silent, the other sound, that highlight the two distinct chapters of Eisenstein's career: propaganda through montage

as seen in the first and one of two historical epics that marked the director's conversion to sound in the second. In silent days, directors who were known to go wildly over budget were tethered by stoolies accountable only to studio heads. After *The General* flopped, United Artists assigned a production assistant

to every subsequent film Buster Keaton directed. The same held true in the Soviet Union. Mosfilm saddled Eisenstein with a pair of watchpersons:

a co-director (Dmitri Vasilyev) and co-screenwriter (Pyotr Pavlenko) whose jobs were to bring the film in on time and hopefully under budget. Eisenstein arranged shots like building blocks in order to construct meaning, and the boundless energy and joy of discovery contained in these films factor into a profoundly exhilarating experience. For more on the Corinth Films priced-to-move revolutionary twofer, visit us online.



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GREG BLOCK you will be missed, Brian B.

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CEDRIC D hope you can help Bob G with the NCAA. Brian B

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GLORY for all have sinned (missed the mark) and fall short of the glory of God & For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. CMR

HERE WE GO Again! FML! Complaining wino! I'm trying to be like the other sheep, but, I'm a unicorn!

OH CHARM GIRL MxL forever. Be my valentine? Come back to church, wish you were here. 1-442-288-2640 Yours truly, Shy Guy.

TED L You're no Chick Hearn. Call the game. Your asides can wait after the action.

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ROOMMATES

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STUDENT LOOKING FOR HOUSEMATES I'm AnnaKaren and am 22. I'm currently looking for a room and roommates. Also trying to move closer to SDSU and to work (downtown). My budget is \$850. DM me @ bit.ly/sdsu-anna

MOVING TO SAN DIEGO Hi my name is Sophie, I am 23 years old. I am looking for a room/roommates. I am moving from Nebraska. I work remote but will be done by 3pm everyday! I love to workout, go to the beach. DM me @ FB: sophie.tokheim I hope we can be a good fit.

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PET FRIENDLY A PLUS Looking for a roommate, room, or studio. My budget is \$1400 max for the North Park, Hillcrest, Downtown, Mission/Fashion Valley areas. I work full time and I have an ESA dog I might bring with me so pet-friendly would be a plus! DM my IG @jacysteves

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/

GASLAMP QUARTER & LITTLE ITALY My friends and I are looking for a 2-bd place with a year lease and can afford up to \$2800/month, and prefer downtown SD. Gaslamp Quarter, Little Italy, & Bankers Hill. DM at facebook.com/NathanAsher01

ISO ROOMMATES OR HOUSEMATES Reposting: My name is Eun Jeong, I just graduated with my master's in business analytics from Oregon and currently looking for a place to stay for a month in San Diego. My budget is \$700. FB: eunjeong.heo.374

LOOKING FOR ROOMMATE!! Hi! I'm Kyus, 23, and I have been in SD for three years. I make music/art, play video games, and I generally like any competitive/ outdoor activity. Looking for a spot no more east than La Mesa. I'm ok with any gender roommate, hopefully 420 Friendly (619) 431-6001 / kyus.bailey2016@gmail.com

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

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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/chrissy.rashe

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

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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

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CAL STATE UNI SAN MARCOS For a room in Escondido: \$800 is the rent and \$150 a month for utilities, which includes heating and air, water sewer trash. Deposit is \$300. bit.ly/esco-house-04

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



LOOKING FOR 3RD ROOMMATE Hi!! Our names are Maria and Darlene and we are looking for a third roommate to move out with January 1st!! We are both 19 and I choose to believe we are nice. facebook.com/mafer.barrera23

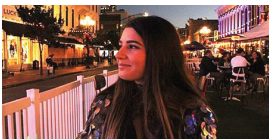


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ROOMMATES OR HOUSEMATES? I'm looking for a room to rent. Open to living with any gender. My budget is \$1200 max! I'm 28, naturally outgoing but can keep to myself if need be. Basketball is LIFE & I love the outdoors. DM my IG www.instagram.com/ThatGuyNamedDre/

ADORABLE FOR STUDENTS Repost: Hi Obecians! I have a large bedroom for rent in my 2br apartment two blocks from the beach. (1250 rent +33 for water+40 for internet +electric which stays pretty low year-round) The room has two large closets. facebook.com/mary.ramsey.7737



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

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



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

PLMK @ facebook.com me Thanks! facebook.com/dezertdippin250

SDSU HOUSING IN MISSION VALLEY Reposting due to error in last listing. Looking for 2 roommates for 2 unfurnished, single bedrooms with a shared bathroom in a 3BR/2BA condo located in Mission Valley. 10' x 8.75': \$700 + utilities. 11.75' x 9.75': \$850 + utilities facebook.com/michael.phan.524

SDSU ROOMMATES HERE Our budget is \$1100 each. If anyone has anything, people let me know! We are looking for an apartment or house in the SDSU College area FYI. facebook.com/ethan.chandler.79230

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

UCSD / MIRAMAR STUDENTS FB REPOST: \$1350 room for rent in a beautiful house with views in Rancho Penasquitos. Very close to Mira Mesa and the Penasquitos Preserve. 1/2 mile to freeway 15 and 56. Average 15 min drive to Torrey Pines beach and Delmar; 20 minutes to UCSD. facebook.com/hamid.sadre

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

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EXCHANGE STUDENTS AT SDSU We are both Swedish and we'll be studying at SDSU during spring 2022 as exchange students. So we need a place to stay from the beginning of January. We are two 21-year-old girls, looking to rent a place/room for 5 months. facebook.com/ida.hertin.5/

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

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

UCSD 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



WILL PITCH IN \$900 I am looking for a private room to stay in starting December. Budget: \$900 a month including utilities. I currently am employed at two different places and I'm not home most of the time. facebook.com/jacqueline.sakai.9

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

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COLLEGE STUDENT FRIENDLY Fellow-college students: You haven't found a place yet? Vantaggio Suites offer furnished studios, 1bedroom, and 2bedroom apartments for short-term stays. Omg, I know how difficult it is to find a place. Check their FB for options. facebook.com/vantaggiosuites/?ref=ts

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

FOR MIRAMAR AND UCSD STUDENTS Mira Mesa housemate wanted. \$1,325/month all basic utilities included (water, trash, electricity, gas, internet) and \$800/security deposit. PM a brief introduction of yourself and your work/school schedule. facebook.com/kathrynily

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



MIRAMAR COLLEGE ROOMMATES We have temporary accommodation. The accommodation is a private room and a private bath at Westbrook Apartments in Mira Mesa. facebook.com/sanjana.sanju.1420

MIRAMAR OR UCSD COLLEGE ROOMIE Does anybody have a room for rent in Mira Mesa? My budget is \$500-800. I would like to have carpeted floors, washer/dryer and it has to be cat friendly. I work 5 days a week. Plmk, thank you facebook.com/danielle.clarke.9638

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

MIRAMAR STUDENTS Moving to San Diego for work. I love the outdoors - hiking, climbing, surfing, etc. Looking for a van-boarding 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

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USD AND MESA COLLEGE ROOMMATE Private room in bright Clairemont home with backyard terrace. Location: Mount Aguilar Drive, Clairemont Mesa East. Monthly Rent: \$900. Lease Start: December 1, 2021 Laipaca.casa/JxzeWjC?fbclid=IwAR34NQp

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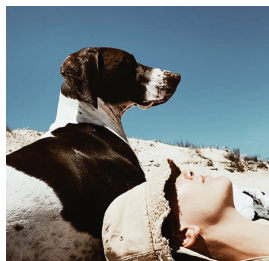
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CLOSE TO SDSU I'm looking for a room near or around SDSU for \$900-\$1100 before or after utilities. Ideally looking for mature, responsible, and clean roommate(s). My sublease ends on the 29th and I'd be ready to move in by December 1-4th. bit.ly/sdsu-student-09



ISO A PLACE BY UCSD Looking for an apt 1BD1Bath to rent with my husband! We are both Argentinians moving in mid-December. My husband studies at UCSD and I teach yoga and paint. Ideally, like to stay around the university area to the south, no further than Pacific Beach. facebook.com/constanza.llapur

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

LOOKING FOR HOUSEMATES My name is Eun Jeong, I just graduated with my master's in business analytics from Oregon and currently looking for a place to stay for a month in San Diego. My budget is \$700. facebook.com/eunjeong.heo.374

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

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

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

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



SDSU STUDENT LOOKING FOR ROOM I'm AnnaKaren and am 22. I'm currently looking for a room and roommates. Also trying to move closer to SDSU and to work (downtown). My budget is \$850 and would like some cool roommates to make friends with! bit.ly/sdsu-kar

CLOSE TO MIRAMAR COLLEGE Reposting again: Furnished room for rent in Mira Mesa near High School. Shared bathroom, kitchen, and living room. \$850 only. No pets. No couples. Message OP if you're interested. facebook.com/malouvaldez210



GOOD FOR CSUSM STUDENTS Renting a 2 bdr/1.5 bath townhouse with new appliances and AC. on Grand Avenue in Escondido. If Interested, please send a message on Facebook messenger! Available 12/1. facebook.com/26.2jim

NORTH PARK PLACE Reposting: Looking for someone to take over my lease in our apartment in NorthPark starting November 22. The apartment is a really nice 3Bedroom, 2Bath located in the heart of North Park DM OP ON Facebook facebook.com/carla.ghantous

PERFECT FOR CSUSM STUDENTS Escondido suite has a private entrance with a full bathroom and a kitchenette, a small patio, and storage. No pet, no drugs, no abusive drinking, and/or partying. Must be respectful,

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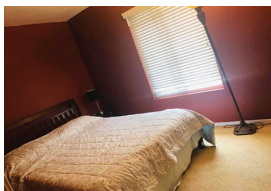
NURSING STUDENT ISO ROOMIE I'm Jordan, 29, and a full-time nursing student. I work from home and have 2 dogs. I'm looking for another female to rent a house within San Diego County. PLMK, thanks! Budget: \$1500 DM on Facebook, thanks! facebook.com/jordan.mcguire.3

OMG CHECK THIS PLACE OUT! A couple rooms opening at The Vibe House! Looking for nature lovers and artistic and inspired souls want a place to live while creating effortlessly. If you resonate with open space, with lots of light, & fresh produce from the garden. facebook.com/TheVibeHouseSD

ROOM 4 SDSU STUDENT I am located in La Mesa. Rent/utilities is \$900/month. Room fits a queen size bed. Bathroom is shared with my 12 y/o son and another roommate. Access to main areas of house. FB for more info - thx! facebook.com/kristine.leigh.12

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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



SWC COLLEGE Hi Southwestern College students, Saw this \$800 Chula Vista place on Facebook. Direct message the owner for details. facebook.com/monica.reyes.96155

ADORABLE \$900 SPOT FOR STUDENT 2 rooms for rent near Imperial Beach townhome. Access to house, 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

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/Thanks!facebook.com/dezertdippin250

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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

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

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

2022 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

CSUSM & PALOMAR STUDENTS One opening at The Vibe House. The house has lots of light, 2 living rooms to chill, dance, play, yoga, co-working or meditate. Month to month. 2 weeks' notice. monthly included

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LOOKING FOR ROOMMATES I just graduated with my master's in business analytics from Oregon and currently looking for a place in San Diego. My budget is \$700. Very welcoming your sublet, I don't mind sharing a room either. I don't smoke and don't have a pet. facebook.com/eunjeong.heo.374

MESA AND SDSU STUDENTS Found this adorable place for Mesa or SDSU students. It's a master bedroom for rent in Serra Mesa behind Frys off the 15 Freeway. \$1,100 per month and half the utilities. facebook.com/yosimien.cain.7

OB ROOMMATES? My name is Cam and I'm looking for a room starting on 10/1. Preferably in OB but I'm open to other areas. I work near the airport. I like hiking and grabbing a beer with friends. I spend most of my time working or studying. Budget: 1200 Pls. DM me www.instagram.com/cam_fenley/

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

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

USD OR MESA COLLEGE ROOMMATES Reposting from FB: "House in mission beach". Hello everyone. I am looking for roommates for a FULLY furnished single bedroom and 2 shared bedrooms. Available from January 2022 until May 2022! facebook.com/benan.nan.10/

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

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ROOMMATE IN CHULA VISTA Reposting: Hey everyone, I'm a student who is looking for a place in San Diego I can live while in my residency. I'm looking for a room to rent preferably around the Chula Vista area. My budget is around 1000/month. Can anybody help me out? facebook.com/deck.strose

SDSU AND GROSSMONT COLLEGES Found a person renting a living room in La Mesa close to the campuses. DM the original poster Facebook for more info. facebook.com/batya.berstein/

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Possible Roommates Saw on FB: Searching for a roommate now so you can come view the house and get to know you better. (I have a 5 bedroom 4 bath house. Renting out the downstairs room with its own private bathroom). We are looking for a roommate. \$1450 a month. facebook.com/Hazaee/

ROOMMATES BY UCSD Saw this on FB: A female roommate needed to take over a spot available in a double room (available immediately), to June 30, 2022. Located in La Jolla Village, DM the OP on Facebook. facebook.com/changholt

SDSU ROOMIES LOOK HERE Hey there! I'm looking for someone to take over my lease at BLVD63 (which is right by SDSU) starting December 1st. It's a private room and bathroom for \$1024 a month. The entire apartment is shared with three others. facebook.com/BLVD63

SEEKING ROOMMATES I am looking for a private room to stay starting December. Preferably month to month, but can stay long term. Budget: \$900 a month including utilities. I currently am employed at two different places and I'm not home most of the time. facebook.com/jaqueline.sakai.9

STUDIO OR MASTER BEDROOM Repost: I'm looking for preferably a studio or else a master bedroom with an attached bathroom. My max budget for a studio is \$1200 (w/ utilities included). My max budget for a master bedroom is \$1000 (w/ utilities included). facebook.com/yellojo

USD AND MESA COLLEGES Current housemates are male USD graduate students and young working professionals in their 20s. 2 minutes of walking or biking to the USD campus or tram stop. Bus 44 stop and USD Tram are located right around the corner. 10 minutes bus ride to Mesa. sandiego.craigslisr.com/csd/roo/d/san-diego-usd-furnished-bedroom-in/7358013615.html

ANY ROOMMATES AND HOUSEMATES? Sup. Anyone renting out a room under \$1000 a month? Trying to move into a place ASAP and I don't mind having roommates still. facebook.com/NathanAsher01

BY CITY COLLEGE Reposting: Takeover a Golden Hill room sublet/lease for \$850/mo + utilities. It's a spacious room in a 3 bd house with lots of built-in storage and a nice view of the outdoor patio. It's on a quiet street and it's centrally located. facebook.com/gcal.roe.18

CAL STATE UNI SAN MARCOS It just got remodeled with new paint, a new floor, and is ready to move in this November. The only problem is street parking other than that it's a nice and quiet wonderful neighborhood. facebook.com/samuel.alejo.1257

CLOSE TO MESA AND SDSU Hi fellow college students! I found this on FB, it's a 1 of 3 bedrooms and it's available immediately! It is in Normal Heights, between the 805 + 15 freeways. DM for more details & an application link! facebook.com/mayra.recendez.9

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TAKE OVER ROOM Reposting again here — I'm looking for someone to move in as soon as next week as I am moving to Spain for a few months. facebook.com/lauren.kettnerborough

USD, UCSD, MESA COLLEGE Shared, 3 bathroom apartment. Location: Frink Avenue, North Clairemont. Monthly Rent: \$1,960 www.sublet.com/property/2819515

4 MIRA COSTA COLLEGE STUDENTS Reposting: I have two rooms available to rent. The first one is out by the pool (restroom inside the main house) and the second one is inside on the second floor. \$1000 Message me for further details! facebook.com/michael.robledo

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

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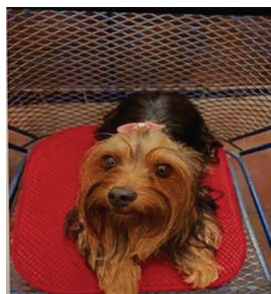
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a week

Cody: maybe 2-3 times

a week

How long have you been surfing?

Severin: 2 ½ years

Cody: 20 years

Favorite surf spot?

Cody: This spot (Del Mar) and Beacon's. I mean, the word is already out on this spot right here, so yeah, probably Beacon's in Leucadia.

Severin: Here and Sun-

set Cliffs.

Favorite moment in the water?

Cody: We have this thing, where if we have a really good [surf] session, we'll say, if a shark were to attack us, we would not even fight back. We'd just give up. I'd let him grab me. Those are the days when it's sunny out. The water is nice; probably a little bit bigger than today, like 4-5ft. Those are the best times.

Severin: I agree, good conditions. I love a sunny day and a little bigger [waves] than today.

Any surf injuries?

Cody: Just one. A long-

board got me. I had to get stitches. It was one-foot that day. They say it's more dangerous surfing when it's smaller than bigger, because you get more complacent.

Surf etiquette you wish people would follow?

Cody: Read where people are dropping in. If they are dropping in right or left, do the opposite.

If you could surf anywhere in the world, where would it be?

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As seasons change, large fish are biting

Dock Totals 11/14 – 11/20: 1362 anglers aboard 76 half-day to three-day trips out of San Diego landings this past week caught 361 bluefin tuna (up to 271 pounds), 29 bonito, 651 calico bass (345 released), 30 lingcod, 97 lobster (67 released), 17 rock crab, 2659 rockfish, 44 sand bass, 331 sculpin, 51 sheephead, 625 whitefish, and 800 yellowtail.

Saltwater: Many gamefish such as jacks, tunas, basses, feed at night during full moon phases and that can slow the daytime bite. Some prey, like squid and grunion, spawn at night on or around full moons, and fish fattened up on silversides and squid at night can be a bit sluggish the next day. Think November 26th for humans. Anyhow, rockfish, whitefish, and sculpin have been biting well off the 9-Mile Bank and the local reefs, while the calico bass action has been very good off the kelp beds along the coast. Large bluefin tuna to over 200 pounds are still biting in the Cortez/Tanner banks southwest of San Clemente Island. There is some yellowtail action south along the coast, but the fish that show up with the warmer water; yellowfin tuna, skipjack, and dorado, were a no-show for any of the boats within 3-day range.

This is the time of year that the long-range fleet begins to run their extended trips of up to 18 days. As water cools in the Pacific Transition Zone from San Quintin to south of the Vizcaino Peninsula, pelagic species retreat south with ebbing warm water currents. Anglers who wish to catch yellowfin tuna, dorado, and wahoo must travel 500 miles or more south to find them. As most boats can count on doing around 10 to 12 knots in average seas, 50 hours of travel each way and allotting for time to fish requires at least a six-to-eight-day outing. Through the summer months when semi-tropical exotics are relatively near San Diego, the long-range fleet runs shorter trips from 3 to 6 days, but as winter approaches, they will extend their trips to the southern half of the Baja Peninsula and beyond toward the Revillagigedo Islands 240 miles southwest of Cabo San Lucas.

The long-range boats fishing mid-peninsula and south off Baja did very well on wahoo, dorado, yellowtail, and some sizable yellowfin tuna. While near the ridge south of Alijos Rocks on a 14-day trip aboard the Intrepid, angler Jim Fitch landed a cow yellowfin tuna that taped out at 400 pounds. That is a remarkable catch and just under the 427-pound all line class world-record yellowfin tuna. Earlier during the same trip, yellowtail fishing had been very good south of Cedros Island just off the mid-peninsula coast, and wahoo provided some speedy battles out around Alijos Rocks, located 480 miles south of Point Loma and 160 miles west of Bahia Magdalena.



Jim Fitch with his cow tuna caught fishing on the Intrepid 14-day trip.

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With the ability to fish several hundred miles offshore and past the end of the Baja Peninsula, these long-range trips can provide a fishing experience of a lifetime. At around five-thousand dollars they are not cheap but travelling to Cabo and hiring a local boat still won't get you out to where the big cow tuna roam. While a trip to a Mexican fishing town and a panga ride can get you some fine action on medium tuna and wahoo during the winter, a comfy stateroom and a full galley serving up top-notch meals for two weeks of day and night fishing cannot be found anywhere in a Mexican fishing destination like Cabo San Lucas or Puerto Vallarta.

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in June-July, the long-range fleet will again focus on the shorter 3 to 6 day runs, but for now through May they will be chasing giant yellowfin tuna and speedy wahoo in the tropical climes and turquoise water far south of the transition zone.

Another notable catch south of the border was just certified by the IGFA this past week as the world-record gulf grouper. The fish, weighing 113.35 pounds, was caught by angler Gary Puls while aboard Captain Juan Cook's 23-foot Parker 'Slapjack' on October 23rd while fishing outside of Bahia San Luis Gonzaga (Gonzaga Bay) in the northern Sea of Cortez. Captain Cook is known for his expertise in finding big grouper in Baja. He operates out of Bahia San Quintin and spends parts of the year running out of Gonzaga Bay and Bahia de los Angeles on the gulf side, and Bahia Magdalena on the Pacific side. Regardless of departure point, Juan's trips run around \$500 per day. Added to travel costs and expenses for license and FMM (tourist visa) required for fishing in Mexican waters, Fishing with Juan Cook can be a relatively inexpensive way to experience world class nearshore fishing within a day of San Diego.

Meanwhile, for a shot at large tuna closer to home, keep an eye on the 1 to 3 day runs to the Cortez-Tanner Banks. There are still good numbers of bluefin there up to 300 pounds. As bluefin can handle cooler water, they might just stick around that area into January as they have in past years. While conditions are good, there will be boats heading that way for \$250 to \$600, so though the seasons are changing, there is a chance of landing a trophy fish on a trip that won't break the bank.

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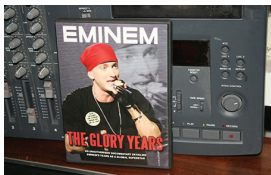


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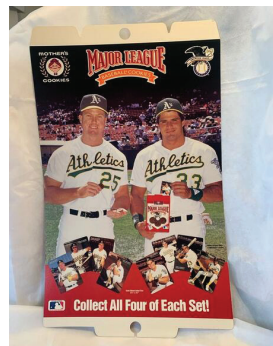
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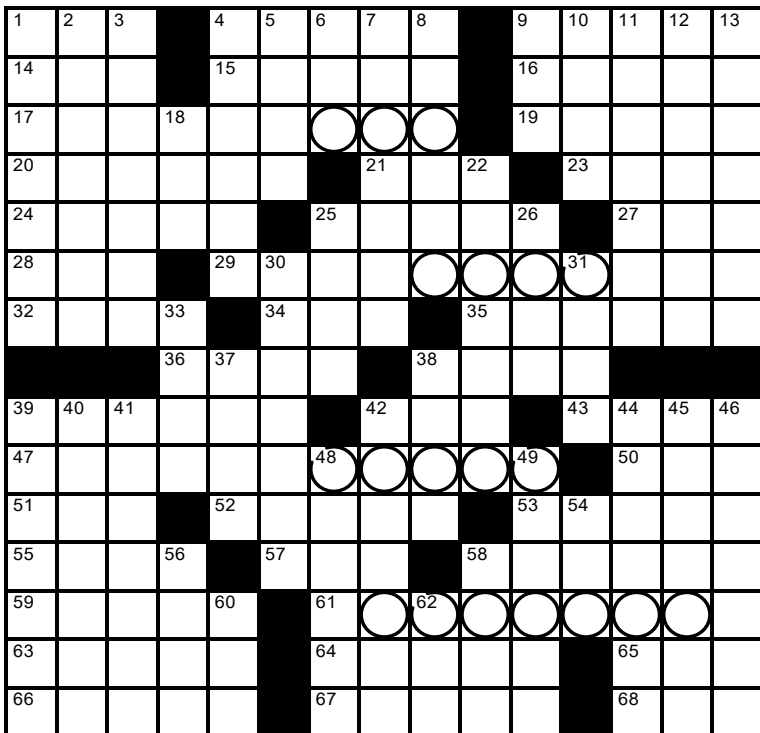
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Across

1. May days?: Abbr.
4. State animal of Maine
9. Instagram upload
14. Move in a hurry, quaintly
15. ____ Day, Down Under holiday
16. Motorcyclist's invitation
17. Pop star appearing in a region of Spain?
19. John who pioneered the steel plow
20. Periodically sold fast-food items
21. Certain frontline workers: Abbr.
23. Elitist sort
24. More than 1% or 2%
25. Located
27. Soccer great Hamm
28. Meditation sounds
29. New Age singer appearing in a Major League stadium?
32. "Read 'em and ____!"
34. [Please milk me, human]
35. Ultimate end
36. "Understood, my man"
38. "Happy Motoring!" company
39. Bikini insert
42. ____ Lanka
43. "Ol' Man River" composer Jerome
47. '80s frontman appearing at an event in a vineyard?
50. "The Masque of the Red Death" writer

51. Qty.
52. John with an Oscar and a Tony
53. Ovens for drying hops
55. London-based financial giant
57. ____ Lingus
58. "That's hardly proper"
59. On the horizon
61. '70s singer appearing in a pharmacy?
63. Stockpile
64. Urged (on)
65. Dictator played by Forest
66. Answer to the riddle "What wears more clothing in summer than in winter?"
67. Passes out
68. Photographer Goldin

10. Plot devices?
11. Body scan for a claustrophobe
12. Doughnut-shaped figures
13. Kind of hit
18. Afflict
22. Submits, as a manuscript
25. Clean Air Act target
26. Textile colorants
30. "Star Wars" queen
31. Chaotic way to run
33. Snowman accessory
37. Dinner and a movie, perhaps
38. "____ go brag!"
39. Maniacal laugh
40. "Ba-dum-tss"
41. Aardvark, by another name
42. Attic's purpose, often
44. Brian who managed the Beatles
45. Jefferson Memorial feature
46. Occupies, as a bird does a tree
48. Like some prunes
49. Thanksgiving table decorations
54. Consumed
56. Handle with ____
58. Neutrogena dandruff shampoo
60. 1950s presidential initials.
62. JFK alternative

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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THIS WEEK'S WINNER:

Winners will be contacted via email for prize redemption.

Tom Lorenz, Chula Vista, 2.

Name: _____
City: _____ Email: _____

SUDOKU

EVIL:

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

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— Gunther VI, a German shepherd, is selling his Biscayne Bay, Florida, Tuscan-style villa that once belonged to Madonna. Yes, you heard that right. Gunther inherited the mansion from Gunther IV, his handlers told The Associated Press, along with a "vast fortune." It all began when Gunther III came into a multimillion-dollar trust from his owner, German countess Karlotta Liebenstein. Since then, the Gunthers and their handlers have lived a lavish lifestyle, jetting around the world and eating out at restaurants. With the home listed for nearly \$32 million, Gunther VI hopes to take advantage of the hot real estate market. But he'll surely miss his round red velvet bed overlooking the bay.

Wrong Place, Wrong Time

— Suleman Shaikh, a newly minted physician in England, gifted his parents with a trip to Seville, Spain. Humaira and Farooq Shaikh were scheduled to leave on Oct. 4, and indeed they boarded a Ryanair flight -- but when they landed, they were in Greece. It was their taxi driver who informed them of their whereabouts, so they returned to the airport, the Mirror reported. But Ryanair agents laughed at their predicament and offered to cover only one night's hotel stay, even though the next flight back to London wasn't for four days. Suleman said he's out about 1,100 pounds and is "completely outraged and shocked that this has been allowed to happen. It has triggered severe strain and anxiety on my parents." But Ryanair stuck to its position: "It is the responsibility of every

passenger to ensure they follow the correct procedures and take note of the information available to them."

Hungry?

— A prison in Perry, Georgia, called in an order at the local McDonald's on Nov. 9 that stunned employee Brittani Curtis, Fox-5 Atlanta-TV reported. The prison ordered 1,600 McChickens, 1,600 McDoubles and 3,200 cookies -- and needed them in four hours. "No lie, ya girl is TIRED," Curtis posted on TikTok after helping to fulfill the order, which cost about \$7,400. She said the prison often orders from the fast-food restaurant, but it's "usually never such short notice, though."

News You Can Use

— On Nov. 7, as four astronauts prepare to leave the International Space Station, they'll have an extra "load" to carry, the Associated Press reported. The SpaceX capsule that will bring them back to Earth has a broken toilet, so the two NASA astronauts and one each from France and Japan will be wearing what NASA calls "absorbent undergarments" for 20 hours. "Spaceflight is full of lots of little challenges," said NASA astronaut Megan McArthur. "We're not too worried about it."

Bright Idea

— Johnny Masesa, 45, was due in court in Connecticut on Nov. 4 to face a first-degree larceny charge, CTPost.com reported. Masesa was charged with scamming an

82-year-old Milford, Connecticut, woman out of \$83,000 by telling her that she was "in the running" for a Publisher's Clearing House prize and she needed to send money to claim it. But Masesa didn't turn up for his hearing because, as his lawyer, Douglas Rudolph, explained, he had died in June from complications of malaria in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where he had family. When Rudolph emailed the assistant state's attorney, Howard Stein, to let him know of the death, the prosecutor asked for a death certificate. The document Stein received, however, was handwritten and showed several changes made with correction fluid. Rudolph said he has tried to reach the doctor who signed the death certificate, to no avail. Stein said he believes Rudolph is clear of any wrongdoing but asked for a rearrest of Masesa in the case. "Obviously, if Mr. Masesa is in fact deceased, it would be difficult for the authorities to execute that warrant," Stein said.

Weapons of Choice

— Tahonee Fickes, 20, chose the closest weapon at hand to assault Kimberly Pittman, 52, inside a Walmart in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, on Oct. 7. A criminal complaint filed on Oct. 27 charges that Fickes "threw a cold chicken" at Pittman, striking her on the back of the head, according to The Smoking Gun. Fickes and Pittman are not related, and police have not determined a motive for the chicken hit. Fickes is facing an unrelated child endangerment charge as well.

Awesome!

— A Southwest Airlines ramp agent named Valerie has been working for the company since 2011 in Phoenix, People reported, and along the way has amassed an unusual collection: zipper pulls. She was picking up several each day and decided to do something with them, so she chose a sturdy dress from a thrift store and began sewing the pulls on in an interesting pattern. "The challenge was sewing them on in a straight, even line, since fabric moves and stretches," she said. She even grouped the brand names (Samsonite, Dockers, etc.) together. After a decade and more than 800 zipper pulls, Valerie finished her dress and donated it to the airline, which will display it at company headquarters.

Oops!

— During an Oct. 17 weather segment on KREM-TV in Spokane, Washington, viewers were stunned to see a 13-second clip of a woman's bare behind on a display behind the meteorologist, Yahoo! News reported. Viewers began calling the Spokane police department, which is now working with the station to find out how the video made it to the broadcast. KREM-TV could face fines from the Federal Communications Commission for airing the shocking scene.

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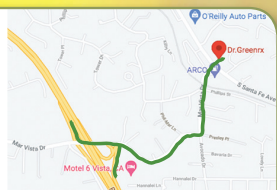
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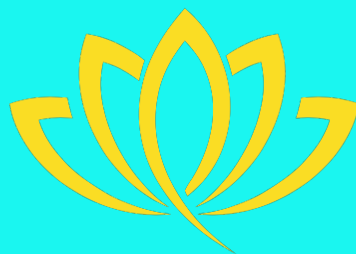
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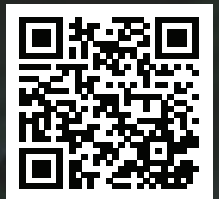
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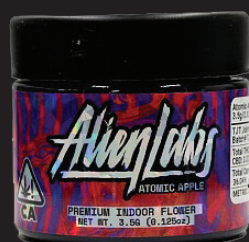
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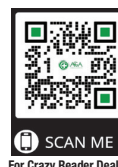
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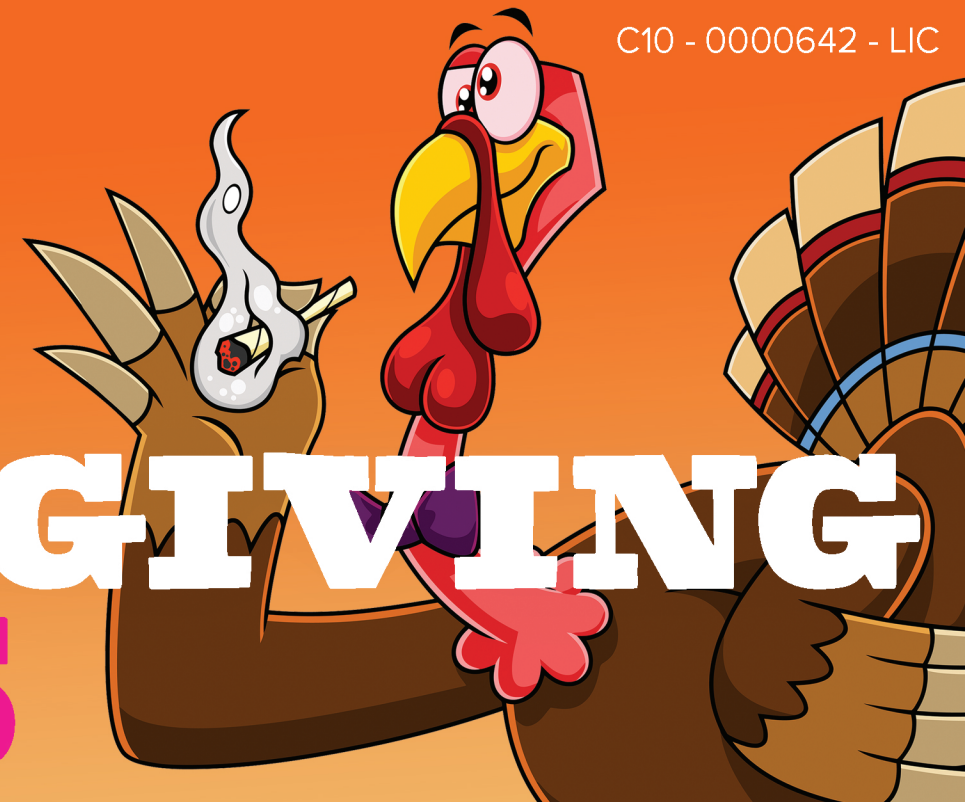
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