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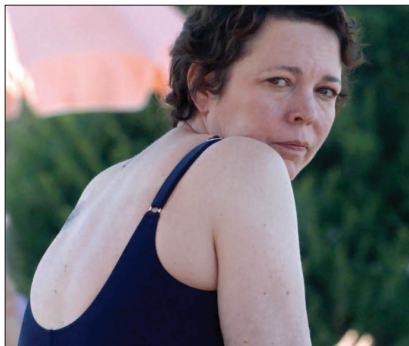


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Tiny home invasion?

Commission approves plan to make the most of the coast

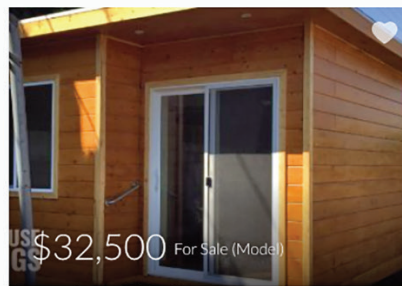
Tiny houses on wheels, the cheapest and easiest option when it comes to adding small units to an extant residential property, were initially left out of San Diego's granny flat ordinance. That changed in July 2020, when the city, seizing on tiny houses' potential as low-cost housing, decided to allow them — even in the pricey coastal zone. And last Friday, the Coastal Commission approved those changes, which regulate the number, size, location,



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and appearance of the homes. There were, however, several modifications — though none likely to appease critics. The prefab look of the homes, some have argued, could undercut community character, and planning groups claimed there was a dearth of local review. That left it for the Commission to weigh the potential effects of tiny houses on coastal communities.

The units, classified as recreation vehicles, are defined by the city as being 150-430 square feet, not more than one story, unable to move under their own power, and lacking a separate address from the main house. Their wheels must be hidden. Only one movable tiny house and one junior unit will be permitted on a site, in addition to guest quarters, and they can't be placed in front yards. They must also be at least five feet from an adjacent lot line. Like accessory dwelling units, they're free from development impact fees, but most will still require a coastal development permit.

As complete living quarters that simply have to be hooked up to utilities, their advantages as affordable housing are clear. Cost estimates to build an accessory dwelling, based on a pilot program by the San Diego Housing Commission, range from

\$116,803 for a 224-square-foot studio to \$342,078 for a 1,199-square-foot three-bedroom unit. Tiny movable units, in contrast, generally cost between \$40,000 and \$85,000. And while an accessory dwelling may take 10-26 months to build, mobile units can be installed quickly. Another boon to property owners: the mobile

homes are subject only to personal property tax. They would be licensed with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The commission found that the amendment protects coastal views and complies with San Diego's environmentally sensitive land-use regulations, but disagreed with the proposal to remove parking for all granny flats. To avoid spillover parking interfering with coastal access, one space will be required for each movable tiny house in areas with high parking demand, or areas which lie outside the transit priority area and already have one or more accessory dwellings.

Sea rise was another problem for the

TIJUANA

Resurrection for St. Francis? Will historic hotel rise from its own ashes?

On December 9, the oldest building in Tijuana burned down, closing out 117 years of history. The Hotel St. Francis witnessed the transformation of the Tia Juana *rancheria* into a city that grew more than almost any other in Mexico over the past 100 years. The hotel was built in 1904, and was first called the Hotel Imperial Beach — named for the place where it spent its first years. Hilario Castillo from Tijuana's Historical Archive explains that Miguel Gonzalez bought the



An available San Diego starter home on tinyhouselistings.com



Because of the historic structure's age and wood composition, no one would insure it.

units. The city's Local Coastal Program lacks development regulations, covering things like flood resistant design for homes found at risk of future flooding. That could lead to more homeowner attempts to build seawalls. Vulnerable areas not yet within the mapped Special Flood Hazard Area include portions of La Jolla Shores, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach, and Peninsula. Property owners in those areas will have to enter into an agreement with the city, acknowledging the risks. In addition, the amendment will ban shoreline armoring for movable tiny houses.

SHEILA PELL

hotel in 1920, one year after the Prohibition Act took effect on June 30, 1919, and moved it to Tijuana. (Gonzalez had owned a famous curio shop on Revolucion, was owner of the Mexicali beer company, eventually owned the Long Bar on Revolucion, and was the scion of the Ibs Gonzalez family of Mission Hills.) According to Castillo, Tijuana had by that time begun to expand, thanks to Americans who crossed the border to drink or gamble. "There was a construction boom," he says. "But the St. Francis Hotel was the first two-story hotel; it had a Wild West style."

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Imagine punishing a man for being industrious enough to work two jobs! Ethics are weird.

Hand slap for overlap

Paused pol Kelvin Barrios pays for paycheck plurality

After being on the receiving end of a blitz of allegations about loose ethics and possible crimes, Kelvin Barrios was forced in November of 2020 to abandon his campaign to fill the District 9 city council seat of Georgette Gomez, his onetime boss. Now, more than a year later, he has agreed to settle one of the matters by paying a \$5000 penalty.

“In December 2018, while still employed with the City in the District 9 Council office,” begins a stipulation with Barrios released by the San Diego City Ethics Commission December 16, Barrios “contacted the Laborers’ International Union of North America, Local 89 regarding the possibility of employment” by the union, known as LiUNA. “After a short negotiation period,” the document continues, Barrios became the organization’s Policy and Community Engagement Director. Pay records confirmed Barrios “was a compensated employee of LiUNA as of January 7, 2019.” But Barrios didn’t quit his Gomez gig until a week later, all the while collecting his city salary. “During the period between January 7, 2019, and January 14, 2019 (the overlap period), Respondent was employed by both the City and LiUNA and received compensation from both. [Barrios] reported that he was expected to work at least 40 hours a week for LiUNA, including during daytime working hours.” Barrios, who began his stint with Gomez in December 2016, got approximately \$855 “for days that he wassimultaneously employed by LiUNA during the overlap period,” per the stipulation.

Notes the Ethics Commission document: “it is unlawful for any City Official to receive compensation for performing any work, service, activity, or enterprise for private gain or advantage if it involves:... (a) the consumption of time for which the City Official is receiving compensation by

the City; or...(f) a consumption of time that would render the performance of his or her duties as a City Official less efficient.”

As first reported here in November 2019, Barrios had previously been fined \$4000 by the California Fair Political Practices Commission regarding his role as campaign treasurer for a 2016 Chula Vista school board candidate. According to the FPPC, Barrios “wrote himself four checks that totaled approximately \$2083. He produced no invoices or receipts to justify these expenditures. As a consultant, his work concluded with the election, and he had failed to fulfill his treasurer duties by not maintaining records or filing campaign statements. He also spent a total of approximately \$3140 on debit or cash withdrawals at local food establishments, USPS for stamps, and the Men’s Warehouse for menswear. Barrios admitted to FPPC investigators that these purchases were for his personal benefit.”

An August 25, 2020, *Union-Tribune* dispatch reported that the San Diego District Attorney’s office was investigating alleged misuse of funds by Barrios when he was volunteer treasurer between 2015 and 2017 for the San Diego County Young Democrats. During subsequent weeks, influential Democrats, including state Senate Pro Tem Toni Atkins and Gomez, along with the San Diego Democratic Party and the Laborers Union itself, pulled their endorsements of Barrios, leading him to put his campaign on “pause.” Fellow Democrat Sean Elo-Rivera was elected to the seat.

Matt Potter



UNDER THE RADAR

Battle-weary posh He didn’t get combat pay, but House Republican **Darrell Issa**, widely regarded as the wealthiest member of Congress, took off for Beirut last month on a trip entirely paid for by the American Task Force on Lebanon. According to his December 7 disclosure of the journey, Issa was in-country from the 11th through the 23rd of November. Total transportation costs were \$4766, with lodging pegged at \$888 and meals running \$315. Also thrown in for free: a Covid-19 test worth \$12.50 and a Lebanese visa costing \$88. “Traveler is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and a member of the U.S.-Lebanon Friendship Caucus,” says an explanation for the journey. “The subject matter relates to his work on the Committee and the Caucus.” Issa and his fellow travelers stayed at Beirut’s luxurious Hotel Albergro, selected, according to the disclosure, for “Security and Location.” In July, the website *CairoScene* put the hostelry on its Nine Most Beautiful Pools in the Middle East hotel list. “Straight out of a Wes Anderson fantasy comes the beautiful Hotel Albergro. Set in a 1930s mansion in the ancient Achrafieh quarter, this glamorous all-suite hotel is an urban oasis in the heart of Beirut with an incredibly quaint rooftop pool; you’ll never want to leave.” Adds *Forbes*: “Get your Sultan on in one of 33 uniquely appointed suites — no, boudoirs — decked out in exquisite Lebanese-Oriental style. Antiques abound, including Ottoman chandeliers, plush Persian rugs, Damascus mother-of-pearl tables and colorful vases at every angle. Bathe in the Dead Sea — well, almost — with a scoop of salt left in a jar in your grand bathroom, then rinse it off with homemade local soaps.”

Besides quality pool time, junketeers got “the opportunity to meet with the President of the Lebanese American University highlighting the importance of US support of education and healthcare in Lebanon,” says the disclosure. A session with Prime Minister **Najib Mikati** was set up to yield “an understanding how the head of government sees key issues including: Syria, Iran, Hezbollah, reforms priorities, building trust with the Lebanese people, elections.” Along on the trip was **Edward M. Gabriel**, head of the non-profit American Task Force on Lebanon, a former US ambassador to Morocco who operates The Gabriel Company, LLC. The firm furnishes “strategic advice to overseas governments and companies seeking to build and maintain strong relationships in the U.S.”...San Diego city hall’s lobbying corps has lost an esteemed home-

grown member to the service of Democratic mayor **Todd Gloria**. Longtime influence peddler **Rachel Laing**, an ex-aide to GOP mayor **Jerry Sanders**, has become Gloria’s new communications director. Her most recent disclosure filing, covering the third quarter of this year, lists New Urban West (\$15,000) and the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership (\$7500) as clients. Her late husband **Greg Block**, a veteran public relations staffer for Gloria’s Republican predecessor **Kevin Faulconer** before joining Laing’s lobbying firm, ThreeSixty Public Strategies, in 2019, died of cancer last month. New Urban West’s controversial plan to jam 1200 units onto the former Carmel Mountain Ranch Golf Course was green-lighted by the city council by an 8-1 September vote.



Lebanese-American Darrell Issa got back to his Beirut.

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Political spectacles

It’s the end of December, time for final 2021 contributions to the political committees run by powerful state

Democrats. In the case of state Senate Pro Tem **Toni Atkins**, National Vision, Inc., of Duluth, Georgia, a giant optical retailer selling eyeglasses and contact lenses throughout the country, checked in with \$8800 to the Atkins Ballot Measure Committee on December 16. The same day, the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians kicked in \$15,000 for the fund, used by Atkins to back her favored political causes. Another of her cash hordes, a committee set up to finance her effort to get elected Lieutenant Governor in 2026, collected \$5000 from the California YIMBY Victory Fund political action committee, pushing for higher city housing densities, on December 21. The day before, the Southwest



Atkins asks, and many answer.

Regional Council of Carpenters Political Action Fund came up with \$16,200. On December 16, **David Crane** and **Mark Heising**, two wealthy San Francisco Bay Area financial moguls associated with a group called Govern for California, gave a total of \$19,600...An official San Diego County T-shirt? That appears to be what officials may have in mind with a December 17 request for bids to supply “promotional novelty items, clothing wear, and printed promotional materials with the County’s branding/logos for public outreach activities and events on an as-needed basis. The volume and scope of items needed will vary depending on the needs of the requesting department.”

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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“One of Richard Requa’s earliest commissions”
 Unreal Estate
 December 22

Oceanfront property would be nice. I would probably change the green carpeting too. Quite the 70s look. Green is the color of money, so maybe it’s appropriate.

—Socks3742

“KPBS’s donations up \$3 million”
 Under the Radar
 December 22

San Diego State’s KPBS 89.5 FM Radio is raising more public dollars than last year and spending more on fundraising, all while cutting high-quality informative programs. Terry Gross’ “Fresh Air” hour-long interviews with writers, artists, musicians and public figures has been deep-sixed. Amusing and interesting home-grown “A Way with Words” has been consigned to the broom closet of Sundays at 5 a.m. If KPBS were rated by Charity Navigator, it would be off their charts of starry acceptability. Given this outrageous record, I won’t be giving KPBS a dime and I urge others also to boycott KPBS’ insulting programming mediocrity. KPBS needs to restore “Fresh Air” and “A Way with Words” to merit public trust and charitable investment.

—monaghan

“Things I didn’t know about West Side Story”
 Movies@Home
 December 16

I always admired Saul Bass’ titles, the best in the business back then. “Walk on

the Wild Side” and “The Man with the Golden Arm” come to mind. He could visualize what’s coming without really telling you. As for the original “WSS” and its cast, yes white America had to see the sanitized, un-ethnic version of the story to make it sell well. Maybe because the new version is 360 degrees in the other direction, it scared away so many from wanting to see it. They might like the classic as is, even with its ridiculous couple, including “Maria” who couldn’t sing.

—David Batterson

“MTS can’t get enough bus drivers”
 Neighborhood News
 December 7

And no two people have the same “basic needs.” You have to decide what you want to do for a living, meet the educational requirements (or lack thereof) find a job, and if the job doesn’t pay enough you have your options. You can’t paint everyone with a broad brush, and that’s what a living wage does. A “living wage” will differ for married men, married men with children, married men that have wives with careers or stay at home moms, single moms receiving child support, single moms not receiving child support, single people living at home, single people living in a rented apartment or house, or homeowners with a mortgage and property taxes, regardless of children or marital status. Did I leave anyone out? Also -- it’s not what you make, it’s what you do with it. There are spendthrifts, cheap people and everyone in between. A “living wage” may sound good in theory, but it’s a pipe-dream. For all the reasons spelled out above. You need to take personal responsibility for your life, and if the job doesn’t pay to your likings, don’t take the job. There are more than a few people who will easily take a \$20 dollar an hour job. They’re probably unemployed or making less money, and an MTS job (with benefits) is better than they’re currently doing, and I’m happy for them. Peace!

—Socks3742

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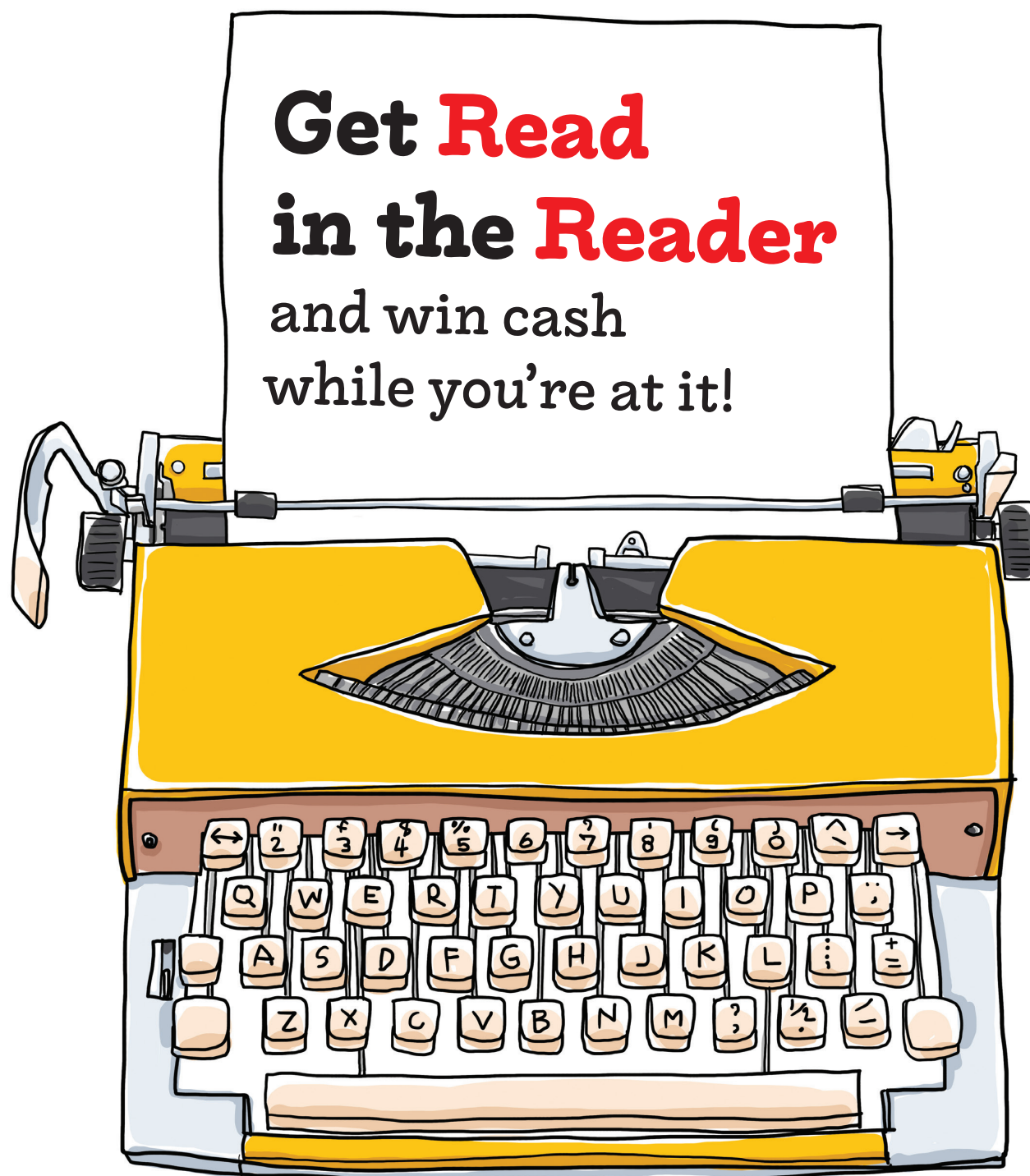
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Last Thursday around dawn, the fire department got a report of the fire, but because the hotel was made mainly of wood, firemen could only control the possible spread of the blaze, not extinguish it. Tijuana resident Pedro Sanchez, great-great-grandson of Miguel Gonzalez, notes that the building's structure recently had been reinforced. The family had plans for the hotel to be used as a gourmet seafood restaurant, taking advantage of its historical character and convenient location on Second Street, one block from Revolution. "We wanted to restore the building and make it a tourist attraction remembering that historical time of the city," says Sanchez. "We are five generations of Tijuaneños, so the loss of this building is harsh for us; it has many memories for our family."

This is not the first time an old building has burned down near Revolution. In 2018, the Chiki Jai restaurant, which opened its doors in 1947, went up in flames. Now a luxury condo project is currently under construction on the site. But Sanchez says that the family won't sell the land to any

project like that. Rather, they would prefer to rebuild it according to a concept that encompasses its history as well as downtown's modernization. He says the family will gather soon and decide, along with their partners, if they will continue with the gourmet seafood project.

Sanchez has heard speculations about what actually caused the fire — people wondering if it was arson. But, he says, because of the age and the material of the Hotel, no insurance company would cover them. Instead, he says, "The police and the civil protection department think that the fire could have started by the homeless, who start fires to warm themselves in winter. Or even people using fire to consume drugs could have started a fire like this."

Whatever happens to the site, Hilario Castillo believes that the loss of historic buildings like this one could have been avoided if authorities had valued them more. "I think we should give more importance to the cultural patrimony of the border cities. We can't lose any other historic buildings. We need to make an effort. We have a perfect example in San Diego that history and modernity are not against each other."

IVAN MOLINA



Miguel Gonzalez bought the hotel in 1920 and moved it to Tijuana.



Firemen could only control the spread of the blaze.



Say this for the drug trafficker: he chose a high-traffic location!

ESCONDIDO Criminal in-tent Traffic to roadside drugstore impedes traffic

Ever since the Escondido Police Department found guns, drugs, and ammo in a pitched tent adjacent to SR-78 last month, North County residents say they are witnessing fewer pedestrians crossing the 78 close to where it merges into the 15. But locals have still taken to the Escondido Police Scanners Facebook page to comment on the "problem area." Two weeks ago, one of the group's 4200 members wrote, "My husband almost hit a guy crossing the 78 because he came out

accessed via the Nixle site. "Officers contacted two people in the tent and saw a weapon in plain view. Detective Chris Naranjo obtained a search warrant for the tent." (Blomberg, who moderates the Escondido Police Scanners Facebook page, said, "I'm guessing in 'Commiefornia,' a tent is considered a house. I know when you're camping, your tent is considered your temporary housing, and a legal gun owner can have a firearm in the tent." A local corroborated, "I think it gets classified as a domicile because that's where they're living, which would require a warrant for search and seizure.")

After Detective Naranjo retrieved the

"My husband almost hit a guy crossing the 78 because he came out of nowhere and it was so dark."

of nowhere and it was so dark." Another member, 30-year-old healthcare worker Anayeli Ruiz, recently posted a video clip showing her driving northbound on Metcalf Street underneath the 78. Escondido Police Department vehicles and Cal-Trans personnel can be seen on the right side of the video frame. "There's a homeless encampment there," Ruiz told me on December 19, "so they do tend to cross the freeway." She said that police and Cal-Trans personnel "come every Monday at 7 am and only give them an hour to clear out."

Gregory Blomberg, a hairstylist who lives near the area, told me he had also noticed homeless encampments on the north side of the 78 freeway by Metcalf recently. But, he added, "It seems to have slowed/stopped the pedestrians...since the arrest." About that arrest: on November 22, an anonymous resident reportedly called the Escondido Police Department about someone who had a firearm and was selling drugs in the 'Major Road' vicinity. "The subject was reported to be living in a tent on California Transportation (Cal Trans) property on the side of Highway 78 in the area of the 800 block of Metcalf Street in Escondido," reads the police report,

search warrant for the tent, he "seized two handguns, ammunition, Hydrocodone pills, fentanyl, methamphetamine, heroin, and ecstasy pills," according to the police report. "Police arrested Teron Armstrong, a 37-year-old from Escondido, for possession of narcotics for sale, possession of a controlled substance while armed with a loaded firearm, possession of a controlled substance for sale, and felon/addict in possession of a firearm. Randy Peltier, a 34-year-old also from Escondido, was arrested for felon/addict in possession of a firearm."

Blomberg says he still sees people walking and cycling across the 55-mph roadway (the 78 is technically a highway, but has multiple lanes west of Escondido). "There are no bicycle lanes there," he added. Mainstream news reported that at about 9 pm on August 21, a motorist driving a white Volvo eastbound on SR-78 passed over Metcalf Street, underneath Rock Springs Road, then struck and killed a man named Jerry Torres, who was on his bike before the Center City Parkway exit. "A witness told the CHP the bicyclist was trying to cross from the center divider to the right shoulder," reported Fox 5 TV News.

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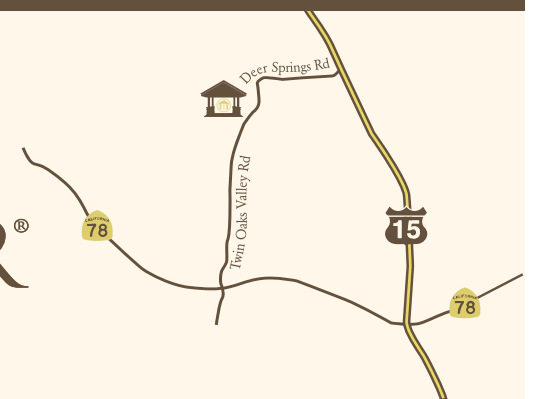
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A long listen at Longplay

I am driving slowly down Imperial Avenue, looking for parking. My van's windows are down, and I can hear the buzz of morning activity. Some barbers are opening their shop, joking about something. Across the way, I hear the whirr and thud of tires being removed and replaced at an auto shop. After I park and begin walking toward 2547, the sounds are joined by smells: tortillas from Gabriel's Mercadito, breakfast meats from La Paisa, marijuana from both a homeless guy and a Nail Addictionz employee on a smoke break.

I am here to spend some time at Longplay: "a High Fidelity Listening Club" that is "inspired by the 'Music Bars + Jazz Kissa cafés of Japan,'" according to its website. I've booked one of their time slots, which are always three hours; my seating is at 10 am. I get there a few minutes late, then stand confused outside for a moment: the windows are mostly covered up, and the door's barred window is obscured by newspaper. I don't see how to ring the doorbell, which I mistake for a camera, but after peeking in an open section of the window and waving for attention, my host comes to the door and lets me into clean and bright space. It is immediately apparent that this is not meant to be just a faithful replica of a Japanese *kissa*. There are Japanese touches in the decor — some small toys, a fish banner hanging over a doorway — but it's starkly minimal inside, all clean white walls, sharp lines, and modern furnishings. Rather unlike the smoky, dark, memorabilia-filled dens that I have in mind from pictures of typical *kissaten*.

Guests sit with their backs against the wall, or in my case, the window. My seat is

a low, hard stool that feels purpose-built for attentiveness. A glass of water rests on the compact table next to the seat. Besides my host and the DJ, there are two guys here on their own, and a man and woman talking together. The maximum for a given seating is 10.

"Nice to meet you, I'm G," says the host. His friendliness is clear, even though a mask hides his smile. "First time here, right?" I guess G knows his regulars. He encourages me to take my time. "Seatings happen one time a day, so there's no rush." To me, this is what is distinctively cool about Longplay — the invitation for its guests to linger, and to listen to music in a more focused way than is customary in a cafe. This attentive appreciation of music played on high quality sound equipment (please see the inventory of hi-fi gear on the spot's website) is part of the Japanese jazz cafe concept that Longplay is embodying.

As I settle in with my notebook, it is not jazz, but The Doors' "Roadhouse Blues" that is playing loudly and clearly from a turntable presided over by the serious-looking DJ. But even if I won't hear any jazz until we get through some Creedence Clearwater Revival and a few pieces of soul music, it all sounds good, especially when accompanied by the strong Mexican coffee included with the price of admission.

Gallery as conversation piece

Carlsbad's PHES Gallery is an attractive and compact building that sits on a quiet stretch of State St. close to the heart of the Village. While it is a new institution — having opened in June of 2021 — its owners, Ellen Speert and

Paul Henry, have been living and creating in North County for around 30 years. The years and the work have given them the chance to build a community.

Their gallery building is attached to the furniture shop that Henry has worked in since 1981; there, he makes custom furniture as well as repairing and restoring antiques. It's where he spends the better part of his days since retiring after two decades

quietly busy building up an impressive, colorful sand mandala — destined, as they always are, for just a short period of display and consideration before being swept away. In the back of the building, I saw Kathi McCord's pencilled *Rainforest Mural*, which was in the process of disappearing as guests wielded the provided eraser to remove portions of the intricate drawing. On another side of the building, photographs depicted

The show is "good for the end of the year: impermanence, things change, things disappear."

of teaching in the Cabinet and Furniture Technology program at Palomar Community College in 2017. For her part, Speert — a board-certified art therapist and expressive arts therapist — also runs the California Center for Creative Renewal in Encinitas.

PHES Gallery was born when the plans of the building's previous tenants led them elsewhere. Henry and Speert saw an opportunity: both had work that they wanted to display more fittingly, and they liked the idea of creating "a place for community" — a home for art and events that would stimulate discussion. When choosing what to showcase, Speert says, "We want things that people can go away thinking about and talking about."

Their current show is called *Impermanence*. Speert told me, "I think we live on many levels, and one of them is the awareness of what is happening to the earth, and to native peoples, and to the animals, and the water. All of us have some awareness of that, but we're so busy that we try to keep that out of our day-to-day thinking. So this is a reminder." Henry thinks that "it's also good for the end of the year: impermanence, things change, things disappear." Speert concluded that "with covid and all the losses people have had, it feels really relevant."

My hosts gave me a brief tour. As we strolled through the rooms, I noticed a peculiar sort of background music: the consistent metallic rubbing sound produced by sand pouring through traditional metal funnels. That sound was made by a few Tibetan monks from the Gaden Shartse Monastery in South India, who were set up near the entrance,

Andres Amador's large-scale raked sand art, made to disappear with the day's rising tide.

Impermanence will run through February 13th. Information about the talks that are part of the show can be found at phesgallery.com. ■



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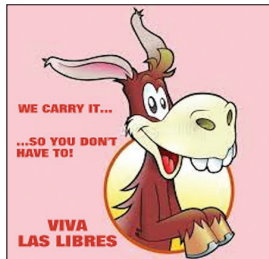
Almost factual news

Mula Por Mujeres?

Mysterious social media campaign may signal new front in the war on drugs

Until recently, abortion was illegal in Mexico. And yet, there were still women who desired abortions. And even if motherhood was not seen as a necessity of pregnancy, necessity remained the mother of

invention. An underground network sprang up: Las Libres. Its mission: to help women obtain and use abortion pills without involving the authorities. It flourished right up until the day that Mexico legalized



Aw, he looks so friendly and helpful!

abortion. And now that Roe is under attack in the Supreme Court and many states are passing abortion restrictions, it's flourishing again, as activists explore ways to do their work in the states.

Unfortunately, that work involves bringing controlled substances across an international border, a practice often referred to as drug smuggling. It's a risky business, one that requires a sprawling network of operatives. And that may explain the cryptic ad that's been showing up in the social media feeds of many liberal-minded American women. "Naturally, I 'liked' it," says local activist Pria Natale. "Maybe that's how they will know who to get in touch with. There's the law, and there's what's right."

Summer of Si!

San Diego District Attorney embraces fascist status



The County Administration Building, newly adorned with the former facade of the Palazzo Braschi, which once served as Mussolini's Fascist Headquarters in Rome. In front, a statue of Hercules, purchased from the Foro Mussolini. "I don't see what all the fuss is about," protests Stephan. "'Si' just means 'Yes' in Spanish, and that reflects the positive, can-do spirit of San Diego government. The statue just acknowledges that pursuing justice in a diverse city like San Diego is, like cleaning out the Aegean stables, a Herculean task."

On December 6, San Diego District Attorney became the first DA in the country to take on the anti-fascist organization Antifa, focusing on its role in the violence surrounding at the January 9 Patriot March in Pacific Beach. But as Antifa activists were quick to note, "Antifa" is short for "anti-fascist," meaning that anti-antifa actions are anti-anti-fascist, or, put another way, pro-fascist, or, put another way, simply fascist. And the conspiracy charges that

Stephan is leveling against the attackers are most definitely anti-antifa. "That means she's a fascist," says Antifa spokesperson Bruce Brainstrong. "I mean, it's pretty basic stuff. So yeah, San Diego managed to elect a gay Hispanic progressive mayor and a Board of Supervisors willing to declare racism a public health crisis. But it's clear that deep down, they're still a bunch of hateful fascists, doing whatever they can to keep their fellow fascists in power."

Hotel Del Coron-ODD-o

Famed landmark gains popularity as site for declarations of unusual affection

The Hotel Del Coronado has many claims to fame — there are those who say that Wallis Simpson met the man who would become England's King Edward VIII at a ball held there in 1920. And eventually, Edward abdicated the throne so that he could marry her. But according to *Full Service*, the salacious memoir from former gigolo Scotty Bowers, they were actually both interested mostly in members of their own sex, and would ask him to send over "a bunch of new young people for them" when they stayed in Beverly Hills. Royalty aside, perhaps the Hotel's greatest moment in the sun came in the 1959 Billy Wilder classic *Some Like it Hot*, when it served as the backdrop for two madcap romances: one between Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe, and the other between Jack Lemmon and... Joe E. Brown? Brown played Oswald Fielding, while Lemmon played a bass player on the run from the mob who posed as a woman to escape detection. Wealthy eccentric Fielding fell so madly in love with Lemmon's lovely lady that when he eventually confessed the ruse, Fielding simply smiled and replied, "Nobody's perfect."

Now, the Hotel Del is attempting to cash in on its history as the starting point for unconventional romance, via its #Coron-ODD-o advertising campaign. Eager to attract a younger generation that is "all about new ways to get away and get together,"



Above, Woodley and Rodgers announce their break with traditional romance, with the Del as backdrop. Below, Jack Lemmon ponders his role as trophy wife in the final scene from *Some Like it Hot*.

the venue is billing itself as "THE place to stay and tell the world you're gay — or trans, or queer, or bi, or anything else that 'Dels your bells.'" And the campaign is already paying off, as the above photo attests: notoriously vaccine-averse Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers and hippie chick actress extraordinaire Shailene Woodley recently posed in front of the Del for a photo accompanying a New York Post story about their "nontraditional relationship." Tellingly, Woodley wore a "Dog Dad" baseball cap in the photo, topped with glittery mouse ears. Jack Lemmon, eat your heart out — maybe some like it hot, but others like it downright freaky!

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In *Deliverance*, **Ned Beatty's** character was subjected to deeply abusive deviant sexuality.

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In *Spider-Man*, **Willem Dafoe** plays a seemingly friendly older man who possesses a monstrous alter ego.

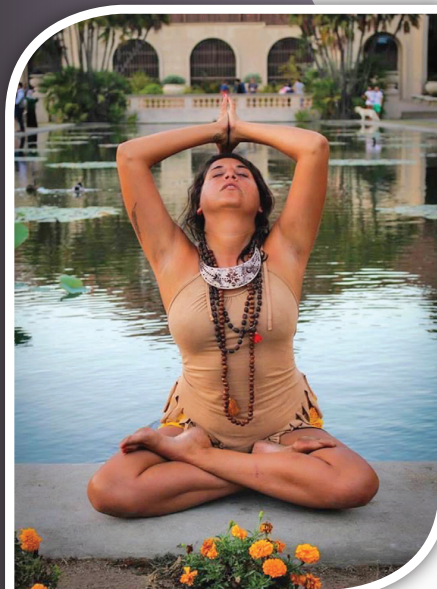
Predator-catcher Ghost posed online as a 14-year-old boy and met up with former La Jolla and Lincoln High teacher **Jose Elias Soto**.



In *Dumb & Dumber*, **Jeff Daniels** tries to call a young woman on his smartphone, but winds up talking to a grown man.

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Tokyo has been at the top of many world travelers' bucket lists in recent years, and international travel restrictions have done little to dampen enthusiasm to visit Japan's mind-bending metropolis. When tourism resumes to Japan, surveys reveal a pent-up demand of enthusiastic visitors ready to descend on the nation's capital. While the allure of Tokyo is hard to resist, visitors to Japan should also be aware of the many destinations just outside the metropolis offering respite from the crowds and a fascinating glimpse of traditional Japanese culture and history.

Tomioka City, just two hours north of Tokyo, is one such destination. Tomioka sits just off the old Nakasendo route, one of the major roads connecting



Kyoto and Edo (modern-day Tokyo) during the prosperous Edo Period (1603-1867). Local artisans were experts in silk-making, a material of importance to the wealthy class and Imperial family. This expertise would later lead to Tomioka being chosen as the location of one of the world's largest silk mills, providing high-quality silk not only to Japan but to the world.

But thousands of years before this, the area was

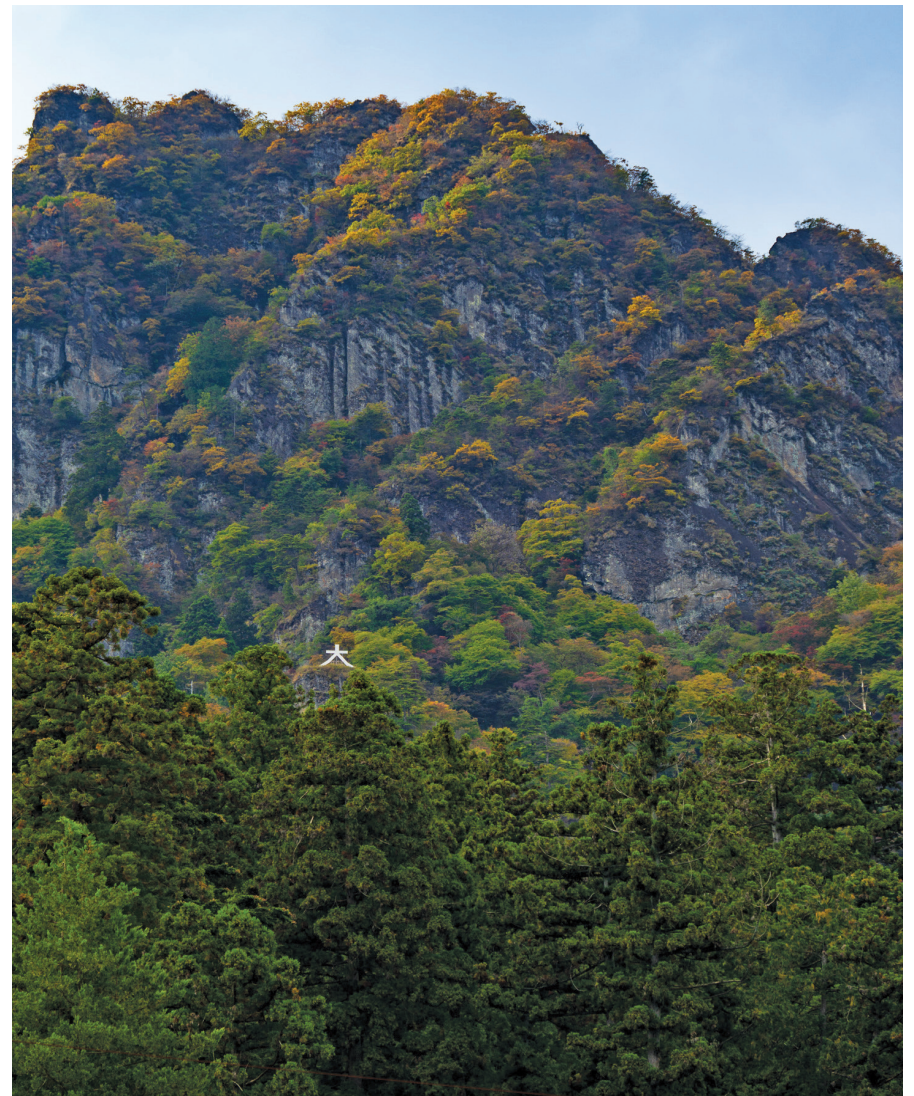
recognized as a center of spiritual power. Mount Myogi, a collection of six jagged peaks overlooking Tomioka, was used as a place of mountain worship 5,000 years ago. This ancient type of religion later fused with Shinto, Japan's native religion, and Buddhism, which came to Japan from Korea in the sixth century. This "new" religion became known as Shugendo and was practiced by groups of warrior-monks known for their

physical strength and discipline. Mount Myogi was used for hundreds of years as a training ground for Shugendo practitioners. Although Shugendo has become rare in recent years, there are still practitioners who will take individuals or small groups on strenuous treks up the mountain to Dainoji, a large metal Japanese

kanji character that can be seen on the mountain from miles away.

Local daimyo warlords and even the Shogunate family itself took an interest in Myogi Shrine during the Edo Period and began to use it as a place of worship. This led to the construction of several shrine buildings, crafted by some of the

finest artisans in Japan at the time. The breathtaking details and decor are reminiscent of Nikko's Toshogu Shrine, the great memorial to the Tokugawa Shogunate. Like Toshogu, several of Myogi Shrine's buildings have been designated as Important Cultural Properties of Japan. The difference is you won't fight crowds



of tourists to see them up close here in Tomioka.

Tomioka's Silk History

When the samurai era ended in 1868, Japan's newly minted Meiji government was searching for ways to propel Japan onto the world's stage economically. They found one such opportunity in silk production. The world demand for silk was growing rapidly, and the government believed the silk-making (sericulture) industry around Tomioka could compete in the global market. Enlisting the help of French engineer Paul Brunat, Japan built what would become one of the largest silk mills in the world by a magnitude of two over its European competitors. Within its first year in operation, silk from the Tomioka mill took second place at the Vienna



World's Fair, and "Tomioka Silk" quickly became a world-renowned brand.

The silk mill represented more than just an economic coup for Japan's new government when they desperately needed one. Brunat proved not only to be a skillful production manager but also a driver of social change in Japan. In an era when it was nearly unheard of for women to work outside of the home, the mill's workforce was nearly entirely female. Backed by the region's progressive governor, the mill

also provided the women access to education for the first time. For over 100 years, the mill produced high-quality Japanese silk until advancements in synthetic fibers and intense competition from

Chinese factories forced the factory to close its doors in 1987.

In 2014, the mill was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the city began renovations to make the mill more accessi-

ble to visitors. Today, you can tour the main factory and two vast cocoon storehouses currently used to display equipment and information about the mill's history and a shop where you can browse silk products made in collaboration with local artisans. A silk scarf or necktie made with details hinting at its Japanese roots makes a unique souvenir to remember your visit to Tomioka.

Sure, you can fill an entire vacation itinerary with

a stay in Tokyo alone, and many first-time visitors to Japan will attempt it. But if you want a break from the frenetic pace of a busy metropolis, an escape to Tomioka might be the perfect day trip to get out and away. The majority of the distance from Tokyo to Tomioka is covered by using the Joetsu or Hokuriku Shinkansen bullet train, a convenient and luxurious ride from Tokyo or Ueno stations.



Theodore Dreiser, Thomas Lux, literature's snow scenes

Theodore Dreiser

Unlike Hurstwood, Dreiser was able to save himself. In 1907, *Sister Carrie* was republished by B.W. Dodge and Company and received acclaim from reviewers and readers, establishing Dreiser as an important American novelist. In 1920, Dreiser looked back on his post-*Carrie*, neurasthenic months: "I wandered here and there, unable to write. My mood made worse by the fact that the money that was being sent me was being used up, and I was getting nowhere." **JAN. 8, 2004**

Thomas Lux

"The whole point of writing is that you're trying to make a kind of bridge to a reader. One of the easiest things in the world is to be inaccessible, to be oblique, to be obscure. I guess I'd say to those people, 'Too bad. Sorry you don't like it.' If the poet is afraid to tell the reader what he or she loves, hates, fears, believes, whatever, I think that's a form of artistic cowardice, arrogance, and laziness." **APR. 8, 2004**

Snow

When I ask people what in literature they remember for its snow scenes, Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* is spoken of, and Barry

Lopez's *Arctic Dreams*, Peter Matthiesen's *The Snow Leopard*, John Irving's *A Prayer for Owen Meany*, O.L. Rolvaag's *Giants in the Earth*, and always Jack London. Not a few readers are reminded of Conrad Aiken's haunting story "Silent Snow, Secret Snow" ... and "The Dead," the final story in James Joyce's *Dubliners*. **DEC. 24, 2003**

Books Desired by Cooks

One of my very favorite cookbooks, perhaps with some prejudice, is *The Taste of Country Cooking* by Edna Lewis. The recipes are excellent, but the true genius and beauty of this book is in the writing, so evocative of another time and place now gone forever.



Theodore Dreiser found a doctor who treated neurasthenics.

The childhood of Miss Lewis, granddaughter of freed slaves, in the small settlement of Freetown, Virginia, expressed through the rituals of the seasons and rhythms of the natural world. **DEC. 18, 2003**

Bram Dijkstra

That's why critics such as Clement Greenberg become hostile to the art of American Jews. Because these artists of

the 1930s generation had been proud of their heritage, been proud of being Eastern European. They had seen their mothers work hard, slave to give them the opportunity to develop in the United States. They understood and they appreciated that. The thing with people like Greenberg is that they're a generation that comes from perhaps an older group of immigrants. **OCT. 16, 2003**

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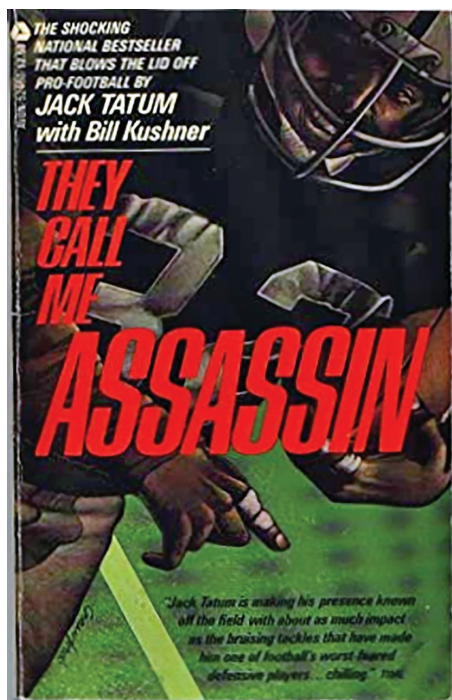
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IN DENVER WE [THE RAIDERS] always stayed at the Continental Hotel and we always beat Denver and we always won our division championship. I guess the Denver management... has some superstitious blood in them because they took over the Continental and moved us out. The team never really liked staying there anyway. It was an old, cinder block building, drafty and cold, and not my idea of upper-middle-class living. But [Raider managing general partner] Al Davis insisted that we beat Denver because we stayed at the Continental. This past season, when Denver took over the hotel, Al fought to keep us there, but the management of the place said we had to go. Last season Denver beat us twice and won the Division title for the first time in the history of their club. Al Davis went around scowling at everyone and saying, "I told you so!"

I didn't believe in that sort of witchcraft, but then we went to San Diego for a game.



Strange things started to happen. In the past we stayed at the Star Dust Motel [sic] and the Chargers hadn't beaten us in sixteen games.

As a matter of fact, San Diego couldn't muster enough points on the scoreboard to make the games respectable. But this past season, for some unknown reason, the Chargers' general staff decided to move their team into the Star Dust and they shifted us over to the Hylanda [sic]. I don't know if superstition spurred the move or not but we were quartered on the other side of town and San Diego had our winning motel.

Al Davis and [Raider head coach] John Madden were upset over the deal, but it didn't shake up any of the players. We still went on with a normal pregame night (five wild parties) and showed up at the stadium early Sunday afternoon in time for the kick-off. The game was simply unbelievable. The Chargers won, 12-10. After that experience, every member on the team started to avoid stepladders, black cats, and new hotels. Every pregame burp and sneeze became a new ritual.

Overture for Imposter George Plimpton – Esquire Magazine, May 1992

A FEW NIGHTS AGO during an intermission at Avery Fisher Hall, a friend in the next seat asked if in the pursuit of participatory journalism I had ever conducted a symphony orchestra....

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"Frankly, I thought my rendition was

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THE WAR WITH NEXT DOOR

Michael Vilkin owned a huge vacant lot in Olivenhain, right next to a house John Upton was renting. On the morning of March 28, 2013, Vilkin drove up to the 2.6-acre lot on Lone Jack Road to supervise day laborers he had hired to trim trees along an access path on his property. The path was adjacent to Upton's rented home. Around 9 am, Upton came outside, spoke to the workers, and then walked toward Vilkin. Vilkin pulled out a .44 caliber Magnum revolver and shot Upton twice, once in the abdomen and then again in the head. At Vilkin's trial, the prosecutor said the killing came after many months of fighting between the two men. Vilkin kept cutting down trees and bushes on his property, which he hoped to one day develop. This angered Upton, because he liked the privacy the greenery provided him.

The vitriolic rhetoric and sniping on the Nextdoor social networking website has brought to the forefront a dirty little secret about neighborhoods: people often don't like each other, particularly if they live close together. Launched just over ten years ago in October of 2011, Nextdoor's goal, according to its mission statement, was to "bring neighbors to-

gether all over the world to build stronger communities, and ultimately happier and more meaningful lives." In theory, site users join hyperlocal groups to share neighborhood concerns and perhaps schedule in-person meet-ups. In reality, the topic threads almost invariably descend into nasty rants over barking dogs, kids on e-bikes, and the ethics of maintaining a green lawn during a drought. Nextdoor specifically prohibits the airing of "personal disputes and grievances," maintaining "these should be resolved in person, or via private message." That's a good thing – because based on the name-calling and insults that typically follow even the most innocuous post, without the prohibition, the site would likely become nothing more than a verbal slugfest.

But while there is an argument to be made that people are often their worst selves online, thanks to relative anonymity and disconnection, what happens on Nextdoor might also be a reflection of how people really feel. A September 2021 study commissioned by *Homes.com* found that 36 percent of those polled have had issues with their neighbors that escalated into full-blown arguments, with a quarter stating that they have a long-running feud with someone living next to them. According to the research, the most common reason for an argument is over parking,

followed closely by barking dogs and other animal noises, loud music and other noise complaints, and “disputes over mess,” according to story on the study by the SWNS Media Group. “That might explain why over forty percent of Americans try to avoid their errant neighbors intentionally,” the article said. The study also found that sixteen percent of respondents have moved due to problems with a neighbor, with another twenty percent saying they are considering moving or have thought about it in the past.

According to court documents, Michael Vilkin bought the property at 2902 Lone Jack Road in 2008 with the intention of getting a construction loan and building on it. But by the time Upton moved in next door at 2916 Lone Jack Road in April of 2011, no work had been done. Upton began complaining to his landlord about the work Vilkin was doing on the still-vacant plot of land adjacent to his rented house, and eventually confronted Vilkin himself. According to the landlord’s tes-

timony in court, “Upton pleaded with defendant to be finished clearing the lot. Upton suggested defendant obtain a permit and build on the lot, or sell it, but reiterated to defendant his constant cutting and chopping of shrubs on the lot was driving Upton ‘nuts.’”

A San Diego County sheriff’s deputy, Marshall Abbott, testified during Vilkin’s trial that on March 21, 2013, seven days before the killing, he was dispatched to the lot to meet with Vilkin. “Defendant told Deputy Abbott he felt ‘threatened’ by Upton,” according to court documents. “When Deputy Abbott asked defendant to provide examples of how Upton had threatened him, defendant stated that Upton had ‘yelled at him’ and that they had ‘some arguments about cutting down brush.’ Deputy Abbott testified that he did not consider such conduct by Upton to be a ‘criminal kind of threat.’” When Abbott next talked to Upton, according to court records, “defendant slowly approached and made a statement or comment that upset Upton. Upton in response stated, ‘Don’t



In court, Vilkin demonstrated lining up the sights on his gun to shoot his neighbor.

come any closer to me, you fucking asshole,’ or words to that effect. Deputy Abbott defused the situation and reiterated both to Upton and defendant they should avoid anything physical and instead call him and/or the sheriff’s department.”

A week later, Upton was dead and Vilkin was in jail. Vilkin’s attorney said his client was afraid of Upton and that the shooting was in self defense. During his trial, Vilkin had said the way Upton looked at him during their periodic confrontations “would fry a hamburger.” But the prosecutor successfully argued that the killing was premeditated and a judge agreed, sentencing the 63-year-old Soviet immigrant to 64 years to life in prison.

PHOTOGRAPH BY BOB WEATHERSTON

Zeller testified she went outside and saw defendant about 25 feet away talking on his phone. When Zeller asked defendant what those sounds were, defendant acknowledged her and then walked behind some bushes out of sight. Zeller next saw two workers defendant had hired running down the street. Zeller in Spanish yelled, ‘What happened?’ One of the workers yelled back in English, ‘I don’t know, but it came from over there,’ while pointing up a path. When she walked up the path, Zeller saw Upton’s body lying on the ground. A few seconds later, she heard defendant say, ‘Don’t get any fucking closer.’ When she looked up, Zeller saw defendant standing about eight feet away, pointing a ‘big revolver’ at her. Defendant was holding a gun case in the other hand. Stunned, Zeller threw her hands

into the air, waited, and then ran into the house.”

Neighborhood disputes that escalate into physical violence or, in extreme cases, death, are not as uncommon as one might think. Just this month, the 29-year-old son of celebrated basketball star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was sent to jail for six months after pleading guilty to stabbing a neighbor in San Clemente in a row over trash cans. In April 2011, a 74-year-old San Diego man stabbed his 64-year-old neighbor in a fight that broke out after the older man said his kittens were being harassed by the younger man’s dog. The cat owner hit the dog owner in the face with a broomstick, then went back to his home, grabbed a knife, and came back to stab the victim once in the stom-



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ach, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

In September 2018, a feud between two neighbors in the San Diego community of Encanto ended in violence when one man stabbed the other in the head, then fled the crime scene on a bicycle. The victim had been working on his car in front of his Bethany Street home, in the middle of the day, when the neighbor, who lived across the street, walked up, brandishing a knife, and stabbed him in the left side of the head.

In May 2020, the *San Diego Union-Tribune* reported that a Rancho Peñasquitos man was arrested “after ambushing his neighbor with a knife as she unloaded groceries in her driveway, San Diego police said. The victim, 45, was outside her home on Meadowrun Street at about 11 am when her neighbor, armed with a large kitchen knife, approached her, police said. He then stabbed her in the stomach ‘for no apparent reason,’ police said. He returned home, where he was arrested without incident. The 61-year-old suspect admitted to the stabbing, police said.”



PHOTOGRAPH BY MATTHEW SUAREZ

Lisa Gilbert got a restraining order against her neighbor. “We had a trampoline in the backyard, and my daughter would go out there with her friends, and this woman would literally yell over the fence, ‘Stop jumping – if you don’t stop jumping I’m going to break your knee caps!’”

In October 2020, a squabble between two neighbors in Point Loma, on Bermuda Avenue near Santa Barbara Street, ended with one man hospitalized with stab wounds, according to San Diego police. Shortly after 10:30 at night, the suspect walked to a neighboring house to complain about water flowing into his yard. The victim opened the door holding what appeared to be a rifle and fired a shot; the suspect ducked and pushed the barrel up and then stabbed the second man several times

with a pocketknife. When police arrived, victim was “bleeding out pretty badly,” according to police Sergeant Allan Butchart. Police said the “rifle” was actually a BB gun.

Just last July, a Valley Center man named Vincent Meraz was arrested after police said he fired a round from a pellet gun into a neighbor’s car over a parking dispute. Deputies said the dispute was ongoing; after the victim again parked his car near Meraz’s home, another argument ensued. As the victim was attempting to

move his car, deputies told Fox 5, Meraz walked up to the vehicle and fired a round, which shattered its rear passenger side window.

Neighborhood squabbles that lead to violence typically tend to get the biggest play in the media. But almost as likely to generate headlines are neighborhood disputes that tug at the heartstrings. Last December, local media went agog over a neighborhood dispute in Clairemont over a lost kitten. A woman named Kirstin Miceli

had bought her kids a Siamese cat earlier in the year to help them cope with the pandemic. They named the kitten “Ghost.” In September, Ghost disappeared, and the children were heartbroken. The family searched the neighborhood and put up flyers, but no luck. Then, in December, a neighbor spotted a cat that looked like Ghost in the window of a house around the corner. Miceli went to the house for a look, and sure enough, it was Ghost. But the neighbor refused to give the cat back. Miceli called police, who refused to get involved since Ghost wasn’t actually taken. She also called the news media. Channel 8 sent a reporter to the home where Ghost was living. According to a report from the TV station, “News 8 tried to speak with the family that now has the kitten. A man inside didn’t open the door, but did yell from inside, ‘This is a cat that came to my home that I tried to take care of.’ He added that he’ll deal with all of this in court. In the meantime, neighbors who heard about the story through the Nextdoor website rallied...outside

his home, hoping the public pressure would convince him to change his mind. So far, it hasn’t worked.” The *Reader* reached out to Miceli via email to see if the cat had ever been returned, but never heard back.

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Craig Sherman has been practicing civil law in San Diego since 1994. He says he receives a large volume of calls from people asking for legal advice about a troublesome neighbor, and gets involved “in some form or another” in about half of them. “It’s as much psycho logical counseling as it is legal counseling,” he says, noting that he goes through a whole “scale” of potential solutions, from knocking on a neighbor’s door to “scorched-earth litigation” or even moving away. “There are so many factors. Sometimes, the best approach is to talk to the neighbor and see if you can resolve the problem on your own, while in other cases, I might be retained to write a letter or work out some mediation. Litigation is a big step: you can’t litigate even the smallest case for less than \$15,000 or

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Sherman winds up getting involved in some fashion with up to 100 cases a year. Most of them involve protracted noise or other nuisance complaints. Drainage issues or erosion are also common problems, given San Diego's varied topography and the differing elevations among homes in the same housing tract. "When one property is above or below the other, you sometimes get an inferiority or superiority complex come into play," he says. Mediation or a letter is often enough, Sherman maintains, but from time to time things heat up to the point where litigation or moving are the only viable options.

One case that did wind up in court was between a "regular blue-collar worker" and the elderly woman who lived next door to him in Encanto. Sherman says he doesn't remember what triggered the animosity, but the woman began harassing the man in myriad ways. "She'd run the hose for long periods of time and flood his yard, drag her



Neighborhood disputes tend to be very emotional, Jerry Hemme says. "They're as bad as a divorce."

garbage cans back and forth in the very early morning for no means or purposes. She even mounted windchimes on a pole at the same height as his bedroom window. All she would say was that he would stare her down. We went through a full-blown trial that lasted four days, and in the end we prevailed: some monetary damages and an injunction to stop doing those things."

For noise complaints, conventional wisdom dictates calling the police or code enforcement, but that doesn't always work, Sherman says. "It's prosecutorial prerogative," he says. "Sometimes they enforce code violations, and sometimes they don't. I've had cases in which they are positively ruthless,



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and others where they just won't touch it." Sherman says he frequently deals with callers who complain about a neighbor with a noisy sports car or motorcycle. "One man's sports car pleasure can be another man's nightmare. I had one case in which a man complained that his neighbor had a Harley, and every day he got up early, around 5:30 am, and started the bike. It was so loud it woke up his kids. I can see where that can be a nuisance, but is it enforceable? I don't know. Does society accept a loud motorcycle starting up at 5:30 am for 40 seconds as reasonable, particularly if the guy is just getting up and going to work and that's his transportation?

It's never an easy claim to prove."

Sherman says he also occasionally encounters what he calls "dangerous cases," in which there's potential gun or gang activity. "Maybe there's a lot of noise coming from a certain house on the block, or incessant parties. I always advise callers that you need to Know Thy Neighbor — know who they are, evaluate them

and what their reaction might be. If somebody's a fighter, or has been in a lot of lawsuits, you can pretty much predict what the results are going to be if you knock on their door or write a letter."

In extreme cases, moving away from the problem neighbor might be the best solution. "I usually recommend that option when you might be able to stop a certain behavior through an injunction, but you can never get rid of the person, and that person's never going to change — he's a bad apple, a bad guy. In those situations, no matter what the law might provide, for your own peace of mind and enjoyment of your property, you ought to consider that option."

Sherman says that since covid-19, he's seen a significant uptick in com-

plaints about bad neighbors. The pandemic saw a surge in people working at home, which put them in direct contact with annoyances that might otherwise have gone unnoticed. "I had one couple who, as soon as they began working at home, had a neighbor put up a trampoline for his kids — and their friends," Sherman says. "They're handling a busy schedule and conference calls, and there's all these kids jumping up and down and yelling and laughing and just being kids right outside their window. It's a serious, legitimate concern." Sherman said he advised the caller to knock on the neighbors' door and ask them to move the trampoline to the other side of the yard. He's not sure what the outcome was, but says, "I never heard back. This was one case I did

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not wind up litigating.”

Jerry D. Hemme is a managing partner with the San Diego law firm of Good | Hemme. He’s just celebrated his 40th anniversary as an attorney specializing in real estate litigation, with an emphasis on boundary disputes. He agrees with Sherman that the pandemic has triggered “an uptick” in neighborhood dispute cases. “It seems like I always have at least four, five, six of them at any one time, in varying stages of being resolved,” he says. “The cases that come to be me usually have to do with boundary lines, and that can be a number of issues: problems caused by trees, encroachments being built on someone else’s property, sometimes related to water, and occasional noise issues, generally from someone living on top or on the bottom of a condominium.”

Neighborhood disputes tend to be very emotional, Hemme says. “They’re as bad as a divorce. And when you think about it, when you finish your work day and deal with the stresses of life, your home really is your castle, that place of safety and comfort, where you go to unwind and relax. When that home becomes a battleground, you no longer have a place to retire and relax and be safe from the outside world.



EVIDENCE PHOTO

Evidence photo of the stone wall, which encroached 17 feet onto Vilkin’s land.

You look outside and you see your neighbor and you’re reminded of the bastard who lives next door.” He pauses, then adds, “I think it’s our pioneer spirit — ‘It’s my land, it’s my home.’ If you think about it, every war that’s ever been fought has been over land or religion, so it’s in our culture to fight to protect our property.”

Hemme says one of his most memorable cases involved a wealthy woman in a red-leather suit who was set off by sap dripping from a neighboring Torrey Pine tree. “It was in La Jolla, right on Torrey Pines Road, in the early 2000s. There was this big old Torrey Pine, and more than a third of it hung over the neighboring property. It was probably eighty, one hundred

years old. It dropped lots of needles and pine cones, but the next door neighbor didn’t care. My client had maintained the tree for 25 years without a complaint. But then a buyer bought the neighbor’s property, tore down the old ranch-style house and built this huge three-story house in its place, with nice big balconies. She was having a party and leaned up against the railing of one of her balconies and wound up getting sap on her red-leather outfit. And that was enough to really set her off. My client had just trimmed the tree, which caused the tree to drip sap. She filed a lawsuit to have the tree branches trimmed back to the property line, but most arborists will tell you that cutting more

than a third of the crown will likely cause [the tree] excessive stress and risk its health. In defense, we claimed that our client had acquired a prescriptive to drop the pine needles, pine cones and sap on her property.” (A prescriptive easement occurs if you use someone’s property openly, notoriously, and continuously in a hostile manner for five or more years. For example, if a person walks across your lawn on a regular basis without your consent, the person is a trespasser. However, if the person does so without consent for five or more years, the person may have acquired a prescriptive easement to the path.)

Hemme and his client prevailed. “The fun part was, I brought the jury and the judge out to look at the tree, and the judge looked at it and said, ‘I don’t think I’d want to have that tree taken down.’ So my clients were awarded a prescriptive easement, which gave them the right to keep the tree there, and we didn’t have to remove it or even trim it.”

Tanya Cornwell is a 53-year-old family therapist from Carlsbad who

used to live next door to what she calls “a chicken lady” in a quiet residential tract of modest homes that had been built in the 1970s on large lots carved from a former tomato field. “When her husband died, she decided to turn her backyard into a farm,” Cornwell says. “She started growing blackberries and selling them at the local farmers market, and then she got a few chickens, maybe five, and a little chicken coop. Well, she became a chicken addict. She ended up with well over 45 chickens, and she got this rooster that crowed all the time, and she would breed chickens and hatch their eggs and she kept building chicken coops all over her backyard. Some of them were literally ten feet from my kitchen window. She just went overboard with this, and the neighbors started complaining, and she became more and more defiant. She had these huge mulch piles on her driveway, and she had people coming to her house all the time to buy eggs, and we’re just this little suburban neighborhood...”

Cornwell and her neighbors got the city involved. “Under Carlsbad law, chicken coops need to be at least forty feet from a neighboring house, so ten feet from my kitchen window is not OK,” Cornwell says. “Anyhow, she was violating all these codes and the city kept citing her and fining her, so finally she moved her chicken coops to the center of her property.” But there were other problems. “She had this broken fountain she put in the front yard that became a mosquito breeding ground, and then she got these two pitbulls that she kept unleashed, and one day they charged me. She was ruining everyone’s property

values — everybody has these nicely landscaped yards, and she had that fountain and mulch and, for a while, even a porta-potty in her front yard. One neighbor ended up building a big wall along his property line, even along the driveway, just to block the view of her house.” Was the matter ever fully resolved? “I have no idea,” Cornwell says. “I moved out last August.”

Lisa Gilbert, an elementary school principal who lives in Oceanside, says she went through a rough patch with a neighbor several years ago when her kids were little. “We were in Ivy Ranch, a small gated community, and the houses are close together — moreso than in the average neighborhood,” she says. “We moved there in 2006, and it was all families with kids — except for one neighbor, a woman whose name was also Lisa. She was OK for a while, but once the kids started going outside, she became a nightmare. We had a trampoline in the backyard, and my daughter would go out there with her friends, and this woman would literally yell over the fence, ‘Stop jumping — if you don’t stop jumping I’m going to break your knee caps!’ Just horrible threats. One time, Julia, my daughter, was out front, where we had a portable basketball hoop, and the woman yelled at her. I wasn’t home, but as soon as I got home and Julia told me what happened I went to her house. She was in the garage, and she was screaming back at me and coming at me with a small saw. That was when I said, ‘That’s it,’ and I got a restraining order the next day.” There were no further problems, Gilbert said, and eventually, the other Lisa moved away.

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Calendar

Your Week

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Thursday | 30

AUTHOR DARBY KANE LIVESTREAM



DARBY KANE

Join Darby Kane as she discusses her new book, *The Replacement Wife*. Kane is a former trial attorney and now a bestselling author of domestic suspense. *The Replacement Wife*: Elisa Wright is a mom and wife, living a nice, quiet life in a nice, quiet town. She's also convinced her brother-in-law is a murderer. Josh has one dead wife and one missing fiancée, and though he grieved for them, he starts dating someone new. Elisa wants to know what happened to her friend, Josh's missing fiancée.

WHEN: Thursday, December 30, 6 pm
WHERE: warwicks.com

BLACK LABEL SOCIETY AND PRONG

Once and future Ozzy Osbourne guitarist Zakk Wylde is taking his heavy metal band Black Label Society on the road in

support of their eleventh studio album *Doom Crew Inc.*, released in November. The bill includes NYC hard rockers Prong, fronted by sole founding member Tommy Victor, and L.A. heavy metal band Armored Saint, who released their eighth studio album *Punching the Sky* late last year.

WHEN: Thursday, December 30, 7:30 pm
WHERE: House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown. houseofblues.com/sandiego

Friday | 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: GLOW UP IN 2022



Come to an environmental education party with marine animal, animal, and bird exhibits located in the Sweetwater Marsh Unit of the San Diego National

Wildlife Refuge. Wild animal encounters, night hikes, a glow-in-the-dark silent disco, glow-in-the-dark face painting, trivia, cookie decorating,

arts, and crafts. Family friendly event.

WHEN: Friday, December 31, 6 pm to 9 pm
WHERE: Living Coast Discovery Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive, Chula Vista. thelivingcoast.org

BAD VIBES GOOD FRIENDS

This New Year's Eve lineup includes the Schizophonics, Band of Gringos, Sonido De La frontera, Dani Bell & The Tarantist, Drug Hunt, Josexxx, Moans, MoonSugar, and Tormenta Rey. Among the artists are Becky DiGiglio, Mary Jhun, Amanda Kazemi, Strange Bouquets, Rafa Rios, Eyegato, Chase Hartman, and This Girl Hugs Trees. Visuals courtesy of Uglatto and the Gonzo Liquid Liquid Lightshow.



SCHIZOPHONICS

BLACK LABEL SOCIETY



MONDAY, JANUARY 3: SHARP MINDS

WHEN: Friday, December 31, 8 pm
WHERE: ReBru Spirit Co, 1735 National Avenue, Downtown. rebruspirits.com

Monday | 3

SHARP MINDS

Local scientists tell of their latest research and discoveries the first Monday of every month in the Heikoff Giant Dome Theater. This month's lecture will be *One Size Does not fit all: Research Approaches to Overcome Challenges in Ovarian Cancer Treatment*. The lecture will be followed by a screening of *Dream Big* at noon.

WHEN: Monday, January 3, 10:30 am
WHERE: Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park. fleetscience.org



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

ART

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

BOOK SIGNINGS

Warwick's Author Livestream: Darby Kane Warwick's will host Darby Kane as she discusses her new book, *The Replacement Wife*. Thursday, December 30, 6pm; free-\$20. warwicks.com/event/kane-2021. (ONLINE)

Susan Meissner: The Nature of Fragile Things Warwick's will host Susan Meissner as she discusses and signs the new paperback edition of her book, *The Nature of Fragile Things*. Tuesday, January 4, 7:30pm; \$17. warwicks.com/event/meissner-2022. (ONLINE)

CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY EVENTS

Snow 'n Glow Holiday Festival Trade in your flip-flops and board shorts for some snow boots and mittens as Jack Frost freezes the Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Winter Wonders & Holiday Lights With the exception of December 25, tours will be offered every night from December 17 through January 2. Your family can enjoy an exclusive nighttime tour of Wild Wonders when our nocturnal

visitsnownglow.com/. Saturdays, 4pm; Sundays, 4pm; Mondays, 4pm; Tuesdays, 4pm; Wednesdays, 4pm; through Sunday, January 2, \$13-\$38. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

animals are bathed in the glow of festive holiday nights. Two tours each night. Each are restricted to a single family household. The price at is \$250 which covers the first four people. Additional adults (12+) are \$30, and additional children (5-11) are \$20. Fridays, 4:30pm; Sundays, 4:30pm; Mondays, 4:30pm; Tuesdays, 4:30pm; Wednesdays, 4:30pm; through Sunday, January 2, \$250-\$500. 18 and up. Wild Wonders, 5712 Via Montellano. (BONSALL)

OUTDOORS

Best San Diego migrating whale overlooks

Gray Whale Migration off San Diego County's coast peaks from now until February. The best view spots from land are high points close to the surf.

Aside from the whale watching overlook at Cabrillo National Monument, try Sunset Cliffs, the pocket parks and dead-end streets from Pacific Beach to Scripps Park in La Jolla, various ocean overlooks on the trail system at Torrey Pines State Reserve, the cliffs opposite Carmel Valley Road south of Del Mar, overlooks opposite Lomas Santa Fe Drive in Solana Beach, and various cliff-top view points and beach access stairways in Encinitas and Leucadia.

Scan the ocean a few hundred yards to a couple of miles out using high-power binoculars. Best times for viewing are about 9 am to noon.

Extreme High and Low Tides will occur again in early January. On Sunday, January 2, a peak high tide of +7.56 feet occurs at 8:03



LOW TIDE AT SUNSET CLIFFS



GRAY WHALE

am. Monday, January 3, a high tide of +7.50 feet peaks at 8:50 am. If any strong winter storm happens to arrive from the west during these peak tides, some flooding of low-lying coastal areas around San Diego is likely.

On the optimistic side, birdwatchers have an opportunity to spot species of rare shorebirds that get pushed to the edges of local bays and coastal marshes by the high water. Several very low tides will also occur within the same string of early January dates. On January 2, the tide falls to -2.09 feet at 3:21 pm. On Monday, the tide drops to -2.01 feet at 4:07 pm. Any of these low-tide occasions are perfect for exploring marine life in the tidepool areas along San Diego County's coastline.

After The Noise and cheering at midnight on the 31st, step outside into the silent, cold dark. Shining high in the south will be Sirius, with the other stars of Canis Major to its right and below it. Sirius is the bottom star of the bright, equilateral Winter Triangle. The others are Betelgeuse in Orion's shoulder to Sirius's upper right, and Procyon the same distance to Sirius's upper left. The Triangle stands upright, just about in balance. Happy New Year.

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.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Meditation Building Confidence with Meditation: This class is for anyone who would like to build confidence in your meditation practice and other aspects of life by tapping into the powerful energy of group practice. Questions are invited. Thursdays, 7pm; through

Thursday, December 30, free. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Polish for Beginners I & II Learn Polish in six sessions, email info@yaaana.org for level information. Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, February 6, \$25-\$150. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Tiny Houses More and more people are making the move to

small, sustainable dwellings. Learn about the Tiny House Movement and then build a model of your own tiny-house design. Tuesday, January 4, 4pm; free. University Community Library, 4155 Governor Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Winter STEM Camps This winter break, the Fleet Science Center offers weekly STEM camps for kids in grades 1-3. The full-day in-person STEM camps are designed to include fun hands-on activities while incorporating the Fleet's general exhibit galleries. Your kids will explore exciting topics including: Space Travelers Maker Mania, Å Toys in Motion Chain Reaction and more. Friday, December 31, 9am; \$200-\$275. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Yiddish for Life Course for Beginners In each class, learn how to read and pronounce Yiddish, listen and understand the various dialects it is spoken, and learn Yiddish's rich and extensive vocabulary and grammar for reading, writing, and practical use. Thursdays, 7pm; through Saturday, January 8, \$25-\$125. Yiddishland California, 1128 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

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COMEDY

Brad Williams Pound for pound, Brad Williams is the funniest comedian in the country right now, and has become one of the most in-demand comedians working today. A California native, Williams started doing stand-up comedy as a teenager and has been touring successfully ever since, routinely selling out shows all over the country and the world. Saturday, January 1, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$25. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Comedian Brad Stine Brad Stine is called the father of cutting-edge conservative comedy and New Yorker Magazine has dubbed him "God's Comic." Brad is unapologetically proud of his faith, his conservative values and his country. Featuring Brian Aprille and Matin Atrushi. Friday, December 31, 7pm; \$30-\$40. Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South. (MISSION VALLEY)

NYE with Brad Williams Ring in New Year's Eve 2022 with Brad Williams, party favors, and a champagne toast. Friday, December 31, 7pm and 9pm; \$50. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Diana Lindsay: Marshal South & the Ghost Mountain Chronicles Marshal South & the Ghost Mountain Chronicles with Diana Lindsay: Join Diana in this Sunbelt Spotlight to learn why a family chose to live in isolation and how they survived. Tuesday, January 4, 11am; **free**. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

FOR KIDS

New Year's Eve Family Party Bundle up for wild animal encounters, night hikes, and so much more. This event includes: Glow in the dark Silent Disco Glow in the dark face painting Trivia Night Hike on our trail Cookie Decorating Arts and Crafts Animal Encounters. Friday,

Rhyme & Verse

Valediction Forbidding Nostalgia: New Year's Eve

A poem for the new year by Joseph O'Brien

For Cecilia

It's a party like any other
We've ever been wallpapered and rugged
Into — the food and drink disarrayed, the bother
And mess left behind in the hosts' kitchen
For tomorrow and tomorrow and, well, later tomorrow.
After dinner, the guests began to re-mingle,
Become further watered and drugged
By nostalgia as strong as the champagne
And steep wines timed to release all our sorrow.
The married cluster apart from the single
And standing between, Janus
And I, reflecting a window between us,
The end of December and a year.

The sun closes down early behind the darkness
In the large French doors that bless
Our hosts' ravaged entrées.
In my leaning length, I am standing there
And my full reflection embarrasses me.
I look away but not before spying
Your pretty, conversational face
Engaged with a friend in pleasantries.
Lustrous with solemnity's finesse.
I pretend to be chasing after you (you lying
On the bed of my brow in age
And bounty), that you are a new conquest,
And I sidle up in mock-false courage
To ask our friend your name.
You roll your eyes at the jest
And stop short of a chuckle
Before returning to the same
Conversation you were having with our friend
At some point between midnight's middle
And year's end.

December 31, 6pm; \$25-\$35. Living Coast Discovery Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

Toddler & Preschool Storytime Recommended for ages 2-5, this storytime program includes books, songs, games, and early literacy fun. Please note: Weather permitting, this program will be held outdoors. For outdoor events, masks are recommended, but not required. For indoor events, masks are required for individuals 2+. Wednesdays, 10:30am; through Wednesday, January 26, **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

NEW YEAR'S

An Alternative New Year's Eve Celebration Ring in the new year in the way you intend to continue it, with a peaceful, positive mind and a loving heart. Friday, December 31, 6pm; \$15. Kadampa Meditation Center San Diego, 3502 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

New Year's Day Meditation Retreat Start the new year with a day of contemplation and meditation on what matters most in our life. Saturday, January 1, 10am; \$8-\$29. Kadampa Meditation Center San

The bells on television count off,
Refresh in a strange way,
Satisfy the bones, the blood, the flesh enough —
A rush of time, a new year, new month, another day....
Then for a moment, real terror —
The thought crosses my mind, a soft buzzing,
Like a computer coughing up an error,
The eyes go blurry, fuzzing
Around the edges
Like the translucent albumen
In a pan
Beginning to cook
White toward the yolk.

What if my life,
More than a practical joke,
Was a series of walks along the ledges
(I can't help with each step to shake myself and look)
Of high buildings, all the windows locked?
Would I be as shocked
To discover that you were not really my wife?
But it dawns on me that you must
Be my wife — memory is one sign
That these years have not been in vain —
And the other? The thin frigid gust
That, nudging aside the curtain,
Squeezes through the cracked seal of a windowpane.
Yes, you too, winter — please, please, come in.
Take shelter from this year's last night sky.
Why,
Not even January is as certain.



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Diego, 3502 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

New Years Eve Bash FIST Combat Family Wrestling, Stand Up Comedy, Snacks, Refreshments, Midnight Champagne Toast and more. Friday, December 31, 9pm; \$30. OB Rattle House, 4861 Newport Avenue Unit C. (OCEAN BEACH)

New Years Eve Yoga on the Cliffs End your year with a yoga class outside on the cliffs. This is an all levels yoga class and anyone is welcome to join us. Please bring a yoga mat, a towel for underneath (the cliffs can get dusty), sunblock and water. Friday, December 31, 11am; **free**. Sunset Cliffs Natural Park, Sunset Cliffs Boulevard at Ladera Street. (POINT LOMA)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Senior Mondays at the Fleet Seniors 65 and better enjoy discounted admission of \$10, a show in the Heikoff Giant Dome Theater and the opportunity to attend an engaging lecture about exciting scientific topics. Monday, January 3, 10am; \$10. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Breath Fitness Light fitness and guided breathwork outside on a cover deck next to a waterfall. In these Breath Fitness classes, go over the science of how breathwork can make immediate changes in your physiology. Fridays, 9am; through Friday, January 28, \$15-\$20. Japanese Friendship Garden, 2215 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

WORSHIP

Las misas en español A partir del domingo 28 de noviembre de 2021, la Iglesia Episcopal de Todos los Santos, en Hillcrest, San Diego, te invita a participar en las misas en español los primeros, segundos, cuartos (y quintos) domingos de cada mes a la 1pm En la Capilla de Santa María (al doblar la esquina de Pennsylvania y 6ta. Avenida) Todas las personas son bienvenidas. →Ven a adorar con nosotros! Sundays, 1pm; through Saturday, December 28, **free**. All Saints' Episcopal Church Hillcrest, 625 Pennsylvania Avenue. (HILLCREST)

New Year's Eve Service Join the Cathedral community in a tranquil and meditative service to say good Friday, December 31, 8pm; St. Paul's Cathedral & Episcopal Church, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)



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THEATER LISTINGS

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Always... Patsy Cline

Willie Nelson may have written "Crazy," but it's Patsy Cline's song. As of 1996, her one-take 1961 recording of a foolish lover's lament was the most played jukebox song ever. Serving as the soundtrack for so many broken-hearted bargoers should be enough to make anyone immortal, but fame is fickle. Happily, there's a musical revue to help keep the memory alive, based on a correspondence between the singer, who died too soon, and a devoted female fan. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH JAN. 2

Dr. Seuss'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



Dr. Seuss's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*: Christmas is over, but the Grinch goes on.

specials that endure: *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, and this one. And this one is the clear favorite when it comes to a stage adaptation, so there's that. (It helps that there are songs, and also, you know, a plot.) The Old Globe's signature holiday production returns after a year of being forced to go audio-only. This time 'round, Andrew Polec dons the green skin of a Christmas-

hating critter whose heart is two sizes too small. OLD GLOBE THROUGH DEC. 31

Spamalot

There aren't many narrative properties that have managed the *Hairspray* trifecta, beginning life as a straight film, then getting transmogrified into a stage musical, then seeing that stage musical adapted for the big

screen. A story has to have a special kind of following. But if there's any group that rivals the fans of cinematic bad boy John Waters for rabid devotion, it's Monty Python fans. Much has been made of the Triumph of the Nerds, as first manifested by the massive success of *The Lord of the Rings* film trilogy — such a big hit that the vastly inferior *Hobbit*

trilogy still made bank, because the Brand demanded it — and then codified by the even more massive success of the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Comic book superheroes took over an entire medium, to the point where moviemaking giants like Martin Scorsese and Ridley Scott get pilloried for failing to bend the knee deeply enough. Who woulda thunk it? Fans of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, that's who. Granted, Eric Idle's madcap musical uses the film more as a launching pad than source material, but the fact remains, a film is in the works.

OB PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH JAN. 9

UPCOMING SHOWS

Catch Me If You Can

Seeking fame and fortune, precocious teenager, Frank Abignale, Jr., runs away from home to begin an unforgettable adventure. With nothing more than his boyish charm, a big imagination and millions of dollars in forged checks, Frank successfully poses as a pilot, a doctor and a lawyer — living the high life and winning the girl of his dreams. When Frank's lies catch the attention of FBI agent, Carl Hanratty, though, Carl pursues Frank across the country to make him pay for his crimes. SAN DIEGO MUSICAL THEATRE, FEB. 11 THROUGH MAR. 13.

The Cocktail Hour

The time is mid-'70s, the place, New York. John, a playwright, has returned to his family's home, bringing with him his new play which was based on them. His purpose is to get their permission to proceed with production, but his wealthy, very proper parents are cautious from the start. Plus, John's sister Nina must be contended with. As the martinis start to flow, so do the recriminations and revelations, both funny and poignant. But the ties that bind them do prevail, with humor, warmth, and hopeful anticipation.

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, JAN. 14 THROUGH FEB. 6.

Final Draft New Play Festival

The annual Final Draft New Play Festival solicits emerging playwrights to submit a 10-minute, one act full length play that will be performed during the festival. Special encouragement is given to underestimated and underrepresented community members in order to represent all artist voices in the community. Performances include 10 never before seen plays written by talented local playwrights, as well as delicious craft beers. If you'd like to partake in the storytelling, grab a pint and join the Artists panel, where community artists and leaders share what changes they'd like to see in the San Diego art scene, try monologue writing at the playwrighting workshop, or even take to the stage at the kickoff party open mic night.

NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, JAN. 7 THROUGH JAN. 9.

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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.

American Underdog — *Knute Rockne All American*. Jim Thorpe - *All-American*. Brian's Song. Rudy. *Invincible*. *The Express*. Stop me if you've heard this one. Insert Zachary Levi as the gridiron hero and Anna Paquin as his wife. Directed by Andrew Erwin and Jon Erwin. 2021. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The French Dispatch — My appreciation of the films of Wes Anderson began curdling halfway through *The Royal Tenenbaums*. His star on the rise, Anderson began buying into his own press and from it emerged a style that, even with the best intentions, tended to engulf, rather than inform. What followed was children's wallpaper from a frustrated production designer, Tim Burton with a better director of photography. (True that! There is no cameraperson currently at work who can touch the electrifying chromatic range or Robert Yeoman.) Perhaps it's my misty-eyed nostalgia for magazines that softened thinking — the first third left me slack-jawed in amazement. But when Tilda Swinton's work is done, the picture leaves with her and it's back to business: compositions that alternate between see-saw 'Scope and center-scan spherical. Already much has been written about the long take that follows Jeffrey Wright through a labyrinth maze of studio carpentry. Executed without the aid of a computer, the shot is no doubt a technical marvel destined to leave audiences agog. Apart from eliciting gasps of "Wow! That's cool!" from the audience, what the shot does to advance or inform the plot forever escapes me. 2021. — S.M. ★★ (LA PALOMA; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

The King's Man — All the king's horses, etc. couldn't drag me into this comic book franchise, but someone must be buying tickets. Matthew Vaughn directs Ralph Fiennes, Gemma Arterton, Rhys Ifans, and Djimon Hounsou. And think how much money this alternative history lesson could have save on hair and makeup had they cast Jared Leto as Rasputin. 2021. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Licorice Pizza — Whither were thee in '73? Watching *American Graffiti*. It's no coincidence that Paul Thomas Anderson nostalgic tale of coming of age in the Valley opens the same year as George Lucas' terrestrial masterwork (and with a filched cherry bomb in the boy's room). The controversial age gap between our heretofore unknown leads — Alana (Alana Haim) has at least a decade over 15-year-old Gary (Cooper Hoffman) — isn't the prickliest thorn on this wandering vine. Theirs is a zipless pursuit set 50 years in the past, a time when an underage male looking to score with a chick nearly twice his age was held in high regard. Anderson set the bar high with *Boogie Nights* and a woke spin on the time frame would ring insincere. Compare this to John Michael Higgins' Jerry Frick, an entrepreneur whose over-enunciating obsession with mail order "Oriental" brides isn't so much offensive as it is *umbday*. The anecdotal-



The Lost Daughter: Olivia Coleman finds what she's looking for.

correct celebrity lookalikes never fail to amuse: not since *I Love Lucy* have Ms. Ball (Christine Ebersole) and William Holden (Sean Penn) shared billing. It's the questionable nature of our central characters (and a lack of running time-management skills) that lost me. The entrepreneurial lad wants so much to bag Alana that for a brief moment he considers fashioning a skin flick around her, while she in turn becomes an angry star-erfer. A mixed bag destined to accrue enough critical one-liners to convince theatregoers and VOD consumers of its genius. 2021. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The Lost Daughter — Will you look at that: a woman's picture that doesn't adhere to a "chick flick" formula or detail a reckoning with one's past that ends inevitably in terminal disease. It began for Leda (Olivia Coleman and, in flashback, Jessie Buckley) as a quiet sabbatical at a picturesque seaport in southern Italy. The mincing English professor, divorced and estranged from her two daughters, finds her solace ruptured by a family of *parnevu* deplorables on loan from Queens who overtake the resort. After a hellacious first encounter — she refuses to move her beach chair — Leda slowly warms to the family, most notably Nina (Dakota Johnson), the tribe's raven-haired temptress. The more she observes through her black, size 114 sunglasses, the more she begins questioning her own worth and the "crushing responsibility" that is being a parent. Written and directed with reserve to spare: one look at Maggie Gyllenhaal's complex, masterfully executed debut assures us that she's spent her years before the camera paying close attention to what goes on behind it. And on a personal note, I wish there was a Leda in attendance every time I set foot inside the abominable AMC La Jolla. 2021. — S.M. ★★★★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

Nightmare Alley — What makes the 1946 adaptation of William Lindsay Gresham bleak tale of life far, far under the big top so unique was the curious combination of director Edmund Goulding (acclaimed for such "woman's pictures" as *Grand Hotel* and *Dark Victory*), the backing of a Hollywood major (20th Century Fox), and Tyrone Power, the handsome leading man contracted to star as the mentalist, fallen on hard times, reduced to entertaining the crowd by biting the heads off live poultry. In these shockproof, post-jigsaw

times, a chicken-plucker is downright gentlemanly by comparison. Bradley Cooper cooks up a chilly con's carnay while Cate Blanchett's overworked vamp on Barbara Stanwyck provides the actress with a rare fizzle. It looks great — Guillermo del Toro casts a mahogany-blush over production designer Tamara Deverell's spacious art deco sets. The story is ripe for remaking, but at a bloated 150 minutes, I'm not certain this is the film to do it. With Rooney Mara as the sole softening agent and Richard Jenkins, never nastier. 2021. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Red Rocket — After 17 years in the business, Mikey (Simon Rex) has more bangs to his credit than the Big Bay Boom. The Los Angeles-based porn star had vowed never again to set foot in Texas, but the universe, and a fickle industry, monkey-wrenched his plans. In lieu of conversation, rapid-fire Mikey riot-hoses a stream-of-conscious spatter of bullshit over anyone within the sound of his voice, hoping that some of it ill stick. A rap on his ex's front door is greeted with a level of enthusiasm generally reserved for the tax collector. And one look at his Pornhub page is enough to turn off any prospective employer. Mikey's day job as a walking dispensary doesn't pay enough to buy one one-way ticket back to L.A., let alone a second seat for Strawberry (Suzanna Son), the 17-year-old donut shop clerk he plans on using as his co-star back to the top. Director Sean Baker and his co-screenwriter Chris Bergoch (*Starlet*, *The Florida Project*) again take us through the brightly colored corridors of small town America, never once passing judgement on what lurks beneath the surface. And kudos to Mr. Rex. Not afraid to stand naked and unashamed before the camera, he puts the fun in dysfunctional. 2021. — S.M. ★★★★★ (AMC FASHION VALLEY; AMC MISSION VALLEY; ANGELIKA FILM CENTER AND CAFÉ)

Sing 2 — From the studio and director that brought you *Sing* comes a movie about characters whose dream it is to be on television. Taking a talent scout's word that he's not ready for the big time forces Buster Moon to confront his self-worth. Is his musical troupe good enough to make it in Redshore City, a Vegas-ish mecca lorded over by a Simon Cowell-lite white wolf? The cast of luminaries (Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Scarlett Johansson) welcomes even more featureless cartoon creations to tag along. The generic

categorization falls under "musical Juke-box," a show in which the majority of the score is derived from popular songs. I call it 112 minutes in Sing Sing. 2021. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE)



Let's end 2021 with a request. Lydia D'moch wrote asking why I never got around to reviewing *Lamb*. It opened at a time when movie theatres still topped my quarantine list, but I promised to get around to it as soon as it hit home video. If the curtain image of the original *Planet of the Apes* still resonates after all these years, have I got a "man vs. beast" movie for you! Thanks much, Ms. D'moch.

— Scott Marks

LAMB (2021)

For a film so willing to forgo humor, it's odd that director and co-writer Valdimar Jóhannsson chose to open with a droll, Hitchcockian groan. A brief

The Tender Bar — Director George Clooney hit a grand slam his first time at bat (*Confessions of a Dangerous Mind*), then set the blandness bar high with *Good Night, and Good Luck*, and has gone down swinging ever since (*The Monuments Men*, *The Ides of March*). This steeped-in-sentimentality adaptation of newspaperman/novelist J.R. Moehringer's quest for a daddy figure never really allows us to get to know the sagacious surrogate fathers that populate his uncle Charlie's (Ben Affleck) corner tavern. Screenwriter William Monahan (*The Departed*) alternates time frames between Young JR (Daniel Ranieri) and Jr. (Tye Sheridan) his postgraduate self on a commuter train to the future, next stop: an interview at Yale. When asked, his first name stands for "Junior," a sobriquet he adopted to spite a father (Max Martin) who barely qualified as a guest in his life. Affleck's Charlie is every young man's favorite uncle: not only will he let you lick the foam off his boilermaker, you'll leave his bar instilled with a proper respect for women. For once, the romantic subplot, this one between Jr. and Sidney (Briana Middleton), the daughter of haughty magazine publishers, is an oasis amidst familiarity. 2021. — S.M. ★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

introductory pass through a barn populated by a flock of well-rehearsed rams ends inside the farmhouse, with Maria (Noomi Rapace) removing a roasted leg of lamb from the oven. But really, it's best that a film as carefully detailed as this gets its one fillip to the system out of the way at the outset, in



Lamb: Feel for the father; he's the one who has to walk home alone.

order to clear a path for peculiarities that await. For the most part, it's a two-hander — with no children to raise, Maria and her husband Ingvar (Hilmir

Snær Guðnason) share the farm duties, which include playing midwife to the ewes. As if Shari Lewis' prayers reached as far as Iceland, one of the flock gives birth to an upright Lambchop who, unlike the rest of the pack, is allowed to sleep in the house with the other domestic pets. Is this a case of animal husbandry gone berserk, or the harrowing tale of a family that regrets putting a child up for adoption? For another serving of *Lamb*, plus reviews of *Titane* and *Zeros and Ones*, visit us online.

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BAY PARK

Off Shore Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: All beer \$1 off, \$4 house wine, \$4.25 well drinks. Saturday, 9pm-close: All beer \$1 off, \$4 house wine, \$4.25 well drinks.

CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA

Tower 13: Monday, 4-10pm half off all tequilas

CARLSBAD

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.

Nicky Rottens: Monday, 3-6pm: \$8 select mules all night. Tuesday, 3-6pm: \$4 any canned beer. Wednesday, 3-6pm: \$5 draft pints.

BOOZE NEWS

BY MATTHEW FLYNN

Coronado Brewing branches off into ciders

One thing that has long been a calling card of San Diego breweries is their willingness to experiment and introduce new beverages to local imbibers. Originally, San Diego's craft beer scene was best known primarily for high-octane, hoppy West Coast IPAs. But these days, there is an abundance of locally brewed hazy IPAs, lagers, sours, and even seltzers. And now, one local brewery is introducing a new line of drinks you might not typically associate with a beachside town: ciders.

Earlier this month, **Coronado Brewing** launched **Coro-**

nado Hard Cider, a brand extension which will release USDA-certified organic ciders. The two initial offerings, Nice & Dry Organic Hard Cider and Super Fruit Organic Hard Cider, hit the taps at the Coronado Bay Park Tasting Room earlier this month, and have since begun their gradual expansion throughout the county.

Clinton Smith, Coronado's Chief Commercial Officer, explains, "Both flavors are not too sweet and have a refreshingly dry finish. Whether you are looking for a straightforward apple-based cider, or a hard cider that adds in unique fruits, both flavors have you covered." Super Fruit is the option for those looking for something a little different in their cider. The addition of blueberries and acai berries provides a floral aroma, maroon color, and fruity sweetness with a touch of acidity to the 5.5% ABV brew. On the other hand, Nice & Dry is more in line with what you'd expect from a traditional apple cider, made with organic apple juice and featuring some of the effervescence and dryness of champagne. The straw-colored 6.0% cider has a subtler sweetness than Super Fruit, along with a lingering acidity and green apple bouquet.

Going organic was important at Coronado,



PHOTOGRAPH BY AIDAN KENNEDY (CORONADO BREWING CO.)

Coronado Brewing has found something in cider

says Smith. "We feel that being the first USDA-certified organic hard cider from California in cans is a great opportunity, which makes us stand out as a legitimate cidery in the category." (In addition to being organic, both ciders are vegan

and gluten free.)

By spring 2022, Coronado Hard Cider plans to have four-packs of both ciders in 16-ounce cans available at retailers throughout San Diego, in addition to their availability on local taps. The year-round products are the product of over two years of research and development, and the company is already looking ahead. Smith hints, "While we plan on starting with only two flavors in 2021, we are already doing research and development on new flavors now."

Of course, cider isn't the only thing brewing over at Coronado, and innovation doesn't mean abandoning tradition. The brewery recently launched their latest year-round beer, Palm Sway IPA, in 16-ounce can six-packs. The 6.5% 2021 Great American Beer Festival gold medal-winner has the citrus and mango notes of a hazy IPA but with a clear appearance. It also is heavy on hops such as Waimea, Chinook, Mosaic, Comet, El Dorado, Motueka, and Citra — providing a hoppy finish reminiscent of the IPAs that originally helped put San Diego craft beers on the map.

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margarita.

Vintana Wine + Dine:

Daily, 3-5pm: \$8 martinis and appetizers.

HILLCREST

Urban Mo's Bar and Grill:

Thursday, 5-8 pm: \$6.50 Martinis

KENSINGTON

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

LA JOLLA

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

LA MESA

Brigantine La Mesa: Daily, 3:30-6:30pm: \$1 off well drinks, drafts, featured wines, \$4 glass sparkling wine, \$5.75 margaritas, \$6 happy hour red wine, happy hour white wine.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill La Mesa: Friday, All day: Clam chowder \$5 cup, \$7 bowl. After 4pm: Prime rib \$24. Sunday, 11am-2pm: \$4 Bloody Marys, \$5 Champagne.

LAKESIDE

Eastbound Bar & Grill:

Tuesday-Friday, 2-5pm: \$2 off all house cocktails, \$3 domestic bottles, \$4 micro drafts.

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: Daily, 4pm-7pm: \$3 shot of select liquor with your first drink. 4-7pm: \$1 off domestic beer, 50 cents off cocktails.

LITTLE ITALY

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

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

MISSION HILLS

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

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

MISSION VALLEY

Lazy Dog: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm and 9pm-close: \$3-\$8:

Housemade sangrias, well drinks, drafts, house wine, Asian pear martini. Friday, 3-6pm: \$3-\$8: Housemade sangrias, well drinks, drafts, house wine, Asian pear martini. Sunday, 9pm-close: \$3-\$8: Housemade sangrias, well drinks, drafts, house wine, Asian pear martini.

North Italia Fashion Valley:

Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$5 glasses red wine, white wine, sangria, beers, \$16 wine bottles and beer pitchers.

NORTH PARK

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

OCEANSIDE

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

OLD TOWN

Home & Away: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$1 off glass of wine, draft and bottled beer, well drinks, \$3 to \$6 off specialty cocktails. \$2.75 tacos. Tuesday, 3-6pm: Taco Tuesday specials, see server.

Old Town Mexican Café: Tuesday, Half off well drinks and selected appetizers all day.

Rockin' Baja Lobster — Old Town:

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

POINT LOMA

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

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

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill Rancho San Diego: Friday, All day: Clam chowder \$5 cup, \$7 bowl. After 4pm: Prime rib \$24.

SAN MARCOS

Churchill's Pub and Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off appetizers, drafts, wells. Sunday, All day: \$1 off appetizers, drafts, wells.

SOLANA BEACH

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

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

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

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

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blurt the inside track

Asking less, doing better The year 2020 was a transitional one for Belladon. The progressive-pop quintet released two interconnected four-song concept EPs over the summer. *Dreaming* arrived first in May, followed

ous work, they also began to brainstorm about their future output. Jacobs cites Karol as a driving force for the band's progressive side and song structures, which may have been so complex that listeners had a tough time forming a

a band after we released that double EP. We talked, and it was like, 'Less is more.' You shouldn't put something there unless you really feel it needs to be there. We experimented a lot with taking parts away and replacing them with other things. Hearing sections with only drums and bass and vocals, and just trying to understand what was necessary for the song and what wasn't. That resulted in a much more mature composition, and something



Belladon: fewer members, simpler sound.

by *Dreading* in July. Nearly simultaneously, the group shed a band member and sought a new sound.

"All I knew about the future was that I was going to write more songs, and that we were gonna be a four-piece," Belladon singer and keyboardist Aimee Jacobs explained. "When we had an album release, I already knew Anastasya [Karol, keyboards and vocals] was leaving the project. She gave us a heads-up and was very organized and sweet about it. I was already practicing combining the parts. Right now, I play a double-tier synth, whereas before, I was just playing one. My responsibilities became a lot stronger. I was like, 'I just need to learn how to hold my own if I want to keep this project going.' That was my main focus."

As the four-piece was reconfiguring the way they would perform their previ-

ous notion of the band's identity. *Is this a pop band? Is this a progressive band? Is this a rock band? What is this?*

"With the older stuff," says Jacobs, "as much as I like it and as much as I'm proud of it, looking in from an outside perspective, I feel like I'm asking a lot from the listener. I'm asking them to take in a lot. If you're ready for it, it's great, but most people listen to music in a way that they'll have it on in the background. They're more passive about listening to it."

The remaining quartet started working on a new track, "Truths We Crave," that would showcase a more focused, easy-to-digest sound. They worked individually at their home studios, bouncing tracks back and forth while the covid lockdowns were in full swing. "It's definitely more spacious," says Jacobs of the new sound. "That was something that we talked about as

that I think is a little bit more pleasurable and relaxed to listen to."

Over the summer, the band spent many evenings at a beach in Windansea shooting a video for "Truths We Crave." It would prove to be a labor of love, as the unpredictable Pacific became a formidable foe. The salt water's priciest victim was director RC Krueger's camera; after that, there was another close moisture call with a rental camera. "We had so many crazy experiences just breaking gear or losing lighting. The bass player lost his shoes. I lost a dress. The beach destroyed so many things that we had. I had no idea that the beach was going to be such an insane environment to try to get something like this done. It was stressful, but also a very fun process."

Jacobs seems very comfortable with releasing singles, so while there is potential for a future, four-song live EP, don't

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look for a full-length anytime soon. The band did perform a handful of shows this year, and Jacobs is considering bringing in a new keyboardist and transitioning to being vocals-only at gigs. "I don't think it's very entertaining for our audience to see me stuck behind what is the equivalent of a keyboard spaceship. I'm kind of a petite person. I want to be more free on stage, because ultimately, it's going to make the experience of coming to see us live even better."

As for a New Year's resolution, Jacobs said hers is "to finish more music that I feel is better than what I did before." She added "It's kind of my permanent goal all the time."

— Dryw Keltz

Bluesy Shay stays busy

In the days before the pandemic, it would have been exceedingly difficult to find a San Diego musician with a busier schedule than blues and jazz vocalist Whitney Shay. "I was doing at least 20 gigs, sometime 30 shows a month," said Shay on the phone in early December.

And even after the lockdown hit, Shay didn't just lie around. "Well, you know, I tried to stay busy. I went back to school [online] to study graphic design. I also used the time to have virtual writing sessions, and I was able to do a few outdoor performances in the summer. I did some livestream concerts and shot some music videos. So I was active the whole time. The biggest challenge for me was not being able to travel, because in 2020 I was set to tour all over the world. Then everything stopped."

Shay is one of few San Diego musicians to have signed an actual contract with a record label (the Germany-

based Ruf Records offered a three-album deal in 2019), and she was eager to tour Europe for the first time in her career. She finally got the green light to go in September. "All the dates had been rescheduled, some of them three times. We were able to play in seven different countries and we did 20 shows, which was amazing. In the U.K., it was the first concert in over two years. In some countries like Denmark and Sweden, we played the day they lifted their restrictions. It feels like we really timed things right, because some of those countries are locking down again. It went really well, people were so ready to get back to live music again."

After she logged that first European tour, Shay got back to gigging in San Diego. "I'm extremely busy right now. This month, I have 25 gigs, so I'm back to full steam. Most of

was always work first."

And she is letting herself be cautiously optimistic about the future. "Well, I'm vaccinated. I think we all have to decide how to negotiate what life is like in the live music industry. I mean, I can't do my work without being in front of crowds of people. So, I try to take whatever precautions I can. Everyone has to assess their own risk and have their own plan, and hopefully, everyone ends up getting the vaccine." These days, she says, "Some things haven't changed. I do notice that a lot of gigs are outdoors. Some concerts and venues have precautions in place, but others don't. It's different in San Diego as compared to Los Angeles, which seems to be more restrictive. Ultimately, I'm kind of at the mercy of the venues where I perform."

You can catch Whitney



Whitney Shay: glad to be gigging again.

my musician friends tell me they are back to being as busy as before, if not busier. But I think the difference now is that we can be a little choosier about the gigs we decide to play. One thing I hope to get better at is arriving at a healthier balance between life and work. I'm trying to make time for everything else. Before, it

Shay at the Belly Up Tavern on February 10, playing the role of Amy Winehouse with the Six String Society's 27 Club show.

— Robert Bush

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JULIA SAGE

"This album has been a long time in the making," says Julia Sage of her new full-length *Desnuda*. "We recorded three of the singles a long time ago now. 'Ni de Aquí, Ni de Allá' was our first one, recorded in August 2018. We didn't even have a drummer back then yet. That's the one I think that put us on the radar to be nominated as Best New Artist for the SDMAs, but that's just a guess. Next came 'Wondrous Woman' and 'Ahuevona.' Those two singles were recorded in May 2019, with Tom Peart as our drummer, he eventually left the band to work on his own project. I pretty much had used all our funds for recording at this point, so we needed

to make more money to continue." Then the pandemic struck. "I was finally able to save enough funds to finish recording eight more songs this past October 2021, at the same studio as the other three singles, Chaos Recorders, with Christopher Hoffee." Her backing band the Bad Hombres includes bassist Chad Pittman, drummer Clayton Payne, and percussionist Natasha Cruz, as well as Drew Douglas aka Grampadrew (bouzouki, musical saw, background vocals) and Matthew Strachota (banjo, keys, guitar, background vocals). Guest John Meeks plays horns on "I Shouldn't Stay."



DIGITAL LIZARDS OF ZOOM

Gabriel Valentin (Counter Launch) fronts Digital Lizards of Doom, a comic book-inspired sci-fi rock band which describes their music as "Gogol Bordello meets Gorillaz." Their ambitious and often tongue-in-cheek songs tend to lean towards concept album-style prog. An album called *Dizzy Eko Makeover* reached number 12 on the U.K. independent charts, promoted with a music video for the track "I Don't Know How To Dance." The group's self-titled comic book recently made *ComicBookResources.com*'s TOP 10 Best Indie Titles at this year's Los Angeles Comic Con. "Digital Lizards of Doom Trades Conventional Style For Uniqueness,"

according to the headline, which continues "Taking inspiration from video games, '90s cartoons, and psychedelic color schemes, Gabriel Valentin and Ernie Najera created Digital Lizards of Doom as a comedic and uniquely stylized comic that follows Dizzy Doom through the video game he is living in. Notably, the game is being played by Pineapple Pete, who makes frequent appearances throughout. The book's unique style is a split between a dialogue-heavy left page, styled after a conversation in a messaging app, and a splash page on the right depicting the scene being discussed. It's a fresh, stylish story for comic readers."



FLOGGING MOLLY

Before they officially became known as Flogging Molly, the Celtic punk rockers started by playing Irish music in bars and pubs such as L.A. hangout Molly Malone's, which hosted them so often that they named themselves for having "flogged" the venue with constant performances. Signed early in their career to SideOneDummy Records, their music frequently references the Roman Catholic Church, with songs such as "Seven Deadly Sins" and "Rebels of the Sacred Heart." After the Flogging Molly track "If I Ever Leave This World Alive" was heard in the 2008 film *PS*

I Love You, their sixth album *Float* debuted at number four on *Billboard*'s Top 200 album chart, selling 48,000 copies in its first week of release. The band will return to the road in 2022 for a U.S. tour that will include their annual St. Patrick's Day (March 17) performance in Los Angeles. With opening acts such as Russkaja and Vandoliers, the tour kicks off March 8 in Knoxville, TN at The Mill & Mine and concludes March 26 at the Ventura Music Hall. They'll follow that up by headlining the sixth Salty Dog Cruise, setting sail March 28 through April 1.



SCOTT SAMUELS

Singer/guitarist Scott Samuels arrived in San Diego in 1988, and joined long-established group The Snails (soon to be known as The Rhythm Slaves). He's also a vet of area acts such as Pharmacy, A.M. Forever, Roxy Monoxide, Roxy Dioxide, and a Neil Diamond tribute called Solitary Diamonds. His new Scott Samuels Band made their concert debut at Navajo Live this month, where his covers project Vinyl Pirates also played. New band members include drummer Bob Patowicz, a New Jersey transplant who has played and recorded with Dave Howard, Scot

Taber, Cerulean Veins, and Mining The Ether, and who did a brief stint with 1980s one-hit wonders The Monroes ("What Do All the People Know") from 2019 to 2020. New bassist Philippe Conway is also a vet of Cerulean Veins and Mining The Ether, as well as Slippin'. According to Samuels, "Our setlists feature songs from my *Sunshine and Starlight* solo EP, which contains a sequel to The Sweet's song 'The Six Teens' called 'Before They Knew It.' Earlier this year, the song became number one on glam rock streaming radio station Dandy's Stardust Dive."



AS I LAY DYING

Formed in 2001 as a Christian heavy metal band, As I Lay Dying is named after the book by William Faulkner. The Artist of the Year winners at the 2005 San Diego Music Awards have experienced several lineup shifts, most notably the temporary departure of their lead singer while he served time in prison for attempting to hire an undercover police officer to kill his wife. After having been renamed Wovenwar for a time, the band reunited with their singer under the As I Lay Dying moniker, though they recently announced the departure of longtime guitarist Nick Hipa. This month,

the group released a live video for their track "My Own Grave" to celebrate the debut of the deluxe edition of their *Shaped By Fire* album, which features live and instrumental versions of its songs, as well as newly remixed tracks described as "re-interpretations." According to guitarist Phil Sgross, "The initial idea was to create a deluxe version stemmed from leftover material written for the *Shaped By Fire* album. Some of it was re-purposed for B-sides, and several tracks were used for the live show exclusively, until now."

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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

BNS Brewing & Distilling:
Friday, 7pm — NYE With Gregory Page. **Free.**

Balboa Theatre:
Friday, 7:30pm — The Sweet Caroline Tour. \$45-\$85.

Belly Up Tavern:
Thursday, 9pm — Grateful Shred. \$25.
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, 8pm — Tribal Seeds. \$95-\$167.

Casbah:
Thursday & Friday, 8pm — Thee Sacred Souls. \$25-\$30.
Wednesday, 8pm — The Unlikely Candidates.

Holding Company:
Friday, 8pm — Ring in the New Year.

House of Blues:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Black Label Society and Prong. \$39-\$89.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:
Thursday, 6pm — Chloe Lou & The Liddells. \$5.

Jolly Joker Tavern:
Friday, 8pm — New Years Eve with Classic Buzz Band. **Free.**

Music Box:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Dirtwire and Boostive. \$25.
Friday, 7pm — The Motet and Collin Miller.

My Yard Live:
Friday, 9pm — Totally 80s Band. **Free.**

Navajo Live:
Friday, 8pm — New Year's Eve Party with Time Trip.

Park & Rec:
Saturday, 10pm — Club Retro. **Free.**

Rawmana Fitness:
Saturday, 3pm — Kekoa The Artist Album Release. **Free.**

ReBru Spirit Co.:
Friday, 8pm — Bad Vibes Good Friends NYE Fest 2021.

San Diego Civic Theatre:
Monday, 7:30pm — The Go-Go's.

Soda Bar:
Thursday, 7:30pm — The Havnavts, The Fazes.
Friday, 8pm — Death Cab For Karaoke. \$25.

Winstons Beach Club:
Wednesday, 9pm — DJ Williams' Shots Fired. \$12-\$15.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Aquarius Bar & Grille:
Saturday, Jan. 29 — West of 5. **Free.**

Balboa Theatre:
Thursday, Jan. 6 — Simon & Garfunkel Story.
Thursday, Feb. 3 — Beth Hart.

Belly Up Tavern:
Thursday, Jan. 6 — Tommy Castro & The Painkillers.
Friday, Jan. 7 — The California Honeydrops.
Saturday, Jan. 8 — The California Honeydrops.
Sunday, Jan. 9 — Shannon & the Clams.
Friday, Jan. 14 — Wild Child.
Saturday, Jan. 15 — 11th Annual Beat Farmers Hootenanny.
Monday, Jan. 17 — Jamestown Revival.
Tuesday, Jan. 18 — Jamestown Revival.
Thursday, Jan. 20 — Sammy Rae & The Friends.
Friday, Jan. 21 — The English Beat.
Saturday, Jan. 22 — The English

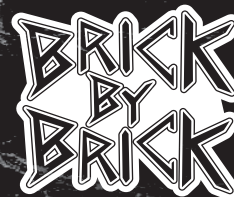
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Thursday, Feb. 3 — The Brothers Comatose and Hot Buttered Rum.
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Saturday, Feb. 5 — Karl Denson's Tiny Universe and Mattson 2.
Sunday, Feb. 6 — Brian Fallon & The Howling Weather.

Bird Rock Coffee Roasters:
Sunday, Jan. 23 — Tinkersmith. **Free.**

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Friday, Jan. 14 — Supersuckers and Scott H. Biram. \$20.
Saturday, Jan. 15 — Get Dead and Ceschi. \$14-\$18.
Tuesday, Jan. 18 — Cattle Decapitation and Creeping Death. \$25-\$28.
Thursday, Jan. 20 — Fit For An Autopsy and Enterprise Earth. \$22-\$25.
Saturday, Jan. 22 — I The Breather and Sleep Waker. \$20-\$25.
Sunday, Jan. 23 — Smith/Kotzen.
Friday, Jan. 28 — Baroness. \$60.
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Friday, Jan. 14 — Daring Greatly.

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Great moments stir even tiny hearts

I was watching an NFL game while scrolling through Instagram stories when I came across a clip of the Act Finale from Verdi's *La Traviata*. Violetta implores Alfredo to love her as she departs for Paris, leaving him behind. Violetta's line, "Amami Alfredo," never fails to stir my cold tiny heart. It is a great moment in opera that isn't technically an aria, duet, ensemble, or chorus. It got me thinking about other great moments in opera that fall outside the traditional forms. What better way to end the year and start a new one than to review a few of these moments?

The death of Carmen in

Bizet's *Carmen* is more than a great moment in opera. It is a great moment in the entirety of Western Civilization. Far from being a simple story about a love triangle gone wrong, *Carmen* hinges on the conflict between tyranny — Don Jose — and liberty — Carmen. The great moment comes when Carmen flings Jose's ring at him with the word "tiens" — "take it." At that point, you know it's not going to end well for her.

Act II of Wagner's *Lohengrin* is dripping in great moments, yet there is one that defies belief at the top of scene five. In the fourth scene, Ortrud, the baddie, has been bullying

Elsa and shaking her trust in Lohengrin. It isn't looking good, but then Lohengrin and the King arrive. The music is already at a 10 but Wagner takes it to another level at this point. No composer does this better than Wagner. When you think he can't possibly go any further, he exceeds himself. The moment is musically more dramatic and powerful than anything that has ever happened in any movie ever made. It eclipses *Star Wars* and *Gladiator* and *Indiana Jones* combined.

Sometimes, a great moment in opera coincides with a great singer of opera. Such is the case



Wagner's *Lohengrin*: a moment more dramatically powerful than anything that has ever happened in any movie ever made.

with the text "Vittoria!" in the second act of Puccini's *Tosca*. The artist Cavaradossi is being tortured by Scarpia, the head of the police in Rome. During the scene, news of Napoleon's victory is announced, and Cavaradossi brings the

point home by singing "Vittoria" on a high B-flat. It is a great moment no matter who is singing it. When the tenor is Franco Corelli at a live performance in Parma, Italy from 1967, you have what might be the greatest opera moment of all time.

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 Tuesday, Jan. 11 — Equinox.
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 Sunday, Jan. 18 — Cadillac Fringe.

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 Saturday, Jan. 8 — Red Not Chili Peppers.
 Sunday, Jan. 9 — Mason Jennings.
 Wednesday, Jan. 12 — Mother Mother. \$99.

Thursday, Jan. 13 — Black Joe Lewis and Cedric Burnside.

Friday, Jan. 14 — One More Time: A Tribute to Daft Punk.

Saturday, Jan. 15 — The B-Side Players and The Sleepwalkers.
 Tuesday, Jan. 18 — Current Joys. \$26.

Wednesday, Jan. 19 — Current Joys. \$26.

Thursday, Jan. 20 — Soul Flow.
 Friday, Jan. 21 — Capyac and DGTL CLR.

Saturday, Jan. 22 — Zoso.

Monday, Jan. 24 — Curtis Harding.
 Thursday, Jan. 27 — Wilderado.
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Friday, Feb. 4 — OPIUO.
 Saturday, Feb. 5 — BoomBox feat. BackBeat Brass.
 Sunday, Feb. 6 — Scary Pockets and Scary Goldings.

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Saturday, Jan. 8 — Tinkersmith. **Free.**

Navajo Live:

Friday, Jan. 14 — Brian Jones Rock 'n' Roll Revival. **Free.**

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Monday, Jan. 17 — Still Woozy and Wallace.

Tuesday, Jan. 18 — Washed Out.

Thursday, Jan. 27 — Goose.

Friday, Jan. 28 — Circa Survive.
 Saturday, Jan. 29 — Action Bronson and Earl Sweatshirt.

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Thursday, Jan. 6 — Prince Again: Prince Tribute. \$20-\$25.

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Saturday, Jan. 8 — Java Joe's Reunion Show. \$25-\$30.

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 Friday, Jan. 7 — Cholo Goth Night.
 Saturday, Jan. 8 — Ten Bulls and Positioner.
 Sunday, Jan. 9 — Spud Cannon.
 Wednesday, Jan. 12 — Lavender Country.
 Thursday, Jan. 13 — Buck-O-Nine and Mustard Plug.
 Saturday, Jan. 15 — Hip-Hop & Poetry Night.

Wednesday, Jan. 19 — Sunsets and Nite Lapse.

Thursday, Jan. 20 — The Halluci Nation.

Friday, Jan. 21 — Shiner and Montalban Quintet.

Saturday, Jan. 22 — Guttermouth and Chaser.

Sunday, Jan. 23 — Austin Meade and Kody West.

Friday, Jan. 28 — 22 & Good 4 U. \$13-\$25.

Saturday, Jan. 29 — Sugar Candy Mountain and Kolumbo.

Sunday, Jan. 30 — The High Curbs and Sands.

Tuesday, Feb. 1 — Loving.
 Friday, Feb. 4 — Teenage Wrist and Softcult.

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Thursday, Jan. 13 — Greyson Chance.
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Monday, Jan. 24 — Lilily.

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 Saturday, Jan. 8 — Daring Greatly and Cassie B Project. \$10.
 Thursday, Jan. 13 — Jeff Berkley & The Banned. \$5.
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 Saturday, Jan. 15 — Robert Jon & The Wreck. \$15-\$20.
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 Saturday, Jan. 22 — The Price of Dope Reunion Show. \$15.
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You look at Palmy's and you straightway think *Dunedin, Queenstown, Raglan.*

All those pubs are named after Kiwi hometowns. They have sprung up around 'Diego these last few years, and now here's this new one: Palmy's. Although actually, they say it's an Aussie who created this pub, and that the name comes from Palm Beach, Australia. But still, I'd say we're talking Kiwi vibe. Maybe it's just me?

Coming here is my neighbor Kevin's idea. He drives us in his Toyota. We hop across Felspar at Cass, and head towards an old white house sprawling under Chinese Elm trees and jacarandas. Wow. This is one big old rambling house! What



My Superfreak Bowl breakfast: arugula and lots of quinoa. Goat cheese adds kick



Regular customer Katelyn with owner Mike. Historic PB on wall behind

I like is that they have tables and benches strewn out among the trees and also 'neath the shade of the porches.

Palmy's is new but old. The owners took over the property about three months ago. But the house? This year, 2021, it turned 100. A hundred years old! We're talking one of Pacific Beach's original homes. I see they have photos of this place, taken back when it was just about the only building on the whole empty plain that was PB. The pic shows three people relaxing beneath a sign that reads, "Smith's Bungalow Inn."

And yet as we climb the genteel rock and rope stairs past bushels of greenery to the front door, the fresh white paint makes it feel like it was built

maybe ten years ago. One or two scholars sit laptopting at tables on the veranda. Other tables host informal meetings. And a guy in a Canadian red check shirt is carrying out a delicious-looking plate of piled toast and bacon, cheese, fried egg, tomato and oozing green avo, just right for a winter's day (he says it's the Breakfast Sando, \$13), plus a plate with a burrito, angle-cut in half (The "Breaky Burrito" comes with "soft scrambled egg, bacon or soyrizo, avo, cheddar, caramelized onion, tater tots." Costs \$11.50). His name's Mike. One of the owners. He sits down to chat with Katelyn, one of his regulars. "I come because the food here is healthy," she says.

So you order at the counter inside. D'uh, a little later in the day, we'd be talking big choice here, because breakfast and lunch would both be on the menu. Disgustingly healthy items like the chimichurri bowl (with cauliflower rice, slaw, avo, plus salmon, steak, chicken or falafel, for \$14.50) or the Palmy's Burger, for \$13.50. Or, also for \$13.50, either the Good Girl or Bad Girl Chicken Sandwich or Wrap or Bowl. The difference between Good and Bad? All I can see is a choice of a falafel fritter instead of chicken breast. Whatever, it's academic right now. Around nine in the morning, we're still brekky only. And we're talking around

14 bucks per "favorite" dish. Not the cheapest. The Surfer's Breakfast (\$14.50) — basically eggs, bacon (or soyrizo), shrooms, goat cheese, on grilled sourdough — is top of the list. "But so is the 'Lil Gordo' (\$12)," says Mike. Huh. "Little Fatty." Potato bun with fried egg, bacon, cheddar cheese, sriracha aioli and tater tots.

"Yeah!" says Kevin. "That's me."

I'm not surprised at his choice. Kevin has the basically healthy but conservative tastes of the surfer community. Unpretentious and maybe a little bit unimaginative. I mean, these are all fine choices, like the whole grain pancakes with a fruit compote (\$15). Just somehow not overly dar-

ing, not overly mouth-watering for my taste buds. But hush my mouth. Kevin has downs his brekky in a New York minute. Loves the cheesy potato bun. Mind you, the guy is trained to Gulp and Go. Is an ex-Marine. ("Marine," he growls. "No such thing as an ex-Marine.")

To me, it looks as if the most daring dish out there for breakfast is the Superfreak Bowl. Vegetarian. Lots of warmed-up grainy and leafy stuff like quinoa and arugula, with maitake mushroom, goat cheese, ooh, crispy shallots, *pepita* (pumpkin) seeds, hummus, the herb zaatar, and a fried egg. Except, dang! I wish we had more time, 'cause after I order, I spot lots of different (and cheaper) toast dishes, like the prosciutto (\$12), the Not



Mike takes out a Breakfast Sando (\$13). Not the cheapest, but really good ingredients

Your Standard Avocado Toast (\$11, with watermelon radish, pickled fresno chili, pepita seed, and, for \$2 more, an egg). Or, hey, PB toast, with peanut butter, banana, honey hemp seed, and cacao dust (\$10).

"You're going to need some of these," says Kevin, and shovels across some of his tater tots. Must say, I'm grateful, even though I do kinda like the umami of the quinoa and the warmed-up freshness of the arugula, plus the luxury of the homemade hummus. But this is a vegetarian fantasy, and yes, despite plenty of taste, you still kinda feel like you're eating tartered-up nuts and twigs.

My, uh, beef with places which concentrate on keeping animal stuff out of their dishes has always been that in keeping stuff out, they sometimes don't think enough about what to put in.



A new garden tradition: Conical lamps add exotic atmosphere to outside tables



Neighbor Kevin, happy camper after disposing of Breaky Burrito (\$11.50) in cafe garden

The main ingredients here — arugula, hummus, quinoa — leave me still looking for something to get my taste buds into. I recognize that vegetarian tastes have their own appeal, and I don't think vegetarian chefs should imitate meat just to pander to desperate carnivores. But... What I do appreciate is that these

folks are trying to offer food that's popular and healthy. That's a hard tightrope to walk.

The other thing: Palmy's really is Aussie, not Kiwi. But what the heck? It's part of this new tradition that seems to be spreading through San Diego, of old houses that have become pubs in the Australasian tradition of homes-away-from-home, places like the aforementioned Queenstown, Dunedin, or Raglan, where the question never comes up: "Your place or mine?" ■

The Place: Palmy's, 916 Felspar Street, Pacific Beach, 858-886-7111

Hours: 7am - 4pm daily

Prices: Breakfast Sando (fried egg, bacon, tomato, avo, cheddar), \$13; Breaky Burrito (scrambled egg, bacon, avo, cheddar), \$11.50; lunchtime chimichurri bowl (cauliflower rice, slaw, avo, plus salmon, steak, chicken or falafel), \$14.50; Palmy's Burger, \$13.50; Good Girl Chicken Sandwich (chicken, slaw, fries), \$13.50; Bad Girl Chicken Wrap/Bowl (falafel), \$13.50; Surfer's Breakfast (eggs, bacon/soyrizo, shrooms, goat cheese, \$14.50; Lil Gordo (potato bun fried egg, bacon, cheddar), \$12; whole grain pancakes, \$15; prosciutto toast, \$12; Not Your Standard Avocado Toast (\$11, with watermelon radish, pickled fresno chili, pepita seed); PB toast, peanut butter, banana, honey hemp seed, cacao dust, \$10

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Savory surprise

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Bucking the breakfast norm at Café 222

Café 222, 222 Island Avenue, San Diego. Hot chocolate and Oreo pancakes might not be what my wife had in mind when she sent me off with the children in search of breakfast. But it's a chilly morning, and we're dining outside, and the kids are insistent, having spotted the word Oreo on the menu. I've grown accustomed to handing off all the abundant kid-energy to teachers this time of day, so with winter break upon us, I capitulate.

I'm a bit surprised. Not that I'd cave so easily, but that Café 222 offers such a thing. The Gaslamp eatery (named for its address of 222 Island Avenue) has specialized in breakfast for a quarter century, so the menu is loaded with all the expected

items. I see corned beef hash, huevos rancheros, and a litany of waffles. I'm not even taken aback to see a tamale and eggs dish, because that's commonly what's for breakfast in Mexico.

But I'm quickly discovering that Café 222 offers a handful of unique variations to the breakfast norm. The hot chocolate comes with whipped cream topped by a squeeze of chocolate syrup. The Oreo cookie cakes (\$14.25) are well enough loaded with cookie crumbles and melted cream that the kids don't even think to ask for syrup.

We order another dish that I expect will rival the cookies and cream short stack for sweetness. The menu points out that the peanut butter and banana French toast (\$14.25) was featured on a Food Network show called *The Best Thing I Ever Ate*, so it's clear this Bobby Flay guy has beat me to them. But the menu doesn't mention that, despite a dusting of powdered sugar, there's not actually much sweetness. I was expecting another round of dessert for breakfast, but this eats more like a monte cristo with the ham and cheese swapped out. The saltiness of the peanut butter is what stands out, and the bananas' three types of natural sugars all seem subdued in service to it.

Anticipating something sweeter, I've ordered Eggs Benedict to at least role model the notion of a savory breakfast. However, for my tastes it's better than a traditional Benedict.

This is the Pork Patty Benedict (\$13.75), which bypasses ham in favor of the clearly superior sausage breakfast patty. Better yet, for two bucks, they replace the English muffin with a house-baked biscuit.



The surprisingly savory peanut butter and banana french toast.



A sausage patty Eggs Benedict, served on a fresh biscuit.

I don't wish to overstate how satisfying it is, but as I start eating, the children look up from their pancakes and grow curious. I don't flinch when they start to pick off pieces of what turn out to be top-level breakfast potatoes. But before I quite realize what's happening, they've poached my poached egg, divvied up the sausage patty, and pulled apart the biscuit. Now I'm having to explain Hollandaise sauce to them.

There are a few, mostly counter seats inside Café 222, but the tiny corner restaurant keeps most of its customers outside. We're seated out there by the hostess stand, so I'm keenly aware that a steady flow of customers continues to show up throughout this weekday morning. Several parties include children, and I wonder, will they also be ordering hot chocolate? Or am I just step-dad of the year?

by Ian Anderson



Oreo cookie cakes.

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MICHAEL CHARLES a lifelong San Diego resident, died this month. He was a very well known activist in the homeless community. He will be greatly remembered and missed.

MY DARLING FRANK I am inside the Indiana Jones ride! A very strong gentleman saved me from demise when a huge boulder was rushing our jeep! I think you remember prof. Jones from college days?!

SEETHING DOES NOT BECOME YOU. Seething does not become you. Seething does not.... oh heck, who are we kidding. Seething becomes you.

TOMMY M Merry Christmas to you it has been almost a year that I have been talking with you. Love you Patti D.

KATHERINE Z. Don't go to Paris! We are both in the Magic Kingdom. I'm making my way to the castle of Sleeping Beauty, meet me there. Frank

ANYBODY CAN BECOME ANGRY that is easy; but to be angry with the right person, and to the right degree, and at the right time, and for the right purpose, and in the right way - that is not within everybody's power and is not easy.

ASTOUNDED It was like all the good and love was sucked out of me and I never had any to put back in till I had none. I have never found a way or a person to put that back in still. There's just none. All these years I've hated me. Its all I have left for being kind.

BLR (BECKY & RUSTY) Happy Holidays to you and your families. Peace, Love Leslie

D GIRL Email me at Upriverm@gmail.com. Don't sleep on the street.

I'VE NEVER HATED A PERSON like I hate u. Silence made u my enemy.

JOHN S IN LA MESA what's up? Peace, Love your cool Aunt Leslie (are you checking?)

KIESOW'S Wishing you and your families Peace, Love, Happiness during this holiday season. From You know who L

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ROOMMATES

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

MALE ROOMMATE WANTED 60+ only, senior RV Park, El Cajon. Parking, furnished, all appliances, quiet. No drugs, no pets. Available January 1. \$300 monthly. (619) 493-9979



NORTH PARK, HILLCREST, DT Looking for a roommate, room, or studio. My budget is \$1400

max for the North Park, Hillcrest, Downtown, Mission/Fashion Valley areas. I work full time and I have an ESA dog I might bring with me so pet-friendly would be a plus! IG @jacyesteves

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



MISSION VALLEY OR PB I'm moving to San Diego In Oct. I'm looking for roommates and a private room. My max budget is \$1300; a place in Mission Valley or P.B. is best. I'm a fun, understanding, neat & wonderful roomie. Pls. DM me @ savana. bjorklund.5 on FB.

\$1200/MONTH Hey! My name is Cam. I'm looking for a room. My max price is \$1200 including utilities. If you have any questions for me, feel free to ask! DM me at facebook.com/ cameron.fenley.9/. Thanks for looking.

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

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

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NP, MISSION VALLEY, OB OR PB I am a 30 y/o professional working as an Interior Designer at a firm in Mission Valley. Currently in Temecula and looking to SD to be closer to work. ISO a master w/a private bath. Budget: \$1200-\$1700. DM @ facebook.com/blkbydesign/

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MOVING TO SAN DIEGO I'm looking for a roommate/private room in an apt./house. Hoping to move in February but I can be flexible. looking for 420 friendly, I can do without pets but it'd be nice. budget is around \$1000. facebook.com/tenoah.tatum

PLACE NEAR BALBOA PARK Hey guys, still looking for a place. Don't mind living with other people, so dm me if you're interested. Most I can afford would be under \$1000 per month. facebook.com/ NathanAsher01

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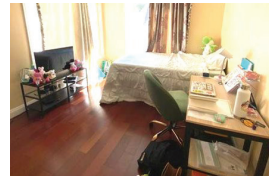
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MESA COLLEGE STUDENT ISO ROOM Ayo, I need a place to stay, preferably near SDSU, in a place where I have my own room. I'm chill with people from all walks of life. My budget is around 1600. Please DM me on Facebook. facebook.com/ jackson.sutter.315



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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

FRIENDSHIP HOTEL Friendship Hotel on 8th is an option if you haven't found a place in San Diego yet. www. friendshiphotel.net/ (619) 298-9832

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/ trinitylocker

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2022 SDSU/GROSSMONT STUDENTS Hey female-identifying persons! I have two rooms for rent. 1 is a regular room with shared bathroom, 11ft X 13ft. That room is \$1000/month with all utilities included. Other is 22ft by 15ft. -\$1450/month. facebook.com/sarin.parris/

2022 SDSU STUDENTS Saw this on Facebook and resharing here. DM the original poster for info. facebook.com/victor.rivera.520900

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

HUSBAND/WIFE STUDENTS Hi everyone, my husband and I are looking for a studio for \$1400 for October. We are students and would like a studio for a long stay. Message me on FB. Thanks! facebook.com/amanda.lucila/

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

ROOMMATE OR HOUSEMATE HERE Posting till I find a spot. I am actively seeking a room to rent. My max budget is \$900-\$1000/utilities included. The location is pretty open so long as it remains within **Encinitas, Del Mar, Rancho Peñasquitos. facebook.com/dezertdippin250

SDSU INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS Repost: Walk to SDSU (4 blocks). 2 bedrooms available for rent in 4 bedroom 2 bath house. Small room with private entrance \$950 (plus \$50 mo). Huge master bedroom with canyon view \$1250 mo. DM OP facebook.com/cindy.sharp.357

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

2022 SDSU STUDENTS Any rooms for rent around SDSU? PM me on Facebook facebook.com/ahmad.salem1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2022 SPRING SDSU STUDENTS I am located in La Mesa near SDSU. Rent/utilities is \$900/month. Room fits a queen size bed. Bathroom is shared with my 12 y/o son and another roommate. Access to main areas of house facebook.com/kristine.leigh.12

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

CLEAN ROOM FOR COLLEGE STUDENT Nice clean room for rent, utilities are included, wifi and laundry. Kitchen rights facebook.com/hilda.guinea/

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

HOUSEMATES I'm Rafael, 30 years old, looking for a room with private bathroom. My budget is \$1,100. I'm open to a 3 bedroom house and I would like to be friends with my housemates. Send me a DM or contact me on IG. www.instagram.com/rafyjuan/

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

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

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

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

PACIFIC BEACH ROOM Dm on Instagram if you are interested! www.instagram.com/courtcourt11/

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

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

2022 SDSU STUDENT ROOMMATE I'm Robert, I'm transferring from the Bay Area to San Diego for SDSU. I'm looking for 2-3 roommates who already have a place and are just looking for 1 more. FB: robert.baghdasaryan.7 IG: _baghdasar www.instagram.com/_baghdasar/

3 FRIENDS LOOKING FOR PLACE Hi, my name is DanDan, me and my two friends are looking for a 3 bedroom apartment. Our budget is about 3000\$. We need it to be furnished. We are all professional good people, and very chill. Please message us. bit.ly/dan-roomie

CA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS I found this place that's close to the Cal State University-San Marcos campus. It is a place in Escondido called Citrus Court Condos. I saw on FB that they are taking applications for our 2022 school year. Just an FYI. www.citruscourt.com/ (760) 489-1349

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

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

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

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

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

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

SEEKING ROOMMATES Reposting: The house has 3 bds/2bths and access to the country club and gym, spot to park on you car. Rent and security deposit is \$1350/utilities are separate. More info on the pictures or DM @ FB facebook.com/christinav419

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

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

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/

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

SDSU EXCHANGE 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 from the beginning of January. facebook.com/ida.hertin.5/

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

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

to park on you car. Rent and security deposit is \$1350/utilities are separate. More info on the pictures or DM/email OP, thank you for looking, facebook.com/christinav419

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

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

MOVING TO SAN DIEGO COLLEGE I'm looking for a roommate / private room in an apartment or house. hoping to move in around early February. I'm Te'noah. I'm from the Chicago area. I'm currently active duty army in Kansas but I'm getting out to go back to college. facebook.com/tenoah.tatam

PERF FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS Repost: We are looking for great contestants who are dancers and singers for LET'S MAKE A DEAL! This season could be your chance to win a car, cash, or amazing prizes! bit.ly/lets-make-deal

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

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

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

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 utilities at \$1,200 deposit \$500 www.thevibehousesd.com/purpose thevibehousesd@gmail.com

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 bit.ly/cal-san-marcos-rooms

UCSD STUDENTS MOVING IN Myself and my friend Nina are relocating from Germany to San Diego to study at UCSD next Spring term. Therefore we are looking for a place to stay. Feel free to dm me or Nina if you have any questions or have rooms available! facebook.com/LinhVuKieu69

RENTALS

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INDEPENDENT LIVING ILF in La Mesa, great area w/views: seniors, veterans welcome shared room \$750 per mo. with meal. Call Kim: (619) 750-4447 / itwlb1936@gmail.com

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APARTMENT WANTED! Hi, my name is DanDan, me and my two friends are looking for a 3 bedroom apartment. Our budget is about 3000\$. We need it to be furnished. We are all very organized, working professional good people, and very chill. DM @ bit.ly/sd-apartment

ROOM/STUDIO WANTED CLAIREMONT Seeking room for rent in Clairemont/nearby areas. Excellent references, proof of income, good credit score, background check, long term. \$500-\$600 range. (512) 569-1139 / info@bessmccarty.com

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HELP FIND A STOLEN TREK BIKE Stolen bike in North Park. My bike was stolen last night from our gated complex. We're new to the area and I was wondering if anyone knows what sites or places stolen bikes are sold around here?? TIA noahpseg@gmail.com



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'03 PLEASURE WAY EXCEL RV \$49,950. Ford 5.4 Ltr V-8 with 106,000 miles, two-burner cooktop, refrigerator, solid surface countertops, kitchen sink, microwave, cold rooftop air conditioner, heater, shower, toilet, bathroom sink, Onan 2.8 generator with only 135 hours (619) 444-0047

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HONDA ODYSSEY \$7200 Selling a 2007 Honda Odyssey EX Minivan with 4 doors for. \$7,200. It has a blue exterior and a grey interior and has 149,927 miles. (619) 504-9959

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Saltwater: The local boats did not run during Christmas Eve or Christmas Day; still, given the wet weather and low number of anglers, the rockfish count was solid. The half-day runs are concentrating on high spots just off Point Loma, and while some full-day boats fished around the Coronado Islands, the bulk of what is being caught is in the bottom section of the water column. This is true down the coast past Eréndira and Punta Colonet, about 65 miles south of Ensenada. There are a few yellowtail around by the time you get to the San Quintin area, but those few spots of metered fish have proven to be slow to bite. As is with our local waters, anglers in the area are focused on sheephead, rockfish, whitefish, and lingcod.

Further south toward the mid-peninsula fisheries along the Pacific coast of Baja, yellowtail are hard to keep from biting. My old haunts around Bahia Asunción have been kicking with quality 30-pound to 50-pound yellowtail biting yoyo irons in 100 to 200 feet of water. These fish will flat wear you down and take you to the rocks if you're not geared up properly for them. If fishing yellowtail in that stretch of water, I'd suggest using no lighter than 60-pound test line, and given their brutish fight, two-speed reels are preferred. Not that catching them on lighter line and single-speed reels is impossible, but the hookup-to-landing ratio will greatly improve, and you will lose fewer lures.

The lures working best for yellows along the mid-peninsula coast are Deadhead Lures 4- and 6-ounce dark mint, and Salas 6x jigs in blue and white, though anything that will get deep enough quick enough has the possibility of enticing a yellow to bite. The presentation is simple; drop the lure to the bottom and wind as fast as you can until within 10 to 20 feet of the surface. In some cases, stopping the retrieve when above a metered school and letting it fall back works well, but fish will often follow the lure and not strike until near the surface, even if the fish has come up 100 feet from the school. So, wind, wind, wind as fast as you can until you can see the lure.

That area around the Vizcaino Peninsula is about where the yellowfin tuna bite begins and it gets better going south,

Yellowtail will wear you out



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Jason Casison with a whopper 6.5-pound trout caught at Dixon Lake near Pier 1 on December 23rd

with more and larger fish as you go. Alijos Rocks has put out a few nice 100-pound plus tuna. The focus at Alijos is on wahoo, which did not choose to bite well this past week despite being in the area in good numbers. As the moon phase wanes back toward darker nights, I expect the wahoo bite to pick up for the long-range boats making the long trek to Alijos.

Closer to home, bluefin tuna continue to gather around Cortez and Tanner banks 120 miles or so offshore west of Point Loma. Though smaller fish (to 30 pounds) are what's being caught now, boats are still metering larger fish in the area. As weather allows and the holidays pass, I expect to see more fish in the 100 and possibly 200-pound class coming over the rail before the bulk of those fish move back to the western Pacific.

Freshwater: Local lakes are stocking trout and have been doing so for long enough this season

for the fish to settle into a more normal bite. Lakes Jennings, Poway, and Dixon have all reported good numbers and size for stocked trout. Santee Lakes, as always, is also a great fishery for stocked trout, and there are some decent channel cats left over from this past summer season. With the added activity, largemouth bass and channel catfish have been caught in decent numbers for those targeting them. Redear sunfish also seem to be activated by the trout plants, especially at Jennings. For trout, mini jigs and Powerbait have been producing best, while fly-lined nightcrawlers 15 to 20 feet from shore has also been a productive technique. Though not the most productive for trout, fly-lined nightcrawlers will often result in a nice by-catch of sunfish, bass, or catfish.

Though trout, along with catfish and sunfish, have been mostly cruising along the shoreline to 8 to 10-feet deep, largemouth bass are holding in deeper areas and fattening up for the coming spawn in springtime. To get them biting, I like to work the deeper ledges near points with a drop-shot Roboworm. Deep-diving crankbaits, especially trout-colored, worked along the deep side of cuts can also be productive for largemouth bass. This time of year, catfish tend to bite best on cut mackerel left sit long enough to attract them to the bait.

That's pretty much what's going on within "casting distance" of our fine city as 2021 winds to a close. Here's to a great 2022! Happy New Year!

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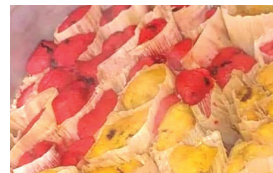
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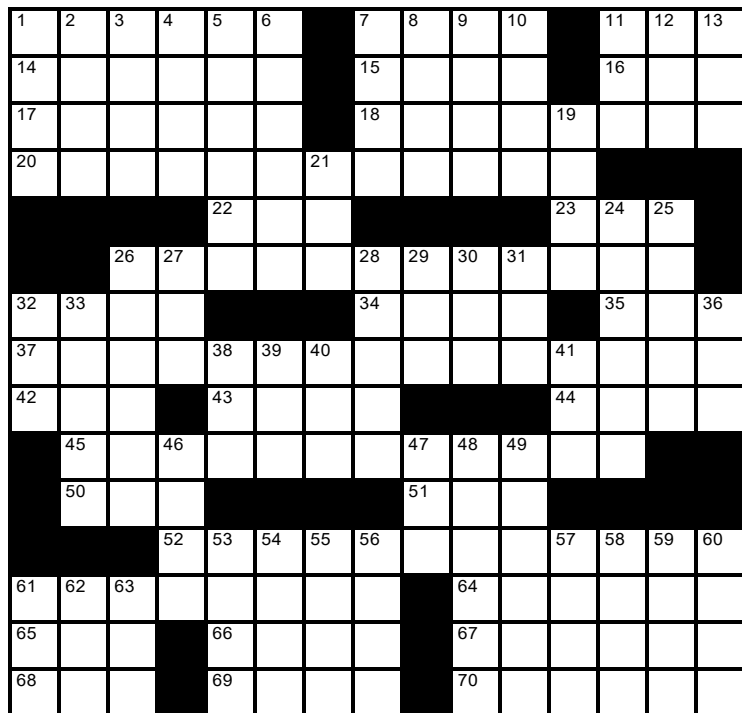
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1. Blows one's top
7. Evidence of a recent scrape
11. One standing in an alley
14. Shrink back
15. "Anything ____?"
16. "____ you decent?"
17. Cover, as a car
18. Readied, as leftovers
20. Many promotions made by Starbucks?
22. Lacto-____-vegetarian
23. W-2 collector
26. Ruffle the feathers of a Migos member?
32. "The Time Machine" race
34. Great Plains tribe
35. Fashion designer Anna whose last name becomes a fashion item when a "t" is added to its end
37. Great deal ... or an apt description of 20-, 26-, 45- or 52-Across
42. Down
43. Navy VIPs
44. ____ Romeo
45. Setting of a 2000s Ponzi scheme?
50. HBO competitor
51. Get an ____ (ace)
52. "SNL" castmember Alex pooh-poohs an idea for a sketch?
61. Three-fingered saluter
64. Without assistance

65. Citrus drink suffix
66. Orange-roofed chain, familiarly
67. Parallel-park, e.g.
68. See the humor in
69. ____ Jim
70. Baking supplies

Down

1. "Spamalot" writer Idle
2. Where Johnny Cash shot a man, in song
3. Bay Area campus, in brief
4. Hair style for Marie Antoinette
5. Become bored by
6. Record holder
7. Medieval laborer
8. Treble ____
9. First recipient of the ATP Player of the Year award
10. "Cold one"
11. Rocker Benatar
12. Fury
13. ____ Stark, patriarch on "Game of Thrones"
19. In its current condition
21. Ending for ball or buff
24. Fix a flat?
25. Things
26. Benny Carter song that sounds like an expression of dismay used in the Upper Midwest
27. In shape
28. Back: Prefix

29. Needing no Rx
30. The Red Baron, to Snoopy
31. Boggy lowland
32. Right side of a cliff?
33. Actors Hemsworth and Neeson
36. "____ tree falls ..."
38. Ming in the Basketball Hall of Fame
39. Downloadable form, often
40. Band with the 1991 #1 hit "Unbelievable"
41. Tic-____-toe
46. Titles for Benedictine monks
47. What Jack Sprat couldn't eat, in a nursery rhyme
48. "Gorillas in the Mist" author Dian
49. Like secret messages
53. "Draft Dodger Rag" singer Phil
54. April 1 target
55. Mountain overlooking Tokyo
56. Quark's place
57. Olympic gold-medal gymnast Korbut
58. Lawyer's charges
59. Dart about
60. Thesaurus contents: Abbr.
61. Duffel or satchel
62. Glowing lines
63. Even so

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

A	R	M	B	A	R	J	E	T	S	B	T	S
A	L	E	W	I	F	E	U	P	O	N	L	U
L	O	C	A	T	E	S	S	E	E	A	O	R
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P	T	A		A	D	A		I	S	S	U	E
N	E	R	D		W	A	T	E	R	G	A	T
C	A	T	S	P	A	T	E	S			M	A
P	R	I	C	E	W	A	T	E	R	H	O	U
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THIS WEEK'S WINNER:

Winners will be contacted via email for prize redemption.

📧 Jake Beckman, University City, 1.

Name: _____
City: _____ Email: _____

SUDOKU

EVIL:

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

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EVIL:

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

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fairly true to the *Candide* I had played endlessly on my Walkman. But when Mr. Atherton came striding back onstage, I noticed his expression was grim. He stepped up on the podium and took the stick away from me — a somewhat inconsiderate gesture, I thought. Looking out at his musicians, he said as follows: 'You will be playing the overture before the public in twenty minutes or so. I want you to do something quite against the grain for orchestral musicians.' He made a slight gesture toward me. 'Do not look at this man.'

I told [my friend] that I meekly followed [Atherton] down to his dressing room....

"He then told me what to do," I continued. "He handed me back the stick and said that he wanted me to start [the orchestra] off. But after that, I should make no sudden movements for that would throw them off. 'After the downbeat,' he said, 'I want you to writhe. Writhe like a cobra.' God, he was serious. 'Just writhe,' he kept saying."

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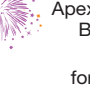
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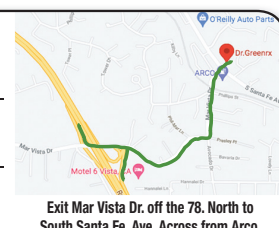
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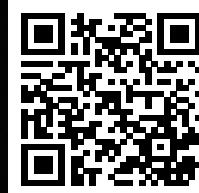
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