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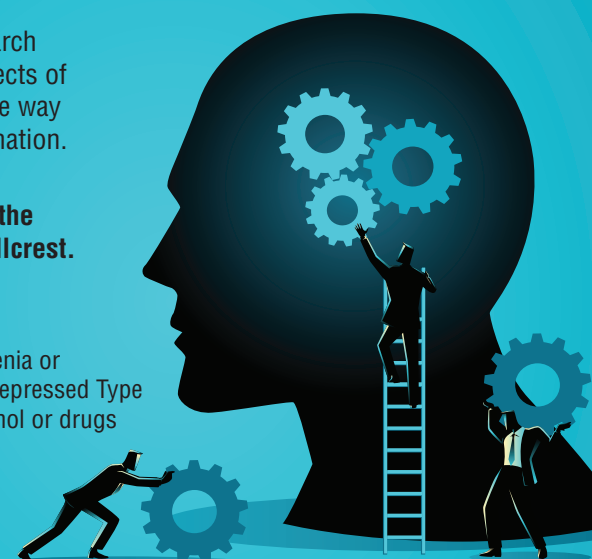
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### Joe Deegan, R.I.P.

Writer Joe Deegan was a friend. I really enjoyed our conversations over a beer at The Ould Sod. I loved his articles. I was interviewed by him once and part of that interview was printed in the Feb. 28, 2018 issue ("We the people of Normal Heights," Cover Stories). Joe recently passed away. He will be GREATLY missed! Especially in Normal Heights!! Rest In Peace Joe.....

Joseph Perry  
Normal Heights

### Editor's note:

Joe Deegan died on Saturday, September 24. Deegan wrote for the *San Diego Reader* from 1998, when he was introduced to the *Reader* by editor Judith Moore, until 2020. In 2019, Deegan picked his favorite stories he had written for us. These included: "San Diego State's growing contempt for undergrads" (March 27, 2013)

"Sunrise Powerlink — a chess game for the big guys" (May 28, 2008)

"Einstein, That Clown: Special Relativity Refuted at Bull's Smokin' BBQ" (Nov. 10, 2010)

"Funeral shopping: Greenwood, Cypress View, Rosecrans" (Nov. 4, 2004)

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"Want to out your gun-toting neighbors? There's an app for that." (Nov. 13, 2013).

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**"UCSD's prep school Covid testing doesn't pay the bills"**  
**News Under the Radar September 14**

Matt Potter is on an endless one-man death-watch for signs of the demise of billionaire Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong's newspaper enterprises that include the *Los Angeles Times* and *San Diego Union-Tribune*. Maybe he should celebrate that these institutions continue, perhaps diminished but unbowed. Unlike the *Reader*, at least they still review movies.

—monaghan

Agreed. His articles on any and all topics are an unusual, perhaps unique blend of nihilism and schadenfreude.

—JLLJ

Oh gosh, I like "agreed" but will have to look up those other fancy words.

—monaghan

Wow, you really have some sad issues. Good luck in getting help.

—JLLJ

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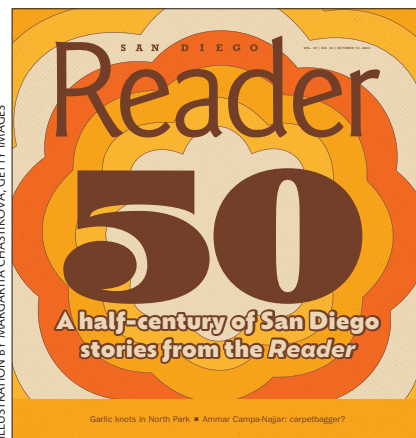
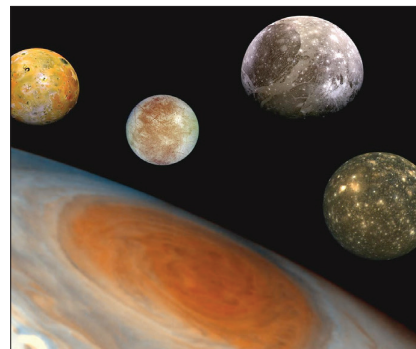


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By Reader stringers

LA JOLLA

### Paddlers in peril Popular pandemic pastime ups rescue requirements

On September 24, shortly before 2 pm, Erica was eating lunch at Eddie Vs on Prospect Street in La Jolla when she noticed a fire truck crane extended over La Jolla Cove across the street. She pulled out her phone and started filming. “Two kayakers seemed to have gotten stuck and had to be lifted out,” she told me on September 26. In her video (reposted by [sdfirebrigade](#) on Instagram), the two kayakers and the kayak can be seen being hoisted out of the cove together via cable.

On August 27, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department lifeguards at La Jolla Cove saw a distressed kayaker close to the notorious Emerald Cave. The lifeguards called for backup, and several other lifeguards in a rescue boat and a rescue watercraft responded. “Fourteen kayakers were rescued and, fortunately, did not suffer any injuries,” read a Fire and Rescue social media post. “One kayaker reported an injury which resulted in a response by Rescue 44, the lifeguard cliff rescue vehicle. The injured patient was taken to the hospital.”

According to an Outdoor Foundation report cited by the Water Sports Foundation website, in 2020, the pandemic brought out an estimated 2.5 million new paddlers — including folks who are now kayaking, kayak fishing, canoeing, and stand-up paddle boarding — to



If you're not careful, your aquatic adventures can get a little rocky.

the activity,” Emmons continued, “And over one-third (38.8 percent) had less than 10 hours experience.”

While it's not clear if the recently rescued kayakers in the La Jolla waters were beginners or not, the area's water conditions remain unpredictable, even for seasoned paddle-sports enthusiasts.

CHULA VISTA

### The decamping Campa-Najjar Will bunking in Banker's Hill bust South Bay scheme?

Ammar Campa-Najjar campaigned for votes from Temecula to El Cajon as an East County congressional candidate in 2018 and 2020, and has now shifted south to ask Chula Vista voters to elect him mayor this November. But is his heart actually in San Diego's upscale Bankers Hill?

Chula Vista four-term city councilman John McCann, Campa-Najjar's opponent in the mayoral race, held a press conference September 27 outside a condominium in Bankers Hill which he says is Campa-Najjar's true residence, rather than Chula Vista. McCann says former FBI counterintelligence agent Lawrence Hamilton produced video evidence proving that Campa-Najjar lived in the multi-million-

dollar condo belonging to his girlfriend, Congresswoman Sara Jacobs, for almost a month. “The photos and videos were taken daily and represent almost a solid 23 consecutive nights that were spent in the San Diego condo. During the investigation, his girlfriend Sara was in Washington D.C. the vast majority of the time, so Ammar was not there to see his girlfriend.”

In a San Diego Republican Party press release accusing the Democrat of felony voter fraud, former Chula Vista mayor Shirley Horton stated, “Campa-Najjar has a pattern of misleading voters for his own personal gain by using his family's addresses to run in different districts; for example, he used his mother's Jamul address for 2018's East County's 50th Congressional District, his aunt's Bonita address for 2020's California State Assembly race, and now his cousin's Chula Vista address for 2022's Chula Vista Mayoral race.”

In 2018, I reported that Ammar Yasser Najjar changed his name to Ammar Joseph Campa-Najjar when he first ran for public office, getting rid of his father's name Yasser and adding his mother's Spanish last name to his own.

Last year, *Voice of San Diego* reported on Campa-Najjar's hop from running for office in East County to running in South Bay. “When Campa-Najjar filed paperwork to run for mayor of Chula Vista, it caught some people by surprise. After all, none of Chula Vista is in the 50th Congressional District... It is true that Campa-Najjar hasn't exactly been public about his South Bay roots — he has mentioned Chula Vista in just two of his 5,375 tweets.”

Former Los Angeles District Attorney Steve Cooley, first elected in 2000, tells me



The Campa-Najjar credo: Cool girlfriends let you crash at their pad while they're off in D.C. Creepy opponents take video of it and claim you're carpetbagging.

he established a public integrity division a month after taking office and started prosecuting politicians who lied about living in the districts they ran to represent, almost all in municipal races. He says, “The jurisdiction where the office is held sets the require-

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“... in 2020, nearly three-quarters (74.6 percent) of people who died in paddling accidents had less than 100 hours experience in the activity.”

U.S. waters. “However, it increased accidents to 331, and fatalities to a record high 202 — accounting for more than 26 percent of all boating fatalities that same year,” said Jim Emmons, executive director of the WSE. He noted that boating, in general, is one of the safest recreational activities available, and that the paddlesports deaths transpired because of a lack of experience and safety training. “We know from analyzing U.S. Coast Guard data that in 2020, nearly three-quarters (74.6 percent) of people who died in paddling accidents had less than 100 hours experience in

San Diego Canoe Kayak Team Coach Chris Barlow and his team, many of them former lifeguards, teach boating safety and train both their junior racing team and older folks in the members-only club. “Most of our on-the-water activities take place on Mission Bay,” he told me in a September 26 email. “The boats we paddle are different from the recreational sit-on-top kayaks used at La Jolla Cove and the shores, and we only take our most experienced paddlers out into the ocean.”

MIKE MADRIAGA

## Ash-ing for help

City seeks real estate expert in wake of debacle

After getting badly burned by the 101 Ash Street building scandal, San Diego's city council is looking to hire a real estate consultant to assist the city council's independent budget analyst in an effort to avoid such embarrassing financial meltdowns in the future. The longed-for contractor "shall provide the City of San Diego's Office of the Independent Budget Analyst as-needed real estate advisory services," says a September 30 request for proposals posted online. "Contractor will work under the direction of the [Independent Budget Analyst] and will assist the IBA and the City Council in evaluating a variety of real estate-related proposals and options." The consultant is to "evaluate potential real estate proposals and transactions such as building purchases, lease administration, and agreements, and disposition of City-owned property," the document goes on to say.

As explained by the solicitation, "The mission of the [Independent Budget Analyst] is to provide clear, objective, and unbiased analysis and advice to the City Council and the public regarding all legislative items bearing financial and policy impacts to the City of San Diego." The possible cost of the consulting services is not given.

In late July, the council voted 6-3 to approve a controversial \$132 million-plus deal to settle litigation and acquire 101 Ash and nearby Civic



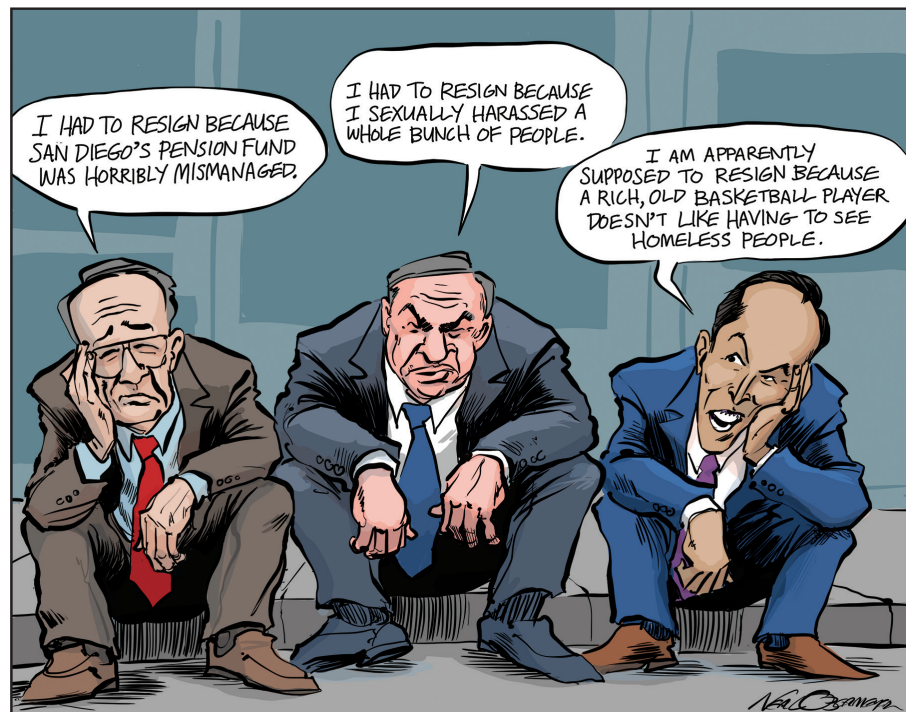
Will the consultant have some say in what rises from the Ash-es? Or will the glory be Gloria's?

Center Plaza, a move championed by Democratic Mayor Todd Gloria. The mayor subsequently set up a so-called citizens committee, tasked with the ostensible mission of advising him on how the city should exploit the six blocks it now owns. "We have this opportunity, now that we control this rather large part of downtown San Diego, to invite ideas, suggestions and a path forward for addressing not just the needs of the city, but to try and put this publicly owned property to better use for the general public," the mayor was quoted as telling the *Union-Tribune*.

Unlike most of the city's bureaucracy, the Independent Budget Analyst reports to the city council, not the mayor, and so the work of the new real estate advisor could serve as a balance to proposals cooked up by Gloria's committee of downtown insiders, chaired by Jaymie Bradford, chief operating officer of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, one of the mayor's key political money backers. Real estate lawyer, lobbyist, and Gloria donor Donna Jones, whose clients have included La Jolla's Bishop's School, developer and ex-city manager Jack McGrory, labor union representatives Carol

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## Neal Obermeyer



# UNDER THE RADAR

## Will Cox's Axios clobber the Union-Tribune?

San Diego's news and politics landscape may get a lot more interesting with the imminent arrival of an online outfit owned and bankrolled by Atlanta, Georgia-based Cox Enterprises, owner of Cox Communications, the giant cable TV and Internet provider with a big local footprint. On August 8, Cox Enterprises announced it had purchased Axios Media, Inc. in what Axios said was a deal valuing Axios at \$525 million. Begun in 2017 by ex-*Politico* honchos **Jim VandeHei**, **Mike Allen** and **Roy Schwartz**, Axios bought the online *Charlotte Agenda* of North Carolina's largest city in 2020, for close to \$5 million, per a December 17, 2020, *New York Times* account. "There is an audience — and real revenue — in cities," VandeHei told the *Times* in an email. "It's a



Alberto Velasquez knows that money is a form of communication.

tough nut to crack, but creating a daily habit for local readers who care deeply about local issues stirs the possibility of starting to solve the local news crisis." Since then, *Axios Local* has been growing fast, with operations in 24 cities and six more to come, including San Diego, according to the company's website. "A big part of this investment is to expand the number of local markets we serve. Local watchdog journalism is so important to the health of any community, and no one is more focused on building that out nationally than Axios," Cox chairman and CEO **Alex Taylor** said in a statement regarding the takeover. "We are hiring a Reporter to cover the San Diego area as part of our growing local news initiative, which is extending our mission to America's hometowns," says a current job posting by Axios. "This reporter will create a meaningful local presence in their market, getting readers smarter, faster on the news that matters to them. This reporter will connect the dots between local, national, and global developments to make readers aware of the narratives shaping their lives."

But just how well some dots get connected could depend on the influence of Axios's new owner Cox Enterprises and subsidiary Cox Communications, which was until January registered as a lobbyist with the city of San Diego. According to Cox's January 27 disclosure filing, last November Government Affairs Director **Cassandra Weinlein** gave \$100 to **Vivian Moreno** for City Council

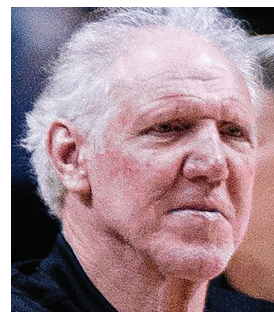
2002, and Cox's **Alberto Velasquez** gave the Moreno committee \$650 the same day. Weinlein was listed as lobbying **Simon Tse** of the city's Development Services department to "expedite permitting for telecom equipment." In the quarter before that, Cox was lobbying for "permitting, including permitting level for cabinets and pedestals." The big future money to be made by Cox, though, appears likely to come from providing connections to local municipalities in so-called Smart City deals,

raising controversial questions of privacy. Cox "could add technology that would give the city information on vehicle recognition and vehicle traffic counting, as well as pedestrian traffic in the area," the company's **Michael Socha** told the El Cajon city council, according to an October 5, 2020, *Union-Tribune* account of the meeting. The San Diego Axios initiative comes after word that the *U-T*, the city's

sole daily newspaper, owned by Los Angeles billionaire **Patrick Soon-Shiong**, may soon drop some print publication days in favor of posting a replica of the paper, obtainable online only. Says Cox's news release regarding Axios: "Cox Enterprises' current media companies — *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *Dayton Daily News* and other Ohio newspapers — are not impacted by the deal and each will continue to operate independently."

## Todd Gloria's political study

While turmoil continues to beset San Diego mayor **Todd Gloria**'s homeless housing policy, most lately in the form of a harsh



Bill Walton: not so happy looking back on the Gloria days.

critique of the Democrat by basketball icon **Bill Walton**, the city's Housing Commission continues to delay taking action in favor of outsourcing potentially costly research that Gloria's staff hasn't produced in house. An October 4 Request for Proposals by consultants to conduct an Eviction Study, at a price yet to be determined, declares, "The city is experiencing a housing afford-

ability crisis in which many San Diegans are unable to find market-rate rental housing or homeownership opportunities they can afford." An "experienced consultant" is sought to "analyze local eviction and foreclosure data, research best practices at preventing this form of housing displacement and evaluate current local prevention and rent/mortgage delinquency programs." Adds the request, "This long-awaited review will

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## LETTERS

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**“San Diego council seeks real estate expert”**  
News Ticker  
September 30  
Too late.

—Slader Buck

**“Wannabe cop pulls over seven North County drivers”**  
Neighborhood News

June 21

Interesting that the DA's office and the judge made efforts to accommodate the media to ensure they were at the hearing, yet purposely misled the victims in this case such as myself so we wouldn't have the chance to speak in court. Good to know where their priorities are at.

—Ali2010

This guy is scary. If seven out

of nine victims were male, he's an equal opportunity offender. A danger to the community is an understatement. I hope he gets the help he needs, and I hope and pray that no one else is victimized.

—Socks3742

For real!! This guy is definitely scary as is the DA's handling of this case. There were at least three female victims, if not more. I'm

one of them. The DA tried to push this stupid narrative and make this kid seem less dangerous than he really is, because they want to justify their dangerous decision to let him back out on probation.

—Ali2010

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—Joseph Sullivan

**“Zad in Casa de Oro introduced me to quzi”**

**Special Issues**

**October 5**

It's a bird, it's a lizard, it's a.....well that pic didn't turn out. At all”

—Melanie Peebles

Interesting! I actually like the gamey taste of lamb but I can see with the flavors alongside this dish, gaminess would not complement the raisins etc. I actually love raisins in savory dishes. My Italian grandma put raisins in her meatballs and I cannot enjoy them any other way.

—Aud Scog

**“Bottlecraft gives San Diego access to beers you never thought of”**

**Special Issues**

**October 5**

We are craft brew capital of the world I thought. We always have new beers no one thought of

—Jonathan Gerbracht

**“Walled Mexican garden, undersea succulents”**

**Special Issues**

**October 5**

What a lovely botanical garden!

—Lorna Smith

**“What band started the tradition of holding up lighters at concerts?”**

**Straight from the Hip**

**August 29, 2002**

That's so interesting to know how this amazing scenarios started. I was wondering how did it start, after i saw that beautiful scene of Chester Bennington's concert before his tragic death. People with their phones with the flashlight on. That's such a beautiful and memorable thing. I knew that the origin couldn't be more beautiful like this performance of Melanie.

—Mateus

**“Ceviche and Secrets at Coya Peruvian”**

**Feast! Restaurant Reviews**  
**October 1**

This place is amazing

—Sarah Hines Cannon

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ments for holding office including residence or domicile. In order to establish residence in a district as required by ordinance, they have to fill out a voter registration form. When they lie on the form under penalty of perjury, they are committing a felony. Most cases proceed by voter fraud. During my 12-year tenure, we probably had twelve to fifteen of these cases; all were convicted. A couple went to trial, but most pled guilty. It's not that hard to prove whether the address they had given is where they reside. The operative concept is domicile, not residence. You can have multiple residences. Domicile is where you keep your stuff, spend time, get bills, go to sleep. You also look at, 'What's their motivation?' Cooley says just because a candidate is approved for the ballot by an election agency doesn't mean they have proven their address is valid. "It just means they've been defrauded, also."

In response to the alleged video evidence showing Campa-Najjar living in San Diego for a month, Cooley says, "You may be away from domicile for a length of time. They need more than that, like where they get mail, where their car is registered. It's not just where they are at for a length of time. It's the whole picture. More questions have to be asked."

McCann tells me, "Ask Campa-Najjar to see his driver's license to show you his address — he won't have it." On September 28, McCann stated in a press release the U.S. Postal Service certified Campa-Najjar's primary address for mail is Jacobs' condo in Bankers Hill, and that Hamilton has several pictures of Amazon packages addressed to Ammar delivered to that residence.

Campa-Najjar did not respond to a request for comment.

ERIC BARTL

## IMPERIAL BEACH Mobile homers made to mobilize City v. state to decide their fate?

The city of Imperial Beach has battled oil companies, cross border pollution, and the San Diego Association of Governments. Now it's tackling...a mobile home park? "We've gone out on a limb before," said Councilmember Ed Spriggs last week, as the city discussed what to do about the Miramar Mobile Home & RV Park, where tenants say they face unfair evictions and other problems. Further, those other city battles "don't affect real people quite the same way this does," he added.

Miramar park residents packed the chambers to hear city manager Andy Hall discuss the latest efforts by staff to reach an agreement with the owners. "The problem is, we've circulated an agreement to them and we have yet to hear back if this is the direction they

short-term move: \$2,500 for a hotel stay, just for the weekend, said Oscar Toscano. Others pay hundreds just to move their trailer in and out. According to residents, the park owns about 15 percent of the RVs.

The city was told the routine move-outs

**"We believe they should probably have the same protections that all the other renters in the community have."**

want to go," said Hall. The city got involved months ago, after hearing complaints from tenants of the Palm Avenue park, but residents say the problems continue. "The 48-hour notices, the rent increases, sewer problems," and more, said resident Connie Villapondo.

Perhaps the most vexing and "unique" issue, as another resident described it, is faced by some of the park's RV tenants. Miramar contains both mobile homes and RV spots, and in order to maintain the park's RV status, some tenants are forced to move out every six months for at least 48 hours. "I feel like I'm homeless," one woman said. It's a costly

are for the purpose of making improvements, Hall said. He suggested that a better option might be to have people move within the park. But the city's wishes butt up against another reality: mobile home parks fall under the

state law, separating them from other rental units. Nevertheless, he said, "Because they are renters, we believe they should probably have the same protections that all the other renters in the community have."

Julie Pauley, with the Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association, a trade association that represents park owners, said it's important to manage expectations. "I don't know that every point is going to be resolved in agreement. Also, every issue is not going to be resolved if you pass rent control," she added. "As a core value, we're against rent control ordinances." Pauley called the policy "really harmful" to mobile home communities, creating a regulatory environment in which attorneys do all the talking. "It's just



Home sweet home — except for two days every six months.



Miramar contains both mobile homes and RV spots.



Campa-Najjar roams wide and far: 2018 Congressional race headquarters in East County.

jurisdiction of the state, and are regulated by the Mobile Home Residency Law. Even so, the city has to look out for the safety and well-being of community members. "So," said Hall, "we thought the best way to address it was with an agreement directly with the owner."

The city's proposal included anti-harassment or retaliation provisions; an immediate moratorium on evictions; a three percent rent cap; mediation through the city, not a third party; and that all complaints sent to management get sent to the city within 30 days. Among those, rent control may prove to be the big hold up. Its parameters apply to other rental units in California, Hall said, but the state decided to exclude mobile home parks from rent control, partly because they have their own chapter in

not a win." But rent control doesn't seem to be the real issue at Miramar, anyway, she said. "It's the moving of the trailers," which she added is new to her — and she's been doing this for 13 years. "I'm really here trying to broker peace," she said. "I think we're close."

The council didn't entirely agree. Councilmember Paloma Aguirre said she met with residents and the new owner at the park in January. Now it's September, and despite ample opportunity to enter into an agreement, there has been no response. She made a motion to include everything in the agreement and have it be an ordinance, which the city will do next. "Mr. Hall alluded to patience running thin," she said. "Patience has run out."

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# UNREAL ESTATE

by Dave Rice

San Diego locals probably don't think much about "city living." Sure, there are no fewer than 19 locales within the county's borders that bear the "City Of" moniker, but we're not New York, Chicago, or even Boston. Skyscrapers and penthouse suites aren't our thing; we're more a beach bungalow and suburban tract kind of town.

Still, that's not to say that we don't offer a bit of metropolitan flair, and whether you regard the effort in recent decades



You can't eat the fabulous view, but you can drink it in while you eat.

to gentrify the downtown area as exacerbating our housing crisis or earning us a seat at the grown-ups' table in terms of prestige, it would be a foolish to

ignore the fact we now have a decent collection of big, shiny buildings that come just short of blocking the airport flight path along the coast. And

though the Harbor Club towers across from the convention center were built just 30 years ago, given the city's historically-stunted develop-

ment, that's old enough to make them elder statesmen among the town's glass-walled high rises.

So, who's ready to "enjoy breathtaking 360-degree ocean, San Diego Bay, Downtown cityscape and surrounding landmark views?" Because that's what the opening Zillow line for our visit today — a \$5.5 million condo at 100 Harbor Drive — invites us to do. We begin our tour in a glass-walled dining area, with a massive orange chandelier hanging down and a rock patio wall obscuring our view of the convention center while still allowing us with a panorama of the bay, Coronado, and beyond to the Pacific.

From there, we head outside for a view of that stone-lined deck, with outdoor dining and liv-

ing areas larger than the yards of some houses elsewhere in the city that I've toured with clients. Radiant gas heaters mounted in the ceiling look like they'd be more than sufficient to ward off any chilly ocean breezes in the winter, and while I can't tell for sure, it looks like we're at least as high up as the top of the Hyatt, visible off in the distance. A sunset view looking off the edge of the patio is particularly impressive, with the buildings and marina below all alight. The eastern skyline, looking over the rest of the city, is nothing to sneeze at either.

After a bit, we make it back inside, to the "grand foyer that leads to the main living and dining rooms, gourmet kitchen,

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## SAN DIEGO IN BOOKS — OUR CITY IS MENTIONED BY AUTHORS OVER THE AGES

### Ernie's America

Ernie Pyle, 1989

**THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF TALK** in various places about the government throwing up gigantic new defense industries, bringing in thousands of people to run them, yet providing no places for these new people to live.

Here in San Diego, for instance, men are actually driving eighty miles a day to work. Homeowners are buying double-decked bunks, putting them in their garages, and renting them out to aircraft workmen.

The greatest congestion is in the area around the aircraft plants. It seems single men don't like to travel far to work, so they are jammed up as many as four in a room in rooming houses near the plant. But the government is doing something about it here. It is, in fact, building the biggest government housing project in America.

It is creating a whole new city just outside of San Diego — yet within the city limits — a city of three thousand houses, which will hold at least ten thousand people. It is up on the

mesa above San Diego, and you can see a long way from there. The place, so far, is called the Kearny Mesa project.

It wasn't started until last February. When ground was broken, it was absolutely untouched mesa, covered with high bush and lousy with sidewinder rattlesnakes. Today the houses stretch almost as far as you can see. The first families have already moved in. Building goes steadily on.

More than three thousand men are working on it.

The rattlesnakes, incidentally, are putting up a fight for their domain. They tell me there have been ninety workmen in the hospital this spring with rattlesnake bites.

This new city will be two-and-a-half miles long, a mile and a half wide. It will have parks and playgrounds and churches. It will have two elementary schools and one junior high school. It will have stores at each end and in the middle.

It is six miles from downtown San Diego, and there will be bus service. The whole thing is costing a little under ten million dollars. The contract calls for completion within three hun-

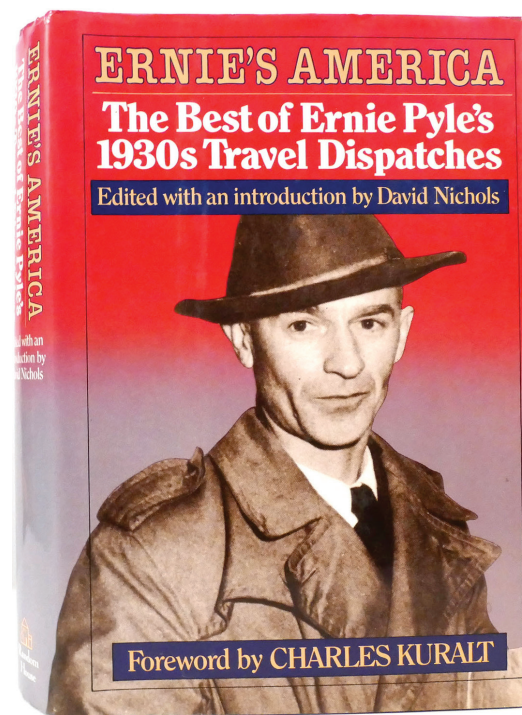
dred working days, which means by midwinter.

The houses are permanent — not of the semipermanent Army-cantonment type. They are compact and furnished with all modern contraptions. No two houses of the same design are put side by side. They sit back from the street with ample lawn space. Two or three years from now, when grass and trees and shrubbery have their way, the city will be nice to look at.

There isn't a house with a garage in this new city. Cars will have to stand out, the idea being, apparently, that when people start buying these houses after the war, they can build their own garages.

For after the war the government intends to sell the whole thing — not by the individual house, but to private companies

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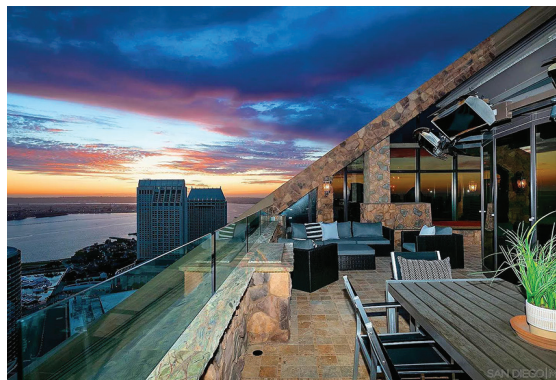
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two en-suite bedrooms and the first of three balconies,” which the listing would like to remind us is equipped with a full outdoor kitchen. Proceeding through the foyer, we see the entryway with a staircase leading to a second level. Leaving that alone for now, we pass to a living area with curved glass walls and a fireplace/television wall lined with stone tiles that look both retro and modern at the same time — like the old stone wall fireplace my childhood house had, but classier. I like this.

Back outside, we get some more deck shots, including one highlighting the sort of outdoor pizza oven that for a while was an ubiquitous feature of *Unreal* columns. I am no longer impressed by these, though I certainly still believe they’re likely very expensive, and probably make great pizza.

The next shot takes us back to the staircase, which I assume means it’s time to head upstairs, where “the second floor is dedicated to the expansive primary retreat that provides sitting and office areas, luxurious spa-inspired bath and two balconies.” Wow, two balconies just for the main bedroom, while the rest of the house only gets one? Okay, I have now learned that separate spousal balconies are a thing — maybe not as much of a thing as separate bathrooms in an owner’s suite, but still a thing, since I have seen it once. Up here, we get another small living



Oh hi, Hyatt!

room with no fireplace but an even larger TV, an office space, and a bedroom where the television monitor blocks a significant chunk of window space. One of the balconies sports a pair of wicker loungers and even more views. Then we look at the bedroom a few more times before we get to the bathroom, which has a tile and handrail-lined hallway just to get to the massive shower, which looks spacious enough at first glance to house half a baseball team. The soaking tub looking out at the city is nice, though.

After a trip through a bedroom-sized walk-in closet lined in wood, we get even more view photos and a shot of the third balcony (which looks rather pedestrian in comparison with the others) before getting to the kitchen. It’s a double-galley style: spacious enough and nicely appointed, but the circular bar at the end of the kitchen hallway leading back to the common areas is probably the highlight here.

Bouncing around the rest of the unit, I think the most striking thing is the powder room, lined floor-to-ceiling with tiny square tiles ranging from beige to brown, featuring a circular vanity and vessel sink.

This room would weird out a lot of my guests, but I like it, nonetheless.

The remainder of our tour is of the Harbor Club grounds. A low building fee of \$1765 per month gets you access to three private garage parking spaces, a storage unit, pool, spa, sauna, fitness center, clubhouse, firepits, and barbecue areas that mark “just a few of the ways to relax in comfort and style!”

Public records list the owner of unit 4102 as William Trzos, a “financial services and insurance related verticals” professional. The last time we visited a Harbor Club unit, back in 2020, the seller was seeking \$5.25 million for a combination of units 3803 and 3804 of roughly the same size as this place, albeit a few floors lower. They never got it, and the property is now off-market. Our current unit was listed at \$5,999,000 in late August after last selling for a reported \$4.1 million a little over a year ago. Public records list the total living area at 3714 square feet, but the listing claims 4400 square feet — perhaps this includes the outdoor deck space? In September, the price was cut by a half-million dollars to \$5,499,000, which remains unchanged to date. ■



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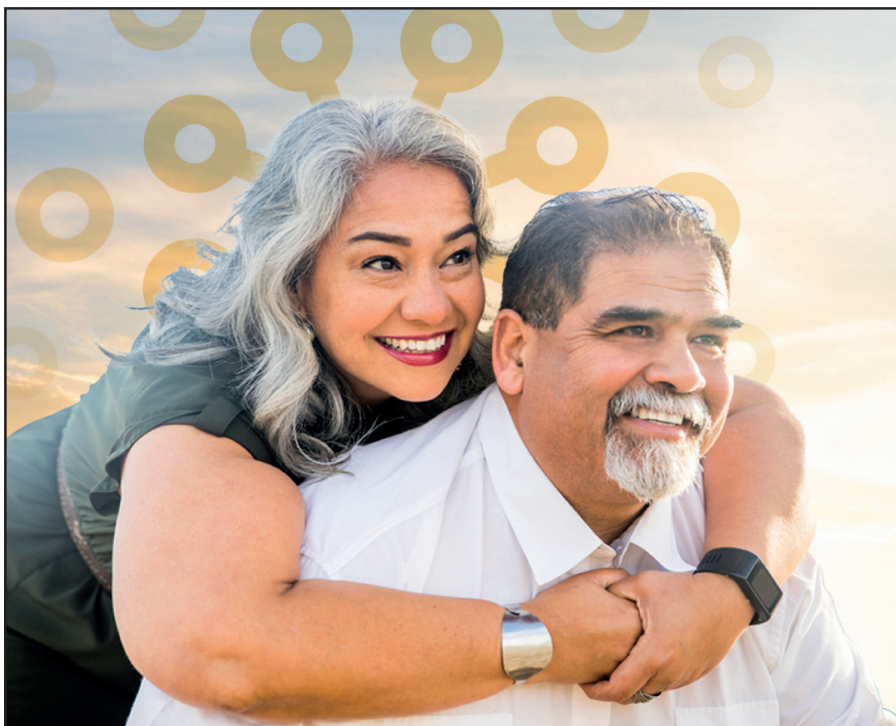
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## A half-century of San Diego stories from the Reader

So much of identity is memory. There's experience; maybe we chase it, maybe it just washes over us. But memory is what makes experience stick, what makes an anybody slipping through life into a somebody who has lived. And it's what makes San Diego more than a sprawling no-place with a beach and a zoo and an excess of sunshine. I work a few steps away from the *Reader* archives: 260 square feet of wall space occupied by rows of

black cardboard office drawers nestled into a steel framework, each one labeled with a date. The first reads simply: 1972. The first cover feature, "South of Bdwy," published October 5, 1972, is by John Milton (!) and begins, "The city, only a few years ago, only wanted to expand Horton Plaza. You know Horton Plaza, south of Broadway. Across from Westgate Plaza, San Diego's Hyde Park: Hare Krishna...black-and-white fundamentalists...the pitifully inebriated..." Over the

50 years that followed, the *Reader* told the San Diego stories that helped to form San Diego's story. That wall of drawers is more than an archive; it's a storehouse of memory — the identity of a city, the answer to the question, "What's San Diego like?" Over the next four weeks, we'll be running brief excerpts from just a few of those stories, selected by the paper's founder and owner, Jim Holman. Links to the full pieces are online.

— Matthew Lickona

## Mood on campus

11.23.72

"I just said I hope Proposition 19 — marijuana — passes."

"Yeah, I do too. But I don't think it stands a chance."

"I'd rather have it win than McGovern."

"Well, I'd rather have it win in California than McGovern, if McGovern's going to lose nationally.... Thing is if Nixon wins, we're all going to need marijuana for the next four years."

## Morale seemed so high

12.14.72

RALPH JACKSON

A human relations group had been on the Kitty Hawk since the beginning of the cruise, and their rap sessions had been televised all over the ship. A black chief petty officer in Mark's division had scoffed at the militant blacks and their comments in the television sessions. And when the chief's black sailors



"Hair Cutting Man, he's into hair"

began knotting, braiding their hair, he chewed them out royally.

## Seals

4.12.73

CARLOS BEY

"We all lived in conclaves, usually in houses in Coronado. Some of us live in the Sharp Mansion. You know, the guy the hospital's

named after. He founded KFSD. We used to have the wildest parties. I remember one back in 1968. We sent out 500 invitations, bought kegs and kegs of beer, and 60 chocolate pies. The first six people in the pie-eating contest started to eat their pies but then picked them up and threw them at the crowd."

## This is the elephant's grave, you know

6.21.73

CONNIE BRUCK

Johnston, who is now 77 years old and has owned this place for close to 50 years, points to a picture taken in 1945. It shows the Hollywood Theater... "During the war, this place was really jumping,"

reminisces Johnston. "Remember, there was no El Cajon, no National City, no Chula Vista. So when the sailors got off the ships, they all came here."

## The whole area was the city dump

8.16.73

CONNIE BRUCK

The doctor tells me that on the economic ladder of Tijuana, San Martin ranks just slightly higher than the poorest, Cartolandia, where houses are made of cardboard; here.

## The Body Shop

5.30.74

CONNIE BRUCK

Laura finds several aspects of the Body Shop unusual, and appealing. Dancing and cocktail-waitressing, for one. "These eyes come in and play voyeur watching you dance, but then, when you come off the stage and serve them drinks,

they relate to you in a much more human way."

## From bouncing to hooting to playing the road

7.18.74

LOU CURTISS

Tom Waits: "The first album I ever bought was *Papa's Got A Brand New Bag*. I was going to Farrell Jr. High and James Brown was my idol."

Tom Waits: "I started with Bobby Dylan songs. I was trying to learn some more tunes, more traditional vein, to be able to sit in at the Heritage in Mission Beach a little better. I was doing Mississippi John Hurt and that sort of thing."

## Early years of San Diego rowing

5.8.75

JOHN MARTIN

Probably the biggest attraction of the Rowing Club is its anachronism. The wooden floors, the

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knotty pine walls, the wooden lockers next to the gym room. The sign of the sunporch that warns, "Members Must Wear Full-Length Trunks On The Island." The bare lightbulbs hanging from the ceiling, the comb that hangs on a chain next to the mirror in the locker room.

#### The poets of San Diego 2.20.75

MICHAEL DAVIDSON

One of the mediating factors between San Diego and an active poetry scene is geographic. New York is an island. San Francisco is a peninsula thrusting up into cold waters, Paris is a city built on a grid of concentric circles. Beyond San Diego is more San Diego... or Los Angeles. The tissue of freeways and boulevards.

#### Stories of San Diego's Chinatown 2.6.75

CARLOS BEY

When work on the railroads became scarce, many of the San Diego Chinese turned to fishing. There were eight or ten junks that regularly supplied San Diego with fresh fish. The fishermen also sent abalone

and dried fish to China and sea shells to Austria and Hungary for the button industry.

#### Surrender at Milepost 45 10.30.75

TOM RAAB

I, a beaten, dejected, frustrated cross-country bicycle rider, was calling it quits. What had begun as a five-week, 2300-mile solo bicycle trip from Pacific Beach to Milwaukee, Wisconsin was ending after only 3-½ days at milepost 45 on Arizona's Interstate 10 — 106 miles west of Phoenix.

#### Swami's 4.22.76

STEVE SORENSEN

"We tell our members not to proselytize."

To the surfers, the Self-Realization Fellowship temple is a landmark. Its glistening white walls and gold, lotus-blossom archway serve as a marker for their playground below — one of the finest point-breaks in California — "Swami's."

#### Lost in Logan Heights 3.11.76

STEVE ESMEDINA

Tuesday, June 6, 1972. A muggy pre-summer night in San Diego, the kind



PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVID COVER

**Yellow Cab held 80 percent of the city's permits two years ago, when it went out of business for a month. By the time it resumed, the city had issued 62 more permits to individual drivers who established 62 new companies.**

that sends people scurrying to the beaches for relief. Campfire, tobacco, and marijuana smoke blankets the picnic area of South Mission Beach. Rumbling motors. shouting voices, popping beer lids, and Marvin Gaye's "What's Goin' On?" emanate from the beach parking lot.

#### A kingdom bought and sold

12.9.76

STEVE SORENSEN

The author, Steve Sorensen: Early morning surf sessions were eager-

ly planned with visions of 'D' Street cracking at sunrise with only three or at most four guys in the water.

On Third Street in Encinitas, just up the hill from Moonlight Beach, there's a pair of low-rent triplexes facing each other. They were built at about the same time from flip-flopped blueprints so that one is the mirror image of the other.

#### A separate peace 2.3.77

CONNIE BRUCK

I'd never spoken to a nun in my life. All I remembered of them from childhood was that my mother always insisted that seeing a lone "sister" was bad luck; and my Catholic friends had learned from their nuns that 1) I was responsible for the killing of Christ, and 2) my soul was lost — which produced in the more zealous of them a faint, nagging itch for my conversion.

#### How San Diego took care of its Wobblies

3.10.77

DAVID HELVARG

On March 10, 1912, 5000 people gathered in front of the San Diego city jail at Broadway and Front

Street to demand an end to the ban on public speaking and better treatment for the free speech prisoners already locked away. The police called in the fire department to disperse the crowd with 150-pound pressure hoses.

#### Survivors

4.21.77

DAVID HELVARG

"When these reservations were established, it was on land they thought they would never use," Romero says, "so they gave it to the Indians. Now with the development, with the modern roads and transport, these areas have become prime locations."

#### War stories

10.20.77

DAVID HELVARG

For Allan Koba and his family it would be more than three years before they'd see their Coronado home again. Like thousands of others, the Kobas were feeling the effects of executive order 9066, the World War II presidential decree that allowed for the internment of 110,000 United States residents, two-thirds of them native-born Americans.

#### Chairman of the boards 1.19.78

STEVE SORENSEN

The commoners rode short, flat boards that were really no more than an aid to body surfing, something like a bellyboard. They were called Alaia's.

"I started reading about the old-timers — Duke Kahanamoku, Tom Blake, Joe Quigg — and about the huge planks they rode. I guess I realized that something as large as those old boards doesn't just disappear, but I had no idea they were lying around in people's garages."

#### When men went under water

3.30.78

NEAL MATTHEWS

Bottom Scratchers saw forty-pound halibut and fifteen-pound lobster a few yards off the beach. Modern divers must travel as far as one hundred miles west, to San Clemente Island, to find comparable marine life and water. Until well after WWII, wetsuits were unheard of.

#### The little world that almost was

4.20.78

MERTON GUDETTE

Katherine Tingley called an International Theosophical convention to Point Loma in 1899. Among those in attendance was Iverson Harris, [now] eighty-eight years old. Harris, now living in Pacific Beach, exudes a restrained, Victorian charm as he recalls his first meeting with Katherine Tingley and his move to Point Loma.

#### Did somebody call a cab?

5.18.78

JOE APPLEGATE

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went out of business for a month. By the time it resumed, the city had issued 62 more permits to individual drivers who established 62 new companies.

There is only one Easy Street in San Diego and Pierre Taheri, ace cab driver, doesn't know where it is. He knows the tourist bars and the Navy gates and the Travolator Hotel where the flight crews for National Airlines stay. Taheri knows what it's like to be thrown into his windshield at two in the morning.

### Cast a cold eye on heaven

5.11.78

JEANNETTE DEWYZE

The concept of building the world's biggest telescope on Palomar Mountain was born when Alfred Einstein sailed into San Diego Bay in 1931. Officials from the California Institute of Technology drove down from Pasadena to greet the father of relativity, and while here, they eyed the North County mountain for the first time.

### Pecking order

5.25.78

STEVE SORENSEN

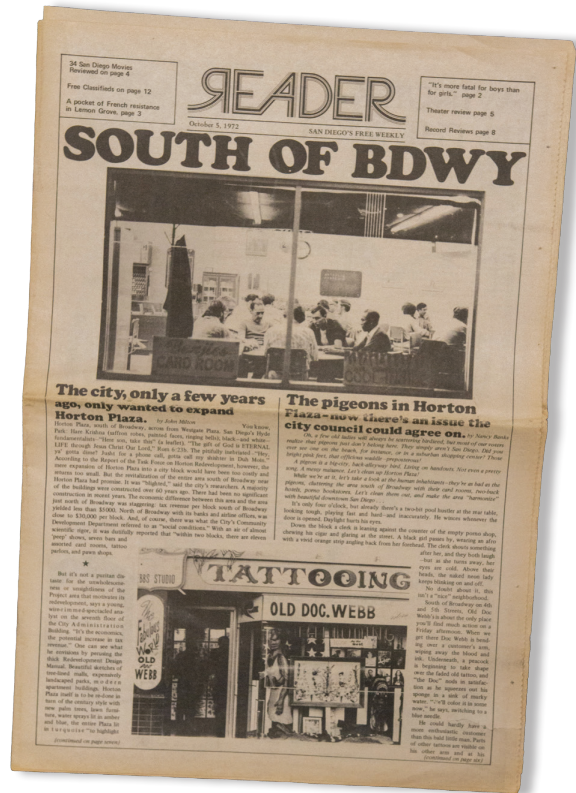
Just across the Colorado River from Blythe, less than a mile into Arizona, there's a big corrugated tin shed at the end of a dusty gravel road. Across the front of this shed and on this hazy spring morning, every reputable cock-fighter within three hundred miles of the Colorado has come to pit his seven best birds in the Ehrenberg Derby.

### Slow fall from Foxhill

7.6.78

ELEANOR WIDMER

While Michael Copley was at Fort Ord he heard that his father had been admitted to Scripps Clinic. He called Helen to ask about him, but Helen, he



### The first cover feature, “South of Bdwy,” published October 5, 1972, begins, “The city, only a few years ago, only wanted to expand Horton Plaza...”

says, was uncooperative. “She said, ‘You can’t see your father; he’s too sick.’ I was very upset because I was his son, so I called Dr. Keeney, and he said, ‘Of course you can see your father.’”

### Less is Morey

8.24.78

GORDON SMITH

The old Boogie Boards have a rather thick nose, while the newer ones come to a fine, beveled edge in front.

Tom Morey grew up in Laguna Beach, and like a lot of kids on the California coast his main interests were music and surfing. In the early 1960s he and a friend, Carl Pope, collaborated on a custom surfboard design and went into the manufacturing business in Ventura.

### The forests below

11.9.78

MANNY RAMOS

San Diego is the kelp capital of the world.

For many, especially local beachgoers, boat-ers, fishermen, and sea-side residents who are all too familiar with the long, brown, rubbery, leafy strands of kelp, this is a somewhat dubious distinction.

### River run

10.26.78

STEVE SORENSEN

I have decided that if there is any true wilderness left in San Diego County it will probably be found on the San Diego River between the Santa Ysabel Valley and the El Capitan Reservoir. I’ve never been there before, and don’t know anyone who has. I prefer it that way, because now I will have the pleasure of finding out for myself what’s out there.

### Don’t call me at home

3.8.79

JEANNETTE DEWYZE

Mayor Maureen O’Connor now guards her private

life with remarkable jealousy. In the course of preparing this story I wasn’t invited to her home, she wouldn’t introduce me to her husband, and she warned me that she would flatly refuse to answer many questions.

### Stout hearts and salt water

4.12.79

STEVE SORENSEN

Bombay Beach. As interest in the Salton Sea as a recreation area increased, Salton City, North Shore, and Bombay Beach were born.

It was a catastrophe that created the Salton Sea itself, just as it was a series of catastrophes that created and destroyed the ancient lakes that existed where the modem lake now lies. Bounded on the east by the San Andreas Fault, and about forty miles to the west by the San Jacinto Fault, the

gaunt desert between has sunk to more than 260 feet below sea level.

### The last re-write

9.27.79

BOB DORN

For years, both local Copley papers were edited and supervised by men like Lt. General V.H. “Brute” Krulak and Captain “Andy” Anderson, fussbudget retired Marine and Navy brass who were capable of issuing orders that stories on anti-war protests refer to the people in the streets as “hooligans.”

### Two-dollar tour

10.18.79

STEVE ESMEDINA

The Wong Wars in L.A. — Esther Wong, co-owner of Madame Wong’s, has filed a lawsuit against the Hong Kong Cafe, claiming that her competition has engaged in false advertising.

When I accepted the invitation to accompany the Penetrators on their six-day junket up the California coast, I realized I could not expect the comforts that might be afforded a *Rolling Stone* writer. Warnings from loved ones were abundant. My mother urged me to bring ample provisions.

### For big kids only

11.1.79

NEAL MATTHEWS

“Well, we started out at the Brass Rail with two yellow school-bus loads of OMBAC members,” Daly begins, a rising crest of snickers acknowledging the Brass Rail’s reputation as a gay bar in Hillcrest. They pause to savor the vision of about seventy Old Mission Beach Athletic Club members, mostly former jocks gone to seed, dancing with each other.



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## Climbing

1.31.80

AMY CHU

We are sitting on Lunch Ledge, a granite shelf five feet wide and ten feet long on the South Face of Tahquitz Rock in the San Jacinto Mountains. We are on one of the almost one hundred routes on what is actually Lily Rock, an outcropping of Tahquitz. A mile away is Suicide Rock, which has another hundred routes.

## Fisherman's knot

2.28.80

JOE APPLGATE

The camping site was about six hours down Baja's Highway 1, and we drove it on a Sunday morning in Gregg's station wagon, a white Volvo. Once we got untangled from the border towns, with nothing but broken clouds and the zebra-colored highway ahead of us, Gregg settled down to sweet country driving.

## On the path of the old ones

3.13.80

GORDON SMITH

Bada determined the Del Mar skull to be 48,000 years old. The oldest previously discovered bones



Mood on campus: "Most of the Democrats were expecting to lose but no by so much."

in North America were radiocarbon dated at 23,600 years.

It's now ten years, almost to the day, since an amateur archaeologist discovered what seemed to be extraordinarily old stone tools in a canyon above Mission Valley, and six years since a chemistry professor from Scripps Institution of Oceanography determined the Del Mar skull to be 48,000 years old.

## Reverend Moon wants you

5.8.80

J. MICHAEL STRACZYNSKI

As the bus pulled away, I unfolded the slip of

paper. Written in flowing, feminine script was the name of her organization, their downtown San Diego street address (Sixth and Beech), and another name, written in much smaller print: Unification Center.

## King of the fish mongers

5.15.80

MARK ORWOLL

As Vitalich hauls the cargo to Chesapeake Fish Company, near Harbor Drive and Market Street, a menacing sou'wester blows in cold from over the ocean. A man named Joe Engrande ambles over from the People's

Fish market. "Where's Whitey?" The skipper of a fishing boat points out past Coronado and says, "He's still out there. Man, he's tough."

## North to Mira Mesa

7.12.80

LARRY KELLER

To drive the streets of Mira Mesa for any length of time is to understand fully the meaning of the word monotony. About the only variation in the houses is their height — some are one story and some are two stories. All of them come in earthen tones with dull white faces and brown-shingled roofs. Could they actually be movie props with nothing behind the facades?

## The man who bought Cuchama

6.26.80

KEN WINKLER

In the early years of this century, Dr. Walter Evans-Wentz, pioneer editor/ translator of *The Tibetan Book of the Dead*, discovered the spiritual power of this mountain while horseback riding. He bought approximately 3000 acres here. Decades later he claimed to his friends that though he might not be very psychic



The author, Steve Sorensen: Early morning surf sessions were eagerly planned with visions of 'D' Street cracking at sunrise with only three or at most four guys in the water.

about people, he was attuned to places.

## Death of an island

7.10.80

GORDON SMITH

The newcomers hit Guadalupe's unusual and fragile ecosystem like a bomb. There had never been any land mammals on Guadalupe, so none of the native birds or plants had developed defenses against them. The cats literally tore apart thousands of birds, while the goats chewed the shrubbery down to the roots.

## For whom the bell tolled

7.17.80

SUE GARSON

Dave Chriss balances a Scotch and water on the arm of a crushed-velvet chair in his Mira Mesa living room. He awaits the arrival of seven other senior citizens who survived the Spanish Civil War and are about to hold the first official meeting

of the country's newest, smallest chapter of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

## The Partch reverberations

9.25.80

JEFF SMITH

Harry Partch had a special affection for the Marimba Eroica, four Sitka spruce bars attached to the tops of four slender, boxlike resonators.

At age twenty-nine Harry Partch gathered up fourteen years of music he had written, based on what he called the "tyranny of the piano" and the twelve-tone scale, and summarily burned it in a big iron stove.

## Cowboys, cattle, and time

1.8.81

GORDON SMITH

Jim Kemp is the largest cattle rancher in San Diego County, but the few thousand animals he keeps in the East County are only a whisper of the former huge herds.

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When Kemp's family first acquired ranch land here in the 1870s, Southern California was still known as the state's "cow counties."

### Prelude for a young pianist

1.29.81

JEANNETTE DEWYZE

Around age six, Gustavo Romero discovered something that seemed near miraculous: the system of musical notation. "When I found out that all this music [which he had been trying to teach himself] was written, I went crazy!"

### The Littlefield Chronicles

11.19.81

BOB DORN

It probably would require a book to tell why Jacquelyn Littlefield has come to view herself as an alien here in San Diego, how she has managed to become known as "the difficult woman" who owns the Spreckels Building with its magnificent but often empty Spreckels Theatre.

### Sol Price and the FedMart story

4.1.82

BOB DORN

All through 1976, while the FedMart founder and his son were setting up the Price Club, and on through 1977, suits and countersuits were producing motion after motion in both state and federal courts.

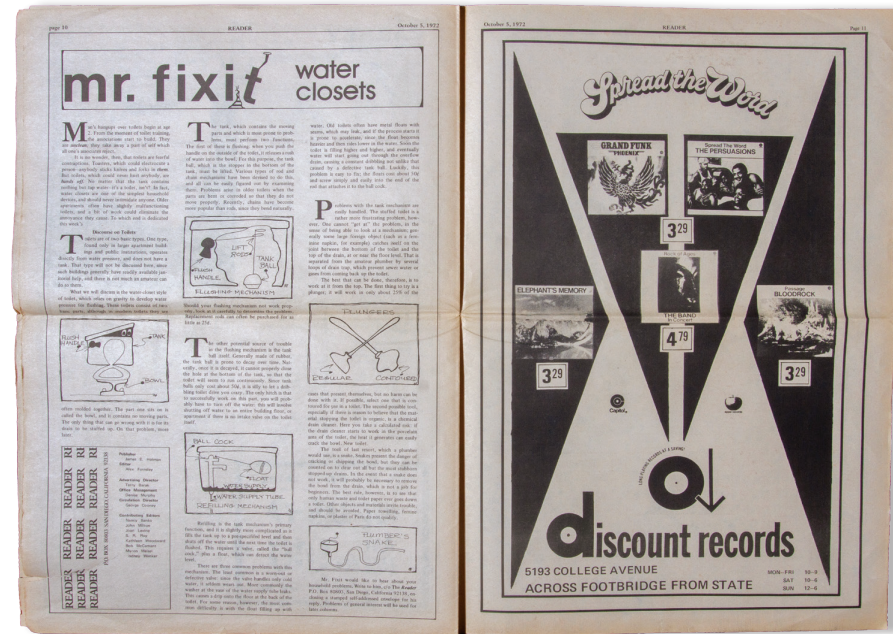
Price: "The thing either wins in the marketplace or it doesn't. The idea doesn't need explanation; it's pretty obvious. Many people can explain it better than I."

### The rise and fall and rise and fall of Warner Hot Springs

4.15.82

GORDON SMITH

"Water's pretty scarce up here, and they're supposed to build a lot



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of homes. I don't know where they're going to get the water. We [the Los Coyotes tribe] are lots higher [than the expanded resort would be], and the water's bound to go out. Most of the water here is from springs, and they could dry out."

### Florence Chadwick in and out of the water

6.17.82

KATHRYN PHILLIPS

Many years earlier, on her return to San Diego from a trip abroad, Chadwick had been greeted by city officials with a jubilant ticker-tape parade down Broadway, a key to the city. At the age of thirty-one she had conquered the English Channel in world-record time, and had become famous and admired throughout the world.

### The muffled roar of Ray Huffman

8.12.82

GORDON SMITH

At least 14,000 San Diegans live in apartments built by Ray Huffman. North Park, where Huffman concentrated much of his early building, contains so many of his apartments that the en-

tire area is occasionally referred to as "a monument to Ray Huffman."

### Somewhere between death and the border

9.16.82

BOB DORN

Anyway, after Punta Prieta we were doing about seventy or eighty. I saw the dust cloud again up ahead only about 200 yards. No sooner had I thought that than I realized he had rolled the truck over. You see, the road is straight, and then all of a sudden he just shoots off to the left in a cloud of dust.

### A small room at the end of the hall

10.14.82

RICHARD SMITH

I spent quite a bit of time in my room. To anyone who stays at the Y for more than a couple of days or so, their room must become very important and personal to them. Mine did.

### What on earth am I settling for?

12.2.82

JOE APPLEGATE

"Goddamnit," said Jane one evening about six months ago when I an-

swered the door of our apartment in Golden Hill and found her on the stoop, Jeanne sliding out of her arms and a sack of groceries spilled at her feet. "Go down and get Julie, she's screaming in the car."

### The group and other strange birds

12.23.82

GORDON SMITH

The call came through to Elizabeth Copper's home in Coronado on a September evening in 1980. A black-billed cuckoo had been sighted on Point Reyes, a hilly peninsula that juts into the ocean thirty miles north of San Francisco. Copper, one of the most active and experienced birders in the state, knew right away it was an extremely rare event.

### Mananimalmananimal

1.27.83

JUDITH MOORE

"Man is the animal who knows he must die."

You tell me why, what, keeps my stub-toed Frye boot from kicking, jabbing the open-toed lavender sandals, nylon-encased toes; what stays the hand from grabbing

the gray-suit lapels, from turning that wood-laminate table over; what keeps the mouth, tongue from yowling, screaming, howling; what holds a person back from breaking out, breaking up, breaking loose.

### Skip Frye is still stoked

4.14.83

JOE APPLEGATE

Forty-one years old this year, Frye is back at Gordon & Smith after a voluntary layoff of four years — "my wilderness years," he calls them — during which his marriage dissolved and he retreated, in reverse of the hermit crab, from a larger shell into a smaller, and into a smaller. He gave up his job, his dwelling, his church, his car, until he was living in a backyard shed in Pacific Beach and riding a bike.





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## Caliente

7.21.83

BOB OWENS

In November of 1960, John Alessio's forty-one-year-old brother Tony, the track pricemaker, was kidnapped by a gang, at least one of whom had previously charged that the Caliente racetrack had refused to cash a legitimate winning 5-10 ticket worth \$87,000. Caliente based their refusal to pay on the claim that the ticket had been altered.

## Say, am I anywhere near Good Karma Lane?

10.20.83

SUE GARSON

We've got twenty-nine Cedar streets, avenues, roads, lanes, and ways; fourteen Evergreens; twenty-eight Elm variations, twelve Eucalyptus variations, eighteen Acacias, fifteen Oaks, and twenty-seven Palms. Because olives were the principal orchard trees in San Diego's salad days, there are now thirty-six Olive variations.

## Notes from a wagon seat

1.12.84

GORDON SMITH

Twelve miles south of Highway 78 is a trailer park and campground



**Tom Waits: "The first album I ever bought was Papa's Got A Brand New Bag. I was going to Farrell Jr. High and James Brown was my idol."**

called the Butterfield Ranch, and a few miles south of that lies the restored Vallecito stage station, now a county park. Route S-2 itself is marked impressively with signs that read "Great Southern Overland Mail Route of 1849." But Remeika assumed the stage trail itself had long since disappeared.

## Little computers, big bucks

1.19.84

JEANNETTE DEWYZE

Andy Kay is a man who has a second chance at greatness. Up in Solana Beach he is building little "personal computers" called Kaypros, which today rank among the most popular microcomputers in

the country and which already have earned Kay millions.

## The deadly circle

3.29.84

NEAL MATTHEWS

To the north Cunningham and Driscoll spotted the glint of two MiG-21s in afterburner, about four miles away. It had been 22 months since a MiG had been shot down, and few had even been encountered during that time, so with relish Cunningham accelerated to 650 knots and pulled in behind them.

## San Diego primeval

4.5.84

GORDON SMITH

Pride of the West mine, Julian, 1900. The water that flowed across underground reservoirs of granite 100 million years ago contained the gold that prospectors found in the Laguna Mountains, leading to the founding of Julian.

Ancient volcanoes lie buried beneath the beaches of San Diego. Mountain ranges that once rose across the county have disappeared. A river that flowed here from Sonora, Mexico dried up long ago, when tapirs the size of terriers wandered the county and crocodiles wallowed in marshy lagoons.

## Where demons thrive

5.2.84

STEVE SORENSEN

BLM rangers' job is to see more than the rest of us and then somehow try to go on believing that the whole world isn't made up of the human trash they call "dirtbags." You might think the desert would be a place where you could get away from people like that, the rangers say, and maybe it was, once; but not anymore.



**People's Food collective. "I'm always wary of people coming into our routine and saying how groovy it is, and then a month later, they're talking money. I mean, how many times has that happened to us?"**

## Assault on Montserrat

5.10.84

THOMAS K. ARNOLD

Ralph Frammolino was the first American journalist to arrive on the Caribbean island of Montserrat in search of fugitive financier J. David Dominelli. Frammolino had covered the Dominelli story sporadically for the previous month. But when he awoke on the morning of Thursday, April 19 and read in the *Times* that the former investment king had fled to Montserrat, he scrambled to the downtown newsroom.

## The last vaquero

5.17.84

NEAL MATTHEWS

"Like all *vaqueros* then, my father worked this end or that end of the range. Then he worked for Jim Kelley, who was one of the fellas that found gold in Julian in 1870. When the gold kinda played

out, ol' Jim Kelley took up quite a chunk o' country southwest of Julian."

## The devil's peak

8.2.84

STEVE SORENSEN

In the summer of 1967, when I first heard about El Picacho del Diablo, I was still young enough to think I was indestructible. I was a smart-assed college student at the time, with more daring than good sense, attempting my first wilderness adventures in the mountains of Utah and on the granite walls of Yosemite Valley.

## This is the way it was

10.4.84

STEPHEN MEYER

There is something eminently civilized about standing downtown at Broadway and Fourth Avenue and knowing who Alonzo Horton was, knowing that when he arrived from San Francisco

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in 1867 he commented that San Diego Harbor was the finest he'd ever seen — he decided he had never encountered in all his travels a site so perfectly suited to build a city.

## Absolutely no preservatives

10.11.84

JEANNETTE DEWYZE

People's Food collective. "I'm always wary of people coming into our routine and saying how groovy it is, and then a month later, they're talking money. I mean, how many times has that happened to us?"

One by one the activists have left; the OB Rag, the OB Free School, the Community School. The Left Bank, once a cauldron of leftist idealism, has been reincarnated as Peninsula Bank. Only the venerable Newport Avenue head shop, The Black, and People's Food have survived, remnants of an earlier ethos, a style whose time has passed.

## Aboard the Blueback

11.29.84

NEAL MATTHEWS

The Blueback crew seems to sense the significance of this event. They're the caretakers of one of only five remaining diesel boats in the U.S. fleet, a boat that in many ways was the link between the technology of World War II and the nuclear navy of today, and they know that in five years their boat, like this night, will only be a fond memory.

## The mystery of the Putnam sisters

1.31.85

JUDITH MOORE

"If anyone tells you they knew them, they're lying," one longtime San Diegan says, when asked about the late Putnam sisters. The wealthy, reclusive spinsters went to and from their Hillcrest



Family with gorilla statue. "Man is the animal who knows he must die."

mansion at Fourth Avenue and Walnut Street in a curtain-shrouded limousine. In 1938 the sisters began to lavish San Diego with Old Masters. They donated an El Greco; a Goya; a Van Dyck; a glorious Murillo.

## The bloody battle of San Pasqual

3.7.85

GLENN WALLACE

When Captain Gillespie and his force rode out of San Diego through the northern end of Mission Valley, they passed a cluster of adobe huts. Watching from inside one of the huts was Andres Pico's sister, who immediately sent word by a rider to Pico, who at the time was ten miles north of town.

## Their kind of town

4.11.85

SUE GARSON

As you drive through the hairpin turns near Hauser Canyon Mountain, out past Potrero where Highway 94 narrows, your ears begin to pop when the altitude reaches 2350 feet. About five miles southwest of Campo, there's a clearing in the oaks. A simple hand-painted sign's black letters — DOG

PATCH U.S.A. — demand recognition.

## Around the town in seven years

7.18.85

PAUL WARDEN

Well-dressed men and well-to-do women especially like to talk dirty and tell dirty stories while they're in a taxi. While listening to this guy's story, the next mistake I make is to miss the off ramp to La Jolla. "I'm sorry but today's my first day and I've got a lot to learn. But my mistake won't cost you anything. I'll just take a couple dollars off the meter."

## The ultimate fun hog has bailed

8.15.85

SUE GARSON

More than a hundred mourners gathered at the one for Seth Johnson, on a Sunday afternoon last March. They came to pay tribute to an outsider who first heard of Windansea from Butch Van Artsdalen when the two met in August of 1969. Although Butch bailed back in '77 when his corroded 38-year-old liver succumbed to years of abuse, Windansea grommies talk about Butch riding the Banzai Pipeline in Hawaii.

## A few rounds with the Mongoose

9.19.85

NEAL MATTHEWS

In 228 professional bouts between 1936 and 1963, Archie Moore touched 140 men unconscious, a knockout record that many boxing experts believe will

never be broken. He won a total of 193 fights and lost only 26. A San Diego resident since 1938, Moore is now probably seventy-two — he has never revealed his true age.

## The seven wonders of San Diego

10.24.85

NEAL MATTHEWS

Stabbing into the relentless wind of the Carrizo Grade, the boulders line Interstate 8 like a petrified army, inert and mysterious. What crazed general could have placed each enormous stone in its improbable position, balancing precariously on a narrow ridge top, jutting horizontally from a cliff face? Many of the rocks seem to mock natural laws.

## The spirit of Steve Ponchetti

11.7.85

STEVE SORESENSEN

When the Franciscans came here, they taught

all the people to pray in Spanish. Most of the old people could pray and sing the hymns by heart. Years ago, when everybody traveled by wagon, it was hard to get a priest to come around to the different reservations, so the priests gave the prayer leaders the right to bury people.

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# Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT



JESSE H. AUSUBEL

## Thursday | 13

### HAS OUR SPECIES REACHED ITS PEAK?

Environmental scientist Jesse H. Ausubel will receive the 2022 Nierenberg Prize for Science in the Public Interest at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego. The public is invited to attend the ceremony and hear a presentation from Ausubel. "Peak human? Thoughts on the evolution of the enhancement of human performance" will examine whether the human species can continue to improve — much like cars, computers, or other technology — or whether our species has reached its peak. Free to attend, but seating is limited.

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 13, 6 pm to 7 pm

**WHERE:** Robert Paine Scripps Forum, 8610 Kennel Way, La Jolla. [scripps.ucsd.edu](http://scripps.ucsd.edu)

## Friday | 14

### SAILS & ALES BEER FEST

Enjoy local and regional craft beers,



food pairings, and live entertainment. Vendors in attendance include Ballast Point, Coronado Brewing Company, Bivouac

Ciderworks, Ricava Tequila, Eppig Brewing and JuneShine. Try grilled brat skewers with cippolini and stout mustard, pretzel bites with pale ale cheese fondue, IPA fried rice with curried prawns, and hard kombucha-braised pork belly on a bao bun.

**WHEN:** Friday, October 14, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm  
**WHERE:** Kona Kai Resort & Marina, 1551 Shelter Island, Shelter Island. [resortkonakai.com](http://resortkonakai.com)

### THE HAUNTED FOREST

Brave a half-mile Halloween walk, located about seven miles from Main St. in Julian. Orchard area is decorated with graveyards, ghosts, and ghouls, enhanced by strobe lights and fog machines. Pumpkin carving station has picnic benches, free stencils, carving tools, and pails in which to leave the "pumpkin guts." Snacks, drinks, and beer available.

**WHEN:** Fridays and Saturdays, 7 pm to 10 pm, through October 31.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15: SD COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ARCH IN THE PARK



**WHERE:** Banner Ranch Julian, 36342 Highway 78, Julian. [bannerranchjulian.com](http://bannerranchjulian.com)

## Saturday | 15

### SD COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: ARCH IN THE PARK

Learn about archaeology and career

and volunteer opportunities with local archaeological companies, museums, universities, and organizations. Rocks, fossils, and diagrams set up on tables from about 30 vendors.

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 15, 10 am to 3 pm

**WHERE:** Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive, Rancho Penasquitos. [sdcas.org/arch-in-the-park](http://sdcas.org/arch-in-the-park)

## Sunday | 16

### IMAX DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

Experience a day of cinematic wonders at the Fleet with the IMAX Documentary Film Festival. Each documentary film will transport you to wondrous places with breathtaking cinematography that can only be experienced on a Giant Dome screen.

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 16, 11 am to 5 pm.

**WHERE:** Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado, San Diego. [fleetscience.org/events/imax-documentary-film-festival](http://fleetscience.org/events/imax-documentary-film-festival)



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Drink specials for humans and pups, live music, free treats for your dog and more. Saturday, October 15, 8am; **free**. Chiefy Café, 1080 University Avenue H105. (HILLCREST)

**Howl-O-Ween Harvest** Get into the Halloween spirit with your little ghouls and goblins as you enjoy hands-on animal encounters, trick or treat stations, crafts, a hay maze, face painting, a mini pumpkin patch, and a trip to the Midnight Mystery Laboratory if you dare. Animal ambassadors are excited to show off their spook-tacular attire. Saturday, October 15, 9am; \$50-\$64. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RAN-CHO SANTA FE)

exhibition is focused on Alternative Photographic Processes. Over two hundred unique, hand-worked photographic artworks from all over the U.S. were entered and then juried by artist and author Christina Z. Anderson. Saturdays, 11am; through Saturday, October 22, **free**. Photographers Eye Gallery, 326 East Grand, (RANCHO SANTA FE)

**42nd International Exhibition**  
juried by award-winning artist,  
Linda Daley Baker. This highly  
competitive Exhibition represents

On fields o'er which the reaper's hand has pass'd  
Lit by the harvest moon and autumn sun,  
My thoughts like stubble floating in the wind  
And of such fineness as October airs,  
There after harvest could I glean my life  
A richer harvest reaping without toil,  
And weaving gorgeous fancies at my will  
In subtler webs than finest summer haze.

I am the autumnal sun,  
With autumn gales my race is run;  
When will the hazel put forth its flowers,  
Or the grape ripen under my bows?  
When will the harvest or the hunter's moon  
Turn my midnight into mid-noon?  
I am all sere and yellow,  
And to my core mellow.  
The mast is dropping within my woods,  
The winter is lurking within my moods,  
And the rustling of the withered leaf  
Is the constant music of my grief...

the very best of water-based media art from around the world and runs from October 2-31. Sundays, 12pm; through Monday, October 31, **free**. San Diego Watercolor Society, 2825 Dewey Road #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

**Artist Demonstration: Brady Willmott** Meet and watch pop surrealist painter, Brady Willmott, demonstrate his art techniques. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Thursday, October 13, 2pm; **free**. 18 and up. Fusion Restaurant, 201 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

**Cannupa Hanska Luger Open Studio** Through monumental installations and social collaboration, Luger activates speculative fiction and communicates stories about 21st Century Indigeneity, combining critical cultural analysis with dedication and respect for the diverse materials, environments, and communities he engages. Friday, October 14, 12pm; **free.** Uni-

Among the signs of autumn I perceive  
The Roman wormwood (called by learned men  
Ambrosia elatior, food for gods,—  
For to impartial science the humblest weed  
Is as immortal once as the proudest flower—)  
Sprinkles its yellow dust over my shoes  
As I cross the now neglected garden.  
—We trample underfoot the food of gods  
And spill their nectar in each drop of dew—  
My honest shoes, fast friends that never stray  
Far from my couch, thus powdered, countryfied,  
Bearing many a mile the marks of their adventure,  
At the post-house disgrace the Gallic gloss  
Of those well-dressed ones who no morning dew  
Nor Roman wormwood ever have been through,  
Who never walk but are transported rather—  
For what old crime of theirs I do not gather.



countless writers, including Leo Tolstoy and Mahatma Gandhi. His poetry reflected the same concern for the natural world and political justice.

*Find more poetry online at [SDReader.com/poetry](http://SDReader.com/poetry)*

Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862) was an American philosopher—a disciple of American Transcendentalist Ralph Waldo Emerson—and a writer, best known as the author of *Walden*, which proposed a program of simple living and self-dependence, and the essay, "Civil Disobedience," which provides redress for unjust laws (such as the slavery laws of his time). His nature and political writings have influenced

**Craft Fair** 12th Annual Craft Fair in Allied Gardens. Get your holiday shopping season off to a great start. Don't miss this opportunity to find the perfect handmade gifts and decorations and help our community at the same time. Saturday, October 15, 9am; **free.** Ascension Lutheran Church, 5106 Zion Avenue. (ALLIED GARDENS)

**Craftivism Class: Nail Art Portraits** October Craftivism Class will feature artist Domonique King, who will teach participants how to make portraits of Angela Davis using wood, nails, and yarn. Each person will create a small 8 x 10 in portrait. Friday, October 14, 6pm; \$5-\$15. Joe and Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue. (EMERALD HILLS)

**Duke Windsor: Reverence** opening reception Duke Windsor's success as a contemporary artist lies in his ability to infuse ordinary subject matter with his own ingenuity. Windsor's works will

**Craft Beer Trivia & Sing Along Night** Come for the resident trivia master and piano man for one fun-filled Thursday night. Thursday, October 13, 6pm; **free**. Ebullition Brew Works, 2449 Cades Way, Suite D. (VISTA)

**Sails & Ales Beer Fest** Celebrate San Diego's bounty of local and regional craft beers. Attendees can expect specialty pairings, delicious bites, live entertainment and unbeatable waterfront views. Friday, October 14, 6:30pm; 21 and up. Kona Kai Resort & Marina, 1551 Shelter Island. (SHELTER ISLAND)

**Vintage List Launch** Taste some brews that have been cellared for a vintage bottle list by request, which will include Pure Project beers from 2016 to 2022. Tuesday, October 18, 3pm; Wednesday, October 19, 3pm; Pure Project Vista, 1305 Hot Spring Way. (VISTA)

Carrie Hasler as she discusses and signs her new book, *Sloth's Treehouse Inn*. Tornero the two-toed sloth from the San Diego Zoo will make a guest appearance with Carrie! Monday, October 17, 7:30pm; \$17. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Chef Marcela Valladolid:**  
**Cocinando on Cook Street**  
Warwick's and La Jolla Riford Library and Gillispie School, will host Chef Marcela Valladolid as she discusses and signs her new book, *Cocinando on Cook Street: A Collection of Mi Familia's Recipes*. Saturday, October 15, 4pm; free-\$19. La Jolla Riford Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni:** Warwick's will host Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni as she discusses and signs her newest book, *The Last Queen: A Novel of Courage and Resistance*.

**Bands, Bites & Brews** Enjoy bites available for purchase at food trucks and at venue restaurants, along with beer, cocktails, and more. High Tide Society will perform soft rock covers on the Martini Lawn. Friday, October 14, 6pm; \$10-\$15. Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)



# SHEEP AND GOATS

## I ANSWERED THE CALL

### St. Mark's Lutheran Church

**Contact:** 580 Hilltop Dr., Chula Vista 619 427-5515

[www.stmarkschulavista.org](http://www.stmarkschulavista.org)

**Membership:** 190

**Pastor:** Karla Halvorson

**Age:** 54

**Born:** St. Paul, MN

**Formation:** University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; Lutheran Bible Institute, Issaquah, WA; Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley; San Diego State University

**Years Ordained:** 15

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

**Pastor Karla Halvorson:** I love the idea of having a newspaper in the one hand and the Bible in the other. I spend about ten hours

a week putting my sermons together, which includes Bible study with members here at the church where we look at the upcoming gospel reading... But then of course, the whole sermon usually gets changed by about Saturday!

**SDR:** What's your main concern as a member of the clergy?

**PH:** St. Mark's is very aware of whatever prejudice of the day comes up. We have four languages in which people worship here. We, St. Mark's, are Spanish and English-speaking. So we have two services, one in Spanish and one in English. We also rent

the church space to Glory Lutheran, which has services in Chinese and Mandarin. We also have another rental group, a Korean group, Areumdaun Church, which means "beautiful" in Korean. We have good relationships with all these congregations. Under one sanctuary roof, every Sunday, God is worshipped in four languages. We do some youth events together with the Chinese congregation, and we're good friends with the Koreans.

**SDR:** What is the mission of your church?

**PH:** In celebrating God's love and forgiveness, we serve others. We say that every single

week, right up front at the beginning of our Sunday service. The vision right now is to live into what I call our tagline: "Two languages, one congregation." We're welcoming anyone who comes our way. These are the kind of people we have in our congregation — and all are welcome. I keep experiencing that with the people here, and they are very loving, welcoming people.

**SDR:** What one book has had the greatest influence on your ministry?

**PH:** A cousin of mine, who is also a pastor, Cindy Halvorson, wrote a wonderful book, *Real Faith, Real People:*



Pastor Karla Halvorson

*Preaching Biblical Characters.*

The book helps us enter fully with all five senses into the gospel characters' lives, and as a result of that, they come to life and we see how much we have in common with them. Their encounter with the living God is then something we feel we can also experience.

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

**PH:** I'm not at all concerned about hell. In last week's sermon, there was a very horrible description of hell that Jesus gives. But the point is, what do we do here and now? We come from love, we live this life, we try to bring as much love as we can into this life, and in the end we return to love. I expect warmth and happiness and joy and peace and serenity in the next life. If I really keep doing diligently what we're doing now, I truly expect to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant." As for hell, there's nothing

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Friday, October 14, 7:30pm; **free**—\$16. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Jo Kaplan: When the Night Bells Ring** Jo Kaplan discussing *When the Night Bells Ring*. Thursday, October 13, 7pm; **free**. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 3555 Rosecrans Street Suite 107. (POINT LOMA)

**Lisa Kastner: Cure** Lisa Kastner in conversation with Jonathan Maberry. Tuesday, October 18, 7pm; **free**. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 3555 Rosecrans Street Suite 107. (POINT LOMA)

**Weekends with Locals: Riko Radojcic** Riko Radojcic will be promoting his latest techno-thriller novel *Startup*. Sunday, October 16, 2:30pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Weekends with Locals: Tim Miller** Weekends with Locals will be hosting Tim Miller, author of *Spooves: A Collection of Short Humor*. Sunday, October 16, 12pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### Adult Monthly Garden Club

Learn how to grow your own organic fresh fruits, herbs and vegetables, plus all the benefits of eating healthy, being outdoors and giving back green space to our planet. Free for Military Friday, October 14, 9am; **free**—\$10. 18 and up. San Diego Craft Collective, 2590 Truxtun Rd., Studio 106. (LIBERTY STATION)

**Bath Bomb Class** Learn the Chemistry and Techniques to Make No Fail Bath Bombs without Oil. Sunday, October 16, 12pm; \$93. Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

**Free Standup Comedy Workshop** Learn how to get started in standup comedy with Andrew Norelli, professional comedian and national headliner. Sunday, October 16, 2pm; **free**. Old Town Temecula Community Theater, 42051 Main Street. (TEMECULA)

### Game Development & Design

Take your first steps in learning how to build a professional 3D game. Students will explore game engines, tools to make video games, and databases to get the resources that you need to build a video game. This is a non-programming class. Allowed Grades: 6th Grade to 8th Grade. Monday, October 17, 4pm; **free**. Logan Heights Library, 567 South 28th Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

### Hands on Sourdough Bread Workshop

Learn all about sourdough, and how to make your first loaf of sourdough bread with organic flour and local sourdough starter. Saturday, October 15, 4pm; \$79. Babe Kombucha, 5401 Linda Vista Rd Suite #409. (LINDA VISTA)

**Improv Class Level One** Learn the foundations of improvisational comedy in an environment that encourages trying new things and letting go of your fears. Saturdays, 4pm; through Saturday, November 12, \$225. 18 and up. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

**Intro to Poetry Writing (Poetry I)** Intro to Poetry Writing (Poetry I)

with Ron Salisbury Fridays, 10am; through Friday, October 14 or Saturdays, 10am; through Saturday, October 15, \$180–\$216. [sandiegowriters.org](http://sandiegowriters.org). (ONLINE)

### Introduction to Woodshop

This workshop is designed to teach students the basics of woodworking and shop safety, and serves as a strong foundation for further exploration. Materials provided. Tuesday, October 18, 10am; \$200. 18 and up. San Diego Craft Collective, 2590 Truxtun Rd., Studio 106. (LIBERTY STATION)

### Learn to Weave a Silk Wall Hanging

Instruction on weaving, using a warped lap loom and a rain-bow of recycled sari silk ribbon and yarn fibers. Materials included. No experience necessary. Age 14+ Friday, October 14, 1pm; \$140. 18 and up. San Diego Craft Collective, 2590 Truxtun Rd., Studio 106. (LIBERTY STATION)

### Lotion Making Science Class

In this beginning-through-advanced Lotion Making Science class, take a scientific, hands-on approach to learning different methods and techniques for making lotion. Saturday, October 15, 12pm; \$112. Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

### Macrame Fall Plant Wall Hanging Craft Workshop

This workshop includes step-by-step instructions along with all of the supplies. Finish off your masterpiece by designing 3 mini planters with fall decor. Tickets also include a flight of wine and \$10 off a bottle of your choice. Wednesday, October 19, 6pm; \$55. La Mesa Wine Works, 8167 Center Street. (LA MESA)

**Modern Food Preservation** As harvest arrives, it's time to think about how to preserve your bounty. Introduction to Modern Food Preservation Techniques is a hands-on workshop that will teach practical ways for the backyard gardener to

preserve their own harvest or items purchased locally. Sunday, October 16, 1pm; \$35–\$50. San Diego Craft Collective, 2590 Truxtun Rd., Studio 106. (LIBERTY STATION)

### Project-In-A-Box: Coin Flip Circuit

Ever wanted to flip a coin, but all you had were electronic parts? With PiB's Coin Flip Circuit kit, you can simulate the action of flipping a coin with just an electronic circuit. Creating a variation of a multivibrator circuit, participants will gain practical knowledge of components such as resistors, capacitors, and transistors. A Middle School or High School student must be participating. Limit 1 kit per household. Only 1 registration needed per household. Saturday, October 15, 2pm; **free**. University Community Library, 4155 Governor Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

### Youth Breakin' Dance Classes

Youths ages 5+ eight week session Tuesdays, 5pm; through Tuesday, November 8, \$15–\$129. Dancehouse Point Loma, 2180 Chatsworth Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

## COMEDY

**Chris Tucker** Saturday, October 15, 7:30pm; \$44–\$272. 18 and up. Harrah's Resort Southern California, 777 Harrah's Rincon Way. (VALLEY CENTER)

**Comedy Night** Free comedy at Candys which is inside El Prez. Wednesdays, 9:30pm; through Saturday, December 31, **free**. 21 and up. El Prez, 4190 Mission Boulevard. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Gaslamp Comedy Open Mic & Happy Hour** Tuesday, October 18, 7:30pm; **free**. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Joe Gatto's Night Of Comedy** Joe Gatto 2022 Tour Thursday,

October 13, 7pm; Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Kevin Hart** Friday, October 14, 8pm; Saturday, October 15, 8pm; Viejas Arena, 5500 Canyon Crest Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

### Lewis Black: Off The Rails Tour

Friday, October 14, 7:30pm; \$94–\$1377. 21 and up. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

### Nimesh Patel AS SEEN ON:

SNL, Comedy Central & more! Thursday, October 13, 8pm; Friday, October 14, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, October 15, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$30. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

## DANCE

### California Ballet: Awakening

Witness the reawakening of the California Ballet for one day only. Directed by Trystan Merrick, this exciting new program will feature repertoire from California Ballet's rich 50 year history, a re-imagined masterpiece, and brand-new contemporary works, one of which will include an original score created by local San Diego composers. Saturday, October 15, 2pm and 7pm; \$30–\$65. Joan B. Kroc Theatre, 6611 University Avenue. (ROLANDO)

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

### Ballot Talk with League of Women Voters

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and cons of the State and Local Propositions that will appear on the November 2022 ballot. Thursday, October 13, 5:30pm; **free**. Joe and Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue. (EMERALD HILLS)

**Blood Cancers Open House** Learn how scientists are targeting diseases such as leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma. Speak directly with leading clinician Dr. David Hermel of Scripps Hematology and Oncology. This event is free and open to the public. Thursday, October 13, 3pm; **free**. Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute, 10901 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

**Climate Hub Panel on Ballot Measures** This panel discussion will give you everything you need to know about five ballot measures that affect greenhouse gas emissions, funding for environmental programs, traffic and housing, labor protections and reproductive justice. Register online. Thursday, October 13, 6pm; **free**. <https://bit.ly/3em9So3>. (ONLINE)

**Reducing Workplace Stress & Promoting Well-being** Dr. Denise Lopez and Dr. Kasia Fuiks, will explore the causes and consequences of workplace stress and illustrate different approaches to reduce stress and promote well-being. Thursday, October 13, 8am; **free**. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (ONLINE)

**San Diego Test Equipment Symposium** Open to the High-tech electronic organizations to visit a variety of manufacturers to see the latest and greatest electronic equipment. One day only. More details online Tuesday, October 18, 9am; **free**. 18 and up. Advanced Test Equipment Rentals, 10401 Roselle Street. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**Warwick's Livestream: Tea-time Recommendations** Join Warwick's booksellers and publishing reps for their latest book recommendations on Facebook Live. Monday, October 17, 4pm; **free**. [warwicks.com/event/tea-time-221017](http://warwicks.com/event/tea-time-221017). (ONLINE)

## FILM

**San Diego International Film Festival** The 21st Annual San Diego International Film Festival is really 'Putting the Fest Back in Festival!' 5 days of films including the return of the Opening Night Film Premiere & Reception(10/19), the Night of the Stars Tribute(10/20), Culinary Cinema(10/23), plus more in-person parties, panels and networking events. Wednesday-Sunday, October 19-23, [sdfilmfest.com](http://sdfilmfest.com); \$16-\$500. AMC University Towne Center, 4425 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

## FOR KIDS

**Art for Kids** In this class kids are encouraged to express themselves, emphasize creativity and experimentation. They will make paintings, collages, drawings and sculptures with a range of media for one stunning creation per class. Materials included. Skills: Kids will be able to build fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, problem solving and self-confidence. Monday, October 17, 3:30pm; \$265-\$285. ICA North Institute of Contemporary Art San Diego, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

**Dance Pants Party** Recommended for toddlers, preschoolers and early elementary school age kids, this simple dance program will feature "The Wheels on the Bus," "Baby Shark," and more. Please note: this program will be held outdoors. Wednesdays, 10:30am; through Wednesday, October 26, **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Drawing & Painting for Kids** In this class kids will learn a variety of materials and techniques including watercolor, tempera, mixed media, pastels, color pencils, charcoal and more to challenge and inspire their inner artist. While learning techniques, kids will increase their skills and broaden their aware-

ness of contemporary art. Materials included. Ages: 8-10. Tuesdays, 3:30pm; through Tuesday, October 18, \$235. ICA North Institute of Contemporary Art San Diego, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

**Fall Fest** The park will transform into Mr. Jack O Lantern's Pumpkin Patch, open daily, enjoy free Trick-or-Treating every Sunday in October, live acoustic performances and a festive beer garden on Friday nights along with specialty treats from Belmont Park's most popular shops, iconic rides, attractions and more. Belmont Park's seasonal Go Kart track will also be open throughout October. Fridays, 11am; Saturdays, 11am; Sundays, 11am; Mondays, 11am; through Monday, October 31, **free**. Belmont Park, 3146 Mission Boulevard. (MISSION BEACH)

**Fright for Future** Fright for Future is a haunted event of "true terrors" bringing scary issues such as climate change, pollution, and animal rights to light this Halloween! There will be several haunted attractions within the maze that are both scary and educational. Each attraction will have a QR code to scan to learn more about the issues portrayed in the display. This event is recommended for ages 10 and up. Saturday, October 15, 11am; **free**. Centro Cultural de la Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

**Halloween STEAM Party** Enjoy a hauntingly good time with Halloween STEAM-powered crafts and activities. There will be ghost making, a scavenger hunt, and more. This program is suitable for preschool and elementary ages. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Saturday, October 15, 11am; **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Halloween Spooktacular** Guests can enjoy trick-or-treating, a special pumpkin scavenger hunt, hay maze, Halloween dance party with colorful characters and more fun family-friendly activities. Spooktacular is included with park admission. Saturdays, 10am; Sundays,

10am; through Sunday, October 30, SeaWorld, 500 Sea World Drive. (MISSION BEACH)

**Haunted Harvest** Special evenings in October at Fort Cross will entail some seasonal spooky fun. Activities include: Jug Band Music, Hoedown, "Ghost Stories", and Haunted Hayride Saturdays, 8pm; through Saturday, October 29, \$30. Fort Cross Old Timey Adventures, 4425 Highway 78. (SANTA YSABEL)

**Julian Autumn Jubilee** Cider Pressing, Pumpkin Patch, Hayrides, Hoedowns, Crafts, Candle Dipping, Farm Animals, Reptile Interactions, Archery, Tomahawk Throwing, Slingshot Gallery, Maze, Treasure Hunt, and more. Prepaid reservations are recommended. Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 11am; through Sunday, October 30, \$20-\$25. Fort Cross Old Timey Adventures, 4425 Highway 78. (SANTA YSABEL)

**The Count's Halloween Spooktacular** Enjoy trick-or-treating around the park, Halloween-themed shows, the Sesame Street Halloween Parade, an interactive Spot-The-Ghost Scavenger Hunt, Chilling Tales with Big Bird, Sesame Street-themed dry & wet rides, special retail, and unique photo opportunities with everyone's favorite furry friends dressed up in costume. Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through Sunday, October 30, Sesame Place San Diego, 2052 Entertainment Circle. (CHULA VISTA)

**The Haunted Forest** An approximately half mile Halloween Walk decorated with graveyards, ghosts,

and ghouls. Costumes encouraged. Saturdays, 7pm; through Monday, October 31, \$13-\$15. Banner Ranch Julian, 36342 Highway 78. (JULIAN)

**Virtual Slimy Sea Creatures** Investigate how slimy sea creatures live and thrive in their underwater homes. Then create an artwork inspired by what you have learned. 3rd Grade to 5th Grade. Saturday, October 15, 10am; **free**. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (ONLINE)

**Youth Ballet/Jazz Class** Learn the beginnings of ballet and jazz styles for young dancers ages 3-6. Saturdays, 10am; through Saturday, November 5, \$15-\$129. Dancehouse Point Loma, 2180 Chatsworth Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

## FUNDRAISERS

**Belmont Park 5K & All Wheels Cruise** Run or ride through the Beachside Amusement Park and trace up and down the Mission Beach boardwalk. After the event, redeem your complimentary wristband that grants access to all the rides and attractions Belmont Park has to offer, grab a drink and enjoy live entertainment at our Beach House After Party. All proceeds from the event will be donated to The Team Parker 4 Life Foundation, a 501c3 Non-Profit. Sunday, October 16, 8am; \$45-\$50. Belmont Park, 3146 Mission Boulevard. (MISSION BEACH)

## LECTURES

**Art in the Evening: Letters in the World of Vermeer** This seventeenth-century Delft master had a life-long fascination with the subject of women and letters. This lecture will examine how Vermeer captured, in quiet and subtle ways, the emotional impact for women of receiving a letter from an absent loved one. Sunday, October 16, 4:30pm; \$45-\$65. 21 and up. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Borderland Circuitry: Immigration Surveillance** Dr. Ana Muñiz will address the border's salient features, which include an immigration carceral system and the border wall. She also will describe how interlocked social control agencies, including federal, state, local and transnational police, create multiple digital borderlands, which become instruments of border militarization. University Student Union Ballroom Monday, October 17, 6pm; **free**-\$5. CSU San Marcos, 333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

**Literature Talk: Noli Me Tângere (Touch Me Not)** Professor John D. Blanco of UCSD's Literature Department discusses the influence and central role in the Filipino literary tradition of national martyr José Rizal's history changing classic, "Noli Me Tângere." Monday, October 17, 6:30pm; **free**. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)



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## NATURE

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**Explorations with a Ranger** Join Ranger Najja for an exploration of Chollas Lake Park. Bring your inquisitive mind and wear comfortable walking shoes! The walk will be approximately 2 miles in length. Moderate hills and uneven terrain should be anticipated. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome. Please bring extra water for your pet. Monday, October 17, 2pm; **free**. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

**Free Interpretive Nature Walks** Walks are moderately paced on the lower creek trail and begin in front of the Elfin Forest Interpretive Center Honoring Susan J. Varty. Sunday, October 16, 9am; **free**. Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, 8833 Harmony Grove Road. (ESCONDIDO)

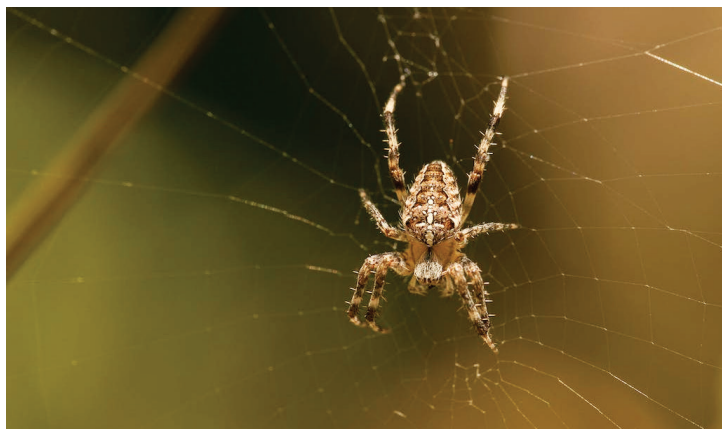
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# OUTDOORS

## Chinese Flame Trees, Surf Scoters, Jupiter's Satellites

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

**The Surf Scoter is a Small Sea Duck** that typically arrives in Southern California in the fall. By winter, they are the most common bird found in the San Diego Bay. Males are mostly black with a white, orange, and bright yellow bill. Females are slightly smaller



IT'S ORB WEAVER SPIDER SEASON

**Public Tour & Open Garden** Public tour of the gardens and guests are invited to learn more about programs. No pre-registration required. Saturday, October 15, 10am; **free**. Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center, 2525 N Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

**Raptors: Birds of Prey** Torrey Pines Docent Society's Nature Discovery Series presentation about "Raptors: Birds of Prey" by Dr. Bob Gordon. Learn about local raptors and meet Huxley the Harris Hawk. The public talk is free and suitable for all ages. Meet at the pavilion area near the Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve upper

parking lot. Sunday, October 16, 3pm; **free**. Torrey Pines State Beach and Reserve, 12600 N. Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

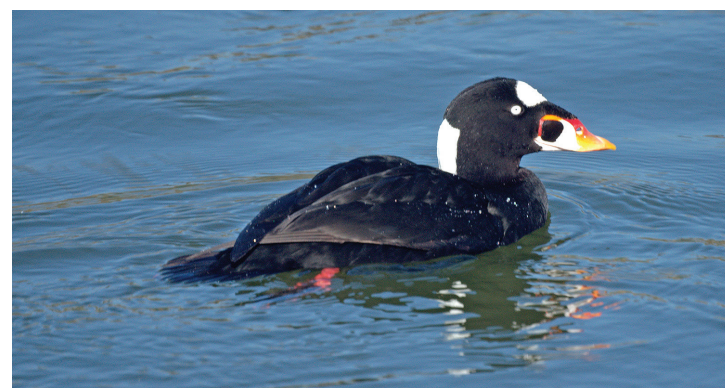
**Wildlife Hike with a Ranger** Take a hike with a Park Ranger to "meet the neighbors" at Chollas Lake Park. If you are curious about the wild and feral animals that reside in our park, this program will delight you. Ranger walks are 1 to 2 miles long on dirt surfaces with some hills and steps. Bring water, sun protection and sturdy shoes. Meet near the comfort station at the north end of the parking lot. Saturday, October 15, 1pm; **free**.

Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Flocktoberfest** Learn about little peeps and bigger cluckers. Chickens are "pets with benefits" and the many benefits include producing protein, recycling waste, and creating fertilizer. Meet the Flockers and learn about chicken care and pick out new "chickies" for you and your family. The chicken education events will take place at all three stores. Saturday, October 15, 10am; Hawthorne Country Store, 675 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

**Grand Avenue Festival** This nearly 30 year old annual Fall street festival is located on Historic Grand Avenue between Escondido Blvd and Ivy in beautiful Historic Downtown Escondido. In addition to the traditional street fair format, this year's festival will include Professional Live Music, a Beer & Wine Garden and Art in the Garden. Shop from over 400 hundreds of vendors including unique hand-crafted gifts and imports, and international cuisine. Sunday, October 16, 9am; **free**. Grand Avenue in Historic Downtown Escondido



THE SURF SCOTER IS A SMALL SEA DUCK

and browner. They feed on clams, mussels and other invertebrates by diving more than 30 feet to the sea floor.

**It's Orb Weaver Spider Season**, if you haven't already noticed. If you're over 6 feet tall and enjoy evening walks, you've probably "faced" a few webs in recent weeks. Orb Weavers come out evenings and weave big circular webs, which can reach several feet between trees and often span a sidewalk or driveway in residential areas. A well-fed female can be as large as 4 centimeters, but while her brown, yellow, and orange colors might look scary, she rarely bites. If you run into an Orb Weaver's web, they will usually scuttle away and start building a new one.

**Jupiter's Galilean Satellites**, the four largest and brightest moons circling the planet, can be easily observed this month through the end of the year using equipment as simple as firmly supported, high-power binoculars. First observed by Galileo in 1610, these satellites noticeably change their configuration from night to night as they swing around the planet. First, of course, you must locate the planet itself. Jupiter is the brightest star-like object in the evening sky, located high above the east horizon on October evenings and shifting toward the southern sky by December.

## SPOKEN WORD

**Poetry In Ocean Panel Open Reading** The evening starts with nosh and mingling then a panel discussion led by lifelong surfer and executive editor of the San Diego Poetry Annual, Michael Klam. Panelists are author and lifelong surfer, artist, and contributing writer at The Surfer's Journal, Cher Pendarvis, surf journalist Scott Bass, classical pianist/surfer Jeeyoon Kim, and poet/visual artist Ted Washington. Open mic follows the panel. Friday, October 14, 6:30pm; **free**. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

**Short Tales From the Mothership** This sci-fi micro fiction event is inspired by sci-fi magazine editor George Hay. In the 1970s, Hay asked authors—including Arthur C. Clarke, the namesake of UC San Diego's Clarke Center—to submit short stories that would fit on a postcard. Likewise, Short Tales From the Mothership invites participants to submit short stories inspired by UC San Diego's iconic Geisel Library. Thursday, October 13, 5pm; **free**. UC San Diego Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**VAMP Storytelling Show: Fall Fling** Join So Say We All to celebrate the downfall of the sun, the end of the oppressive light and

heat, and the coming darkness of fall with JD Burke, Jorge Villalobos, Erin Flores, Justin Hudnall and Jon Briones. Saturday, October 15, 7pm; \$15-\$20. 21 and up. Art Produce Gallery, 3139 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

## SPORTS & FITNESS

**Abundance Yoga Flow & Sound Healing** Donation-Based Monday, October 17, 5:30pm; **free**. Hospitality Point, 2500 block of Quivira Road. (MISSION BEACH)

**Autumn Sound Bath & Restorative Yoga** Restorative Yoga and Sound Healing with Zen Soul Balance and violin Saturday, October 15, 5pm; \$45. Foundation Yoga, 140 Lomas Santa Fe Drive. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Meditation** Meditation, Awareness and Awakening with Turiya Saturday, October 15, 11am; 18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

**The Art of Spinal Flexibility** Class for all levels, come to learn how to relieve your neck and shoulders tension; and prevent/heal injuries. RSVP: solyoga@yahoo.com Tuesday, October 18, 9:30am; \$20. La Jolla Cove Bridge Club, 1160 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

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## MOVIE LISTINGS

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**Amsterdam** — Director David O. Russell returns from an extended absence (after the oddflop *Joy*) with an extended...well, it's hard to say what, exactly. A spoof on the hard-boiled works of Humphrey Bogart? That would explain the *Maltese Falcon* voiceover, the *Big Sleep* meetup with the rich family trying to control its wild daughter, and of course, the strange *Casa-blanca* triangle of dear friends overseas, two white (Christian Bale, Margot Robbie) and one black (John David Washington). Bale works pretty well as an anti-Bogey: a half-Catholic, half-Jewish doctor with a glass eye, a back brace, and a pain pill problem thanks to the Great War who is nevertheless unembittered and a regular champion of kindness and decency. He'll stick his neck out for anybody, if he can manage to stand up. And a spoof would explain the weirdly weightless character of the drama, which ought to feel more dramatic, given the film's urgent warning against anti-democratic forces at work right here in the good old USA, even as it bares its teeth at American businessmen who are willing to profit off fascism. Those who refuse to learn from history,



**Amsterdam:** (Taps glass eye) "Here's looking at you, kid."

etc. And it would explain the almost embarrassing sincerity of sentiment and nigh-inhuman displays of virtue. ("Whoever is shooting at me right now is a coward!") But a spoof could never be this indulgent of its whimsy, this sloppy about its story, this careless with its characters. Pity, that.— M.L. ★ 2022. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Avatar (Re-Release 2022) 3D** — Ambitious merger of live action and computer animation, with at least one groundbreaking 3-D effect: English subtitles for the language spoken on the celestial body of Pandora inserted on a plane in the middle distance between a foreground figure and an upstage figure, as if the foreground one could look down and

read the subtitle himself. This effect is silly, is pretentious, is pointless, and nonetheless is fun. Much the same could be said of the movie as a whole.

Silly, pretentious, pointless, and fun is surely less than writer and director James Cameron had in mind for his first feature film since *Titanic* twelve years before, a two hour and forty-five minute "vision-

ary" science-fiction epic that dishes up an allegory on globalism, a warm-over of the old science-versus-military debate, a dose of Noble Savage romanticism, a Capt. Smith and Pocahontas culture-clash romance, an ecological message, and a tree-felling that insistently recalls the toppling of the World Trade Center.

There appears little doubt that Cameron drew upon all his mental powers, yet happily those powers prove too feeble, too reliant on convention and stereotype, or if you wish to make it sound better, on tradition and archetype, to ruin the fun. The powers themselves, with their rumble of self-importance and their straining for significance, are part and parcel of the kitschy fun. Sam Worthington, Sigourney Weaver, Stephen Lang, Giovanni Ribisi, Michelle Rodriguez. 2022. — D.S. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Barbarian** — Traveling to Detroit for a job interview, a young woman books an Airbnb rental home. When she arrives, she discovers that the house she rented is not what it seems, and a strange man is already staying there. Against her better judgment, she decides to spend the evening, but soon discovers that there's a lot more to fear than just an unexpected house guest. Filmed in Bulgaria and starring Georgina Campbell, Bill Skarsgård, and Justin Long. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Dial M for Murder 3D** — Frederick Knott's theatrical thriller, forever a staple of provincial playhouses, comes to the screen under the aegis of Alfred Hitchcock (*Notorious*). Its cinematization, however, depends not so much on any overt attacks



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on its staginess and talkiness as on the simple imposition of 3-D; and not so much on any visible ministrations by its director as on his mere reputation. With Grace Kelly, Ray Milland, and Robert Cummings. 1954. — D.S. ★ (ANGELIKA FILM CENTER AND CAFÉ)

**Don't Look at the Demon** — Led by a medium with a haunted past, a team of paranormal TV investigators visit the home of a couple who claim to have experienced inexplicable, threatening disturbances. Delving into the mystery, they encounter possessions and apparitions more terrifying than any they'd witnessed before. Directed by Brando Lee, starring Fiona Dourif, Harris Dickinson, Jordon Belfi, and Randy Wayne. 2022. (AMC)

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**Don't Worry Darling** — Alice (Florence Pugh) and Jack (Harry Styles) are lucky to be living in the idealized community of Victory, the experimental company town housing the men who work for the top-secret Victory Project and their families. The 1950's societal optimism espoused by their CEO, Frank (Pine)—equal parts corporate visionary and motivational life coach—anchors every aspect of daily life in the tight-knit desert utopia. But when cracks in their idyllic life begin to appear, exposing flashes of something much more sinister lurking beneath the attractive façade, Alice can't help questioning exactly what they're doing in Victory, and why.

Just how much is Alice willing to lose to expose what's really going on in this paradise? Directed by Olivia Wilde and starring Florence Pugh, Harry Styles, Wilde, Gemma Chan, KiKi Layne, and Chris Pine. None. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Drag Me to Hell** — Sam Raimi horror film for those who like their sadism to be gleeful. An old-fashioned gypsy curse, cast by an old gypsy of unprecedented repulsiveness (rotten dentures, coughed-up phlegm, milky eye, etc.), falls upon a girlish loan officer (Alison Lohman) who already has enough troubles in her life — a glass ceiling at the bank, her boyfriend's disapproving mother — without the upchucked insects, the projectile nose-bleed, the sacrificed kitten, and so forth. It's all in a spirit of fun, looking for laughs as much as chills, though both searches somehow taking away from the other. The philosophical debate between the psychologist boyfriend (Justin Long) and an Indian fortune teller (Dileep Rao), strictly for laughs, may be the least adulterated scene in the movie. Lorna Raver, David Paymer. 2009. — D.S. ★ (DIGITAL GYM CINEMA)

**Halloween** — A spectacular opening: a circuitous single-take which travels, a little unsteadily, up the walkway of a modest Middle American home, all the way around the side of the building, through the kitchen door, briefly into the cutlery drawer where a hand reaches in from offscreen to select a fearsome butcher knife, up the staircase, into the bedroom of a teenage girl who is swiftly slashed to death at her vanity, back down the stairs and out the front door.

Partway through this shot, just prior to the stabbing, the same hand that earlier selected the sturdy murder weapon reaches in to pick up a Halloween mask from the floor and fit it over the subjective eye of the camera, and then the shot continues with the entire screen blocked out except for an aperture in the center which is cut in the shape of the mask's eyeholes. (As this device of blocking out part of a movie image is technically called a "mask," the use of it here is quite a witty visual pun.) After the virtuosic opening, though, the movie drops to a lower level. For a story set on Halloween night in a Midwestern smalltown, there's a conspicuous thinness of atmosphere, Americana, sociology, or however you care to classify the peculiarly profane trappings of this religious holiday. Where are all the trick-or-treaters, the costumes, the candies, the pumpkins? Starring Donald Pleasence and Jamie Lee Curtis; directed by John Carpenter. 1978. 1978. — D.S. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Halloween Ends** — Jamie Lee Curtis returns for the last time as Laurie Strode, who faces off for the last time against the embodiment of evil, Michael Myers, in a final confrontation. 2022. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile** — When the Primm family (Wu, Scoot McNairy, Winslow Fegley) moves to New York City, their young son Josh struggles to adapt to his new school and new friends. All of that changes when he discovers Lyle — a singing crocodile (Mendes) who loves baths, caviar and great music—living in the attic of his new home. The two become

fast friends, but when Lyle's existence is threatened by evil neighbor Mr. Grumps (Brett Gelman), the Primms must band together with Lyle's charismatic owner, Hector P. Valenti (Bardem), to show the world that family can come from the most unexpected places and there's nothing wrong with a big singing crocodile with an even bigger personality. Based on the best-selling book series by Bernard Waber, Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile, starring Academy Award-winner Javier Bardem, Constance Wu, and Shawn Mendes. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry** — A.J. Fikry's wife has died, his bookstore is in trouble, and now his prized rare edition of Poe poems has been stolen. However, when a mysterious package appears, its arrival gives him the chance to start his life over and see things anew. Directed by Hans Canosa, starring Kunal Nayyar, Lucy Hale, and Christina Hendricks. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**The Woman King** — A historical epic inspired by true events that happened in The Kingdom of Dahomey, one of the most powerful states of Africa in the 18th and 19th centuries. The film tells the story of the Agoji, a real-life army of women warriors who defended the powerful West African kingdom of Dahomey. Oscar-winning actress Viola Davis plays General Nanisca. Other featured stars include Thuso Mbedu, Lashana Lynch, Sheila Atim, Hero Fiennes Tiffin, John Boyega, and Adrienne Warren. Directed by Gina Prince-Bythewood. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

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# ON STAGE IN SAN DIEGO

## THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Matthew Lickona unless otherwise noted. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

### Carmen

Pacific Lyric Association (PLA) presents Georges Bizet's opera Carmen. The performance will feature an exceptionally talented team of cast and artistic staff who will perform the opera comique that tells of the downfall of Don Jose, a naïve soldier seduced by the fiery gypsy, Carmen. PLA is donating 20% of the production's proceeds to Ukrainian refugee families with children living in Poland. PLA is an independent Southern California opera company that present fully staged operas with orchestra, accessibly priced to the general public. The signature format of PLA's opera productions includes spoken narrative in English before each large scene. These narrative vignettes, performed by a professional actor, are designed to keep the audience engaged without being distracted by super titles.

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### Come Fall In Love - The DDLJ Musical

Globe artistic director Barry Edelstein writes that Come Fall in Love, the theater's ginormous new musical based on the hit Indian film DDLJ (and directed by the film's writer/director Aditya Chopra), "delivers a gentle and sweet story of star-crossed love, family, and tradition. And music. And dance." That mention of "star-crossed love" brings Romeo & Juliet to mind, and what do you know, the play gets mentioned early on, as part of our Harvard-educated heroine Simran's sung thesis rejecting "storybook love" in favor of something more active and heroic. But while there is a star set against the union of the mutually stunning Simran and Rog, it's not the enmity of two families. Quite the opposite: it turns out that Simran's immigrant father left his heart back in India, as well as a promise to his dear friend that their children would one day marry.

Oddly, it seems that his plan to raise a perfect Indian bride involves getting her a top-flight American education and sending her on a cultural tour of Europe before taking her back to the old country. And it's there she gets to know Rog, the rich kid with a heart of gold to match. But don't fret: the culture clash and generation gap are just a scaffold for goings-on that really are gentle and sweet. You're here for the comedy and costumes, the fun and froth, the music and dance. The first act delivers in fine fashion, especially the title number, a brilliantly backdropped siren song from hedonist Rog as he squires the



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museum-minded Simran around the Continent. (A close second is "Like You That Way," in which the pair adorably start to realize what the audience has known all along.) What the second act's songs lose in craft and catchiness they sometimes make up for in humor, notably "Hot and Independent and Hot," the intended groom's fantasy of what his American bride will be like. And while the inevitable turn toward dramatic tension and resolution may not make you weep, the preceding proceedings will almost surely make you smile.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAY & FRIDAY.

### Kristina Wong: Sweatshop Overlord

When covid hit and the lockdowns descended, a lot of people were left feeling uncertain, unsafe, and unconnected. Self-declared "self-obsessed performance artist" Kristina Wong maybe felt that way more than most. Uncertain: besides being essentially inessential as an artist, she declares early on in this, her only semi-comic (but still frequently funny) reflection on her pandemic experience, "I have no genetic legacy. I chose to forego children. You receive my repackaged pain and suffering in a way that makes you feel loved. I gave up children for you!" (Laughter, applause.) Unsafe: even before masking/not-masking became an issue, she had to deal with the mask she could not remove. Some people thought "Kung Flu" was funny. She found it a scary expression of anti-Asian sentiment. Unconnected: two of the three things she cites as an inheritance from her retiring, play-it-safe mother are a Costco membership and guilt. But the third thing was sewing, and so begins her transformative work, making masks for underserved com-

munities, essential workers, and um, Walter Reed military hospital? ("Is America a banana republic disguised as a democracy?" she asks, not for the first or last time.) By pandemic's end — well, show's end, anyway — she's more certain, more safe, and more connected than she might have imagined possible, given the circumstances. The show is front-loaded with jokes: early on, she riffs on the calling of "Joan of Arc, Maid of Orleans" — she's "Kristina of Wong, Old Maid of Koreatown," on a mission to find elastic ("If it stretches, it fetches"), enlist volunteer aid from an army of aunts, and if need be, go down sewing. (Her no-man's-land crawl to the post office is just plain good stuff.) But jokes or no, she's horrified by what the next years bring, from anti-maskers to Asian hate crimes to George Floyd to RBG to January 6 to anti-vaxxers, and her frustration shines through like sunlight through tulle. Not surprisingly, the stronger moments are those that are more personal, such as her remembrance of Corky Lee, a famed photographer who spent his life making other Asian-Americans visible. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS.

### What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank

Read: *What We Talk About When We Talk About Being Jewish*. Debbie and Lauren were best friends when they were young and Orthodox, but that was 20 years ago, before Lauren got religion and Debbie lost it, before Debbie married Phil and moved to Miami and Lauren married Mark and moved to Israel. But today, the religious Jews are stopping by to visit the secular Jews, and vodka or no vodka, very little time is spent on the usual pleasantries. Instead of the standard,

"What a lovely home!" Phil leads with "All this house and one son?" Never mind the extravagance: he's got 10 daughters, you see, and isn't afraid to use a term like "living Holocaust" to describe Jewish couples failing to make more Jews and Jewish singles failing to marry other Jews. After all, the result is the same: fewer Jews! Not to be outdone in the Department of Outrageous, Outlandish, and Outre, Mark is ready with his own riff on the restaurants at an imagined Holocaust-themed addition to Disney World. Vietnamese? "Never Pho Get." And it goes on from there. Of course, it's not all arguments over history and Israel and right living; it isn't even mostly that. Playwright Nathan Englander only turns to an issue when it helps to illuminate a person, or, failing that, their worldview. It's fast and furious going, almost too much at times for the cast to fully inhabit — unless maybe it's a directorial choice to take it easy on the audience by not letting them luxuriate in the emotion inherent in their dazzling, devastating words. Even so, it's a riveting ride, ably depicting both those who have found a happy home in God and tradition and those for whom those things feel like a perverse and primitive prison — right up until the curious, even frustrating ending. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623.

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SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-570-1100. JAN. 3 THROUGH JAN. 8.

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During the early months of WWI on the battle fields in Belgium, thousands of men put down their guns and left the protection of trenches to meet their enemies in "no man's land." This story reminds us of the atrocities of war, our common humanity, and the hope of a peaceful future. VETERANS MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL CENTER, 2115 PARK BL., BALBOA PARK. 619-239-2300. NOV. 11 THROUGH NOV. 13.

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Into the Breeches! transports audiences to a small American playhouse in 1942. With the actors and director off at war, a group of passionate women face the daunting challenge of preserving the theatre's reputation for mounting outstanding Shakespearean productions. Crammed with laughs and an abundance of visual humor, their fierce determination and unbridled enthusiasm will have audiences cheering as they prove that art and community triumph even in times of peril. Reserve your seats now for this powerful, witty play that captures the true meaning of being an American.

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### Isabel Leonard and Pablo Sáinz-Villegas

San Diego Opera and La Jolla Music Society are excited to announce the co-presentation of mezzo-soprano Isabel Leonard and guitarist Pablo Sáinz-Villegas in concert at the Baker-Baum Concert Hall. Isabel Leonard, one of today's brightest opera stars, joins one of the world's greatest guitar players for an intimate performance that will conjure the magnificent musical traditions of Spain. Back in October 2021, Pablo Sainz-Villegas was invited by Peter Gelb of The Met Opera to join forces, in part, with opera superstar Isabel Leonard in a worldwide broadcast live from Versailles. Following its success, the two artists decided to work creatively to build out a special vocal-guitar program for a limited-run tour in the United States, featuring popular arias and songs beloved around the world.

CONRAD PREBYS MUSIC CENTER AT UCSD, RUSSELL LANE AT GILMAN DR., LA JOLLA. 858-534-2230. DEC. 1.

### Not Working (a Musical)

Presented by the Asian Story Theater, Teatro Máscara, and the San Diego Black Ensemble Theatre, the musical takes a spirited and sometimes humorous look at how Covid has altered the lives and careers of those from diverse communities, as reflected in the story's main character, Anqa. She is a young American-born woman who returns to America for the first time after her parents were deported years prior. Upon Anqa's return to the U.S., the pandemic hits. Lockdowns and restrictions ensue. And despite her personal quest to re-establish herself, she develops unexpected empathy for new friends facing their own struggles and losses from Covid. The production plays for three consecutive weekends through Nov. 13 at three different community venues: El Salon Cultural Center; the Diversionary Theatre; and Chula Vista Library lecture hall. Tickets range from free to \$10 and \$20. EL SALON CULTURAL CENTER, 114 WEST HALL AVE., SAN YSIDRO. OCT. 28.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

### Ain't Too Proud: Life and Times of the Temptations

Follow The Temptations' journey from the streets of Detroit to the Rock

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## Busking for bread?

“IZOLA Bakery will not exploit this local artist any longer,” reads a recent Instagram post from local singer Fre3sty13, “as they expect us to art inside their shop for free; that’s modern-day slavery. . . You want to know why the nation is in this position? It’s because of establishments like this that promise to



Fr3sty13 says nuts to dough.

properly compensate us for our effort once they have reached their goals, but once they get that money they turn cold.” (Fre3sty13, whose real name is Yvonne, has been singing for 22 years, everything from a cappella hymns to Disney tunes, and you can sometimes find her performing at the Farmer’s Market in Little Italy. However, she wrote in a recent email to the *Reader*, she’s also had issues with another venue. “I am unable to share [performances] at the Hillcrest Farmers Market; banned by management for having ‘too much love’ and ‘too much soul.’”)

When contacted by the *Reader*, Bakery owner Jeffrey Lamont Brown did not initially respond to Yvonne’s derogatory comments about his business on her Instagram. However, he admits to seeing the negative post, which pulled on local musicians’ heartstrings and garnered many supportive comments and shares. “It hurt,” said Brown, who opened the bakery south of City College at 13th and G, on the third floor

above his former photo studio, during the 2020 pandemic. Named after his grandmother, the business thrived despite his contracting Covid.

“Recently, they’ve become popular and just plain rude!” alleges Yvonne in the post. “They don’t value their musicians that come in and provide good vibes for their clients.

Every Sunday for the past eight months, I have shown up and sang to a patron-less room for up to six hours, to help them grow without being properly compensated, and many others have joined me.”

Among the hundreds of five-star Yelp reviews commending the bakery’s treats and coffee are comments that indicate musicians are indeed part of the venue’s attraction. “[I] went on a Sunday morning,” commented Yelp Elite member Anthony D. “There was also a live singer, which added such a great energy to an already amazing place. It was almost as if we stumbled upon an open mic night that happens to serve some of the best baked goods!”

Great energy doesn’t usually come free of charge. “I worked multiple days during the week [at the bakery] without compensation,” Yvonne told the *Reader*. “On Sundays, I was required to bring my own PA, sing quietly, and share personal equipment with other artists.” Yvonne says Brown promised

her \$100 if she brought other singers to the bakery on Sunday and sang as well. “Artists consistently canceled and failed to show up,” she said, “especially when they discovered they wouldn’t be compensated.”

Brown told the *Reader* that poets and musicians are still welcome to perform at the bakery, stating that they do get compensation, but not in cash. “Doesn’t matter if they’re amateurs or professionals,” he said. “People bring in their instruments and play whatever they want for an hour, and they can eat all the croissants and sourdough they can eat and make whatever tips they can make.” He says that Yvonne walked out of the bakery without saying anything to him, and suggested, “You should just come in and speak to everyone here, including the musicians.”

When I talked to other performers who’ve played at the bakery, no one said anything negative about Brown, the bakery’s employees, or its pastry payment policy. “We’ve never asked to be paid at IZOLA,” said Fatima of State Park, a local duo who write, record, and produce indie music at their home studio. “My sister, Leila, the other half of the band, and I love the croissants there.”

“It’s worth it,” said Aaron Bowen, a local guitar player. “My wife and I traveled all over France, and IZOLA makes the best croissants worldwide. Not only does Jeff [Brown] provide us with the best treats, he lets us play whatever we want.”

“I love IZOLA,” says Rachel Jay, a local musician. “The owners are super kind and accommodating, and the energy of the bakeshop and all the people who work there is just awesome. I did hear about the misunderstanding. I think it was just an error in communication between parties.”

But songwriter Julia Sage doesn’t buy into any of it, “It was already a no when I heard they were paying with pastries instead of fair compensation, I guess, but now even more of a hard no.”

— Mike Madriaga

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## THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

### 1st Street Bar:

Thursday, 8pm — Russ BLVD. Free.

### Alila Marea Beach Resort:

Saturday, 4pm — Nathan Welden.

### Bancroft:

Monday, 7:30pm — WoR and Fused By Defiance.

### Barefoot Bar and Grill:

Friday, 6pm — Israel Maldonado.

### Bates Nut Farm:

Sunday, 12pm — I Know Jack. Free.

### Beach House Grill:

Friday, 4pm — Bedouin.

### Bellamy's Restaurant:

Friday, 6pm — Helena Holleran. Tuesday, 6pm — Jemille Violet.

### Belly Up Tavern:

Friday, 8pm — The English Beat. Sunday, 6pm — Jason Mraz. Tuesday, 8pm — Patrick Watson. \$25. Wednesday, 8pm — Novo Amor.

### Bloom Nightclub:

Friday, 8pm — SECONDCITY. Saturday, 8pm — Shaded.

### Brew Coffee Spot:

Saturday, 9am — Java Jazz Quartet. Free.

### Brick by Brick:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Booze & Glory and the Drowns. \$16-\$19. Friday, 7:30pm — D.R.I. \$20-\$25. Tuesday, 7:30pm — Alesana and Vampires Everywhere. \$24-\$28. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Madball and Mongrel. \$20-\$22.

### California Center for the Arts, Escondido:

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Puscifer and Night Club.

### Cannonball:

Thursday, 5pm — Jemille Violet. Tuesday, 5pm — Kai Kalama.

### Casbah:

Thursday, 8pm — Bit Brigade. \$15. Friday, 8pm — The Paranoyds, Milly, Mo Dotti. Saturday, 8pm — Emo Nite. \$16. Sunday, 8pm — Celebrating the Life of Ian Parker. Monday, 8pm — The John Doe Folk Trio. \$25. Tuesday, 8pm — Night Moves. \$15. Wednesday, 8pm — Cardiac Sunset, ViRR, Barbara Wire.

### Central Library:

Saturday, 12:30pm — Checked Out: Experimental Music & Art Festival. Free.

### Death By Tequila:

Friday, 6pm — Gabriela Aparicio.

### Duke's La Jolla:

Friday, 3pm, Tuesday, 4pm — Johnny Martin. Sunday, 4pm — Kekoa.

### Ebullition Brew Works:

Saturday, 5pm — Cheez Whiz Band 80s Halloween Costume Party. \$10-\$15. Sunday, 3pm — Halloween Hootananny. \$10-\$15.

### Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:

Thursday, 6pm — Rebecca Jade. Saturday, 6pm — David Shyde. Wednesday, 6pm — Jackie Foster.

### Fairmont Grand Del Mar:

Saturday, 6pm — Johnny Martin.

### Farmer & the Seahorse:

Sunday, 11am — Freddie Walton.

### Galley at the Marina:

Saturday, 7pm — West of 5. Free.

### Garage Kitchen + Bar:

Friday & Saturday, 7pm — Adam Bergoch.

### House of Blues:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Gimme Gimme Disco. \$17-\$36. Sunday, 7:30pm — Jean Dawson. \$120. Sunday, 6pm — South Border & Neocolours. \$80-\$150. Monday, 7:30pm — Band-Maid. \$80-\$234. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Sleeping With Sirens.

### Humphreys Backstage Music Club:

Saturday, 8pm — Viva Santana. \$12.

### Humphreys by the Bay:

Saturday, 8pm — Graham Nash. \$56-\$295.

### L'Auberge Del Mar:

Thursday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro. Friday, 7pm — Matt Heinecke. Saturday, 7pm — Joanna Gerolaga. Wednesday, 5pm — Farrah Camu.

### La Valencia Hotel:

Thursday, 5:30pm — Johnny Martin. Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro. Saturday, 11am — Jemille Violet. Sunday, 11am — Jesse Johnson.

### Loews Coronado Bay Resort:

Friday, 7pm — Ray Williams. Saturday, 7pm — Orion Song.

### Magnolia Performing Arts Center:

Friday, 7pm — Led Zepagain. \$15-\$85.

### Mainstream Bar and Grill:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Sonic Tonic.

### Mellano Farm Stand:

Sunday, 10:30am — Cowboy Jack. Free.

### Mission Bay Resort:

Thursday, 6pm — Farrah Camu. Friday, 6pm — Orion Song. Saturday, 6pm — Jonny Tarr. Sunday, 6pm — Brian Pierini. Monday, 6pm — Jesse Ray Smith. Wednesday, 6pm — Marelle.

### Moonshine Beach:

Thursday, 8pm — Restless Road.

### Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:

Thursday, 9pm — She Says So. Friday, 9pm — The Traumatists. Free. Saturday, 9pm — Hometown Heroes. Free.

### Music Box:

Thursday, 8pm — Sigrid. \$30. Friday, 7:30pm — Silent Sanctuary. \$99-\$110. Saturday, 7:30pm — ACZINO and Batalla de Campeones. \$52. Sunday, 7:30pm — Ronstadt Revival. Monday, 7:30pm — Propagandhi and La Armada. \$27. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Still Ill and Shadowplay.

### Nate's Garden Grill:

Saturday, 12pm — Tinkersmith. Free.

### Nick & G's:

Friday, 5pm — David Shyde. Saturday, 5pm — Helena Holleran. Wednesday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro.

### Observatory North Park:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Sabrina Carpenter. \$87. Saturday, 7:30pm — Jake Scott. \$20-\$40.

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# THE GONZO REPORT

## Woodstock on Lake Murray

### Navajo Live's open mic night draws an eclectic lineup

Navajo Live is nestled in a remote corner of the Navajo Shopping Center on Lake Murray Boulevard. The place has been on my radar for a while now, because every Thursday night is Open Mic Night, hosted by Jeff Ousley. I met Jeff a couple of years ago through a former girlfriend who's a friend of his wife. He told me about the gig over beers at his house; the news piqued my interest, because I was fresh off my own personal experience playing at an open mic at Proud Mary's on Kearney Mesa Road. Fast forward to a year later: I'm at Jeff's house again for a BBQ and pool party. I tell Jeff I have to get out there to Navajo Live and check it out. He says, "You said that the

last time you were here, so I don't believe you." That did it: on Thursday, September 15th, 2022, I turned my intentions into reality.

I took a Lyft to and from Navajo Center. Upon my arrival, I didn't immediately see the bar, maybe because I was looking for a sandwich. Navajo Center has a clean, spacious parking lot, and stores like Albertsons, Jersey Mike's Subs, Domino's Pizza, and Wendy's. I found my sandwich, ate it, then found my way to the bar, just a couple doors down from where I dined. I found it by spotting the Navajo Live sign: "Navajo" in big white letters and "Live" in smaller red letters, with a red arrow pointing in the direction of the entrance. Very helpful.

Once inside, I walked past the elongated kidney-shaped bar, glancing at the TV sets lining the back wall of the bar next to the liquor (all playing the Padres-Diamondbacks baseball game) and then engaging the friendly bartender Brenda. The walls were covered with big pictures of past performers. I recognized two of them: one was Ousley, and the other was a local who is also the touring drummer for the Rick Springfield Band — Jorge Palacios. The lighting kept the bar from being dark and drab; really, an excellent lighting system in my opinion. I spotted host Ousley getting the stage ready for the performers, the way he's been doing every



As the night progressed, so did the number of musicians with hopes of playing.

Thursday since February 2015 when Chris Heaney became Navajo Live's owner. (That night, Heaney had to step in to do the sound, because their current sound guy Greg Bartusch was on vacation in Italy.) Ousley told me the music started at 7:15, which gave me time to belly up to the bar and order a cocktail. \$6.75 for Tito's & Soda. Beers go from \$6-9. Reasonable drink prices. Sure enough, the music started at 7:15, with Ousley and his backup band doing a song. Early on, there were only six musicians

and three people at the bar, possibly because the Chargers were playing on TV. Jeff finished his song and then the other musicians got their chance to play.

Each musician got to play three songs. The evening usually starts off with an acoustic set. Then the bands come on after that, and finally, the featured artist gets to play 30 minutes. The first gentleman was a big burly bear of a guy; he stepped up with his acoustic and started off with a Warren Zevon song. Ousley MC'd and ushered the performers on and off the stage from the back. The musicians waited their turns, tuning their guitars, appearing excited and antsy at the same time. I could tell by the way they were pumping their legs up and down that they were eager to share their craft. Ousley told me he lets anybody play who signs up and so he gets folks of various skill levels, from beginners to professionals. Some have their own material. There's a mixture of older and younger generations, all sharing respect and admiration for each other.

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Mongrel,  
All Beat Up,  
CANDLE\$

FRI. OCT. 14

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Deathwish,  
VFMS,  
Humanoid,  
Toxic Energy

THU. OCT. 20

**SHADOW OF INTENT**  
Enterprise Earth,  
Inferi,  
The Zenith Passage,  
Wormhole

TUE. OCT. 18

**ALESANA**  
Picturesque,  
Vampires Everywhere,  
Our Sorrows

FRI. OCT. 21

**HELL FIRE**  
Screamer,  
Intranced,  
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## Super stoked for Mainly Mozart's return to the great indoors

The best news I've heard in months, nay, perhaps years, is coming to fruition on October 12, 14, and 15. The Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra is returning to the great indoors for the first time since the 2019 Festival. The venue is the brand-new Centre Theater at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

I've taken a look at the repertoire being performed and have decided that An English Autumn is the theme. Each of the three concerts features a key piece of music by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams.

I was pleased when Mainly Mozart Music Director Michael Francis presented *The Wasps Overture* during the June 2022 Festival. I

have long lamented the lack of Vaughan Williams in San Diego concert halls. I would vote in favor of Mainly Mozart creating a subsidiary festival entitled "Very Vaughan Williams." With three Vaughan Williams pieces scheduled, I am quite giddy with anticipation.

The opening concert, on Wednesday, October 12, has five balanced pieces of music. The first is J.S. Bach's *Concerto for Oboe and Violin* followed by Mozart's *Adagio and Fugue*. Then we get *Fantasia on Theme by Thomas Tallis* by Vaughan Williams. Georg Frederic Handel's *Royal Fireworks Music* and *Felix Mendelssohn's Midsummer Night's Dream Overture*

complete the show.

The concert on Friday, October 14, has four pieces of music. French composer Jacques Ibert is first in line with his high energy *Diver-tissement*. Then we have Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 23* and *The Lark Ascending* by Vaughan Williams. The final piece is Maurice Ravel's *Piano Concerto in G*. All four pieces are astounding and work well together to create a diverse musical tapestry.

The Festival concludes on Saturday, October 15. This concert has three pieces of music on it. I like the tidy way the concerts move from five to four to three pieces. It suggests that Michael Francis has programmed a coherent festival, as opposed to three



Get pumped! Mainly Mozart Music Director Michael Francis

concerts that happen in the same week.

The pieces for the final concert are Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on Greensleeves*, Mozart's *Violin Concerto No. 5*, and *Slavonic Dances Op. 72* by Antonin Dvořák. These three pieces are quite famous within the classical music universe. And "Greensleeves" is probably even a little more

famous than that, owing to its being retconned into a Christmas carol and the myth that King Henry VIII wrote the lyrics for Anne Bolyn.

These concerts are well worth attending for anyone who loves classical music and enjoys hearing it performed at the highest possible level. Visit [mainlymozart.org](http://mainlymozart.org) for more information about The Mainly Mozart Festival.

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## THE GONZO REPORT

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of the people liked to hang out more toward the back of the place, because it gets loud up front. I had the pleasure of having a conversation with Emily Bartell outside of the bar; she is the promoter for Navajo Live and Bar None Productions. I asked her what makes open mic special. She replied, "It's eclectic. You get to hear different genres of music."

I walked back into the bar to find Ousley rushing the current band off so the next band could get started. Later, he told me, "It's like Woodstock, with me needing to rush acts on and off the stage, and they're all playing different styles such jazz, funk and blues." Then on came John January, playing some smoking hot boogie blues slide guitar. He got people dancing. The artist of the week was Cold Craft: high energy '80s music, with songs such as "Devil Inside" by INXS and "Cult of Personality" by Living Colour. The band added a harder edge to the evening, and singer Tyler Hazen had the range to match. They even brought a smoke and light show. After their set, it was back to the hodgepodge of musicians to finish off the night, and time for my departure. But I think now I need to play Navajo Live. ■

## Classical Music this week

### Autumn Concert Series:

**Robert Bui** Cellist Robert Bui will play classic as well as contemporary cello pieces that expand upon the instrument's sound possibilities. Friday, October 14, 1pm; **free**. Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue.

### California Ballet: Awakening

Witness the reawakening of the California Ballet for one day only. Directed by Trystan Merrick, this new program will feature repertoire from California Ballet's 50 year history, a re-imagined masterpiece, and brand-new contemporary works, including an original score created by local San Diego composers. Saturday, October 15, 2pm and 7pm; \$30-\$65. Joan B. Kroc Theatre, 6611 University Avenue.

### Carmen

Pacific Lyric Association presents Georges Bizet's opera *Carmen*. The performance will feature an exceptionally talented team of cast and artistic staff who will perform the opera comique that tells of the downfall of Don Jose, a naïve soldier seduced by the fiery gypsy, Carmen. Friday, October 14, 7pm; Saturday, October 15, 7pm; Sunday, October 16, 7pm and 7pm; \$60. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard.

### Hutchins Consort: Make Mine a Double

Featuring the Bach Double Concerto arranged for Soprano Violin. The Hutchins Consort plays on the eight scaled violins of the violin octet designed and built by famed luthier Dr. Carleen

Hutchins. The instruments are the first successful attempt to create an acoustically balanced set of instruments that can sound truly like violins across the entire range of written music. Friday, October 14, 7pm; \$20-\$35. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Encinitas, 890 Balour Drive.

### La Jolla Music Society: Hollywoodland

"Hollywoodland" pays homage to the undeniable influence of Hollywood on culture and music. This program traces the influence of the "Hollywood" sound on Rachmaninoff's iconic Symphonic Dances, the jazz obsession of Russian composer Nikolai Kapustin, the romantic minimalism of Polina Nazaykinskaya's

cinematic "Nostalgia," and the Oscar-nominated score by Hans Zimmer, *The Interstellar*. Friday, October 14, 8pm; Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center, 7600 Fay Avenue.

### Mainly Mozart All-Star Orchestra Festival

Friday, October 14, 8:30pm; Saturday, October 15, 7pm; Centre Theater, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard.

### Quartet Luminoso: Fighting Parkinson's Benefit

The Quartet Luminoso is a virtuoso ensemble comprised of clarinetist Robert Zelickman, violinist Päivikki Nykter, violist Francesca Savage, and cellist Cecilia Kim. Their program includes works by Respighi, Sibelius, Stamitz, and Piazzolla. The event will help people with

Parkinson's who live in the greater San Diego area in their fight against this disease. Tickets are a suggested donation \$20 per ticket with all proceeds going directly to support the Tremble Clefs "Fighting Parkinson's One Song at a time." Saturday, October 15, 2pm; **free**-\$20. Community Church of Poway, 13501 Community Road.

### SD Symphony Jacobs

**Masterworks: De Waart Leads** COPLAND, KORNGOLD AND DVOŘÁK: Edo de Waart, conductor. Simone Lamsma, violin. Aaron Copland: Suite from Appalachian Spring. Erich Wolfgang Korngold: Violin Concerto in D Major, Op. 35. Antonin Dvořák: Symphony No. 8 in G Major, Op. 88

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Saturday, Oct. 22 — The Fleshtones.

### Duck Foot Brewing Company:

Thursday, Oct. 20 — Deadheads Night.  
Sunday, Oct. 23 — Bluegrass Jam.

### Duke's La Jolla:

Friday, Oct. 21 — Mario Marauak.  
Sunday, Oct. 23 — Divina Jasso.

### Ebullition Brew Works:

Saturday, Oct. 22 — Skatoberfest: The Untouchables, more. \$20-\$25.

### Encore Event Center:

Thursday, Oct. 20 — Halloween Costume Dance.

### Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:

Thursday, Oct. 20 — Farrah Camu.  
Friday, Oct. 21 — Anna Ballew.

Saturday, Oct. 22 — Jason Graham.

### Farmer & the Seahorse:

Friday, Oct. 21 — Sean McCole.  
Sunday, Oct. 23 — Jonny Tarr.

### Garage Kitchen + Bar:

Friday, Oct. 21 — Adam Bergoch.

### House of Blues:

Friday, Oct. 21 — Four Year Strong & Real Confidence.  
Friday, Oct. 21 — Peach Tree Rascals and Miles.  
Saturday, Oct. 22 — Sophie B. Hawkins.  
Sunday, Oct. 23 — Glaive.

### Humphreys Backstage Music Club:

Thursday, Oct. 20 — Blue Largo. \$5.

### L'Auberge Del Mar:

Saturday, Oct. 22 — Kai Kalama.  
Sunday, Oct. 23 — Jesse Johnson.

### La Valencia Hotel:

Thursday, Oct. 20 — Brian Pierini.  
Friday, Oct. 21 — Keni Yarbro.  
Saturday, Oct. 22 — Jemille Vialat.  
Saturday, Oct. 22 — Weston Wilson.  
Sunday, Oct. 23 — Tori Roze.

### Mission Bay Resort:

Thursday, Oct. 20 — Christian Taylor.  
Saturday, Oct. 22 — Puro Feeling.  
Sunday, Oct. 23 — Keni Yarbro.

### Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:

Thursday, Oct. 20 — CircaSonic.  
Friday, Oct. 21 — The Reflectors.  
Saturday, Oct. 22 — Custard Pie. **Free**.

### Music Box:

Thursday, Oct. 20 — Kaelen Mikla and Kanga.  
Friday, Oct. 21 — Flor De Toloache.

Saturday, Oct. 22 —

Superorganism.  
Sunday, Oct. 23 — Vacations and Jackie Hayes.

### Nova SD:

Saturday, Oct. 22 — Two Friends.

### Observatory North Park:

Thursday, Oct. 20 — Walk the Moon.  
Saturday, Oct. 22 — Alex G.

### Ocean Beach Playhouse:

Saturday, Oct. 22 — Always a Banana, Never the Bride. \$15-\$20.  
Sunday, Oct. 23 — Always a Banana, Never the Bride. \$15-\$20.

### Open Air Theatre:

Friday, Oct. 21 — Omar Apollo.  
Saturday, Oct. 22 — Raphael.

### Panama 66:

Sunday, Oct. 23 — Uptown Rhythm Makers. **Free**.

### Parq Restaurant:

Saturday, Oct. 22 — Lil Pump and DJ Dynamiq.

### Revel Revel Events:

Friday, Oct. 21 — Donald Glaude. \$10-\$20.

### Shoppes at Carlsbad:

Saturday, Oct. 22 — Justin Froese. **Free**.

### Side Yard:

Saturday, Oct. 22 — Christian Taylor.

### Soda Bar:

Friday, Oct. 21 — Drug Hunt and The Fazes.  
Saturday, Oct. 22 — Taylor Swift vs. Olivia Rodrigo. \$27.  
Sunday, Oct. 23 — Argonaut & Wasp and Hembree.

### Soma:

Saturday, Oct. 22 — Conan Gray.

### Spin Nightclub:

Friday, Oct. 21 — Kyle Watson

and Chapter & Verse.

Saturday, Oct. 22 — Twilight Trance.

### Sunshine Brooks Theatre:

Friday, Oct. 21 — Carvin Jones. **Free**.

### Thornton Winery:

Saturday, Oct. 22 — Boney James.

### VFW Encanto Post 1512:

Saturday, Oct. 22 — 8 East Band. **Free**.

### Viejas Arena:

Thursday, Oct. 20 — Cody Johnson.

### Waterbar:

Thursday, Oct. 20 — Marcela Mendez.

### Winstons Beach Club:

Thursday, Oct. 20 — Zach Bellas. **Free**.  
Friday, Oct. 21 — Shwayze, Synergy. Azuare. \$20-\$25.

# From Knotty to Gnarly

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## Gnarly Girl Pizza trades in garlic knots, beer, and nostalgia

2302 El Cajon Blvd., North Park. I made it nearly nine years and a thousand *Feast* stories without ever having to reference the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. But that all ended the moment I walked into Gnarly Girl Pizza.

The New York-style slices and sandwiches counter recently took over a corner suite on the Boulevard in North Park. Some may remember the location as the original home to Georgian restaurant Pomegranate (now occupying a larger space two doors down), then later Twisted Taps and Tacos La Mezcla. With due respect to all those eateries, the property now looks more colorful than it ever did before, covered inside and out with cartoonish mural work.

And at first glance, the interior is all



### Buttery garlic knots

about those pizza-loving heroes in a half shell, plus other characters from their universe. I've never read the comic, never watched the cartoon, and never sat through any generation of the movies, and yet I still somehow recognize the woman in the yellow outfit as the turtles' journalist friend, April O'Neil. Cultural osmosis never taught me a single accurate thing about world history, yet somehow, this I know.

Fortunately, the counter shop offers alternative whiffs of nostalgia to go with the aroma of baked dough and pepperoni. I feel a little more in my element when I notice both high- and low-top dining tables are surfaced with rock and hip-hop album covers, including Led Zeppelin, Talking Heads, and Run DMC. Above the entrance, I spot a collection of vintage boomboxes.

More important is what's on display inside the glass pizza counter. New York and Sicilian style pizzas are available as whole pie orders, usually for \$22-25. But for drop-ins, it's about 3 or 4 bucks a slice, featuring usual suspects such as

pepperoni or any of Gnarly Girl's cleverly named originals. Ham and pineapple get dubbed "The Controversy Pizza," while "The Fred Flintstone" features five kinds of meat. On the veggie side, the "Rabbit Food Pizza" manages seven kinds of vegetables, including broccoli, while the "Betty Boop" boldly adds cranberries to a white pie with spinach and gorgonzola.

That one seemed almost too kooky even to write about, let alone eat, so I stuck with a slice of the "Forgettaboudit," a white pie with bacon, cheddar, ricotta, and splashes of tomato sauce. It reminded me of something I might eat at Pizzeria Luigi, the decades-old pizza counter only two blocks away. For those already in the habit of ordering at Luigi's, I honestly don't see a lot of reasons to switch — toppings aside, the pizzas are pretty similar, meaning good.

There are a few more beers to choose from here, and there are hot sandwiches ranging from chicken parmesan to Philly cheesesteak, but judging by the ho-hum cheesesteak I ordered, the \$9-11 sandwiches are more snack attack remedy than lure to walk an extra couple blocks.

If you're looking for a non-turtle related reason to drop by, I could point you to the garlic knots. When this shop was originally announced a year ago this month, it was slated to open as Knotty Girl Pizza, presumably to emphasize its utterly snackable garlic knots. At a buck apiece (or six for \$5.50), they're great, chewy fodder to wash down with a couple of those draft beers I mentioned, during or after happy hour. The garlicky, buttery knots, dipped in ranch dressing or marinara, prove the ideal appetizer, certain to keep you around long enough to order some 'za, dude.

by Ian Anderson

## FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

**Agave Dinner** Agave Dinner with guest Chef Hanis Cavin, paired with cocktails by Nicholas Vetter. Enjoy an exclusive 4-course dinner. Reservations required. Saturday, October 15, 6:30pm; \$65. 21 and up. Madam Bonnie's, 411 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Bootcamp & Bloody Mary's** Start the morning with a 45-minute fitness and strength training class from Fortis Fitness followed by a complimentary Bloody Mary by the pool. Tickets include the fitness class, complimentary cocktail, 20% off restaurant tab at The Grill, and a day pool pass that gives access to the resort's sparkling pools and spa tubs. Hotel guests and locals are welcome to attend. Sunday, October 16, 10:30am; \$25-\$35. Lakehouse Hotel & Resort, 1025 La Bonita Drive. (SAN MARCOS)

**Paso Robles AVA Wine Dinner** Wine series dinner with guests Justin Baldwin, owner of Justin Winery, and Eric Jensen, founder and winemaker of Booker Winery and guests from local Paso Robles farms such as Central Coast Creamery. Enjoy Chef Jarell's "Fall Harvest" inspired creative multi-course dinner along with the many wines. Expect to taste older vintages and wines that are only available at the winery and through membership, with double the courses and a total of 8 wines. Thursday, October 13, 6pm; \$250. 21 and up. Fairmont Grand Del Mar, 5300 Grand Del Mar Court. (CARMEL VALLEY)

**Spain Pop-Up** Take a quick trip to Spain with a Spanish plaza featuring tapas, sangria and a Spanish gin & tonic bar. From 6-9pm there will be live Flamenco music to set the evening mood and transport your senses overseas. Saturday, October 15, 11am; free. 21 and up. You & Yours Distilling Co., 1495 G Street. (EASTLAKE)



A slice of white pie, topped with cheddar, ricotta, bacon, and dollops of tomato sauce.

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

**Taste for the Space** Culinary competition and community experience with carefully selected food trucks, restaurateurs and culinary professionals who will participate in a food festival style event to showcase their signature cuisine to the public. Visitors along with a panel of local judges will vote to influence whose concept will win their own space at Parkway Plaza. Saturday, October 15, 12pm; free. Parkway Plaza, 415 Fletcher Parkway. (EL CAJON)

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**Vinyl & Vines** The Shore Room at The Seabird Resort is hosting Vinyl & Vines, offering tastings from an array of wine brands paired with the sounds of local DJs spinning tunes on vinyl. The event is free and open to the public. Wednesday, October 19, 5pm; free. Seabird, 101 Ocean Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

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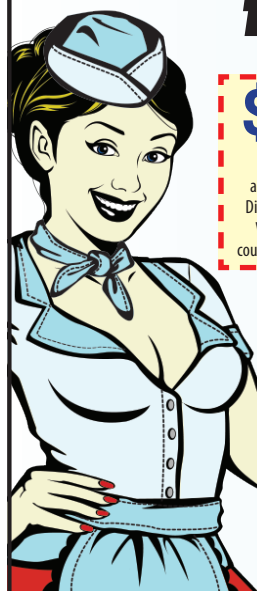
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**WHERE IN THE WORLD IS BRIAN B?** I enjoyed reading salutations and birthday wishes from Brian B. In June, a sour soul told Brian B. to get a life and he stopped posting. I miss your posts Brian! I also miss GMan's posts. And to Katherine Z. and Frank your interactions are gold.

**DEAREST POPO** you the only popo I want pulling me over!!! If you catch me, you might have to do a search for weapons!! You are hot!! Love EG

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**OH BRANDON! MY BRANDON!** O Brandon! My Brandon! Our fearful trip is done... The motorcycle has weather'd every bar troll, the prize beer we sought is won. beanmcdonald69@myyahoo.com

**HOW IS IT OUR SUPREME COURT'S** role to define family planning? Don't we have separation of church & state?

**DRIVEWAY SOCIETY** we at the Driveway Society would ask everyone to take a step back, take a big breath, and hold it for

as long as you can, then exhale. now doesn't that feel good? we hope you have enjoyed that and will continue to do that at least 5 times a day.

**KATHERINE Z.** Dear Katherine, my duty to the Crown was done and I was trying to get a flight out when Charles asked me to stay on for a bit since he needs me to sort some 'unfinished business' for him. not sure what that means, but he's the King so I can't refuse

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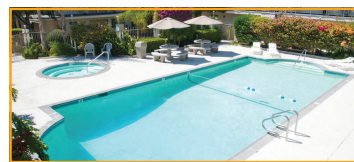
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**Kim and Brigitte Browning, and public employees union honcho Mike Zucchet are also members of the group, expected to be closely overseen by Gloria and his staff.**

*Matt Potter*

**The evacuation of Soon-Shiong's Dunkirk**

**Union-Tribune owner's medical enterprises look sickly**  
**More unsettling news regarding hiring at Union-Tribune owner Patrick Soon-Shiong's array of business ventures, this time on the medical side. The Buffalo News is reporting that Soon-Shiong's ImmunityBio, Inc. will lay off 38 workers on December 1 at its Dunkirk manufacturing plant in upstate New York, citing a Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification filing with the state. ImmunityBio assumed the \$200 million state-subsidized plant's lease in August 2020, from Athenex, another biotech outfit, concluding the deal in February of this year.**

**According to the paper's October 6 account, "ImmunityBio must hire 450 employees at the Dunkirk facility within the first five years of operations and also must spend \$1.52 billion on operational expenses during the initial 10-year lease term, which started a year ago. It's not off to the best start. It's unclear how many workers are left at the Dunkirk facility," the story adds. "State records obtained by the Buffalo News showed the plant had about**



ImmunityBio took over the space from Athenex, but may prove susceptible to a weakened economy.

**72 full-time jobs as of Dec. 31, 2021, when Athenex still had the lease. When the deal closed in February, more than 50 Athenex employees joined ImmunityBio, which planned to hire more workers." The current "Reason for Dislocation," per a notice posted online by the New York State Department of Labor, is "Economic."**

**Back on January 26 of this year, Soon-Shiong told an upstate New York audience on Zoom that the plant would be used for the development of treatment for an array of maladies. "We've made the decision that you and your body have the immune system that we can activate," he was quoted by the Jamestown, New York Post-Journal as saying. "We can change the paradigm of cancer, change the paradigm of infectious diseases, and really use what's called fusion proteins, cell therapy, and vaccines to treat both cancer and COVID, HIV and TB. Our goal is to enable a billion doses of RNA and adjuvants to be produced out of this plant." When asked about a start date, he replied, "Quite literally, we needed this yesterday, so we are moving very fast, as fast as we can."**

**In August, Bloomberg News reported that part of a plant owned by Soon-Shiong in Cape Town, South Africa was being offered for rent "after a plunge in demand" for the Covid-19 vaccine he was developing. "One of the two buildings in the A-grade facility with modern offices**

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able to take over large sections of four hundred to five hundred houses. They, in turn, will sell them to individuals. These three thousand houses will be rented now only to men doing defense work — which here means largely the workers at Consolidated Aircraft.

The houses are of three sizes — one-, two-, and three-bedroom. The rental rate will not be based on size, but upon the occupant's wages.

The size of the house a workman gets depends not on his salary but on the size of his family. A man can't get a big house just because he

**and a warehouse is available for lease as the owners of the campus wait for "their production requirements to scale up," according to Shane Howe, Broll Property Group's regional head of industrial broking. The plans are still in the design phase, and nothing is being produced yet, he said."**

can afford it. If you're married, but childless, you get only a one-bedroom house. Some other fellow might get a three-bedroom house and pay less rent than you do, simply because he has a big family and is making less.

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and produce 'heat' maps that visualize housing loss across the city of San Diego, including by City Council district." The document also calls for the consultants to "review existing outreach, education, and direct legal services provided under the City's Eviction Prevention Program and, using a diversity & equity lens, identify activities to meaningfully increase the number of unduplicated clients impacted by the program."

— *Matt Potter*  
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**Under the radar**

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provide a better understanding of the current landscape of local housing loss, as well as provide information on other model jurisdictions and steps moving forward to enable [the Housing Commission] to consider new programming to prevent housing displacement and offer more opportunities for housing." Like virtually all municipal undertakings, the future study has already acquired a political flavor, with prospective consultants asked to "aggregate evictions and foreclosures at the smallest geographic unit possible

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## Odd Job

— Kindt Clinics in Amsterdam, which treats anxiety, phobias and PTSD, posted a job opening for someone who is able to vomit at will, *NL Times* reported on Sept. 4. The person who fills the part-time position will help patients who have a fear of vomiting, replacing a previous employee who retired. Psychologist Maartje Kroesse, who posted the position, said the response has been overwhelming: "There are many more applications than expected. Our new transmitter is certainly among them." (Transmitter?) One hopeful applicant gushed: "Now I can finally share my art: vomit on command!"

## Pricey Potty Break

— Sailboat pilot Steve Strickland was headed to Chesapeake Bay from Queens, New York, early on Labor Day when nature called, NBC Philadelphia reported. He set the boat on autopilot and stepped away, but "the autopilot shut off," he said. The boat, which he'd bought only three weeks before, hit a rock jetty and became stuck in the sand at a beach in Ocean City, New Jersey, around 4 a.m. Strickland had to wait until afternoon to get a tow. For him, Labor Day amounted to "a lot of headache and a lot of money."

## Unclear on the Concept

— Elizabeth Leon, 18, was hired to babysit a 4-year-old in Aventura, Florida, from 1:45 p.m. until midnight on Aug. 15, Local10 reported. When the child's mother texted Leon at 11:14 p.m. to say she was headed home,

Leon texted back that she was "heading out ... because her mother paid for an Uber to take her back home and it arrived ahead of time," an arrest report said. Leon told the mother she had locked the door, and requested her \$168 payment. The mother checked her Ring doorbell recording and saw that Leon had actually left at 9:45 p.m., leaving the child alone for more than two hours. On Aug. 22, Leon was charged with child neglect and transferred to jail, where she's unlikely to be able to leave early.

## Bright Idea

— Ryan Boria and Amy Schaner were really hoping for a slow night at the Wendy's where they both worked on Aug. 26. So as they drove to the restaurant in Tilden Township, Pennsylvania, they made a short stop, WFMZ-TV reported. Along the train crossing at Industrial Drive, Boria "placed a shunt on the track. He got back in the car with (Schaner) and they proceeded to Wendy's," Officer Frank Cataldi of the Tilden Township Police Department said. "They told us that their intentions were that if the gates could malfunction and they could somehow block traffic, then that would prevent people from getting to Wendy's, and they could have a slow night at work." Both were arrested on multiple charges, including causing or risking a catastrophe.

## No Longer Weird

— Behold the cautionary tale of Eric Merda, who shared his harrowing story with WTSP-TV on Sept. 5. Merda was at the

Lake Manatee Fish Camp in Myakka City, Florida, when he became lost in the woods on July 17. When he found the lake, he decided to swim across: "Not the smartest decision a Florida boy could make," Merda said. As he swam, a gator got hold of his forearm and dragged him underwater three times, he said, and "when we came up the third time, she finally did her death roll and took off with my arm." Merda, suffering indescribable pain, returned to shore and started to walk, trying to find his way out of the swamp. Three days later, following the sun and power lines, he found a fence and a man on the other side. Merda told the man what had happened, and he summoned help. Surgeons amputated what remained of Merda's arm; now he's speaking out about the danger of alligators. "You guys know who you are, throwing rocks at them. Leave them gators alone."

## Fly the Friendly Skies

— A Chinese man in his 40s, identified only as Hu, and his partner were picking pine nuts in a forest park in Heilongjiang province in northeastern China on Sept. 4 using an unconventional method: They were perched in the basket of a tethered hydrogen balloon. Which might have been fine, but the balloon became untethered, CBS News reported. The second person jumped to the ground, but Hu was aloft in the balloon for two days and traveled more than 200 miles before rescuers reached him by cellphone and instructed him about how to slowly deflate the balloon and land safely. By that time,

he was close to the border with Russia. Hu was reportedly in good health aside from having back pain from standing so long.

## The Aristocrats

— Toby Cohen and Jonathan Neman booked a rental home in the Hamptons for two weeks beginning on Aug. 22, to the tune of \$10,000. On Sept. 15, they filed a lawsuit, saying the home, owned by Agnese Melbarde and Edouard Gass, was "uninhabitable." Why? Because the thermostat had been set to "a minimum temperature of 70 degrees Fahrenheit and then locked," *The Daily Beast* reported. The plaintiffs and their families, who wanted the A/C set at 68 degrees, were "forced to endure continuous discomfort for the duration" of their holiday, which ruined it for them. When they complained to the owners, they said, they were told to "suck it up and deal." Neman and Cohen also allege that workers showed up to spray "toxic chemicals" in the backyard during their stay, which forced them to stay inside for several hours. The suit asks for a full refund of their rental fee and "any further relief this Court deems just and proper."

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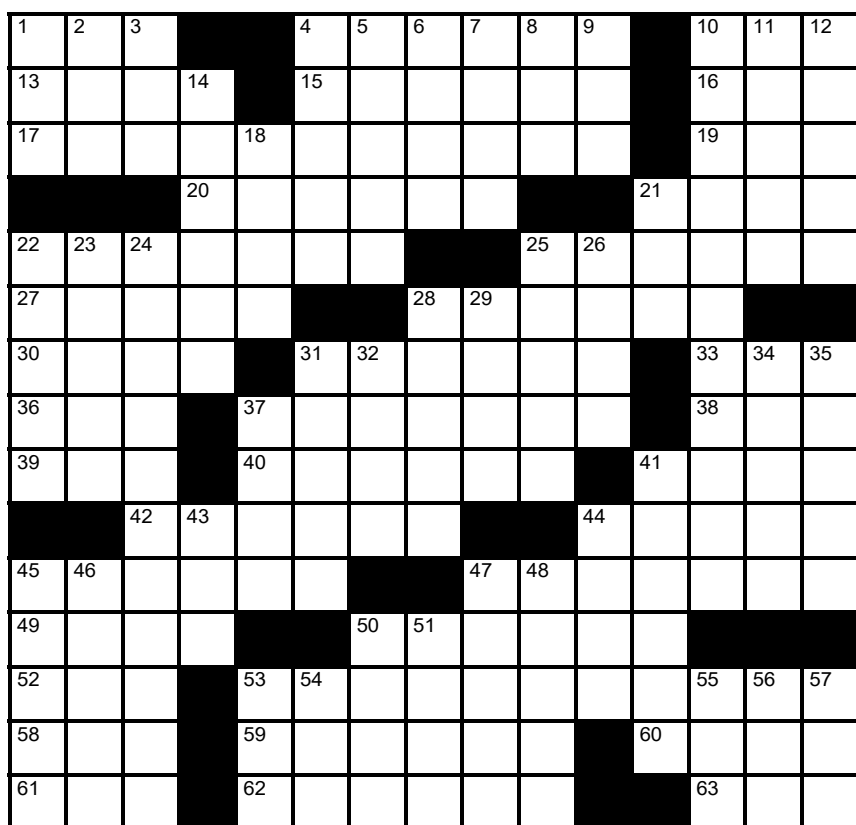
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### WINNER:

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☛ **Kenny Levy, San Diego, 1.**

## THIS WEEK'S SUDOKU

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☛ **Michael Douglass, San Diego, 1.**

## Across

1. Org. with a Climate Change section on its website
4. "Wild" Bill who was shot dead in Deadwood
10. Nintendo debut of 2006
13. Links to a social media post
15. For some time
16. \_\_\_\_\_ Arbor, Michigan
17. Person trying to gratify a black bird?
19. Reggae-like genre
20. Phone notifications
21. "Gosh, that was close!"
22. Tugboat's tugger
25. Sarcastic way of saying 35-Down

27. Goodyear's Wingfoot One, for one
28. Apple product since 2006
30. QB's mistakes
31. 1997 title role for Depp
33. Things "said" in doctors' offices
36. Kylo \_\_\_\_\_ of "Star Wars"
37. Positive response to the question "¿Cómo esta el presidente de Estados Unidos?"
38. Wish it weren't so
39. Henna, for one
40. Like zombies
41. \_\_\_\_\_-free chickens
42. Cirque du \_\_\_\_\_
44. "Here we go again ..."

45. Makeup of Joan Didion's "Slouching Towards Bethlehem"
47. Tony who managed three World Series-winning teams
49. Whiskey barrel
50. Madison Ave. bigwig
52. Make a scene?
53. Something Mark Zuckerberg profits from?
58. Electronics company that once owned NBC
59. "You can't be serious"
60. "Rats!"
61. Actor Cheadle
62. Props for majorettes
63. "Tubular!"

## Down

1. "... and others," for short
2. Golfers try to break it
3. Many moons \_\_\_\_\_
4. Simona who won the French Open in 2018 and Wimbledon in 2019
5. Beyoncé's "If \_\_\_\_\_ a Boy"
6. Sidebar, e.g.
7. Smooch
8. World Cup chant
9. Lead-in to 18-Down
10. Bathe the midsection of a physically fit tusked beast?
11. Best way to sing
12. Seriously impressed
14. Has a hive mentality?
18. Alka-Seltzer sound
21. Part of a sentence: Abbr.
22. Car in the Beach Boys "Fun,

- Fun, Fun"
23. Buster \_\_\_\_\_, host of ESPN's "Baseball Tonight" podcast
24. Make a sighting of Marvel Comics legend Lee?
25. Included covertly in an email
26. "Once \_\_\_\_\_ a time ..."
28. Selena Gomez's character in "Only Murders in the Building"
29. Continent with 11 time zones
31. Skeleton makeup
32. "Easy to use," in product names
34. Annual science fiction awards
35. "Later!"
37. National Ice Cream Month

41. Rapper born Carlton Ridenhour ... or a hint to solving 17-, 37- and 53-Across and 10- and 24-Down
43. Sturdy tree
44. "The Most Stuf" cookie
45. Digital birthday greeting
46. Anarchist convicted with Vanzetti in a 1921 murder trial
47. Duran Duran lead singer Simon
48. Neuron parts
50. Bank statement no.
51. Kind of tape
53. Pocket watch chain
54. "So that's it!"
55. Distant
56. Paleozoic \_\_\_\_\_
57. Appropriate answer to this clue

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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# SUDOKU

## HARD:

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## SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLE:

## EVIL:

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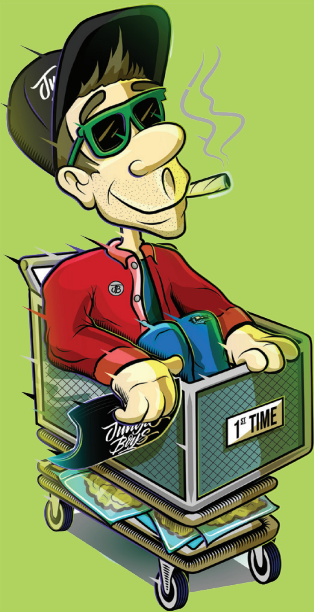
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