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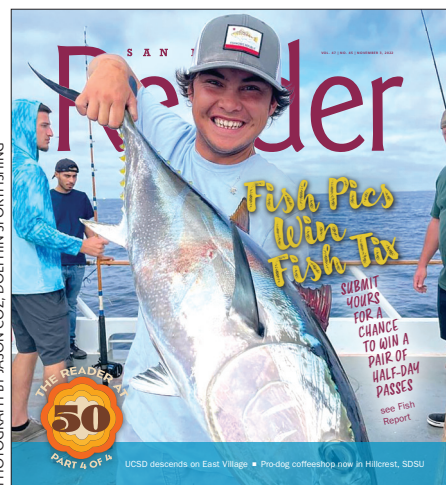
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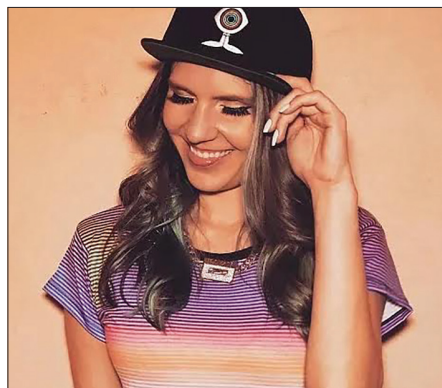
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"UCSD's big downtown payoff"
News Under the Radar
October 26

I have been away for ten days, and returned to see this classic *Reader* report on our city of players, movers and shakers who, undaunted by rules about transparency or any sense for the common good, keep on keeping on, doing their thing. What a town. What leaders.

UCSD's go-go Chancellor Pradeep "High-Rise"

Khosla finesses a costly real estate deal in East Village with rich offspring of local convicted white-collar criminals who are married to wealthy extended family members of a politically ambitious but thwarted ex-school superintendent.

UCSD tenants in those East Village rentals will need to pay close attention to their surroundings when they are out and about, as they definitely won't be in bucolic La Jolla where Chancellor Khosla himself resides.

Meanwhile, slickster Democrats Mayor Todd Gloria and County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher recently decided to spend tax dollars on "data gathering" among San Diego's burgeoning homeless who throng the streets of East Village and other neighborhoods across the urban core. Data-gathering? Really? Recent data show there are more homeless people here than ever before.

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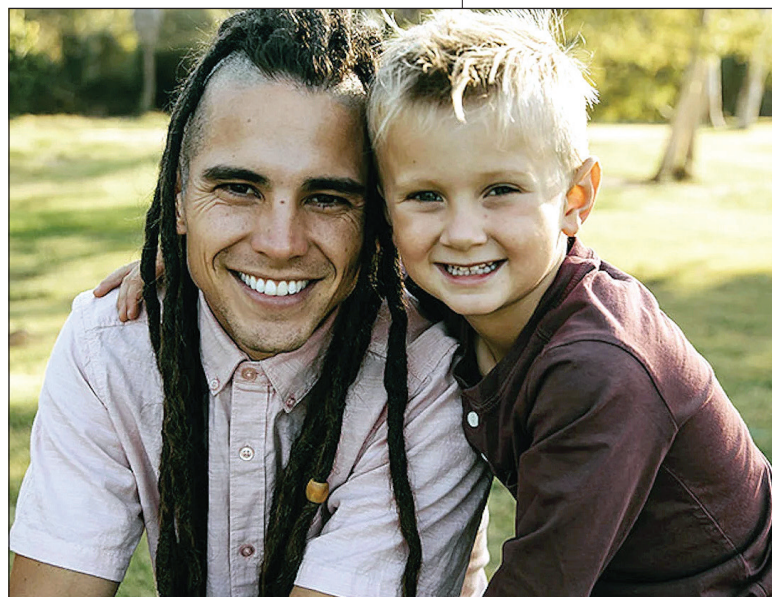
By Reader stringers

ENCINITAS

Boos for Boo Bash

Parents question meaning, value of “family-friendly drag show”

On September 12, Encinitas Union School District sent an email to all district parents advertising a “family-friendly” drag show for their kids, setting off a month-long firestorm of complaints that led to a protest at the district board meeting October 11. The email’s subject line read “School Announcements and Opportunities for Your Child,” and the email included flyers for a math enrichment program, art workshops, and a robotics club alongside the one for the drag show, which was part of Boo Bash, a queer Halloween



Shaun Frederickson: “It’s not a discussion about trans kids that makes people so irate — it’s a grown man dancing sexually, stripping half-naked and spreading his legs in front of elementary children.”



Justin Ried asked principal Jodi Greenberger, “Does ECC think drag shows are appropriate for grades K-6?”

party in Hillcrest scheduled for October 29. Public records obtained by San Diego attorney Paul Jonna on behalf of parents show that 38 people emailed district superintendent Andree Grey and school principals objecting to the drag show flyer. One person wrote to defend it: an Ocean Knoll

Elementary mother wrote Grey, “There is a population in our community that I am sure would appreciate a Queer and Trans event.”

Justin Ried, an El Camino Creek Elementary father and candidate for Encinitas Union school board, asked principal Jodi Greenberger, “Does ECC think drag shows are appropriate for grades K-6?” Greenberger did not answer his question, but suggested he could opt out of receiving flyers and pointed to a disclaimer that flyers are not endorsed by the school district. Ried asked superintendent Grey the same question. She didn’t answer either, but instead wrote back about being inclusive. Speaking of which: a La Costa Heights Elementary mother wrote principal Christie Kay, “I’m all about inclusivity, but this is gross.” The mother then wrote the district office: “My husband and I are considering pulling our daughter out... THAT is how upset we are.” Grey responded with the same line about being inclusive. The mother replied, “Our community does not need excuses on how this is what

you consider being inclusive, because it is not, this type of flyer being sent to elementary-aged kids’ parents is perverse.”

Another La Costa Heights mother wrote Grey, “It is very scary and disturbing to think that anyone working with children would think this is okay.” An El Camino Creek Elementary mother asked, “Why would EUSD

“I walked up to Grey to introduce myself and let her know a lot of parents are upset — some even thinking of protesting outside the district office. She laughed and replied, ‘Been there, done that,’ as if it was no big deal.” Spearheaded by parents with the Freedom Revival movement, the protest at the October 11 district board meeting made

“Drag is not appropriate for children, even if it’s labeled ‘family-friendly’ — just as a ‘family-friendly’ strip show featuring dancers from Cheetahs wouldn’t be appropriate.”

think it appropriate to promote an event with sexualized content to families with elementary-aged children? As you may assume, I was horrified when reading the flyer that was sent to me by my children’s school.” (Many parents were confused because the school their child attends was named as the email’s sender, even though such flyers are approved, though not endorsed, and sent out by the district office through an information portal called Peachjar.) One Olivenhain Pioneer Elementary father asked, “How in any way is this ‘family-friendly?’” Another wrote, “Subjecting kids to a drag show at this age is not responsible.” A third Olivenhain father stated, “Clear thinking people know there is nothing wholesome or valuable about having young children attend a drag show. The only way a flyer like that ends up in an elementary school announcement is if there is an agenda.” An Encinitas mother wrote Grey, “Drag is not appropriate for children, even if it’s labeled ‘family-friendly’ — just as a ‘family-friendly’ strip show featuring dancers from Cheetahs wouldn’t be appropriate.”

Ried says Grey visited El Camino Creek on September 16 for a Superintendent Chat at which several parents expressed concern about the drag show flyer to her. He says,

local and national news. A *New York Post* headline quoted an accusation that board members were “groomers.”

No current board member responded to my question about the appropriateness of drag shows for children. Those up for re-election November 8 are Emily Andrade, Raquel Pfeifer, and Marla Strich. Justin Ried says he and two other challengers, Andre Johnson and Thomas Angel, are like-minded voices who want to protect children. This “Parents Choice Trio” is being marketed by parents as the anti-groomer slate. The top three vote winners from all six candidates will get the three open seats on the board of five.

Freedom Revival co-founder Shaun Frederickson, a father of three, says, “They are spinning the drag show to say it’s inclusive. That’s preposterous. Those in favor talked about equity and inclusion. It’s not a discussion about trans kids that makes people so irate — it’s a grown man dancing sexually, stripping half-naked and spreading his legs in front of elementary children. Not a single person in favor mentioned that. It’s easier to just say you’re inclusive. But it’s child abuse.” Neither Grey nor the San Diego Sheriff’s Department responded to answer whether

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@BrittRooted

When you wonder who actually takes their minor children to these things... an elected San Diego county supervisor representing Encinitas does.

Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer @SupLawsonRemer · Oct 12
And my 3 yr old and I WILL be at Boo Bash — “queerest free Halloween party for youth and families”! Hope to see y’all there!
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Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer
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The parents in my home school district (Encinitas Union) protesting the Halloween Drag Show should be ashamed of themselves for pushing hate and intolerance on all of us.
THIS KIND OF BIGOTRY HAS NO PLACE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Stefanie Benvenuto @StefanieSBen · Oct 11
Replying to @BrittRooted
We have a culture with a huge problem with tolerance. Let’s start there, let’s avoid the tendency toward titles like grooming. That’s not what this is, and I suspect you know that.

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Replying to @StefanieSBen and @BrittRooted

Desensitizing children to sexual things so they become more comfortable with it is the definition of grooming. There’s no good reason to perform drag in front of kids & no good reason to approve of it.

Mansour's millions may mean MLS in SD

But who pays to make Snapdragon suitable for soccer?

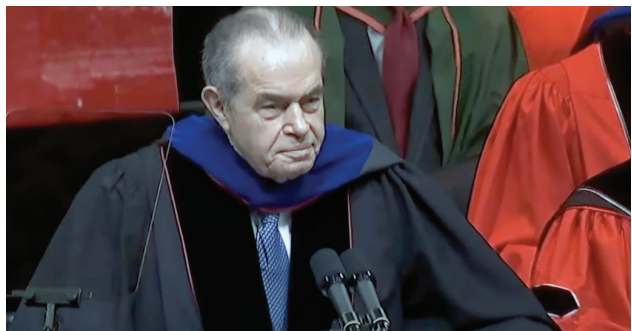
News that East County's Sycuan gambling tribe and an Egyptian billionaire are on the verge of bankrolling a major league soccer team in San Diego set off a big round of huzzahs on the *Union-Tribune's*

October 28 front page. But as usual, many questions about timing and potential costs to taxpayers lurk behind the announcement.

The paper quoted a statement by Sycuan chief administrative officer Adam Day: "An MLS franchise anchored in San Diego would be a win-win for the entire San Diego region." But as a trustee of the California State University system, Day may face questions of conflict of interest regarding his role in the construction and operation of San Diego State University's Snapdragon Stadium, the likely venue of the future team.

Also according to the *U-T*, "The London-based Mansour Group is headed by Mohamed Mansour, an Egyptian with degrees from North Carolina State University and Auburn University who ranks among the wealthiest people in Africa. 'Football is in our blood,' Mohamed Mansour, whose uncle was a goalkeeper on Egypt's 1934 World Cup team, told *Forbes* last year. 'We as a family believe that sports help nurture people.'"

But a July 8, 2021 *Forbes* item noted concerns raised by Mansour Group's investment in FC Nordsjaelland, a professional Danish soccer team. Foreign investors, per the story, "have targeted Danish clubs for a panoply of reasons: good entry prices, low player wages, established youth development, and a liberal mainstream culture. But at what point does foreign investment become a threat to a thriving domestic soccer culture? 'If it is just to have a toy to play with — something for very rich and wealthy owners — just to do something quick or give excitement in their daily life, it is a problem. Or if they feed into a structure where they own more clubs, and they can just put players around in this system,'" Kasper Hjulmand, head coach of Denmark men's national football team, told *Forbes*. Mansour owns the Danish team through the Right To Dream Group, a soccer conglomerate in which Mansour Group purchased a majority interest for \$120 million in



The smart money says that if owning one team is good, owning lots of teams is better.

January 2021.

Many questions about Mansour's involvement with Sycuan and the putative San Diego soccer venture revolve around potential future costs to the public for any so-called stadium enhancements needed to house soccer at the SDSU facility, which was built for college football. "SDSU Athletic Director John David Wicker has said he would offer flexible financial terms, either as a traditional rental arrangement or an equity partnership where the MLS club would invest in the stadium and have access to more revenue streams from concessions, parking, advertising and ancillary events," says the *U-T's* story on the prospective deal.

Earlier this year, Right to Dream lobbied the Maryland Stadium Authority to study building a new soccer stadium and a related soccer academy complex in South Baltimore, per published reports. A post on the Maryland Stadium Authority's website says the study, including "a market and economic analysis," is ongoing. "The primary tenants will be Right to Dream and would include both men's and women's professional teams, as part of an academy-based initiative. The study should also examine stadium ownership, funding, and operating recommendations, including a draft non-binding Letter of Intent with Right to Dream. The cost of the study is \$62,000 and will be funded equally between Right to Dream, Port Covington, and MSA, with each paying one-third."

Matt Potter



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UNDER THE RADAR

Juan vs. Rashida Kyle Bligen, a staffer for South Bay Democratic Congressman Juan Vargas, took off September 3 on a free eight-day junket to Israel, thanks to the American Israel Education Foundation, according to a September 23 disclosure filing with the Clerk of the House. The group is a non-profit affiliate of pro-Israel lobbying group the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. The travel expenses for the trip were \$6019, lodging cost was \$2322, and meals ran \$1223, with "other expenses" reported as \$3375, per the document. "My boss serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee," the aide wrote. "In my position as Legislative Assistant, I advise him on matters pertinent to national security, international economics, and foreign policy. Israel is a trusted trade and defense partner to the United States. This experience will provide a hands-on understanding of the domestic factors that influence Israel's economic and defense ties with the United States." In Jerusalem, Bligen was put up at the Mamilla Hotel, at a nightly cost of \$412. "A favorite of visiting diplomats and tastemakers, the Mamilla Hotel sits just beyond the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem near the Jaffa Gate," says the website *Hotels Above Par*. "Opened in 2009, it's a member of the Set Collection, whose chic sister properties include Hotel Lutetia in Paris, the Conservatorium in Amsterdam, and Hotel Café Royal in London, among others." A similarly gratis trip provided by the American Israel Education Foundation to James Diossa, the Democratic nominee in November's race for state treasurer of Rhode Island and widely traveled ex-mayor of Central Falls, has drawn scrutiny by election



Juan Vargas: sends staff on junkets to Jerusalem.

foes, along with that state's Common Cause chief John Marion. "Quite a few" of Diossa's trips "are from entities and governments that appear to be in the business of currying favor with public officials," Marion told the *Boston Globe* in an October 21 dispatch. "Some examples Marion pointed to include the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the consulate general of Mexico in Boston, and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Taiwan's version of a diplomatic outpost." Another Vargas staffer, chief of staff Larry Cohen, also ventured to Israel on a tour paid for by the American Israel Education Foundation from June 25 to July 3. Cohen's transportation expenses were \$7113, along with lodging costs of \$2171, meal expenditures of \$1198, along with "Total Other Expenses" of \$4569. "The trip is in Israel to educate participants about the U.S.-Israel relationship," according to Cohen's July 17 disclosure report of the free travel. In Jerusalem, Cohen was put up

at the Inbal Hotel, per the filing. "This consistently award-winning 5-star hotel has added two floors and 51 new suites and rooms for a total of 331," says a May review by the website *Israel21c.org*. "There's a new fitness and spa complex with swimming pool and a new kosher chef restaurant. The hotel's existing rooms also were renovated."

In September, Vargas attacked fellow House Democrat Rashida Tlaib of Michigan after she was quoted telling a pro-Palestinian gathering that "among progressives, it has become clear that you

cannot claim to hold progressive values yet back Israel's apartheid government." Responded Vargas in a September 21 tweet: "It's not progressive to advocate for the end of Israel as a Jewish and Democratic State. It's not progressive to oppose the life-saving Iron Dome. Supporting the only democratic state in the Middle East IS progressive."

War and a La Jolla drone

Eight MQ-9 Reaper drones, made by La Jolla-based General Atomics, along with a 150-person Air Force support crew, are being deployed in southern Japan, raising the profile of U.S. surveillance efforts amidst growing military tensions with China and North Korea. "Kanoya Mayor Shigeru Nakanishi signed off on the drone deployment in July, citing its importance to national defense, despite residents' concerns about potential accidents or crimes involving U.S. personnel," according to an October 24 report by the *Stars and Stripes* news service. "The Reaper is primarily a surveillance aircraft but can carry an inventory of weapons, including Hellfire missiles and Paveway laser-guided bombs, according to the Air Force. The Reapers at Kanoya



Rashida Tlaib: not pro-Israel, just pro-greessive.

will be configured for surveillance and can't be equipped with weapons,' according to a document from Japan's Ministry of Defense posted on the Kanoya city website." According to an October 25 account by the *Air Force Times*, the drone's new assignment in Asia may represent the beginning of the end for the MQ-9 line. "The service hopes to shrink its Reaper fleet from 351 to 276 aircraft by the end of fiscal 2023 and stop

production altogether. It fears the aircraft could become easy targets for Chinese air defenses in a potential war and wants to funnel that money toward higher-priority acquisition programs."

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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plan to end homeless street-living, to provide homeless mental and physical healthcare and to require residence in whatever public housing can be devised and built? There are Democratic majorities at City Hall, on City Council, on the County Board of Supervisors, in the State Assembly and State Senate, in the Governor's seat and in the White House. What's the hold-up?

—monaghan

“Over 50 years of Gary Kelley’s voice in San Diego” Blurt Music News October 27

What a great way to reconnect to my youth and the music of that era. Left feedback on Kelley's website and got response to my surprise. He even helped me set up my Alexa device so I can listen with just a voice command at home.

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—Just Wondering

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—Gary Kelley

“A *Kitty Hawk* sailor recalls the 1972 race riots on San Diego-based carrier” City Lights November 25, 1993

To suggest “overwork” was the cause of the riot ignores the facts and context of

the entire incident. The extreme length of the tour of duty and poor working conditions were the spark . . . but the “dynamite” was the second class citizenship of black sailors on the vessel.

Court testimony reveals that black sailors on board the USS *Kitty Hawk* were assigned the worst duties, in the worst working conditions, regardless of rank, seniority or education level. In addition, not more than three black sailors could gather anywhere on the ship, while white sailors could gather regardless of quantity.

Also, black sailors were punished for minor offenses, and white sailors were not. To further add to the racist context, only black sailors were imprisoned on board the ship immediately after the riot, and eventually charged, despite sworn testimony of white sailors participating, and white Marines attacking a black naval officer.

In an organization that claims that rank/stripes determine perks and upward mobility, that principle was not practiced with white sailors and black sailors equitably on board the USS *Kitty Hawk*. When that kind of system exists on a ship or in society, you have a stick of dynamite . . . and any slight, incident or injustice can light the fuse for an explosion.

—BECON

“Pro wrestler Bill Goldberg’s ‘Eagle’s Nest’” Unreal Estate October 26

It might be okay if it had a few more TVs.

—Donna Amis Davis

I see him at the San Marcos Costco every now and then.

—Sean Hollander

Fine, I'll come to your next pool party.

—Christie Dougherty

“Stone gets hard”

Booze News

October 20

I want to try all 4 flavors

—Louie Fuentes

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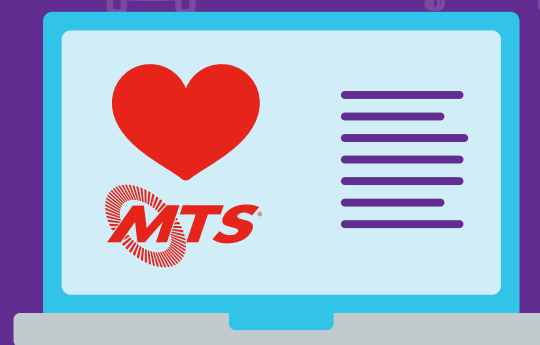
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SD ON THE QT

Almost factual news



Buttigieg: "I believe the children are the future, and trains as well! Toot-toot!"

Train in Vain? Transportation Secretary Buttigieg visits San Diego amid rail closure crisis

As both companies and commuters struggle to deal with the closure of rail service between Los Angeles and San Diego due to unstable bluff conditions

beneath the coast-hugging tracks, the Biden Administration has sent Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg to San Diego to deliver an urgent mes-

sage. "Both the President and I have an enduring commitment to the survival and growth of American rail travel," said the Secretary. "In fact, we envision a future when more people ride the train to work than drive cars! When jet planes are replaced by green trains! You can't fail when you ride the rails! However, I regret to inform you that we won't be doing anything to restore

this particular line. Better for it to remain defunct, a painful reminder of the reality of bluff erosion brought on by sea level rise, itself brought on by climate change. You did this to yourselves, America. You should have listened to Al Gore. I understand many of you may be disappointed, but what are you going to do, vote Republican? This is California! Choo-choo, vote blue!"

Gas Pains SDGE rebrands, hikes rates in anticipation of new regulations



Truth in advertising

Statement from company spokesman Max Power: "Look, California is going to ban the sale of gas-powered heaters by 2030. And the city is going to phase out funning gas lines to new construction over the next decade. AND it's looking to reduce the use of gas in existing construction by 45 percent. The writing is on the wall: natural gas is on its way out as a profit center for our company, which, while it might seem like a public utility, is actually a private, for-profit enterprise. It's bad enough that in a couple of decades, we won't even be able to legally use 'gas' in our name without getting dinged for false advertising.

But in these uncertain times, you don't want to mess with an established brand, you know? So we looked to precedent, like when Kentucky Fried Chicken changed their name to KFC to avoid getting into trouble for using mutant, eight-legged bird-bug hybrids in its buckets. Sure, it stands for Kentucky Fried Chimera now, but KFC is the name you all know and love, and *that* hasn't changed a bit. In the same way, you can count on SDGE being with you for many years to come. Oh, and by the by, we're looking to hike rates another 8% next year. Remember what I said about profit centers? Gotta remember that bottom line!"



Clockwise from upper left: "Censored Content," "U Mad Musgrove?" "Ta-ta, Tatis," "Adios, Machados!"

Phanksy Punks Padres Mysterious muralist strikes back in wake of controversial chicken creation

Shortly before the Padres' ill-fated National League Championship Series against the Philadelphia Phillies, the artists behind Ground Floor murals felt inspired to create a work showing the San Diego Chicken standing over the Phillie Phanatic and giving him a swift kick to the head. Superstitious fans warned, "If we lose the series, this is why,"

and the mural was soon painted over, but to no avail. The baseball gods were angered, and the Padres lost the series 4-1, a sad conclusion to their remarkable season. Now, adding insult to injury, that same Phillie Phanatic has appeared on Padres murals all over San Diego, a goofy but grim reminder that pride goeth before the fall.

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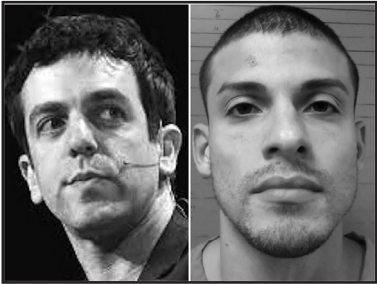
In *The Eternals*, **Salma Hayek** played Ajak, a powerful mother figure who is murdered by one of her own kind.

When **Mary Garcia** was found shot in Pacific Beach, police suspected her son, whom she was trying to rehabilitate.



On *Silicon Valley*, **Zach Woods** played Jared, a man of great misfortune who, at one point, slept in a box.

Mary Garcia's son **Daniel Caldera** was living in her car when she was killed, and was mistakenly arrested for her murder.



On *The Office*, **B.J. Novak** played Ryan Howard, a criminal and general ne'er-do-well who shows contempt for others and pays for it.

Felipe Villegas got shot during an attempted carjacking in Texas, which led to his identification as Garcia's alleged killer.

Impressive San Diego aliens

Happy Endings on Convoy Street

In all the years I lived in and visited Korea, almost always staying in some relative's household, I went to countless parties. When they were outside the household, they were held, just like this one, in big, fancy western hotels. On family holidays, like New Year's Day, when we sat around eating food and playing cards and gambling, the parties were held in someone's home, usually the most senior member of the extended family. People always sang. – M.G. Stephens OCT. 19, 2000

African Luck

"I was in Paris only two years, and I saw that it was impossible to get a job there. Impossible for a French person. Even more impossible for an African. And so I came to visit Los Angeles with some French friends, and we drove down to San Diego. We went to Horton Plaza. It was the most amazing thing: I met a guy there who I went to high school with in Cote d'Ivoire." – Abe Opincar NOV. 9, 2000

Prodigals

They speak better English, with better intonations and slang. They listen to American music and Japanese groups like Lunatic Lion or Ayumi Nakamura, whose album covers and song titles burst with English, who slip into English for choruses and hooks

between singing Japanese verses. They know American food and liquor and how to dress in U.S. style. English is dropped with the assumption that it's understood; after all, English is the hip thing to speak in Japan. – J. Frederick Moore JAN. 14, 1999

Escape from Iraq

"It wasn't so easy to get away from Saddam Hussein. His government, you know, was very, very paranoid. They followed people everywhere. And so one day I was sitting in an outdoor café in Athens, and these two guys drive by on a scooter. I hear this popping noise. *Pop! Pop! Pop!* And I feel something in my back, up near my shoulder, but I don't know what it is. I guess I stood up..." – Abe Opincar DEC. 7, 2000



Nearly every Korean in San Diego was within one or, at most, two degrees of separation from Dr. Byong-Mok Kim.

Sinister Hero

Near the statue of José Rizal, a family is picnicking. Romeo Marquez mutters, "Imagine the statue of a national hero erected in front of a seafood market!" Some Filipinos see the Battle of Manila Bay as a mock battle staged by George Dewey, the American admiral. They see the choice of the pacifist José Rizal as a national hero as sinister too. The Americans needed this pacifist leader to become the symbol. – Michael Gregory Stephens JUNE. 14, 2001

Through the Flames

Mention the 14th Century poet Hafez and Estakhry's delicate hands shoot into the air, "Oh, my! Hafez! Our greatest poet. Every Iranian knows his poems. They're so, so beautiful. If only you could understand them in the original! The man who cleans the streets, intellectuals, rich, poor, everyone has memorized some Hafez. In Iran, it's common to keep a book of his poems by your bed. It's like a custom." – Abe Opincar AUG. 26, 1999

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er or not performing a drag show before children would be investigated as potential child abuse or whether mandated reporters have a duty to report such an incident. The district has taken down the drag show flyer from Peachjar. Frederickson adds, “You have people on the right and the left who are more outspoken and you have a bunch of people in the middle who are too afraid to say anything.”

San Diego County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, who represents Encinitas, tweeted that the parents protesting the drag show for kids “should be ashamed of themselves for pushing hate and intolerance on all of us.” She added that she would be taking her three-year-old son to the event.

ERIC BARTL

EL CAJON

Who vouches for the vouchered?

Homeless motels spark concerns, calls for service

So far this past year, the El Cajon Police Department has responded to 7379 calls for service related to homelessness, which

is a “massive jump compared to approximately 2500 calls in 2014,” according to a post on the city of El Cajon’s Facebook page last week. Part of the reason for the nearly triple number of calls is that El Cajon motels are accepting homeless motel vouchers, said city manager Graham Mitchell last month. “Not only did we notice an increase in crime and need for medical responses around some of these motels, [but] our police officers started noticing new homeless individuals, along with drug dealers who prey on them, and open drug use.”

Two motels, Relax Inn and Suites at 1220 West Main Street and Travelodge Motel at 425 West Main Street, were 100 percent occupied by people with homeless motel vouchers. There were five additional motels with a high percentage of rooms paid for with the vouchers. Mitchell said most of the vouchers were issued by San Diego County contractors Equus and Public Consulting Group.

Last month, I drove to Relax Inn and Suites and didn’t see anything happening out of the ordinary in the parking lot. Then



El Cajon Mayor Bill Wells: “I wonder if El Cajon is the only city the county dumps its homeless in, or are they equally distributed in places like Del Mar and La Jolla?”

I spoke to a 7-Eleven employee, who said the crime rate in the area hasn’t increased. But Mitchell says his experience at the Travelodge Motel last month was much different. He says he “was shocked to see one of the tenants of the motel sitting in front with a rolled dollar bill about to snort drugs. Another man was coming off Fentanyl; he did not look well. As I was getting ready to call 911 because he was about to go unconscious, a drug dealer told me to mind my own business. I was told, ‘Get the f--- out, or I’ll beat

the s--- out of you.’ That was my cue to leave.”

“Our children shouldn’t have to see things like this, and yes, it is wrong,” El Cajon resident Marie told me on October 23. “When I see things like that, I get on my phone and report it. The city of El Cajon is amazing at responding to requests through its site,” which has a Requests and Issues portal similar to San Diego’s Get It Done app. (The implementation of the portal helps account for the uptick in calls for service.)

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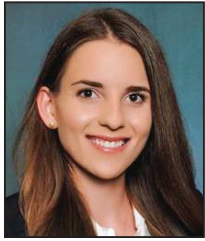
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**Lately, I'm
getting the
feeling that
I came in
at the end.**

— Tony Soprano, *The Sopranos*

The *Sopranos* television series ended its remarkable run in 2007, right around the time when this final batch of the *Reader's* best stories from its first 50 years begins. Back then, it was not unusual to publish an issue at over 200 pages, and while readers complained that the paper's longtime film critic Duncan Shepherd didn't even seem to like movies — just look at all those black spots! — there were still 15 or so movie ads jammed in alongside his precise and exact-

ing critiques. When Shepherd retired in 2010 after a 38-year run, we were down to 160 pages and six movie ads, two of them small enough to fit on the screen of your iPhone. Speaking of seismic technological developments: Shepherd's farewell column dubbed the internet "a brave new universe for some, maybe" before concluding that if "that's the way of the future, better to get out while the paper is still a paper." That was 12 years ago, 10 of which I spent trying to fill just one of Shepherd's shoes — critic

Scott Marks took the other. Scott too is gone from our pages now, alas, another victim of the grim digital arithmetic. But as these entries attest, the *Reader* is still here — still telling San Diego stories, still answering the question, "What's San Diego like?" As ever, full versions can be found online — a brave new universe, indeed. But the paper is still a paper, and we aim to keep it that way. We may not be what we once were, but then, who is?

—Matthew Lickona

My life as a mammal

5.11.06

LAURA MCNEAL

The doctor studied the quivering black and white lines on the ultrasound and said it looked like a boy to him. I reminded myself that Charles Dickens, Thomas Hardy, my father, and my husband had once been boys. Boys could be pensive, bookish, and sweet, like Christopher Robin.

Here comes the bride

6.1.06

STEPHEN DOBYNS AND 18

OTHER READER WRITERS

I made my husband Ernie wait three days for an answer to his marriage proposal. I had traveled to be with him for Easter, and he proposed after the midnight vigil Mass, April 1995. I left him hanging. We talked about it until the sun dawned. Easter dinner at his house was uncomfortable.

He loves the people no one wants

10.5.06

JOHN BRIZZOLARA

"It turned out she hadn't had a drink of water in two days. I thought, 'That's it! Water!' I went directly from there to the first 7-Eleven I found, and I bought about 30 or 40 bottles of water. I went back to the bridges and started passing out water."

Dig a little deeper

10.12.06

THOMAS LARSON

Thompson had been stabbed 55 times in a bedroom of his Emerald Hills home. Not only was blood evidence retained; so, too, were the knives used in the stabbing. Thompson was the owner and publisher of the *San Diego Voice and Viewpoint*, the only

black-oriented daily in the city.

All of us in this house

11.22.06

JOHN BRIZZOLARA

I put the lights on, took the phone from my son. It was his mother on the line, nearing a hysteria tempered by the months of practice she'd had with worse incidents – heartbreakingly bizarre forms of acting out, a suicide attempt with a samurai sword and, finally, the police.

Heartbreak?

That's fishing

11.30.06

GEOFF BOUVIER

"I've never seen a fish scream. I can't attest to the fact of whether or not they feel pain. But if you read the Bible, you see where mankind is supposed to harvest and use the things of the earth. Now I'm not saying we should go whole hog and pollute and kill everything."

Border angels

12.7.06

STEPHEN DOBYNS

Beginning in January 2002, the Border Angels set up cold-weather stations in Cleveland National Forest in East County, with blankets, sleeping bags, clothing, food, water. In Imperial Valley about 40 water stations are located at the edge of the desert along Route 98 between Calexico and Interstate 8.

Lost boys of Sudan

1.25.07

BILL MANSON

"Most of us couldn't swim," says Isaac. "It was really very deep and swollen because of rains. The currents were very, very fast. All the rivers were overflowing. We didn't have boats.

There was no bridge. The army started firing guns at us. Artillery, big machine guns."

Where the mail goes when it doesn't get to you

2.1.07

GEOFF BOUVIER

"The mail carriers and the guys working in the plant gather all this loose stuff inside these green mailboxes whenever they find it," Ferguson-Costa explains. "Like this little bundle with a rubber band on it probably came from a mail carrier's route."

The nothing that is not there and the nothing that is

3.15.07

GEOFF BOUVIER

"The park's trying to de-emphasize the existence of these mud caves," Schad told us. "They've collapsed quite a bit over the years, so the word is that they're not really safe." Um-hmm. The perfect thing to tell people after leading them into a cave.

The regime of editor Judith Moore

8.16.07

JOE DEEGAN AND 22 OTHER READER WRITERS

Matt Lickona: She had been published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux, the house that published Walker Percy and Flannery O'Connor. She had been reviewed, favorably, in the *New York Times*. She encouraged me to apply for the NEA myself, telling me that she wouldn't even consider me for a Guggenheim unless I already had the NEA.

We've grown up in paradise

11.9.07

GEOFF BOUVIER

Growing up, I hated it. Because it offered me

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very little that excited me. You know, I got to sail, which was cool, but, I mean, as far as exposure to the arts, or people who were highly driven and highly educated, I got a lot of that good stuff in New York, or when I went to Vermont.

Why Tijuana?

11.15.07

BOB MCPHAIL

Osvaldo had come to Tijuana for the same reason as Bertha -- to work. He wore too much cologne and was fastidious about his uniform. It was precisely pressed and fit him as if tailor-made, which, with his close-cropped haircut,

gave him a vaguely military look.

Samoans live and die in Oceanside

2.20.08

GEOFF BOUVIER

“I got into a gang, the Deep Valley Bloods. I was about 13 or 14. And me and my other friend were the youngest out of the whole crowd. The jump-ins were crazy. On Arthur Street, we used to make two lines. And you’d have to run down the middle.”

The rise and fall of the Copley Press

2.28.08

MATT POTTER

David Copley is slimmer since his heart trans-

plant; wearing a black sport coat over an embroidered silk vest, he labors up the airplane’s small stairway as a member of the Jimsair ground squad loads his small rollaway suitcase into the rear hatch.

San Diego’s secret missile-testing sites

4.2.08

MOSS GROPEN

A moment later, I reached a gated dead end that thwarted my plan to make a round-trip back to Pomerado Road via Beeler Canyon Road; it required a U-turn to get out of this military-industrial ghost town. A jolt of fear coursed through me.

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Hanson at House of Blues and The Roots at Cox Arena in 2008.

If I did that over there, they’d cut my hands off

5.14.08

BILL MANSON

If anywhere seems like Little Mogadishu, it’s up on El Cajon around 54th Street. Women in long robes, some with their faces covered. If you know where to look, places pop up with odd names like Coffee Time Daily or Taste of African Cuisine.

Tijuana is the first stop to suicide

8.20.08

ERNIE GRIMM

Dr. Luis Guerra operates a veterinary practice in Colonia Libertad, a neighborhood that clings to the hills between the river and the border about five miles east of downtown. “What are those veterinary pharmacies doing down there in a tourist area?”

Does the San Diego River still have life in it?

10.22.08

BILL MANSON

This San Diego river water is basically run-off from the lawns and

cisterns and radiators and factories and gas stations of San Diego, via polluted tributaries like Forester Creek in El Cajon. And we get most of that water from Northern California.”

The spell of verticality on Curlew Street

1.28.09

JOHN BRIZZOLARA

As I approach my former address at the edge of Mission Hills, right where that neighborhood turns into Hillcrest, I am approaching a time machine as surely as if I were walking toward and lifting my hand to knock at the address of H.G. Wells’s Victorian scientist.

The whole world sleeps at my place

5.6.09

ROSA JURJEVICS

In California, a menu titled “Couchsearch” informs us that San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco have the most “hosts” (people who let couchsurfers into their homes), each with 1000-plus.

Stay away from Pinto Canyon

6.3.09

ROBERT MARCOS

About an hour later, we came upon them. The cave drawings were stick figures of men, rectangular grids, and most notably, a tall sailing ship, complete with a mast and furled sail. I was unhappy to find a drawing of a sailing ship.

A tour of San Diego alleys

9.16.09

ALEX FINLAYSON

But today this Pacific Beach alley south of Chalcedony is sunny and deserted. Palm fronds clatter softly. Bougainvillea overwhelms low backyard fences. It looks like a stage set of the perfect San Diego morning.

Nuts and bolts

12.2.09

MATT LICKONA

He was laid to rest at Singing Hills, it was in a powder blue coffin trimmed with gold — Charger colors. His body was dressed in a jersey honoring his favorite player, Lance Al-

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worth. On his feet, his Charger shoes; on his head, his Charger hat.

Want to be sent home in pieces?

4.7.10
LAURA MCNEAL
At 3:39 a.m. on January 7, 2007, Columbia Street was almost deserted. Little Italy had been plagued with car burglaries — “It got where you couldn’t drive too many of the streets down there without seeing broken glass in the morning.”

Broken heart, broken skull

4.21.10
DORIAN HARGROVE
Five friends and I took the seats at the far end of the narrow bar. It wasn’t much of a celebration, but it was the closest thing to a party I’d been to since I’d fallen from a skateboard and landed in a coma, awaking 19 days later with a piece of my skull missing.

San Diego women who have converted to Islam

9.8.10
ELIZABETH SALAAM
Once two girls ganged up on her, and one told the other to pull off Safiyah’s hijab. “When I was seven years old, people used to say, ‘Why do you have that?’ They used to question me. They’d say, ‘Take that towel off your head’ and stuff like that.”

Lemon Grove kid Dennis Hopper

10.20.10
DAVID ELLIOTT, MATTHEW LICKONA
He attended Helix High from 1950 to ’54, got himself voted most likely to succeed. And he began acting here — slipping under the shadow of Dorothy Maguire’s wing at the La Jolla Playhouse

for *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, then moving on to Shakespeare at the Old Globe.

Our desperate neighbors

12.1.10
CRAIG D. ROSE
Imperial County economic developers say current 30-plus percentage unemployment rates are a statistical quirk arising from a small population base with a seasonal workforce. Several said the actual unemployment rate is a percentage no higher than the low 20s.

Work 10 weeks, take 10 months off

11.9.11
PATRICK DAUGHERTY
Laborers Local 942 of Fairbanks, Alaska. God, that was a sweet deal. Being a union laborer in Alaska, during the 1970s and ’80s, was like nothing else in the world of part-time employment. The position possessed, if you knew where to look, two happy-go-lucky components: minimal toil and big money.

Cuyamaca pot bust

2.8.12
CHUCK HARPER
“Harper. What did you find? A couple of plants?” “No, it’s the mother lode — plants as far as we can see.” “I’ll get a bird in the air, and my ground crew will head your way. I’m coming from San Diego. When you hear the chopper, call me on this number and guide me in. Okay?”

Nathan Fletcher’s untold stories

5.23.12
MATT POTTER
By December 2001, Fletcher, at the age of 25, was recruiting congressional candidates for the

upcoming 2002 mid-year elections. “What we’re looking for is people to give the Republican perspective on the issues and stand with President Bush.”

B movies and bread

7.4.12
MARYANN CASTRONOVO
Charles Kaufman, owner of Bread & Cie, assists the staff in taking orders while telling jokes. At 62, he moves nimbly around his bakery. Kaufman looks distinguished, despite an REI outfit and Merrill Walkabouts. He swears he “never intended to be a bread-maker.”

Twelve Tribes in Vista

1.2.13
DORIAN HARGROVE
The Yellow Deli men, young and old, have beards and their hair is tied back into ponytails. The women resemble the Amish. They’re bare-faced. Their hair is long, tied back in ponytails. They wear homemade long-sleeved blouses with dresses that flow to their ankles.

San Diego State’s growing contempt for undergrads

3.27.13
JOE DEEGAN
SDSU lost only 97 staff (that figure includes administrators) from 2004-05 to the present, while the loss of faculty (including adjuncts) in the same time period was 465.

Pala tribe cuts dissident members

6.5.13
SIOBHAN BRAUN
All 164 disenrolled members are relatives of the late Margarita Brittain, a woman whose lineage has long been questioned by tribal members. The Pala Band of

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Charles Kaufman, owner of Bread & Cie, worked at Buckeye Bakery in Atlanta; the Firehouse Bakery in Alexandria, Virginia; Grace Baking in Berkeley; La Brea Bakery in Los Angeles.



Enrique Morones, Carlos Arredondo. Enrique led opposition to keep San Diego from erecting a statue of Pete Wilson because of Wilson's support for Proposition 187. Enrique was then notified his position with the Padres was no longer necessary.

Mission Indians' tribal constitution states that in order to be a member, $\frac{1}{16}$ Pala blood is necessary.

Naked and alone in the ocean at night

4.9.14

DAVE GOOD

Robinson and Wade found the victim floating face down a couple of hundred yards off the coast in line of sight of the Point Loma Nazarene athletic field. It was a woman. Except for a few bracelets, rings, and a butterfly tattoo, she was nude.

Murphy Canyon mystery

7.2.14

JOE DEEGAN

"That's him," shouted the woman in the Walmart parking lot near Aero Drive. Jeffrey Saikali felt a car bump him in the back of the legs. "I swept my arm around and pounded once on the hood of the car," he says. "Just then, the woman jumped on me from behind."

Bali Hai – product of the 1950s tiki culture

10-22-14

MATT POTTER

Political luminaries of the day who dropped by included Richard Nixon

and his vice president Spiro T. Agnew. Nixon's friend and San Diego's version of Daddy Warbucks, the infamous financier C. Arnholt Smith, who later did time for crimes of banking, was also a regular.

Udo was gone

11.12.14

MARYANN CASTRONOVO

Edwards was hit first. Udo was hit second. Then Scharf was hit. Edwards and Scharf hit the pavement. Udo was thrown from his bike. His body slammed into the post of the guardrail, flipped over, and landed a short distance

down the dirt slope. He was unconscious.

One in the gut, one in the head

1.21.15

EVA KNOTT

The Soviet immigrant explained why he did not show his gun to the man who was approaching him on his Encinitas property. "No, that would be against the law," Michael Vilkin said in his heavy Russian accent. "The sheriff deputies told me, 'Do not brandish the weapon.'"

That feeling of being the servile colonial subject eager to impress

3.11.15

TAM HOANG

It's not that I don't have a connection to my Vietnamese-ness or that I'm some sort of self-hater in the Amy Tan sense. It's that the Vietnam War kind of screwed everything up. It deprived us first-generation immigrants of a holistic awareness of our identities.

99% of what we catch we throw back

4.8.15

SIOBHAN BRAUN

The closure that affects Medak the most is the Swami's State Marine

Conservation Area. "I think it's probably costing us somewhere in the neighborhood of 30 percent of what we'd catch for the entire year. That is a big hit on our income."

Stories of Mom

5.8.15

IAN ANDERSON AND SEVEN

OTHER READER WRITERS

My mom really taught me how to move. Not just the nuts and bolts — wrapping up dishware and filling cardboard boxes packed with Kraft paper or foam peanuts — but the mentality. The daring.

Keep out

6.17.15

THOM SENZEE

Marien banned Kuczewski from the gliderport on November 9, 2014. That was when Marien decided that Kuczewski was so hazardous and menacing that, in addition to prohibiting him from using the gliderport or coming back to the park for one year, he would also get a restraining order.

Nico tried to get out

6.24.15

EVA KNOTT

There is one gang that claims the town of Fall-

brook; the Varrio Fallbrook Locos. "I was probably, like, 13 or 14. It was just the crowd I hung out with." Nico said that after some years he went through the ritual of being jumped into the gang.

American Dream, Deering Banjos, Taylor Guitars, Go Guitars

7.1.15

SIOBHAN BRAUN

In May of 1970, in Lemon Grove's American Dream Musical Instrument Manufacturing, Radding trained a legion of luthiers. Radding would later sell his American Dream shop to Kurt Listug, Steve Schimmer, and Bob Taylor for \$2400, which turned into Taylor Guitars.

Dangerous bike spots

9.23.15

DRYW KELTZ

The Sunset Cliffs, Nimitz, end of 8 freeway cluster is pretty bad. Going Southbound is okay but going Northbound is incredibly dangerous. The cycling lane ends...and everybody is trying to get onto the 8, and it's impossible for a cyclist to actually change lanes.

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The Union-Tribune's favorite cop

10.21.15

MATT POTTER

"The Police Department has dismissed tickets for Police Chief Bill Kolender's wife and son; Asst. Police Chief Bob Burgreen's daughter and some of Kolender's friends, among them KSDO radio sportscaster Ron Reina."

I teach war

11.11.2015

TAM HOANG

I teach tenth and eleventh grade English at Coronado High School. One of the books on the reading list was Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried*, about the Vietnam War told through vignettes. Cool deal, I thought. It's about Vietnam. I'm Vietnamese.

Sinaloa cartel tunnels are infrastructural marvels

12.16.15

MONTE REEL

These days, most of Sinaloa's supertunnels are used to ferry drugs across the border, from Garita de Otay, an industrial neighborhood in northern Tijuana, to Otay Mesa, a similar area in southern San Diego. Otay Mesa, which is bounded on the north by Brown Field Municipal Airport and on the south by Mexico.

9-11 terrorists lived in Clairemont and Lemon Grove

9.7.16

H.G. REZA

The 9/11 attacks could have been derailed in San Diego, had the CIA not spiked a memo alerting the FBI about an Al Qaeda terrorist who was coming to the United States and ended up living here in 2000.

Dreams of Glorietta Bay seahorses

12.21.16

NEAL MATTHEWS

This was February 27, 2014, and I'd been searching for a seahorse almost daily since the previous summer. I swim in Glorietta Bay, located eight miles from the mouth of San Diego Bay, between the Coronado Golf Course and the Naval Amphibious Base, wearing fins and a mask and snorkel, and I always carry a compact underwater camera.

The trails don't end in Bonita

3.1.17

JONAH VALDEZ

I live in my childhood home, which sits within one of the large housing tracts of Bonita. Our house overlooks the southern portion of Bonita Long Canyon, which lends its name to our housing tract. The canyon branches from the Sweetwater Valley and stretches for three miles.

Trail angels

6.14.17

DAVE GOOD

"What people don't realize is that 2500 to 3500 people travel to San Diego April through May to hike the PCT." The April — May launch is about waiting out the bad weather on the Pacific Crest Trail to the north, meaning, the relative condition of the snow pack.

Grunioneers

7.5.17

NOAH J.D. DESROSIERS

I beg them for cooking instructions. Do they plan on gutting them? Or perhaps chopping off their heads? Tunk assures me they ate them whole. Weren't they concerned about the bones? "You just need more



"This is the first rule," Duali Karie says, leaning into his meal. "Eat with your hands. The feel, the touch is almost as important as the taste. Eating with knives and forks divorces you from the feel of the food."

time for frying, then the bones become crispy! Maybe ten minutes."

Standing orders

7.12.17

KEVIN EYER

The area off the coast of Japan where the *USS Fitzgerald* collision took place on June 17 is more wide open than Tokyo Wan itself, but dozens of ships are approaching at any time, all heading for a very narrow entrance channel, all on tight schedules.

Camp Pendleton: A hell of a place to grow up

8.2.17

IAN ANDERSON

"Taps" plays every night, on just about every American military installation in the world, while the American flag is lowered and folded up to be put away for the night. This meant the sun was going down and practice was over for our youth soccer team, the Lasers.

Ocean Beach — seven blocks surrounded by reality

9.6.17

JOE MIRAVALLE

OBceans are easy to spot. Many men sport long beards and long hair with tie-dye tank tops or other alternative-

style T-shirts, and many females wear psychedelic-patterned yoga pants, crystal pendants, loose blouses, and ocean-blue maxi-skirts.

Scripps Ranch — cows gone, rattlers remain

11.8.17

MOSS GROPEN

"We were looking for a family-oriented com-

munity; we didn't want something that was all built up. Although the first residents arrived in 1969, it was still very rural. The Swim & Racquet Club had already been built, but where the Vons shopping center is today there were two large trailers where we bought our groceries."

Top 10 trees of Balboa Park

11.22.17

ELIZABETH SALAAM

These evergreen trees are native to the Canary Islands of Spain and have a fissured red-brown bark that looks almost like puzzle pieces. They are huge and awe-inspiring. According to Kim, these eight evergreens were planted somewhere around March/April of 1906, and the tallest of them is approaching 120 feet.

Spruce Street suspension bridge brings out demented thoughts

11.29.17

THOM HOFMAN

"You almost kissed Mommy here." "You're right, Jayde. Good memory." It's part of our family's history, long-ago nights and places. There were warm coats and up-turned collars and the

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same eucalyptus trees Jayde and I currently regard, only moon-illuminated. The skyway had been empty and fingers brushed shyly; on our first date, my lips had grazed my wife's neck.

I believe Nathan Page is in heaven

3.28.18

H.G. REZA

His depression was compounded by alienation. He accused friends of not supporting him in his internecine dispute with the San Diego Unified School District over the rights of his disabled students.

The fall of Horton Plaza

6.27.18

MATT POTTER

"Westfield's complete disinterest in maintaining Horton Plaza was demonstrated when it did not bother to decorate the mall for the holiday season in 2017," asserts Jimbo's.

The microclimates of Highway 79

8.15.18

MARY HOLMAN

Two botanists are showing me Highway 79, because it passes through some of the most diverse areas in San Diego County, a county that is the most diverse in the United States.



Armando, second from left; Troy, crouching; Shelia and Jackie, second and third from right. "There was no other way to be. It's in the blood."

Mission Hills visitor to Vietnam sucked into MIA search

10.3.18

H.G. REZA

Antonio Palma felt something or someone was driving him to visit Vietnam. His St. Christopher medal had been stolen weeks earlier after a day of surfing. He settled on buying a replacement in Saigon.

Adam Parfrey goes to the Zoo

10.17.18

MEG BURNS

Famous publisher Adam Parfrey once lived just off Lincoln Boulevard, slightly east of Venice and just over the line in Santa Monica. Twenty years ago I used to see him in the local coffeehouse.

Neal Matthews' photos of San Diego sea creatures

3.8.19

NEAL MATTHEWS

As I swam out in Glorietta Bay, a stand-up paddleboarder warned me that he'd seen odd-looking jellyfish. I swam over and was astounded to find a Surfing owes a lot to Bajalarge, polka-dotted, short-tailed jelly.

Surfing owes a lot to Baja

4.17.19

CHRIS AHRENS

In the 1950s, California surfers rode San Miguel, 3-M's, Stacks, and K-38. Just as often, however, the bread crumb trail ended at Tijuana's Long Bar, where Butch "Mister Pipeline" Van Artsdalen, "Pal" Al Nelson, Pat Curren ruled the roost.

Reader writer concludes he is his father's son

6.12.19

MATTHEW LICKONA

I saved the audiobook of Michael Brendan Daugherty's memoir *My Father Left Me Ireland: An American Son's Search for Home* for the end-of-semester drive to Berkeley to pick up my own son from college.

Maybe those bones are my son

6.19.19

H.G. REZA

I began following Peters' case in 1988 when I worked at the *Los Angeles Times*. His disappearance attracted media attention because of rumors that a satanic cult was involved. I talked to his friends, cops, tweekers, devil worshipers and other human detritus found on El Cajon's streets.

San Diego book clubs - what's the point?

10.2.19

TAM HOANG

It's a cool summer afternoon in a small South Park living room. Hamilton's is a few blocks away. Drinks options include Sierra Nevada or Plenty for All Pilsner. Everyone has tattoos. For the first time, I am alarmed at my own un-

inked skin. Thigh tattoos are a thing? Since when?

Patrol agents help a writer rescue Biggie

4.15.20

MARTY GRAHAM

For nearly a year, the patrol agents fed her so well that she didn't have to hunt or scavenge. When she wasn't at her usual spot, I'd ask the agent of the day about her. If he didn't know me, he'd say he didn't know anything about any dog.

Reverse Zonies

5.27.20

MIKE MADRIAGA

Jake moved from south San Diego to Tempe, the home of Arizona State University. "I work full time and I get minimum wage: \$11 per hour," he said. "I am more than able to afford living out here, even between food, gas and everything."

Arturo Gonzalez suffers with BLM protestors

6.17.20

MIKE MADRIAGA

At about the 40-minute mark of Gonzalez's three hour-plus clip, he approaches the Starbucks on the corner of Ash just as a person wearing a black ski mask smashes the coffee shop's freshly tagged windows. "Y'all seen that, right?" he asks his 13,000-plus viewers.

Bad trip

1.27.21

MATTHEW SUAREZ

We arrived at Punta Final Saturday at dawn after an arduous seven-hour trip. We left Tecate before midnight after packing the green Durango with camping gear and a shit ton of beer. The driver, a 22-year-old named Gerardo, kept himself awake with a baggie of cocaine.

Anti-fascists turn fascist

2.24.21

ERIC BARTL

A man and his Rottweiler were on a routine walk when, as they passed the Baja Beach Café at Thomas Avenue, the dog let out a bark. Out in front of them, on the boardwalk and alongside the beach, was a crowd of people brandishing weapons.

A bridge too few

3.17.21

DRYW KELTZ

When Max Lenail arrived at the river crossing area, heading south, near the end of a long run at close to 2 pm, he was left with a tough decision. He had started his run near the Visitor Center, and now found himself on the other side of a violent river. He had to somehow cross to the other side to get back to his car.

Casa Crypto

10.6.21

SHIRLEY JONES


"I don't think we should mention that we were at a Bitcoin conference," whispers Trey as the Border Patrol agents search my car. I shrug, because I don't think it matters. Bitcoiners are so paranoid. But I am a people pleaser, so when the agent asks why I was in Mexico, I say, "For vacation."

Silver Mazda kills four on San Pasqual Road sidewalk

11.17.21

EVA KNOTT

By 8:21, Williams was driving in her silver 2014 Mazda 3. She used her phone to play a song off YouTube: D-Lo's "Double Dutch" featuring Sleepy D. At 8:25, she sent a chat message to someone named Brian.



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Changing of the guard – first place writing contest winner

3.2.22

JAKE PETERSON

When people found out I worked security at the world famous San Diego Zoo, they asked: “What’s the craziest thing you’ve seen?” It wasn’t until my last night of employment that I was able to give them a good story.

Bad car-ma

3.16.22

SIOBHAN BRAUN

Only 19 days into 2022, I managed both to contract Omicron and have my car stolen. When I attempted to pinpoint the origin of my terrible car-ma, the only thing I could come up with was the cashmere scarf I had picked up off the ground at the San Diego Airport back in December. It did not belong to me.

We want a thing we cannot have

4.6.22

ADAM GNADE

Ernest Hemingway wrote that sometimes you need to leave a place before you can write about it. I left San Diego half a lifetime ago, but I’ve been writing about

it ever since. Which is to say, part of me never left.

Mission Beach – good enough the way it was

5.4.22

THOMAS K. ARNOLD

Alcohol was banned from the Mission Beach Boardwalk, while drinking on the beach was temporarily outlawed between 8 pm and 8 am. “It really cleaned it up,” says Hamel. “It was unbelievable what a difference it made.

Michelle Wyatt murder solved with genetic genealogy

6.1.22

THOMAS K. ARNOLD

Patterson and his team were able to interview two of John Patrick Hogan’s relatives. The sisters told detectives that Hogan attended Santa Ana High School and ran with the druggie crowd. He got his girlfriend pregnant while they were still in high school and wound up marrying her.

La Mesa as marijuana Mecca

6.15.22

STOCKDALE AND BROADUS

The Editor, packed bowl surely in hand, sent word that he wanted me to



PHOTOGRAPH BY NEAL MATTHEWS

At least ten inches from tail tip to coronet, she glowed in majestic awesomeness.

look into the matter. He imagined a simple research assignment into this apparently atypical accumulation.

Ramona round-up

6.22.22

SIOBHAN BRAUN

There is a four-acre property with a three-bedroom, two-bath home for \$595,200. “Let’s buy it!” I urge my husband. “We can get a couple of donkeys and a few of those hipster Highland cows.” “You can barely manage our dogs, and we both hate yardwork,” he says.

Which San Diego newspaperman did John Glenn get to spike the astronaut sex story?

6.29.22

DAVID SMOLLAR

On September 19, 1959, six of America’s first spacemen settled in at the Kona Kai Club on San Diego’s palm-be-

decked Shelter Island for a week designed to feature the Atlas rocket that would blast their Mercury capsule into orbit. Their days involved technical seminars and motivational talks at the vast Convair-Astronautics missile factory in Kearny Mesa.

Invaders from Vermont Street bridge knock on our door

7.20.22

IAN ANDERSON

He’d been saying something, but it took me a moment to process exactly what. So when he repeated himself, he shouted. “Call me a taxi? Yellow cab? Will you call me a yellow cab? I lost my phone over...”

Cub reporter for L.A. Times gets Page One break with PSA crash story

9.22.22

DAVID SMOLLAR

Having spent many days around Morley Field as a kid, I was able to direct Lachman along the side streets to the south of the crash site, taking Upas to Herman to Thorn to Felton to Myrtle — correctly assuming that those little-trafficked thoroughfares would be the last to be blocked off.

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WHEN: Everyday, 11 am to 7 pm. Through Sunday, April 16.

WHERE: Westfield Mission Valley Center, 1640 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. jurassicworldexhibition.com/sandiego/



Burroughs acid flashback. They’re touring in support of their ninth full length, *Solidaritime*.

WHEN: Friday, November 4, 7:30 pm

WHERE: Observatory North Park, 2891 University Avenue, North Park. musicboxsd.com

Saturday | 5

RAMONA ART AND WINE FESTIVAL

A passport for the event includes catered bites, live music by area musicians Dirty Confetti, Leah Keane, and Sam Powell, shopping among more than 50 artists and vendors, silent auc-

tion of items provided by participating artists, wineries, and vendors, live auction of wine barrel art, and unlimited wine tasting from fourteen local wineries.

WHEN: Saturday, November 5, 11 am to 5 pm

WHERE: Begent Ranch. 18528 Highland Valley Road, Ramona. ramonaartandwinefest.net



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3: JURASSIC WORLD: THE EXHIBITION

NATIVE AMERICAN ART SHOW: THIS IS INDIAN COUNTRY

Celebrate national American heritage month at a bonus VIP recep-

along an oak-shaded stream, an easy hike along a nature trail, and a heart-pumping, multi-hour workout. Native plant communities in the reserve include oak riparian, oak woodland,



Friday | 4

GOGOL BORDELLO

Founded in 1999, Gogol Bordello was still battling the age of grunge when they began dressing up in costumes and putting on theatrical stage shows that mixed a Tubes concert with *Rock ‘N’ Roll High School* amidst a William



tion from 6 pm to 9 pm on Saturday, November 5. Meet native American artists: Cara Romero, Cody Sanderson, Del Curfman, George Riveria, Johnny Baer Contreras, LX Lewis, and Ruben Chato. Native American comedian JR Redwater will perform.

WHEN: Saturday, November 5, and Sunday, November 6, 1 pm to 5 pm

WHERE: Exclusive Collections Gallery, 212 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, ecgallery.com

coastal sage scrub, and chaparral. Join a long distance educational hike led by Docent Randy Boyer. Participants are urged to come prepared for a moderately strenuous hike that will maintain a pace of 2.5 mph.

WHEN: Sunday, November 6, 8 am to 11 am

WHERE: Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, 8833 Harmony Grove Road, Escondido. elfinforest.olivenhain.com



Sunday | 6

ELFIN FOREST GUIDED HIKE

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ANIMAL FRIENDS

Animal Care Camp This one-day camp involves unique hands-on activities from our professional animal care staff to give campers experiences with the different aspects of animal husbandry. Spots are extremely limited, so register today! Saturday, November 5, 9am; \$205. 9 and up. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Yappy Hour Bring your furry friend to enjoy a special treat menu as you sip cocktails featuring Tito’s Vodka. With every specialty cocktail enjoyed, \$1 will be donated to Surfers for Strays, a non-profit organization that reduces the number of stray animals in Mexico. Fridays, 4pm; through Thursday, December 1, free. 21 and up. Seabird, 101 Ocean Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

You Can Be a Veterinarian Camp (Full Day) You Can Be a Veterinarian Camp offers a rare opportunity for kids in San Diego to practice veterinary skills, interact with animals, and gain experience with equipment they might use in the future! Sunday, November 6, 9am; \$160. 9 and up. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

You Can Be a Veterinarian Camp (Half Day) You Can Be a Veterinarian Camp offers a rare opportunity for kids in San Diego to practice veterinary skills, interact with animals, and gain experience with equipment they might use in the future! Sunday, November 6, 9am; \$85. 9 and up. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

ART

Black & Brown Nerds Expo The Black and Brown Nerds Expo is a small convention focused on Black and Brown arts, comics, literature, gaming, pop culture, businesses, and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Saturday, November 5, 11am; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Family Day Spend the day reflecting on the work of Sreshta Rit Premnath, an artist who draws connections between nature and the lived experiences of people across borders. A guided tour of the exhibition is also part of the festivities. Saturday, November 5, 12pm; free. ICA Central San Diego Art Institute, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Holiday Art Sale Browse unique and original gifts while supporting local artists. Pottery, fabric art, decor, and more will be featured. Saturday, November 5, 10am; free. Fallbrook School of the Arts, 310 East Alvarado. (FALLBROOK)

Lines of Communications Exhibition Opening Lines of Communications, an Art Exhibition, juried by award-winning artist, Carol Thomason. The Opening Reception will include over 95 ready-to-hang original paintings plus refreshments and the fellowship of other art enthusiasts. The water-based media exhibition runs November 3 through November 27. Friday, November 4, 5pm; free. San Diego Watercolor Society, 2825 Dewey Road #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

Music & Masters: Art of Conversation Join the San Diego Symphony’s Nuvi Mehta for Women and Letters in Seventeenth-Century Dutch Genre Painting. Mehta will participate in a discussion on discourse and dialectic in life and in music, followed by a musical performance by cellist Yao Zhao, accompanied by Mehta on his violin— counterpoint for what is customarily a one-voice instrument. Sunday, November 6, 4pm; \$85-\$95. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Native American Art Show: This is Indian Country Native American Art Show “This is Indian Country” Celebrates National American Heritage Month with a VIP reception from 6:00pm – 9:00pm Saturday, November 5. Meet native American artists. Comedian JR Redwater will perform. Saturday, November 5, 1pm; Sunday, November 6, 1pm; free. 21 and up. Exclusive Collections Gallery Solana Beach, 212 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Ramona Art & Wine Festival A standard passport for the event includes gourmet food, live music, shopping from 50 specialty artists and vendors, silent auction of items provided by artists, wineries, and vendors, live auction of crafted functional wine barrel art, live auction of the original 10th annual commemorative artwork, and unlimited wine tasting from 14 local wineries. Saturday, November 5, 11am; \$65-\$120. 21 and up. Begent Ranch, 18528 Highland Valley Road. (RAMONA)

Up Close & Personal San Diego Dance Theater’s November performance is a collection of world premieres, repertory, and a photographic art installation. Friday, November 4, 7:30pm; Saturday, November 5, 7:30pm; Sunday, November 6, 2:30pm; \$20-\$30. Light Box Theater, 2590 Truxtun Rd., Studio 205, Building 176. (LIBERTY STATION)

WE Gallery: Portraits From the Anthropocene Part I Body, Energy, Space, Time features Ellen Dieter, Shahla Dorafshan, Alyssa Junious, Kathleen Kane-Murrell, Linda Litteral, Kathy Nida, Katie Ruiz and Perry Vasquez. Opening event is November 4, exhibit runs through January 14. Friday, November 4, 5pm; free. Dorothea

Laub Dance Place Studio, 2650 Truxton Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

BEER

Barrel-Aged Sunday San Diego Beer Week special, flight featuring pours of special barrel-aged brews. Score five tasters for the price of four, plus enjoy 20% off barrel-aged bottles. Sunday, November 6, 11am; free. Pure Project Vista, 1305 Hot Spring Way. (VISTA)

Brewers Ball Brewers Ball w/ Pizza Port, Duck Foot & Stone Feat. Arugula, Some Suns, Hood and Stealing Automatics Sunday, November 6, 7:30pm; \$11. 21 and up. Belly Up Tavern, 143 S. Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Chocolate Macadamia Stout Rare & Barrel Aged Flight This flight will include four 4 oz pours of the following beers: Strawberry Chocolate Macadamia Stout Barrel Aged Chocolate Macadamia Stout brewed with Cherries & Vanilla Barrel Aged Chocolate Macadamia Stout brewed with Vietnamese Coffee Barrel Aged Double Chocolate Macadamia Stout brewed with Toasted Coconut. Friday, November 4, 12pm; Kilowatt Brewing, 7576 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Donut & Beer Pairing Beer and donut pairing with The Mini Donut Company. Each flight will include a four-ounce taster of the following beers: OB Bubble Dubbel, Maple Smoked Maibock, Chocolate Macadamia Stout & S3-2X Peach Cobbler. Sunday, November 6, 12pm; \$26. Kilowatt Brewing OB, 1875 Cable Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

First Fridays On the first Friday of each month, the Gaslamp Quarter will transform into a celebration of arts, culture, food, and community. Taking over the streets of 5th Ave., each week will have a specific theme with participants tailored to match the concept. Friday, November 4, 5pm; free. Gaslamp Quarter, Fifth Ave., between Broadway and Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Guild Fest 14th Annual San Diego Beer Week kickoff includes unlimited samples from more than 60 breweries and food trucks, as well as live music from Totally '80s Band and Paging The '90s. Saturday, November 5, 12pm; \$55-\$70. 21 and up. Del Mar Surf Cup Sports Park, 14989 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

Keep the Glass Limited-Edition Keep the Glass Limited-Edition 4-Part Series: Presenting the final limited-edition glasses of 2022. This 4-glass seasonal series will be released one at a time. Tuesday, November 8, 3pm; Pure Project Vista, 1305 Hot Spring Way. (VISTA)

San Diego Beer Week: Got Wood Barrel-aged beer specials during San Diego Beer Week. Friday-Wednesday, November 4-9, 12pm; 21 and up. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Author Talk: Rex Pickett UC San Diego alumnus and two-time Oscar-winning screenwriter and the discussion will highlight Pickett’s most recent novel, *The Archivist*, a murder mystery that takes a deep dive into the archiving world set in a fictional Geisel Library. Wednesday, November 9, 5:30pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Dawn Ressel: Ancient Healings, Modern Miracles Book launch event with author talk and signing for *Ancient Healings, Modern Miracles* by local San Diego author and spiritual healer, Dawn Ressel. Saturday, November 5, 2pm; free. Hera Hub Mission Valley, 8885 Rio San Diego Drive #237. (MISSION VALLEY)

Erika T. Wurth: White Horse Erika T. Wurth, in discussion with Jenn Givhan. Monday, November 7, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 3555 Rosecrans Street Suite 107. (POINT LOMA)

Hannah “Kitten Lady” Shaw & Megan Lynn Kott Warwick’s, in partnership with Friends of the Encinitas Library, will host Hannah “Kitten Lady” Shaw and Megan Lynn Kott as they discusses and sign their new book, *Kitten Lady’s CATivity Book: Coloring, Crafts, and Activities for Cat Lovers of All Ages*. This event is free and open to the public. Free open seating

is first-come, first-served. Book will be available for purchase at the event. Saturday, November 5, 1pm; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Robert Crais: Racing the Light Robert Crais discusses and signs his new book, *Racing the Light*. This event is free and open to the public; free admittance is subject to available space. Limited open seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity. Reserve seating for everyone in your party by pre-ordering one book per seat. Thursday, November 3, 7:30pm; free-\$29. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Susan Dennard: The Luminaries This event will consist of a 30 minute discussion with Susan Dennard, followed by the book signing. Friday, November 4, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 3555 Rosecrans Street Suite 107. (POINT LOMA)

CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY EVENTS

Dr. Seuss’ How The Grinch Stole Christmas *Dr. Seuss’s How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* is a wonderful, whimsical musical based upon the classic Dr. Seuss book. Back for another incredible year, the family favorite features the songs “Santa for a Day,” “You’re

a Mean One, Mr. Grinch,” and “Welcome, Christmas (Fah Who Doraze),” the delightful carol from the popular animated version. Wednesday, November 9, 7pm; Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Acorn & Gall Natural Dye Workshop Learn the basics of dyeing with both Acorns and Galls, ancient dye-stuffs native to Southern California. Materials included. No experience necessary. Age 14+ Sunday, November 6, 12pm; \$120. 14 and up. San Diego Craft Collective, 2590 Truxtun Rd., Studio 106. (LIBERTY STATION)

All About Vermicomposting 2-Part Workshop Series Join Solana Center for this workshop series. Vermicomposting has a benefit for everyone, whether you want to divert kitchen scraps from the landfill, compost in small spaces, or create a natural fertilizer for your plants. Saturday, November 5, 10am; Tuesday, November 8, 10am; Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

Beekeeping 103: Beehive Rescue & Honey Harvesting This one day course will involve the transfer of an existing hive and moving it to a box hive. This is a very complicated but doable process if one is properly schooled on the procedure. Saturday, November



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5, 10am; \$65-\$180. 18 and up. Wild Willow Farm and Education Center, 2550 Sunset Avenue. (NESTOR)

Beer Brewing Workshop & Tasting Gain a better understanding of the overall brewing process. Sunday, November 6, 1pm; \$65. 21 and up. Wild Willow Farm and Education Center, 2550 Sunset Avenue. (NESTOR)

Beginning Cold Process Soap-making Class Soapmaking 101 is a beginning-level soapmaking class designed to teach students to make soap by hand at home. The objective of this class is to have students understand saponification values and be comfortable creating their own soap recipes at home. Students make cold process soap during the class session and take home a bar. Prerequisite: None. Sunday, November 6, 12pm; \$119. Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

Compost Workshop Free Composting Workshop will include instruction and demonstration in the building and maintenance of a backyard compost pile and worm bin. The workshop is free, and no registration is required. Workshop takes place, rain or shine. Saturday, November 5, 8:30am; **free**. Escondido Community Garden, Centre City Parkway at Decatur Way. (ESCONDIDO)

Fall/Holiday Air Plant Wreaths Craft Workshop Create your own wreath with all the supplies ready to make your personalized wreath including the 18" wreath, fall or holiday accents, moss, 4 large air plants and other embellishments. This event is outside so you may want to bring a chair and sun-screen. BYOB, alcohol allowed, no glass please. Meet in the field between Farragut Rd., and Womble Rd., off Cushing Road. Sunday, November 6, 1:30pm; \$50. Liberty Station NTC Park, 2455 Cushing Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Fermented Veggies Workshop Learn how to make probiotic-rich, gut healthy fermented vegetables. This class will teach you to make sauerkraut and other brined fermented vegetables such as beet kvass deliciously and safely at home. Includes your own take-home jar of sauerkraut. Sunday, November 6, 4pm; \$59. Carlsbad Village Yoga and Fitness, 2801-B Roosevelt Street. (CARLSBAD)

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)

Library NEXt: Demystifying College Admissions Learn how to navigate the college admissions process. The course will cover a variety of topics, including financial aid, choosing a major, and determining which college best fits your goals. This course will be held in English and Spanish. Registration is required. Age Group: Teens (16yrs - 19yrs), Emerging Adults and Adults Saturday, November 5,

OUTDOORS

Bat populations increase, Beaver Moon, Daylight Savings Time

Bat Populations Increase in coastal areas of San Diego County during the fall and winter due to migration. Not only are there bats that are migrating to and through the county coastal areas on north-south migration routes, there are also local migrations where bats from inland areas move closer to the coast. You can usually see bats in locations where open water occurs near riparian trees and close to exposed rocky habitat, such as Mission Trails Regional Park near the old Mission dam, or Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve near the waterfall. The most common bats in San Diego County include the Mexican free-tailed bat, Yuma myotis, and big brown bat.

November's Full Beaver Moon reaches peak illumination in



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2pm; **free**. City Heights Weingart Library, 3795 Fairmount Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Library NEXt: Messy Science Conduct noisy and colorful experiments and explore the science of volcanoes, rain clouds, glaciers and more. Registration is required. Allowed Grades: 6th Grade to 8th Grade Saturday, November 5, 1pm; **free**. Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Harley & Bessie Knox Branch Library, 145 West Washington Street. (MISSION HILLS)

Library NEXt: Slimy Sea Creatures How do octopuses change color and why do oysters make pearls? Investigate how slimy sea creatures live and thrive in their underwater homes. Then create an artwork inspired by what you have learned. Registration is required. Allowed Grades: 3rd Grade to 5th Grade Saturday, November 5, 2pm; **free**. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burchard Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

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. No previous experience required, beginners to experts welcome. Monday, November 7, 6:30pm; \$45. Wonderland Ocean Pub, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Mug Painting Class Design and paint your own 20 ounce high quality glass mug with Local Artist Azul Gutierrez. Class includes one full pour, painting demonstration, 2 hour instruction on glass painting techniques, and painting supplies. Saturday, November 5, 12pm; \$30-\$50. Kilowatt Brewing OB, 1875 Cable Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Smart Ways to Fight Food Waste Workshop Knowledgeable speakers will offer live demonstrations to share practical solutions for reducing food waste in your home, and discuss how incorporating these practices into your daily life can be a great way to help the environment and save money. Pre-registration is required @ solanacenter.org/. Saturday, November 5, 10am; **free**. Scripps Miramar Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

COMEDY

Bassem Youssef Seen on Comedy Central's *The Daily Show* and CBS's *Late Show with Stephen Colbert*. Thursday, November 3, 8pm; Friday, November 4, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, November 5, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$20. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Christopher Titus Christopher Titus is a prolific stand-up comedian, writer, actor, and producer. Friday, November 4, 7pm; Saturday, November 5, 7pm and 9:30pm; \$30. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

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)

Free Comedy Night Orion Levine, Jonathan Stephens, Rafa Camargo, Steven Ghabbour, Nick BK, Alex Petit. Friday, November 4, 7pm; Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

Happymusicfuntime: A Musical Comedy Revue Enjoy a comedic musical journey through rock, jazz, bluegrass, musical theater and a little bit of razzmatazz sprinkled on top. This variety show is both a love letter to the specific music that shaped the composer early in life and a tribute to the power of music and comedy generally to connect us and keep us going during dark times. Friday, November 4, 7pm; Sunday, November 6, 7pm; \$10. 21 and up. Finest City Improv, 3746 Sixth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Jokes 4 Spokes The fundraiser includes a comedy show, raffle and

silent auction. The line up features Stevie O (MC), Scott Blumen, Kash and the headliner, Lisa Gilbert. The mission of DoSomethingNOW! is to provide bicycles to underprivileged people living in impoverished areas throughout the world. Sunday, November 6, 5pm; \$25. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

San Diego Pundemonium Pundemonium is a three-part event based on the format used by pun contests in cities nationwide. Friday, November 4, 10pm; **free**. 21 and up. Finest City Improv, 3746 Sixth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Theo Von Thursday, November 3, 8pm; Friday, November 4, 7pm; Saturday, November 5, 7pm; Sunday, November 6, 7pm; \$21-\$76. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Unscripted Comedy Show The NCT cast creates the entire show based completely on audience suggestions. Fridays, 7:30pm; Saturdays, 7:30pm; through Friday, December 30, \$15-\$20. National Comedy Theatre, 3717 India Street. (MISSION HILLS)

WWC Comedy Uncensored standup comedy Tuesdays, 7pm; through Tuesday, December 27, \$20. 21 and up. Negotiant Hillcrest Urban Winery, 1263 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

DANCE

Tango Dancing Beginner Class Learn how to dance Argentine Tango with a native instructor. No previous experience or partner needed. Friendly and fun environment, amply parking, air conditioner, beautiful studio. Tuesdays, 6:30pm; through Tuesday, November 29, \$15-\$20. Starlight Dance Studio, 6506 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

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)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

David Weiner In this moderated Q&A, David Weiner will share his experience as a journalist, a curator of nostalgia as a writer and director, and how films in the horror and science fiction genre historically have had social and political impact embedded in their narrative. University Student Union Ballroom Monday, November 7, 6pm; **free**-\$5. CSU San Marcos, 333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)



THE MEXICAN FREE-TAILED BAT PREFERS ROOSTING IN CAVES, BUT WILL ROOST IN ANY BUILDING WITH A DARK RECESS.

the morning hours of Tuesday, November 8, which is also Election Day! In addition, the Beaver Moon will also undergo a total lunar eclipse! November's full moon is called a Beaver Moon because this is the time of year when beavers begin to take shelter in their lodges, having laid up sufficient stores of food for the long winter ahead.

Remember to Set Your Clocks Back this Sunday morning at 2 am, when Daylight Saving Time ends. In 2018, California voters approved Proposition 7, a ballot initiative that permanently adopted daylight saving time, but the legislature never passed it. This year, the U.S. Senate unanimously approved a bill called the Sunshine Protection Act, which would permanently extend daylight saving time from eight months of the year to the full 12 months. But the measure has not yet been passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, nor has it been signed into law by the President. San Diego's latest sunrise this year occurs on Saturday, November 6, at 7:11 am. If standard time were observed year-round, the latest possible sunrise in San Diego (6:52 am PST) would always take place near January 8.

GRITConn GRITConn is a conference experience that highlights Growth, Resiliency, Intention, Transformation, and Connection through high energy, creativity and storytelling to help you jumpstart the changes you want to make in your life. Saturday, November 5, 9:30am; \$179-\$349. 18 and up. Luce on Kettner, 2310 Kettner Boulevard Suite A. (LITTLE ITALY)

Naked Conference The bible says in Genesis 2:25 that we were created naked and felt no shame. The mission of this conference is to empower women of all ages to be comfortable in who God created them to be, both inside and out. Purchasing a ticket gives you access to a day full of Christian speakers, live worship, food and more. Lunch will be provided along with surprise giveaways throughout the day. Saturday, November 5, 11am; \$25. Victory Christian Academy, 810 Buena Vista Way. (CHULA VISTA)

Writers Coffeehouse with Jonathan Maberry The Writers Coffeehouse is open to everyone. The Coffeehouse is a bunch of writers sitting around talking about writing...with coffee. No previous publishing experience necessary. The Coffeehouse is a regular event that meets on the first Sunday of every month. Sunday, November 6, 12pm; **free**. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 3555 Rosecrans Street Suite 107. (POINT LOMA)

FOR KIDS

Annual Candy Buy-Back Program Starting the morning after Halloween, kids can bring in candy to any of The Super Dentist’s six offices and exchange it for cash through November 5th. Through this program, kids receive \$1 for each pound of candy they bring in. Thursday, November 3, 7am; Friday, November 4, 7am; Saturday, November 5, 7am; Super Dentists, 9737 Aero Drive #210. (SERRA MESA)

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, November 30, **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Fall Back Festival Free children’s historical street faire with a day of play and educational fun as history comes alive while kids can learn about San Diego’s rich cultural history by participating in an assortment of activities and demonstrations. Sunday, November 6, 11am; **free**. Gaslamp Museum at the Davis-Horton House, 410 Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Halloween Candy Buy-Back Kids can bring in their candy and exchange it for fun toys and activities. Thursday, November 3, 12pm; **free**. Brain Balance Center, Rancho Carmel Plaza, 10175 Rancho Carmel Dr., Suite 124. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Library NExt: The Making of a Super Hero Library NExt: The Making of a Super Hero: Fiction, Fantasy, and the Real World: Participants will learn about the concept of the hero’s journey as described by mythologist Joseph Campbell and look at heroes in literature, TV shows, graphic novels and movies. Registration is required. Allowed Grades: 9th Grade to 12th Grade Tuesday, November 8, 4pm; **free**. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

The SpongeBob Musical This award-winning musical, based on the beloved animated series demonstrates how the power of optimism really can save the world! JT’s popular Pajama Night is Friday, November 4. ASL-Interpreted performance is Saturday, November 12. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, November 13, \$16-\$18. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1600 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

Toddler & Preschool Program Recommended for ages 2-5, this storytime program includes books, songs, games and early literacy fun! Please note: this program will be held outdoors. Thursdays, 10:30am; through Thursday, November 17, **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

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

Día de los Muertos: Tribute to Legends This year’s Día de Los Muertos theme is “A Tribute to the Legends.” The event will include: Traditional performances, including Ballet Folklorico, Aztec dancers, Viewing of the altar, Traditional Mexican food, and Tasty libations. All proceeds go towards funding the Art Support Group. Saturday, November 5, 6:30pm; \$55-\$90. 18 and up. Christie’s Pl., 2440 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

NATURE

Behind-The-Scenes: Penguin Tours Explore the ins and outs of Beyster Family Little Blue Penguins in this guided tour where you’ll venture behind the scenes in the Penguin Care and Conservation Center. Tours include admission to the aquarium. Monday-Sunday, 1:30pm; through Wednesday, November 30, \$100-\$115. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Behind-The-Scenes: Seahorse Tours Venture behind the scenes at Birch Aquarium for a one-hour private tour exploring the fascinating world of seahorses. Tour includes admission to the aquarium. Reservations are required. Monday-Sunday, 11am; through

Wednesday, November 30, \$80-\$95. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Free Moderately Strenuous Guided Hike Moderately strenuous, long distance educational hike. Hiking groups will depart from the Interpretive Center at 8:15am (please arrive at 8:00am) and will return to the main lot approximately three hours. Participants are urged to come prepared for a moderately strenuous hike that will maintain a pace of 2.5 mph. Sunday, November 6, 8am; **free**. 18 and up. Elfín Forest Recreational Reserve, 8833 Harmony Grove Road. (ESCONDIDO)

Guided Nature Walk: Fall Season Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park along a scenic trail. Walks start from the Visitor Center, are free and open to the public, with no reservations required. The trails used are easy, but have uneven surfaces and some involve steps, so be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Walks are canceled if raining. Saturday, November 5, 9:30am, Sunday, November 6, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Hawk Talk with Huxley the Harris Hawk Stop by the Visitor Center Lobby to meet local falconer, Bob Gordon, and his feathered friend, “Huxley” the Harris’ hawk. Get up close and personal with this majestic bird of prey, while learning all about what makes it so special. Sunday, November 6, 9am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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Stars at MTRP Join members from the San Diego Astronomy Association at the far end of the Kumeyaay Lake Campground’s Day Use Parking Lot to view the nighttime sky through telescopes. Rain or cloudy skies cancel event. Sunset 5:41 pm Friday, November 4, 5:45pm; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTÉE)

Wildlife Tracking Walk Join experienced MTRP Tracking Team members for an adventure in wildlife tracking on the Oak Grove Loop Trail. Learn the art of discovering and identifying tracks and other signs left behind by the park’s seldom-seen wildlife. Walks start from the front of the Visitor Center on the first Saturday of every month at 8:30am Walks are free and open to the public, with no reservations required. Don’t forget to wear long pants for kneeling on the ground. Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Walks are canceled if rain-

ing. Saturday, November 5, 8:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

125 Years Anniversary Alhiser-Comer Mortuary, Escondido’s family owned business is turning 125 years old. This is a free event to celebrate one of the oldest businesses in Escondido with food vendors, kettle-corn and cotton candy, a photo-booth, gift bags, bounce houses, raffles, tours, live music, a fire truck and more. Saturday, November 5, 11am; **free**. Alhiser-Comer Mortuary, 225 South Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

First Anniversary Celebration During La Jolla’s monthly art walk, enjoy a variety of artwork and Judaica available for purchase, drinks, snacks, entertainment, and the opportunity to see the wonderful, original artwork. This month’s art walk will feature Yiddishland’s First Anniversary celebration and surprise guests. Friday, November 4, 4pm; **free**. Yiddishland California, 1128 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

La Mesa Home Tour: Fabulous Foothill-ers The 16th Annual Home Tour, “Fabulous Foothill-ers.” Featuring the century-old Grossmont High “Castle” and the rural, suburban neighborhoods of Brier Tract, Mt Helix and Grossmont. Experience the breathtak-

ing views, period decor, inspiring architecture and beautiful landscapes. Saturday, November 5, 9am; \$25-\$40. Grossmont High School, 1100 Murray Drive. (EL CAJON)

SPORTS & FITNESS

CalSquad vs Awesome Skate Stars CalSquad banked track game against the Awesome Skate Stars. Saturday, November 5, 12pm; \$17-\$20. Derby United HQ, 6060 Federal Boulevard. (ENCANTO)

FitFest Free fitness festival for all ages and abilities will feature classes in yoga, bootcamp, HIIT, and circuit training, a group run, dance party, free throw contest, and kid’s zone, plus other games and activities to inspire an active, healthy lifestyle. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Sunday, November 6, 10am; Rady Shell at Jacobs Park, 200 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Pushin' The Positivity Pushin’ The Positivity: A Skate Jam Bringing Mental Health To The Frontside Saturday, November 5, 1pm; **free**-\$10. AleSmith Brewing Company, 9990 Alesmith Court. (MIRAMAR)

San Diego Gulls Home Game Friday, November 4, 7pm; Saturday, November 5, 7pm; Pechanga Arena San Diego, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

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MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Scott Marks, Matthew Lickona, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews are available online at SDReader.com/movies.

8 Mile — Screen debut of rapper Eminem, a pop-star acting vehicle not unlike some of the more serious (everything being relative) of the early Elvis vehicles: *Loving You*, *Jailhouse Rock*, *King Creole*, *Wild in the Country*. (The Eminem character is even addressed on occasion as “Elvis.”) On the score of “realism,” one cannot fault the views of the ravaged urban-scape of modern Detroit (Michael Moore territory) or the trailer-park squalor of the hero’s home life; and Eminem himself, who came out of this background, does nothing in his acting to dispel the illusion. But all this grit goes only so far to cover up a hip-hop *Rocky* centered around a blue-eyed, blue-collar rapper who freezes on stage during the opening “battle” — forty-five seconds apiece to trash an opponent in rhythm and rhyme — and who ultimately redeems himself in the climactic rematch. What happens in between is a sub-Scorsese series of scrapes and scuffles threaded together by a plotless blur of “What the fuck, man!” and “What’s your fucking problem?” (Eminem, despite his runty size and his perpetual deer-in-the-headlights look of fright, holds his own in the physi-

cal battles, too.) And the grit, such as it is, never gets so thick as to blacken the rosy image of rap music as the voice of liberation: just what our Founding Fathers had envisioned for the disenfranchised youths of the inner cities. The un-PC “gangsta” element has been all but eliminated, and although the personal vituperation in these “battles” leads naturally to challenges of an opponent’s manhood — which lead naturally to imputations of homosexuality — our hero will not descend to such depths. He descends instead to the level of the grade-school playground where a rival will be perceived as vulnerable on the basis that his given name is Clarence. As in *Darrow*. With Mekhi Phifer, Brittany Murphy, Kim Basinger; directed by Curtis Hanson. 2002. — D.S. ★ (AMC MISSION VALLEY)

The Banshees of Inisherin — Set on a remote island off the west coast of Ireland, lifelong friends Pádraic (Colin Farrell) and Colm (Brendan Gleeson) find themselves at an impasse when Colm unexpectedly puts an end to their friendship. A stunned Pádraic, aided by his sister Siobhán (Kerry Condon) and troubled young islander Dominic (Barry Keoghan), endeavours to repair the relationship, refusing to take no for an answer. But Pádraic’s repeated efforts only strengthen his former friend’s resolve and when Colm delivers a desperate ultimatum, events swiftly escalate, with shocking consequences. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Black Adam — Nearly 5000 years after he was bestowed with the almighty powers of the ancient gods—and imprisoned just

as quickly—Black Adam (Johnson) is freed from his earthly tomb, ready to unleash his unique form of justice on the modern world. Dwayne Johnson stars alongside Pierce Brosnan as Dr. Fate. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Call Jane — A housewife is overjoyed with the news of her pregnancy — until she learns it poses a threat to her own life. She has nowhere to turn until she meets an underground group of women who risk everything to provide people like her with a choice. Directed by Phyllis Nagy, starring Elizabeth Banks, Sigourney Weaver, and Chris Messina. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Causeway — Jennifer Lawrence stars as a soldier whose tour of Afghanistan resulted in a traumatic brain injury. Returning home, she faces countless struggles as she tries to adapt back into to a life that never was all that normal, with the help of a stranger-turned friend played by Brian Tyree Henry. Together, they navigate their journey from grief to healing. Filmed in New Orleans, directed by Lila Neugebauer. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (ANGELIKA FILM CENTER AND CAFÉ)

Dawn of the Dead 3D (1978) — George A. Romero’s companion piece to his *Night of the Living Dead*, set largely (and inspirationally) in a suburban Pittsburgh shopping center, less a sequel than a remake, a new and improved version with slicker technique and gaudier special effects, and positively guaranteed not to disappoint even the most hysterical fans of the earlier film. It is gratuitously,

scandalously, nose-thumbingly gory. But it also offers the wickedest laughs of any American movie since *Beyond The Valley of the Dolls* — unless, of course, you are one of those persons who under no circumstances can admit the possibility of there being anything humorous about, for example, a flesh-eating zombie having the top of his head sliced off, very thin like Oscar Mayer’s luncheon meats, by a helicopter propeller, and then going into a rubber-kneed wobble as though he had just experienced Teofilo Stevenson’s right hand. 1979. — D.S. ★★★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

It’s Happening Right Here — Documentary taking the position that sex trafficking can happen in every community in the U.S., with the aim of increasing awareness about online grooming, sextortion, and trafficking, along with preventative tools. The subject is studied via interviews with law enforcement, technology experts, and survivors. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Louis Armstrong’s Black & Blues — Documentary directed by Sacha Jenkins honoring Louis Armstrong’s legacy as a founding father of jazz, one of the first internationally known and beloved stars, and a cultural ambassador of the United States. The film shows how Armstrong’s own life spans the shift from the Civil War to the Civil Rights movement, and how he became a lightning rod figure in that turbulent era. With the full support of the Louis Armstrong Educational Foundation, the filmmakers have access to a treasure trove of rare archival materi-

als, including hundreds of hours of audio recordings, film footage, photographs, personal diaries, and a life’s worth of ephemera for exclusive use in the first significant documentary dedicated entirely to his life. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (DIGITAL GYM CINEMA)

Something In the Dirt — Levi has snagged a no-lease apartment sight unseen in the Hollywood Hills to crash at while he ties up loose ends for his exodus from Los Angeles. He quickly strikes up a rapport with his new neighbor John, swapping stories like old friends under the glowing, smoke-filled skies of the city. Soon after meeting, Levi and John witness something impossible in one of their apartments. Terrified at first, they soon realize this could change their lives and give them a purpose. With dollar signs in their eyes, these two eccentric strangers will attempt to prove the supernatural. Aaron Moorhead and Justin Benson made their Sundance Film Festival debut, serving as co-directors, co-stars, co-editors, writer (Benson) and cinematographer (Moorhead) of this twisted, sci-fi talkie. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (AMC MISSION VALLEY)

The Return of Tanya Tucker - Featuring Brandi Carlile — Trailblazing, hell-raising country music legend Tanya Tucker defied the standards of how a woman was supposed to behave. Decades after Tucker slipped from the spotlight, music star Brandi Carlile took it upon herself to write an album for her, spurring a comeback. This film tells that story. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (ANGELIKA FILM CENTER AND CAFÉ)



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ON STAGE IN SAN DIEGO

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The 39 Steps

The local trend toward comedy-mystery continues: Lamplighters Theatre presents *The 39 Steps*, adapted by Patrick Barlow from a story by John Buchan. Not to be confused with the proper mystery put on screen by Alfred Hitchcock, just as *Baskerville* is not to be confused with the proper mystery put on the page by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. And here as there, part of the comedy arises from having a few cast members take on a great many roles. LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 5915 SEVERIN DR., LA MESA. 619-303-5092. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

Baskerville

Yes, yes, this is a retelling of Arthur Conan Doyle's famous mystery *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, featuring his even more famous creation, the brilliant and cantankerous consulting detective Sherlock Holmes. But really, it's the second stop on the *Omri Schein Sherlock Super Show*, which started out this summer up at North Coast Rep with the musical *The Remarkable Mr. Holmes*. (It is perhaps worth noting that *Baskerville* is considerably less bawdy; Coronado is not Solana Beach.) There, Schein was content to toil as a book and lyrics man, letting Andrew Ableson take on the sweet comedic gig of playing multiple characters with multiple accents sporting multiple arrangements of facial hair. But if memory serves, Ableson was what, four people, all of them clerics? Child's play. Here, Schein lets Ken Ludwig do the word-work — though there is a similar reliance on Old World mispronunciations and humor of both the broad and self-conscious variety to lighten the murderous mood of what is an especially bloody and even scary Holmes story — and steps onto the stage, into the quick-change costume room, and behind the whiskers to play, off the top of my head, a country doctor, a Russian butler, a Russian butler's insane brother in law, an Italian hotel-keeper, an operatic tenor, a cockney street urchin, an English butterfly collector, a flirtatious old woman, a Nietzsche-quoting cab driver — you get the idea. The remarkable thing is the riveting combination of gung-ho energy and yes, dramatic skill he brings the task. He has help in presenting the 37 characters who are not Holmes and his partner in solving crime John Watson, but it's Schein who has the audience smiling in recognition at each new iteration.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, & WEDNESDAYS.



Murder Ballad: It pays to pay attention to the people in the background.

The Children by Lucy Kirkwood

Two retired nuclear scientists reside in an isolated cottage by the sea. The world around them may bear the scars of a disaster, but they're going to live forever on yogurt and yoga. Then an old friend arrives with a frightening request, and this play turns on a dime. MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, ROLANDO. 858-598-7620. 2PM SUNDAYS.

Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! is a wonderful, whimsical musical based upon the classic Dr. Seuss book. Back for another incredible year, the family favorite features the songs "Santa for a Day," "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch," and "Welcome, Christmas (Fah Who Doraze)," the delightful carol from the popular animated version. Celebrate the holidays as the Old Globe Theatre is once again transformed into the snow-covered Who-ville, right down to the last can of Who-hash. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 7PM WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9.

Hamilton

HAMILTON is the story of America then, told by America now. Featuring a score that blends hip-hop, jazz, R and Broadway, HAMILTON has taken the story of American founding father Alexander Hamilton and created a revolutionary moment in theatre—a musical that has had a profound impact on culture, politics, and education. With book, music, and lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-570-1100. 7PM WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9.

Into the Breeches!

Or: *The War at Home*. Sure, the Greatest Generation stopped Hitler and ushered in an era of unprecedented economic growth, but let's not forget that those were the Bad Old Days for women, blacks, and homosexuals, all of whom get their

chance to lament their situation and then strut their stuff when the wife of a local theater manager gets the idea of Supporting the Troops by putting on Shakespeare's *Henriad* — using an all-female cast (plus a stage manager who was kept out of the armed services for being a swish).

Director Diana Van Fossen has a scene-stealing machine in aging star Celeste Fielding (Katie Mac-Nichol), who isn't quite ready to go from portraying dewy Juliet to a dying King Henry IV — she comes to relish the dramatic challenge of adopting a manly swagger, and cleverly argues that since she's playing a man, she ought to be paid like one, but what's all this nonsense about being old? She's difficult and complicated and finely calibrated, which makes her a delight to watch, but also highlights the rest of the characters' relative simplicity: the wife slipping out from her husband's shadow, the black who's had enough of separate-but-equal, etc. There are times when the actors seem constrained by their roles even as their characters burst their respective bonds.

Perhaps most frustrating is the dynamic between wife Maggie Dalton and Ellsworth Snow, the fuddy-duddy head of the theater's Board, who must be convinced again and again to let the show go on. Snow represents the status quo that's got to go, except he's just too much of a sweetie to provide any real obstacle. Once that drama's gone, all that's left is laughter — and while there are laughs, this is more of a feel-good affair than a comedy, an extended setup that stops right before the punchline.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS.

Murder Ballad the Rock Musical

The stage is spare — most of the scene-setting for this tale of Big City Love comes via black and white pho-

tos projected on a screen above the stage — but hey look, there's a baseball bat on the bar! Chekhov would be proud. This ballad — they're not kidding, just about everything is sung, sometimes better than others — is only 10 years old, but the rock and roll backup band and the evo-

cation of a grotty downtown scene in Manhattan make it feel like a throwback, as does the straightforward storyline of passion, betrayal, and violence. There's a nod toward modern meta-stuff at both beginning and end — the audience is reminded that "There But For the Grace of God

Go I" at the outset, and when the blood has stopped flowing, the four-person cast smiles and proclaims, "That's entertainment, unless it happens to you!" But in between, it's the the story of Sara, a downtown bad girl who loves downtown bad boy Tom, but you know how these things go, and after a while, she winds up married to good guy Michael, while Tom pals around with the unhappy narrator. Until! There's lots to enjoy: the way expressions of love and understanding curdle into declarations of obsession and suspicion, the lamentable distance between image and reality, the occasional echoes of famous pop melodies. There are occasional sags and hiccups in the drama, plus lyrical clunkers here and there — "In life's game we all take part/ Losing's easy, winning's hard" And a woman wondering "Who will I be from 9 to 3?" feels weirdly dated as a reason for calling an old flame. But the thing has the requisite energy to carry the story and juice the audience, and when it stops to take a breath and ruminate, the results are surprisingly effective. ("Let me count the ways I love her/ and then count the ways I don't/ I would do anything for her/ Except the things I won't.") A fun final effort from Artistic Manager Matt FitzGerald, who also directs, handles set, sound, and projection design, and plays bass in the band.

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Saturday, 5pm — Johnny Martin.

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Saturday, Nov. 12 — Christian Taylor.

Bellamy's Restaurant:
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Belly Up Tavern:
Thursday, Nov. 10 — Steve Poltz and Ryan Hiller. \$50-\$100.
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JONATHAN KARRANT

Crooner Jonathan Karrant's last full-length was *Shadows Fall*, a 2021 collaboration with local jazz pianist Joshua White. "I'm releasing a new holiday album this year called *Christmas Wish* and will be touring with it," says Karrant, who'll play Martini's in Hillcrest on December 11. Album guests include jazz icon Diane Schuur, sax player Houston Person, trumpeter Kenny Rampton, and the entire Joe Alterman Trio.



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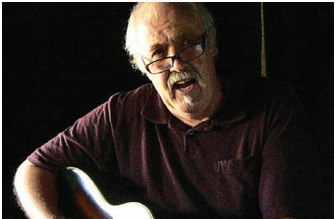
With the unexpected death of Psychosally frontman Trevor Sesma, his son Dustin Sesma, who occasionally played bass for the band, has recruited Psychosally's drummer to form *Nefarious Creatures* and release a full concept EP. "It is one consecutive story about various fairy tale and classic horror characters," says Sesma. "It starts with the evil queen and Snow White, moves into the story of Frankenstein, and ends with a zombie apocalypse. From there, it moves into Pinocchio's origin story and finishes with Rumpelstiltskin."



CASMALIA

DJ-songwriter Casmalia is a classically trained musician with a degree with audio engineering; she's influenced by disco, Detroit style techno, and '90s hip-hop, and known for playing mostly original songs in her sets. She made her festival debut in 2018 at Same Same But Different Festival, and has since performed at The Northern Nights Festival, Lucidity Festival, and Santa Cruz Music Festival. Casmalia has a new collaborative single with Sean Lafayette streaming online called "Escape From You."

PHOTOGRAPH BY RICHARD POLLARD



KEN LEHNIG

"I am an artist, poet, author, speaker, and a lover of the parade and pageant of life," says Ken Lehnig. He just released a new single, "Wish She Had a Heart," off his upcoming sixth solo album *Between Us*, due November 23 via Encinitas-based American Windsong Music. Local guest players on the album include keyboardist Ed Kornhauser and saxophonist Ross Rizzo.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JAVIER REVUELTA LEON



JAVIER ESCOVEDO

Singer-guitarist Javier Escovedo lived in Huntington Beach before moving to Chula Vista in his teens. He may be best known from one of San Diego's original punk bands, The Zeros, but he's also the guy to thank for influential ensembles such as City Lights and Austin Texas-based True Believers. His new solo single "In Paradise" drops November 14.

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THE GONZO REPORT

SPIKE STEFFENHAGEN

Stumping for Sammy

Vetting Van Halen while Belmont blonde bawls

The blonde woman at Belmont Park's Beach House Tequila + Taqueria says she's done with "fat old ladies and douchebags with 619 tattoos that can't keep their fucking hands to themselves." The declaration catches my attention, as does her evident frustration and its evident transformation into to anger. That's enough to signal the end of this party. Like a fart in a crowded elevator, it only takes one person to make it unpleasant for everyone. (Well, maybe three in this case: blonde, fat lady, handsy douchebag.)

It's a diametrically opposed ending to what had been a surprisingly fine time in a laid-back atmosphere. Normally, I'm uncomfortable on the beach during the daytime in even the best of circumstances: the sun seems to make me its primary target, the sand in my shoes makes me feel like I'm walking on glass, and I find it difficult to gaze at the ocean comtemplatively without contemplating the many-toothed

killing machines lurking beneath the waves. But today? Today, Sammy Hagar is there, handing out his latest signature canned cocktails and — though swimming with sharks would cause me, personally, less damage than drinking a can — his enthusiasm is contagious. Unlike me, Sammy loves the ocean, and this happy hour is tied into a beach cleanup, with donations going to the Surfrider Foundation. The staff is friendly and accommodating, though few of them seem to know Hagar is The Red Rocker and was once the sophomore singer for Van Halen. Added security is the event's only special accommodation.

I take the opportunity to see if anyone agrees with the claim that Van Halen got better when Sammy joined, because then there was no distraction from the music, distraction brought on by David Lee Roth acting like an ass clown. It's difficult to get anyone to sign off, however, even after I suggest that the words "bop doobie, shoobie doo wah" will ruin any song and can derail an entire record. I follow up by investigating how well people know Van Halen, first by asking if the person wearing a VH band T-shirt can name five songs from the group. But he just looks at me from atop his father's shoulders while his dad laughs and tells me that, if his son could form complete sentences, he definitely could name over five songs, but at this point, he just claps when a tune comes on that he likes. Neither child nor



PHOTOGRAPH BY SPIKE STEFFENHAGEN

We can crash on, er, clean up the beach: Sammy Hagar

father will agree with my assertion that Roth is an ass clown. Meanwhile, the Red Rocker is signing autographs, handing out cocktails, and casually interacting with fans, with no autograph lines. I yell his name as he's leaving, and he smiles for a picture.

Then the fart. The blonde woman is waifishly thin, and under normal conditions, probably not threatening. But now she is erupting verbally, and her body seems to vibrate with rage. I ask what happened, and she indicates that a douchebag was handsy. Whether it was groping or theft remains unclear. Then an older

woman approaches to lecture the blonde about standing on the walkway and blocking foot traffic. It's not a casual aside, but rather a targeted attack: the older woman, who I am calling Mabel, settles in, lips curled back, berating the blonde while her husband tries to look in another direction or find a place to disappear.

Not wanting to take part in walkway obstruction and risk my own chewing-out, I stroll over to the sand sculpture created by Greg LeBon. It's been a popular photo op for partygoers for a while now — but then a woman strikes a sultry pose for her companion's camera, not realizing or maybe not caring that leaning on the sculpture will cause it to collapse. This upsets an Australian journalist named Rod, and he starts doing a play-by-play of each grain of sand's crumbling. I head back to the blonde waif, and that's when she tells me she's sick of fat old ladies and douchebags with 619 tattoos. She asks me if I've seen any such tattooed men, and I break the news that it would be like looking for sanitary napkins in the feminine hygiene aisle.

On my way out, a man named Brad walks across the bar to compliment me on my Iron Maiden tattoo. It turns out he's also a huge Queen fan and met Freddie Mercury while on the *Jazz* tour — our mutual favorite recording by the band, an album famously augmented by a controversial poster of nude women on bicycles. I'm hesitant to ask the Roth question, but I pluck up my courage and am rewarded: he agrees that Roth is indeed an ass clown. As I turn to leave, I have a bounce in my step, filled with optimism for the human race. ■

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IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

A numinal November awaits classical fans

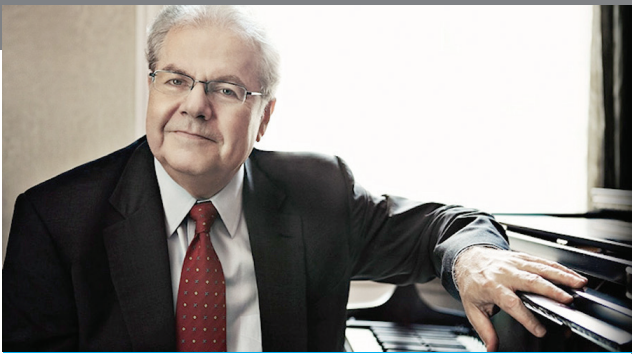
October is coming to an end, and it has been a solid month for classical music in San Diego. November is looking even better.

There are a few concerts in November that shouldn’t be missed even if you’re only a casual classical music fan. The first performances are on Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13 at The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park. Piano superstar Emmanuel Ax will be performing Beethoven’s *Piano Concerto No. 2*. Ax has been an exclusive Sony Classics recording artist since 1987. That’s 35 years of documented mastery. Conducting the performances is San Diego Symphony Music Director

Rafael Payare. Payare, whose conducting produces enough power to supply a small to midsized town, will also be conducting Dimitri Shostakovich’s *Symphony No. 12: The Year 1917*. The twelfth holds a unique spot within Shostakovich’s symphonic pantheon. It premiered in 1961. Shostakovich became a member of The Communist Party in 1960 during the “Khrushchev Thaw” following the death of Stalin. This symphony was viewed by the West as Shostakovich bowing to officialdom. But 60 years later, many of us have forgotten the pressures of The Cold War, and the music comes to us free of

Shostakovich’s intent for the project: a musical essay of Vladimir Lenin’s life.

The next concerts are on Thursday, November 17, and Friday, November 18. The Thursday concert is at The Shell, while the Friday concert is at The California Center for the Arts Escondido. For me, the drive to Escondido is well worth the indoor setting. The repertoire for these concerts is stellar. Payare conducts again, and I can’t wait to hear how he treats the *Prelude* and *Liebestod* from Richard Wagner’s *Tristan und Isolde*. In all seriousness, this might be the classical music event of the entire year. Hearing Payare’s take on Wagner will



Ax has been a Sony Classics recording artist since 1987.

be great theater.

Also on the concert are Franz Liszt’s *Piano Concerto No. 2* and Johannes Brahms’ *Symphony No. 1*. This is good programming. Liszt was a champion of Wagner and Brahms was Wagner’s bitter rival. There were times when Liszt extended a peace offering to Brahms, even though Wagner was married to Liszt’s daughter Cosima.

Having Liszt’s piano concerto bridge the gap between the two titans of the Romantic Era makes good sense.

The final November concert of interest is the legendary Vienna Boys Choir on Saturday, November 19 at The Balboa Theatre. The choir will perform traditional Austrian songs, classical masterpieces, and even some holiday favorites.

Classical Music this week

Hausmann Quartet: Haydn Voyages Nature Sounds A world premiere quintet by Jessica Meyer is the centerpiece of this program, which explores our relationship to the natural world and the alarming changes it is undergoing. George Walker’s tender, evocative *Lyric* and Haydn’s sunny opus 20/2 quartet are matched with Peter Schulthorpe’s hauntingly beautiful Quartet #18, his “heartfelt expression of my concern about climate change, about the future of our fragile planet.” Sunday, November 6, 2:30pm; San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 N. Harbor Drive.

Music & Masters: Art of Conversation Join the San Diego Symphony’s Nuvi Mehta for Music & Masters, an intimate evening of music inspired by the Timken’s fall exhibition Exchanging Words: Women and Letters in Seventeenth-Century Dutch Genre Painting. Mehta will participate in a discussion on discourse and dialectic in life and in music, followed by a musical performance by cellist Yao Zhao, accompanied by Mehta on his violin— counterpoint for what is customarily a one-voice instrument. Sunday, November 6, 4pm; \$85-\$95. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado.

North Coast Symphony 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee A special anniversary concert featuring American composers with reception to follow. The performance includes composers Leroy Anderson, Samuel Barber, James P. Johnson, Alan Lerner and Frederick Loewe, and features William Grant Still’s Afro American Symphony and Aaron Copland’s stirring Lincoln Portrait narrated by actor Victor Morris. Saturday, November 5, 2:30pm; \$10-\$12. San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena.

SD Master Chorale: Livro das Cores/Book of Colors Marcos Balter’s original Portuguese version of “Livro das Cores / Book of Colors,” commissioned to celebrate the Chorale’s 60th season. Also music by Brahms, Lauridsen, Joel Thompson, and local composer Jordan Kuspa. Pre-concert talk an hour before the 5 pm concert. Conducted by Dr. John K. Russell. Portions of this evening’s program will have piano accompaniment by Bryan Verhoye. Sunday, November 6, 5pm; free-\$25. Patrick Henry High School, 6702 Wandermere Drive.

San Diego Opera: El último sueño de Frida y Diego by composer Gabriela Lena Frank and librettist Nilo Cruz. Featuring mezzo-soprano Guadalupe Paz as Frida, baritone Alfredo Daza as Diego, soprano Maria Katzarava as Catrina, and countertenor Key’mon Murrah as Leonardo. Directed by Lorena Maza and conducted by Roberto Kalb. Sung in Spanish with English/Spanish text above the stage. The approximate run time is 2 hrs with one 20 min intermission. Friday, Nov. 4, 7:30pm; Sunday, Nov. 6, 2pm; San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue.

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Sunday, Nov. 13 — Uptown Rhythm Makers. Free.

Petco Park:
Friday, Nov. 11 — Zach Bryan. \$197-\$920.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:
Thursday, Nov. 10 — Whitey Morgan. \$25-\$275.
Friday, Nov. 11 — Indigenous. \$25-\$320.

Saddle Bar:
Thursday, Nov. 10 — Into The Void. Free.

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. :
Sunday, Nov. 13 — Peter Sprague Trio. Free.

Side Yard:
Saturday, Nov. 12 — Andrew Peña.

Soda Bar:
Thursday, Nov. 10 — Vanessa Zamora and Marci. \$18.
Friday, Nov. 11 — Marlon Craft. \$25.
Saturday, Nov. 12 — The Joy Formidable and Cuffed Up.
Sunday, Nov. 13 — Taylor Ashton, Jack Van Cleaf. \$15.

Soma:
Friday, Nov. 11 — Chelsea Cutler, Ayokay, Arden Jones. \$29.

Til-Two Club:
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Viejas Arena:
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A shout-out from Yelp

"It's not every day you're called, 'Best in America.'"

That used to be the beef jerky place," says Will. He lives around here. "See? It's in one of the apartments of that building. Weird. Pretty popular, though." We're sitting in Will's '95 Bronco, in front of what looks like a cream-colored stucco low-rise apartment building. And hey, they have three lines of folks standing outside, waiting to give their orders.

Have to say: this spot, off Hollister — the street that runs down from Coronado Avenue between Egger Highlands, Palm City, and Nestor — is just a country mile north of the Mexican line. And a hard-to-find location for what has just been voted — get this! Drum roll please! — the best



dish around. And the owner here turns out to be one of its pioneers. "I was born in Mexico City," says Jorge Fernandez (he named this place the Ed Fernandez Birrieria after his brother Eduardo, who passed away). "I came to Tijuana when I was four, and I moved to the United States when I was 15. And right away, I started working in a Mexican restaurant, and then American



Jorge Fernandez beside the sign that memorializes his brother Ed

tacqueria in all of the United States. That's right, the Yelp computers decided the Ed Fernandez Birrieria is the #1 taco joint in all the land.

"Trescientos veintiséis! 326!" Marco Ruvalcaba yells.

"We're blessed," he says to me a moment later. "Business was always good, but ever since this incredible announcement last month, it has been crazy. It's not every day you're called 'Best in America.'"

Alma, a new gal under instruction from Marco, points to the simple piece of paper that is the menu. It's divided into three sections: tacos, *queso* tacos, and broths and plate orders. So for starters, I have to ask: birria? What is birria? Marco says it's basically shredded beef (although in Mexico, it's usually goat), slow-cooked in a stew of essentials like garlic, cumin, bay leaves, and thyme, and then often finished in the oven. It seems this latest Mexican culinary star started life as a despised dish: "birria" means "worthless." It was goat meat, the toughest, and raunchy tasting — the only meat the conquistadors made available to the subdued native Indian population. Except the "Indians" had always known how to tenderize meat through marinating, plus slow, low-temp cooking and spice rubs. Birria was born.

Two centuries later, it has been reborn across California and the world, an unbelievable phenomenon which has become the coolest Mexican



The taco that conquered America: Queso Taco Extremo Maza Nervio on house-made tortilla

restaurants. At the time, around 2005, there were no birria places in San Diego. I love birria. I used to go to Tijuana to get birria. And then I said to myself, 'Why don't I open a birria place in San Diego?' So I did. I was the first and only.

Now everyone sells it, from New York to Wisconsin, Chicago, LA."

I ask him why he's only open mornings. "Birria is a morning dish. It's comfort breakfast food, like menudo. Good to wake up to."

So which is the birria taco that got them to the top of Yelp? "My *queso* taco extreme," he says. "You must try it."

I do. Costs \$5.15. I have it with *nervios*. Tendons. "Tendons make it sloppier," warns Marco. "A lot of people don't like it so much, but others love them." And we don't stop there. There's a bunch of items I don't recognize and want to try. Like *chupacabras*. Basically, the name means "sucker of goat blood." The *chupacabra* is supposed to be a mythical monster that roams areas like northern Mexico and the southwest U.S., attacking goats. Uh huh. They say it could actually be coyotes driven mad by mange, because goats do get found, not eaten, but drained of their blood via two or three neat fang holes. Maybe goat blood helps with the maddening itching of mange. Whatever, it turns out in this instance, the *chupacabra* is *birria de rez* — beef birria — with tendons. Costs \$3.45 for a taco, \$4.75 for a *queso* taco.

Then there's the *tatemado* taco (\$3.35). The word's Nahuatl. Means blackened, chargrilled.

"They always say having a consommé helps birria's flavor," says Will. "You can kind of dip the taco in." The consommé is made from the drip-



Tortilla-less birria taco: Cheesy, beautiful mess. Chupacabras above

pings from the cooking process. So we order up a 12-ounce consommé for \$2.75. And mama, that is the best thing we could have done, because the broth gives such rich flavor and slops down each of the tacos. You can also get a consommé *con carne*, which is the soup with the meat in it, for \$5.75. These are good prices.

So we're sitting down among the dozen tables they've planted in the parking lot, and when the food comes, I can't help nibbling on the tortilla-free *queso* taco. Just a little. But you can tell. On the way to Will's and Ria's home, I start stewing aloud, as 't were. "She's not going to be happy."

"Leave this to me," says Will. We pull up outside this cute IB cottage. Will takes the food with him. Ria looks inside the bag. "Oh, the second taco?" says Will. "You wouldn't like it. You ever heard of a *chupacabra*, that mangey monster that sucks the blood of goats? Disgusting animals!"

Actually it is very delicious, even though

the most delish of all is that *queso* taco with no tortilla (\$5.50). They have wrap-toasted the cheese around the mound of totally tender, umami-ish beef. It is dee-lish. Specially with glugs of broth, and the burning flavorsomeness of the orange hot sauce that Jorge makes every day. It's all so good. ('Course, you've got to eat it leaning over, because ooze is gonna happen.) I'm surprised Jorge hasn't put his prices up already. Except he's not that kind of guy.

"I heard [of the honor] on a Monday, when we're closed," he tells me. "I was running when a friend of mine texted me. He said 'Did you know that you've been voted #1 in the United States?' I thought it was a mistake, that he probably meant San Diego. I know I have five stars in San Diego. But then friends started texting me with congratulations. They said 'You have been voted Number One in the whole nation!' I found it unbelievable. But I give my thanks to my wife Rogelia, and my team. I've got the best team in the world." ■

The Place: Ed Fernandez Birrieria, 2265 Flower Avenue, Suite D, Nestor, South Bay, 619-628-8235

Hours: 7am-2pm daily (closed Monday, Tuesday)

Prices: Taco de birria, \$3.15; taco de birria con nervio (tendons), \$3.45; taco tatemado (chargrilled), \$3.35; quesataco de paquete, \$4.50; quesataco extremo, \$4.75; chupacabras, \$4.75; handmade mulita, \$5; consommé, \$2.75; consommé con carne (with two tortillas), \$5.75; large order of birria tatemada with 6 tortillas, \$16; café de la casa (coffee, cinnamon, brown sugar, cream) \$4.60

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Chiefy Café now serves yogurt waffles all over town

Chiefy Café; 777 Sixth Avenue #105, Downtown San Diego. A favorite, dog-friendly coffeshop that emerged during the pandemic has quickly grown into a three-location, dog-friendly family of coffee-

shops. Chiefy Café — named after its owners' dog — opened just shy of two years ago in the Gaslamp, and worked to establish itself as a small yet consistent source of caffeinated beverages, smoothies, and easy meals.

Open 365 days a year, the versatile café has proven a regular haunt for enough dog-loving locals that it ranked number 30 on a recent Yelp list of San Diego's most popular eateries, and was voted Best Pet Friendly Café in San Diego by *San Diego Reader* readers.

Building upon these accolades, Chiefy swiftly opened two new locations in August: one at SDSU, the other in Hillcrest's Uptown District shopping center. In both cases, Chiefy took over shops previously operated by its coffee beans roaster, Coffee 'N' Talk, while the latter consolidates its focus on newer locations, including one downtown (655 West Broadway, Marina District) and an upcoming production facility in Santee (9560 Pathway Street).

The friendly arrangement gives Chiefy's owners, married couple Jaleh Sattarin and



Low-calorie, protein-rich Heavenly Waffles — made from a 40-percent yogurt base — served with Acai, banana, and strawberry at Chiefy Café's Gaslamp location.



A waffle sandwich, with turkey, bacon, avocado, and hard-boiled egg — plus cream cheese, ketchup, and hot sauce packets on the side.

Dani Nissan, a lot more space to grow their brand. The Hillcrest shop in particular has more than twice the indoor and outdoor seating of the original location, plus an entire parking lot surrounding it. All locations make the same menu of simple breakfast and lunch items, plus a variety of brewed beverages including flavored and espresso drinks, cold brew, matcha lattes, and Turkish coffee.

Personally, I'm pleased to visit any eatery where I may take along my dog (and cub reporter) Loki. But what really caught my attention was the unique waffle offering.

Currently, Chiefy is the sole California entity serving Heavenly Waffles. Launched by a chef in Nebraska, Heavenly is a brand of high-protein, low-calorie waffle mix that employs yogurt as a base. One of Chiefy's regular customers tipped Sattarin and Nissan to the waffles following a trip to the Midwest, and the business now offers a full waffle menu.

What does a full waffle menu look like? Well, on the simple side, it features waffles and syrup for \$8, or add strawberries for \$10. At the top of the menu, the \$13 Holy Moly adds sliced banana and acai, apparently aiming for superfood status. I tried this with the gluten-free mixture of Heavenly Waffles, and the resulting breakfast almost left me feeling more energized than the coffee. While the gluten-free waffle didn't share the sugar-crisped crust of a traditional Belgian waffle, the lightly sweet, gridded cake appeals through its tenderness, with an almost springy texture verging on angel's food cake.

Perhaps the most original use of these yogurt-based waffles belongs to the Oh My Chiefy's sandwich (\$15). It's a savory creation containing either turkey or ham, plus bacon, avocado, and slices of hard-boiled egg. The unlikely breakfast sandwich is made even more so by the inclusion of sides like cream cheese, ketchup, and hot sauce packets. Again, it was startling to eat it as a bread substitute, knowing the mix is like 40-percent yogurt. Chiefy's three locations offer their share of more traditional bagel and croissant sandwiches, should you require the texture of genuine bread, but Heavenly Waffles are worth a try, while your dog enjoys a "puppicino."

by Ian Anderson

FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

Agave Dinner Series A collection of seaside pairing dinners that explore the diverse range of spirits crafted from the agave plant. The 2022 series wraps up with Fortaleza Tequila and a wanderlust-inducing five-course dinner by VAGA Chef de Cuisine Mark Enciso. Sip, savor and sway to live music — all on the open-air Oceana Terrace overlooking the Pacific. Tickets include welcome cocktails, a five-course dinner and tequila pairings. Take-home bottles will be available for purchase. Thursday, November 3, 6:15pm; 21 and up. Alila Marea Beach Resort, 2100 North Coast Hwy 101. (ENCINITAS)

Anniversary Party Jose's Courtroom celebrates 50 years with \$5 House Margaritas on the Rocks, \$5 Estrella Drafts, \$5 El Jimador Shots. Saturday, November 5, 11am; Jose's Courtroom, 1037 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Chef's Table Dinner Enjoy a 6-course tasting menu from Chef Marty Fay and wines from Samsara with wine maker Matt Brady. Thursday, November 3, 6pm; **free**-\$250. Sandpiper Wood Fired Grill & Oysters, 2259 Avenida De La Playa. (LA JOLLA)

Julian Apple Growers Town Hall Tasting Taste a wide variety of apples and pears and more from local growers at this Apple Tasting hosted by Julian Apple Growers Association/JAGA downstairs in the Town Hall. Thursday, November 3, 5pm; Julian Town Hall, 2129 Main Street. (JULIAN)

Sons & Daughters of Italy 90th Anniversary Dinner The Sons and Daughters of Italy celebrate Fratellanza Garibaldina Lodge #1627 with a 90th anniversary dinner, dance and more, including a performance by Frank Disalvo. Saturday, November 5, 6pm; \$90. Vault Miramar, 9340 Dowdy Dr., Suite 102. (MIRAMAR)

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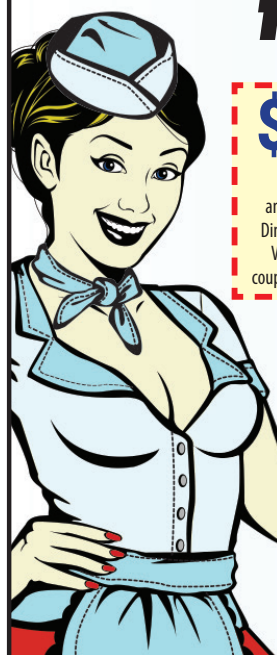
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My latest craft cocktail discovery — somewhat unexpectedly — from a sushi restaurant at the Del Mar Highlands' Sky Deck. Bartender Jennifer Hamilton explains the name of Glass Box's popular cocktail, the Local Shito:

"We're using local rum, and shishito pepper — no brainer on that. It's got a little sweetness, it's got a little heat — obviously, it's got a shishito pepper in it, so it's gonna have just a little bit of spice. But we use a Malahat ginger rum, which has a little bit of sweetness that balances it out," she notes. "And then we also use some lemon juice and yuzu, which really tie in all those wonderful Asian flavors that we have in our cooking. The cocktail pairs well with a lot of our different dishes."

Hamilton vouches for the San Diego distillery Malahat, which produces a range of spirits. "We try to support local companies whenever we can; we like to partner with them. And they have an amazing product. They're all different than anything you've ever tasted before." The ginger rum used here offers flavors of "sweetness from the sugar cane, but it brings that little bit of spice and heat from the ginger into it. So it's definitely a really unique taste profile."

Though shishitos are more mild than jalapeños, Hamilton still uses sparing amounts. "They've got a little kick to them — I wouldn't say it's going to kick

you in the face... but you don't want too much of it." Rather than blending it up, she opts for slices of pepper to avoid overwhelming the drink. "And then I like to give it a crack with the muddler, just to open up and release those oils and those flavors. Give it a good shake and it will infuse the liquid."

The Local Shito is neatly presented in a lowball glass and garnished by a skewered shishito that adds a pop of green against the mellow yellow liquid. "One of our main components, our ethos, is simplicity," says Hamilton. "I think you run into a lot of places where they think 'more is more.' We're very much 'less is more' here. If you use the right ingredients, use the right combinations, you don't need to use 6000 ingredients in your dishes, or in your cocktails. If you have good quality ingredients, it's going to taste amazing no matter what."

In conclusion, Hamilton advocates for thinking outside the "box," and poses the question, "Why can't you have a good craft cocktail and sushi? I think craft cocktails go with everything, if you use the components correctly."

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- 1 oz lemon juice
- 2-3 slices of shishito pepper

Add sliced shishito pepper to the shaker tin and give it a quick muddle with a muddler or spoon. Add all other ingredients to the shaker and add ice. Shake thoroughly and strain into a glass filled with ice. Add the remaining shishito pepper as garnish. Enjoy!

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

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

Gaslamp Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 off drafts, wine, specialty cocktails, \$5 wells. \$2 off appetizers.

Greystone: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-6:30pm: Whole dedicated menu for happy hour

Johnny WAHOO! Golf Bar: Monday, \$5 house drafts, \$6 all other drafts, \$7 well cocktails. \$2 off appetizers.

Knotty Barrel: Monday, Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 off craft beer, \$6 premium wells, house red and white wines. Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$2 off craft beer,

\$6 premium wells, house red and white wines. Half off craft beer all day. Wednesday, 4-7pm: \$2 off craft beer, \$6 premium wells, house red and white wines, half off wine bottle all day. Thursday, 4-7pm: \$2 off craft beer, \$6 premium wells, house red and white wines, half off wine bottles all day.

Madam Bonnie's: Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday, 4:30-6:30pm: \$5 Madam Bonnie's Blonde Ale and 13th Step Shot, \$6 house wine, \$12 signature cocktails. Wednesday, All Day: One third off all wine bottles, \$20 flight of three wine barrel finished whiskeys, \$10 whiskey barrel aged wine by the glass. \$15 chef's cheese plate.

Tin Roof San Diego: Tuesday-Friday, 4-7pm: Half off all spirits and draft beer

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

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

Whiskey Girl: Monday, 7-9pm: \$3 off drafts, \$4 wells, \$4 Stella, \$5 select wine, \$6 Don Julio Tequila. Tuesday, 7-9pm: \$3 off drafts, \$4 wells, \$4 Dox XX, \$5 select wine, \$6 El Jimador Tequila. Wednesday, 7-9pm: \$3 off drafts, \$4 wells, \$4 Firestone Walker 805, \$5 select wine, \$6 Sailor Jerry. Thursday, 7-9pm: \$3 off drafts, \$3 Truly Hard Seltzer, \$4 wells, \$5 select wine, \$5 Patron Tequila.

The Whiskey House: Wednesday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$4 French pale lager, \$5 Moscow mule, whiskey sour, Daiquiri, house wines (red, white, sparkling), \$9 Carsberg Dan-

ish pilsner (1 liter can). Add a shot of house whiskey to any beer for \$1.

EAST VILLAGE

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

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

LITTLE ITALY

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

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

NORTH PARK

Original 40 Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off all beer and wine.

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

Rouleux Brewing Company: Tuesday, 9pm-close: \$5 pints Wednesday, All day: \$1.50 Beast Mode Wings (minimum 4)

Second Chance Beer Lounge: Monday, 3-8pm: \$6 pints

OCEAN BEACH

The Holding Company: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm: Half off draft beer, half off most whiskeys & tequila, \$2 pint beer of the day, \$4 well drinks, \$10 pitchers of beer, \$15 off all towers

The Joint: Monday, Thursday, 2-6pm: \$5 all local drafts. Tuesday, 2-6pm: \$5 all local IPAs. Wednesday, 2-6pm: Rotating \$4 draft selection. Saturday, 11am-2:45pm: \$7 bottles of bubbles and OJ with brunch entree. Sunday, 2-6pm: \$7 bottles of bubbles and OJ with brunch entree.

Lucy's Tavern: Monday-Friday, 12pm-6pm: \$5 Espolon blanco, \$5 Mellow corn, \$5 Skrewball, \$1 off wells and pitchers. All day \$7 12oz PBR or BUD cans & mellow corn whiskey shot. Saturday-Sunday, All day: \$7 12 ounce PBR or BUD cans & mellow corn whiskey shot.

OLD TOWN

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

3-6pm: Taco Tuesday specials, see server.

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

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: Tuesday, 6pm-close: 2 for 1 tequila shots, \$5 Margs, \$4 Dos XX & Pacifico's, 2 tacos for \$7.10 Wednesday, 7pm-close: 2 for 1 whiskey shots, \$5 chicken tenders Thursday, 7:30pm-close: \$5 beers Sunday, 7:30pm-close: \$7.10 slushies

Bub's Dive Bar: Monday, Thursday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$5 select drafts and wells. \$1 wings, half off Red Baskets. Tuesday, .

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

The Local Pacific Beach: Mon-

day, 4-7pm: Half off appetizers.

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KATHERINE Z. Dearest K., Charles has commanded that I stay at his side during this weekend of Halloween festivities. He claims that there are many among his subjects who are intent to cause shame upon the Royal family with their antics. Who am I to question Him?

MY DARLING FRANK, it's decorative gourd season. Let's do it right! Your Katherine.

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KATHERINE Z. Dearest, regret to say that old Charles is being an extreme pain in the buttocks in terms of me leaving his castle. He claims he needs me to 'watch his back' against plotters to the throne, but I think he's just a scared momma's boy. Whoa nel-lie!

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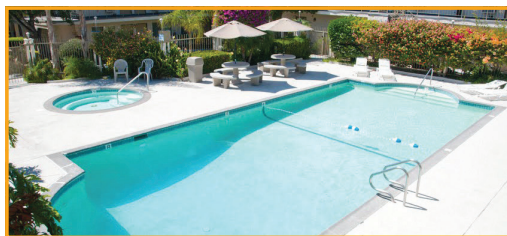


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Waverunner angler makes a long voyage for a hefty tuna

Dock Totals 10/16 – 10/29: 5041 anglers aboard 249 half-day to 3-day trips out of San Diego landings over the past two weeks caught 2 barracuda (released), 1940 bluefin tuna (to 285 pounds), 3 blue perch, 815 bonito, 1 cabezon (released), 355 calico bass, 2798 dorado, 12 lingcod, 3 mako shark, 133 rock crab, 3,263 rockfish, 89 sand bass, 525 sculpin, 249 sheephead, 61 skipjack tuna, 121 spiny lobster, 1028 whitefish, 3 white seabass, 5134 yellowfin tuna, and 872 yellowtail.

Saltwater: Anglers are still whacking away at tuna and dorado at a time we normally see rockfish counts begin to rise and endemic fishes are more targeted than pelagic species due to cooling water. Bluefin tuna, many still in the 200-pound class, are still mostly holding south/southwest of San Clemente Island, with schools still being sighted south of the border, while yellowfin tuna and dorado are more spread out to the south off the Baja coast. Rockfish counts are still climbing, but as long as there is a chance for limit-style fishing for pelagics, 1.5- to 3-day boats will still target them.

Locally, calico bass, bonito, and a few yellowtail are providing surface action for the half-day to full-day boats fishing from off La Jolla down to the Coronado Islands. Further south along the Baja coast, Ensenada operators and those working out of San Quintin are reporting seasonal mixed bag catches of yellowtail, tuna, dorado, lingcod and rockfish. Even as the water turns, this excellent season for offshore and nearshore continues to impress. Here's hoping for more of the same!

A couple of standout catches have been reported over the past two weeks, including an 80-pound-class bluefin caught by Tyler Reid from his 2015 Yamaha FX HO waverunner that he launched out of Shelter Island and made the journey into Mexican waters about 20 miles off Rosarito. He hooked it while casting a clear popper at breezing fish feeding on the surface, and after a long battle, managed to gaff the fish and stow it in his kill bag. That is a long haul and large fish for a waverunner, but Reid, known as REIDRUNNER on his Youtube channel, went prepared and with a lot of fishing experience from his craft. It's worth a look; check out his channel.

Freshwater: The other standout was a lake record striped bass caught by Greg LeRoy of Ramona on an Alabama rig casted at boiling fish while bass fishing at San Vicente Reservoir. San Vicente is not known as a striper fishery, though San Diego County lakes fed by the Colorado River occasionally produce one, including a 24-pounder caught in Dixon



Trophy bluefin tuna caught aboard the *Condor* as the phenomenal bite continues into November.

Lake, an 11.95-pounder at El Capitan Reservoir, and a 15.9-pounder out of Lake Murray. All lake records caught in the past decade. LeRoy's fish, once certified, will probably stand as a lake record for a while. The 36-inch fish rolled in the bait tank, and when cleaned after being officially weighed and measured, was found to have a largemouth bass in its belly.

In other freshwater news, this weekend, November 5 and 6, is the Trout Opener at Santee Lakes. 3500 pounds of trout will be stocked in lakes 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 preceding the event. No State license is required at Santee Lakes, and fishing permits can be purchased at the entry Gatehouse, or at the General Store situated between lakes 4 and 5. Daily fishing permits run from \$3 to \$10. Day use parking fees are \$4 to \$6 (\$10 for special events).

Notable catches:

10/16 – 26 anglers aboard the *Ranger 85* 3.5-day trip enjoyed excellent limit-style fishing with 330 yellowfin tuna, 156 dorado (Mexican limits), 25 skipjack tuna, and 6 yellowtail caught.

10/18 – *The Poseidon* called in with 52 yellowfin tuna, 30 dorado, and 6 yellowtail in the hold caught by the 24 anglers aboard their extended 1.5-day trip on what was a tough day for the fleet.

10/20 – 15 anglers aboard the *El Capitan* 1.5-day scored Mexican limits of 75 yellowfin tuna and 30 dorado.

10/23 – 10 hoop-netters aboard the *Jig Strike* twilight lobster trip took home 13 lobster and 73 rock crab, while the *Ranger 85* 2.5-day trip produced 281 yellowfin tuna, 11 dorado, and 5 skipjack tuna for 29 anglers aboard.

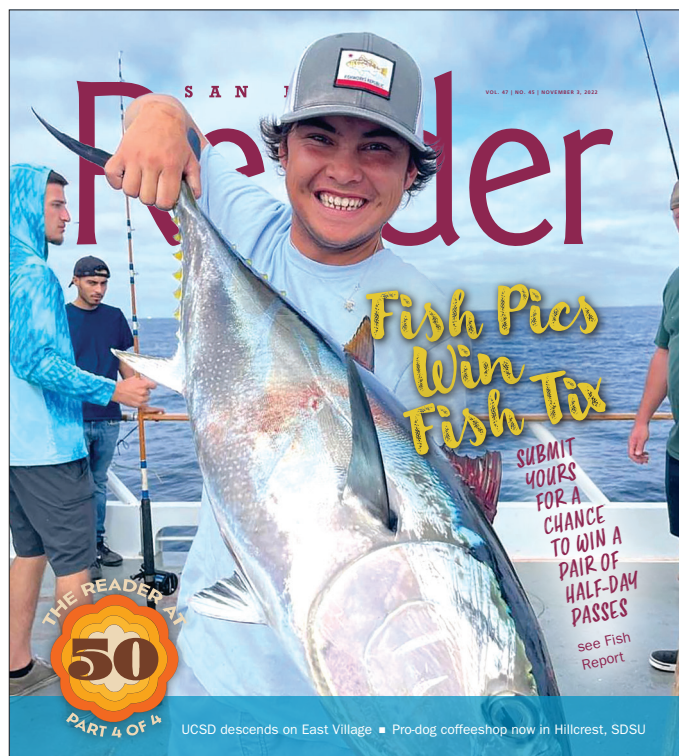
10/27 – 28 anglers aboard the *Pacifica* 1.5-day trip caught 140 yellowfin tuna (Mexican limits), 16 yellowtail, 9 bluefin tuna, and 3 dorado. 22 anglers aboard *The New Seaforth* half-day trip had great local mixed bag fishing with 40 bonito, 38 whitefish, 22 calico bass, 18 rockfish, 12 sheephead, 3

sculpin, and 2 sand bass in the gunnysacks by the end of the outing.

10/29 – Mexican limits of 120 yellowfin tuna were caught by 24 anglers aboard the *Grande* overnight run.

Fish Plants: 11/4 - Santee Lakes, trout (3500 pounds)

DANIEL POWELL



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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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“Any time I’ve gone on and used it, the city responded within 24 hours and followed up.” Marie lives between the Travelodge Motel and Relax Inn and Suites, which are less than a mile apart on West Main Street, and she recently reported a half-naked man urinating in public view by their house. She continued, “If you report these incidents, it gets back to our local law enforcement on where and what areas they need to focus their efforts with the homeless population.”

On October 23, I hopped onto the *CrimeMapping* site to check the crime stats surrounding the two motels mentioned above. While the crimes reported and posted on the *CrimeMapping* site do not divulge the exact address of the crimes committed and/or reported, the site does indicate proximity via city blocks. Over the last four weeks, five crimes were listed on the *CrimeMapping* site within three blocks of the Travelodge Motel, where West Main Street and El Cajon Boulevard merge. On October 6, a commercial burglary report was made, and on October 4, a vehicle break-in/theft report was made. On September 29, two separate possessions of controlled substances reports were made, and a fraud report was made the day before. About three-quarters of a mile to the west at Relax Inn and Suites — where West Main Street goes under the I-8 freeway — the crime

reports increased. On October 19, a report was made of a person drunk in public with alcohol, drugs, or both. Most other crimes reported there were drug-related, except for an assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer and/or firefighter on the 1100 block of West Main Street on September 28.

CrimeMapping doesn’t tie the crimes to a specific police report, so it’s not clear whether or not they were committed by motel residents. Even so, El Cajon Mayor Bill Wells wasn’t happy with the County of San Diego when he learned of the vouchers. “It is very frustrating that the county never bothered to let us know about using of El Cajon’s motels as homeless shelters,” Wells said in a statement last month. “I wonder if El Cajon is the only city the county dumps its homeless in, or are they equally distributed in places like Del Mar and La Jolla?”

While some homeless advocates online are pleased with the face that the homeless voucher program puts roofs

over people’s heads, they still say that to solve homelessness, there needs to be follow-up. “Last weekend was cold and raining,” commenter F.M. wrote online. “Often, shelter is offered to get out of the storm by many people across the county. Is this wrong to treat people humanely? All too often, they provide the housing or shelter to many and pat themselves on the back. A lack of continuum of care or follow thru is seen routinely. In helping those who need immediate shelter in inclement weather, we show how to be humane. In closing our doors, we become part of the problem.”

But Marie, a single mother living paycheck to paycheck, objects: “There needs to be more programs for those who are actually working and struggling to provide for their families, because it isn’t fair to people like myself and others that have to struggle and yet the homeless have food to eat, a paid-for place to live. And the number of homeless is increasing.”

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Across

1. Like 50 U.S. senators
5. Play group?
9. Sherman ____, Eddie Murphy's role in "The Nutty Professor"
14. Eve's second son
15. Actress Perlman of "Cheers"
16. Really annoy
17. Former minor league baseball team that played its home games in Honolulu
20. Airbnb competitor
21. Took potshots (at)
22. "My word!"
25. Stared open-mouthed
27. Regretful ones
28. "Ms. Fat Booty" rapper ____

Down

1. "Funny one!"
2. Org. that presents the Silver Gavel Awards
3. ____ Zealand, Muppet known for fish-throwing
4. Ice cream shop posting
5. Erie or Huron, but not Superior
6. Home of Miami University
7. "OK!"
8. Mineo of "Rebel Without a Cause"
9. Branagh and Cole
10. "Well, aren't we special!"
11. Sun Bowl Stadium sch.
12. HBO's "____ of Easttown"
13. Concern for veterans, for short

Def

29. Actress Raymonde of "Lost"
33. Rental units: Abbr.
34. Extravagant
36. "____ volunteers?"
37. No. 2 execs
38. Joint pain from playing too many video games
39. By way of
40. Feature of some rental units: Abbr.
41. Parent company of Philip Morris
42. Film star Lamarr who's in the National Inventors Hall of Fame
43. Do a queen's job
45. Some smoke detector

18. Sportscaster Cross and music producer Gotti
19. Egyptian viper
22. Less cowardly
23. Kind of culture satirized in "American Psycho"
24. "Boatercycle"
25. Get millions of likes, say
26. "Given the circumstances ..."
28. Cocktail with a rhyming name
30. Lint collectors
31. Sitting at a light, say
32. "Oh no! This is terrible!" (or a phonetic hint to this puzzle's theme)
34. Rap lead-in to Jon or Wayne

batteries

46. "____ Good" (2002 No Doubt hit)
47. Blacksmith's block
49. Kid's rocker
50. Whoopi's Oscar-winning role in "Ghost"
53. München : Munich :: ____ : Cologne
54. What Red Bull does, in old ads
60. Longest river in France
61. They might be wireless
62. Suffix with million or billion
63. Shake an Etch A Sketch, say
64. Not out of the running
65. Pickle

35. "Chandelier" singer
38. "Care to look?"
42. Ruptures in the abdominal wall
44. "Fortnite" fans, e.g.
46. Hindu Festival of Colors
48. "Oy ____!"
49. Raise, as sails
50. Eye rudely
51. J'adore perfumer
52. Nike rival
53. River in a 1957 Best Picture title
55. ____-Wan Kenobi
56. Samovar, e.g.
57. Tuck's partner
58. Miracle-____
59. Where the action happens

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Holding a Grudge

— A family is seeking to press charges against an unnamed man who was briefly married to their mom in the 1970s, the *New York Post* reported. Their beef? Allegedly, the New Jersey man arrives at Linda Torello's tombstone in Orangetown, New York, early almost every morning with his current wife in tow, where he urinates on her grave and sometimes leaves a bag of excrement. Torello died in 2017, according to her son, Michael Andrew Murphy, 43. In April of this year, he and his sister discovered a bag of poop and supposed a dog walker had dropped it. When the second bag showed up, they called police. Then they went to work, setting up a trail camera that recorded the man's visits, and on Sept. 18, taking video with a cellphone that identified him as Torello's onetime husband. "My sister was crying ... I was sick I was so angry," Murphy said. "No one in my family has had contact with him since 1976 or so." Police have been unhelpful; Murphy said he's called them three times and they won't put him in touch with a detective.

Ewwwww

— Amanda Gommo, 51, of Bristol, England, required hospitalization after an unfortunate incident involving her daughter's Chihuahua, Belle, the *Daily Mail* reported on Sept. 26. As Gommo and Belle cuddled together during a nap, Belle suffered "violent diarrhea," some of which fell into Gommo's open mouth. "It was disgusting, and I was hurling violently for

hours after -- I just couldn't get the taste out of my mouth," Gommo said. Afterward, she suffered stomach cramps so bad that two days later, she went to the hospital, where doctors discovered an infection that had been passed on by the dog. "I'm happy to say both me and Belle are on the mend," she said, but noted that she'll "be more mindful of what position we sleep in in the future."

Bright Ideas

— Can't sleep? Pack your bags and head for Sussex, England, where you can spend a night next summer in a "luxurious" double bed at the Shleep Sanctuary, according to the *Daily Star*. As you drift away, numbered actual sheep will mill around the grassy hillside outside the glass dome enclosing your bed. Emma Sleep, a tech company, is offering the one-night stay, which includes dinner, morning yoga and breakfast. "Counting sheep is more than an old wives' tale," said Dr. Dennis Schmoltzi, CEO. "It's a tried-and-true visualization technique that Brits are relying on to send them to sleep." Zzzzzzz.

The Neighbors (Naked Edition)

— The obvious question is: Why are there so many naked people outdoors these days? On Sept. 25 in McMinnville, Oregon, KOIN-TV reported, an "unclothed male subject" was in his front yard, which drew the ire of his across-the-street neighbor. The neighbor launched two full beer cans, hitting the naked man's house, which prompted him to go inside to retrieve a

shotgun. The neighbor grabbed a handgun and shot five shots into the ground in an effort to scare the naked man. No one was hurt, but the beer thrower was cited for criminal mischief.

Sweet Revenge

— Porch pirates in a south Austin, Texas, neighborhood are driving residents crazy, KXAN-TV reported. The same people in the same car are hitting front stoops day and night, so a woman identified only as Gabriela came up with a plan. Her husband put a box of used, dirty diapers on the porch, and sure enough, "The same people came back and took the package," she said. Unfortunately, they "came back and smeared those diapers on our front door. Thirty minutes later, they came back with a giant bag of cow manure. They spread that all over our front porch and on our cars in the driveway. I called police, filed a report, and now there's a detective on the case." Brittany Walker, who lives near Gabriela, confronted the thieves herself, yelling, "I have a baby," but she said they just laughed at her. "It was a really upsetting moment." Austin police advise against engaging with the suspects.

Unclear on the Concept

— A second grader in Jacksonville, Florida, has been expelled from Victory Christian Academy after their parents objected to a homework assignment suggesting students "send a picture of you doing reading homework in the bathtub," *Action News Jax* reported on Sept. 22. Misty

Dunham emailed the teacher: "Hey, you might want to explain that. Send something out to the parents. Let them know what the intentions are." Dunham also reached out to school administrators and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. School officials responded by suggesting that the Dunhams "should do a parental withdrawal for the child." When Dunham refused, the school expelled the 8-year-old. Pastor Jesse Latta issued a statement about the assignment but did not address the child's removal from the school.

Wait, What?

— In January, Reebok introduced a new sneaker in collaboration with the French luxury brand Maison Margiela. The Classic Leather Decortique Tabi Low is distinctive for its "toe cleavage" design -- and now, *Indy100* reported, for being identified as a sign of the devil. A Facebook page called Prophecy News warned followers on Sept. 19 that the shoes resemble the feet of Baphomet, a goat deity associated with the occult. Reebok's Instagram account has drawn similar reactions: "This is so satanic!! My family will never buy another shoe from you," one follower wrote. Another said, "Satanic, no way will I ever wear those." Reebok counters that the shoes are based on a traditional Japanese shoe design called tabi.

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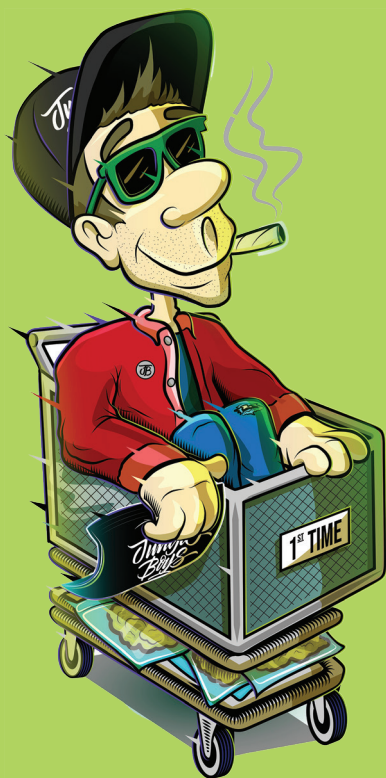
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