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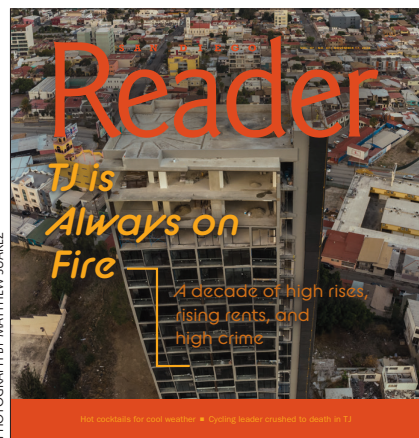
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Schad fan finds peer

Kudos to Ryan Brothers for his great article “ROAM” about his trek to Lawson Peak. (“Two hikers on the ascent to Lawson Peak and two on the way down,” Nov. 10)

I would surely take this hike if years hadn’t taken a toll on the knees. But then this piece really takes you there step for step. I have, in the past, taken many “hikes” that were put to this forum by Jerry Schad — RIP. I hope to see many more articles like this here by Mr. Ryan.

Randall Mattes
OSide

Another 50th

It was 1972 when *Reader* began. (“The Reader at 50, Oct. 13). I was new to San Diego and took advantage of your Free Classifieds. My ad was: “Good people of San Diego, I need a friend. No lovelorns please. Orphan Annie 233-4456.” I received hundreds of phone calls. Yes, even then, it wasn’t supposed to be wise to give out phone numbers. But, all of the callers were terrific.

This note to *Reader* is to let you know that one of those callers and I are celebrating or 50th anniversary of the best friendship. Thank you, *Reader*!

Leslie Weidner
Golden Hill

Love thy body

I’d like to address the article regarding the Encinitas Unified School District’s website advertising the Boo Bash (“Encinitas parents debate drag shows for school children,” Nov. 3). The issue is the underpinning worldview. Nancy Pearcey’s *Love*

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

TIJUANA

Bicycling advocate killed while bicycling Mother and activist crushed by cargo truck

On November 2, the *Colectivo Roll Por Playas* held a tribute to Diana Pelaez, a cyclist and scholar from the *Colegio de la Frontera Norte*, who was crushed to death by a cargo truck while pedaling through Playas de Tijuana neighborhood. According to her husband, Fabio Cuttica, Pelaez was biking back home after seeing a friend that day. The driver was speeding in a residential area. She was the mother of a seven-year-old child, and a beloved person among members of



Memorial for Diana Pelaez. "We think this was not an accident, this was negligence."

collectives like the *Roll Por Playas*, of which she was a member, started a change in how the city can provide security for cyclists. Ivon Hernandez, one of the collective's organizers, addressed the importance of generating data on the population in Tijuana that uses bikes,

connect Tijuana and San Diego through this bike route will be an issue due to the huge investment gap between the projects. Especially when Tijuana has a real problem with its bicycle infrastructure leading to deaths on the road.

IVAN MOLINA

ON TWO WHEELS Stolen scooters, missing mopeds Prevention proves easier than recovery as thefts soar

California's gas prices are the highest in the United States, which is one reason that many San Diegans are switching to mopeds and motorcycles for transportation. (Parking is another.) But as more locals purchase or lease two-wheeled motorized vehicles, some bike thieves are capitalizing on the trend. Last October, Downtown resident Geena Benson posted a



One of the lucky ones: moped found in a canyon and restored to its owner.

video to TikTok reporting that on the night of October 14, someone "jammed" a screwdriver "in the ignition" of her Pico Tiger electric moped, which was parked at her apartment complex, and stole it.

"I filed a police report Saturday morning," October 15, Benson continued, before showing video filmed on a street in what looked like Logan Heights and captioning it, "I just happened to be driving through and saw the tarp. I think I may have found it because that's like, literally, the silhouette of it." As she and her friend sat in a vehicle, she continued, "And so I'm waiting for the cops to come and unveil my fucking moped by taking the tarp off. It's like 30 minutes,

and there's like three to four people in that tent, so I'm afraid to get out and go and unveil it. But I'm pretty sure that's my moped." The TikTok quickly garnered over 700,000 views; it was shared over 80 times and garnered 800 comments, many of which praised Benson's bravery. One TikTok user noted: "Lmao, I seen 12th [a]nd Imperial and knew immediately."

The tarp in question was shown nestled next to a makeshift shelter covered with a blue tarp that butted up against a fence. The Hilton San Diego Bayfront hotel on Park Boulevard towered in the background. A photo followed, with embedded text reading, "I waited all day for cops to arrive to take this tarp off." Then the video cuts to the next scene, when "the police finally came the next morning." Benson's sleuthing and waiting paid off: the police removed the cover, and it was indeed her moped underneath. Based on the follow-up photos, it looks like there were four police officers on the scene, and one police officer was placing a person in handcuffs.

In a November 2 article, the National Insurance Crime Bureau reported that "vehicle theft data, provided by the National Crime Information Center... indicates over 745,000 vehicles have been stolen in the first three quarters of 2022; over 250,000 were reported to law enforcement since the end

"The bicycle is the perfect transport for Playas de Tijuana, since the neighborhood is just five kilometers long and just two kilometers wide."

the collective, who are trying to change the Tijuana car culture. As Cuttica put it, "The bicycle is the perfect transport for Playas de Tijuana, since the neighborhood is just five kilometers long and just two kilometers wide. Especially taking into consideration that the public transport system is really bad and inefficient. But the city and the 'Californian car culture' influence hasn't evolved to respect cyclists on the roads."

Pelaez's family came from the Colombian capital of Bogota, where there are 450 kilometers of cycle lanes. Cuttica pointed out that

in order to identify what kind of infrastructure cyclists need. She believes that without a proper study on this matter, projects like the current new cyclist path connecting Tijuana with San Diego won't last. Said Hernandez, "We need to start talking about the hours and the routes that the heavy cargo trucks circulate in residential areas during school hours. The traffic of this kind of heavy trucks should be better regulated, and because it isn't, we think this was not an accident, this was negligence."

According to Hernandez, the project to



Pelaez was biking back home after seeing a friend that day.



Stop the presses? Stop the presses.

Prep for paperless papers?

Olympic printing plant to close in 2024

Confirming years of speculation and widespread dread over the fate of the Olympic Boulevard plant that prints the *Los Angeles Times* and *San Diego Union-Tribune* in LA, the struggling California newspaper empire of billionaire Patrick Soon-Shiong has finally acknowledged the presses will cease to run in mid-2024, plunging the future of the *U-T* and a raft of San Diego county weeklies into increasing uncertainty.

“Despite the difficult news, we’re providing this advance notice to help make the transition as smooth as possible for everyone involved,” Soon-Shiong’s top manager, Chris Argentieri, was quoted by the *Times* as saying in an official announcement. “We hope that manufacturing employees will continue on with us for as long as they can and will work closely with them on the transition process.”

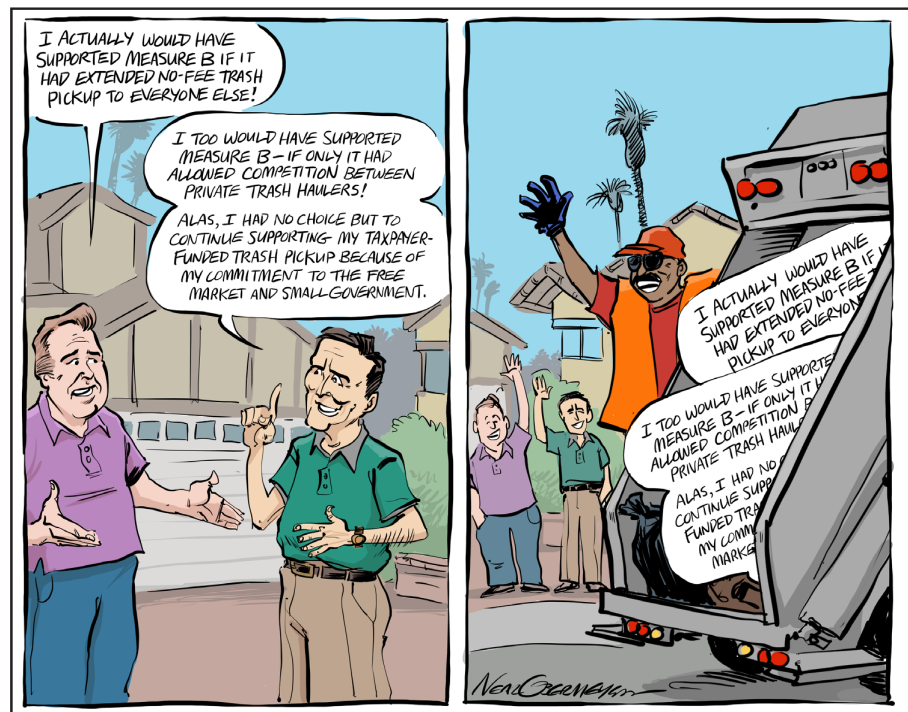
The account added that “*Times* management did not provide further information on the future status of print production employees,” and noted that about the 170 jobs

are at stake. According to the November 4 story, “Matt Pearce — a *Times* reporter and president of Media Guild of the West, which represents newsroom staff at the *Times* and Southern California News Group — said he was told by management that the *Times* does not plan to cut the print schedule or lay off newsroom workers represented by the union.”

Union-Tribune workers have no union, and the *Times* story, run by the *U-T* on its business page, makes only passing mention of the *Union-Tribune* and says nothing at all about the other San Diego county papers owned by Soon-Shiong that are printed at the Olympic plant, which is being shuttered after the termination of a lease with the New York real estate outfit that acquired the property as the result of a 2014 spinoff by a prior *Times* owner. “When the *Times* leaves the Olympic plant in 2024, it will begin working with Southern California News Group to produce its print editions along with the *San Diego Union-Tribune*,” the *Times* story paraphrased Argentieri as saying.

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Neal Obermeyer



UNDER THE RADAR

Hueso's Sempra home run

San Diego-based power behemoth Sempra Energy spread around free tickets to local politicians this summer for the playoff-bound Padres, according to a mandated state disclosure filing. California state Senator **Ben Hueso** picked up a gratis \$130.50 admission to Petco Park on September 11, says the October 31 document. Others along for the same free ride were Hueso scheduler **Joana Enriquez**, as well as **Ronald Gonzales-Lawrence**, Chief of Staff to Assemblymember **Freddie Rodriguez**, 52nd District, Chino, and two other Rodriguez staffers, **Sean Connelly**, and **Jenny Macias**. The Dodgers prevailed over the Padres that game, securing a playoff position, only to be beaten by the Padres, who went on to lose out on a World Series spot to the Philadelphia Phillies. . . . Meanwhile, the Barona gambling tribe lavished free meals on a host of California elected officials and staff, including Assembly members **David Alvarez** (\$43, September 14), **Cottie Petrie-Norris** (\$79.13, September 22), **Matt Haney** (\$48.11, September 30), **Kelly Seyarto** and spouse (\$253.14, September 8), **Marie Waldron** (\$253.14, September 8), **Steven Choi** (\$126.57, September 8), **James Gallagher** (\$126.57, September 8), **Vince Fong** (\$126.57, September 8), and **Tom Lackey** (\$126.57, September 8). State senators partaking of Barona hospitality during the quarter included **Andreas Borgeas** (\$126.57, September 8), **Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh** and spouse (\$253.14, September 8). Lieutenant Governor **Eleni Kounalakis** got a free Barona meal worth \$42 on August 22, as did her Southern California External Affairs Representative **Jesse Gilgoff**, the tribe's filing shows.



Ben Hueso, a fan of the Padres, or at least free Padres tickets.

District of Columbia—despite containing the ZIP code with the most federal vehicles—has 110 charging ports across 35 locations.” Bridging the gap is likely to be costly, per auditors. “Such infrastructure development will require a significant investment—the total price of charging stations is highly variable, from \$1,000 to over \$100,000 for the most complex situations.”... **Jay Goldstone**, who ran much of the city of San Diego for Democratic mayor **Todd Gloria** as acting Chief Operations Officer before finally stepping down last month for his permanent

replacement, ex-Houston public works chief **Eric Dargan**, has filed a disclosure statement revealing he is now “Special Advisor to the Mayor.” Per the document, dated November 1, Goldstone left his position in the Department of Chief Operating Officer and Administration on October 31, and assumed his new job in the Mayor's Department the next day. The document shows Goldstone owns Qualcomm stock worth

between \$10,000 and \$100,000, with no other assets, income sources, or gifts listed.

White gold rush

Property owners in San Diego's minority neighborhoods are missing out on the real estate price windfall experienced by white areas of the city. So says a study by **Elizabeth Korver-Glenn**, a sociology professor at Washington University in St. Louis, and **Junia Howell**, visiting assistant professor of sociology at the University of Illinois Chicago, calling out San Diego and other overheated real estate markets around the country for what they call racial inequality in the value of houses. “Using the newly released Uniform Appraisal Dataset — the

most comprehensive set of market appraisals in the nation — Howell and Korver-Glenn find that homes today in white neighborhoods are appraised at double the value of comparable homes in communities of color,” says a November 2 university news release. “This represents a 75% increase in neighborhood racial inequality in home values over the last decade,” says the study. “The difference was even more dramatic in the hottest markets — including Austin, Texas, Boston, Colorado Springs, Colo., Miami, San Diego, and Seattle — where racial inequality in appraised values increased by \$91,000, or 43%.” Per the release, “this increase in inequality is nearly three times greater than the increase in racial inequity in stable housing markets like St. Louis.”

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

Tesla's San Diego navy

The San Diego Naval Base's 92136 zip code has wound up ninth on the list of the top ten zip codes with electric cars operated by the federal government, having 1914 vehicles, compared to downtown Washington, D.C.'s 20005 zip code, ranked at the top with 2726. A December 2021 executive order by President **Joe Biden** called for “all affected federal vehicle acquisitions to be zero-emission vehicles, such as electric vehicles, by 2035, including 100 percent zero-emission light-duty vehicle acquisitions beginning in 2027,” says an October 20 report by the Government Accountability Office. “Approximately 70 percent, or about 230,000 federal vehicles, and 86 percent of all sedans, covered by the Executive Order are located in urban areas.” But, the report notes, there's currently a big disparity in the number of charging stations for electric vehicles. “California contains over 25 percent of all federally owned charging infrastructure, while the



Eric Dargan has taken over as COO, but Goldstone isn't going away.

test markets — including Austin, Texas, Boston, Colorado Springs, Colo., Miami, San Diego, and Seattle — where racial inequality in appraised values increased by \$91,000, or 43%.” Per the release, “this increase in inequality is nearly three times greater than the increase in racial inequity in stable housing markets like St. Louis.”

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Thy Body builds upon the dichotomy articulated by Dr. Francis Schaeffer. He compares it to two stories in a home. Values or morality in the upper story over facts or science.

Transgenderism is the postmodern worldview of gender as a product of social forces over the modernism of sexuality as a material form or body. It doesn't correspond with reality. Pearcey writes, "Contrary to what postmodern gender theory says, there is greater diversity and inclusivity when we anchor our psychosocial identity in the scientifically knowable reality of our biology as male or female."

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I have, I love it. It's trout season, you'll see me again soon.

—Mark McGuire

NEWS TICKER

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Suspensions about the Olympic plant's impending shutdown and printless future of the *U-T* grew earlier this year, when publisher and editor Jeff Light announced in June that the *San Diego* paper would not be printed on July 4 and Labor Day, instead appearing online only. In a September 2 *U-T* podcast that didn't mention LA's printing plant shutdown, Light said, "I guess I see it a little differently than some people who were upset by these moves, and our intention is to sprinkle these days in to continue to acclimate people to the really terrific opportunities around digital products and to help them become accustomed to that."

A putative printing deal between Soon-Shiong and the Southern California News Group might raise anti-trust questions by the U.S. Justice Department, which in 2016 filed suit against prior *Times* and *U-T* owner Tribune Publishing of Chicago to block its purchase of the *Orange County Register* from then-owner Freedom Communications Inc. "If this acquisition is allowed to proceed, newspaper competition will be

eliminated and readers and advertisers in Orange and Riverside Counties will suffer," Assistant Attorney General Bill Baer of the Justice Department's Antitrust Division said in a March 17, 2016 statement. "Newspapers continue to play an important role in the dissemination of news and information to readers and remain an important vehicle for advertisers. The Antitrust Division is committed to ensuring that competition in this important industry is protected." The government won that battle, but as newspaper industry economics have continued to erode, a flurry of deals ultimately put the *Register* into the hands of the Southern California News Group, now owned by Alden Global Capital, the controversial New York hedge fund known for shuttering papers and gutting staff.

In June of last year, staffers at the 11 Southern California News Group papers voted to unionize, forming the SCNG Guild. "We don't agree with the way that this hedge fund is running things, and we want a different path," news group reporter Josh Cain told the *LA Times*.

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Vespa but is plastic. [And] there's a sticker of a girl on the side, and the license plate frame is barbed wire. On the side, it says 'El 150' in sticker badges." No updates were made on the thread, but another victim, from University Heights, commented, "We had ours stolen a while ago, too; it came up in Chula Vista and had to pay almost \$500 to get out of impound. Make sure to file a police report that it's stolen but also drive around sketchy areas, especially around the encampments off the freeways."

On local bike theft forums, reports of stolen electric bike are rampant. (Many confuse electric bikes, which resemble a bike, and electric mopeds or electric scooters, which resemble a motorcycle, including mopeds and scooters. Many electric mopeds and scooters, most made in China, resemble the classic Vespa design.) On August 18, at least two thieves stole two electric Westcoast scooters. The victim posted photos on the Stolen Bike San Diego Facebook page and wrote, "One was pink and white, and the other one was red. A police report has been filed." In May, Diana in Azalea Park in City Heights found a teal "Vespa" moped tossed into a nearby



National Insurance Crime Bureau third quarter vehicle crime statistics.

canyon. She posted a photo of the moped on the NextDoor app with the message, "Did someone recently get their moped stolen? My crew and I found it! If you know who's this is, please let them know! We can haul it out of the canyon." The community rallied together and found the victim, who was reunited with the moped. In March, someone from Lambretta Works, Inc., a local moped company, posted on San Diego Scooterist about a stolen blue and yellow moped. In February, a City Heights resident posted on NextDoor, "My 2008 Buddy Genuine moped was stolen...I'm devastated; it was a gift from my boyfriend to help me travel to work."

As victims have posted about their stolen mopeds or scooters online, so have former

motorcycle and moped thieves — as seen on Reddit. One person advised: "Never, ever...leave your bike outside at an apartment complex. Especially one with a gated parking garage. The gated parking garage in a mid to high-rise apartment building in the nice part of a large city is the number one place for bike thieves to go 'shopping.'" When it comes to protecting your scooter or moped, "As far as passive devices go, I like the NYC Fughetaboutit chain/lock from Kryptonite, the thicker of the two. It needs to go through something like a braced swingarm whenever possible. If you absolutely have to put it through a wheel, put it through the rear



Someone from Lambretta Works posted on San Diego Scooterist about a stolen blue and yellow moped.

wheel. It takes much longer to swap than the front wheel." The poster continued on the subject of victims being targeted repeatedly: "Also, if you park outside of an apartment and your bike gets stolen, rent a fucking garage or self-storage unit nearby to use as a garage. The thief is just going to wait a couple of weeks for insurance to replace your bike and come back to check. If someone tries and fails to get your bike, the same thing applies. Move it; they will be back."

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Families most intimate

Decent Life Led by the Ordinary Man

I will never forget the time a monsignor from our church, favoring our simple household with a visit, stopped by and in the course of dinner, sat back, smugly, too congenially, to tell a slightly risqué story. Halfway through that distinguished man's anecdote, my father detected the story's randy nature. He paused for a moment and asked, "Is this an off-color joke?" The monsignor looked sheepish. "I won't hear it," my father said. "Breaks down authority." – *Alexander Theroux* **NOV. 9, 1995**

Death of a Baby Brother

"Your job is to get well!" my father boomed at him, as if his enthusiasm would knock the cancer out. "I'll do the rest."

Dad cooked for him, mowed the lawn at his home in Lakeside, and collected his mail. André urged Dad to take it easy, reminding him to take his blood-pressure medication. Father and son were a match. As André grew weaker, he moved upstairs, and they slept in the same king-size bed. – *Jangchup Phelgyal* **DEC. 23, 1998**

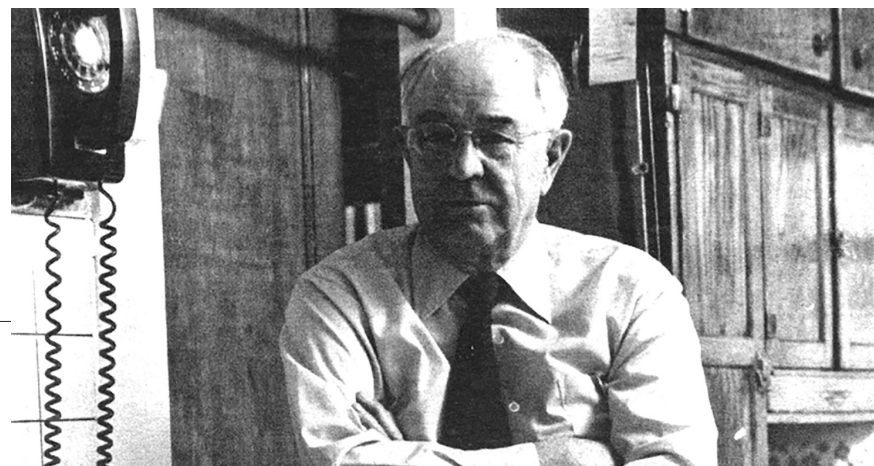
Seventy-five

When I was a child, my mother took me to Central Park and spread a blanket for me to sit and play on, and if I strayed onto bare grass she would pick me up and place

me in the center of the blanket again. The summer after I graduated from college, I went to Europe. I don't remember if she knew then that I traveled from London to Istanbul and back by hitchhiking. – *Amy Chu* **DEC. 10, 1981**

The Summer Diet of Donna Delicious

My brother had dressed me as a triangular cookie filled with poppyseed or prune paste. I wore a little triangle hat and a brown sandwich board. During the costume contest, all the children stood onstage: many queens, many kings, many princesses. Only one cookie. We were asked, "What's your name? What are you today?" When it was my turn, I blanked, looked to my left, said the name of the girl next to me. – *Sue Greenberg* **AUG. 18, 1994**



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Mother Chaos

I left town in 1960 and didn't return until 1971. We hardly communicated the entire time I was gone. Once I returned and divorced the wife they had rather liked and married one they disliked, we spent ten years living less than a mile apart with almost no contact at all. Dad retired during that time; they got a trailer in Phoenix and spent six months a year there. I looked forward to their leaving. – *Jack Hubbel* **MAY. 11, 1995**

Tears for my Grandfathers

I've often thought to myself, as I race across town to make it to a church before the priest's time in the confessional box draws to a close and I face the prospect of more time with discomfort from my festering sins and anxiety for my precariously situated soul, how funny this scurrying about must look to a non-Catholic. The idea that you've got to find a certain sort of man to tell your sins to... – *Matthew Lickona* **OCT. 25, 2001**

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A decade of high
rises, rising rents,
and high crime

I MOVED INTO MY FIRST APARTMENT IN TIJUANA in March of 2012. It was a nice one-bedroom place on the top floor of a three-story building in Colonia Cacho. It came unfurnished, except for a refrigerator and a stove. The kitchen window opened onto the space behind Las Ahumaderas, a taco alley made famous by a visit from Anthony Bourdain. If I left that window open, the apartment smelled like grilled meat and spices. My rent was \$350 a month plus utilities. It included a parking spot.

Like many people who come here from San Diego, I moved to Tijuana for cheaper rent — except I did it 10 years ago. Before the move, I was

paying \$550 a month for a single room in a house in Rancho Peñasquitos with some strange roommates. After half a year of living there, they decided they weren't going to renew the lease and were moving out. I scrambled to find a place in San Diego. The best I could do was a semi-converted garage near SDSU for \$600 a month. To use the bathroom, I would have to go into the house, which was occupied by three college students.

My older brother had recently married a Tijuana local. Back in 2009, he had been living in Pacific Beach, until one night, he crossed the border for a double date and fell in love. Soon after, he moved to Colonia Independencia. He and his wife still live together in the same place. It was through them that I found my first Tijuana apartment: my *cuñada's* (sister-in-law) friend's mom owned the building. Even though I was in a nice part of town and I'm fluent in Spanish, Tijuana still terrified me. One consolation: her friend Leonso lived on the first floor, and ever since we met, Leonso has always

spoken English to me. He commuted daily on a motorcycle to San Diego to work in a call center.

I was in Colonia Gabilondo, also known as "La Cacho," which I call uptown Tijuana. There isn't a proper Colonia Cacho — the region is composed of several neighborhoods, mainly Madeiro and its surroundings. Back then, there weren't many breweries, trendy coffee shops, or fancy restaurants. There wasn't much of anything. A block away sat "El Viejo Toreo" — an empty lot where the bullfighting ring used to be. Now, there are recently built towers on the spot: a Hotel City Express Plus and what will be known as Plaza Toreo. The closest bar was called "El Camichin." It was an unkempt dive bar in which there had been shootings. Now, it's gone, and La Cacho has a plethora of bars and restaurants. Back then, there was nothing in front of my old apartment. Now, there's a popular craft beer pub named Public House (like that, in English). Next to it, the restaurant Kool 52, featuring modern Mexican cuisine and mixology,



PHOTOGRAPH BY MATTHEW SUÁREZ

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gy, decorated with art by Tijuana locals.

Really, everything that surrounded that apartment in La Cacho has changed, except for Las Ahumaderas, the taco alley. There are so many places to eat and

drink in La Cacho that it would take me another article entirely to mention the top 20. And of course, prices — not only for rent, but also for food and other goods — have risen along with the neighborhood.

And it's not only La Cacho that has grown in both height and expense. "Remember when La Cacho was cheap?" asks Brenda Flores, one of my first Tijuana friends. "Years ago, I could find a nice place for myself for around \$200. But even before the pandemic, prices were already doubling, I couldn't find anything good for under \$400. During the pandemic, they were already triple or more. Now, it's hard to find anything under \$800 in La Zona Dorada. It's really hard to find a good deal. Took me a long time to find a

place, especially a place that accepts me with my pets." Brenda recently moved to a house in Colonia La Postal, a neighborhood nestled in the hills between Zona Río and Otay. She lives in a recently built home with three bedrooms and two and a half bathrooms. She splits the \$850 rent with two housemates. Also her cat and dog, as well as a number of rescue dogs she puts up for adoption.

THE LANDMARK

Back in 2017, when the vertical boom began in Tijuana, one area got denominated the "Zona Dorada" (Golden Zone) — so called because it was desirable for investors. It ran from the border to the hills of Chapultepec. But the Golden Zone has since extended to include Playas de Tijuana, some parts of Otay, further areas of Zona Río, and really, almost anywhere in Tijuana. Old buildings tend to burn down "accidentally," and months later, new construction begins. Dozens of buildings have already been built, many more are under construction, and more are proposed seemingly every other week. Towers seem to materialize in a matter of months. As a result, Tijuana's skyline has changed drastically since I first moved in ten years ago. The current tallest towers are New City Medical Plaza at 430 feet and Sayan Campestre at 407 feet, both built in 2019. A handful of others of around the same size are being constructed and more have been proposed. Some buildings have trendy English names like Adamant, Life, or Icon (by Cosmopolitan), City Center, Skyline, or The Landmark.

"Around 80% of the

apartments are sold to investors; others are for locals that want to own a piece of the city and pass it on to their children or grandkids," says Emmanuel Ramos, sales manager of The Landmark. "There are more than fifty buildings approved and being built in the city. Traffic is one of the biggest issues in the city, that's why we are building a road through here," Emmanuel says as he shows me the models of the proposed buildings. "This is Phase 1: the mall, restaurants, entertainment, and the first set of apartments. It should be finished by early 2023. It was designed by the same architects that designed The Grove in LA: Elkus Manfredi Architects. Two more towers will be built in the future reaching 105 meters in height, some of the tallest in the city. The Landmark offers something different, with *plusvalía*." Emmanuel likes to use that word, meaning "capital gains." The Landmark is located in what used to be Pinturas Calette, a popular Tijuana home improvement store from the 1950s that closed down due to a flood in 1993 and a fire in 1994. In 2009, the last wall of the building was torn down.

As we are talking, Emmanuel gets interrupted by a phone call. He answers in English, and I overhear him talking about property taxes. "Who was that?" I inquired. "It was an investor, I think he is from somewhere in Eastern Europe, but he came through California. He already bought two apartments, and we were discussing the possibility of a third. He has multiple properties in Playas de Tijuana and rents them out to Americans, or

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Karlha's balcony offers a breathtaking view of San Diego, the border wall, and northern Tijuana, interrupted only by a television antenna.

whoever pays the price. He is looking to do something similar. If I would take a guess, rentals here will go around \$1400-\$1800 for the smallest unit." Though The Landmark has been bought up mostly by investors, Emmanuel says none of the apartments will turn into AirBnBs, something

many residential buildings suffer. He gives me a brochure with the different layouts of the apartments, but without the prices. Then he shows me a complicated Excel form and tells me the price is roughly around \$3900-\$4500 per square meter. The smallest apartment offered is

74 square meters, while the largest penthouse is 260 square meters.

THE REMOTE WORK BOOM

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around \$75,000 USD. "I bought early in 2017; the foundations were barely even built. It's worth way more now. I noticed its *plusvalía* when Torre 2 had their cheapest apartments at what I pay for my mid-range one." Karlha invited me to be on her podcast *La Romántica Idea*. She re-

cords the show in her two-bedroom, two bathroom apartment (around 75 square meters) on the 4th floor (out of 7) of Kyo Altalia Torre 1 — one of the newer residential towers. Torre 2 is next door, and Torre 3 is currently being built. As soon as I entered her place, I was wowed. The tower sits on

top of the hill of Avenida Televisión in "La Juárez," and her balcony offers a breathtaking view of San Diego, the border wall, and northern Tijuana, interrupted only by a television antenna.

Karlha tells me a little more about her apartment complex before we start recording. "The gym



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is alright, the common space has outdoor grilling and a movie projector, but the view is blocked by the penthouse. The amenities are not as luxurious as they are at other places. They definitely cut some corners — some parts seem to be made of flimsy material. Once, I flooded my downstairs neighbor by accident. I was going to mop the kitchen, and left a bucket while I was filling it with water. I forgot about it and came back to a flooded kitchen. The water seeped into my downstairs neighbor's light fixtures. A lot of the apartments are AirBnBs. Some neighbors complain, but neighbors come and go. I see them all the time, people in the parking lot with big bags, ready to live in Tijuana and work from home." Rents in Tijuana were already going up before the pandemic. But when covid hit and work from home became standard, it became a no-brainer to move down here, and the rents responded. People from all over the U.S. moved here, and to other popular destinations in Mexico — especially Mexico City, where there are mixed feelings

toward ex-pats. But for most San Diegans or Angelenos, the easiest option was to move just south of the border. Especially for Mexican-Americans.

"Where can I find a cheap and safe apartment near the border? Anything around \$800 USD." Something similar is posted just about every day on /r/Tijuana, the city's subreddit forum. During the pandemic, the subreddit's user base in Tijuana grew from less than 10,000 to over 100,000. Many of the new members had a similar story: people working from home, fed up with high rent in California, looking south of the border. Many of them with Mexican roots. Ismael is one of them. He works from home in what he tells me is "education technology," but he doesn't go deeper into it. He is also a helping hand on Reddit. Whenever there is a question about the city, the border wait, memes, or anything related to coffee, he is one of the first to post a comment with helpful information. "I started coming to Tijuana in the early '90s with my parents," he says, "but



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returned as an adult when I turned 27. I must admit, at first I was coming here for... uh... you know."

"Zona Norte adventures, huh?" I ask.

Ismael nods. "Yes. But soon after, I started looking for specialty coffee shops and started exploring the city. Paramo in Colonia Cacho was the first one to wow me. B-Haus is the nicest to work from. My favorites are Ermitaño and Perimetro." His username on Reddit has the word "Yirgacheffe," an area in Ethiopia known for its coffee beans. The coffee scene in Tijuana has grown exponentially in the last couple of years.

Now 32 years old, Ismael was born and raised in Boyle Heights in Los Angeles. Besides a brief stint living in a frat house while in college, he lived his whole life with his parents, who come from central Mexico, but met and married in Tijuana.

They migrated to the LA area in the late '80s. "It made sense to move while working from home," he recalls. "I was turning 30 and sick of living with my parents and I needed my own space. Not only that, but my family owns a house in Playas that was unoccupied. So you know, free rent! I finally took the plunge in October 2020. My little brother just moved in with me a couple of months ago; he also works from home. And my *primo* also lives with me, but he is not American."

Ismael considers himself an ex-pat, but he has more advantages than the usual Tijuana outsider. He speaks Spanish well, though not quite well enough to pass as a local. He is still baffled by cul-

tural shifts like the lack of recycling, the treatment of dogs (chained up or on rooftops), and people never being on time. Oh, and the drug wars.

DARK FRIDAY

"I felt like I did when 9/11 happened," says Ismael, looking back on the cartel's shutdown of the city on the weekend of August 12-14. "I was shaken and had the general sense of insecurity. I had no idea what was going to happen next."

I've talked to a lot of people in Tijuana about that Friday. Most seemed to have gotten scared on Friday, when the cartels announced the shutdown, but then forgot about the crisis over the weekend. It's a violent city. People get used to it.

Tijuana's Dark Friday. This is how I lived it: it was a slow week. I did not do much. Early in the morning, I went to therapy. I hadn't seen my therapist in months. She had a family member pass away and got busy with that. I don't really need to go to therapy that often anymore. I'm doing alright. I avoided work. I avoided people. I spent some time with my girlfriend. I drank beer and shitposted as if it was my job to shitpost — part of my attempt to live as a content creator. For lunch, I wanted Korean food. I went to my nearby Korean place, only to find out that it had gotten popular and that they no longer sell extra kimchi on the side. I got my usual *bulgogi* and asked for extra kimchi. They barely gave me any.

It was early, but I wanted a beer. I drank two or three beers at Mamut Brewery in Pasaje Rodríguez and walked home. At exactly 7 pm, I noticed — and posted a

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story about — a fire happening on Calle Segunda (checking my Instagram archives confirms the time). At 7:04 pm, I posted another video as I got closer. One of my neighbors was outside looking at the fire; there were other onlookers as well. It was a few blocks away, and it was in the middle of Second Street coming down from Playas. Zooming in with my phone, I could see it was a vehicle that was on fire. I thought it was an accident, didn't make much of it, and went home. I thought about flying my drone to check the scene from the sky, but decided against it because I was tired and drowsy from early drinking. My newsfeed started to show that what I saw was a taxi that was set ablaze. And it wasn't the only one in the city. Several other

vehicles had been set on fire by supposed *narcos* around town.

After scrolling for a few minutes, I felt tired and took a nap. When I woke up at around 9:30 pm, Tijuana had turned into hell... or at least it looked that way on social media. Traffic, terrorism, vehicles on fire, narco threats, and a general sense of insecurity. But outside my window. It didn't seem like much. There were not that many people in the street. The ones walking around seemed to do so nonchalantly. But the later it got, the quieter it got. That makes sense in many places in the world, but not in downtown Tijuana. Here, the later it gets, the louder it tends to get. Especially on a Friday.

It was quiet.

Everyone went home.

Some were left strand-

ed. Public transit was a mess. Uber and other on-line transit services were non-existent. Taxis were scarce. If you were lucky to hail one, it was overpriced: triple the usual *gringo* cost.

Usually, the city is a *cagadero* on the weekends. That's why I rarely go outside. There were a lot of music shows, events, and festivals scheduled to be happening that weekend. All abruptly canceled. I was planning to go to a couple of shows — San Pedro el Cortez and perhaps Sincretismo — but decided against it because I knew the city was going to be a shitshow. But I wasn't expecting this type of shitshow. Everything got canceled — except Baja Beach Fest in Rosarito. That event kept going and going. It felt like it was still going the Monday after. There was supposed to be another weekend of it, and it seemed like it would be even better than the first.

I didn't know or like most of the line-up or the music, but the festival looked like a fucking blast. The stage, the place, and the whole festival looked very well organized. The sound seems good and they nailed many other great details. Not to mention babes in bikinis. Maybe social media lied to me, but my old ass wanted to go to that festival. It looked fun. Pricey, but maybe worth it.

Baja Beach Fest went on like nothing was happening. While parts of Tijuana were acting like it was the end of the world... the rest of Baja was enjoying its regular life. Yes, I am aware that other vehicles were burnt in the other cities in Baja. But you know, burning cars in other cities are not as shocking as burning cars in Tijuana.

Other cities don't make headlines in international news. Mexicali died down fast. Fires and heat in the desert, don't even bother going outside. Ensenada is usually calm and conservative. Though fewer vehicles were burnt in Ensenada, everything shut down, and it was taken in a graver way than Tijuana. Rosarito? Like nothing was happening.

The U.S. media seemed to love it. They have an appetite for disaster. Oh, and if it involves Tijuana... the news salivates. Look at that juicy disaster content; vehicles burnt like in the Middle East. Only now it has that nice ringtone that news media likes to sound: TIJUANA!

Tijuana is on fire!

Tijuana is always on fire.

My friend Selene, the bartender at Nelson, called me all panicky, asking if she could crash at my place. She was with

Benito, a regular at the bar. She said people were running in a crazy frenzy and she was scared. There was no public transit to her neighborhood. I told them of course they could, but to please bring beer if possible. (I had only one.) I saw people posting that they were willing to give refuge to people stranded from the lack of public transit. I did the same. My story got shared, but no one hit me up for help. After a few minutes, Selene still had not shown up. I messaged her to see what was up. She had walked home. Her neighborhood was not that far from downtown, or that far from my own apartment. I talked to Benito. He said Selene had been overreacting and that he calmed her down. They simply walked home.

Selene said she wasn't overreacting: "*La raza*

no agarra el pedo. I don't think people understand truly how dangerous this city is." She saw people with bulletproof vests and guns at a hot dog stand near Taquería Guanajuato enjoying some TJ dogs, and other *malandros* speeding in suspicious vehicles. Still, a lot of people stranded simply walked home. Or stayed with friends nearby. The university supposedly opened the doors of the gym for students to spend the night, but I never saw a follow-up. More acts of goodwill spread through social media, but also fake news and scare tactics.

Dylan, the other moderator of the Tijuana subreddit, called me in a panic because he couldn't get home. He was scared. He had gone to the Xolos game, and after the game, there was no public transit to get him home.

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It was around 11 pm. He told me he would give me 500 pesos to drive him home, but I couldn't. My car is officially in lockdown at the parking lot at 10 pm. Plus I had been drinking. The city was in chaos and the last thing I wanted was to get stopped by the police for having bad breath. A few minutes later, he texted me that he found a very expensive taxi to take him home. Another Korean-American friend was in the same situation. He also ended up finding an expensive taxi and went back to the border. On the way to the border, he picked up other stranded people. After scrolling through posts and stories reporting that everyone was safe, scared, and at home... I played video games and went to sleep.

Saturday morning after the Dark Friday: it was quiet. Not eerily quiet. More like Christmas quiet. There were people on the street, but at a reduced capacity. Not your usual Saturday. I went for breakfast birria tacos. Many businesses were open as if it was a regular Saturday. Some others were closed. The hipster coffee shop near

me was closed. The street taco vendors weren't. Not sure if businesses closed out of fear or to enjoy the day off. There weren't many customers outside.

There was nothing noteworthy on the news. There was nothing going on. There was a lot on social media. Somewhat similar to covid, people were quick to take sides. The ones scared of what could happen, begging for people to stay home or calling them stupid for going outside. Others, without fear, went about their lives like usual. I was one of them. Later, the news reported that 40% of the businesses closed that weekend. I can't say if that's accurate. A lot of businesses closed from the lack of business. The tourist scare was going to have an impact. Maybe it already had.

Tijuana!

Boo!

Scary!

The city decapitates dozens per week, but it's not in the touristy area, so don't worry!

Tijuana!

Boo!

A handful of vehicles were set on fire, but no deaths were reported. Chaos ensued, and ev-



PHOTOGRAPH BY MATTHEW SUAREZ

Though The Landmark has been bought up mostly by investors, Emmanuel says none of the apartments will turn into AirBnbs, something many residential buildings suffer.

everyone worried about the safety of the city. And again. U.S. media got a boner for dangerous Tijuana. There was a video on the *Union-Tribune* website: "Wedding in Tijuana despite the violence." Yes. Because it was just another day in Tijuana. What happened on Friday didn't target churches or civilians. Many weddings were canceled. But I wouldn't have canceled my wedding.

Did you hear? "The army is coming to Tijuana. 400 more soldiers." Shit. I've seen them EVERY DAY for the past couple of years. In armored vehicles that resemble tanks. Every day they drive in front of my apartment. But no. The news monster needs to be fed. And Tijuana is its favorite snack. It wants to see that powerful picture of soldiers arriving at the airport.

Sunday. More of the same. More of the regular old Tijuana. I went out for beers with a friend. It seemed like a Sunday. Not a summer Sun-

day, but a winter Sunday. We tried a new sushi fusion place called Yumeko and had beers at Mamut, Madueño, and Norte. Most breweries and restaurants were open, but they were set to close at 10 pm instead of the usual 1 am. Besides that, it was a regular Sunday. The news reported that *narcos* were apprehended and sent to Mexico City. They weren't identified. The government rarely catches any. And after Friday, they finally did. It was reported that the criminals that burnt down the vehicles were paid 3000 pesos for their

efforts. Roughly \$150 USD (what I charge for a standard photo shoot).

The PSN news network depicted *narco* messages saying that they would attack Tijuana again, it was later debunked as fake. Fearmongering. Tijuana is constantly on fire. Perhaps the event would slow the city down. Perhaps it would slow down tourism. Perhaps it would slow down the ex-pats from moving here. But probably not. The city will continue growing incessantly, despite the violence and a host of other issues.

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Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

Friday | 18

LIGHTSCAPE



Lightscape transforms Encinitas' 37-acre Botanic Garden with an artistic installation by international artists. This immersive experience will guide visitors through a world of night-time wonder, with over one million twinkling lights in various attractions that come alive with color, imagination and sound. This after-dark experience is set along an illuminated walking trail custom-designed for the space. Ticketholders will walk a one-mile path outfitted with suspended strands and tunnels of light, a fire garden, lantern trees, and other artistic installations. Along the way, toast marshmallows over a fire and drink hot chocolate and other seasonal refreshments.

WHEN: From Friday, November 18 until Sunday, January 1, 2023, 5 pm-8:30 pm
WHERE: San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas. sdbg.org/lightscape

WONDERFRONT MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL

The Wonderfront Music Festival returns, taking place all over downtown and the Gaslamp District. After-parties will be happening in the Gaslamp Quarter and Little Italy, with

events such as sunset cruises, ocean activities, and jet boat rides. Music headliners include Gwen Stefani, Cage

The Elephant, Big Boi, G-Eazy, Cheat Codes, Fitz & the Tantrums, Kings of Leon, Young The Giant, Zac Brown Band, and Thundercat..

WHEN: Friday, November 18 through Sunday, November 20, 11:45 am to 10 pm

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

Saturday | 19



DOGGIE STREET FESTIVAL

The 13th Annual Doggie Street Festival companion animal adopt-a-thon offers pet products and services, eats, vet tips, music, auction prizes, and more! Bring your friendly dog to share in the fun.

WHEN: Saturday, November 19, 9 am to 3 pm

WHERE: Liberty Station NTC Park, 2455 Cushing Road, Liberty Station. doggiestreetfestival.org



FRIDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18-20: WONDERFRONT MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL

Sunday | 20

ENCINITAS HOLIDAY STREET FAIR

Check out over 450 food, arts and crafts vendors, plus four entertainment stages, children's rides, bike valets, and the kid/dog-friendly beer garden. At the Holiday Street Fair, held every year since 1989, the children's rides, two stages of live entertainment, and food and drink refreshments provide an attractive setting for the public and a great boon to our vendors. Enjoy the music of popular local bands in The Lumberyard Courtyard, plus dance, music, and other entertainment on the Community Stage next to Ace Hardware. Take your young ones to the Kids Zone for a variety of fun activities, and walk your furry friends into the Dog Zone for some treats and special attention. When it's time for a bite or a drink, the options are abundant, from the unique food vendors at the fair to the 40+ restau-



rants and bars in our downtown.

WHEN: Sunday, November 20, 9 am to 5 pm
WHERE: Downtown Encinitas Mainstreet Association, 818 S. Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, kennedyfares.com/encinitas

Wednesday | 23

ANNUAL TURKEY CALLING SHOW

Investigate the American turkey's surprising presence in European art. Also learn more about the bird through turkey calling techniques. This noisy show at the UC San Diego Library has become a community tradition. Kids are welcome (they'll be reciting turkey-related riddles). Presented as an old-time radio show, this celebration is filled with music, sound-effects, stories, and facts of interest. Host and bandleader Scott Paulson, is a UC

San Diego alumnus, and also Exhibits & Events Coordinator at the UC San Diego Library.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 23, 2022, noon to 1 pm

WHERE: UC San Diego Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla. calendar.ucsd.edu



SCOTT PAULSON

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ANIMAL FRIENDS

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)

ART

Art Night 20th Annual Small Image Show. The show exhibit runs from October 25 - November 27. This show features two-dimensional and 3-dimensional artwork that is no more than 12 inches on the longest side. Saturday, November 19, 5:30pm; **free**. Off Track Gallery, 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, suite C-103. (ENCINITAS)

Cog-nate Collective Reception & Artist Talk Tianquitzli: Portraits of the Market Reception & Artist Talk, taking place during Art Night Encinitas. In an ongoing body of work, the artists investigate the cultural production, circulation, and consumption that takes place in street markets and swap meets like the ones they grew up visiting. Saturday, November 19, 5:30pm; **free**. ICA North Institute of Contemporary Art San Diego, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Makers Arcade Pop-Up Shop over 60 Makers Arcade vendors while listening to live music and enjoying the Bagby beer garden at this holiday pop-up event. Enjoy the shops, food, coffee, and goods. Sunday, November 20, 11am; **free**. Tremont Collective, 602 South Tremont Street. (OCEANSIDE)

AUTOMOTIVE

Cars & Coffee The community is invited to visit the Museum during Cars & Coffee for a discounted admission price (\$10 before 10am) or partake in the completely free event outside with coffee and donuts (while supplies last) for guests to enjoy while browsing the wide array of vehicles. Please check sdautomuseum.org for the most up-to-date event information. Sunday, November 20, 7:30am; **free**. San Diego Automotive Museum, 2080 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

OUTDOORS

Rainbow Season, Cottonwood Foliage Peaks, Santa Ana Winds

“Rainbow Season” Arrives With the First Rains of November or December. Scattered showers are best for rainbow watching: sunlight refracting and reflecting through the raindrops causes two bows to appear — an intense circular arc at 42°, and a bigger, but weaker arc at 51° from the antisolar point (the point in the sky diametrically opposed to the sun’s position). From November through mid-February, the sun as seen from San Diego never gets higher than 42° above the horizon, so (rain and sunlight permitting) the brighter of the two arcs may appear above the horizon at any time of day. In spring and summer, rainbows are never seen in the sky around midday because the sun is too high — and the antisolar point is too low.



MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK

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A HARBORFRONT POT OF GOLD AWAITS

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

Santa Ana Winds in San Diego County often reach their greatest intensity during November, particularly at the mountain passes, where dry air from a high-pressure area over the interior deserts swoops coastward toward a low-pressure area offshore. The subsiding air warms rapidly while it descends, resulting in 80° to 90° temperatures close to the coast. While passing over the mountains, though, the dry air can be surprisingly cool — 60° or less in the daytime.

The above comes from the Outdoors listings in the Reader compiled by Jerry Schad, author of *Afoot & Afield* in San Diego County. Schad died in 2011.

BEER

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 22, 3pm; Pure Project Vista, 1305 Hot Spring Way. (VISTA)

BOOK SIGNINGS

David Fenton: The Activist's Media Handbook Warwick's will host David Fenton as he discusses and signs his new book, *The Activist's Media Handbook: Lessons from 50 Years as a Progressive Agitator*. This event is free and open to the public. Limited open seating available on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity. To ensure admittance, reserve seating for everyone in your party by pre-ordering one book per seat. Thursday, November 17, 7:30pm; **free**-\$35. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Gone: A Memoir of Love, Body, & Taking Back My Life Fundraising luncheon with author and motivational speaker Dr. Linda K. Olson and her book *Gone: A*

Memoir of Love, Body, and Taking Back my Life in the Shiley Special Events Suite. Saturday, November 19, 12pm; \$25. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Graceful Exits Launch Party Celebrate the launch of Geri Reid Suster's new book *Grateful Exits: Making the Case for Getting Good at Goodbye*. Thursday, November 17, 5pm; **free**. Diane Powers' Casa de Bandini, 1901 Calle Barcelona. (CARLSBAD)

Molly Idle & Juana Martinez-Neal: I Don't Care Warwick's, in partnership with La Jolla Riford Library, presents Molly Idle and Juana Martinez-Neal as they discuss and sign their new book, *I Don't Care*. Thursday, November 17, 4pm; **free**. La Jolla Riford Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Neal Shusterman: Gleanings This event will consist of a 30 minute talk, followed by the book signing. Saturday, November 19, 5pm; **free**. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 3555 Rosecrans Street Suite 107. (POINT LOMA)

Weekends with Locals: Puja Shah Weekends with Locals will be hosting Puja Shah, author of *For My Sister*. Sunday, November 20, 12pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY EVENTS

Cookies & Story Times with Santa The full list of all events with detailed times and locations can be found online Thursday, November 17, 11am; **free**. Shoppes at Carlsbad, 2525 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

Ebenezer Scrooge's BIG San Diego Christmas Show It's back! San Diego has another show in its Christmas stocking with this fast, funny, and highly theatrical reimaging of one of the most beloved holiday stories ever told. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 2pm and 7pm; Sundays, 2pm and 7pm; Tuesdays, 7pm; Wednesdays, 7pm; through Saturday, December 24, \$45-\$95. Old Globe - Sheryl & Harvey White Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Encinitas Holiday Street Fair Enjoy over 450 food, arts and crafts vendors plus four entertainment stages, children's rides, Bike Valets, and the kid/dog-friendly beer garden. Sunday, November 20, 9am; Downtown Encinitas Mainstreet Association, 818 S. Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

Holiday Festival Holiday festival with 20 nights of holiday joy

with the Pine Valley Train Depot, a Tree Top Climbing Wall, Bow & Arrow Arcade, Winter Wonderland Hayrides, Rick's Bar-B-Q, Baker's Dozen Donuts, and Alpine Peak Buffet. The altitude at Camp Christmas is 4,000 feet and the evenings can be a bit chilly. Warm clothing – winter jackets, snow hats, scarves, and gloves – are recommended. Friday, November 18, 5:30pm; Saturday, November 19, 5:30pm; Sunday, November 20, 5:30pm; \$10-\$17. Camp Christmas, 8668 Pine Creek Road. (PINE VALLEY)

Holiday Open House Come share the warmth and magic of the season with neighborhood merchants. For over 30 years La Jolla has kicked off the holiday season with a free afternoon filled with special happenings including live music, demonstrations, prizes, sales, tasty treats, children's activities, and an appearance by a Jolly St. Nick. Sunday, November 20, 11am; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Santee Holiday Lighting Celebration The 18th annual Holiday Lighting Celebration will have numerous free kids' activities, along with live music, photos with Santa, snow sledding, and a tree lighting ceremony. Friday, November 18, 5:30pm; **free**. Santee Trolley Square Town Center, 9884 Mission Gorge Road. (SANTEE)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Acrylic Pour Workshop Instructor: Beverly Brock Friday, November 18, 2pm; \$20-\$30. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

All Girls STEM Presents: Machine Learning Can a computer “learn” to do something new without being programmed by a human to do it? Find out in this Machine Learning class, taught by All Girls STEM Society. This workshop is recommended for girls in elementary and middle school. Everyone is welcome, but registration is required. Saturday, November 19, 2pm; **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Fire Operations in Wildland Urban Interface Workshop The Fire Safe Council of San Diego County, in partnership with San Diego County Fire/CAL Fire, is taking fire safety training to local communities that are at high-risk for wildfires. The course will be delivered by recognized experts in the field. Participants will also learn valuable survival tips they can utilize in the event of a fire. Saturday, November 19, 10am; **free**. Santa Ysabel Nature Center, 22135 CA-79. (SANTA YSABEL)

Free Beginners Nature Photography Workshop Free photography workshop with local photographer and naturalist Hector Valtierra. Friday, November 18, 9am; **free**. 18 and up. Tijuana River Estuary, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Meditation Body + Heart + Mind = Light! Meditation with Hathor Sunday, November 20, 11am; **free**. 18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Nixtamalization: From Ancient Grain to Masa In this class, discuss origin and significance throughout modern human history. Saturday, November 19, 10am; \$40. Wild Willow Farm and Education Center, 2550 Sunset Avenue. (NESTOR)

SD Fixit Clinc & Repair Event Bring your broken, non-functioning things: electronics, appliances, computers, toys, bicycles, clothes, etc. for assessment, disassembly, and possible repair. We'll provide workspace, specialty tools, and guidance to help you disassemble and troubleshoot your item. Saturday, November 19, 10am; **free**. Chula Vista Civic Center Library, 365 F Street. (CHULA VISTA)

COMEDY

Amy Schumer Sunday, November 20, 7pm; Humphreys by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Comedy Night: Mark Christopher Lawrence Best known as Big Mike on the NBC TV series *Chuck*. Friday, November 18, 7pm; \$25. 21 and up. Blue Door Urban Winery, 4060 Morena Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Comedy Night: Mark Smalls Headliner Mark Smalls is a stand up comic out of San Francisco. Thursday, November 17, 8pm; \$10-\$25. 21 and up. Backyard Kitchen & Tap, 832 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Rex Navarette AS SEEN ON: Lopez Tonight, "Rex In The City" on MTV Philippines (1st ever Stand-up/Sit-com to broadcast in Asia), "The Nut Shack" on Myx and The Filipino Channel (1st ever Filipino American animated series), Rex Files: Pinoy Undercover segment on ABS-CBN's Stateside & 6 Stand-Up Comedy Specials (Badly Browned, Husky Boy, Bastos, Hella Pinoy, Bad-ass Madapaka & Komik Organik) & more! Thursday, November 17, 8pm; Friday, November 18, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, November 19, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$10. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DANCE

City Ballet: From Balanchine to Martins Celebrating ballet masterworks from the 20th century by the father of American ballet, George Balanchine, and the famed New York City Ballet prin-

cipal dancer, choreographer, and artistic director Peter Martins. The ballet is packed with adventure, fun and playfulness, and bejeweled costumes. Thursday, November 17, 7:30pm; \$29-\$99. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

LITVAKdance's Fall 2022 Concert LITVAKdance premieres an original work by Israeli choreographer Ronen Izhaki. that delves into identity and community building. Also featured: A duet by LA-based WHYTEBERG. Saturday, November 19, 4pm and 7pm; Sunday, November 20, 2pm and 5pm; \$15-\$25. San Dieguito Academy, 800 Santa Fe Drive. (ENCINITAS)

FOOD & DRINK

Beyond the Cellar Beyond the Cellar fall tasting brings together wine aficionados, sommeliers, and connoisseurs to sip on reserve vintages from fifteen renowned California wineries. Collectors can also purchase exclusive bottles directly from these coveted winemakers while all guests can enjoy live entertainment as well as charcuterie and artisan cheeses. Saturday, November 19, 5pm; \$250. 21 and up. Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

One Table: A Shared Meal In the spirit of gratitude and abundance, anyone and everyone is welcome to join a shared meal in Westminster Presbyterian Park. There will be plenty of food to share so bring your family, friends and a dish to share, (if you want) and break bread as one table with your neighbors. Friday, November 18, 5pm; **free**. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3598 Talbot Street. (POINT LOMA)

Pre-Thanksgiving Breakfast As part of the program, the group highlights a segment of the community for special thanks. This year, special appreciation will be extended to individuals and organizations that helped refugees and immigrants who are obtaining freedom in the United States. Guests are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items for the annual food drive. Wednesday, November 23, 7am; \$48. Handlery Hotel and Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Whiskey & Wine Party Flavors of the deep South and Northern California converge for a West Coast BBQ Bash on the property's Front Drive. A nod to the property's horse ranch heritage, this southern-style feast under the stars features a menu of comfort food favorites washed down with whiskey, bourbon and wine tastings. Sample some of the best whiskeys and personal reserve bourbon as live music and bonfire sparks float on the night air. Friday, November 18, 6pm; \$150. 21 and up. Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa, 9700 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

FOR KIDS

Astronomy Adventures Camp Looking for something exciting, fun and out of this world this fall break? Join us for Astronomy Adventures. In full-day camp, students in grades 1-3 will enjoy various hands-on astronomy-themed activities and exploration. Monday, November 21, 9am; Tuesday, November 22, 9am; Wednesday, November 23, 9am; \$150-\$170. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Gabby's Dollhouse Bakey with Cakey Tour DreamWorks Animation's hit Netflix series, Gabby's Dollhouse, will set off on a cross country journey to meet her fans at Walmart stores across the country on the Bakey with Cakey Tour. Each free in-store event will include a meet & greet and photo opportunity with the Gabby costume character, an interactive prize wheel with promotional prizes, giveaways and toy display that includes Gabby's Purrfect Dollhouse, a Walmart Top Holiday Toy List winner and more. Sunday, November 20, 11am; **free**. Walmart Supercenter Eastlake

FUNDRAISERS

PRP Friendship Walk The Ilan-Lael Foundation is sponsoring a walk along Shelter Island from 10am to 1pm along our beautiful waterfront Shoreline Park. The walk begins at James Hubbell's elegant Pacific Portal gazebo at the entrance of Shelter Island. We'll walk about one mile to Pearl of the Pacific park where there will be food, original artworks on display from around the Pacific, and a special ceremony honoring the 65th anniversary of the San Diego-Yokohama Sister City Organization. Register at ilanlaelfoundation.org Sunday, November 20, 10am; **free**. Shoreline Park, Along Shoreline Drive. (SHELTER ISLAND)

LECTURES

From Mesopotamia to Pompeii: A Tale of 1001 Agricultural Bites Culinary Historians of San Diego will present "From Mesopotamia to Pompeii: A Tale of 1001 Agricultural Bites" featuring Barbara Baxter in the Neil Morgan Auditorium. This is a delicious look at how edible ingredients spurred the development of classic societies through food trade around the Mediterranean world. Saturday, November 19, 10:30am; **free**. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

US Attack Aviation: From the Red Baron to TOPGUN R. G. Head (Brig. Gen., Ret.) will present his new book US Attack Aviation: Air Force and Navy Light Attack: 1916 to the Present. This is a story about flying. It is told by naval aviators, Air Force fighter pilots, and the men who built the airplanes the pilots flew. Thursday, November 17, 5pm; **free**. Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

NATURE

Birding & Biking Eco Tour Bike along the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge while learning about native and migratory bird species as well as local ecology and conservation efforts. All equipment is provided: bikes, helmets, binoculars, and field guides. All proceeds support nonprofit environmental education programs for underserved youth. Saturday, November 19, 9am; \$35-\$55. San Diego Bay Refuge, 535 Florence Street. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Explorations with a Park Ranger Join Ranger Najja for an exploration of Chollas Lake Park. Bring your inquisitive mind and wear comfortable walking shoes! The walk will be approximately 2 miles in length. Moderate hills and uneven terrain should be anticipated. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome. Please bring extra water for your pet. Meet near the comfort station at the north end of the parking lot. Monday, November 21, 1pm; **free**. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

Free Interpretive Nature Walks Walks are moderately paced on the lower creek trail and begin in front of the Elfin Forest Interpretive Center Honoring Susan J. Varty. Sunday, November 20, 9am; **free**. Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, 8833 Harmony Grove Road. (ESCONDIDO)

Guided Bird Walk Join Mission Trails Regional Park birders, Millie Basden and Cindy Cornelius, for a guided bird walk on the Oak Grove Loop Trail. A variety of habitats gives us the opportunity to see resident and migratory birds. We'll stay alert for hawks that like to frequent this area. Meet in front of the MTRP Visitor Center. Bring binoculars if you have them. Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes, and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Saturday, November 19, 8am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park along a scenic trail. Walks start from the Visitor Center, are free and open to the public, with no reservations

required. Walks are canceled if raining. Saturday & Sunday, November 19 & 20, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Habitat Restoration Come join us in planting native plants at El Monte Preserve! We are restoring cactus scrub, a form of coastal sage scrub, at the El Monte Preserve. Cactus scrub is an important habitat for local species and has been lost due to development and wildfires. By restoring native cactus scrub, we are creating habitat for the Coastal Cactus Wren as well as a suite of other species. Saturday, November 19, 8:30am; **free**. 13950 El Monte Rd., Lakeside, CA 92040

Stars at West Sycamore Join members from the San Diego Astronomy Association at the West Sycamore Staging Area to view the nighttime sky through telescopes. It will be a nice dark night; the moon will have set in early afternoon. We should see most of the planets and this month, Mars will be visible and in near opposition, that happens every 26 months. Mars will be getting bright and show surface detail. Rain or cloudy skies cancel event. Sunset 4:45 pm. Viewing Begins at Dusk. Where: End of Stonebridge Parkway, Scripps Ranch Park on the paved street and walk past the gate into the park where telescopes are set up. Friday, November 18, 4:45pm; **free**. West Sycamore – Mission Trails Regional Park, 17160 Stonebridge Parkway. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Holiday Bazaar & Plant Sale Shop from a seasonal selection of handcrafted artisanal wares made from local small businesses from a variety of Olivewood-grown plants, to gifts for the foodie in your life. Saturday, November 19, 10am; **free**. Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center, 2525 N Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

Native American Event Torrey Pines Docent Society's November Nature Discovery Series event will be a presentation about the Cultural Traditions and Stories of the Luiseno People, by Ami Admire from the Rincon Reservation in

Valley Center. The public talk is free and suitable for all ages. Meet at the pavilion area near the Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve upper parking lot. Saturday, November 19, 3pm; **free**. Torrey Pines State Beach and Reserve, 12600 N. Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

SPOKEN WORD

Tellabration Storytelling The Black Storytellers of San Diego invites you to their community story time in honor of Tellabration, a worldwide storytelling event. You will hear personal stories, folktales, myths and legends. Come tell your five minute story at the open mic. Everybody has a story. Saturday, November 19, 4pm; **free**. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

VAMP Nonfiction Storytelling Show "The Hunt" with stories by Jordan Coburn Kate McGovern Louise Julig Kelly Bowen Jennifer Stiff Howen Mak James Biggs Thursday, November 17, 8pm; Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street. (SOUTH PARK)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Come Home to You Wellness Workshop An evening in community to ground back into your body, connect with your authentic self, and head back out into the world feeling replenished, aligned, and renewed. Thursday, November 17, 6:30pm; \$40. 18 and up. Brave Wellness Studio, 6020 Santo Rd., Suite B. (TIERRASANTA)

Meditation Changes Everything Discover how cultivating a daily meditation practice can connect you to real happiness, joy and contentment. Led by visiting teacher, Buddhist nun Gen Chokyi. Friday, November 18, 6:30pm; \$10. Kadampa Meditation Center San Diego, 3502 Adams Avenue. (NOR-MAL HEIGHTS)

San Diego Gulls Home Game Friday, November 18, 7pm; Saturday, November 19, 7pm; Wednesday, November 23, 7pm; Pechanga Arena San Diego, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

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“They used to say a girl will never find a husband if she cannot cook dero wot.”

Oh yes. THIS is how to start your day. Fire-roasted Arabica coffee beans sending their smoky aroma up my nostrils, right beside a blue pylon of incense smoke. We’re talking coffee beans that have come all the way from Ethiopia, where coffee was born. And Alemtsehay is making it for me exactly the way they made it there a thousand years ago. She’s roasting raw coffee beans in a little frypan on the fire’s hot ashes, then crushing them by mortar and pestle, then pouring hot water over them, then mixing it back and forth three times until the coffee is frothing.

Now Alemtsehay lifts up the coffee pot. She lets the black stuff snake out of the Aladdin’s lamp-style spout, into my little white coffee cup. Now she grasps at a cilantro-like plant. Pulls off a couple of sprigs, and drops them into the coffee. “It’s Na-ata,” she says, “a kind of rutabaga, turnip. A mouth-cleansing herb. We add it to our coffee.”

“How did you guys, like, invent coffee?” I ask. She says it happened when Kaldi, a goat herder in Ethiopia’s Kaffa region, noticed his goats jumping around. They had been nibbling on the red berries of a bush, and now they were full of energy, even for goats. Kaldi took a nibble himself. Energy surged. He showed it to monks in a nearby monastery. They put the cherry pits in a pan on a fire. The smoking beans gave off this incredible aroma. The monks crushed them, poured boiling water over, and voilà! Coffee was born.

“Something to eat?” says Alemtsehay. I’ve learned it’s customary to have three cups of

coffee minimum if you’re a guest. So it’s a latte morning: why not a little brekky too? She shows me the menu. “Take Number

One,” she says. “Best. Most popular breakfast among Ethiopians.” The #1 is Kunta Firfir, \$9.99. “Marinated dried beef sautéed in berbere sauce.” I ask what berbere sauce is.

“Chile peppers, she says, “coriander (cilantro), garlic, ginger, Ethiopian holy basil seeds, rue, radhuni, nigella, fenugreek...” They say the main

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Ethiopian holy basil seeds, rue, radhuni, nigella, fenugreek...” They say the main



Pouring ceremony: Hasn’t really changed in 1000 years. The coffee? So-oo good

taste that comes from this complex mix is a kinda spicy BBQ, with Southwestern hints, and curry flavors. And that’s exactly what I get from my Kunta Firfir breakfast, with its cut-up, sautéed beef tucked into a folded flap of the Ethiopian fermented bread, *injera*. Oh, and did I mention heat? Not sure if you’re



Birthday feast: Way too much, and way too delicious. Fingers only, please!



Alemtsehay brings the coffee

supposed to, but I love mixing its tastes with the rich, winey coffee.

Talking of winey, I suddenly remember Ethiopians make honey wine. And yes! They have it here (\$6.99 and up). I ask Alem about it. “This time of day?” she says. “You don’t want it now. It’s too strong. You will fall asleep.” Huh. This lady cares

about her customers. So next day, I’m with my friend Diana near this self-same place. We’re looking to celebrate her upcoming birthday. This is Saturday evening.

“Let’s celebrate Ethiopian-style,” I say.

“Yes, but don’t they have — what’s that

soggy bread called — *injera*? Fermented. Not sure I’m ready to celebrate with soggy bread.”

But, hey, here we are, and it is around six. “Well,” I say. “Why not just celebrate with honey wine, or an Ethiopian beer?”

So now we’re inside. It’s half-modern and half-traditional. Natch, we go to the traditional side, because it’s so much more interesting: colorful tables made of reeds and goat- or deer-pelt-covered stools and Ethiopian chairs with, like, stories carved into their backs. (One’s a lady spinning thread, another’s an old man leaning on his stick, another’s a father reading from a book to his child, a fourth is a lady pouring coffee from a pot just like the one I saw yesterday.)

A gentleman named Fekadu comes up with menus. First, we get a beer. An Ethiopian beer. “St. George.” Costs \$3.99. “This brewery is 100 years old this year,” says Fekadu. Turns out St. George is the patron saint of Ethiopia,

The Place: Addis Restaurant (and Market), 3645 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-357-7577

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Fekadu: St. George is Ethiopia's Patron Saint

which is a majority Christian country. But now we've got to eat.

"Dero wot I know," says Diana. She's a lady who has traveled, a lot. "Your national dish?"

"It is very popular," says Fekadu. "It is chicken stew simmered in berbere sauce. They used to say a girl will never find a husband if she cannot cook *dero wot*." I see it costs \$15.99. *Dero* means "chicken," and *wot* means "stew" in Amharic, the main language of Ethiopia. "We have a lot of *wots*," says Fekadu. "*Yebege wot* (\$14.99) is lamb stew, *Yeshiro wot* (\$11.99) is chickpea stew, *Geba wota* (\$14.99) is beef."

"No fish?" I say.

"Ethiopia is completely land-locked," says Diana. "No coast. Seafood ain't in their diets." They also have a bunch of dishes that end with *tibs*. Basically the same meats and veggies as the *wots*, (and the same prices), but dry, not soaked in sauces like berbere.

Because this is a kind of celebration, we kind of blow any budget and get a selection of different dishes on a big round plate with the piles of meat and veggies separated by *injera* rolls.

"You could've done this much cheaper," Diana says. "You'll be taking most of this home."

But it's all delicious, and with the St. George and Harar beers oiling the

works, a lot of fun. We're out about \$70, but it's oh-so worth it. The one thing I notice on the menu, late, is that if you're in tap city — strapped — you can always go the *sanbusa* route (think *samosa* in Indian places). The not-so-little pita bread triangles, stuffed

with lentils or meat, go for only \$1.99 each.

"Did you notice?" asks Diana? "No knives or forks."

"Yes," I reply, "and that's because you have to hand-wrap everything in your favorite bread, *injera*. Now do you like it any more?"

"Do I have a choice?" ■

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Aftersun — Sophie reflects on the shared joy and private melancholy of a holiday she took with her father twenty years earlier. Memories real and imagined fill the gaps between miniDV footage as she tries to reconcile the father she knew with the man she didn't. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (LAND-MARK HILLCREST)

Armageddon Time — Filmmaker James Gray unfolds a deeply personal story about the strength of family, the complexity of friendship, and the generational pursuit of the American Dream. The film features Anthony Hopkins, Anne Hathaway, and Jeremy Strong. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

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



The Menu: Don't ask about the secret ingredient.

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. Starring Colin

Farrell, Brendan Gleeson, Kerry Condon, and Barry Keoghan. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever —

"I am the queen of the most powerful nation in the world. And my entire family is gone! Have I not given everything?!" A Marvel sequel minus the late star of the original. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The Box (La caja) — A boy takes a bus from Mexico City to collect his father's remains after his death in a mining accident. However, he sees a man who looks just like his father, and the man takes the boy under his wing. Directed by Lorenzo Vigas. Starring: Hatzin Navarrete, Hernán Mendoza, Elián González. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (DIGITAL GYM CINEMA)

Knives Out — Writer-director Rian Johnson sure is having fun these days. They let him into the Star Wars sandbox, and he built a monument to feminine genius that enraged a measurable portion of the fanbase and still managed to make over a billion dollars. (Sure, it was half of what J.J. Abrams managed with his reboot/remake, but it weren't no fan service, that's for sure.) Now he's pulling a reverse Netflix — slapping a TV-style Family Mansion Murder Mystery, the sort so ably handled by our British cousins, up there on the big screen —and turning it into a critique of American anti-immigration sentiment. The immigrant in question —actually, it's her mother who is undocumented — is Marta (Ana de Armas) the caregiver for a fabulously successful mystery author (Christopher Plummer). An author who, as it happens, is also the victim. The presumptive heirs — a splendid collection of wretches, none of whom can remember exactly what country Marta hails from — were already gathered for Dad's 85 birthday, so they stick around for the reading of the will, and also the investigation spearheaded by Daniel Craig in full Southern accent, for some reason. The goal here, besides solving the mystery in suitably clever fashion, seems to be to provide families gathered for Thanksgiving with both a rollicking good



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time and something to argue about at table. (A measurable portion of old white relatives may be enraged.) You can practically see Johnson's mischievous grin in every frame. 2019. — M.L. ★★ (EDWARDS MIRA MESA; REGAL CARLSBAD 12; REGAL SAN MARCOS)

Meet Me in the Bathroom — An immersive archival journey through the explosive New York music scene of the early 2000s. Set against the backdrop of 9/11 and a world unaware of the seismic political, technological and cultural shifts about to occur, *Meet Me in the Bathroom*, tells the story of the last great romantic age of Rock 'n' Roll through the prism of a handful of era defining bands. Inspired by Lizzy Goodman's bestselling book, directed by Dylan Southern and Will Lovelace. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (ANGELIKA FILM CENTER AND CAFÉ; DIGITAL GYM CINEMA)

The Menu — A couple (Anya Taylor-Joy and Nicholas Hoult) travels to a coastal island to eat at an exclusive restaurant where the chef (Ralph Fiennes) has prepared a lavish menu, with some shocking surprises. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Prey for the Devil — In response to a global rise in demonic possessions, the Catholic Church reopens exorcism schools to train priests in the Rite of Exorcism. On this spiritual battlefield, an unlikely warrior rises: a young nun, Sister Ann (Jacqueline Byers). Although nuns are forbidden to perform exorcisms, a professor (Colin Salmon) recognizes Sister Ann's gifts and agrees to train her. Thrust onto the spiritual frontline with fellow student Father Dante

(Christian Navarro), Sister Ann finds herself in a battle for the soul of a young girl (who Sister Ann believes is possessed by the same demon that tormented her own mother years ago), and soon realizes the Devil has her right where he wants her, and it wants in. Starring Jacqueline Byers, Colin Salmon, Christian Navarro, Nicholas Ralph, Ben Cross, and Virginia Madsen. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The Red Shoes — One of many edification exercises by the team of Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger: the world of ballet, on stage and back of it. Enough canny showmanship intervenes to make it not too painful, even, in the art direction and cinematography (Jack Cardiff), quite pleasurable. And in "The Red Shoes Ballet" itself, some Busby Berkeley-isms suspend edification altogether. Moira Shearer, Marius Goring, Anton Walbrook. 1948. — D.S. ★★★ (DIGITAL GYM CINEMA)

Salvatore: Shoemaker of Dreams — Growing up poor in Bonito, Italy, Salvatore Ferragamo began his career as a shoemaker before he was barely a teenager. Immigrating to America in 1915 at the age of 16, his work would soon help invent the glamour of Hollywood's silent era as he created shoes for iconic films. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (ANGELIKA FILM CENTER AND CAFÉ; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

She Said — Carey Mulligan and Emmy nominee Zoe Kazan star as *New York Times* reporters Megan Twohey and Jodi Kantor, who together broke one of the most important stories in a generation, a story that shattered decades of silence around the

subject of sexual assault in Hollywood and impelled a shift in American culture that continues to this day. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Smile — After witnessing a bizarre, traumatic incident involving a patient, Dr. Rose Cotter (Sosie Bacon) starts experiencing frightening occurrences that she can't explain. As an overwhelming terror begins taking over her life, Rose must confront her troubling past in order to survive and escape her horrifying new reality. Starring Sosie Bacon and Jessie T. Usher. 2022. Sgt. Tiki

The Swimmers — From war-torn Syria to the 2016 Rio Olympics, two young sisters embark on a harrowing journey as refugees, putting both their hearts and champion swimming skills to heroic use. Based on a true story. Directed by Sally El-Hosaini. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

The System — When a young soldier, newly returned from war, gets caught up in a drug bust, he is recruited by the authorities to go undercover in a notoriously dangerous prison in order to figure out what is really going on. Directed by Dallas Jackson. With Jeremy Piven, Terrence Howard, Tyrese Gibson, Ric Reitz. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (SOUTH BAY DRIVE-IN)

Terrifier 2 — After being resurrected by a sinister entity, Art the Clown returns to the timid town of Miles County where he targets a teenage girl and her younger brother on Halloween night. Written and directed by Damien Leone, starring Felissa Rose, David Howard Thornton, Lauren LaVera, Elliott

Fullam, and Chris Jericho. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Ticket to Paradise — George Clooney and Julia Roberts reunite as exes who find themselves united on a shared mission to stop their lovestruck daughter from making the same mistake they once made. Filmed on location in Queensland, Australia, and directed by Ol Parker. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Till — The true story of how, in her darkest hour, Mamie Till-Mobley's love opened the world's eyes with her quest for justice for her son, Emmett. Directed by Chinonye Chukwu, starring Danielle Deadwyler, Whoopi Goldberg, Jalyn Hall, Frankie Faison, Jayme Lawson, Tosin Cole, Kevin Carroll, Sean Patrick Thomas, John Douglas Thompson, Roger Guenveur Smith, and Haley Bennett. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Train Time — Cinematic railroad documentary courtesy of Stephen Low, following the trek of a modern freight train through the communities it serves. The journey reveals the diversity of the American landscape and the evolving role and heritage of railroading professionals integral to the fabric of modern civilization. The visuals race along parallel bands of steel through prairie, mountains and desert, through cities and towns and wilderness. Along the way, railroaders and the tracks and trains themselves offer up a story of engineering, of frontier-taming and community-building, human ingenuity and industry. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (FLEET SCIENCE CENTER)

Triangle of Sadness — In Ruben Östlund's new comedy, social hierarchy is turned upside down, revealing the tawdry relationship between power and beauty. Celebrity model couple, Carl (Harris Dickinson) and Yaya (Charlbi Dean), are invited on a luxury cruise for the uber-rich, helmed by an unhinged boat captain (Woody Harrelson). What first appeared instagrammable ends catastrophically, leaving the survivors stranded on a desert island and fighting for survival. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (AMC LA JOLLA; LA PALOMA; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

White Christmas — It's possible that you don't know why Bing Crosby's song "White Christmas" has sold over 100 million copies. It's possible that you don't know why Bing Crosby is, together with Sinatra and Elvis, one of the top three entertainment figures of the 20th Century. It's also possible that you've never seen this film, which features Crosby and Danny Kaye as a couple of postwar performers who fall for a couple of sisters and sing a bunch of great Irving Berlin songs. 1954. (CINÉPOLIS DEL MAR; CINÉPOLIS LA COSTA; CINÉPOLIS VISTA)

You Resemble Me — True story of Hasna Ait Boulahcen, a woman who was falsely accused of being Europe's first female suicide bomber. Cultural and intergenerational trauma erupt in this story about two sisters on the outskirts of Paris. After the siblings are torn apart, the eldest, Hasna, struggles to find her identity, leading to a choice that shocks the world. Directed by Dina Amer. 2022. Sgt. Tiki (ANGELIKA FILM CENTER AND CAFÉ)



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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 doc-

tor, 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. CALL FOR SHOWTIMES

The Children

A stretch of English coastline has been decimated by a nuclear accident, but Lucy Kirkwood's play aims to tackle something even more toxic and enduring than fallout: aging boomers. We open on Rose as she nurses a bloody nose; it seems she paid a surprise visit to the cottage of fellow former nuclear physicists Robin and Hazel, and Hazel, who had heard Rose was dead, and who has complicated feelings about her old colleague besides, had a rather violent reaction. Oops, but not really — that rather sets the tone for the polite/prickly conversation that follows. The tension increases once hubby Robin shows up — he's been off tending irradiated cows — and starts pouring homebrew. But Kirkwood's chain reaction builds slowly, patiently, gradually revealing character and consequence, and Moxie's cast has her creation well in hand. The two-word

adverb/adjective for this one: quietly savage. (And not unfunny!)

MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, ROLANDO. 858-598-7620. CALL FOR SHOWTIMES

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas

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. CALL FOR SHOWTIMES

Ebenezer Scrooge's BIG San Diego Christmas Show

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Thursday & Friday, 8pm — Steel Pulse.
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Tuesday, 8pm — Jimi Hendrix Birthday Celebration. \$15.
Wednesday, 8pm — Queen Nation. \$25-\$44.

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Friday, 8pm — Tiga. \$10-\$25.

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Saturday, 9am — Java Jazz Quartet. **Free.**

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Saturday, 7pm — The Iron Maidens and Murder of Five. \$25-\$30.

Monday, 7:30pm — Wormwitch, Abyssal, Persekutor, Salacious. \$10-\$12.

Cannonball:
Thursday, 5pm — David Shyde.

Casbah:
Thursday, 8:30pm — Blitzkid and 13 Wolves. \$50.
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Friday, 6pm — Debora Galan.

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Thursday, 6pm — Deadheads Night.
Tuesday, 7pm — San Diego Jazz Collective.

Duke's La Jolla:
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Sunday, 4pm — Kai Kalama.
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Friday, 3:30pm, *Saturday & Sunday*, 11:45am — Wonderfront Music & Arts Festival.

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:
Tuesday, 6pm — Jason Graham.
Wednesday, 6pm — Helena Holleran.

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Friday, 6pm — Tyler F. Simmons.

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Thursday, 4pm — Orion Song.

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Wednesday, 6pm — The Soto Six. **Free.**

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Friday & Saturday, 7pm — Adam Bergoch.

House of Blues:
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Friday, 6pm — Adelitas Way. \$20.
Friday, 7:30pm — Ricky Montgomery and Addison Grace. \$20-\$45.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Ella Jane. \$17-\$50.
Sunday, 6pm — Hatebreed and Bleeding Through. \$30-\$75.
Wednesday, 7pm — Savage Ga\$p and Oliver Francis. \$20.

Jazzy Wishbone:
Saturday, 7pm — The Soto Six. **Free.**

Ko Underground:
Thursday, 8pm — Autokorekt. \$20-\$30.

L'Auberge Del Mar:
Friday, 7pm — Puro Feeling.
Saturday, 7pm — Jonny Tarr.
Sunday, 11am — Michael LeClerc.

the inside track
blurt

Ricky resets the sound to Pure Fun In 2013, local pop-punks Western Settings set sail on what would become a very active five-year run. “We had one EP out and were like, all right, we’re gonna go tour now, so we just started touring and

my voice would go out every show.” Since all the Western Settings songs started with Schmidt (“I would write the songs, show them the chords, and they would do their thing”), the shift led to tensions in the band. “It was a nightmare. We were all



Ricky Schmidt: learning to love mid-tempo as mid-life approaches.

kind of never really stopped,” bassist/singer Ricky Schmidt explains. “We did a lot of cool stuff and got to go to a lot of cool places. Some of it worked a little bit. At one point, it felt like we had a little momentum, but eventually we ended up grinding ourselves into the ground and burning out. That was just kind of how we were: ‘We have to stay on the road. We have to keep touring.’ It kind of ended up killing us in the end.”

Their journeys included tours in Europe, appearances at The Fest in Gainesville, Florida, and opening for bands such as Face to Face and the Swingin’ Utters. It was a whirlwind that calmed when Schmidt’s musical focus started to shift. “I think a lot of it was just that I was getting a little older. Western Settings was still yelling, angsty, and young. I started to get into the slower, mid-tempo stuff. I wanted to sing a little bit more, because I was tired of yelling all the time. With Western Settings,

arguing a lot about it and not getting along. If you listen to the last Western Settings record, it kind of has a shift toward the direction of what I’m doing now.”

What he’s doing now started back in 2019, when he began writing songs for his first solo album. He ditched his last name and released *Palm Trees* as Ricky in November 2020: a blast of psychedelic, fuzzed-out guitars and power pop. A key ingredient in the album’s mix were the flourishes of percussion and little noises here and there that gave it a sort of island vibe. This was courtesy of Shane Hendry, who played drums and percussion on the album and brought his love of exotic music to the project as well. “It’s like the shit you hear at tiki bars. I think it was created when the sailors were coming back from the Pacific. They tried to create tiki bars and that whole culture. It’s tropical noises and instruments. Birds and stuff in the background.”

The new Ricky album, *Pure Fun*, luxuriates even more in the spacey, psychedelic exotica that was sprinkled all over *Palm Trees*. “It kind of feels a little bit like a drug album, which makes sense, because a lot of those songs were written in 2022. We were just kind of hanging around smoking a lot of weed and eating mushrooms and going camping. I think maybe some of that came into it.” Perhaps to hammer home this point, the video for “Africa” centers on Schmidt skateboarding down the Mission Beach boardwalk while smoking a joint. (Also of note: an actual \$100 bill was not burned in the video, and that the boardwalk footage was shot on an iPhone duct-taped to the back of a bicycle Schmidt was trailing behind.)

Schmidt is anticipating taking his solo band on the road at the end of January. His other band, Hey, Chels is writing songs for a new full-length of their own. They will likely be woodshedding until the second half of 2023, when Schmidt guesses they will have the album ready and will start playing out again. He already has a couple of songs in the works for his next solo album, and even a potential title.

“Remember when that hurricane came up our coast not too long ago and everybody thought we were gonna get a big storm? I was so excited because I love storms and I knew we weren’t gonna get super-messed up. Then it literally didn’t hit us at all. I texted my friend: ‘More like Hurricane Lame.’ Then I was like, ‘That’s gonna be my next record.’”

— Dryw Keltz

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STONE TEMPLE PILOTS

Bassist Robert DeLeo of Stone Temple Pilots is releasing his debut solo album, *Lessons Learned*. The first single, "Love Is Not Made Of Gold," features guest vocalist Jimmy Gnecco (aka Ours). Meanwhile, STP released an expanded 25th anniversary reissue of their third album, *Tiny Music...Songs From The Vatican Gift Shop*.



ROB HALFORD

One-time Hillcrest resident and new Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame inductee Rob Halford performed with country singer Dolly Parton at the 2022 HOF induction ceremony. The Los Angeles concert closed with a finale featuring an all-star jam of Parton's 1973 single "Jolene" that paired Halford with her and The Zac Brown Band, Pat Benatar & Neil Gerlado, the Eurythmics' Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart, and Duran Duran's Simon LeBon, Brandi Carlile, and Pink.



BERKLEY HART

Jeff Berkley ("I'm one of the rare native San Diegans") and Calman Hart ("I moved here from Utah in the early '80s") joined forces as Berkley Hart in October 1999. Their annual holiday show *A Berkley Hart Christmas* takes place December 21 at the Music Box in Little Italy. The duo will headline a bill that includes Earl Thomas, Lisa Sanders, Josh Weinstein, and King Taylor Project.



GUNTHER'S GRASS

A new Gunther's Grass album called *UR* dropped November 4. "Hard to describe the sound or genre, though experimental would work," says bandleader Marcelo Radulovich. "The participants are Chris Adler on klan and piano, Scott Walton - who lives in France - on contrabass and piano, and me on hurdy gurdy and electronics. It is another one of these long distance collaborations, no actual playing together, full of creative approaches, playing and sound."

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THE GONZO REPORT

Bassist from Bad Plus kicks amp in frustration

Jazz at Athenaeum can be loud

I'm officially a concert junkie. Since attending my first one (Led Zeppelin in August 1970 at the Sports Arena), I've witnessed more than 1000 shows. Once I started writing about music 13 years ago, this habit shot into overdrive. I stopped counting after documenting close to 600 San Diego shows. At this point, I've showed down quite a bit, partly due to a year's worth of toxic health issues. But coming off surgery to implant a pacemaker, I'm officially bionic and ready to resume a dedicated quest devoted to taking in as many concerts as I can.

I have grown choosier about what I attend, however. I am looking for a transformational experience each time out. I'd prefer to leave any given event a different person from the one

who arrived.

The long-running series Jazz at the Athenaeum has been a consistent source of transformational opportunities over the last 30 years. At first, one might not think the stucco and red tile roof building of the Athenaeum Music & Arts Library likely to harbor such a musical hotbed, but inside, in the compact Joan & Irwin Jacobs Music Room, I've witnessed more fantastic events than in almost any other location.

On October 12, SDMA-award winning drummer/percussionist/bandleader Nathan Hubbard acted as my chauffeur and "plus-one" to catch the latest iteration of The Bad Plus. The group originally developed as a trio with pianist Ethan Iverson, bassist Reid Anderson, and drummer Dave King. That band recorded 14 albums and became popular for offering an *avant garde* sensibility alongside covers of tunes by Nirvana, Johnny Cash, and Igor Stravinsky. A few years back, Iverson quit the band and was replaced by pianist Orrin Evans, who recorded another two albums with them before departing to pursue his own music. At that point, The Bad Plus dropped the "piano trio," descriptor and added two new members: guitarist Ben Monder and saxophone/clarinet specialist Chris Speed.

To be honest, the original Bad Plus didn't do a whole lot for me. Strangely enough, I dug



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The Bad Plus, minus two pianists and plus guitar and sax.

the three founding players individually but was never sold on them as a unit. I was excited, though, to catch the new, expanded line-up, especially in the room which seats 160 listeners. Ben Monder is one of my favorite post-Metheny guitarists and Chris Speed has blown me away when he's come to San Diego with other bands.

Athenaeum Jazz program coordinator Dan Atkinson sat me in the first row. Just as the show began, Dave King (who was positioned just inches from the audience), wisecracked "Let me know if you can't hear the drums!" King can get loud, and there were several folks in the first few rows whose ears might still be recovering.

Reid Anderson led things off with a solo bass soliloquy that reminded me of the iconic Charlie Haden. Monder was surrounded by close to a dozen footpedal guitar effects, and at times he seemed to use them all (mostly delays and reverbs); his sonics careened around the room. Speed was hard to hear, and I couldn't tell if he was holding back, or if the room simply didn't favor his aesthetic. At one point, Anderson and King became animated about a noise coming from the bass amp.

The noise returned halfway through the fourth tune ("You Won't See Me Until I Come Back"), and Anderson kicked the amp so hard it moved several feet from its original spot. Everything stopped, and this time it was discovered that a cable had malfunctioned; upon replacement, the music continued with a vengeance. Perhaps to break the ice after his amp-abuse, Anderson quipped "How about that Dewey decimal system?" which made the crowd respond with nervous laughter.

The band was loud, and there were times when the two large mirrors hanging on the back wall seemed to sway in time with the music, but after the amplifier issue, no more drama ensued. ■

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Vogue Tavern: *Monday-Friday, 3-5pm:* \$5 all draft beer pints, well cocktails, Patron shots, micheladas, Jameson shots, burgers, kielbasa sandwiches. *Sunday, 9-11pm:* \$5 all draft beer pints, well cocktails, Patron shots, micheladas, Jameson shots, burgers, kielbasa sandwiches.

CORONADO

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McP's Irish Pub and Grill: *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm:* Half off House Chardonnay & Cabernet by the glass, \$1 off beer or cocktails

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

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

Carnitas' Snack Shack — Embarcadero: *Tuesday, 3pm-5pm:* \$8 well drinks, \$10 craft cocktails, \$2 off all draft beers. Three tacos for \$13 all day.

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.

BOOZE NEWS

BY MATTHEW FLYNN

Cutwater releases a line of just-add-hot-water mixers

The days are shorter, and the temperature is dropping. It may not get truly frigid in San Diego, but that doesn't mean a warm beverage doesn't have its appeal during the fall and winter months. Realizing this, Cutwater, a brand typically associated with summery cocktails such as mai tais and margaritas, has launched a new line: Cutwater Heaters.

Heaters are essentially high-proof (40% ABV) mixers recommended to be combined with four ounces of hot water for every 1.5 ounces of mixer. The

seasonal offering, made with Cutwater spirits, comes in three flavors: Hot Buttered Rum, Hot Toddy, and Vodka Apple Pie.

Hot Buttered Rum tastes just like the classic winter cocktail, but without the need for making a batch of batter. Strong notes of butter and cinnamon come through initially, with subtler vanilla and clove flavor lingering after the first sip. Fans of hot buttered rum will appreciate a quick, easy option for making the drink.

Hot Toddy, made with Cutwater Bourbon, offers the strongest taste of its spirit laced with oak and citrus. Honey and lemon are the most notable flavors, with some slight vanilla notes. While Hot Toddy should appeal to bourbon lovers, it is the cocktail that benefits most from adding more of the mixer than the recommended one shot for every four ounces of hot water.

Vodka Apple Pie stands as the most unique, and flavorful, of the three Heaters. Gwen Conley, Cutwater's director of quality assurance and innovation, explains, "When we came up with the idea for Heaters, we also had to think about what flavors would work best in a hot format. After much experimentation, we found that Hot Buttered Rum, Whiskey Hot Toddy, and Vodka

Apple Pie tasted delicious when we added hot water. While Vodka Apple Pie isn't a traditional cocktail - who doesn't love apple pie?" Tart apple, cinnamon, and butter come through in every



COURTESY KALA PR

Heaters are here for the holidays

sip, reminiscent of a more potent version of the holiday staple. Sweeter than the other two mixers, Vodka Apple Pie remains a balanced drink that could pair well with a cinnamon stick garnish or a dollop of whipped cream on top.

Most notable about Heaters is that while

they're easy to make, there is plenty of room for experimentation — from finding the right ratio of mixer to water, to trying new garnishes and adding the mixer to other hot beverages such as tea or coffee. Conley encourages such exploration, noting, "We just make it easy; you make it personal."

In addition to the new Heaters, Cutwater has brought back Cutwater Bali Hai Tiki Holiday Spirit, a long-standing seasonal favorite. The tiki-inspired take on egg nog boasts pineapple and coconut flavors which replace the of the traditional nog's custard notes. At 20% ABV, Bali Hai Tiki Holiday Spirit isn't as strong as the Heaters, but whereas the latter is too

syrupey to drink on its own, the former works just as well as a stand-alone drink as it does mixed into a holiday cocktail.

For more craft booze news, see sandiegoreader.com/news/booze-news

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.

MIRAMAR

Duck Foot Brewing Company: *Monday, 12pm-8pm:* \$4 pints with Grotto membership card *Tuesday, All day:* \$12 two Fish Tacos and pint of draft beer *Thursday, Save 20 percent* on Growler and Grumbler fills

MISSION BEACH

Coaster Saloon: *Monday, 3pm-6pm:* \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft, \$5 well drinks. *Tuesday, 3pm-6pm:* \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft and El Jimador shots, \$5 well drinks, house margarita. *Wednesday, 3pm-6pm:* \$1 off all IPA, \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft and Fireball shots, \$5 well drinks. *Thursday, 3pm-6pm:* \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft, Mission Blonde draft, Polish Pie shots, \$5 well drinks. *Friday, 3pm-6pm:* \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft, \$5 well drinks, Captain Morgan, Jack Daniels, Jager shots. *Saturday, All day:* \$15 Champagne bottles. *Sunday, All day:* \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$12 Champagne bottles.

Miss B's Coconut Club: *Friday, 3-6pm:* \$7 daiquiris and mojitos.

MISSION HILLS

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

Farmer's Bottega: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-6pm:* \$6 draft beers, \$3 off glasses of wine, discounted specialty cocktails, appetizers, and flatbreads.

MISSION VALLEY

Lazy Dog: *Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm and 9pm-close:* \$3-\$8: Housemade sangrias, well drinks,

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

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

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Sycamore Den: *Daily, 5-6pm:* \$1 off draft beer, \$1 off wine, \$2 off specialty cocktails

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.

Rouleur 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

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

Ambrogio15: *Monday-Friday, 3-5pm:* \$19 per person biodynamic (organic) wine flight with three selected biodynamic wines (two ounce pour) and focaccia bread, olives, artichokes.

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: *Monday, 4-7pm:* Half off appetizers.

The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: *Tuesday-Sunday, 5-9pm:* Bottles cocktails to go.

POINT LOMA

Catalina Lounge: *Monday-Friday, 3pm-7pm:* \$1 off beer & wine, \$5 Espolon blanco, \$5 Highest bourbon, \$5 Skrewball. All day \$7 Estrella lager & Mellow corn whiskey combo. *Saturday-Sunday, All day:* \$7 Estrella lager & Mellow corn whiskey combo.

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

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MILITARY DIRECTOR JIM HIGGINS What's going on outside at the admiral Baker's filthy bathrooms at the gold course #126? Ladies room is locked up for one month.

THANK YOU to all my faithful and loyal friends for coming to see me, regularly, at Bullies in Mission Valley! I appreciate you... Rachel

TO LIL AND DAMION Happy Thanksgiving from Tina Marie. Stay tuned!

DEAR KATHERINE Dearest Katherine, I've been at the Trailways bus stop in Dateland waiting for your arrival for quite some time. Have you been detained at customs again with that 'fishy' passport you continue to use. Hope to see you soon. Love, Frank

DRIVEWAY SOCIETY it has come to our attention at the Driveway Society that many fellow citizens have failed to keep their sidewalks swept daily, not complying with city code #4829. Please be advised that we will be taking names. Thank you once again.

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Take care love Mrs. Crabit. (619) 787-2486

FOOL ME ONCE, shame on you, fool me twice, shame on me. I have to know better...

SERVERJESSICA Thank you for the beautiful memories and hilarious stories. I love you very much and if you ever need my help, I'll always be there for you... love Ernestina.

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BILL WALTON, Thanks for being one awesome human being. How to see you at the Gulls Hockey game again soon!

SHADOW PEOPLE Sorry about that I could thank me by forgiving all my ?? That WAS and maybe let me do a better thing or TWO w u.

TOO SCRAPPY FOR WORDS SOMETIMES nonetheless I am glad for your happiness.

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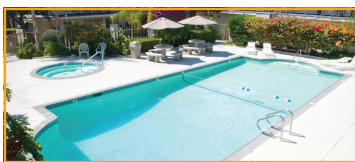


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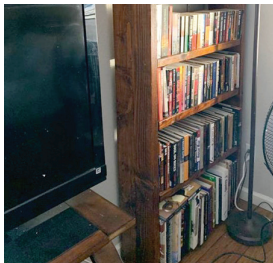
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Bluefin unfazed by stormy weather, trout season heats up

Dock Totals 10/30 – 11/12: 2376 anglers aboard 126 half-day to 3-day trips out of San Diego landings over the past two weeks caught 870 bluefin tuna (to 241 pounds), 15 bocaccio, 1320 bonito, 215 calico bass, 43 dorado, 2 halibut, 54 lingcod, 1 mako shark (released), 16 rock crab, 3528 rockfish, 104 sand bass, 45 sanddab, 358 sculpin, 427 sheephead, 3 Spanish jack, 2 spider crab, 69 spiny lobster (133 released), 2 swordfish, 1529 whitefish, 543 yellowfin tuna, and 83 yellowtail.

Saltwater: The wind blew, rain fell, seas churned, and water cooled over the past couple weeks. There were a few days when no boats made it out of their slips due to weather, and the angler count was less than half of that during the previous two weeks. Overall, dorado, yellowfin, and even yellowtail counts fell like a rock for the local 1.5- to 3-day fleet. It was to be expected, after the outrageously good fishing through late summer and well into autumn for the more tropical pelagic species. The mass of yellowfin and dorado that was well into U.S. waters has now retreated south toward warmer climes along the mid and southern Baja coast offshore banks, while yellowtail, though tight-lipped at the Coronado Islands, are still scratching away from Ensenada down to San Quintin.

From there and heading south, the yellowtail bite only gets better, with the best area being along the Vizcaino Peninsula's southern edge, where November through January is high season for quality yellowtail. Yellowfin, dorado, and wahoo are now at the mercy of the long-range fleet fishing off the southern-most banks and high spots of Baja as their season begins. Reports of cow yellowfin tuna over 300 pounds and wide-open wahoo on surface irons outside of Bahia Magdalena are already trickling in, and all indications are pointing to another great winter for the long-range fleet.

Closer to home, it seems that the bluefin tuna weren't all that fazed by the cooling water. As the last storm cleared, boats fishing 10 to 20 miles off the southwest end of San Clemente Island and about 65 miles due west of Point Loma reported good limit-style fishing for bluefin up to over 200 pounds. Bluefin can be a finicky biter; they are endothermic and can handle temperature changes better than other tunas, and thus are usually hanging around the banks near San Clemente Island by November, where they seem to spend much of the winter/spring months.

Unlike the other migrating tunas, bluefin do not return to their spawning grounds every year. Not all of them, anyhow. There are annual migrations of bluefin going both directions every year, but those would be the yearling 20-pound or so footballs coming over to feed and grow until they are five to seven years old and around 300 to 400 pounds, which is when they reach maturity and return to their spawning grounds. There are two sub-species of bluefin tuna in the Pacific; the southern Pacific bluefin that spend its life in the western Pacific (from near the Equator and south into the southern hemisphere near New Zealand), and the northern Pacific stocks that we see off our coast.

Most northern Pacific bluefin travel 5000 miles across the Pacific, remain off the coast of California, Baja, and even as far north as Washington until they reach spawning age, then return to the Sea of Japan. Even though females can release between five million and 25 million eggs when spawning, researchers of planktons and microorganisms in the water column have yet to find any bluefin eggs in study captures in the eastern Pacific. The cooling year off our coast has little effect on bluefin tuna, both the tunas returning to spawn and the yearlings coming over make their journey by a northern route that takes them through chilly sub-50-degree water.



Our first photo contest winner of two Half-Day passes for fishing aboard the Premier is 9-year-old Taj Klammer of Encinitas. Taj caught and released this eight-pound roosterfish while fishing near Los Cabos, Baja California Sur in October of this year. Congratulations Taj!

There have been no signs of bluefin spawning on our side of the Pacific, and the largest caught here, other than a few 500-pound-plus outliers nabbed commercially outside the Channel Islands in the 1980s, are pushing 400 pounds. Every bluefin tuna caught by the San Diego fleet is at most a pre-spawn juvenile, which can be hard to fathom given their powerful fight. Still, even at 400 pounds, the bluefin tuna we see have a lot of growing to do, as they can live up to 25 years and grow to over nine feet in length and a half ton in weight. The world record northern Pacific bluefin tuna caught by rod and reel stands at 907 pounds.

Though the tropical pelagics have gone south, nearshore, surf, and bay fishing seems to be heating up as the weather cools. Halibut are biting well in both bays, surf perch are showing on the beaches, and sheephead, bass, and sculpin are biting off the kelp edges. Further out, rockfish and whitefish are also biting steadily for those fishing the lower water column on the local banks. Though yellowfin tuna and dorado have most likely bid a fond adieu to the local fleet until next summer, great fishing continues for those getting out there.

Freshwater: As Halloween's ghouls and goblins are removed to make way for icicles and blinking lights, trout season comes upon us. Last week, Santee Lakes held their trout season opener and did not disappoint, with many anglers walking away with limits. This weekend, November 18-20, Lake Jennings will hold their opener with a stock of 2500 pounds of rainbow trout from Wright's Rainbows in Thatcher, Idaho. At least ten percent of the 20,000-pounds they will stock November through April will be over three pounds.

Seasonal trout plants can also kick other species into gear. Largemouth bass and catfish seem to trigger on the plants, as both love to eat trout, but at least big one bit before the first plant of the season. A 30-pound, 8-ounce blue catfish was caught by David Jensen at Lake Jennings on November 4. Jensen was using cut mackerel while fishing near the T-dock when the big cat hit.

Whether on the open ocean, beach, lake, or bay, they're out there, so go get 'em!

Notable catches:

10/30 – 12 anglers aboard the *Premier* had a nice afternoon outing, with 53 rockfish, 3 sheephead, 2 sculpin, and 1 calico bass reported caught.

11/1 – The *Excalibur* called in with 115 bonito, 15 dorado, 10 yellowfin tuna, 5 yellowtail, and 1 bluefin tuna landed by 23 anglers aboard their 1.5-day trip.

11/4 – 7 hoop-netters aboard the *Jig Strike* twilight lobster trip hauled 27 lobster (20 released), and 5 rock crab over the rail.

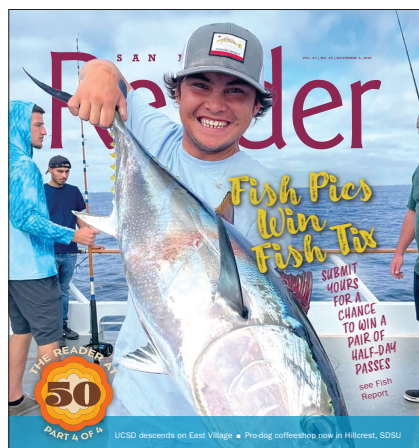
11/6 – 97 bluefin tuna were reported caught by 25 anglers aboard the *Pacific Queen* 2.5-day trip.

11/8 – Limits for 17 anglers aboard the *Old Glory* 1.5-day trip, with 34 bluefin caught.

11/12 – The post-storm calm south of San Clemente Island is still producing, as the *New Lo-Ann* called in with limits of 56 bluefin tuna for the 14 anglers aboard their 2.5-day trip.

Fish Plants: 11/18 – Lake Jennings, trout (2500)

DANIEL POWELL



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— President Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus took the opportunity of a meeting at Konstantin Palace in St. Petersburg, Russia, on Oct. 7 to present Russian President Vladimir Putin with a birthday gift, the Associated Press reported. Putin turned 70 years old that day, so naturally, Lukashenko presented him with a gift certificate for a Belarusian tractor. (Tractors are a source of pride in that country's industry.) Lukashenko told reporters that he uses a similar model in his own garden; Putin, however, did not comment on the gift. Instead, he addressed issues such as conflict between ex-Soviet nations, fighting terrorism and illegal drugs.

Least Competent Criminal

— In Seminole, Florida, 56-year-old Paul James Sinclair summoned his inner 8-year-old on Oct. 10 as he attempted a bank robbery. Sinclair, according to *The Smoking Gun*, entered a Chase branch with his hand under his shirt making "the shape of a gun with his finger," arrest records said. He advised teller Desiree Stefanik not to "push any buttons" as he waited for her to hand over the loot. Sinclair got away with only \$120 and was arrested shortly after the incident.

Awesome!

— Ray Ruschel may not be the fastest or strongest defensive lineman on the North Dakota State College of Science football team, but he brings his best game and more to the team, the Associated Press reported.

Ruschel, 49, works as a night-shift mechanic at a sugar beet factory. He decided to enroll at the college to study business management, and he learned he was eligible to try out for the football team – reviving his high school career of more than 30 years earlier. Ruschel's coach gives him high marks: "His personality ... he's just a really likable guy with an ambition not to leave any stone unturned," said Eric Issendorf, who's one year younger than Ruschel. With about a dozen plays per game, Ruschel has helped his team secure a 4-1 record for the season, and they're hoping for a national championship.

Armed and Clumsy

— On Oct. 6, Burlington (North Carolina) police officers responded to a call around 7 a.m., the *News & Record* reported. A homeowner told them that as he walked from his car to his front door, an armed man approached him and tried to force his way inside the house. The two struggled, and a gunshot grazed the victim's chest, but he wasn't seriously injured. The victim was able to slam the door on the suspect -- or, more precisely, on the suspect's hand. As investigators processed the scene, they found a glove with a severed finger inside, which they used to identify Vernon Forest Wilson, 67. He was booked on multiple charges in Alamance County and held on \$250,000 bond.

Questionable Judgment

— Youth pastor Cory Wall of the Fairview Baptist Church in Greer, South Carolina,

misstepped in a big way on Oct. 5 when he distributed "I (heart) hot youth pastors" stickers to the young members of his congregation, *Only Sky* reported. After some social media backlash, Wall admitted that his "joke" was a "mistake," but his church was more reticent about the incident: First, the church sent a private email to members saying it had discussed the matter with Wall and he "understands this should not have been shared with the students." When that wasn't enough, Fairview issued a public statement on Oct. 9, allowing that the sticker was "offensive to some" and confirming that Wall had been placed on administrative leave. Upset congregants are reportedly praying for more.

People With Issues

— Police in Smithfield, Utah, responded to a domestic violence call on Oct. 8 that didn't turn out how they expected, KUTV reported. Rachelle Clingo Walker, 35, told officers that her husband had struck her during a psychotic episode, but Walker's husband had video that portrayed a different story. In the video, Walker can be seen "trying to bring out the victim's 'other personality' by speaking in incantations," the report noted. She's shown gripping his arm "tighter, cutting into his hand with her nails." When the husband tells her to stop, Walker grabs a pair of scissors and holds them "above her head in an intimidating fashion," not allowing him to escape. He finally got away from her, and she called police. Walker was arrested for aggravated assault, unlawful detention and other charges.

Ewwwww

— On Sept. 13, ophthalmologist Katerina Kurteeva, who practices in Newport Beach, California, shared with her Instagram followers a troubling video, *Oddity Central* reported. Dr. Kurteeva documented the removal of "forgotten" contact lenses from an elderly patient's eye – 23 of them, to be exact. Some of them were so old they had turned green. "They were essentially glued together after sitting under the eyelid for a month," she wrote. "Don't sleep in your contact lenses!" she warned.

The Continuing Crisis

— Electric cars, trips to space, Twitter -- it's never enough for serial entrepreneur Elon Musk. Now, Reuters reported, the joke's on buyers who snapped up 10,000 bottles of Musk's new perfume, *Burnt Hair*, in just a few hours -- at \$100 a pop. "With a name like mine, getting into the fragrance business was inevitable -- why did I even fight it for so long!?" Musk wondered on Twitter. The perfume is described on The Boring Company's website as "the essence of repugnant desire." "Just like leaning over a candle at the dinner table, but without all the hard work," it boasts. The scent won't start shipping until September 2023, so you can cross it off your Christmas list for this year.

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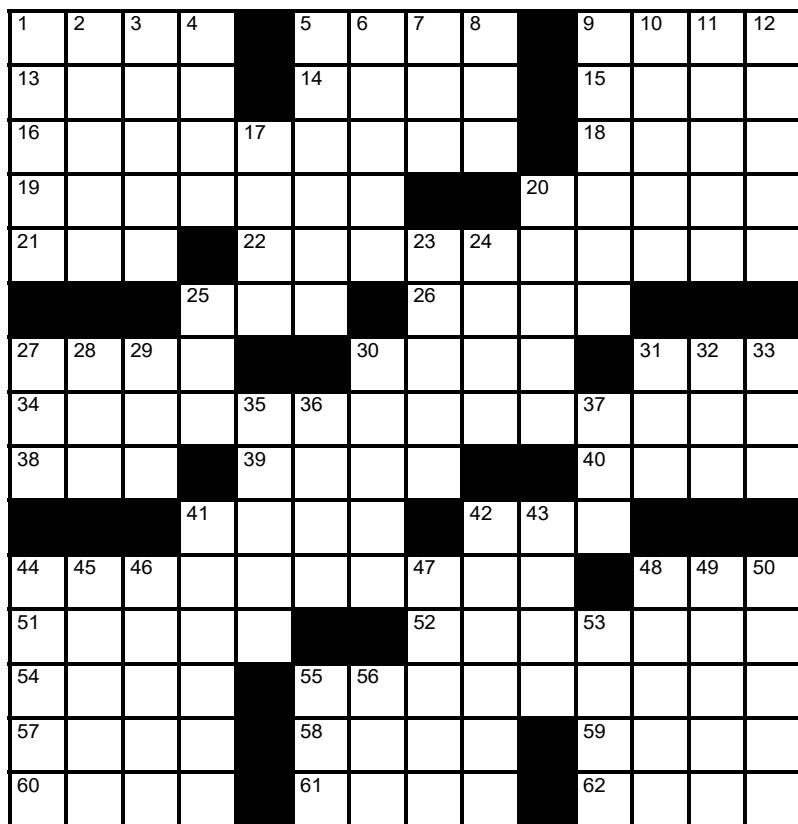
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Across

- 1.** British financial giant founded in Hong Kong
5. Centers
9. Editor's "leave it in"
13. Donald Duck, to his nephews
14. One, on a one
15. One of Pakistan's two official languages
16. Winner of the first season of "Survivor"
18. Author Gaiman
19. Medical-scanning option for claustrophobes
20. Minor hits?
21. Rod and Todd's dad on "The Simpsons"

- 22.** Runner-up to Albert Einstein as Time's Person of the Century in 1999
25. Delivery room possibility
26. Fish whose preparation is strictly regulated in Japan
27. ____ O's (breakfast cereal)
30. Greiner of "Shark Tank"
31. "Levitating" singer Lipa
34. Group with the 1983 hit "Safety Dance" ... or a hint to solving 16-, 22-, 44- and 55-Across
38. Jupiter or Mars
39. ____ parm
40. Iowa State's city
41. Julia's "Ocean's Eleven" role
42. Org. for D.C. United and

- LA Galaxy
44. He collaborated with Roberta Flack on the 1972 album "Where Is the Love"
48. Lie a little
51. "So long, amigo"
52. "Let's do this thing"
54. Be at an angle
55. Lewis Carroll character who asks "Does your watch tell you what year it is?"
57. Fashion magazine since 1945
58. Tabula ____
59. Part of a comparison
60. Black and Red, for two
61. Worldwide: Abbr.
62. Bouquet holder

Down

- 1.** Second-largest Great Lake
2. Take potshots
3. Looped in secretly, in email
4. "High Hopes" lyricist Sammy
5. It can follow two hips
6. Raise the lights back to regular level
7. Tampa NFLer
8. Texter's "I can't believe this"
9. George H.W. Bush's chief of staff John
10. Blow up on Twitter
11. Wharton who was the first woman to win a Pulitzer Prize for fiction
12. Gabbard who was the first Hindu elected to U.S.

- Congress
17. Pies, in a slapstick fight
20. Quit, slangily
23. "Don't play me for ____!"
24. Spiritual leader
25. Pull (out)
27. "!!!!"
28. Rock's ____ Speedwagon
29. Terminate
30. ____ Apso (Tibetan dog breed)
31. Hydroelectric project
32. Pac-12 athlete
33. Stubborn animal
35. Actresses Dana and Judith
36. Former "Entertainment Tonight" host John
37. Contains

- 41.** Low-risk govt. securities
42. Fox or ox
43. Harp-shaped constellation
44. Fruits from palm trees
45. "Swan Lake" maiden
46. Nabisco wafer brand
47. "Parenthood" Oscar nominee Dianne
48. Nickname of jazz great Earl Hines
49. Notions
50. David of the Talking Heads
53. 1999 Ron Howard film
55. Start to cycle?
56. China's largest ethnic group

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