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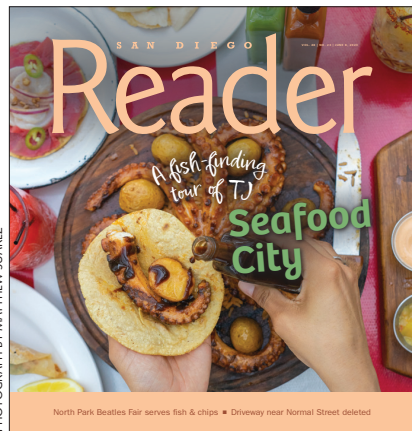
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

HILLCREST

Driveway condemnation

Public promenade and bike lanes both at risk from vehicular traffic

After years of delays, Normal Street's pedestrian promenade, which began as a grassroots effort in Hillcrest in 2015, is moving forward. What was the holdup?

A driveway.

Hillcrest Village Square Partners, who have owned the easement for over 50 years, have until now fought off the city's takeover of the driveway at 1440-1458 University Ave, which abuts Normal Street and is one of two access points to their businesses.



Walk this way: a rendering of the Normal Street promenade, courtesy of [KeepSanDiegoMoving.com](https://www.KeepSanDiegoMoving.com).

David Snyder, speaking for a partnership of four owners of East Hill 1440, whose businesses use the driveway, said "the center's Normal Street access is critical for the safety of our customers and the pedestrians and cyclists who use this area — the exact groups the city and SANDAG are looking to protect."

The closure of the driveway, "moves vehicle traffic from the lowest point of pedestrian and cyclist interaction to the intersection with the highest count of pedestrians and cyclists," he added. "Increased conflicts are

"probable amount of compensation" for the property is \$85,000. The final amount will be decided by a court or through continued negotiations with the owners.

For now, the city "needs to move forward to acquire the easement of access to meet project deadlines."

The work is currently in the final steps of design; the goal is to start construction in 2024.

SHEILA PELL

NEWS video post caption about the fire mentioned earlier in Normal Heights. "Upon their arrival, they had light smoke coming from the apartment. Firefighters made entry and reported an extinguished electric scooter was extinguished. According to a witness on the scene, one of the neighbors extinguished the scooter prior to SDFD's arrival... A Hazmat was also dispatched to the scene."

"When it comes to lithium-ion batteries seen in your scooters and cell phones,

"The center's Normal Street access is critical for the safety of our customers and the pedestrians."

Last week, the city council adopted a resolution of necessity to begin the eminent domain process to acquire the property for the Normal Street Promenade project, which will support the San Diego Regional Bike Plan.

A portion of Normal Street will be reduced from four lanes to two lanes to allow for a public promenade with street trees, decorative pavement, expanded gathering spaces, and a separate bikeway.

The new public space was envisioned as part of the Uptown Community Plan in 2016, as well as SANDAG's bikeways project. It was approved as a Capital Improvements Project in 2019.

Both sides say safety is a central concern.

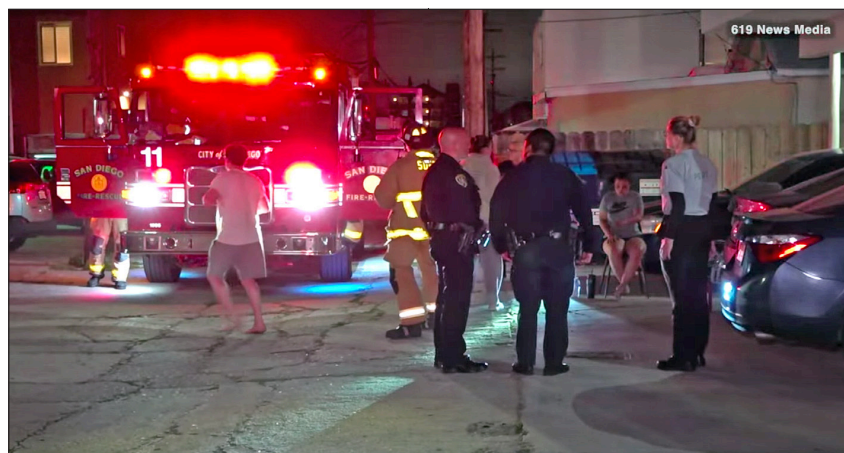
certain to result."

The city says the driveway must close, or else the promenade likely can't proceed, due to vehicles crossing it. In order to use eminent domain, the project has to serve public interest and acquisition of the property must be necessary.

Supporters called on the city to move forward without any more delays.

Several redesigns and accommodations were made at the request of Hillcrest Village Square Partners. The city commissioned a parking study to evaluate impacts to the Partners' parking lot.

Mary Carlson, assistant deputy director of the city department of real estate, said the driveway was appraised for \$50,000. The



"If you see a [e-bike or e-scooter] fire, Don't try to fight the fire. Call 911."

THE ELECTRIFIED WORLD Lithium-ion battery fires becoming more common Bird scooters replaced by burnt scooters

On May 18, a Zero electric scooter caught fire at an apartment complex in Normal Heights. The Thursday night fire by the hillside overlooking Mission Valley and just west of the 805 was the fifth lithium-ion battery fire in San Diego County reported in 2023. Also referred to as a Li-ion battery, it was the cause of another fire on an airplane that left San Diego International Airport earlier in the year.

News outlets worldwide report that rechargeable lithium-ion battery fires are more prevalent because of the inferior composition of certain cheaper-made batteries. And San Diego County is feeling the heat as well.

"San Diego Fire Rescue responded to a report of an apartment fire near the 9000 block of Idaho Street," reads a 911 VIDEO

lithium-ion is a certain type of chemical where it's classified a certain way," said Josh A. in a recent interview with me. "It's Class 9. [The batteries are] manufactured, packaged, and shipped a certain way. And there's a first responder response to those types of Class 9 fires where hazmat responds to lithium-ion battery fires."

Josh, who requested only to use his first name, was a firefighter for a couple of years.

"You can't just spray water on it; if you spray water on electricity and if you mix water with that chemical, it's going to arc even more and create more of a fire."

The 1:45 minute video clip of the Normal Heights scooter fire aftermath depicts a woman getting treated by fire department personnel "for minor burns," which she sustained "while attempting to put the fire out."

"If you see a [e-bike or e-scooter] fire," reads the [SanDiego.gov](https://www.sandiego.gov) site, "leave the building immediately. Don't try to fight the fire."

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Concrete solution sought; the troublesome driveway that is causing the problem for both sides.

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Call 911.”

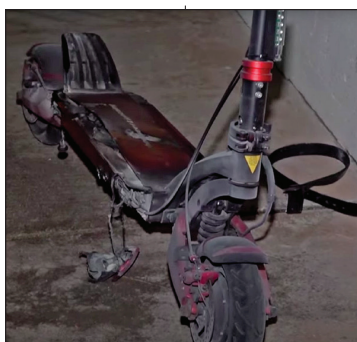
On April 3, on Dumas Street in the Liberty Station neighborhood, a lithium battery stored in a closet reportedly self-combusted

and ignited a fire, said 911 VIDEO NEWS. The blaring smoke detectors woke up the family, then they, including their dogs, immediately left the house.

A day prior, on April 2, about 8 miles southwest of Liberty Station, 911 VIDEO NEWS reported about another fire in Logan Heights. “The couple was inside their apartment, and they were charging their electric bike inside. The lithium battery overheated and started a fire. The male attempted to put the fire out when the battery exploded and sent the acid all over the male. He was badly burned and transported to the UCSD Burn Center. The female ran out of the apartment completely naked. Neighbors who evacuated the apartment complex gave her blankets to cover herself.”



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A firefighter rolls the burnt scooter away and a “well-done” scooter after the extinguishing.

MIKE MADRIAGA

In March, a city of Carlsbad spokesperson reportedly said two fires in their coastal city were attributed to lithium-ion batteries, the latter to an electric scooter and its charger.

Defective and damaged batteries can overheat, catch fire, or explode, adds the city of San Diego site. And on top of that, lithium-ion battery fires emit toxic gases, burning exceedingly hot.

In February, a lithium-ion battery caught on fire in a cabin on a United Airlines airplane that left San Diego en route to Newark, New Jersey, reported NBC News. Seven people were injured on the flight, and the pilot returned to San Diego.

The city site adds to look out for “these problems with the battery: unusual odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, smoking, or not keeping a charge.” And if you need to get rid of the batteries from your home or workplace, do not discard the lithium-ion batteries in the trash, but instead drop off the batteries at a local battery recycling location or contact your local waste department for disposal instructions.

UNDER THE RADAR

DNA’s TJ terror Border Patrol units in San Diego and El Centro rank high on the list of entities that collected the most DNA samples from detainees last year, with San Diego gathering 44,757 and El Centro bagging 29,451, according to a May 24 report to two Congressional committee chairs from **Rebecca Gambler**, Director, Homeland Security and Justice in the Government Accountability Office. Del Rio, Texas tops the list with 151,843, while the lowest was the Havre, Montana office near the border with Canada, with only 24.

But House Republicans remain unassuaged. “You asked us to examine [Customs and Border Patrol’s] implementation of the DNA Fingerprint Act of 2005,” says Gambler’s letter to Homeland Security committee chair **Mark E. Green** and Border Security and Enforcement Subcommittee chair **Clay Higgins**. Though Gambler’s report notes that the Border Patrol “has collected nearly 1 million DNA samples from individuals in its custody” since the program began in 2020, the findings remain dispiriting to those calling for even more genetic surveillance of undocumented border crossers apprehended by the patrol. From the report: “Border Patrol officials from both southwest border sectors we spoke to noted ongoing issues with shortages of DNA collection kits, resulting in an insufficient number of kits to collect DNA from all individuals covered by the DNA collection regulation. Border Patrol officials we spoke with in the Del Rio and Rio Grande Valley sectors added that these kit supply shortages are most acute during peak periods for border crossings.”

Improvement is promised, per the letter. “According to FBI officials, CBP’s demand for DNA collection kits has at times led to limitations in the supply of kits available. To address this issue, FBI officials stated that they received approximately \$8 million in additional funding in fiscal year 2023 to increase the supply of collection kits and processing capacity. The agency has also requested additional annual funding to increase capacity for supplying and processing DNA samples beginning in fiscal year 2024, according to FBI officials. FBI officials anticipate that the additional funding in fiscal year 2023, as well as the requested funding beginning in fiscal year 2024, would enable them to provide enough DNA sample collection kits to meet CBP’s demand for kits.” But despite increased taxpayer funding, the auditors questioned why the genetic testing

rate was so low, standing at 37 percent in 2022. “While some of the individuals encountered by [Custom and Border Protection’s Office of Field Operations] and Border Patrol were not covered by the regulation, the agencies cannot readily determine the extent to which these non-collections were appropriate and valid because they do not systematically record data on the reasons for the non-collections.”

A recommendation by Gambler that more monitoring is needed was accepted by



Rebecca Gambler: ample samples, but GOP wants more.

Homeland Security officials. Meanwhile, House members Higgins and Green have gone after the Biden administration for lack of vigilance against Middle East terrorists trying to sneak across the Tijuana border. “According to multiple sources from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Afghan national was apprehended near San Diego, California, along with a group of aliens who had crossed the

border illegally,” the pair wrote in a May 23 letter to Homeland Security Secretary **Alejandro Mayorkas** and FBI Director **Christopher Wray**. “Reports indicate that a fingerprint scan revealed he was a match to someone on the Terrorist Screening Database, triggering an investigation by the FBI. Additionally, a Pakistani national on the FBI’s terrorist watchlist was arrested by Border Patrol agents in southeastern Arizona, a day after the expiration of Title 42, according to reports.”

Pink sheet Pat The fortune of Big Pharma billionaire **Patrick Soon-Shiong**, owner of both the *Los Angeles Times* and



Patrick Soon-Shiong: print media isn’t his only risky business.

its San Diego little sister, the *Union-Tribune*, is down to \$6.1 billion on paper, according to the *Forbes* real-time net worth report. Though that may be enough for Soon-Shiong to keep subsidizing the advertising-starved papers, another problem with one of the entrepreneur physician’s once-vaunted biotech companies has cropped up, leading to concerns that, despite denials, he won’t be able to deliver

a print version of the *U-T* once his LA printing plant shuttered in mid-2024. “NantHealth on Tuesday disclosed that its shares would be delisted from the market and that its common stock will instead be quoted on the [Over the Counter] Pink exchange,” the *Triangle Business Journal* of upstate New York reported May 24. “This transition follows NantHealth in October receiving a deficiency letter from Nasdaq officials that the company was not in compli-

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Del Mar: no heart for art

Your May 9 article ("Is Octetra the right art for Del Mar?," Neighborhood News, May 9, 2023) about the proposal from the City of Del Mar's Arts Advisory Committee for a Noguchi sculpture to be installed at the Del Mar Civic Center got a few of the most critical facts about the proposal wrong. Your reporter, Sheila Pell said, "The Del Mar City Council voted 3-2 to proceed to a 60-day public comment phase." If only that were true. The fact is that the Council voted 3-2 to kill the project on the spot. The Council did not take its Arts Advisory Committee's recommendation to move the proposal forward with a public comment period, which would have been followed by a vote by residents. This was a sad day for many residents and many steps backwards for Del Mar in terms of public art.

Dolores Davies Jamison
Del Mar

Comments from SDReader.com — not edited for punctuation, spelling, or grammar.

Gonzo Report: Tio Leo's transforms into a proper jazz joint

Gonzo Report, May 18, 2023

Good to read this, Robert Bush! Power to Holly Hoffman and the esteemed musicians to transform once again another room intrinsically not made for music into an extraordinary space. I think of some of the great clubs in NY, the Village Vanguard, for example, a basement on a busy avenue. It was the power of the extraordinary music and the club owners, Max and Lorraine Gordon who insisted on quiet, and little by little tweaked the acoustics of the room into becoming an iconic venue.

-Hoffman fan

Excellent venue revue.

-Jazzy Jeff

Pickleball edging out tennis on San Diego courts

Cover Story, May 24, 2023

Great article on a sport I love.

-Not a McEnroe fan

Love to see that Pickleball is getting some of the attention it deserves! Great sport for all ages! San Diego city needs to get on board!

-Picked in Point Loma

ROBB FIELD in OB should be PICKLEBALL! Get on board City of San Diego!

-Sweet Pickles

It's Almost Time!

Reminder: The San Diego Parks Board hearing is the third Thursday of June (the 15th) at 2pm in Balboa Park. Address: 2150 Pan American West Road, 92101. Mark your calendar and come see PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION OF SAN DIEGO presentation promoting pickleball accessibility.

PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION OF SAN DIEGO has a fact-based proposal and will cover how far behind San Diego is with regards to pickleball, what options the City should consider, and how PASD can assist. Our hope is for the Board to advise the City and for City to come to a data-driven decision that satisfies local residents.

We strongly encourage local pickleball supporters to come out on the 15th and see the presentation in-person. This is more hearing than rally. Still, now is the time to show support for City officials to see. We look forward to this momentous event.

-PASD over

El Cajon tries to crack down on hotels - state says no

Neighborhood News, May 23, 2023

"At Motel 6 on Montrose Court two men were alleged to have molested a 16-year-old girl and videotaped the act." Nobody uses "video tape" any-

more, except maybe in 3rd world countries.

-Blu-Ray's all the way

UCSD students and University City long-timers in epic battle

Neighborhood News, May 16, 2023

According to state records, Our Time To Act, formerly known as Bayreach has four officers. Three are based in NorCal, Sunnyvale, Cupertino and one in Fremont. Aidan Lin - began reporting a San Diego address in 2022 but the group is HQ'd in Sunnyvale, according to its own filings.

Lin is a recent Toni Atkins appointee to a youth board.

-Claire-ification

Many ways to the top at Woodson

Roam-O-Rama, July 9, 2014

Does anyone know if there are still existing Cork Oak trees in the trail area? Over two hundred were planted in 1944 by the DAR.

-Tree Query

A father's blood in Rancho Santa Fe

Cover Story, Aug. 22, 2018

After many delays, this morning May 25, 2023, Leighton Dorey was sentenced to Life in prison without parole.

-Eva Knott

Mother of 15 Girls and 8 Boys, 1960

Picture Story, Aug 30, 2007

My Beautiful Garcia Family!!!

-Birthing Betty

Under the radar

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ance with a rule requiring listed companies to have a minimum \$15 million market value for publicly held shares. The company had 180 days to regain compliance, a deadline that hit earlier this month. Unable to regain compliance, NantHealth on May 11 filed a request for a hearing before a Nasdaq panel. The hearing was set to take place June 8, but more than a week after NantHealth filed its request, the company withdrew it. According to a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the company 'determined that it is no longer in its best interest to pursue continued listing of its common stock on the Nasdaq Global Select Market."

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— Matt Potter
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UNREAL ESTATE

by Dave Rice

San Diego's original city charter dates back to 1850, the same year California was granted statehood. Two years later, however, the city was bankrupt and the state revoked that charter, handing over control of the fledgling community to a board of trustees. It would take until 1889 for San Diego to regain its cityhood. Coincidentally, that's the same year that the Long-Waterman Mansion, a Queen Anne Victorian, was constructed in Bankers Hill — so named for



A grand house as old as the city itself —well, its second time 'round, anyway.

its wealthy early inhabitants — east of downtown. Originally built for local businessman John Long (who ran out of money during the construc-

tion), it quickly passed to outgoing California governor Robert Whitney Waterman. Waterman completed the build and, intending to spend

his retirement in the residence, instead died several months later.

According to agent remarks from the real estate website *Redfin.com*,

“the elegant residence, listed on the National Register of Historic Places as site #37, boasts an impressive 6180 square feet on a 14,415 square foot lot, blocks from San Diego's iconic Balboa Park.” It continues, “The exquisite craftsmanship is noted by the turrets and balconies resplendent with ornate iron work,” and indeed, the balconies on the first and third floors of the rounded corner tower of the building do look quite impressive from the street. Small surprise that our photo tour begins with several angles of this side of the house.

We pass the original carriage house, which is currently being used as commercial office space, and get a close-up look at some of that ornate iron (along with some stained glass windows and an

ornately carved front door) before making our way inside. “Upon entering the main house, you will embrace the prominence of this true architectural masterpiece,” the listing promises. “The grand foyer showcases original carved anaglyph on the staircase's curved facade, creating a stunning focal point.” I had to consult a dictionary to learn that “anaglyph” is simply a fancy word for “carved,” so we've got a bit of redundancy there. The staircase certainly is grand, however, and given the hours of labor that likely went into it, you probably won't ever see something like this in a modern build.

I'm ready to move on, but before we leave, the listing would also like us to know that “the

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Rock 'n roll in the Reader

Set a needle on my heart and play those songs of love and pain

My record collection is a minefield of potential pain: stacks of Ray Charles, Robert Johnson, Otis Redding, Elmore James, Muddy Waters, Freddy King, Bobby Blue Bland. And, in recent years, a creeping insinuation of country and western music. I was telling myself I was getting at the core of rock and roll, the music of rebellion. Blues is the soundtrack to otherwise ineffable pain, and the music of resignation. – *John Brizzolara* **AUG. 23, 1990**

When Elvis came to SD

Descending into Poway from Ramona in Sam's new Chevy station wagon, a sliver of moon setting over the hills, "Blue Moon" came on the car radio. We broke out, "I saw you standing alone..." Funny. "Moonglow" was number one on the charts that week. But "Heartbreak Hotel" was creeping up. I'd never been to a concert before. I hardly knew what to expect. "So many girls," my father gasped at the Arena. They dropped us off. "We'll be waiting right here when you come out." – *Sharon Doubiago* **NOV. 2, 1995**

Metal dreams

I had always thought of heavy metal as a bonehead genre enacting the unsocialized fantasies of teenage boys—power chords,

leather, the cartoon images of large-breasted warrior women in chains — and a threat to public health and safety; a dozen years ago, when I was still a music reviewer, I saw Twisted Sister and White Lion, who were so loud the noise pressed my contact lenses against my eyeballs. – *Tim Brookes* **FEB. 19, 1998**

Vinyl reckoning

The first time I heard "I Can't Stop Loving You" — wait a sec, we could look up the date. It was on the radio when I got home from watching Benny "Kid" Paret get killed by Emile Griffith, well, he didn't die for 10 days, but the fight took place March 24, 1962 — Griffith knocked him out in the 12th and he never got up. I was in high school, it was the first boxing I saw live,



My record collection is a minefield of potential pain: stacks of Ray Charles, Robert Johnson, Otis Redding, Elmore James, Muddy Waters, Freddy King, Bobby Blue Bland.

and a few weeks later I bought my first LP, the one from which "Can't Stop" was taken. – *Richard Meltzer* **JAN. 28, 1999**

Goth rock

There is an underground music scene in San Diego. It begins along a tiny stretch of the Pacific Coast Highway in Encinitas that

mimics, in a desultory way, Haight Street or the hipper end of Melrose or Second Avenue near the Bowery. On it there are several used-clothing stores; a shop where you can get leather studs. Doc Martens, and lace tights; and two independent record stores, Off the Record and Lou's. – *Gina Arnold* **JAN. 24, 1991**

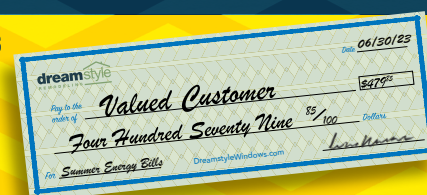
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Seafood City



A fish-finding tour of TJ

I've been doing tours in Tijuana for more than 11 years. I remember my first client well. Back then, I announced my tours on Craigslist. Back then, my tours and Tijuana were much different than what they are now. His name was Rudy; he was a 40-year-old Italian-American from New York with a thick "I'm walkin' here" accent. Rudy came to Tijuana for one thing only: brothels. But like a proper tour guide, I showed him more of the city than he bargained for. I explained why there were numerous *farmacias* and *dentistas* on every corner. He started to see Tijuana in a new light, as more than just a place for sex tourism.

Rudy wasn't much of a drinker, but back then, the available options were mostly dive bars, so it was no great loss. But when

One of my favorites at La Corriente - *Cevichería Nais*: shrimp enchilado in flour tortillas, Arabian style with *jocoque* (fermented milk, inspired by Lebanese cuisine) and a squeeze of lemon juice.

it came to food, I told him I knew of a great seafood place nearby. Alas, Rudy said he didn't eat seafood, and requested chicken tacos. I was baffled and taken aback. Chicken tacos aren't really a thing in Mexican restaurants — at least not in Mexico. Some have *pollo asado*, but it's rare to see chicken tacos in taquerías. Mexicans

usually buy a chicken at a rotisserie, which includes tortillas, rice, beans, and salsa. Some even go to KFC and bring their own tortillas to make chicken tacos.

I took Rudy to a restaurant in Avenida Revolución that I had never been to, but I knew it had chicken tacos on the menu. They were bad, but Rudy seemed satisfied. That restaurant has changed names a dozen times during my years in Tijuana; it continues to be bad. After lunch, I took Rudy to do his thing in Zona Norte. He found a girl that he liked and asked a photographer to take their picture. The first picture was an awkward snap of them standing and holding hands as if they were going to prom together, except she was almost naked. In the second picture, Rudy had his face in the middle of her breasts. Rudy had the time of his life in Tijuana, and paid me more than my asking price. Later, he came back to Tijuana to get dental work and for more sex tourism.

My biggest regret about that day was not insisting to Rudy that we could have had way better food. Even

if he didn't think he liked seafood. He didn't know the seafood wonderland that Tijuana can provide. Seafood surrounds me in my Tijuana life. "SHRIMP!!!!" my old roommate used to yell out when he was too hung-over to function. Just a few steps away from my apartment in downtown Tijuana, there's a seafood cart named El Buzo. A shrimp cocktail costs around \$12, and it was my roommate's favorite hangover cure (plus more Tecate). El Buzo has been serving seafood on that corner since the 1970s (the owner took over from his father).

Tijuana has nurtured me into a seafood obsession (among many other things). When people contact me for a private tour, I always ask the same question: do you like seafood and craft beer? If they don't, I am not the tour guide for them. Presented here are some of the most unique seafood tacos, tostadas, or other seafood presentations in this town, the ones that I find myself going back to again and again. If you plan a Tijuana trip and love seafood, save this copy of the *Reader*.



PHOTOGRAPH BY MATTHEW SUAREZ

Otto's menu includes some of the best oysters I've found in the city, plus seafood tacos, tostadas, specialty plates, and appetizers, all made in traditional Baja style.

1. La Corriente - Cevichería Nais

I've been coming to this place since before I moved to Tijuana in 2012. Their red snapper tostada was and remains their main feature. The first time I visited, the number of tostadas sold was displayed on a blackboard counter: 8000+. On a later visit, it was around 330,000+. Eventually, the tally was removed; when I asked the manager about it, he didn't give me a reason why. But the tostada remained.

Today, the place has grown; there are multiple locations, including Rosarito, Monterrey,

and Mexico City. The menu has expanded and prices have gone up, but the quality is the same. Though some of my favorite items are gone, they have been replaced by items that are arguably better. I used to get a *pulpo pacheco*, half a grilled octopus served with tortillas, rice, and beans. Off the

menu now, but the more popular and bigger plate *pulpo entero zarandeado* remains: a whole char-grilled octopus in adobo accompanied by rice and Cambray potatoes.

Two new items (marked by a red star) quickly became my favorites: shrimp enchilado in flour tortillas, Arabian style with jocoque

(fermented milk, inspired by Lebanese cuisine) and a squeeze of lemon juice; and the tostada Pácifico, slices of tuna topped with scallops in black salsa and serrano chiles.

To go with the great food, the drinks and ambiance are also spot on. Their featured drink is the mezcalita, eight flavors of a margarita-like concoction that replaces tequila with mezcal. The roof is made with palm trees, and the whole place makes you feel like you're steps away from the beach instead of the dirty streets of downtown Tijuana. The music, partially curated by DJ Chucuchu, features *cumbias* mixed with pop songs. The DJ even has a plate named after him: *camarones* Chucuchu, shrimp filled with marlin and accompanied by rice, veggies, and fries.

I've taken more than a hundred tourists from

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all over the world to this establishment, and it has never failed to impress.

LOCATION: The original spot and the one reviewed is on the corner of 6th Street and Calle Madero. Two more locations in Tijuana (La Cacho and Las Palmas).

PRICE: I usually spend \$25-40 on myself.

2. Los Compadres

“I miss eating those tacos, sometimes I dream of it,” texts my friend Andrei from Kentucky after I post a picture of my breakfast. When friends or tourists stay in Tijuana for the night and visit me in the morning, I take them to Los Compadres. If I upload a picture to social media, I get flooded with questions as to where to find this taco (and many similarly jealous comments).

Los Compadres is open 7 am to 3 pm daily, except Sundays. They start running out of shrimp around 1 pm, so you need to get there early. They also serve fish and shrimp tacos (with or without batter), *caldo de cahua-manta* (stingray broth), marlin tacos, and more. But the main reason to go is the *camarón* enchilado. I could write a love song

about this taco. It’s gigantic, greasy, has lots of melted cheese that gets burnt around the crust of the tortilla, and is loaded with a lot of flash-fried shrimp that have been dunked in buttery chili sauce. It is topped (all optional) with cream, cabbage, tomato, cilantro, and chipotle sauce. It’s a complex and messy item to pick up and eat. I go back at least once a month to partake in my shrimp enchilado ritual. I’ve taken people from all over the world to try it, and every once in a while I get a message that they are thinking about those shrimp tacos.

None of the ingredients are gourmet or fancy. It’s a dirty fish taco truck just like the Tijuana gods intended. They have a tip jar in the form of a Tecate bottle. Drop some coins in when you finish your meal and shout “*Por la causa!*” — “for the cause.” The cause is to buy more Tecate.

Los Compadres became El Compadre when one of the two *taqueros* died during Covid times (his death was not Covid-related). RIP Guillermo Mireles. Angel, the remaining *compadre*, still slings ta-

cos with his family in the same corner.

LOCATION: On the corner of 5 de Mayo and 4th Street, next to Parque Teniente Guerrero.

PRICE: I spend less than \$10 for two shrimp enchilado tacos.

3. Otto’s Grill inside Teléfonica Gastro Park

Teléfonica Gastro Park was originally behind Teléfonos de Mexico (hence the name) back in 2014 when it was founded. It started with a burger truck named Maquina 65 by chef Bernardo González, parked on an empty lot. More trucks like La Carmelita (by chef José Figueroa), Humo (by chef Giovanni Brassea), Don Ramen (by chef Adria Marina), and Otto’s Grill (by chef Otto Spohn) joined the project. I have pictures of myself with tourists from this old location.

In 2016, it moved to a bigger location just a couple blocks away that includes a warehouse with a brewery (Cerveza Lirica), more restaurants, a second floor with an art room, and a bigger patio. A family-friendly crowd-pleaser with a bit of everything, it’s a good place to take groups of tourists



PHOTOGRAPH BY MATTHEW SUÁREZ

La Barra Conchita opened at the beginning of 2023 with chef Diego Hernández Baquedano from Ensenada.

with different dietary wants or needs.

Some of the restaurants that founded the food park have moved on and grown into different projects, but Otto’s Grill remains. Otto’s menu includes some of the best oysters I’ve found in the city, plus seafood tacos, tostadas, specialty plates, and appetizers, all made in traditional Baja style. Its specialty taco is a “*taquesos*,” a taco made with burnt cheese instead of a tortilla, filled with shrimp, fish, octopus, or marlin. But of all the options in Teléfonica, Otto’s

spicy tuna tostada is my top choice: fresh chunks of tuna with spicy oil, chives, cucumber, sesame seed, and habanero creamy salsa.

LOCATION: Teléfonica Gastro Park is on the main boulevard “Boulevard Agua Caliente” or “El Bule” not far from downtown (Blvd. Agua Caliente 8860).

PRICE: My favorite tuna tostada goes for \$3.50. The rest is modestly priced and well worth it.

4. Tacosteño

The first time I saw Tacosteño, I was put off by

their over-the-top mouthful of a slogan: “*Gastro-taqueria artesanal & cocina urbana de autor con bases en la cocina Baja-Med casi autosustentable 100% Mexicano.*” And their tuna tostada fell on the sweet side, while the fish taco was lackluster. But then I tried their black tentacle: octopus with *huitlacoche* (corn smut) quesadilla on a blue corn tortilla, topped off with a green garlic and cilantro sauce. For the uninitiated: *huitlacoche* is described as the food of the (Aztec) gods; it’s a fungus that grows on corn. Also known as the Mexican truffle, *huitlacoche* makes a delectable pairing with octopus; but it’s a combination I’ve never seen anywhere except at Tacosteño.

For years, my meal of choice in Teléfonica was a tuna tostada from Otto’s followed by a pair of octopus tacos from Tacosteño, and a beer. But on my last visit, I found out Tacosteño had left the park. It took me a while to track the restaurant down, but I found it a mile away in a different food collective called “Food Trucks Express.” The space was desolate when I arrived; the other restaurants seemed generic.

I was greeted by chef Rodolfo Luviano, who explained that Teléfonica’s market shifted and it wasn’t the place for

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Tacosteño anymore. In this new spot, he serves barbacoa on the weekends under the name La Barbacha and he operates as Tacosteño throughout the week (or catering events). Chef Rodolfo served me two of his newest dishes: a spicy white marlin tostada, and a clam prepared with *xoconostle* (the fruit of cactus, similar to a prickly pear but more acidic than sweet).

Wherever Tacosteño goes, as the city changes, I'll follow for that black tentacle tostada.

LOCATION: Unknown — Chef Luciano recently deleted the social media for his restaurant.

PRICE: The first time I had that octopus taco, it was around \$2, but it is closer to \$4 now. Whatever the cost, it's worth it.

5. From Kokopelli to Tras/Horizonte

Kokopelli started as a street cart on Calle Ocampo in 2011. They served a handful of tacos: one of their most popular was the Kraken, a grilled octopus taco in a charred tortilla. The *ceviche de lenguado*, "Black Harder," was another big hit. *Gringo en Vacaciones con Tuxedo* is shrimp inside a chile California (nonspicy). The red shrimp looks like a white



Aleta, pulpo al olivo, and cahuamanta at La Cahua del Yeyo

American after a day on the beach; the chile works as the tuxedo.

Chef Guillermo "Oso" Campos worked the truck together with his brother Pablo and a bunch of his friends. I still remember El Grillo's smile as he happily delivered tacos to my tourists back in the day. The menu soon expanded to include more seafood and experimental cuisine, including sweet salmon in a flour tortilla taco, grilled portobello tacos, and a taco with panela cheese and crickets. Yes, the insect.

Kokopelli quickly became notorious in the Baja Med scene, and they tried expanding to other locations, including a venture

in one of Chicago's top fine-dining neighborhoods. The *Chicago Reader* did not give Kokopelli favorable reviews; they said, "it's lost in the crowd." Kokopelli Chicago lasted less than a year, opening and closing in 2015. For a while, it seemed like Kokopelli was gone, not only from Chicago, but from Tijuana as well.

But in late 2016, it was reborn as Tras/Horizonte. Chef Oso acquired a big warehouse space next to a giant candy shop, behind the police station in Zona Rio. The Kokopelli cart rests in the parking lot (I miss it dearly). The big open space features a side patio, a large bar and dining room, and an open kitchen with a grill that is somehow also

a fountain. A separate space in the back houses fermenter tanks; Tras/Horizonte makes their own brand of beer.

The bigger space comes with a bigger menu: new plates like the Aluxe, salmon ceviche with mango, tamarind, and local herbs; or the Atun Sangre (or blood tuna), home-cured for 12 hours on worm salt, *chilhuacle* chile, and jicama.

In 2018, I private messaged Chef Oso for a special dinner for my then-girlfriend's birthday. I told him she loved octopus and spicy food. Chef Oso prepared us a spicy grilled octopus with chimichurri and a mix of chiles on a bed of risotto. And for her birthday cake, he presented a "*Terrario Comestible*" — a fishbowl that looked like a terrarium filled with mushrooms, ice cream, crumpled sugar to resemble dirt, edible flowers, and other magically delicious sweet things that tasted nothing like what they looked like.

LOCATION: Rio Colorado 9680, Marron, 22015 Tijuana, B.C. or near Cuahutemoc statue, head up the hill and find the big warehouse.

PRICE: Oh! I yearn for the prices from before, but Oso's tacos are not from a taco truck anymore. Upscale restaurant feel requires upscale restaurant prices. But well worth it.

6. La Cahua del Yeyo Tijuana is rapidly changing. I visited Cahua del Yeyo in August of 2022; a month later, it was demolished. The original location — since 1996 — was on the corner of 8th Street and Sirak Baloyan. It moved half a block away, and the new spot looks similar to the original: an unfinished, improvised, dive-y shack with plastic chairs and tables. But now, the construction of a 20+ story building looms in the background.

A staple of Tijuana this place was featured by Andrew Zimmern's *Bizarre Foods* in 2009. The logo of the restaurant is a loggerhead sea turtle (*tortuga caguama*) riding an SUV with two palm trees. The turtle was one of the two main ingredients of the *cahuamanta* soup, the other being manta ray. Alas, the *cahua* part of the portmanteau has been il-

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legal since 2012; the soup doesn't contain turtles anymore, just manta. Their other main feature is *aleta* (tuna fin) — the meat is gelatinous with a strong sea flavor. It's an acquired taste that not many tourists can stomach.

La Cahua also has shrimp, octopus, *moronga* (blood sausage), marlin, and *chilpacholi* (blue crab stew). All are available in a variety of forms and combinations: a soft shell taco, a hard shell taco (*taco dorado*), "taco Lalo" (from a secret menu, it's a hard shell inside a soft shell), as an order, or in a soup (named "*jugo vichi*").

On my latest visit to their new location, a sign outside read "NO HAY ALETA" warning me that there was no tuna fin. I got a taco dorado with *chilpacholi* on top, a crunchy, delightful disaster drowned in salsas. I followed it with a *jugo vichi* with shrimp with a touch of red wine (another house secret). And to finish my seafood breakfast, a traditional marlin taco.

La Cahua del Yeyo is a morning joint for hangover cures (it closes at 3 pm). They also have your traditional commercial Mexican beers as well as



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Tito's tacos are so big that with two, it feels like you've had a heavy lunch.

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LOCATION: Ocampo 1542, Zonaeste, unless they demolish this building as well and it gets pushed somewhere else.

PRICE: Regular seafood joint prices, except for specialty items which can add up to way more.

7. Trucha and Tito's Tacos

When I first moved to Tijuana, Tito's tacos were my saviors. The cost of a fish taco was around \$1, and their tacos are so big that with two, it feels like

you've had a heavy lunch. Their menu is huge, and includes all of the seafood standards that you could imagine. Beyond that, there is a variety of pastas and even flank steak. But back in the day, I was broke and I got only the cheap fish tacos — until one day, I bit into a taco with undercooked batter and raw fish on the inside. After that, I didn't want to go to Tito's ever again.

With eight locations, Tito's Tacos has been around in Tijuana for over 50 years. But it wasn't

until late 2019 that they created a spin-off named Trucha (as in "trout," but there's also a Mexican slang meaning, so be alert). Trucha opened in the heart of downtown Tijuana on Avenida Revolución between 5th and 6th. On my first visit, I was unimpressed: their shrimp tacos were small and expensive and the Rockefeller oysters topped with cream of spinach was underwhelming. I didn't want to go there ever again, either.

But one day, after dropping off my ex-girlfriend in Playas de Tijuana, I got stuck in traffic. I was too hungry to sit in traffic, so I decided to give Tito's one more chance. I discovered that Tito's in Playas also serves the menu from their new

upscale Trucha. So I put Trucha to the test and ordered a shrimp enchilado taco and a poke tostada. As expected, the shrimp enchilado taco was massive, with tons of melted cheese, a plethora of prawns, and a bitter spicy black sauce with peanuts. Not as good as my favorite shrimp enchilado, but still, a promising sign that Tito's was in fact better than before.

The poke tostada was what made me include them on this list: a blue corn tostada topped with chunks of bluefin tuna with shichimi togarashi aioli, peanuts, masago, seaweed salad, and more Asian ingredients. I was so impressed that it became my favorite tuna tostada in Tijuana, even topping Otto's Grill.

On my last visit to Tito's, I took a quasi-famous TikToker from New York named "SoupyGarbageJuice" and his friend. I didn't warn him about how big the tacos were. We ordered so much food. SoupyGarbageJuice ordered *tostada campechana*: a bowl of shrimp, octopus, clam, tuna, avocado, onions, and cilantro with multiple tostadas on the side. His friend ordered two fish tacos and a "California Tito's" — shrimp inside a chile, similar to Koko-pelli's *Gringo en Vacaciones con Tuxedo*, but three times the size. I ventured forth and ordered the "Taco Trucha," another massive thing in a flour tortilla packed with burnt cheese, breaded New York steak, shrimp, chipotle sauce, pickled red onions, and avocado. I also got a "Taco Chilindrino:" steak, mushrooms, and shrimp inside a quesadilla. I could eat only one taco, SoupyGarbageJuice and his friend ate just half of what they ordered.

LOCATION: Tito's has several locations; the original is in Playas de Tijuana. Trucha is on La Revu.

PRICE: Tito's is cheap, Trucha is not. Both have hit-and-miss things on the menu that could be very well worth it. Most items are massive.

8. La Barra Conchita Raw Bar

As a tour guide, I feel like it's my responsibility to try out the newest seafood places. La Barra Conchita opened at the beginning of 2023 with chef Diego Hernández Baquedano from Ensenada. Diego Hernández was featured in Anthony Bourdain's episode in Baja when he visited the chef's restaurant Corazon de Tierra, which closed in 2020. "Extraordinary meal chef, thank you. I really really



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Mariscos Las 5 Esquinas: “Get the perrón; tell them Gabriel sent you so they make it extra perrón.”

enjoyed it, it was great.” Bourdain tells Chef Diego in the episode while shaking his hand. Later, he observes: “It’s interesting though, he clearly knows French technique, but his Jedi masters were all Mexican.” Bourdain’s meal included: a roasted tuna belly with daikon garnish, kohlrabi, nasturtium, mizuna, and lemon oil; and a black bean braised leg of lamb, with Swiss chard, carrot, radish, and turnip.

Chef Diego’s newest project is all seafood, Ensenada style, featuring aguachiles, clams, ceviches, oysters, tostadas, cocktails, seafood cones, and more. I got a clam mixed with a seafood medley of octopus, shrimp, and scallops. And when *tiradito* is on the menu, I order it. *Tiradito* is a Peruvian version of sashimi bathed in lemon juice and chiles that many seafood restaurants in Baja have adopted. La Barra Conchita offers *tiraditos* of tuna, abalone,

and jurel (Pacific crevalle jack); when I visited, they had only the latter. Oysters were lackluster, but the sauce rescued them, reminding me of my favorite oyster sauce in Ensenada, at Mariscos el Güero. I finished my visit with a couple of tostadas: one smoked tuna and the other one crab pâté, both with a similar medley of seafood on top. It’s hard to not love something when it hits everything I like.

The only issue is that the space is tiny. You’ve seen tiny houses; prepare for tiny restaurants. No more than eight people can fit in there comfortably. Because of this, I could use it only for a private tour of no more than 5 people.

LOCATION: Av. Rio Bravo 9987, Revolucion, near the Big Boy.

PRICE: Given the chef’s background in Valle de Guadalupe and how small the place is, and inflation, I was worried about the prices. But it wasn’t as expensive as I thought it would be. I need to go back and try the rest of their menu, especially their main gimmick, a seafood cone.

9. Mariscos Las 5 Esquinas

Like a good millennial, I’m always posting the food I eat. People are always asking for recommendations or telling me where to go. Many friends told me that the best fish taco in Tijuana was Mariscos las 5 Esquinas. Situated at an intersection with five corners on Second Street going west to Playas (before El Soler), it is a seafood truck next to two *farmacias*.

Though the fish taco is up there with the best the city has to offer, it is similar to many other food trucks. After I posted that it was just an okay taco, my friend replied: “Get the *perrón*; tell them Gabriel sent you so they make it extra *perrón*.”

The next week I went to try the *perrón*. And the week after. And almost every week since I first had it. But do not confuse the 5 Esquinas “*tacos perrones*” with Rosarito’s famous “*Tacos El Yaqui Perrones*.” Rosarito’s tacos are flank steak, these are seafood. Two tortillas with melted cheese, topped with plenty of smoked tuna, shrimp, cream, and avocado. Decorate your taco with an arrangement of toppings at your pleasure. Pickled onions and habanero salsa do the trick for me.

The menu of the small food truck is big; it offers eight different tostadas, 15 different tacos, a handful of seafood cocktails, soups, and snacks. Unfortunately, I haven’t tried any of them, because I’m addicted to their *taco perrón*.

LOCATION: Las 5 Esquinas...

PRICE: The taco *perrón* goes for 65 pesos, or around \$4. The standard fish taco is \$2.50. The rest of the menu is equally cheap seafood truck pricing.

10. Mariscos Los Chilos

“My mom used to take me

there when she was pregnant with me,” said Chef José Figueroa when he saw my post about Mariscos Los Chilos. Like a true *Tijuanense*, the chef’s relationship with fish tacos started before he was even born. This food truck houses my favorite fish taco. It’s your basic fish taco: simple, yet delicious. Topped with the usual salsa *bandera*, cabbage, and cream (I opt to not get cream and use the chipotle instead). The fish has a golden crispy batter, crunchy yet soft. Though my mom was nowhere near this food truck when she was pregnant with me, somehow, this fish taco makes me feel at home.

Los Chilos serves the other classic seafood items most trucks have: shrimp, enchilados, marlin, and seafood medley soup. The latter is another favorite of mine: a large styrofoam cup for \$6

filled with shrimp, clam, fish, and vegetables, with tortillas on the side and salsa to taste. Again, it’s soup that’s not out of this world, but it somehow reminds me of a childhood beach home I never had.

The food truck has been around for 40 years. It used to be named Mariscos San Francisco, then morphed into Los Chilos (for a couple of years, it had both names). In 2023 they expanded to a sit-down restaurant in Playas de Tijuana; they expanded their menu and started serving beer. (It was common for people around the food truck to drink beer in hidden styrofoam cups; their new location fixes that.)

LOCATION: Outside Autozone on Third Street and H Avenue, downtown, Tijuana.

PRICE: Cheap and plenty. I never spend more than \$10 and I walk away full and happy.

Other notables and no-gos

There are seafood carts and restaurants spread throughout Tijuana. There are more than a dozen in downtown alone. Every *Tijuanense* has a seafood of choice. When I asked my brother what his favorite restaurant was, he said Mariscos El Socio — it was the first seafood place he took me to before I even moved to Tijuana. El Socio’s ceviche is cheap and plentiful. Great value for the buck. The restaurant has a garbage can with a ceramic pelican as a lid and a ceramic octopus on the rooftop — as if it were a tourist attraction. My brother’s favorite street seafood is Mariscos Puerto Angel; they are similar to other seafood carts on the list, though in my opinion, slightly inferior. But it’s the closest seafood stand to his place (near Colonia



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I could write a love song about this taco at Los Compadres. It's gigantic, greasy, has lots of melted cheese that gets burnt around the crust of the tortilla, and is loaded with a lot of flash-fried shrimp that have been dunked in buttery chili sauce.

Independencia), which counts for a lot.

Many *Tijuanaenses* will get angry that I didn't include El Mazateño on this list. Trust me, I've been there. They are great tacos, but not my personal favorite. I'm aware of the existence of Los Arcos, a family-friendly chain and a Tijuana favorite. It is not the best for a single guy who likes to show foreigners around. I had a horrible experience at El Negro Durazo; I will never return. (Even without that experience, that place wasn't for me.) Alga Bien has better and more creative tacos than some other places, and a variety of craft beer in *el malecón de Playas* (the boardwalk by the beach). But they play pop music incessantly, and they play it loud. I like go-

ing to Mariscos Machatlán to add some variety to my usual seafood taco spots. I've taken tourists; they enjoy the old-school feel and the colorful mural, but they are not impressed as with other spots.

Caldos Don Tony has been running for more than 40 years. This famous soup shop opens in the wee hours of the morning, between 1 am to 4 am, outside *Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Sagrado Corazón*, a church on 11th Street. I've only been there once, but I was too drunk to recollect how good the soup was. All I remember is that I was incredulous that I was watching a bride in all her white wedding dress glory with the whole party eating seafood broth at around 3 am. That's the type of city Tijuana is; if

you crave seafood at those hours, you can find it. All I know about the place is what I hear from taxi drivers. They say that it's not the same as it used to be, but they also say it's still legendary.

My ex-girlfriend loved LionFish; it was her favorite restaurant, mostly because they served as many *chiles toreados* as she desired. They mimic the menu from La Cevicheria Nais and other restaurants, but at a value. The place is decorated with cheesy neon signs, and it has grown in size and popularity since I started going. They now have a second restaurant "LionFish La Terraza" in the third part of Tijuana. I've visited numerous times with friends, but given the choice, there are many other places I would rather be.

Not C-Biche in La Cachó. I'm not sure if they were having a bad day when I visited, but I left without looking back. Perhaps Puerto Cocina Urbana in Zona Río. They had Belching Beaver's Phantom Bride on tap when I visited, just one of a great selection of craft beers. The oysters were on point, I got a shrimp *al pastor* quesadilla that had a nice paprika kick with a tinge of pineapple, and a massive tostada with a seafood medley.

There are many places I've never been. I still haven't been to Mariscos Ruben or Erizo Marketo by Chef Plascencia. Mariscos La Guerrerense from Ensenada just got here a few days before I finished writing all this. It is next on my list.

New places open. Classics fade away. And I am sure many more gems are missing. Everyone has their own favorite Tijuana seafood place. But after a decade, these are mine.

— Matthew Suarez

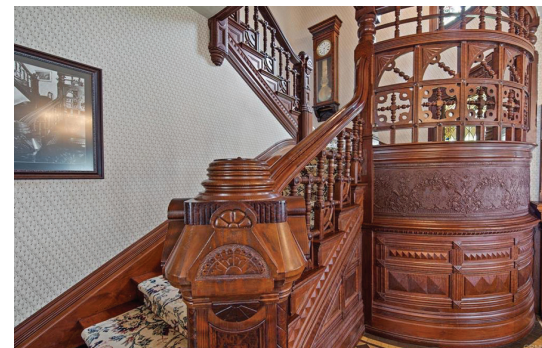
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intricately designed mahogany fireplace and artisan-stained leaded glass window add to the grandeur" of the room. Oh, and there are three more of those mahogany fireplaces elsewhere in the home. Can we move on now?

No, we cannot: there are more pictures of the staircase, including several that zoom in on the wood carvings, then another couple shots of the foyer, where we see a small table and chairs tucked into a round area behind the fireplace. Then there are more pictures of the fireplace and stained glass. We're a third of the way through our photo tour and we haven't left the entry!

Finally, we are allowed into what looks to be a living room of sorts, though there's a desk just past the entryway, facing away from the middle of the room. The carpet is very busy, though probably the right style for a home of this vintage, and I like the wood trim around the windows and passageways. There are some large posts dividing this portion of the living room from another, cozier sitting area that is focused on one of the fireplaces. I don't know that I like the posts, but perhaps they're structural? Of course, we can't pass by them without looking at some more close-ups of "ornately hand carved wood details," which seem to be everywhere. Did Mr. Long go broke building this house because of how many people he had



Why walk up the staircase when you could just stay down here and admire its ornate wood carvings?

on staff just to whittle designs into every piece of wood that went into the construction?

The dining room seems small for a house this big, with seating for only six people at the table. There's a close-up of the "delicate crystal chandeliers" (actually there are several of these), and a small hole in the wall through which servants can pass food from the kitchen before a wooden door is slammed down to keep their prying eyes away from the dinner guests. The kitchen itself is fairly pedestrian, and again, smaller than I'd expect for a house of this size. But of course, the original owners probably built the space more to be functional for the help than for their own use and enjoyment. We move quickly on to what I think is a powder room, where the focus is a sink that has a floral pattern painted inside the bowl and a faucet that someone probably should have cleaned before taking such a focused shot of it. Hammering home our laser focus on small details, we next get to see a picture that shows only a door hinge — even these are patterned, antique affairs, with gold screws standing out against a darker metal face.

Upstairs, we see a

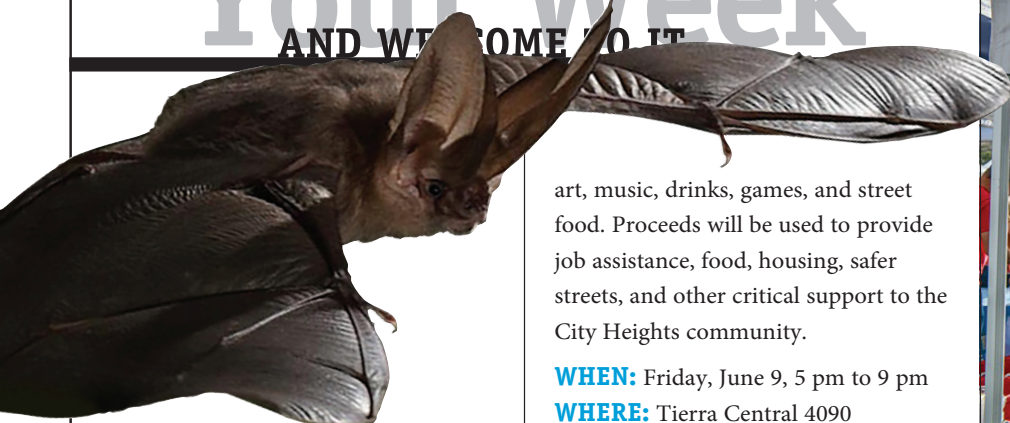
round-walled office that is fairly simply adorned with a single desk, a side table, and another fireplace. I like the look of this space, but the curved outer wall probably doesn't lend itself to adding any bookcases or other furniture. Then another couple of offices and a simple-looking bathroom before going up to the attic. The space here is unfinished, but I like it that way, and would probably make this into some sort of game room. It would be nearly impossible to get a pool table or Skee-Ball machine up here, but if I have the money for this house, I can probably pay someone to figure it out for me.

And that's it. We get a quick peek off the upper balcony, and then we're back outside with our tour concluded. Before we leave, the listing agent would like us to know that the home's historical designation means it qualifies for significant tax savings — it's been owned by the same family for decades, and right now it's assessed based on a value of just \$717,000, Public records list the owners of the Long-Waterman Mansion as an Ernst Family Trust. It was offered for sale for the first time in late May; the asking price of \$6,485,000 remains unchanged to date. ■

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LECTURE: THE AMAZING WORLD OF BATS

Take in a multi-media presentation about bats by naturalist and author Don Endicott. Bats contribute to our environment by catching insects, pollinating wild fruits, and helping reforest disturbed lands. During this presentation, Endicott will demonstrate how we record and identify the ultrasonic echolocation calls bats use to navigate and find prey in total darkness.

WHEN: Thursday, June 8, 6 pm to 8 pm

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

Friday | 9

CITY HEIGHTS STREET FOOD FEST

Enjoy a family-friendly evening of live



art, music, drinks, games, and street food. Proceeds will be used to provide job assistance, food, housing, safer streets, and other critical support to the City Heights community.

WHEN: Friday, June 9, 5 pm to 9 pm

WHERE: Tierra Central 4090 University Ave, City Heights. cityheightscdc.charityproud.org

Saturday | 10

MUSIC ON THE MOVE: BORDER STORIES



The second event in the Music on the Move series is a presentation by the project Drummers Without Borders and Francisco Morales, sound artist and curator of the Front Gallery. The event showcases artists whose work

and practice are informed by border dynamics, and presents perspectives on how music and performance play a role in reshaping the border narrative.

WHEN: Saturday, June 10, 2 pm to 3:30 pm



SATURDAY, JUNE 10: SUMMER BREW FEST

WHERE: The Front, 147 W. San Ysidro Boulevard, San Ysidro. thefront.casafamiliar.org

SUMMER BREW FEST

Sip unlimited beer tastings from over 70 local and international craft breweries serving 200 beers, plus food trucks, lawn games, and cover bands. Early admission entry gets you an added hour

of specialty pours.

WHEN: Saturday, June 10, 12 pm

WHERE: Liberty Station NTC Park, 2455 Cushing Road, Liberty Station, sandiegobeerfest.com

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SAN DIEGO FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL

The theme of the festival is "travel," in honor of the 150th anniversary of the novel *Around the World in Eighty Days* by Jules Verne, one of the founders of the *Alliances Françaises*. Enjoy a selection of feature and short films from France, Tunisia, and Quebec. Attend the opening ceremony on June 11 and mingle with actress Laura Weissbecker, the patron of this edition; Mrs. Julie Duhaut-Bedos, French Consul General in Los Angeles; Mrs Marion Lanier, Honorary Consul, and members of the Quebec government in Los Angeles. The feature films are *L'Astronaute* (U.S. premiere), *Le Plongeur*, *Mascarade*, and *Covid 19 Ground Zero*.

WHEN: Sunday, June 11, 4:30 pm to 11:30 pm; Monday, June 12, 6 pm to 10 pm; Tuesday, June 13, 4 pm to 10 pm

WHERE: The Lot, 7611 Fay Avenue, La Jolla. sdfff2023.eventive.org



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Years Ordained: 13

San Diego Reader: Why did you become a minister?

Pastor Patrick Cho: My whole life, I thought I was going to become a doctor. Since I was coming from an Asian home, my parents were thrilled — it wasn't something they had to force on me. But when I got to college, I

realized it wasn't a good fit. It was in college, too, that I began to take the things of the faith more seriously. I joined a Bible study on campus. It really changed my life. That's when I became a genuine Christian, even though I grew up in church. I knew that I loved telling people about what the Bible says and about the gospel. That's when I started thinking I should do ministry. I had many doubts at first, but talked to the leaders of the church, my family, my parents, and got constant affirmation from people: "Yeah, of course this is what you should be doing." So, hesitantly, I applied for seminary and prayed, "God, I want to

do this right. If you don't want me in this, feel free to yank me from it." I trusted God every step of the way, and here I am, essentially 20 years later.

SDR: Why nondenominational?

PC: Lighthouse was nondenominational when we first got planted. We had discussions about possibly joining a denomination, but we took it day by day, saying that if it was something that would help us, we would join a denomination. But along the way, it never got to that point. We stayed nondenominational. We have always since day one had a firm commitment to teaching the Bible and allowing that to be

the authority in our lives. It's still our philosophy today.

SDR: What is the mission of your church?

PC: We really want to live up to our name. We want to be a bright shining light in this community and in the world. Obviously, as Christians we believe this world is in darkness from unbelief and sin, and God provides light through Christ and through the gospel. What an honor and joy to represent that in this world and shine the light of the truth of God in this darkness. That's been a big part of our mission. We want to preach the truth of God in love; that's always been the driving force behind what we do.



Patrick Cho

SDR: Where do you go when you die?

PC: There are two destinations; those who have trusted in the gospel and know that Jesus Christ is their lord and savior will go to heaven for all eternity, not on the basis of anything they have done but because of what Christ as done for us. Sadly, the

Bible tells us that each of us has to make that decision, and those that reject him are going to face his judgment, because they have not walked in obedience to his commands and have not trusted in the Lord... The Bible is clear: our hope is not in ourselves. We can't fix ourselves or try harder. Our sin gets in the way. We need a savior, and God has provided that way of salvation through Jesus. He accomplished what we cannot. Without him, it means eternal damnation — an eternity in hell, facing his judgment.

— Joseph O'Brien

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ART

Art & Art Collecting: A Personal Perspective Introduction to the art of collecting, including looking at, examining and assessing art from a collector's point of view. Sunday, June 11, 4:30pm; \$45-\$65. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Artist Demonstration Local painter & muralist, Andrea Rushing will be doing a free art demonstration. Rushing has just completed a large scale mural for the Padres. Thursday, June 8, 2pm; free. 18 and up. Fusion Restaurant, 201 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Beach Party Opening Reception The opening of Ashton Gallery's new show, Beach Party, will feature two floors of art including abstract, realism, figurative, and more with a "Beach Party" theme. Wine and light refreshments will be served. The exhibit runs through July 14. Saturday, June 10, 4pm; free. Art on 30th, 4434 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Shelter: Opening Reception Shelter opening night reception. All are welcome to attend this free event. Refreshments will be served with a chance to meet and talk with the exhibiting artists. Saturday, June 10, 4pm; free. 18 and up. Artists Gallery, 121 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

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8th Anniversary Party Your Quacken Drinkpass includes a commemorative IP8 can glass that can be filled to 5oz, 10oz or full pints, a tabbed wristband good for ten (or five) 5oz tasters, and live music. Saturday, June

10, 12pm; 21 and up. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

Drinks & Dyes Make your own tie-dyed T-shirt with materials provided, and all ages are welcome. Spots must be purchased in advance. Saturday, June 10, 12pm; \$20-\$25. Pure Project Vista, 1305 Hot Spring Way. (VISTA)

San Diego Summer Brew Fest Over 70 breweries, 200 beers, food trucks, lawn games, and cover bands. Saturday, June 10, 12pm; \$50-\$65. 21 and up. Liberty Station NTC Park, 2455 Cushing Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Spring Social I Love A Clean San Diego will celebrate three Creek to Bay site captains, share the impact of ILACSD, and provide updates for the year ahead. The evening will include opportunity drawings, bringing environmental stewards like you under one roof, and the release of Duck Foot's I Love A Clean IPA brew. Thursday, June 8, 5:30pm; \$20. 21 and up. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

BOOK SIGNINGS

David Sedaris: Happy-Go-Lucky Warwick's will host David Sedaris as he discusses and signs his new book, *Happy-Go-Lucky*. Wednesday, June 14, 7:30pm; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Lisa See: Lady Tan's Circle of Women Warwick's, in partnership with Friends of the Coronado Library, will host Lisa See as she discusses and signs her new book, *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*. Thursday, June 8, 7pm; \$10-\$38. Coronado Community Center, 1845 Strand Way. (CORONADO)

Luis Alberto Urrea: Good Night, Irene Warwick's, in partnership with Coronado Public Library, will host Luis Alberto Urrea as he discusses and signs his new book, *Good Night, Irene*. This event is free and open to the public; free admittance is subject to available space. To ensure seating, pre-order one book per seat @ warwicks.com/event/urrea-2023. Friday, June 9, 7pm; free-\$29. Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Matthew Quirk: Inside Threat Warwick's will host Matthew Quirk as he discusses and signs his new book, *Inside Threat*. This event is free and open to the public; free seating is subject to available space. Limited open seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. To ensure seating, we encourage you to pre-order one book per seat @ warwicks.com/event/quirk-2023. Tuesday, June 13, 7:30pm; free-\$30. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Wind Knows My Name/El Viento Conoce Mi Nombre Warwick's and the University of

San Diego's College of Arts and Sciences will host Isabel Allende as she discusses and signs her new book, *The Wind Knows My Name/El Viento Conoce Mi Nombre*. Saturday, June 10, 4pm; \$28-\$38. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Weekends with Locals: Ethan Pilkenton-Getty Weekends with Locals will be hosting Ethan Pilkenton-Getty, author of *Yanni the Yawning Yak*. Sunday, June 11, 2:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Weekends with Locals: Nicko Tratar Weekends with Locals will be hosting Nicko Trataris, author of *A Guide to AI Tools*. Sunday, June 11, 12pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

All About Bots Kids will build a remote-control robot, create their own robot mask, transform ordinary letters and numbers into robots and more. No RSVP is required. Saturday, June 10, 11am; free. Lakeshore Learning Store, 7510 Hazard Center Dr., Suite #201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Awakening Your Christ Consciousness Workshop conducted by author and teacher Dimitri Moraitis. Saturday, June 10, 1pm; \$35. Spiritual Arts Institute, 527 Encinitas Boulevard. (ENCINITAS)

Essential Oils & Wellness Workshop Learn the basics of essential oils and how they can improve your physical and emotional wellbeing. Guests will have the choice of creating room diffusers, roll ons, room spray, bath salts, sugar scrubs and a bar of soap. Saturday, June 10, 2pm; \$45. Four

Seasons Residence Club Aviara, 7210 Blue Heron Place. (CARLSBAD)

Mind & Body Master Class: Yoga of Sound This workshop features background of mantra music, storytelling, and the connection of these practices to Yoga. Saturday, June 10, 9:30am; free-\$20. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (EL CAJON)

Paint & Sip: Van Gogh's Sunflower Re-create "Van Gogh's Sunflower" with local artist, Nataly. Thursday, June 8, 5pm; \$45. 18 and up. Good Omen Mead - 141 E Grand Ave - Escondido, CA 92025

Perfume Workshop Create your own signature fragrance. Sunday, June 11, 10am; \$120. San Diego Craft Collective, 2590 Truxtun Rd., Studio 106. (LIBERTY STATION)

Resonant Awakening: Sacred Didgeridoo Adventure A transformative event which includes a one-hour Philosophical Sacred Geometry class followed by a Sound Healing Journey. Saturday, June 10, 3pm; \$65-\$120. Soul of Yoga Sound Institute, 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road Suite 870. (ENCINITAS)

COMEDY

Bad Friends with Andrew Santino & Bobby Lee Saturday, June 10, 7:30pm; Open Air Theatre, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Barrel of Laughs Comedy Show Local comedian, Melissa Weisman, has put together a lineup of comedians. Friday, June 9, 7pm; \$25-\$30. 21 and up. San Pasqual Winery Tasting Room, 805 W. Harbor Dr., Suite C. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Chumel Torres Friday, June 9, 7:30pm; \$35-\$90. Magnolia Per-

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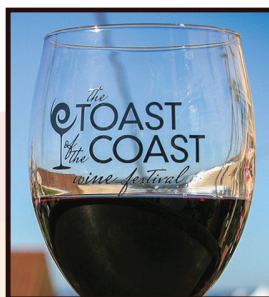


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forming Arts Center, 210 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

Fortune Feimster Saturday, June 10, 9pm; Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Kevin Hart Friday, June 9, 7pm; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Watch What Crappens: The Cheater Brand Tour Friday, June 9, 7:30pm; \$35-\$99. 18 and up. Observatory North Park, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

DANCE

Golden State Ballet: From New York, With Love Golden State Ballet presents a triple bill evening showcasing choreography from NYC icons: Justin Peck, Norbert De La Cruz III, and Gabrielle Lamb. Program includes two world premieres and In Creases by Justin Peck. With live music, performed by pianists Tina Chong and Alex Peh, and cellist Xian Zhuo. Friday, June 9, 8pm; \$35-\$99. Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

Inspire School of Ballet: Adventure to Neverland (Abridged) Abridged version of an original ballet, directed by Stephanie Cotton Quintana and filled with mermaids, pirates, crocodiles, and fairies. Sunday, June 11, 4pm; **free**. Memorial Park Bowl, 373 Park Way. (CHULA VISTA)

LoveMask Band RedRoom Dance Combining music from the band LoveMask and a Go Go Dancing show, tips or donations will be encouraged for the dancers and the band they are appreciated. Saturday, June 10, 10pm; **free**. 21 and up. Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway. (LEMON GROVE)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Beach & Ocean Safety Presentation Batiquitos Lagoon will be hosting "Beach and Ocean Safety" by Mike Martino, author of Help! San Diego Lifeguards to the Rescue. Mr. Martino will share essentials for safety on the beach and in the

OUTDOORS

Western azalea and agaves blooming, Venus is at its brightest

Western Azalea, a Native Rhododendron, is blooming this month in scattered locations throughout the county's higher mountains. Fond of semi-shade, it's often found growing along creeks and canyon bottoms. Like its ornamental cousins, western azaleas' fragrant white (sometimes pink or yellow tinted) flowers are borne in ornate clusters. Palomar Mountain State Park harbors a colony of them alongside a trail linking Doane Valley and Chimney Flats.

Agaves (aka Century Plants) are Coming into Bloom in many summer gardens this month. After a decade or more (not a century)



WHEN AN AGAVE SENDS OUT A BLOOM STALK THE MOTHER PLANT DIES BUT DROPS OFFSPRING ALL AROUND THE BASE.



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of growth, the larger kinds of agave send up a tall, yellow-blossomed flower stalk from a base of fleshy, succulent, thorn-tipped leaves. The stalk and basal leaves die, but suckers make new plants and begin the cycle anew.

This Month, Venus is the Brightest it has Been Since 2015. Because Venus revolves more quickly than the Earth — 224.8 days vs. 365.25 days — it takes 13 Venus years to match 8 Earth years and return to the nearest point in the orbit. The planet will appear in the WNW sky at 100 times brighter than any other star in the heavens. Venus is also one of only three celestial bodies that can cast a shadow. If you are in a rural location free of artificial lights, you'll be able to see your shadow cast by Venus light. This Venus shadow will have very sharp edges due to the lack of light spillover, because Venus is a smaller point in the sky than the sun or moon.

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.

surf along with an entertaining history of the lifeguard service in San Diego County. This free, family event is interesting for both adults and kids, age 7 and older. Saturday, June 10, 10am; **free**. Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gab-biano Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Brain Health Forum This year's event will cover the legal and financial issues associated with managing dementia. Keynote speaker, Dr. Gilbert Ho, will discuss the latest in dementia medications and treatments. Also, free brain health screenings and lunch will be served. Please pre-register @ sddementia-

consortium.org. Wednesday, June 14, 8:30am; **free**. Temple Adat Shalom, 15905 Pomerado Road. (POWAY)

Endometriosis, Infertility, & Pain Seminar Endometriosis, Infertility, and Pain free Community seminar. UC San Diego Medical Education and Telemedicine Building. Friday, June 9, 5:30pm; **free**. UC San Diego Medical Center, 200 West Arbor Drive. (HILLCREST)

Supply Chain Admit on the Spot Receive an accelerated admission decision for the master's in supply chain management graduate program at the University of San

Diego's Knauss School of Business. Saturday, June 10, 10am; **free**. 18 and up. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Women's Conference Connect With God, Yourself & Others: Key-note Speaker Jessica Burch, M.Ed. Saturday, June 10, 8:30am; **free**-\$15. 18 and up. First Congregational Church of Ramona, 404 8th Street. (RAMONA)

FOR KIDS

Learn to Weave For Kids & Teens Learn how to weave with an expert textile artist and develop your art and math skills. This class is targeted to homeschooling youth ages 10+. No prior experience is required, and all materials provided. Register @ sandiego.library-market.com/event/learn-weave-kids-and-teens-2. Tuesday, June 13, 11:30am; **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Summer Reading: A Puppet Musical Puppet musical from Noteworthy Puppets starring The Three Little Pigs, perfect for ages 3-10. No registration is required. Saturday, June 10, 2pm; **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

LECTURES

Chilling & Fiery Stories This lecture illuminates the history behind the stories of tortured Christians seen on one of the treasures of the Timken, a small double-sided 15th century icon. Florence Gillman, PhD, STD. has been a Docent at the Timken since 2022 and a member of USD's faculty since 1986. Thursday, June 8, 11am; **free**. timken-museum.org/calendar/list/. (ONLINE)

Lecture: Amazing World of Bats Join the Mission Trails Regional Park community at the Visitor Center for a multi-media presentation about bats by naturalist and author Don Endicott. Register at link. Thursday, June 8, 6pm; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

The Mysterious Death of Meriwether Lewis Meriwether Lewis, commander of the famed Lewis and Clark Expedition that explored the newly purchased Louisiana Territory from 1803-06, returned home from this perilous journey, yet within three years, the 35-year-old Lewis was dead, the victim of two gunshots. This lecture by Drs. Dave and Marti Peck, based on their new book of the same title, will help shed light on the mysterious historical fate of this

American icon. This event is free and open to the public, and there is no need to pre-register. Recommended for adults. Tuesday, June 13, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

NATURE

Free Day Friday Enjoy a free day on the 2nd Friday of every month. Friday, June 9, 9am; **free**. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (EL CAJON)

Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a nature walk around the lush lake habitat of the Kumeyaay Lake shoreline. Walks start from the Kumeyaay Lake Campground Entry Station. Walks are free and open to the public, with no reservations required. The trails used are easy, but have uneven surfaces and some involve steps, so be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Walks are canceled if raining. Friday, June 9, 8:30am; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTÉE)

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Wildlife Walk Take a hike with a Park Ranger to “meet the neighbors” at Chollas Lake Park. If you are curious about the wild and feral animals that reside in our park, this program will delight you. Note that this ranger-lead walk is 1 mile long on dirt surfaces with some hills and steps. Bring water, sun protection and sturdy shoes. Meet near the comfort station at the north end of the parking lot. Saturday, June 10, 1pm; **free**. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

World Oceans Day Providing the community with all supplies needed to participate in the beach clean up at La Jolla Shores. After the beach clean up, enjoy a Sea-riffic party to celebrate all the hard work. Sunday, June 11, 10am; **free**. Shops at La Jolla Village, 8800 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

SPECIAL
EVENTS

CPR & AED Awareness Event Community members of all ages are encouraged to participate and learn the importance of being trained in CPR and AED use. Demonstrations will be conducted using mannequins and educational information will be distributed. Registration for CPR certification classes will be available on site for anyone 13 years and over. Healthy snacks and CPR mask keychains will be handed out. Saturday, June 10, 10am; **free**. Memorial Park Bowl, 373 Park Way. (CHULA VISTA)

Summer Sundays: Joe Rathburn Band Enjoy a performance by The Joe Rathburn Band, the Corvette Owner’s Club will have their cars on display, and children ages twelve and under are invited to enjoy a free craft activity decorating a bird feeder. Free face painting and balloon sculptures will also be available. Sunday, June 11, 5pm; **free**. Village Walk at EastLake, EastLake Parkway at Miller Drive. (EASTLAKE)

SPOKEN WORD

Community Group Readings & Performances The Old Globe will host readings and performances for its upcoming partnership with three local community organizations: the San Diego Black Artist Collective, Tijuana Hace Teatro and New Feet Productions, and The Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival. Thursday, June 8, 7:30pm; Sunday, June 11, 7pm; Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

SPORTS &
FITNESS

U.S. Police & Fire Championships The California Police Athletic Federation, a non-profit organization committed to promoting sport and physical fitness among fire responders, hosts athletes competing in over 35 sports across 30 venues in the greater San Diego County, including bench press, dodgeball, pickleball, baseball, bowling, golf, tennis, water polo, and more. Saturday, June 10, 8am; **free**. Four Points by Sheraton, 8110 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

THEATER

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

Destiny of Desire The subtitle for Karen Zacarias’ musical is “An unapologetic telenovela for the stage,” and while it is indeed unapologetic, it’s also defensive to the point of being prickly. At the outset, the cast announces, “We are here to change the social order — deal with it.” Um, okay?

And throughout the marvelously melodramatic story, you the viewer are reminded that if you think Latin soaps are crazy, just wait until you hear about American reality. In the first scene, a wealthy new mother conspires with a doctor to switch her sickly baby for the healthy one just born to a peasant, and the action pauses for the announcement that in the United States, one in eight babies winds up with the wrong family, at least temporarily. After a daughter shoots a man she sees attacking her father, we learn that 4.6 million American children live in a home with a loaded and unlocked gun. When adultery enters the storyline, it’s “68% of women in the United States say they would have an affair if they would never get caught.” And so on and so on, a level of self-consciousness over and above the one indicated by the placards announcing each scene’s theme, and even the occasional, hilarious “take two” for a diva-centric scene. It’s all right as far as it goes, until it goes too far, and inserts itself into the story — subtext rising unnecessarily to the level of text.

But that’s not until the second act, which is where most of the show’s troubles lie (songs, movement, momentum, mechanics, etc.) Before that, in the beautiful and bonkers *first* act, the commentary feels positively Shakespearean: the thing giving weight to the madcappery and mayhem of this story about two families intertwined by the titular destiny and desire. The song and dance are positively transporting: Bianca Marroquin’s performance of “Pain Makes Me Beautiful” is some of the most fun I’ve ever had in a theater. The talent on display points to Broadway ambitions, and it’s not hard to imagine it getting there one day. Besides being frantic and funny,

it manages to keep its heart in the right place: on its sleeve.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS.

Eleanor While sitting on a park bench in Washington, D. C., contemplating the death of her husband, former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt candidly reveals the many facets of her storied life in a West Coast premiere at North Coast Repertory Theatre. Award-winning actor Kandis Chappell deftly illuminates the witty, feisty, vulnerable woman who was considered the heart of FDR’s presidency.
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAY, 2PM & 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM SATURDAY, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 7PM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14.

Head Over Heels From the visionary behind Avenue Q comes a bold new Broadway musical fairytale where Once Upon a Time crashes into our present moment. In the mythical land of Arcadia, the royal family is challenged to set out on a journey to save their beloved kingdom from extinction. Through their adventure gender roles are upended, relationships liberated, and love is discovered in the most surprising of ways. Told to the hypnotic beat of the iconic 80’s all-girl rock band The Go-Go’s. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-728-7820. 7PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

Inspire School of Ballet: Sleeping Beauty The evil fairy, Carabosse, curses Princess Aurora to 100 years of sleep, by the prick of her finger on her 16th birthday. Only the kiss of a sweet Prince can break the spell and awaken our Sleeping Beauty. Make sure to check out our Magic Fairies Experience for Girl Scouts (for the matinee showing only, free), as well as our Sleeping Beauty Girl Scout Patch (\$6)! The Magic Fairies Experience may include a theater tour, a Q & A period, and the opportunity to meet the performers! PATRICK HENRY HIGH SCHOOL, 6702 WANDERMERE DR., SAN CARLOS. 6:30PM FRIDAY, 1PM & 7PM SATURDAY.

La Lucha Step into the immersive experience, inspired by the high-flying maneuvers of Mexican Lucha Libre wrestling. Created by award-winning artist David Israel Reynoso of Optika Moderna, you’ll be guided by mysterious opticians to a realm of forbidden loves, dangerous secrets and ringside thrills.
MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART SAN DIEGO, DOWNTOWN, 1100 AND 1001 KETTNER BL., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 858-454-3541. 6PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS.

Lost in Yonkers If you’re a regular at Scripps Ranch Theatre, you might be wondering what exactly they were up to when they decided to follow Charlayne Woodard’s *Neat* with Neil Simon’s *Lost in Yonkers*. *Yonkers* is worlds funnier than *Neat*, and its actors are both game and good (those teenage boys!), but there’s a complication at its heart, and the similarities are too strong to avoid comparison. A refresher: Woodard’s play is a memoir of her family’s life with her aunt Neat, brain-damaged and so possessed of a childlike inno-



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cence — for good and ill. Simon's play recounts the Kurnitz family's life with Bella, who was nearly sent to “The Home” because, as the doctors put it, she would always be a child. There are plenty of other characters — and yeah, they're *characters*, including a gangster uncle, a quietly monstrous matriarch, and a couple of teenage brothers who serve as our ticket into the story — but it's Bella who drives the drama. And while she is portrayed with appealing, wide-eyed, just-shy-of-maniac energy by Katee Drysdale, her dialogue is not that of a child, or even a childlike adult. Not the way Neat's was. It's too smart and too good, laced with too much understanding — of herself and others — and brimming with too much grownup compassion. Maybe that's what Simon was thinking: that any grownup who can actually say what they feel, tell the ugly truth with loving honesty, and not choke on the pain and bitterness brought on by their own suffering, must be a bit touched. And that such a soul would be the only one who could ever step outside the crushing cycle of generational dysfunction — the sort wrought by Grandma Kurnitz, whose foot was itself crushed by anti-semites in Germany, whose husband and two of her six children died shortly after she made it to America, who had no more love to give but still had to raise a family. Anyway, it was enough to win Simon a Pulitzer in 1991, SRT mounts a fine production, and the juxtaposition is fruitful.

Love All
The extraordinary life of the champion Billie Jean King is the triumphant story of the rise of a sports icon and social justice pioneer.
LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 7:30PM SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS.

Oliver!
Lionel Bart's classic musical based on the beloved Charles Dickens novel, Oliver Twist. The Tony and Olivier Award-winning show is one of the few musicals to win an Academy Award for Best Picture and is widely hailed as a true theatrical masterpiece by actors and audience members alike. After running away from the orphanage run by the heartless Mr. Bumble, Oliver meets the Artful Dodger and is recruited to pick pockets for Fagin. There, Oliver finds a friend in Nancy, but neither she nor the boy are fit for



Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse: Honestly, we could have used more of this.

a life of crime. Book, Music & Lyrics by Lionel Bart.
OLD TOWN TEMECULA COMMUNITY THEATER, 42051 MAIN ST., TEMECULA. 866-653-8696. 7:30PM THURSDAY, FRIDAY, & SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, JUNE 11.

Scott Silven
Scott Silven performances include “Wonders at Dusk,” “At The Illusionists Table,” and “The Journey.”
JAI AT THE CONRAD, 7600 FAY AVE., LA JOLLA. 6PM & 8:30PM FRIDAY, 5PM & 8PM SATURDAY.

Silkworms World Premier
Local playwright presents world premiere of *Silkworms*: Connie Terwilliger is known for her acting and voice over work in San Diego. Her story is of 3 generations of strong women whose struggles for love and the beauty of life play out in different ways. The grandmother, an immigrant with the wisdom of age. The daughter, driven to achieve perfection at the expense of love and happiness. The granddaughter, much like her mother, striving to find balance. This story is mostly true, the names have been changed to protect the innocent. It is clearly autobiographical, featuring a younger Connie, her mom, and her grandmother. Much of her grandmother's dialog was taken from a two-hour cassette tape that her mother asked her to record.
LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 5915 SEVERIN DR., LA MESA. 619-303-5092. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

Singin' in the Rain
Adapted by Broadway legends Betty Comden and Adolph Green from their original award-winning screenplay, with Nacio Herb Brown, and Arthur Freed. Directed by AJ Knox.
NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 7:30PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS.

Twelfth Night
Shipwrecked and alone in foreign Illyria, young Viola masquerades as her lost twin brother and becomes the go-between for the lovesick Duke Orsino and the beautiful Countess Olivia. Soon Viola finds herself in the middle of a topsy-turvy love triangle with lunacy and laughs on every side.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS, & WEDNESDAYS.

MOVIES

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

The Little Mermaid — Plot: a teenage girl develops an obsession with the group of people who murdered

her mother, to the point where she falls in love with one of them after seeing him be kind to his dog. Behold the danger of improving your source material by adding backstories. The girl's father hates those people for what they did, but it's not like Mom was his one true one: to judge by his family reunions, he's got six other daughters with six other mothers. Behold the danger of improving your source material by adding diversity for its own sake. The teenager's beloved is a good bit older, but not terribly mature: he's so addled by FOMO that he's terrified of his island kingdom getting left behind in isolation, despite that island's marketplace boasting a wildly multicultural array of people and products. Behold the danger of improving your source material by adding motivations from your studio's last hit about an island people. (The wanderlust didn't make much sense in Moana, either, since there was no need to go exploring once the sea blight had been cured, but never mind.) Once she gains access to her beloved's world, our Little Mermaid sees a painting of fish on hooks, wonders if her kind are “only food for slaughter,” then rhymes that with, “But you were lonely underwater!” Behold the danger of improving your source material with new music. Her goal is to get her beloved to give her the kiss of true love without ever saying a word, but in order to dodge any possible criticism about such an arrangement, she is bewitched into forgetting her goal. Some may find this a satisfactory solution, others may say the dramatic takeback just points to the danger of trying to make a rom-com out of a fairy tale. But really, all this is quibbling: the real problem here is that the film looks and sounds terrible, at least in the screening I attended. The sunlight under the sea is less dim and watery than the sunlight above. The sound under the sea is weirdly echo-y. The famous wave crash behind Ariel as she hits her big note cuts to a shot of calm waters. Her hair switches from free-flowing strands to thick dreadlocks, depending on whether or not the underwater CG animators are working on it. Underwater book pages rustle. The list goes on, overwhelming star Halley Bailey's winning performance. Part of that world of lazy remakes, alas. At least Sebastian is still fun. (2023) — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Master Gardener — Paul Schrader's 2017 film *First Reformed* gave us a solitary man who is keeping a

journal, who deals with an intense and intimate crisis before learning that the real enemy is larger, more powerful, and less personal, and who just might find salvation via a compassionate woman. Then, 2021's *The Card Counter* gave us a solitary man with a violent past, who deals with an intense and intimate crisis, before learning that the real enemy is larger, more powerful, and less personal, and who just might find salvation via a compassionate woman. And here? Here we have a solitary man with a violent past who is keeping a journal. The pleasure is not in the innovation, but in the variation. This time, Joel Edgerton takes up the mask of composure and control, even as he lectures us about wild gardens that only appear to be wild, but still grow according to plan. That's not the sort of garden he's growing, however: his employer (Sigourney Weaver, imperious) likes things more regulated. She's eager to discuss the upcoming charity event at her grand estate, but first there is the matter of her grandniece (Quintessa Swindell, luminous), a young woman from a troubled background who needs a break. She's of mixed racial heritage, but that's not a problem for our gardener, despite what his severe haircut, black sweater, and knee-high boots might suggest. He's more concerned with her drug use, and the unpleasant people from whom she gets them. The film is as careful and restrained and handsome as Edgerton's character, and as rigidly structured as the garden he tends. But of course, that does not mean it is without feeling: plenty of blooms thrive on severity. Its only misstep may be its overly sweet portrait of a damaged addict — but then, it's not the girl's story. And while she may be our man's salvation, she's no vessel of cheap grace: their quiet confrontation in the dark is one of the most affecting scenes in recent memory. Schrader loathes violence, but he understands it, which is what makes the film's concluding monologue — about a garden's embodiment of what should be, a manipulation of nature achieved through subtle adjustment — so profoundly hopeful. (2023) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse — Dag nab it, not everything has to be *Dune*, blithely cutting off mid-story because well, it's *just that big a tale*. It's arguable — more than arguable, it's sort of obvious that you're better off ending your movie with the end of a story — even if it clearly sets up a sequel. Do we really have to hold up James “Avatar Forever” Cameron as an exemplar here? But this “to be continued” stuff that we saw in *Fast X* and now here — and mind you, it's “to be continued” after two hours and twenty minutes — it makes your movie feel less like a movie and more like a...a...oh, that's right, a comic book. Well, here's to tipping the hat to the source material, I guess. The thing is, it might not be a problem if your story really is that big: look what happened to poor David Lynch when he tried to pack *Dune* into one movie. But while this gorgeous, kinetic, engrossing, humane story of Miles Morales' discovery that there are unpleasant and cosmic ramifications to being one Spider-Man in one universe among many does involve big things like universes, it doesn't quite earn the two-part treatment. It's a darned shame when, over and over, the thrill of a chase starts to wear thin — *this was so much fun*,

why didn't they quit while they were ahead? — because runtime just isn't an issue. It's even more of a shame when that's the chief trouble with an otherwise beautifully made movie, one that tempts you to think Spider-Man was always meant to be animated. Well, almost the chief trouble. The other contender is that there's a certain deflation that occurs when you introduce your villain — a bitter casualty of science known as The Spot —and then send him offscreen for most of the movie. But other than that? Satisfying superhero stuff, full of recognizable people and even recognizable families. We'll just have to wait and see if the next installment explains the decision to go long in cinematic, as opposed to economic, terms. (2023) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

You Hurt My Feelings — When I arrived for the screening of Nicole Holofcener's new film, I was asked, “Are you here for the grown-up movie?” It's easy to see why: here we have a story about ordinary people dealing with ordinary problems in ordinary fashion — well, almost. (Can anyone living in NYC luxury really be called ordinary?) Julia Louis-Dreyfus is a memoirist, attempting to make the jump to fiction; Tobias Menzies is her therapist husband, attempting to maintain interest in the problems of his clients. But he just feels tired — and looks it, thanks to those bags under his eyes —and she's having trouble with her manuscript, so much so that she's devastated when she overhears her spouse telling a mutual friend that he doesn't like it one bit. The film is handsome without being showy, stately without being sedate, and mostly amusing without being ridiculous. It's also slight, and slightly silly — like Menzies when he receives a demand for a refund from a couple he failed to help, it's hard to say just how seriously we should take the goings on. (2023) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

STREAMING

Loot — I'm a little late to check out this series but binged it all in one lazy afternoon. What's not to love about Maya Rudolph? The concept isn't super original — a rich woman on the heels of divorce after being cheated on, now trying to find her own voice again. But who cares because the humor is great and the characters are loveable. A budding romance also gives the storyline more grit. I'd liken it to Apple's other series Ted Lasso, a feel-good fun-to-watch show with nice messages and lots of laughs. (2022-2023) — A.T. (Apple TV+)

The Idol — It's only the first episode but so far it's giving HBO's Euphoria... but somehow darker and more twisted in tone. For sure, sexualizing young women is going to be a big theme, along with drugs, mental health struggles, and the stress of being in the media's spotlight. But then The Weeknd shows up and brings a sort of creepy, mysterious character into the mix and I can't tell where that's going to lead. The opening scene acted by Lily-Rose Depp was pretty impressive in itself, and so far the story is compelling enough to keep me going down this rabbit hole. (2023) — A.T. (HBO Max)

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The sight of music “I’ve always associated letters, numbers, flavors, scents, and sounds with colors,” says artist Jennifer Mann. “I never knew there was a term for this, synesthesia, until a few years ago. For me, ‘A’ is red, ‘four’ is violet, a sweet-smelling rose is always ‘peachy pink,’ like an Arizona sunrise. And every song instrumental Jake has created has aroused certain color palettes in my mind.”

“Jake” is multi-instrumentalist Jake Allen; the two became friends after meeting at the 2019 NAMM show and discovering a mutual friend in the late fiddler Alex DePue. Allen elaborates: “Although I’ve always associated songs with various colors, it wasn’t until recently that I learned the term synesthesia. It’s a condition that many people have, where their senses kind of blend with each other. It can get as extreme as people being able to ‘taste’ certain words, but one of the most common forms is people linking certain sounds to certain colors. What’s really interesting to me is how these associations can sometimes be the same from person to person.”

Allen says his music “has always been alternative indie, with a progressive-rock lean. For my next record, I really wanted to lean all the way into a more prog-rock direction. Around this time, Jennifer reached out to me about creating a couple of instrumental songs specifically for her to paint to. By the time I finished the second piece of music, and she painted it, I think we both sensed that the process was moving towards becoming a full album.”

As Mann puts it, “I’d asked Jake to doodle a couple of instrumentals as background music for my pour painting videos until his next solo album

manifested. I was so captivated with the first tune he sent, ‘Aventurine,’ that I had to paint it. The next tune was ‘Amethyst,’ my birthstone, and again, I just had to paint it, not to it. Around holiday time in 2022, we decided to continue and collaborate on a full, ten-song album loosely based around



Jake Allen: partnership is bringing some color to his compositions.

crystals and healing stones, since we’re both kind of into the esoteric.”

The subsequent (and ongoing) creation of *Refractions Vol. 1* has been a collaborative process that propelled both the art and the music, depending on what was completed first. “When Jennifer sends the painting first,” says Allen, “I’ll only look at it for a couple of minutes before ideas start popping up. I’ve found that the colors inform what instruments I’m going to use, and the composition of shapes in the painting pushes me towards the tempo and mood. There’s also a certain ‘netting’ effect in some of the paintings that I associate with complex time signatures and odd rhythm patterns. I know I have my work cut out for me when there is netting in the piece.”

As the process evolves, both have found their respective crafts moving forward. “My prog-rock aspirations were finding their footing within these instrumentals,” says Allen, “and we were both digging the collaborative aspect. Thus began the unfolding of ten proggy instrumental songs, each tied

to a painting.” And both found the need to expand their array of tools. Allen, who plays every instrument on the record, found that the use of a dulcimer hammer and harp provided the texture he was hearing in his head. For her part, Mann added mediums and techniques to capture the music on canvas by using palette knives and creating her own metallic and color-shifting paints. While Alex DePue’s death left an unfillable space in many lives, he continues to connect people through art and music. “I have thought about him

often during the making of this record,” says Allen. “I imagine how he’ll react to certain things as I am crafting them. His sage advice and support are things I think of when the going gets tough, as it often does on the musician’s path. He was no stranger to that. To have his vote of confidence helps me keep the midnight oil burning, in the studio and on the stage.”

Ms. Mann concurs. “I truly believe Alex, like Jake, is an infinite point of light; a beacon connecting artistic souls for the betterment of the collective. Alex was such a stout, loving, supportive proponent of Jake’s expression of his talents, and I know that wherever he is now, he is still pushing him forward on his path. I look forward to painting one of Alex’s original masterpieces one day soon.” Plans for a release date and format are being discussed. In the meantime, experience the process online at Facebook.com/JakeAllenMusic.

— Spike Steffenhagen

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SENSI TRAILS at Music Box

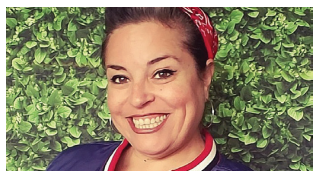
JUNE 8



Originally hailing from Outer Banks, NC, before relocating to Ocean Beach, Sensi Trails has collaborated with artists and producers such as KBong and E.N. Young. They'll share a bill on June 8 at the Music Box with Saint Luna, a local alternative psychedelic rock band founded during the 2020 pandemic shutdown by five SDSU students.

MARCELA MENDEZ at Waterbar

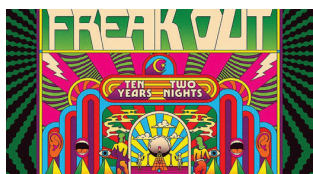
JUNE 8



Mission Valley singer Marcela Mendez spent over two decades as a waitress and bartender before becoming a professional singer. Today she still favors restaurant bars as a venue, performing a diversified selection of rock tunes that range from the '60s all the way up to contemporary artists. A Bay Area native who relocated to San Diego in 2001, her setlists vary depending on which guitarist accompanies her.

SAN DIEGO FREAK OUT at Casbah

JUNE 9 AND JUNE 10



This year's San Diego Freak Out at the Casbah celebrates ten years with two nights of live music, June 9 and 10, co-presented in conjunction with the Desert Daze Festival. Performers include Jjuujjuu, Pearl & the Oysters, Wild Wild Wets, Moans, Zack Oakley, Auz Fontaine, Well Well Well, Bruin, and Spacehall Sound Machine. A trippy light show will be provided by Stranger Liquids, with intermittent all-vinyl DJ sets.

STICK FIGURE at Rady Shell

JUNE 10



Stick Figure hit number one on the Billboard reggae chart with their 2012 album *Burial Ground*. They topped the chart again in 2016 with *Set In Stone*, and have collaborated with reggae rockers Tribal Seeds, Common Kings, the Green, and the Movement. The band, which recently released a video for their track "Way of Life" featuring fellow locals Slightly Stoopid, appears June 10 at the Rady Shell, on a bill that includes Pepper and The Elovaters.

THE PRICE OF DOPE at Winstons

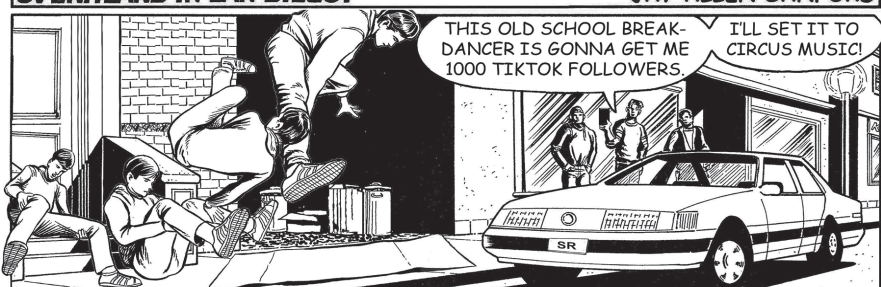
JUNE 10



San Diego's original acid-jazz group the Price of Dope first earned local notice in the 1990s. Songs from the band's debut CD were used for Rob Machado's MTV surf videos and featured on local TV and KUSI and KSDS radio. After splitting up in the late '90s, members went on to acts such as Robert Walter's 20th Congress, Pocket, and Crash & the Burns. A reunion performance happens June 10 at Winstons in OB, where you can also catch Swami Sound System.

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THE GONZO REPORT

Hot for the Chili Peppers

Pushing into the pit at Snapdragon show

On Snapdragon Stadium's opening day, I recall hearing stories about how the sun melted a college football crowd into a dank mess. This much is true: the new stadium, although modern and affable, fails to provide any sort of shade for us first world bitches. Fortunately for us, on this particular day, the May gray is back with full coverage. Our skin remains unblistered. Still, I plan to get melted, not by the sun, but by the Mars Volta and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, who are popping in to penetrate our city's big, new, noisy box.

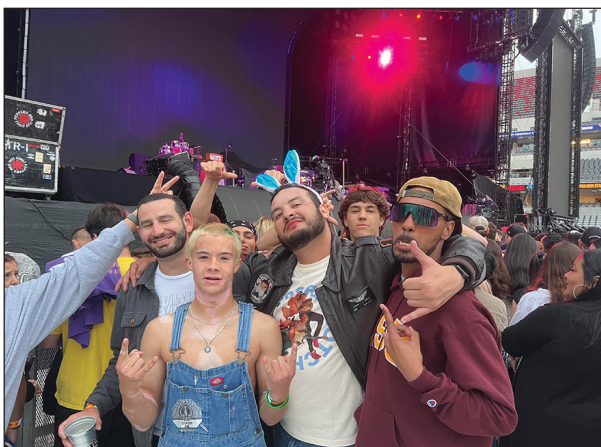
It's Friday, concert day. Before burning down the I-8 West to Mission Valley, my coworker Victoria and I stop to stock up on beers and tacos for tailgate time. Parking at the stadium costs an eyebrow-raising \$50, but considering the price of food and drinks inside, we agree it's worth it to be able to party by our car. Our friend Chris B. Creme is already waiting for us.



Chili Peppers in full melt mode.

I throw Victoria two twenties for the parking; she'll buy my first beer inside. Deal? Deal. Beers range from \$16-\$19, and food — well, it's typical stadium robbery.

Just outside our gate, I notice a grassy hill behind the merch tent. "Excuse me a minute," I say to my friends, before ripping off a couple of somersaults to the bottom, then going back up and doing it again — because we have the time, and I have the inclination. Brushing off the grass from my shirt, I then enter with the others and orange bands are wrapped around our wrists, indicating we're allowed to go where few achieve access. The pit's entrance is swarming with around a half-dozen security guards, who wave us in. I'm usually the guy looking for alternative ways to the front from my shitty seats, but tonight's different. I actually paid for



Hey John Frusciante! It's the Johns!

good tickets.

Listening to a recent Rick Rubin podcast, I heard the famed music producer describe the Chili Peppers as reaching transcendence on a very regular basis. Rubin said, "It's wild being in the room. We just look at each other kind of dumbfounded, because you can't believe what's happening." This is something I want to witness, and the pit puts me as close as I can be.

During The Mars Volta set, a fan wearing bunny ears and a leather bomber jacket keeps shouting for the Johns to assemble. His name is John, and he has found five other Johns. Then six. A short while later, one of the Johns finds his dad, who's also John. I tell the bunny-eared John to make the John gang so big that Mars Volta guitarist John Frusciante hears about it and has no choice but to become a part of the collec-

tive. I believe in him, but lose sight of his efforts when the Chili Peppers hit the stage. We make our way to the middle of the crowd and, once at the center, stop and get comfortable. Then a voice from behind echoes over to us. "Hey, I think the ladies were here first," says a young fella to me. Sure, we budged a little, but it's the pit. You get in where you fit in. We move over a little more to appease them. I still feel their ballistic heat vision on my neck, but I hardly care.

A couple of songs into the set, a person wearing a ladybug costume starts crowd-surfing from behind us toward the stage. As they pass by, they kick the back of my head, knocking off my hat and sunglasses. When I go down to retrieve them, one of the hostile women sees her chance to reclaim her spot ahead of us, rushing in for a calculated *blitzkrieg*. I make my way back up, start fist pumping to "Can't Stop," and feel a bony elbow jamming my side. The woman is beside me now, chicken winging my ribcage like a xylophone. That's the pit spirit, lady. "I know you and your little girlfriend budged, but we've been waiting here since six o'clock," she spits.

"All is fair in love and war and rock and roll," I calmly reply. To ease the tension, I fire up a joint. After a crackling hit, I extend the fresh doobie to the angry woman as a peace offering. She scoffs at me as I let her by. With her moving back ahead of us, all parties seem satisfied. I tilt my head back, flare my nostrils wide, and begin breathing in forty years of Chili Peppers. No need for blood, sugar, or sex. I'm only here for the magik. ■

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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library:

Sunday, 7:30pm — Edward Simon: Songs of Latin American Women. \$40-\$45.

Balboa Park:

Wednesday, 10am — San Diego City Guard Band Concert. Free.

Bellamy's Restaurant:

Thursday, 6pm — Jake Taylor Smith.

Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday, 8pm — EELS. \$45-\$79.

Friday, 8pm — Pato Banton.

\$25-\$44.

Saturday, 8pm — Tainted Love.

Sunday, 8pm — Poncho Sanchez.

\$40-\$70.

Monday, 7:30pm — Shawn Colvin. \$50.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Monette Marino Keita. \$12-\$21.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Tom Sandoval & The Most Extras.

Bogey's Pub and Grill:

Saturday, 6pm — Good Vibes Band. Free.

Bolt Brewing:

Saturday, 2pm — Punk N' Brews.

Brew Coffee Spot:

Friday, 5:30pm — Garza Quartet. Free.

Brick by Brick:

Thursday, 7pm — ZAO and Body Void. \$18-\$22.

Friday, 7pm — Woods Witch and Doomslayer. \$12-\$15.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — 8 Kalacas and Raygun Cowboys. \$18-\$22.

Wednesday, 8pm — Cynic and Atheist. \$25-\$30.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido:

Saturday, 7pm — Dale Da Dred. \$25-\$250.

Cannonball:

Thursday, 5pm — Ben Benavente.

Tuesday, 5pm — Andrew Peña.

Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens:

Thursday, 7pm — Kalina & Kiana. \$18.

Casbah:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Tanner Usrey. \$18.

Friday & Saturday, 7:30pm — San Diego Freak Out. \$23.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Bobbo and Jettee. \$10.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Leavers and Train Conductor.

Casino Inn Bar and Grill:

Saturday, 7pm — 8 East Band. Free.

Civita Park:

Sunday, 6pm — The Sully Band. Free.

Crafted Culture:

Friday, 6pm — Mike Myrdal.

Del Mar Fairgrounds:

Thursday, 7:30pm — L.A.vation.

Friday, 7pm — Symphonic Sinatra.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Scarlet Opera.

Sunday, 7:30pm — Best Of Both Worlds.

Sunday, 7:30pm — La Adictiva. \$25-\$50.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Carly Pearce.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Springsteen Experience.

Diamond Palace:

Thursday, 6pm — Mercedes Moore. Free.

Dirk's Niteclub:

Saturday, 10pm — LoveMask Band RedRoom Dance. Free.

Duck Dive:

Wednesday, 6pm — Charlie Rae.

Duck Foot Brewing Company:

Monday, 6:30pm — Bluegrass

Jam.

Tuesday, 7pm — SD Jazz Collective.

Duck Foot Brewing Leucadia:

Tuesday, 5pm — DJ Hummus & Friends.

Duke's La Jolla:

Friday, 3pm — Orion Song.

Sunday, 4pm — Kai Kalama.

Tuesday, 4pm — Farrah Camu.

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:

Thursday, 6pm — Gabriele Dagrezio.

Tuesday, 6pm — Blaise Guld.

Fairmont Grand Del Mar:

Sunday, 4pm — Soul Sunday Sessions. \$50-\$150.

Farmer & the Seahorse:

Thursday, 4:30pm — Alex Elisabeth.

Friday, 4:30pm — Whitney Shay.

Sunday, 11am — Danielle Angeloni.

Golden Island:

Friday, 6pm — Hunter Burgamy. Free.

Grand Ole BBQ Flinn Springs:

Friday, 6pm — Clinton Davis String Band. Free.

Harrah's Resort Southern California:

Sunday, 7:30pm — Gov't Mule. \$39-\$221.

House of Blues:

Friday, 7:30pm — Strangelove. \$25-\$80.

Saturday, 9pm — Electric Feels. \$15-\$35.

Saturday, 9pm — The Rodeo Rave - The Modern Country Rave. \$17.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Rolo Tomassi and The Callous Daoboys.

L'Auberge Del Mar:

Thursday, 5pm — Jesse Johnson.

Friday, 7pm — Tyler F. Simmons.

Saturday, 7pm — Jackie Foster.

Sunday, 11am — Farrah Camu.

Wednesday, 5pm — Christian Taylor.

La Valencia Hotel:

Thursday, 5:30pm — Orion Song.

Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbrow.

Saturday, 6pm — Dalton Gazette.

Saturday, 11am — Rachel Jay.

Sunday, 11am — Johnny Martin.

Lakehouse Hotel & Resort:

Saturday, 5:30pm — The Killer Dueling Pianos. \$45.

Loews Coronado Bay Resort:

Friday, 7pm — Marelle.

Saturday, 7pm — Kekoa.

Mission Bay Resort:

Thursday, 6pm — Mike Myrdal.

Saturday, 6pm — Jonny Tarr.

Monday, 6pm — Jemille Violet.

Tuesday, 6pm — Puro Feeling.

Wednesday, 6pm — Gabriele Dagrezio.

Mission Trails Regional Park:

Sunday, 1pm — Native American Flute Circle. Free.

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:

Thursday, 9pm — Jim Allen Band. Free.

Friday, 9pm — Prairie Dogs.

Free.

Saturday, 9pm — Dshire Band.

Free.

Music Box:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Saint Luna and Sensi Trails. \$10.

Friday, 7:30pm — Taylor Party. \$17-\$140.

Saturday, 8:30pm — 10 Years with BTS. \$20-\$25.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Julian Marley.

Navajo Live:

Friday, 8pm — Into The Void and Dazed & Confused. \$5-\$7.

Nick & G's:

Friday, 7pm — Johnny Martin.

North Island Credit Union Amphitheatre:

Saturday, 7pm — Garbage and Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds. \$19-\$500.

Sunday, 7:30pm — Janet Jackson and Ludacris. \$36-\$2600.

Observatory North Park:
Sunday, 7:30pm — Waterparks and Hunny. \$35-\$50.

Panama 66:
Thursday, 6pm — Uptown Rhythm Makers. **Free.**

Parq Restaurant:
Friday, 8pm — Nelly. \$45-\$55.

Pechanga Arena San Diego:
Saturday, 7:30pm — Carlos Rivera. \$34-\$184.

Pure Project Vista:
Saturday, 7pm — Saturday Sessions: Riley Hoover. **Free.**

Rady Shell at Jacobs Park:
Saturday, 7pm — Stick Figure, Pepper, The Elovaters.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Diana Ross.

Rustic Root:
Tuesday, 6pm — Johnny Martin.

San Diego Marriott Del Mar:
Friday, 6pm — Nathan Welden.

San Diego Yacht Club:
Friday, 5:30pm — Mike Myrdal.

Seabird:
Sunday, 5pm — Keni Yarbro.

Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego:
Sunday, 2pm — North County Winds Stage & Screen Concert. \$15-\$20.

Side Yard:
Saturday, 6pm — Christian Taylor.
Wednesday, 6pm — Andrew Peña.

Soda Bar:
Thursday, 8pm — Cherubs and Rid Of Me. \$18.
Friday, 7:30pm — Vincent Neil Emerson. \$25.
Saturday, 8pm — Beyoncé Celebration. \$18.
Sunday, 6:30pm — Ours. \$31.
Monday, 7pm — Neutral Snap and Townies. \$15.

Soma:
Friday, 7:30pm — Mustard Service and The Grinns. \$20.
Sunday, 7pm — Hobo Johnson.

Thornton Winery:
Saturday, 7pm — Boney James.

University Club Atop Symphony Towers:
Saturday, 10:30am — Jarred Matthew.
Wednesday, 6pm — Jemille Vialto.

Viejias Arena:
Saturday, 7:30pm — Melanie Martinez. \$160-\$350.

Village Walk at EastLake:
Sunday, 5pm — Summer Sundays: 3 Car Garage. **Free.**

Waterbar:
Thursday, 5pm — Marcela Mendez.

Westfield University Towne Centre:
Thursday, 12pm — Ben Benavente.
Friday, 12pm — Joanna Gerolaga.
Saturday, 12pm — David Shyde.

Whistle Stop Bar:
Sunday, 7:30pm — Elf Power.

Wine Pub:
Thursday, 6:30pm — Lauren Leigh. **Free.**
Friday, 6:30pm — Chris DeVito. **Free.**

Winstons Beach Club:
Friday, 9:30pm — Sutton James & The Finest City Band. \$10-\$12.
Saturday, 4pm — Brian Jones Rock 'n' Roll Revival. \$5.
Saturday, 9:30pm — The Price of Dope and Swami Sound System. \$15-\$18.
Sunday, 1:30pm — Strangely Strange Reunion. \$5.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Alila Marea Beach Resort:
Thursday, June 15 — Keni Yarbro.
Friday, June 16 — Christian Taylor.
Saturday, June 17 — Kai Kalama.

Wednesday, June 21 — Brian & Nikki of Silversun Pickups.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library:
Friday, June 16 — Gretchen Parlato and Lionel Loueke. \$40-\$45.

Aztec Brewing Company:
Sunday, June 18 — Jazz Jam. **Free.**

BLK Box Gallery:
Saturday, June 17 — Temple of Roots. \$7-\$10.

Barefoot Bar and Grill:
Friday, June 16 — Blaise Guld.
Saturday, June 17 — Christian Taylor.

Beach House Grill:
Friday, June 16 — Don Carlos.

Bellamy's Restaurant:
Thursday, June 15 — Jake Taylor Smith.

Belly Up Tavern:
Thursday, June 15 — Muscadine Bloodline.
Saturday, June 17 — Donavon Frankenreiter.
Saturday, June 17 — Los Nuevos Reyes De Reggaeton.
Sunday, June 18 — Ghostland Observatory.
Tuesday, June 20 — Matisyahu.
Wednesday, June 21 — Matisyahu.

Bogey's Pub and Grill:
Saturday, June 17 — Starsign. **Free.**

Brick by Brick:
Thursday, June 15 — Clan of Xymox and Curse Mackey. \$22-\$27.
Friday, June 16 — Nekrogoblikon, Inferi, Aether Realm. \$20-\$25.
Saturday, June 17 — Mythraeum, Imperialist, Withermoon. \$12-\$15.
Monday, June 19 — Creeping Death and Year of the Knife. \$20-\$25.
Wednesday, June 21 — Godflesh and Prison Religion. \$25-\$40.

Cannonball:
Tuesday, June 20 — Puro Feeling.

Casbah:
Thursday, June 15 — Joshua Ray Walker.
Friday, June 16 — Emo Nite.
Saturday, June 17 — Surfer Blood.
Tuesday, June 20 — Off With Their Heads and Single Mothers.
Wednesday, June 21 — Parker Millsap.

Del Mar Fairgrounds:
Thursday, June 15 — Core.
Friday, June 16 — Super Diamond.
Saturday, June 17 — Lynyrd Skynyrd.
Saturday, June 17 — Dr. Crue.
Sunday, June 18 — Grupo Bronco.
Sunday, June 18 — Nirvanish.
Wednesday, June 21 — Vegas McGraw.

Diamond Palace:
Thursday, June 15 — Starsign. **Free.**

Duck Foot Brewing Company:
Thursday, June 15 — Dead Heads Night. **Free.**
Saturday, June 17 — Adeumazel.
Tuesday, June 20 — Blues Organ Jam.

Duke's La Jolla:
Friday, June 16 — Kekoa.
Sunday, June 18 — Jehua Evans.
Tuesday, June 20 — Farrah Camu.

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:
Thursday, June 15 — Farrah Camu.
Friday, June 16 — Rachel Jay.
Saturday, June 17 — Johnny Martin.

F6ix Niteclub:
Sunday, June 18 — Day Series.

Fairmont Grand Del Mar:
Friday, June 16 — Friday Summer Jazz Series. \$50-\$150.

Farmer & the Seahorse:
Friday, June 16 — Danielle

Angeloni.
Sunday, June 18 — Gabriele Dagrezio.

Galley at the Marina:
Saturday, June 17 — West of 5. **Free.**

Golden Island:
Friday, June 16 — Cobby Brzeski. **Free.**

Hard Rock Hotel:
Sunday, June 18 — LP Giobbi and Mary Droppinz.

Holding Company:
Thursday, June 15 — The Sometimes Island.
Friday, June 16 — The Real Mckenziez.

House of Blues:
Thursday, June 15 — Craig Owens.
Friday, June 16 — One Direction Dance Party.
Saturday, June 17 — Missing Persons.
Saturday, June 17 — Los Shadows.
Saturday, June 17 — First Pump Fest.
Monday, June 19 — Ava Max.
Tuesday, June 20 — LustSickPuppy.
Wednesday, June 21 — Arcy Drive.

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Friday, June 16 — Brian Jones Rock 'n' Roll Revival. \$12.

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Jazzy Wishbone:
Saturday, June 17 — The Soto Six. **Free.**

L'Auberge Del Mar:
Thursday, June 15 — Helena Holleran.
Saturday, June 17 — Jemille Vialto.
Wednesday, June 21 — Gabriele Dagrezio.

La Valencia Hotel:
Thursday, June 15 — David Shyde.
Friday, June 16 — Keni Yarbro.
Saturday, June 17 — Whitney Shay.
Saturday, June 17 — Jesse Johnson.
Sunday, June 18 — Jackie Foster.

Loews Coronado Bay Resort:
Friday, June 16 — Orion Song.
Saturday, June 17 — Shay Skylar.

Magnolia Performing Arts Center:
Thursday, June 15 — Chris Botti.

Mission Bay Resort:
Thursday, June 15 — Orion Song.
Friday, June 16 — Helena Holleran.
Sunday, June 18 — Marelle.
Wednesday, June 21 — Johnny Martin.

Moonlight Beach:
Saturday, June 17 — Switchfoot Bro-Am Beach Fest. **Free.**

Morgan Run Resort and Club:
Friday, June 16 — David Shyde..

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Saturday, June 17 —
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Friday, June 16 — Matt
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BY GARRETT HARRIS

Payare pushes the Symphony skyward

On Saturday, May 27, The San Diego Symphony completed the 2022-2023 Jacobs Masterworks season at The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park. The event was a multi-sensory extravaganza that maximized the potential of both the venue and the orchestra.

The concert started with the *Pelléas and Mélisande Suite* by Gabriel Faure. *Pelléas and Mélisande* was a play by Belgian playwright Maurice Maeterlinck and was most famously utilized as an opera by Claude Debussy. Faure's music was written as incidental music for an 1898 production of the play in London. The music is delicate and lyrical and the San Diego Symphony sounded fantastic as music director Rafael Payare led us through the tragedy of forbidden love.

The concert doubled down on the French by then presenting *La Péri: Poème dansé* by Paul Dukas. Of

course, Dukas is best known for *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* as realized in Walt Disney's *Fantasia*. One does wonder if that piece would be famous at all if it hadn't featured one Mickey Mouse. *La Péri: Poème dansé* was an entertaining piece of music, but ultimately forgettable, despite the raucous treatment it was given by Payare and his San Diegians.

After intermission, we were treated to *Santa Cruz de Pacairigua* by Venezuelan composer Evencio Castellanos. Far from forgettable, this was a memorable piece of music, as was the performance. I've listened to it a few times since the concert and continue to be enthralled with the dance rhythms and folk melodies employed throughout.

The final piece of the season was *Cantata Criolla* by Venezuelan composer Antonio Estévez. This epic composition depicts a singing competition between The

Devil and Florentino. The piece is scored for orchestra, chorus, baritone solo, and tenor solo. The text was taken from a mythic poem by Alberto Arvelo Torrealba.

I must admit I found the text, in its translated form, to be too obscure. After the concert, I found a translation that was far more accessible to the simple patterns of my literary tastes.

In the role of The Devil, baritone Gustavo Castillo burst onto the stage with an opening vocal salvo that established he was there to effing *sing*. I raised my eyebrows and thought, "So it's going to be like that?"

I was less impressed with tenor Aquiles Machado in the role of Florentino. The voice was hazy and sounded a bit fatigued from the very start. Had this performance been in a concert hall without amplification, things could have gotten dodgy. As it was, Machado carried



Rafael Payare: storming the gates of musical glory, and then some.

on and turned in a performance that expressed the story well.

Of Rafael Payare and the orchestra, I've said much in the past few months. To say that they are storming the gates of musical glory feels insufficient. The most impres-

sive element of the performances this season has been the consistency. The ceiling has always been high in San Diego, but the floor was low. Now the floor has been raised and the ceiling might as well not exist, because the sky is the limit.

Classical Music this week

Golden State Ballet: From New York, With Love

Golden State Ballet presents a triple bill evening showcasing choreography from NYC icons: Justin Peck, Norbert De La Cruz III, and Gabrielle Lamb. Program includes two world premieres and In Creases by Justin Peck - Tony Award

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Soda Bar:

Thursday, June 15 — Midnight and Necrofier.
Friday, June 16 — J. Navarro & The Traitors.
Saturday, June 17 — Slothrust and Weakened Friends.
Wednesday, June 21 — Alex Lahey.
Thursday, June 22 — FACS.
Friday, June 23 — The Dirty Nil and Daniel Romano's Outfit.
Saturday, June 24 — De Lux & James Supercave.
Sunday, June 25 — The Downhill Jam.
Wednesday, June 28 — Fools &

Fables.

Thursday, June 29 — Annabelle Chairlegs and Amerikan Bear.
Friday, June 30 — Semi-Charmed Kinda Night: A 90's Party.

Soma:

Friday, June 16 — Robert DeLong and Dreamers.
Saturday, June 17 — Loveless.
Saturday, July 15 — Larry June.

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Saturday, July 15 — Blue Oyster Cult.
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Friday, June 16 — Led Zepagain.
Sunday, June 18 — Brian McKnight.

Tierra Central:

Saturday, June 24 — Music en la Calle. Free.

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Friday, June 30 — Mercy Music, Matt Caskitt, Shades Mcool.

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Something to crow about

Royal Rooster, 1717 Quivira Road, San Diego; Stellar fish tacos, excellent craft brews, and a harbor view: welcome to The Royal Rooster, one of my new favorite finds. You can find the eatery tucked away behind a parking lot at the far end of Quivira Basin; the sign with the picture of a rooster lets you know you've arrived. A walk-up kiosk showcases the menu, which is also displayed on multiple chalkboards on the far wall. Tacos dominate, but there are plenty of burritos, along with taquitos, nachos, and several vegetarian options.

I'd been here before and enjoyed it so much, I thought it deserved a second visit. This time, I asked the comrades behind the counter for their recommendations. In unison, they replied, "The barbacoa." Smoked, spiced, and chili-infused beef brisket (that accounts for the smoky aromas I noticed outside the restaurant when we arrived) is slowly cooked, then shredded. Done. Besides the barbacoa taco, we ordered a fish taco, a tri-tip burrito, onion rings, and two beers to tame the heat.

We took a seat on the harbor-facing patio and waited for our name to be called. All the seating is outside, and in cooler weather, they place heaters nearby to keep you warm. I enjoyed the mellow vibe and friendly, low-key atmosphere. Dogs allowed — bonus!

The fish tacos (\$8), prepared Baja-style with locally caught rockfish, are beer batter-fried to perfection, crispy on the outside and steaming hot inside. A mountain of crunchy coleslaw, piled so high it could be a side, adorns the taco, making it a handful. All tacos and burritos are accompanied by a deep red, tomato-forward and medium-hot salsa, plus tangy salsa verde.

Once I tasted the barbacoa taco (\$10), I knew this would be my go-to the next time I returned. Simply dressed in pickled onion, jalapeno crema, queso fresco, and cilantro, it met all the criteria: superb flavor, tender and juicy meat, and an overall awesome bite.

The tri-tip burrito (\$23) carries a hefty price, but it is huge, and bursts with tender beef, French fries, avocado, and cheddar cheese — perfect for packing into a fishing trip lunch. (My chopped leftovers made a tasty hash with eggs for breakfast the next morning.) At the other end of the price spectrum, the onion rings (\$6) proved utterly irresistible. Fried in the same batter as the fish, the sweetness of the inner onion shines under the flawless outer crisp. Please order them!

I felt I hadn't explored enough of Royal Rooster's offering, so I went back and looked at the menu again. One thing caught my eye — the spicy squid salad (\$13 for a bowlful) served with large, crunchy tortilla chips. Ginger, Thai chilis, cucumber, sesame seeds, and red onions united with the smoked squid slices. The marriage of sweet, spicy, and sour flavors makes it one sassy dish. I can imagine picking it up to serve as an appetizer



Barbacoa taco: a go-to that meets all the criteria for an awesome bite.

at a home gathering.

Royal Rooster's lineup of beers on tap is extensive, and they also feature margaritas, wine, and local ciders. Save room for the Thrifty ice cream!

Mary Knight

FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

Agave Fest Second-annual Agave Fest with Mexican spirits and authentic Baja-inspired cuisine. Attendees can enjoy live music and entertainment beneath the palm trees while exploring a specially curated selection of 100% Agave-based Tequila and Mezcal spirits. Saturday, June 10, 4pm; \$150. Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa, 9700 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

City Heights Street Food Fest Enjoy live art, music, drinks, community, and street food as diverse as City Heights. Friday, June 9, 5pm; Fair@44, 4350 El Cajon Boulevard. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Gaslamp Food Crawl Grab your crawl tasting pass and come and taste the Gaslamp's secret dishes on a food adventure. Saturday, June 10, 1:30pm; \$40-\$45. Gaslamp Quarter, Fifth Ave., between Broadway and Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Gospel Brunch Hosted by Sister Nun-of-the-Above (Tootie) with the Sisters of Sequin. Each entree includes unlimited Mimosas, Champagne, or Bloody Marys. Sundays, 12pm; through Saturday, December 30, Lips Restaurant, 3036 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

Luau Party: A Celebration of Kai'aina Third-annual summer Luau to celebrate the spirit of Aloha. Attendees can expect island traditions with authentic all-you-can-eat Polynesian cuisine, live music from Island Breeze, Tahitian drumming, fire knife dancing and a performance from Taupou Samoa. Friday, June 9, 7pm; \$25-\$129. Kona Kai Resort & Marina, 1551 Shelter Island. (SHELTER ISLAND)

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Tijuana Street Food Tour Enjoy an all-inclusive street food tour in Tijuana. Guests meet at the McDonald's at the San Ysidro Trolley Station. Passports required. wildfoodietours.com. Saturdays, 12pm; through Sunday, December 31, \$69. San Ysidro Trolley Station, 700 E. San Ysidro Boulevard. (SAN YSIDRO)

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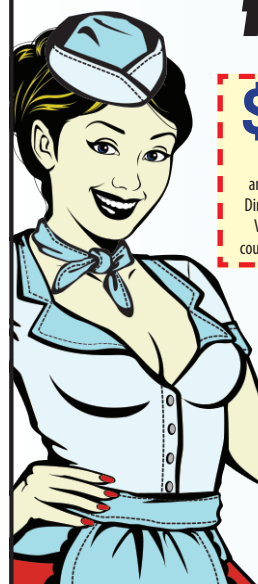
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PERSONALS

ASTOUNDED The best thing I ever did with one woman only one was grab her then leave then destroy all signals. By nature. What oppression would any thing else have brought. Ouch thank you for not responding thank you so much.

IF IT WAS ACTUALLY ME I would be haunting your place. Well said, by the way.

THE DRIVEWAY SOCIETY is proud to announce the retirement of one of our dear members from the business world. She will now have more time to comment on life as we live it.

TODAY'S DISCUSSION might include how to set the table for a casual lunch!

HBD MARY!!! Happy 40th Birthday! You have changed my life for the better, and I am forever in your debt.

THE DRIVEWAY SOCIETY would like to invite all of San Diego to come on over to La Jolla and check out the newly paved La Jolla Blvd. what a great ride you don't know what you're missing.

BEULAH thinking of you as I watch signed, sealed, delivered.

GOD BLESS GRANDMA prays rosary daily for me, grandpa's service on USS Arizona, others Cherokee & Czech, amazing education as adopted child Scottish Hindi.

KELLY, ALYSSA, VERONICA call your mom (619) 417-0866.

TO MY BTT You are full of surprises and cute as a quokka-a backhand winner and a lotus pose all combined. Namaste (with you for a long time).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KELLY from mom, call (619) 417-0866, I love you!

HEY, RAINBOW BUFFALO CORNWOMAN Do you like snakes? I like you. You like me. Let's keep flying cuz it's Trev-or Time.

KAY; JIM AND WIFE Solana area, lost touch. Contact Weaver-Kathi25@gmail.com, hope you're well.

ROSES ON THE RED SIDE Contact Christina Rodriguez for further information if you know of Audriana Ocean. (424) 703-7286

BEULAH. Watching Blake's final day on the voice. Boohoo

TO: ASTOUNDINGLY ASHAMED I understand how you feel, please email me @ gt4jmb3@gmail.com please.

I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST your sponsorship in helping me to secure 4 dental implants on the top. Keith, (619) 551-6368, thanks!

LOOKING FOR ARTIST NEAL, roommate John, Fred, Doug Sweda, Pacific Beach, house on alley, between Thomas and Reed-1977. Jackie Feitler. (619) 917-6975

THE FIRST THING THAT EXISTED had no beginning or created itself from nothing or Jesus said "I am the beginning..." Revelation 22:13

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FRIENDS OF JAMES HARPER (JIM) Please call Jim's family. Ann, Jennifer, Jamie. Thank you. (619) 917-6975

DEAREST KATHERINE, not sure what path you are on now, but would like to rendezvous once again. Our time in Norway is etched in my mind. Frank.

MY DARLING FRANK, it doesn't matter what car you drive I will pick you up on my Peugeot bike. Just be ready darling we'll go for a ride. Your best girl, Katherine.

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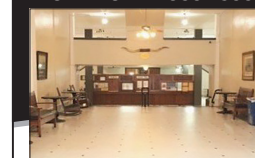


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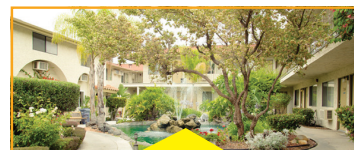


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Dock Totals 5/28– 6/3: 3466 anglers aboard 126 half-day to 3-day trips out of San Diego landings over the past two weeks caught 24 barracuda, 620 bluefin tuna (up to 200 pounds), 9 bonito, 1 cabezon, 491 calico bass, 3 halibut, 15 lingcod, 1 mako shark, 1 perch, 7202 rockfish, 74 sand bass, 202 sanddab, 78 sculpin, 181 sheephead, 6 Spanish jack, 6 treefish, 690 whitefish, and 274 yellowtail.

Saltwater: Between tough conditions and tight-lipped fish, the counts of both bluefin and yellowtail dropped this past week, though all signs are good going forward, and the average size of bluefin is getting larger, with many fish caught over 100-pounds. Boats are working hard to get the pelagics to bite once on them, and many schools are metered in the normal high spots from the Corner on down to Finger Bank off Ensenada, where *pangeros* are also finding limited success and switching to targeting rockfish, lingcod, and bass when the yellowtail and bluefin bite slows.

Given the availability of deeper water rockfish to 600 feet in depth this season, and the off-and-on-again bluefin and yellowtail, the numbers and size of rockfish has increased dramatically. Still, cowcod are a no-catch species and dwell more so in water deeper than 300-feet, which is why that depth limit was set over a decade ago in the first place. This year's increase was due to the improving health of the cowcod population, but they are still off the menu. This brings up the importance of descender rigs, especially with the new trend of heavy knife jigs and 'slow pitch jigging', or SPJ, for those big deepwater reds.

Fish caught and hauled up from the depths quickly will bloat with air due to the atmospheric change of pressure, and if released, they need a little help getting back down. A descender rig is a weighted device that, once clipped to the fish, will take the fish back down to the bottom where the clip is released by simply pulling up on the line. This helps ensure a higher rate of survival for protected or unwanted fish, and all sportfishing boats targeting rockfish will have descender rigs available for that reason. If heading out on a private boat to target rockfish, especially in the deeper zones, please include a descender rig or two in your



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are warming up for those targeting them with plastics, while shortfin corvina are beginning to eat crankbaits along the rocky edges of San Diego Bay. The season is still young, and though those finicky bluefin and stubborn yellowtail within 1.5-day range seem to have not gotten the message quite yet, it is still looking like it will be another amazing year for the entire saltwater angling community — from the shore-pounders working the local beaches to the long-range fleet's multi-day trips to points south. They're out there, so go get 'em!

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Once you get to Todos Santos in Baja Sur, past Cabo and up into the Sea of Cortez, it has been a different story. They have had a great start of the season, with inshore fishing producing many yellowtail caught from the beaches outside of La Paz, and quite a few big dorado and wahoo already showing outside of Bahia de los Muertos and the high spots near Cerralvo Island. In the northern Cortez, anglers are enjoying great yellowtail, cabrilla, and grouper fishing in Bahia de Los Angeles and Bahia de San Luis Gonzaga. There, the normal winter and spring blows have been less than average with many nice calm mornings, which is typical when the wind is howling on the Pacific side.

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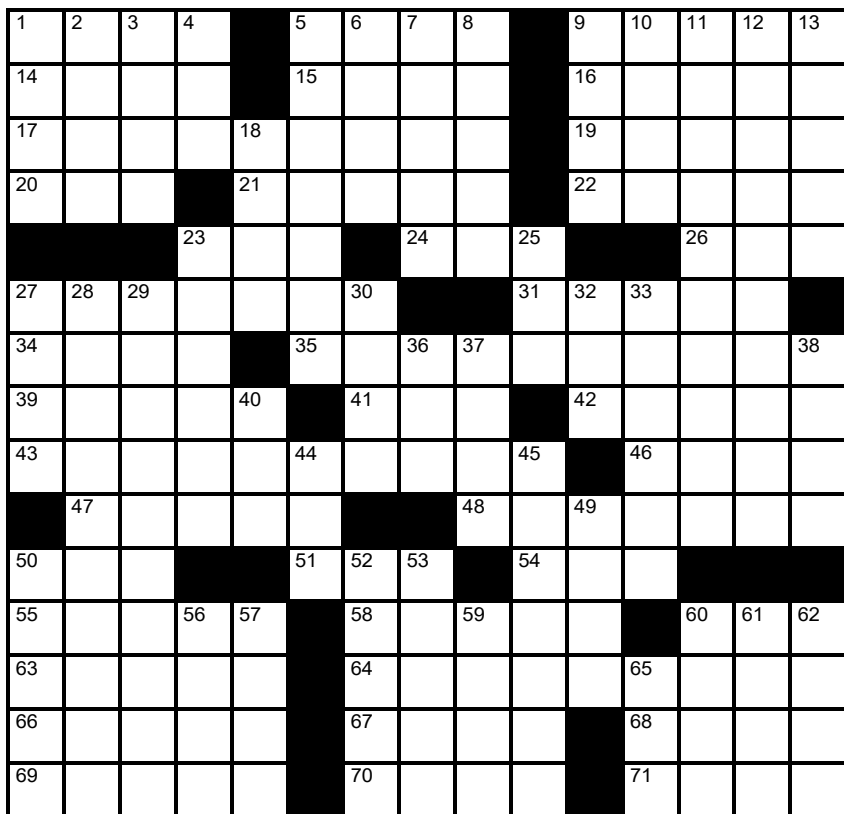
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Across

- 1.** Frequent hairstyle for Diana Ross and Tracee Ellis Ross
5. "Star ____"
9. '90s hip-hop purchase
14. Scott in an 1857 case
15. Eke ____ living
16. "The ____ Holmes Mysteries" (young adult detective series)
17. Physician's equipment ... or a good clue for 71-Across
19. "Raspberry ____" (Prince song)
20. Dover's state: Abbr.
21. "It's nobody ____ business"
22. "Go ahead, shoot!"
23. Some MMA wins

Down

- 24.** Regret
26. Street crosser, for short
27. Supervised
31. Ricky Martin's " ____ La Vida Loca"
34. Beatty and Rorem
35. Essay, say ... or a good clue for 71-Across
39. Frozen waffles since the 1950s
41. "Am ____ brother's keeper?"
42. "Straight Outta Compton" actor ____ Jackson Jr.
43. Common stir-fry ingredient ... or a good clue for 71-Across
46. Thin batteries
47. It's hot

Across

- 48.** Akhenaten's kid
50. Wander (about)
51. Hernando's "Huh?"
54. Scot's "no"
55. Earns a dog treat, say
58. Italian cheese city
60. Implore
63. Fish tank buildup
64. Pattern recorded by an EEG ... or a good clue for 71-Across
66. Portraitist with a Baltimore museum named after him
67. Lena of "Chocolat"
68. Judicial order
69. German steel city
70. Noah of "ER"
71. Want this puzzle's theme explained to you? Never mind ... you get the ____

Down

- 18.** They're born before Virgos
23. "Sound of da Police" rapper
25. Caribou's cousin
27. Spoiler of a perfect report card
28. Squashes, e.g.
29. "Blue Dancers" painter
30. Hum from a fan
32. NYSE debut
33. Facial expression
36. "if u ask me"
37. Stooge chuckle
38. The right direction?
40. 1040 fig.
44. "Stat!"
45. Source of cassiterite
49. Tandoor-baked bread
50. Flip
52. Violin stroke
53. Ahead of time
56. Lupita Nyong'o's alma mater
57. Spotted
59. Amtrak track
60. Poet
61. Wilcox daughter in "Howards End"
62. " ____ move on!"
65. Conflict that ended at 11:00 on 11/11

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

C	L	O	W	N		B	O	H	R		A	D	A	M
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SUDOKU

MEDIUM:

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

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLE:

HARD:

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

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— Even with declining occurrences of tornadoic storms, Kansas is famous for its twist-ers (thanks, Dorothy). Some cause extensive destruction, but on May 9, one tornado took precise aim on an unexpected target: a coconut cream pie. KSNT-TV reported that a baker in Clay Center, Nancy Kimbrough, filed an emergency report with these details: her son was delivering baked goods to the Clay Center Country Club when the storm boiled up. The wind was so strong that it ripped the meringue right off the pie and splattered it across the parking lot. The club repaired the pie with Cool Whip and served it to guests anyway, and Kimbrough got a good laugh out of the incident. "It'll probably never happen again," she said, thus inviting another pie-eating storm.

Suspicious Confirmed

— A tourist identified as Mr. Zhang checked into a hotel in Lhasa, Tibet, on April 20, only to discover a foul smell in his room, CNN reported. He stuck it out for half a day, thinking it might be his own feet or the restaurant downstairs, but finally he asked to be moved. Two days later, he was informed about the source of the bad odor: a dead body under the bed. Police officers questioned Mr. Zhang but said he was not a suspect because the body had been there before he checked in. He cooperated with police and then took his leave of Tibet, saying he was suffering from the shock of the incident. "I stay up until 2 am to 3 am every morning, and the slightest movement would wake me up," he

said. "It left me in a bad mental state." So yes, Billy, there really IS something scary under the bed.

The Fetishists

— A cyclist and a hunter came to the rescue of a 51-year-old man who had been tied to a tree near the German town of Bueckburg on May 3, KRQE-TV reported. The situation was the unfortunate outcome of a sex game he had been playing with a woman; he told police that after she tied him up, she got a phone call and suddenly fled. He was fully dressed and had pantyhose over his head when he was found, but the box cutter he had brought "for such situations" was unreachable. The man was unharmed and refused to identify the woman for authorities.

Don't Hear That Often

— Beth Bogar of West Chesterfield, New Hampshire, was just finishing up a trip with her husband to Bali when things took a turn. WMUR-TV reported that the couple ended their tour at Mason Elephant Park & Lodge, where she got to swim with and ride an elephant. But when she posed with the pachyderm for a photo, her arm got "pushed" into the animal's mouth. "I couldn't get my arm out. I could just hear cracking and I just started to panic," she said. Bogar was rushed to a hospital an hour away, where the surgeon was able to reassemble her arm with plates and screws. "It's gonna be a long road," Bogar said. She noted that she knew the risks going in and doesn't blame the elephant.

The Neighbors

— In the Burns Beach community of Perth, Australia, a dispute has arisen between a woman named Sarah and her neighbor, *Perth Now* reported. "Could you please shut your side window when cooking please," Sarah wrote on behalf of her family. "My family are vegan and the smell of the meat you cook makes us feel sick and upset." On the front of the envelope, she wrote, "PLEASE TAKE SERIOUSLY." But no such luck: The letter was posted to Facebook on May 5, where commenters were merciless: "I'm offended by the smell of the kale she always cooks," one said, while another said they'd be "firing up the bbq and inviting the entire street."

Animal Antics

— On May 8 in Enid, Oklahoma, officers were called to a farm where someone had reported hearing shouts of "Help!" Officers David Sneed and Neil Storey arrived at the scene and also heard the cries for help: "I think it's a person," Sneed says on bodycam video. When they discovered the source of the hollering, it wasn't a person at all, but a goat. A person working at the farm then approached the officers and explained that the loud goat was "a little upset because I separated him from his friends," *People* reported.

Unclear on the Concept

— When cake-baker Brianna Romero of El Paso, Texas, got an order for a birthday cake this spring, she was on board, NBC

New York reported on May 10. The customer wanted an emo cake, so Romero put her newly perfected black icing to the test and constructed the confection. Before she delivered it, she said, she asked the client if they wanted a number on the cake. "Yes," the client answered, "it's for my granddaughter and she's turning 4." Romero "thought it was a little bit weird ... but maybe she just likes *Wednesday* or something like that." Still, wanting to cover her bases, she asked the client for the theme of the party. When she got the answer — *Sesame Street* — it all became clear. "I misread 'emo' and it says 'Elmo cake.'" Romero rushed to a local grocery, where the bakery topped the cake with an Elmo image; Romero gave the cake to the client for free. Social media ate the story up, with more than 10 million views on Twitter.

The Continuing Crisis

— Residents of Brienzen, Switzerland, gathered at a town hall on May 9, where officials warned them they would need to evacuate their homes by 6 pm on May 12, CNN reported. The head of the early warning service, Stefan Schneider, said a large mass of rock outside the small hamlet was expected to tumble down in a matter of days, probably as a result of climate change. "Up to 2 million cubic meters of rock material will collapse or slide," he said. Fortunately, fewer than 100 people live in the town.

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