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How will the Padres fix Gallagher Square?

Cover Stories, Aug. 23, 2023

It's all about the green backs with all the noise and that will never change for the better.

—the Real Green Movement

It's a great article on noise pollution, but there is one glaring omission on the list of offenders. The noise of motorcycles gunning their aftermarket mufflers can reach up to 166 decibels. Noises that register that loud can rupture a human eardrum. That's off the chart, the author shows of common noise makers in the article. That's also violating state and city code, but that's never enforced. One can only imagine the long term impact on humans and animal life in this beautiful city of ours.

—Cherie Eyer

Thanks, Cherie. I'll add the motorcycle 166db to the list.

—TL

Are wheelies a problem in San Diego?

Neighborhood News, Aug. 22, 2023

The so-called "mom of the group" is on par with an underage alcoholic teen mom who vapes and insists her kid is going to be fine.

Look, I don't care if they do it on private property but they have no right to endanger other people on the open road. Its self-centered, reckless, attention seeking nonsense that endangers everyone on the road.

Traffic is bad enough as it is without these knuck-

leheads impeding it so they can make videos for social media.

—One wheel = bad

Man, stop being a pansy and let a guy shine for just a min on the back wheel of his motorized vehicle. I know I sure have pushed the limits thru city streets and for long ways down highways traveling well over the speed limit; it's all just part of what makes a man feel like a man. I can't ride a bike without seeing if she will come up on it's back wheel it's just a natural thing to me. I've always loved pulling a wheelie since I was a young child till today. I'm 39 almost 40 years old and love it more today then I did ever before; it's just freaking awesome. If it's not what suits your fancy don't go ruin this adrenaline rush for other adrenaline seekers because that's exactly what it is. It's the absolute biggest adrenaline rush ever and that same feeling that makes people not want to get on a bike and ride. It's that same exact feeling that makes me crazy about it and drives me to crank it up on the back wheel and see how far I can ride out. I love every second. Be careful and wear helmets, folks, but enjoy yourself and do it at your own risk. We all know the risk of it and if we decide to pull up a wheel stand then we do it knowing the risks that come along with it. Ride on America keep wheeling it's awesome and I love to see a bike riding on its back wheel.

—One wheel = good

Ohio's Culinary Vegetable Institute: where chefs go to play

Travel, Aug. 29, 2023

Milan is a delightful small town in its own right. It is the birthplace of Thomas Edison who lived there until moving to Michigan at age 7. There is an Edison Museum in Milan. Locals call it Mylan, not Milan as in Italy.

—Myke not Mike

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EAST VILLAGE

Two wheels, two steals?

A double dose of bike bandit's broad-daylight doings?

Last month, two videos surfaced, both filmed in San Diego: one showed a man taking a bicycle from a screaming woman, the other, a man punching someone's face while trying to steal a bike. Many online commenters say it's the same perp in both videos. Since the pandemic, bicycle theft numbers have surged, especially in San Diego County. Also rising is the brazenness of bike theft — the incidents in the videos both took place in broad daylight.

As of August 27, 231 bikes had been reported stolen in San Diego, according to Bike Index, the world's largest non-profit bicycle registration service. The reported theft number reflects an estimated 30-mile radius around downtown San Diego. It is estimated the actual number of thefts is higher than 231, since not all victims make reports. Further, not all the bikes that are stolen in San Diego are registered within Bike Index's database. Asked if bike-jackings like the one in the first of the two videos is common, Bike Index founder Bryan Hance responded, "I can think of maybe half a dozen of these kinds of incidents off the top of my head." That's a small number compared to the 131,234 reported "regular thefts" since 2014 on Hance's database. "They aren't as common as regular thefts, but they happen," Hance continued. "We've had a couple up here in Portland, and



"How are pedestrians actually accessing the east side of 101? From Swami's?"

I know Oakland had a recent rash, too, with gunpoint robberies involved."

The disturbing video, filmed on August 5 and uploaded to TikTok by user Onlyonex-box, shows a woman yelling, "Hellllllllp, help me," as she's lying on the street in San Diego's East Village. A man wearing an orange shirt,

Then, on August 9, a man attacked another man while trying to steal an e-bike by Big Kitchen Café on 30th and Grape Street in South Park. The video, captured by a nearby surveillance camera, aired on CBS 8 News. It shows a man dressed in white pants and a white t-shirt walking up to a

we continue to route all victims to those sites to find their stolen bikes, and we sure wish the various state Attorneys General would do something about the rampant black market fencing taking place on those platforms."

MIKE MADRIAGA

ENCINITAS

From highway to byway Coast road slows, and will likely slow further

Mobility improvements in Encinitas are drawing more pedestrians and bicyclists to the Coast Highway. One example: a cycle track completed in June that brought narrower travel lanes, angled parking, and a protected two-way cycle track on the west side of the road. To enhance safety for these newcomers, city officials say it's time to minimize the speed difference between vehicles and bicyclists. Two weeks ago, the Encinitas City Council voted unanimously to lower the speed limit on South Coast Highway 101 between Swami's Pedestrian Crossing and Chesterfield Drive from 40 mph to 35 mph. And more reductions for the 101 corridor are on the horizon.

The affected 1.35 mile stretch of highway is sandwiched between two slower zones. Just south is a 35 mph speed limit, which increases to 40 mph throughout the segment then drops to 30 mph to the north, according to Jill Bankston, the city's director of engineering. The average daily traffic along the faster section is 20,700, which the city considers unsafe for the high volume of bicyclists and pedestrians. A report noted a lack of pedestrian facilities on the east side, where there are no contiguous sidewalks.

Speed limits are set based on the speed which 85 percent of motor vehicles are traveling at or below. The city lowered the speed an additional five miles per hour after identifying the 85th percentile, which was 42. They rounded that to 40, then made the limit 35 because of factors like pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Speed limits are

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black pants, and a black backpack then pulls a pink bike away from her and walks away with the bike in hand. "Somebody help me," the woman cries. "He fucking kicked me, then pushed me into the car." The man who took the bike bends over, picks up a bicycle helmet on the sidewalk, and then strolls towards the Park Boulevard trolley stop. The woman yells, "Tie my shoe!" Then, with one shoe on and one off, she briskly hobbles toward the man in question, and the video stops. The 23-second clip garnered 12,000 likes and over 6,000 comments, and pulled 850,000-plus plays in less than a month.

group of people and attempting to steal the e-bike. Clifford Nies, a friend of the e-bike's owner, grabs the back tire, preventing the perp from taking off. The perp then punches Nies in the face. "I was still holding the bike and saw the fist heading toward my face, and I knew: that's not where you wanna be," Nies explained on the televised newscast. "Thankfully, I was able to move in time, because he hit my head but didn't completely connect. I would have been knocked out on the pavement. It was pretty shocking because it was in broad daylight in front of a lot of young children." Nies thinks the man who socked him is the same one from the TikTok video. "I found a very similar clip of this person. I don't want this person to attack someone more vulnerable than me."

On Saturday, I interviewed Ray (who requested I only use his first name in the article) as he rode with "200 or so" cyclists in Chula Vista en route towards Tijuana. The trek, an annual trans-border bike ride called Los Cruzadores, began in Logan Heights. "That type of bikejacking would never happen with us around," Ray laughed. "And honestly, I've never heard of people jacking someone's bike while they're still sitting on it or even holding it — shit's crazy. Even in Tijuana, that never happened. Plus, it was in the daytime — un-freakin'-believable!"

Bike Index's Hance told me, "We continue to find and recover most stolen bikes from online marketplaces like OfferUp and Facebook Marketplace — but mostly OfferUp. So

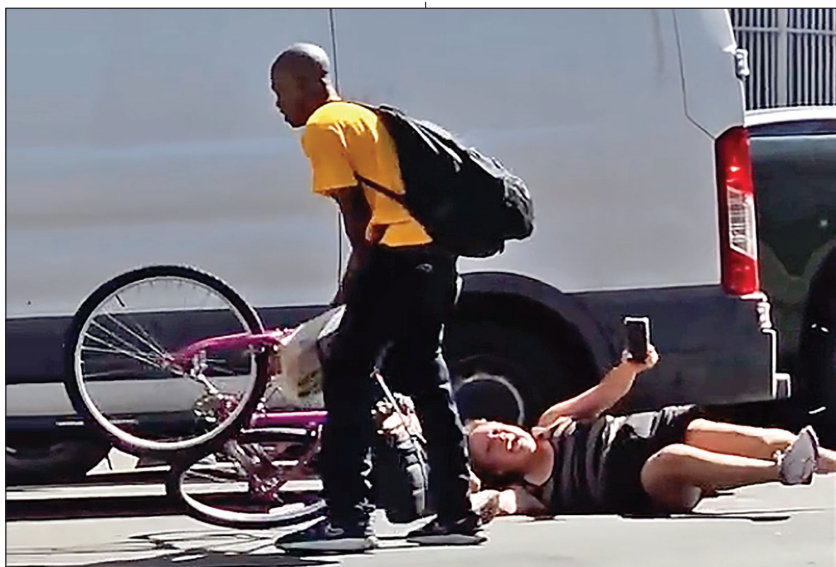


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"As long as you're taking a break down there on the ground, how about I take your bike?"

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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re-evaluated periodically, but changes made to the roadway can hasten the process, Bankston said.

Critics of the change argued that the road is already safe. There have been 23 accidents on the road between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2022 – about half the state-

actually accessing the east side of 101? From Swami's – or from Chesterfield? They're just not there, so this is kind of bogus." The high volume of pedestrians and bicyclists was used to justify a hasty survey to support the speed change, he claimed, but officials said that they followed state standards in conducting the July 13 survey.

More speed reductions are likely to follow when a new state law, AB 43, kicks in next year. When that happens, the council will be allowed to utilize their safety corridor

"There have been 23 accidents on the road between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2022 – about half the statewide rate for similar roads in 2020."

wide rate for similar roads in 2020. "Many residents think this is really about making it easier to install pedestrian-activated signals at Verdi in the future," said Scott Campbell at a meeting of the mobility and traffic safety commission on August 14. Campbell also questioned why the report called out the east side of 101 for having a high volume of pedestrians. "Has there ever been a pedestrian on the east side of 101? Ever? I don't think so. How are pedestrians

option on 20 percent of the roads in the city. Traffic safety commissioners said it's safe to assume 101 will be one of those, so pretty much all of its segments will see another five-mile-per-hour reduction.

Several locals said they support reduced speed limits, which they said would bring consistency to the road and make it safer. "This is not a highway anymore," said Michael von Neumann. "This is a city street."

SHEILA PELL

UNDER THE RADAR

Torch passing The journalism power-shift away from the once-influential *San Diego Union-Tribune* — of late handed off to Florida-based vulture investing outfit Alden Global Capital by *LA Times* billionaire owner **Patrick Soon-Shiong** on unrevealed terms — continues apace, with state taxpayers picking up part of the tab. Soon after the turnover to Alden was announced, *U-T* environmental writer **Joshua Emerson Smith** took one of Alden's proffered buyouts and departed the paper to an uncertain future.

"Joshua worked as an enterprise reporter with a focus on the environment for *The San Diego Union-Tribune* between 2015 and 2023," notes the reporter's bio that remains on the *U-T*'s website, sounding more like an obit than a profile. "He wrote about everything from public transit and housing to climate change, drought and wildfire. He won numerous statewide journalism awards, unpacking complex, often political issues using data analysis and vivid storytelling."

The opening has given San Diego State University, which runs a growing tax-funded KPBS public broadcasting operation and hosts nonprofit *Inewsourc*, another source of enterprise reporting, a chance to further grow its already-sizable turf. "Next month, we will welcome **Philip Salata** to the reporting team as a member of the California Local News Fellowship's first cohort," reads an August 26 online post by *inewsourc.com*. "Made possible through \$25 million in state funding and a new state law, the fellowship, run by UC Berkeley Journalism, will provide two-year reporting fellowships to 120 early career journalists over the next five years. The fellows will be placed in newsrooms across California."

Adds the writeup: "Philip will report on the environment and energy in San Diego and Imperial counties. He recently finished his master's degree at the University of Southern California Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism where he was managing editor of USC Annenberg Media, a multiplatform news publication. Why environmental coverage, you may ask. For starters, the impacts of climate change are all around us, intersecting with just about every aspect of our lives. Extreme heat and drought often lead to poor public health outcomes, especially for the most vulnerable of our neighbors. So do the activities of humans. Increasingly intense rain events have a way of exposing the cracks in our infrastructure: from overwhelmed sewer lines and flooded roadways to leaky roofs in our

homes." ...Assembly Democrat **Brian Maienschein**, in the race for San Diego City Attorney next year, has picked up some big cash for his other campaign, Maienschein for Attorney General 2030. On July 26, according to a disclosure filing of August 6, the Viejas Tribal Account came up with \$6000 for the AG campaign. Days later, on August 17, the Assembly's Fentanyl, Opioid Addiction and Overdose Prevention select committee, headed by Assembly Democrat **Matt Haney** of San Francisco, held



Brian Maienschein: man with a long-term plan.

hearings about a burgeoning fentanyl crisis on the Viejas reservation. "We've had...alcohol and drug issues (here) my whole life, but looking into the eyes of a meth addict versus a fentanyl addict is way different," Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians Chairman **John Christman** told the committee, per a *Union-Tribune* account.

"Christman said he has witnessed people from outside the community walking onto the reservation to sell drugs. Because California is a Public Law 280 state, the tribe doesn't have jurisdiction over criminal activity that occurs on its territory. As a result, its security force can only observe and report what it sees, and often the drug dealers are able to get away before the sheriff's department arrives," the *U-T* reported.

Electric rate hikes An August 29 report by California State Auditor Grant Parks brings more bad news about the high cost of power from San Diego Gas & Electric, owned by San Diego-based utility giant Sempra Energy. "Customers and the media have recently raised concerns about SDG&E's high electricity and gas rates in particular. SDG&E has the highest electricity rate of the large investor-owned utilities in California and, as of March 2023, more than 25 percent of SDG&E customers were more than 30 days behind on paying their utility bills."



Andy Hanau audits the naughties.

Explains the study, "In any given year, a utility's actual rate of [profit] may be higher or lower than the rate the [California Public Utilities Commission] authorized, depending in part on how the utility manages its operations and costs." But, the audit says, "In nine of the last 10 years, SDG&E's actual rate of return was higher than its authorized rate of return — while PG&E and SCE achieved the same result only two or three times — raising questions about the accuracy of SDG&E's forecasted costs. For example, the CPUC had authorized 7.55 percent as the rate of return for SDG&E during 2020, but SDG&E's actual rate of return was 9.1 percent

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How long can Imperial Beach keep its post office?

Neighborhood News,
Aug. 21, 2023

As a long term resident of IB, I'm against the idea of closing our only post office. I've also maintained a PO box at this office for over 25 years, due in part to local mail theft. I started out paying about \$25 a year and watched those prices increase to over \$200 a year, with the Post Office citing increasing operating costs, but I still pay to ensure I get my mail. We've seen postage stamps go from 30 cents to nearly 70 cents during this same time. We've seen cuts in staff as well at this location over the years. And now it appears, the Post Office my shutter this office? Well, I guess we'll see where we stand in the eyes of beloved US Postal Service in short order!

-Shuttered in IB

La Jolla house touted as part of the Green Dragon Colony established by Anna Held

Unreal Estate, Mar. 1, 2023

This beautiful old house at 1424 Olivet Lane is going to be torn down and four homes built on site! We need to stop destroying our history!

-S.O.H.

Did Jennifer Ramos lie in wait for Chad Danielson?

Neighborhood News,
Dec. 24, 2021

So devastating to our whole family! Chad is and forever will be missed.

-Forever missing Chad

Oceanside plans to sell schools to cut deficit - UPDATED

Neighborhood News, Oct. 26, 2021

So they went ahead and sold off Reynolds School as well. The contract for sale was dated prior to this article when President of the Board Stacy Begin declared "we heard you" indicating that Reynolds School would not

be liquidated.

-Bummed in Oceanside

Was Obama's Kenyan grandfather involved in the slave trade?

Straight from the Hip,
Apr. 23, 2008

Luo's became Muslims as part of supplying soldiers and slave catchers to the Arabs. Some of Obama's ancestors were certainly involved in the slave trade on the enslaving side.

-Anti-birther

You Go-Go, Girl!

Picture Story, Jan. 9, 2008

I remember seeing that back in 1965 when I was 10 yo and was just recently describing the go go girl statue to a friend. My family was driving East on "8" and a beautiful naked statute of a Go Go Girl appeared down below the freeway. A day or two later we returned and it was covered up with bed sheets. It was on the local news.

-Naked memories

Gun girl Garner

Movie Review, Sept. 13, 2018

Heyyy. Do you know that I live in a country (South Africa) where things really are like this? Where gangsters with tattoos and corrupt officials, both judges and police, are EXACTLY like this? Where we all wish we could be like Riley North? I am 72 years old and took someone home three weeks ago, at 10 pm because she was scared. We walked up the road and on the way back I used my phone to light the way (our lights go off because we have 'load shedding', aka corrupt politicians took all Eskom's money and now equipment is failing). I was stabbed in the chest by two young gangsters and my phone taken. That pic that goes with this piece, I'm going to post it right now to go with a Facebook post. A friend of mine, a crystal meth and mandrax addict (two drugs that almost every second person under 30 uses in this town, mostly young women, most under control of the drug dealers) has this and Cinderella as her favorite movies. So to give her some hope I said, there is a way out. Kill the dealers. They DO have labs like the one she blew up. We DO have judges like that. And young men in this town are shot at the rate of one a week in gang wars. For us that movie is a documentary. Not trash.

-Living in a Movie

Can't harsh Wally World's mellow

Blurt Music News, Sept. 27, 2017

This is genuinely brilliant...and hilarious. Thanks to Wally and the band for sharing this masterwork! Nice people in San Diego.

-Intact Mellow

The spirit of Rock 'n Roll is alive.

-John 3.6 KJV

Was Bilbray right?

Neighborhood News, Apr. 5, 2018

Have empowered Tijuana personas made any comments?

-Border curious

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during that year."

The audit goes on to blame customers for some of the hike: "Another trend causing electricity rate increases is the reduction in electricity sales revenue that results from an increasing number of utility customers installing solar power systems, thus decreasing the amount of electricity they need to purchase. CPUC data shows that about 15 percent of SDG&E customers and about 7 and 10 percent of SCE and PG&E customers, respectively, have adopted solar power. With less electricity sales to cover the fixed costs of providing electricity, utilities have had to request and obtain the CPUC's approval to require customers to pay higher rates."

Wildfires also play a role, per the audit. "All three electric utilities have increased their spending on wildfire mitigation and natural disaster insurance. Further, some electric utilities' electricity sales have fallen as more of their customers have begun generating power from their own solar power systems, particularly for SDG&E..."

San Diego City Auditor **Andy Hanau** and his investigators have gone after a raft of presumed peccadillos committed by city staffers, a July 11 fraud hotline report shows. "An allegation of security issues at a City facility was investigated and determined to be substantiated," says a June 7 log entry. In an April 13 case, "An allegation of misuse of a City vehicle was investigated and determined to be substantiated." The same day, "An allegation of waste related to slow and underperforming software in a City department was investigated and determined to be substantiated. The department took corrective action to ensure that the computer systems' software and hardware will be upgraded and updated appropriately." No other details are provided for any of the cases.

— Matt Potter
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Almost factual news

Residence Evil?

New homeowners object to Catholic cemetery development next door

Homebuyers in the recently opened Wildgrove development in Vista were upset by the news that the Diocese of San Diego has filed a major use permit application for an adjacent property — formerly a succulent nursery — to turn the land into a Catholic cemetery. “Oh my God, you have got to be kidding me,” said Wildgrove Resident Sarah Apostate. “Isn’t Vista dead enough without actual dead people next door? And why did they have to be Catholics? If there’s one thing horror movies have taught me, it’s that devils, demons, ghosts and the



There goes the neighborhood.

like are especially fond of papists. The place is going to be a magnet for bad juju. I’d sooner live near a dollar store.”

“Honestly, we don’t see the problem,” replied Diocese of San Diego spokesman Morrie Memento, “unless these people are somehow living in denial about human mortality, which frankly doesn’t seem very healthy.

If you think you’ll never die, you probably won’t be too careful about how you live. Just look at teenagers. Anyway, if that’s the case, then it’s a good thing they have our new Eternal Sleep statue up there at the top of the hill to correct them. The Reaper is real, and he’s coming for you, as noted on the stone next to our Angel of Death. The good news is that death is not the end. We shall all rise again to judgment, as indicated by that grave with the fellow climbing up out of it. And the even better news is that Jesus will be there to welcome us when we do, just like he’s doing for that sweet little girl on the swing in the foreground. Let the little children come unto him, indeed.”

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Total Victory > Unconditional Surrender?

Barcelona unveils San Diego-inspired waterfront statue following World Cup win



In 1945, photographer Alfred Eisenstaedt snapped a photo in New York’s Times Square of Navy sailor George Mendonsa grabbing nurse Greta Zimmer and kissing her in celebration of the announcement that Japan had surrendered to the Allies, thus ending World War II. It became one of the most famous and beloved pictures ever taken — even though Mendonsa and Zimmer were strangers, and the kiss was not consensual — so much so that the City of San Diego saw fit to place a huge statue based on the image along its waterfront. So naturally, when Spain won soccer’s Women’s World Cup this year and Spanish football president Luis Rubiales grabbed player Jenni Hermosa and kissed her on the lips in celebration, the coastal city of Barcelona knew just what to do. “We think Barcelona’s style of honoring victory is just *muy bueno*,” said a spokesperson for the San Diego Port District, which purchased the Unconditional Surrender statue. “So *picante*!”

Restoring Order at the Border

Biden Administration seeks to reassure South Bay Residents in wake of recent rumors

It seems that the South Bay’s recent boil water advisory was not connected to the sewage that has closed beaches and fouled the region for years now. But it was just one more reminder of how shitty it can be to live across the border from Tijuana, and how little the government seems willing or able to do to stop the flow of human sewage from our neighbor to the south. Following



White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre stands in the runoff pouring through Smuggler’s Gulch in a white Chanel dress in order to demonstrate the region’s cleanliness and safety. “As I’ve said many times from the Press Room podium, the border...is secure,” said Jean-Pierre. “Rumors that the Biden Administration is allowing unprecedented quantities of illegal human effluvia into the United States are, frankly, bullshit. Or maybe human shit. Whatever this stuff is around my feet. Wait, don’t print that.”

the recent rains from Tropical Storm Hilary, the International Boundary Water Commission said that more than two billion gallons of contaminated water flowed across the border during and after the storm. Imperial Beach mayor Paloma Aguirre has implored both Governor Gavin Newsom and the Biden

Administration to take action. Unfortunately, both the governor’s office and the President’s were quick to remind Aguirre that she lived in California, a state that was going to vote blue even if the ocean turned brown, and so her city was simply not a priority during an election cycle.

WHO PLAYS WHO

THE MANY FACES OF TATYANA EDITION



In *Dead to Me*, Christina Applegate played a woman on the hunt to figure out who killed her husband.



Del Mar’s Tatyana Remley was recently arrested for being on the hunt for someone who could figure out how to kill her husband.



In *American Hustle*, Jennifer Lawrence played the wife of a con artist who ends up with a murderous mafia don after a divorce.



Remley and her then-husband made headlines after organizing and then canceling an \$11 million horse show, leaving debtors unpaid.



In *Requiem for a Dream*, Jennifer Connelly played a woman whose addiction gradually drove her to degradation.



Before allegedly trying to have her husband killed, Remley was under “extreme financial strain” because she was so used to spending \$50,000 a month.



This image is from the time I met up with the homeboys from Sherman, including the famous "Prayers," as they represented for their fallen homeboy.

A righteous homegirl with the little homegirls of Sherman, who actually lived the lifestyle and didn't just pose for a lowrider show.



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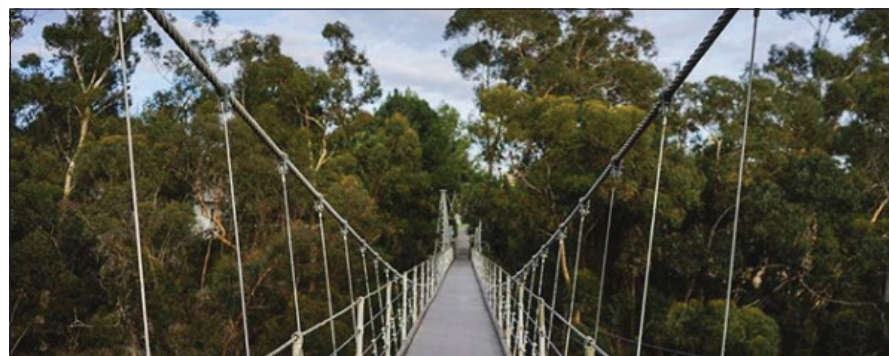
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“To be in jiu-jitsu from when it started in San Diego until now, it’s awesome,” says Elias Gallegos.

Tap, Nap, or Crack

**WHEN YOU SURVIVE ON THE JIU-JITSU MATS,
THE REST OF THE DAY IS CAKE**

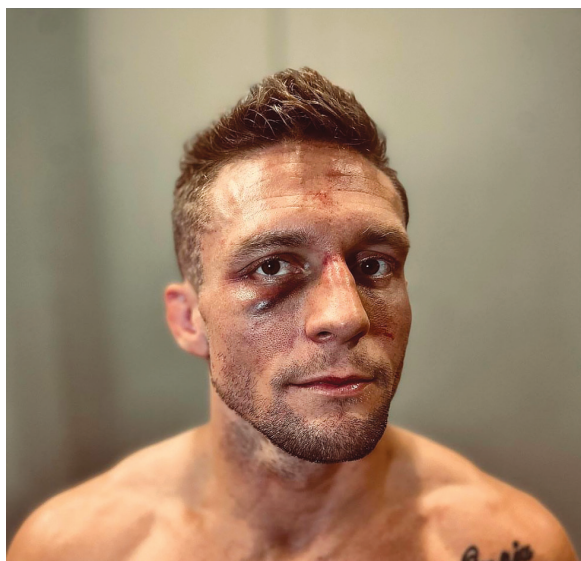
There are silent killers walking amongst us. Many of them. Not the kind that have the thirst to kill, mind you, but the kind that *could* kill, *can* kill, thanks to the skills they’ve worked hard to learn. You used to be able to identify practitioners of the grappling arts by their deformed cauliflower ears. Now, even the most innocent-looking man, woman, or child may know how to easily defend themselves if it’s ever necessary, even if their ears appear pure — here more than elsewhere. San Diego has become a mecca of Brazilian jiu-jit-

su in the United States (although other cities like Austin and New York have recently challenged that title). It’s not just that our inviting climate is similar to that of Brazil, though the weather makes it no surprise that people from all over the world want to live and train here. It’s the concentration of excellence and mentorship. Given over 100 gyms, many of them graced with championship names like those of the Gracies, Dean Lister, Andre Galvao, and Eddie Bravo, it’s clear that there’s no shortage of world class talent:

masters of the form who are willing to show their tricks to anybody who has the courage and desire to enter this wild arena.

Victory MMA and Fitness

It's the beginning of the new year. A couple of friends from work tell me they're eager to get into an MMA gym. I tell them about Victory MMA and Fitness in the Midway District of Point Loma, a gym I started training at for about a week before the pandemic shut that shit down. After a week or two of New Year's contemplation, we decide to check it out. After signing the waivers, we enter during what seems like a quiet moment in the gym. Our first class is set to start at noon. I have to take a piss, and head upstairs to the men's locker room. When we reach the top of the stairs, we freeze at the sight of a drenched-in-sweat silverback gorilla walking in our direction. We freeze and hope the massive simian won't see us, and as he approaches, I realize that it's not a silverback, but a man. A very particular man; as evidenced by the shape of his shaved skull: former Navy Seal (and au-



PJ Barch following an ADCC competition. Barch is known as the "Butter Panther" for his smooth style and flow.

thor of multiple books on leadership) Jocko Willink. He stops. We stand still. Then we extend our hands for him to grip. "Hey boys," he says. "Where you guys from?" I babble something about living in Chula Vista on the weekends. "Do you guys have any martial arts experience?" Willink asks. "I have a wrestling background," I squeeze out. My co-worker stays silent. "Wrestling is a good foundation for jiu-jitsu," he offers before passing by us on his way to the locker room. Hmph, seems like a nice guy.

Later, on the mat during our first class, ADCC — aka the Olympics of jiu-jitsu — Hall-of-Famer Dean Lister shows us a few submission holds before breaking us off into "rounds." This is where you look around the room and find an opponent to spar with for about five minutes at a time. When that five minutes is up, you look for another person for another five minutes. During the final round of the training session, I'm grappling with a guy who is much smaller than me. The weird thing is that he

feels dense as hell. I'm uncertain what his training level is, but I believe I can hold my own. We feel each other out for a couple of minutes. Then, in a moment, I find myself on the ground, trying to maintain a guard position. The guy easily passes it; a moment later, he is pushing his wrist against my throat while pulling on the back of my slippery skull. With an eeking look on my face, I tap out just before I'm removed from my consciousness. "Welcome to the jungle," he says before we slap hands and fist bump — the universal signal on the mat that means "I just kicked your ass, but no hard feelings." The first class is over. I'm spent. My coworker later finds that he's been blessed with a staph infection. Somebody get a mop.

However, in terms of

mental health, the practice of jiu-jitsu is said to have outstanding benefits. It's one of the most intense forms of exercise you can do. When you survive a day on the mats, the remainder of that day is cake. You've already gone through what will likely be the most intense part. The other thing about rolling BJJ is that when you're locked in a battle with somebody, you are completely present. You have to be. You can't think about the past or the future. The only thing you can think about is surviving, trying not to get strangled while at the same time trying to strangle or catch a joint to twist on somebody else. "Tap, nap, or crack. It's your choice" is what one coach says. It's not complicated: tap somebody or be tapped. As a new white belt, you will tap early and often. And

speaking personally, I feel something akin to a sense of euphoria whenever I leave the mat, whether I did well that day or tapped out 20 times. A common phrase you hear from coaches and practitioners is "Just show up." That seems right to me.

My co-workers must have disagreed, because they dropped out pretty quickly. Me, I decided this was a world I wanted to explore. So, into the jungle I go. If I don't make it back, tell my mother I love her, and to stop watching so much conspiracy stuff on YouTube.

Atos Jiu-Jitsu HQ

I'm sitting at Woody's on the PB boardwalk drinking an iced coffee. Sagrado calls me and tells me he's running a little late. "No worries," I say. "The boardwalk has plenty of entertainment rolling by." I know Sagrado's

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face only from his Instagram, but he's immediately recognizable when I see him moving, shark-like, through a school of beach-goers towards the cafe. Sagrado, a three time world IBJJF world champion, is the business director for the combat jiu-jitsu promotion Subversiv. After some short pleasantries, we walk to his illegally parked SUV to talk about the upcoming event and BJJ in general. "Do you smoke?" he asks — referring to cannabis. I take a rip from the green flower turned red, and pass it back as he begins to tell me his jiu-jitsu journey.

"I win because I've been through some shit," he says. "I don't think my opponent has been through as much as I've been through." A couple of motorcycles pull up next to us; the rumble from the exhaust is loud even while they're idling. The motorcycles pop into gear and give a short bang, then roll off



Down in the thicket of 3rd Avenue in Chula Vista, the newest 10th Planet gym materialized just this past July. From left to right: Geo Martinez, Eddie Bravo, PJ Barch, and Richie "Boogeyman" Martinez.

quietly. "That was cool," says Sagrado. "I like the respect that these fools have. Did you see that shit? They could've been like, whooam whooam! But they saw us over here talking. I like that shit."

In his earlier years, Sagrado found himself be-

hind prison bars for an aggravated assault charge. At the time, he was a blue belt with a year of training. Going into prison, he had a skill set that would protect him from the very thing he was charged with. "These fools in prison wanted

to test me, so what I did was I'd roll with one guy, tap him out. Then I'd roll with another and tap *him* out. These guys were super strong, but had no training whatsoever," he explains. "They were so fascinated, and even started acting like

UFC commentators."

Once Sagrado's inmates realized his jiu-jitsu capabilities, they began to ask him to teach them the martial art. Sagrado says he hesitated to give lessons because there were no mats, but eventually agreed to start some light rolling with some fellow prisoners on the cement floor. "I told my friend that if he can roll with me for a month straight, and at the end of it, he can survive, I'll start with the curriculum. I knew it would get me better with the fundamentals. And it would help him, and we could grow together. I didn't try to be a sensei or anything like that. I was just a student who wanted to grow."

Eventually, word got around the prison yard that there was a guy teaching BJJ. Within a month, Sagrado says, he had eighty students wanting to learn from him. That number grew to hundreds over the years. "Finally this female warden came in, and she didn't like it at all. She was like, 'Fuck

that.' She looked at the male warden like, 'I can't believe you let these fools do this for that long.'" The male warden replied that he respected what they were doing, because it gave discipline. "We had rules," says Sagrado. "You couldn't be a sex offender. You couldn't be a child molester. You had to be someone who was just a knucklehead looking for a positive path in a dark place."

The sport has enticed not only people looking for discipline and direction, but also those suffering from PTSD. With the strong military presence here in San Diego, it's no surprise to find armed forces veterans and active duty personnel training at many dojos. That comes up when the conversation turns to Subversiv, "We partner with a bunch of cool veteran groups like Vet Tix and Patriot Empowerment," Sagrado says. Patriot Empowerment is an organization that helps vets and military personnel who are getting ready to transition to civilian life. "They can help them in a few different ways," he says. "They can help them with getting into college. They can put them to work, getting them first dibs on jobs with places like SDG&E. Then they have the government sector too." To illustrate, Sagrado points me to a dojo where many veterans and law enforcement train.

Gallegos Jiu-Jitsu Association

Do you remember the scene from *The Jungle Book* when Mowgli and Bagheera encounter the elephants? "Bow your head," Bagheera instructs. "Show them respect. The elephants created the jungle." Well, Elias Gallegos

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was one of the founders of Alliance Jiu-Jitsu (a well-known MMA gym in San Diego), and was a part of the birthing of Victory MMA. He is one of the trailblazers of the BJJ and MMA community in San Diego. There were very few active BJJ gyms in the city before he and Dean Lister helped pioneer the local scene back in the mid-'90s. "To be in jiu-jitsu from when it started in San Diego until now, it's awesome," says Gallegos. "When I started, there were only two schools, now there's something like 120. Everyone teaches differently. There's a jiu-jitsu gym for everybody."

Gallegos tells me to bring my *gi* - a uniform consisting of a jacket, pants and colored belt indicating rank. Ranks go as follows: white (prepare to get your ass kicked for many months), blue, purple, brown, black and coral. I usually train no-*gi*, because I feel like I can move better. (I think most wrestlers transitioning to BJJ prefer no-*gi*, but that's arguable.) Shorts and a rash guard are my fashion choices when I'm rolling, but I do as Gallegos requests and pack my *gi*.

When I enter Gallegos's Eastlake training facility, there are a couple of guys stretching on the sugar white mats. "Is Elias around?" I ask. "He's upstairs hitting the bags," one answers back. I climb the stairs and poke my head into a steamy room where people are training in Muay Thai. Gallegos notices me and gives me a nod as somebody smacks the pads he's holding up on his hands. "I'll be down after this class," he says.

When Gallegos runs a class, it's more than showing a few moves and rolling rounds. He will ask questions to make sure you're paying attention. He'll ask why a certain position works. The idea is to train a person to be able to think clearly while in the heat of battle. Thought is what will win a war. Jiu-jitsu is much like a chess game: you need to be thinking a few moves ahead of your opponent. "My philosophy has always been self-defense first," he says. "Self-defense is your first building block of jiu-jitsu. I went after the military and law-enforcement community for a reason. We live in

a military town. We see a lot of law-enforcement guys catching a bad rap because they didn't know how to control a guy."

Gallegos says he wants to be a part of something greater than himself while giving back to the community. When he came to this realization, he started to give law enforcement free classes and training. Because his association is a non-profit, he is able to secure grants to provide lifetime memberships. Eighty percent of his students are either military or law enforcement.

Once a bodyguard and kidnapper for drug dealers, Gallegos flipped his life around and is now a pastor and counselor, mentoring combat veterans as well as giving them a free place to train. "Whenever anybody comes to me and they are dealing with anything like depression and anxiety, I let them train for free. I use my gym as a ministry. Every Saturday, I have two men's life groups. When you come into my combat veterans program, you have to give me at least two of the four Saturdays a month. I don't want it to be just the jiu-jitsu portion. My

whole thing is, it has to be mentally, physically, spiritually, and emotionally. You have to want to grow in those four areas of your life. And they have to want it more than me. I can't do it for them."

While down in the South Bay, I catch wind of some new cats in town on the west side of Chula Vista, so I pack my bag, ditch my *gi*, and beat feet towards the water to see what the noise is.

10th Planet South Bay Jiu-jitsu

Back in 2003, founder of 10th Planet Jiu-Jitsu Eddie Bravo defeated famed ambassador of the sport Royler Gracie on Gracie's own South American soil. The moment was a defining one for Bravo. He was now part of the world's elite. Not long after, the Southern California native opened his first dojo

in downtown Los Angeles. That was the birth of a BJJ brand that has grown to over 170 gyms worldwide. In San Diego County alone, four 10th Planet gyms house over 600 "freaks," as they prefer to call themselves.

Down in the thicket of 3rd Avenue in Chula Vista, the newest 10th Planet gym materialized just this past July. Unlike the other three spots in the county, this gym is different. Although still on the same team as the "freaks", this squad is more like a pack of wild cats, led by 10th Planet black belt PJ Barch, better known as the "Butter Panther" for his smooth style and flow. They lost their former Spring Valley location two years ago, but that didn't stop Barch from continuing to coach his students. Location didn't matter. "One of my students in-

vited us to his backyard, where I agreed to teach two or three days a week for free until I figured out where we were going," says the Butter Panther. In the meantime, Barch says he traveled around to other jiu-jitsu schools to learn the logistics of running a gym, and how to piece together a place that would fit what he was looking to create.

"It took a long time to build," Barch says of the newly opened space. "This was just a basement they weren't going to do anything with. There was just one set of stairs in the back, there was no electricity, there was no water. It was just a bunch of old walls and weird shit set up down here. It was a big undertaking, but I really want to do something different here, and make something special. Whatever it takes to fuckin' make this place high

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Alongside Barch at 10th Planet South Bay, ferocious freak Dawna Gonzalez runs women's jiu-jitsu and self-defense classes. In her educated opinion, the last seven years have been a turning point for women in the sport. “There's been all women's card competitions, and the level of competitive women has shot up exponentially,” says Gonzalez. Jiu-jitsu has become attractive for women not only for the self defense aspect, but also for the same reason men are so into it. “Women love the competitive aspect, the adrenaline rush that comes with it, the problem solving game, and the raw animal behavior. We all have to behave in society. The more people practice violence, the less violent they are.”

Although Gonzalez wanted to teach only jiu jitsu classes, she was urged by Eddie Bravo to teach women's self-defense classes too. “It turned out to be so amazing. All of a sudden, it went from being this community that I had to a purpose in life. My purpose became helping other people, specifically



Dawna Gonzalez giving a belt promotion. Gonzalez runs women's jiu-jitsu and self-defense classes at 10th Planet South Bay.

women, to find that badass animal space inside of them. And it's super healthy to be able to tap into it.”

Asked how 10th Planet fits into the rest of the BJJ community, Gonzalez says, “From my perspective, I think in the past decade, we've gone from being a little bit of a joke, wearing our bright no-gi clothing and our rubber guard. I think we've worked our way up in the ethos of respect,” in

part because there are so many adherents.

At the gym's opening night, an open mat goes down. An open mat is exactly what it says it is: anybody from the community is welcome to come and roll for no cost. But when the hour-long session is over, only 10th Planet members are allowed to stay for the opening night ceremony. Eddie Bravo is onsite alongside brothers Geo and Richie “Boogeyman”

Martinez, who run the other San Diego “freaks” gyms. Bravo, who is also a comedian, kicks off the ceremonial part of the evening with what feels like a stand-up set before Barch and Gonzalez give belt promotions. The night feels special, because it is; that's the vibe you feel at 10th Planet.

Subversiv-9

Sagrado tells me to get there early to secure a media pass. The combat jiu-jitsu rumble is set to open the doors at 4 pm. I look for Sagrado's dorsal fin, as he's constantly on the move, busy as all hell. I see him swimming towards me near the entrance, dressed in all black with the exception of white sneakers. After he throws me my pass, he's back on the move. “I'll catch up with you later, brother,” he says. “Take a walk around the and check shit out. Check out the sponsor tables. Do whatever you need to do.”

It's the first event the superfight promotion has hosted in San Diego. Since 2018, Subversiv has operated out of Miami. Now, their intention is to stay based in San Diego for the next two years because this city is the “spot.” All of the top gyms in the city — and from other cities — are at this event. The jungle has come together for its

summer showdown. The red flowers are burning.

The Harbor Island hotel is teeming with fans, teams, and fighters who have been training months for just minutes of action on the mat. I look out to the bay, watching the final boats of the day sailing in front of an aircraft carrier on North Island. “This is the fuckin' spot,” I think to myself. Then my attention is diverted back to the matches when I hear a THWACK! “Homegirl in pink has over/under control. She's gonna smash the fuck out of her!” somebody yells out. The action is underway. Combat jiu-jitsu allows palm strikes, unlike traditional jiu-jitsu. The smacks are the sounds of a game that is ever-evolving.

Later in the evening, I take a walk around the event center. It's just an aimless wander as I try to not get lost, but the jungle has a way of playing tricks on you. One of the sponsors of the event is a psilocybin mushroom company out of Maine. The woman running the booth gives me a bag of gummy mushrooms and a T-shirt with their name branded on the front. I use the shirt as a seat holder for the remainder of the evening, and the mushrooms are consumed later.

Meanwhile, on the

elevated mat, 29 fights total are scheduled to go down—not all at the same time. I believe I hear Sagrado's voice on the microphone announcing the fighters, but I can't be sure. When I sit back down in my seat, I look over and see the Butter Panther (Barch) coaching one of his guys who's competing. The rest of the den is at a table, watching closely as their guy takes home a victory by judges' decision. A few tables down, the Elephant (Gallegos) is congregated with his team as one of his students prepares for battle. The jungle is active and it's thundering with competitors getting twisted on, choked, and smacked in wars that leave their girlfriends and mothers in terrified tears.

When the dust finally settles and the intensity subsides to a light hum, the fighters and gyms are taking pictures with each other. Once the organized fights are finished, it's all love, hand slapping, and fist-bumps. In this mostly machismo world, the mat is where the anger is strategically released. It's where you can dance with death while testing your own limitations. It's where you're humbled every time you step out there as you learn an extremely physical and intelligent art.

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Sample Greek dishes such as lamb shank, chicken skewers, gyros, feta fries, dolmas, spanakopita, and baklava. The Olympians band will play a mix of traditional and modern Greek music. Explore the exhibits and shop in

the Greek bazaar. Take a free photo booth with a backdrop of the Island

of Santorini and a "Greek donkey." Children can enjoy inflatables at the kids' corner.

WHEN: Saturday, September 9, 10 am to 10 pm

WHERE: Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 3459 Manchester Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-Sea. cardiffgreekfestival.com

Sunday | 10

ARTWALK CARLSBAD

Located above the Flower Fields, Artwalk Carlsbad will offer fine art, live music, and free interactive art experiences. Art may be purchased from more than 150 artists from the U.S. and Mexico. The festival will display painting, sculpture, glass work, jewelry, and photography. KidsWalk, musical per-

formers, and food trucks also available.

WHEN: Saturday, September 9, 11 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, September 10, 10 am to 5 pm

WHERE: Above the Flower Fields, off of Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad. artwalksandiego.org/carlsbad



Friday | 8

ANUHEA

Rylee Anuheake 'alaokalokelani Jenkins, aka Anuhea, grew up in Makawao, on the island of Maui, where



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ART

ArtWalk Carlsbad More than 150 fine artists' work will be featured, along with interactive art for families at KidsWalk, a full palette of musical performers, food trucks and stands, and more, all along Armada Drive. Saturday, September 9, 11am; Sunday, September 10, 10am; **free**. Above the Flower Fields, Off of Palomar Airport Road

Dreams & Contemplation II Karen Bouse: Exploring the Enchanted Realm of Ceramic Tile Paintings. Saturday, September 9, 5:30pm; **free**. Encinitas City Hall, 505 S. Vulcan Avenue. (ENCINITAS)

Fall Home Decor, Gift & Craft Show Shop for handcrafted Fall/Autumn and Halloween themed items including wood products, pillows, soaps, home decor, vintage, jewelry and more. All items are created by local artisans. Friday, September 8, 9am; **free**. La Mesa Community Center, 4975 Memorial Drive. (LA MESA)

Free Artist Exhibition See vibrant color paintings by Suchita Rath Jhavar inspired by her motherland, India and the Southern California landscape, her current home. Thursday, September 7, 6pm; **free**. Bamboo Garden Wellness Center, 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Suite A30. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Intro To Landscape Painting This class is geared to tapping the creative side of Landscape Painting by blending both Contemporary and Traditional painting methods. Tuesday, September 12, 6pm; \$195. 18 and up. And Something Different Studio Gallery, 2690 Historic Decatur Rd., #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

OASIS presents: Frida Kahlo's Art Sometimes known as a Surrealist painter, Frida Kahlo (1907-1954) is probably Mexico's best-known artist, known for her vibrant col-

ors, unflinching self-portraiture, and her celebration of indigenous culture. Join Professor of Humanities Gwenyth Mapes to take an in-depth look at Kahlo's life and art. This event is free and open to the public, and there is no need to preregister. Tuesday, September 12, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Quilting Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow Displays by local quilters, demonstrations. Purchase quilt raffle tickets each Saturday in September. Proceeds benefit SWC Scholarship fund and SWC quilters. Saturday, September 9, 10am; Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, 4355 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

Seeking Beauty: From the Archives of James Hubbell To kick-off the new exhibition, the Ilan-Lael Foundation and the Santa Ysabel Art Gallery welcome the public to the opening reception on September 9 where guests will get the opportunity to hear speeches from other prominent local and regional artists as well as view a selection from an extensive collection of over 17,000 items from the artist's archive, including paintings, journal entries, sketches, photos, patterns, and samples. There will also be a chance for attendees to purchase some new and original artwork by James Hubbell. Saturday, September 9, 4pm; **free**. Santa Ysabel Art Gallery, 30352 Highway 78. (SANTA YSABEL)

West Coast Fiber & Textile Arts West Coast regional artists submitted traditional, innovative, functional and non-functional works of textile arts to this juried show. Sculptural works, vessel forms/basketry, installations, clothing and more using materials such as papers, felting, fabrics, yarn and organic materials. Saturday, September 9, 4pm; **free**. Escondido Arts Partnership Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

AUTOMOTIVE

Cars & Coffee All cars welcome Sundays, 8am; through Sunday, August 24, **free**. Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Rhyme & Verse

Two poems for children by Charles Hughes

If It Were March

If it were March—say, early March—a day
Much more like late-June days, the sun
Warm, waking up as if to say,
“Spring’s off, summer’s begun!”—

Which would, with spring in the wings, be out of whack,
A little premature as yet—
Your thoughts might leap ahead, then back
To days you won’t forget.

You might remember summer words, might find
Words hidden away since winter’s start
Returning now—words called to mind
For things you know by heart:

Lake, woods, dark nights, bright stars, breeze in tall trees,
Beach, raft, steep slide, sand, picnic, ants.
The mind replays good memories
If given half a chance.

If You Had Been There

The famous appearance of a boy and girl—a very
long time ago,
in the Village of Woolpit, in Suffolk, England—
both of them
wearing unfamiliar clothing and speaking an
unknown language,
both with green skin—has never been fully
explained.

If you had been there on the day
The two green children first appeared,
What do you think you would have done?
A priest might have knelt down to pray.
A doctor might have looked up weird
Diseases, then advised more sun.
You would have been more practical,
Knowing the world a child knows,
The frightened children’s quiet mood,
That it’s a hard thing, feeling small
And strange and far from home. Clean clothes,
Warm smile, warm place to sleep, some food—
You would, at least, have offered these,
Knowing they’re all necessities.



Charles Hughes has published two books of poems, *The Evening Sky* (2020) and *Cave Art* (2014), both from Wiseblood Books. He is lately writing poems for children.

Find more poetry online at SDreader.com/poetry

BEER

Cellar Sale Barrel-aged bottles will be sold on a first-come-first-serve basis. There will also be a special flight filled with rare brews available for on-site consumption. Sunday, September 10, 12pm; **free**. 21 and up. Pure Project Vista, 1305 Hot Spring Way. (VISTA)

Craft Beer Festival Enjoy more than 100 craft brews. Sample domestic and local California favorites. Plus, savor food items paired to match your preferred brew. Fridays, 10am; Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through Sunday, September 10, SeaWorld, 500 Sea World Drive. (MISSION BEACH)

Yoga & Beer with Yoga Deck Viktoria, a Yoga Deck instructor, will lead an hour-long yoga sequence in Balboa Park, relaxing and revitalizing the body. Cost includes the hour-long yoga class and a pint of non-barrel-aged beer. Sunday, September 10, 10:30am; \$25. 21 and up. Pure Project at the Park, 2865 5th Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Author of the Month: Ellen C. Lee Meet local author Ellen C. Lee, author of *Food That Anchors: Recipes for People on the Go*. Inspired by two of her biggest passions, organization & food, Ellen C Lee brings you a collection of simple and delicious recipes that can be made in 60 minutes or less. Tuesday, September 12, 6pm; **free**. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Book Signing: Kathleen B. Jones, Cities of Women Kathleen B. Jones, author of *Cities of Women*, in conversation with Kathi Diamant. Tuesday, September 12, 5pm; **free**. Pan’s Garden, 506 21st Street. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

Dan Lawton: Above the Ground Warwick’s will host Dan Lawton as he discusses and signs his new book, *Above the Ground: A True Story of The Troubles in Northern Ireland*. This event is free and open to the public; free seating is subject to available space on a first-come, first-served basis. To ensure seating, reserve one book per person @ warwicks.com/event/lawton-2023. Thursday, September 7, 7:30pm; **free**-\$19. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Gill Paul: A Beautiful Rival Warwick’s will host Gill Paul as she discusses her new book, *A Beautiful Rival: A Novel of Helena Rubinstein and Elizabeth Arden*, in conversation with Renée Rosen. Saturday, September 9, 10am; **free**. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Melanie Benjamin: California Golden Warwick’s will host Melanie Benjamin as she discusses and signs her new book, *California Golden*. Wednesday, September

13, 7:30pm; **free**-\$28. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Weekends with Locals: Anna Bushi Weekends with Locals will be hosting Anna Bushi, author of *King in Hiding (Swayamvara Romance #1)*. Sunday, September 10, 2:30pm; **free**. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Weekends with Locals: J. Craig Venter Warwick’s will host J. Craig Venter as he discusses and signs his new book, *The Voyage of Sorcerer II: The Expedition That Unlocked the Secrets of the Ocean’s Microbiome*. Tuesday, September 12, 7:30pm; **free**. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Weekends with Locals: Laing F. Rikkers Weekends with Locals will be hosting Laing F. Rikkers, author of *Morning Leaves: Reflections on Loss, Grief, and Connection*. Sunday, September 10, 12pm; **free**. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

A Mindful MOMent: Meditation & Breathing To reduce anxiety and soothe the soul. Monday, September 11, 10am; \$40. Lullabar, 7750 El Camino Real, Suite #5145-5150. (CARLSBAD)

Body Dynamics by San Diego Continuing Education This class provides students with an understanding of the Breath-Mind-Body dynamic and its relationship to health and wellness during the aging process. Please wear flat supportive shoes and loose, comfortable clothing. Audience: Adults Friday, September 8, 1pm; Monday, September 11, 1pm; **free**. 18 and

up. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Core & Pelvic Floor Rehab After Baby This class is ideal for mamas who are in the fourth trimester (within the first 12 weeks postpartum) to learn more about what they can do to optimize their postpartum recovery. You can book childcare in the play gym. Wednesday, September 13, 10:30am; \$40. Lullabar, 7750 El Camino Real, Suite #5145-5150. (CARLSBAD)

Fixit Clinic Bring items for repair and clothing to exchange at a Clothing Swap hosted by I Love a Clean San Diego. Learn how to fix broken appliances and gadgets, repair road and mountain bikes, mend your favorite outfit. Register online. Tuesday, September 12, 5pm; **free**. Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

Free Water Wise Gardening Workshop Learn how to set up a less thirsty and more environmentally-friendly landscape. Register online. Saturday, September 9, 10am; **free**. Fallbrook Library, 124 S. Mission Road. (FALLBROOK)

Getting Started with Your DSLR/ Mirrorless Camera In this workshop, learn how to set up your camera to optimize the quality of your photographs. After you have completed this class, you’ll be able to take pictures right away. A \$3 materials fee will be collected in class. Please bring your camera and manual. Thursday, September 7, 6:30pm; \$49-\$59. 18 and up. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Hand Rolled Sushi Class Learn how to create your own fresh sushi rolls. Sunday, September 10, 5pm; Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

Introduction to Getting Prepared: 5 Easy Steps September is FEMA’s National Preparedness Month, so make sure you and your family are ready should disaster happen. Presented by members of the City of San Diego’s Community Emergency Response Team. Tuesday, September 12, 6:30pm; **free**. Ocean Beach Library, 4801 Santa Monica Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Meditation Expanding Consciousness with Sound, Meditation hosted by Teresa. Thursday, September 7, 7pm; **free**-\$20. 18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Meditation Meditation, Awareness & Awakening hosted by Turf ‘ya Dhara Saturday, September 9, 11am; **free**-\$20. 18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Meditation for a Happy Life Learn and practice meditation, improve harmony at home and at work, and build your wisdom and inner peace. Monday, September 11, 5:30pm; **free**. 18 and up. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Mommy & Me Crafts & Journaling Guided arts and crafts session led by the creators of A&J Books. The theme of this session is “Build a Fish.” This class is designed for children aged 4 to 8. Wednesday,

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September 13, 4pm; \$20. Lullabar, 7750 El Camino Real, Suite #5145-5150. (CARLSBAD)

Preparing for a Good End: Hospice, Palliative, End-of-Life Care An introduction to hospice and palliative care services, as well as resources for care and support at the end of life. This class is presented by local non-profit Alzheimer's San Diego and pre-registration is recommended. Register online @ alzsd.org/services/education/. Monday, September 11, 1pm; **free**. 18 and up. Grossmont Healthcare Center, 9001 Wakarusa Street. (LA MESA)

San Diego Fixit Clinic Fix your broken items for free. Join the San Diego Fixit Clinic to learn how to: Fix broken appliances and gadgets, Repair road and mountain bikes, Mend your favorite outfit. RSVP is required @ <http://tinyurl.com/2ju9fbum>. Saturday, September 9, 9am; **free**. Bonita-Sunnyside Library, 4375 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

Sound Bath Meditation Experience meditation and deep rest supported by the Alchemy crystal sound bowls, chimes and more. This workshop allows you to enter deep relaxation, reset the nervous system and activate your body's natural ability to self-heal. Wednesday, September 13, 5pm; \$29. Lullabar, 7750 El Camino Real, Suite #5145-5150. (CARLSBAD)

Sourdough Mamas: Level II Sourdough Workshop Learn how to customize your sourdough and take home different flour

samples to try with your starter. Sunday, September 10, 12:50pm; \$45. Lullabar, 7750 El Camino Real, Suite #5145-5150. (CARLSBAD)

Sourdough Workshop for Kids Parent and child sourdough starter workshop where you will discover a fun new activity for you and your budding sous chef to enjoy. This workshop is recommended for ages 5-9 (K-3rd Grade). Saturday, September 9, 1pm; \$35. Lullabar, 7750 El Camino Real, Suite #5145-5150. (CARLSBAD)

Yang Style Tai Chi Moving for Better Balance 10 step form that does not require memorization and can be performed seated. This class emphasizes improving breath, mind, and body co-ordination/function to prevent falls while increasing safety in activities of daily living. Wear flat supportive shoes and loose comfortable clothing. Audience: Adults Monday, September 11, 11:30am; **free**. 18 and up. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

COMEDY

Andrew Dice Clay Andrew Dice Clay has released a string of multi-gold and platinum selling specials. Friday, September 8, 7pm; Saturday, September 9, 7pm and 10pm; \$80-\$150. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Comedy Under the Stars Headliner TBA Saturday, September 9, 7:45pm; **free**-\$10. 21 and up. Bolt Brewing, 8179 Center Street. (LA MESA)

Free Comedy Night Katie K headlines, featuring Connor Castello, Dave Callans, Kylie Troop, Diego Delgadillo and host Alex Petit. Friday, September 8, 7pm; Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

Funny Dirty Women Volume 2 Hosted by Chris Williams with Cassidy Stains, Sarah Hershberger, Carol Johnson, Melissa Weisman, Pamela Wardrip and headliner Ellen Sugarman. Wednesday, September 13, 7:30pm; \$18. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Gaslamp Comedy Open Mic & Happy Hour No cover. No drink minimum. \$5 Happy hour. Sign-up between 7:30-7:50 for stage time. Tuesday, September 12, 7:30pm; **free**. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

I.B. Comedy Club Show Linda Schwartz, Rachel Dee. Friday, September 8, 8pm; **free**-\$10. 18 and up. Tepik Sports Grill, 710 Seacoast Drive. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Improv VS Standup Standup comedians perform, then improvisers hit the stage with improvised scenes based on the comedy sets. Mature audiences. Saturdays, 9pm; through Sunday, December 31, \$15.

Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

Laugh A Latte Free Stand-up Comedy show with Rand, Simon Blackthorn, Carol Johnson, Ty Shelton, Camille Waters, and Headliner Louie Centanni. Friday, September 8, 5:30pm; **free**. Brew Coffee Spot, 6101 Lake Murray Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Mike Epps Get your laugh out loud attitude ready and join us in The Events Center on Saturday, September 9. Actor and comedian Mike Epps is bringing his hilarious stand-up to Funnier, CA. Saturday, September 9, 7:30pm; Harrah's Resort Southern California, 777 Harrah's Rincon Way. (VALLEY CENTER)

Nate Bargatze The Be Funny Tour! Friday, September 8, 7pm and 9:30pm; \$29-\$79. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

On That Note Musical Improv An Improvised musical that shows two characters inspired by members of the audience on a symphonic journey of friendship, love, and adventure. Friday, September 8, 7:15pm; \$5-\$25. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

Punkie Johnson Seen on NBC's SNL, Netflix, HBO, Comedy Central & more. Friday, September 8, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, September 9, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$10-\$20. 21 and up. American Comedy

Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Sophie Buddle Seen on NBC's *The Late Late Show*, *Tonight Show*, Comedy Central. Thursday, September 7, 8pm; \$10-\$20. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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Contact: **619-233-4418**

Email: HemlockSanDiego@gmail.com

day, September 9, 4pm; **free**-\$10. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

Music Box Burlesque Revue Demure Productions is back with Music Box Burlesque Revue, founded in 2018 by Lola Demure and featuring dance, singing, comedy and more. Saturday, September 9, 7pm; \$30-\$200. 21 and up. Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

Open Nutcracker Auditions Visionary Dance Theatre auditions are open to the public for dancers of all skills and backgrounds. No fee to audition - production fees apply for all performers. Register through provided link. Saturday, September 9, 1pm; \$80-\$95. Move Fitness, 8674 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Embodied Liberation Embodied Liberation: Reawaken your innate ability to experience freedom with a two-day workshop that invites you to explore the depths of your authentic self through embodied wisdom of the Intimate Arts and somatic intelligence. Saturday, September 9, 10am; Sunday, September 10, 10am; \$525-\$600. Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Meet-Up: Bravo TV Enthusiasts Connect with other moms who share your love for all things Bravo TV and Andy Cohen. Thursday, September 7, 4pm; **free**. Lullabar, 7750 El Camino Real, Suite #5145-5150. (CARLSBAD)

Meet-Up: Toddler Parents Connect with fellow parents who are experiencing the joys, challenges, and occasional meltdowns of toddlerhood. Saturday, September 9, 10am; **free**. Lullabar, 7750 El Camino Real, Suite #5145-5150. (CARLSBAD)

Meet-Up: Working Moms Connect with other mothers who are also balancing work and family life at the cafe and play gym, to mingle and network with like-minded mamas for free while enjoying ten percent off cafe drinks. Nominal entry fee to bring children to the play gym. Sunday, September 10, 10am; **free**. Lullabar, 7750 El Camino Real, Suite #5145-5150. (CARLSBAD)

Step Right Up: Circus Trains Summer Exhibit, Step Right Up: Circus Trains, is full of fascinating and colorful model trains, railroad cars, and animals. Tuesdays, 10am; through Sunday, November 19, **free**-\$19. San Diego Model Railroad Museum, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Warwick's Livestream: Tea-time Recommendations Join Warwick's booksellers and publishing reps for their latest book recommendations on Facebook Live. Monday, September 11, 4pm; **free**. warwicks.com/event/tea-time-230911. (ONLINE)

OUTDOORS

Chaparral stays alive in East county, Shorebirds showing up

Chaparral, The Tangled Assortment Of Low-Growing, drought-resistant, native shrubs covering most of San Diego County's lower mountain slopes, has managed to remain fairly attractive this summer. Unlike many of the scrubby natives near the coast, chaparral plants tend to hang on to their leaves year round. This month, the coppery, sun-burnished remnants of last spring's flower clusters are still clinging to the tips of buckwheat and chamise plants, and



A WILLET WADES IN THE SHALLOWS AT THE FAMOSA SLOUGH.

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A CLUSTER OF BLOOMING CHAMISE AMONG THE CHAPARRAL AT HARRIS TRAIL JUST NORTH OF FALLBROOK.

a few wildflowers have popped up here and there in response to recent rainfall over the higher mountains. To enjoy the beauty of the chaparral landscape, explore the hillsides above Lake Morena and along Lyons Valley and Japatul Roads in East County. Or head inland from Poway or Escondido toward Ramona or Valley Center and beyond.

Various Sandpipers Are Now Being Seen in considerable numbers within San Diego County's coastal wetland habitats and along the ocean beaches. Some have just arrived from the north; others are juveniles that have bred locally. You'll find sanderlings and willets scurrying along the wet sand on the beaches. Several other members of the sandpiper family can be found in mudflat areas such as the Tijuana River Estuary, the south end of San Diego Bay, the San Diego River flood channel near Sea World, and the margins of most North County lagoons.

FOR KIDS

Coast Kids: Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical Inspired by the twisted genius of Roald Dahl, the Tony Award-winning Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical is the captivating masterpiece that revels in the anarchy of childhood, the power of imagination and the inspiring story of a girl who dreams of a better life. Friday, September 8, 7:30pm; Saturday, September 9, 2pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, September 10, 2pm; \$18-\$30. Star Theatre, 402 N. Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

Dance Party Storytime All children are welcome. Geared toward toddlers - 3. Saturdays, 10:30am; through Saturday, December 30, **free**. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Grand Opening Celebration With the goal of bringing a holistic, innovate approach to the mental health space, WishWell will offer both traditional therapy and alternative, dynamic experiences to support the needs of children and teens throughout San Diego County and beyond. Bites from local vendors The Goat Local's Chef and Your Layered Cake will also be offered throughout the event. Saturday, September 9, 4pm; **free**. WishWell Counseling & Empowerment Center, 2060 Otay Lakes Road Suite 240. (CHULA VISTA)

Kids Fashion Week Wave of Style Runway Show Experience the 3rd annual runway show featuring models and designers under the age of 17. There will be vendors, phot opps, music, and fierce fashions. Indoor and Outdoor seating available, money supports 'for kids by kids' nonprofit efforts. Sunday, September 10, 2pm; \$35-\$50. Bayside Pavilion, 640 Marina Parkway. (CHULA VISTA)

Little Women the Musical Based on Louisa May Alcott's life, Little Women follows the adventures of sisters, Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March. Friday, September 8, 7pm; Saturday, September 9, 7pm; Sunday, September 10, 3pm; \$15-\$30. Theatre for Young Professionals, 7960 University Avenue Suite 240. (LA MESA)

The Worst-Case Scenario Prepare for a thrilling journey of survival strategies and escape tactics based on the internationally acclaimed Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook series. Immerse yourself in heart-pounding challenges and mind-bending puzzles that equip you with essential skills for unexpected real-life scenarios. Thursday, August 24, 10am; Friday, August 25, 10am; Saturday, August 26, 10am; Sunday, August 27, 10am; Monday, August 28, 10am; Tuesday, August 29, 10am; Wednesday, August 30, 10am; \$19-\$24. 3 and up. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Toddler & Preschool Storytime Recommended for ages 2-5, this storytime program includes books, songs, games, and early literacy fun. Audience: Children Location: Community Room Thursday, September 7, 10:30am; **free**. 18 and up. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Trail Tykes Created for children 2 to 5 years of age, Trail Tykes includes a read-aloud story, and a craft/activity or a short walk with MTRP Foundation staff and volunteers. Please register to reserve your space @ <http://tinyurl.com/5e37t5xb>. Sunday, September 10, 10am; Monday, September 11, 10am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

LECTURES

History Alive: Birth of a City The 45th season of the free History Alive lecture series kicks off when Jack Doherty, an eyewitness to history, describes how Lemon Grove became California's 414th city after years of struggle. At 28 he served twice on the city council. Handicapped accessible (no motorized wheelchairs). Thursday, September 7, 7pm; **free**. 18 and up. H. Lee House Cultural Center, 3205 Olive Street. (LEMON GROVE)

Meet Mr. Leather Norway Georg Luschgy (Mr. Leather Norway 2022) will talk about what it's like to be in the leather community in Norway. His presentation will cover a variety of topics including the Leather communities in Europe and how they are similar and different from those in the US, information about titleholdership and International Mr. Leather contests, SLM Oslo (the organization Georg is associated with in Norway), topics that are of particular interest to our community, and a Question-and-Answer session. Tuesday, September 12, 6pm; \$10-\$50. 18 and up. Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Seven of Nine: Adult Adolescence & Transitioning in Star Trek What does it mean to experience adolescence as an adult when decades of life experience are in constant tension with the "lessons" being taught to fashion an independent, individual self? This experience is all too familiar for adults who transition sex and gender in today's world. UCSD doctoral scholar Nicoletta Vangelisti explores Star Trek's Seven of Nine's journey of transition after her separation from the evil Borg to find her place within Starfleet and Federation society. Saturday, September 9, 4pm; **free**. 18 and up. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

NATURE

Bat, Birds and Biodiversity Celebrate California Biodiversity Day with an after-work walk through El Monte Ecological Preserve. Between restoring coastal cactus scrub habitat, building a bat hotel, and oak restoration, you will learn all about conservation projects at this 15-acre site and how these projects support local biodiversity and threatened species. Please be sure to wear closed-toed shoes, long pants, and bring a water bottle. Thursday, September 7, 6pm; **free**. El Monte County Park, 15805 El Monte Road. (BLOSSOM VALLEY)

Discovery Table: The Wonder of Photosynthesis Stop by the Discovery Table in the Visitor Center lobby to learn about Photosynthesis from MTRP Trail Guides. Discover how plants make their own food out of thin air! Tables feature hands-on activities and take-home materials for kids and adults. Saturday, September 9, 10am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park along a scenic trail. Learn how the plants adapt to the heat. See the Fall and year-round blooming flowers.

Walks start from the Visitor Center, are free and open to the public, with no reservations required. The trails used are easy, but have uneven surfaces and some involve steps, so be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Walks are canceled if raining Saturday, September 9, Sunday, September 10, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Kumeyaay Ethnobotany Hike with a Ranger During this Ranger-lead trek of moderate difficulty, patrons will learn about the various uses of local plants. Whether harvested for food or medicine, our vegetation has long been cherished by indigenous peoples. Join us to discover more! Note that this hike is 2 1/2 miles long on dirt surfaces with some hills and steps. Bring water, sun protection and sturdy shoes. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome. Meet near the comfort station at the north end of the parking lot. Saturday, September 9, 1pm; **free**. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a nature walk around the lush habitat of Kumeyaay Lake. The recent rains have re-greened the park, unusual this time of year. Learn about the history & ecology of the lake and enjoy the many birds that make this habitat home. Walks start from the Kumeyaay Lake Campground Entry Station. Walks are free and open to the public, with no reservations required. Be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Walks are canceled if raining. Saturday, September 9, 8:30am; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Wildfire Ecology A presentation titled Wildfire Ecology will be given by Alexandra Syphard, PhD, who will share decades of research on the relationships among wildfires, management alternatives, and biodiversity conservation. This free, family event is interesting for both adults and kids, age 15 and older. Meet at the Nature Center. Saturday, September 9, 10am; **free**. 18 and up. Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane. (CARLSBAD)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Cardiff Greek Festival Under the gold dome, enjoy the sights, sounds, aromas and hospitality of Greece. Saturday, September 9, 10am; Sunday, September 10, 10am; **free**-\$3. Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 3459 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Friendship Pop Up Shop Market Vendors with candles, crystals, soaps, pet attire, handmade items, home decor and more. Sundays, 11am; through Sunday, December 31, **free**. Chula Vista Friendship

Park, Fourth Avenue & F Street. (CHULA VISTA)

Grape Day Festival 2023 Celebrate the early days of Escondido, when agriculture was “King” and festival goers traveled from all across the state to see why Escondido was hailed as a great place to grow sweet grapes and a central hub of citrus and other crops. Saturday, September 9, 10am; **free**. Grape Day Park, 321 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration The Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration and Family Festival is offering an afternoon of live music, food, cultural performances and fun for the whole family celebrating the launch of Hispanic Heritage Month which runs September 15 to October 15. Saturday, September 9, 12pm; **free**. Otay Ranch Town Center, 2015 Birch Road. (EASTLAKE)

Tishrei Ag Fest Tishrei Ag Fest, celebrating the Hebrew month of Tishrei, often referred to as the “month of beginning.” The cycle of agriculture requires a continual regeneration, repair, and renew to grow. There will be activities for the entire family, including holiday activities, food workshops, and panel discussions. There will also be yoga and meditations, a Kid’s Zone, local food and drink, and our popular pay-what-you-can Farm Stand. Sunday, September 10, 10am; \$10-\$20. Coastal Roots Farm, 441 Saxony Road. (ENCINITAS)

SPOKEN WORD

Story Punks Nonfiction Storytelling Night From So Say We All, the literary and performing arts nonprofit, hosted by Dallas McLaughlin and featuring stories by Jennifer Coburn Brent Hannify J Carol Suzanne Hoyem. Saturday, September 9, 7pm; Public Square Coffee House, 8278 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Cage Warriors 159 San Diego Over 100 UFC athletes have graduated from Cage Warriors including Conor McGregor, Michael Bisping, Paddy ‘The Baddy’ Pimblett, and Dan Hardy. ‘ Friday, September 8, 5pm; \$50-\$250. Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way. (EL CAJON)

Cymbiotika San Diego Open 16 of the top 20 players in the field including local tournament champion Iga Swiatek and doubles champs Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula. Saturday, September 9, 11am; \$30-\$2500. Barnes Tennis Center, 4490 W. Point Loma Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Pathway to Wellness Immerse yourself with yoga and enjoy locally sourced food. Saturday, September 9, 1pm; \$195. Blue Paddle, 4700 Bayshore Drive. (CARLSBAD)



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August: Osage County: Nothing like a death to liven things up!

THEATER LISTINGS

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

The Angel Next Door

Playwright Paul Slade Smith (*The Outsider; Unnecessary Farce*) adapts Ferenc Molnár’s classic farce, *Play at the Castle*. A cast of characters navigate romance, misunderstandings, and comical situations, setting the stage for a riotous disaster. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS.

August: Osage County

A literal hothouse drama. It’s August in Oklahoma, and Mama’s a cold-blooded pill-popper who keeps the house at temperatures almost as elevated as the sense of foreboding Daddy establishes with the play’s opening line: “Life is very long.” – T.S. Eliot.” Oh is it now? Because, of course, that’s from “The Hollow Men,” the one that ends, “This is the way the world ends, not with a bang but a whimper.” For his part, Daddy drinks; it’s how he deals with “the plains” — his Middle America version of the Southern blues. Speaking of that storied region: Tracy Letts’ demolition derby of a play feels like an update of Tennessee Williams. The setup: take a few generations of family, stick ‘em in the same house under stressful circumstances, and watch the pressure cooker do its work. The update: dial back the religious and sexual repression, keep the secrets and over-the-top cruelty, and oh yes, add modern, weapons-grade painkillers and a whole bunch of profanity. (You will very likely laugh at the line, “Eat the fish, bitch!” in part because you are desperate for relief from the slow-mounting dread. There’s a lot of that sort of thing, because even — especially? — unhappy families can be funny to behold.) The upshot: see if anyone’s left standing by the end. Somewhere along the way, someone says that dissipation is far worse than

cataclysm — well then, thank you, Mr. Eliot. Backyard Renaissance has pulled together a heavy-hitting cast and sent it spinning about Tony Cucuzzella’s surprisingly capacious set — though not nearly capacious enough to keep folks from colliding in all sorts of ways. The set size makes sense: it’s a big show in every way, including emotionally — the kind that aims to leave you so wrung out that the eventual applause, while deserved, feels somehow out of place. And in this, it succeeds.

TENTH AVENUE ARTS CENTER, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-920-8503. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 7PM MONDAYS.

Cry It Out

Or, *So When Are You Going Back to Work?* Molly Smith Metzler’s play concerns three new moms, but the

drama is less about changing family dynamics and more about extant economic realities. It’s a smart set-up: working class Lina can’t afford to live in Port Washington, Long Island, but her mother-in-law has lived there since forever, so it’s a good place to stay and save — if only Mom didn’t drink so much. Lawyer-on-leave Jessie is next door in what is, for her, a starter home, the place she and her husband-from-a-rich-family can afford in today’s crazy real estate market. If only her in-laws weren’t so hellbent on their joining the upper crust. And Adrienne the jewelry designer lives high above them both, in the ritzy community that looks out on the bay. If only her husband would stop looking down at the happy moms meeting for coffee every day in their backyard. It takes

only a tiny bit of narrative work to bring these three women from three very different economic classes into believable contact and conversation. And it’s good conversation, really good — almost entirely free of false notes. It starts out about the struggles of motherhood, but gives way to the struggles of not getting to be a mom as much as you’d like, or maybe even not getting to be yourself as much as you’d like. Lina and Adrienne get the more extreme moments, so it’s left to Jessie in the middle-class to manage the quieter sort of desperation, winningly and affectingly portrayed by Katee Drysdale. It’s not a big drama, but it is a real one, and as such, does not need to deliver any ending that rises above the miserably mundane to achieve its desired effect.

MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, ROLANDO. 858-598-7620. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

Evita

Well now, looky here: an embittered, occasionally outraged, but still strangely sympathetic musical about a populist politician who is maybe more interested in herself than in the people who adore her, who is fond of grand gestures but tends to behave in small, selfish ways, who would rather be regarded as a saint than do the work of good governing. As the narrator sings at both outset and closing: “Things have come to a pretty pass when someone pretty low class can be respected and admired.” So yes, points for timing! Also for staging: *Evita* is a big show, and Cygnet puts it on without either a big cast or a big set, relying instead on creative choreography and excellent music. At times, the speed and spread of



the lyrics and notes get the better of the cast, especially when they're in motion. But they hold still and get it right for the big moments: "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina," "Another Suitcase in Another Hall," "I'd Be Surprisingly Good for You," and the closing Lament, in particular.

CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

Little Women the Play

Jo March isn't your typical Victorian lady. She's indecorous and headstrong, and one day she's going to be a great American novelist. As she and her sisters grow up in the middle of the Civil War, they strive to be brave, intelligent, and imaginative young women. But as adulthood approaches, each sister must negotiate her private ambitions with society's expectations. In a war-torn world defined by gender, class, and personal tragedy, Jo March gives us her greatest story: that of the March sisters, four dreamers destined

to be imperfect little women. Adapted by Thomas Hischak from the novel by Louisa May Alcott.

THEATRE FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS, 7960 UNIVERSITY AVENUE SUITE 240, LA MESA. 7PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 3PM SUNDAY.

Nunsense

The Little Sisters of Hoboken face the deadly dilemma of burying dozens of fellow nuns on a budget. Naturally, the most logical move is to stage a variety show against a backdrop of *Grease the Musical*, right? The zany sisters work their way through organizing a Vaudevillian-esque production, utilizing the past talents – Reverend Regina was a former carnie – and current circumstances – Sister Mary Amnesia's memory loss makes for great conversation. Nunsense Book, Music and Lyrics by Dan Goggin. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

The Savoyard Murders

The Roustabouts Theatre Co. presents *The Savoyard Murders*, written and directed by Omri Schein and co-directed by Phil Johnson. Set in a magnificent Victorian apartment, *The Savoyard Murders* unveils a tale of a diverse group of theatre enthusiasts who find themselves trapped for hours on end. Little do they know that amidst the opulence, a delectably executed murder awaits discovery, along with a sinister suspect.

SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 9783 AVENUE OF NATIONS, SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 7:30PM THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 2PM & 7:30PM SATURDAY & SUNDAY.

The Untitled Unauthorized

Hunter S. Thompson Musical
Anarchy. Ambition. Peacocks. Who was Hunter S. Thompson? He changed journalism. He defined counterculture. Equal parts philosopher, clown and genius, he was armed and dangerous with a typewriter as his preferred weapon. Careening from the 1940s to his death in 2005, this gonzo musical blasts into the life of one of America's most influential and destructive icons. In relentless pursuit of the meaning of the American Dream during an era of political and social upheaval, Hunter S. Thompson cultivated a new form of journalism that for better or worse injected his subjective view into the heart of the story. Now, in another, even more severe moment of fake news, propaganda and polarization, Hunter's story helps explore how we got here, and how to keep fighting. Set to Joe Iconis' anarchic and tuneful score, this musical is a rock 'n' roll portrait of an artist seeking greatness and coming to terms with his own legacy. It's a heartfelt trumpet call to the moral

idealists, the outraged, the outlaws and the outsiders.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS.

Vanya Sonia Masha & Spike

Middle-aged siblings Vanya and Sonia share a home in Bucks County, PA, where they bicker and complain about the circumstances of their lives. Suddenly, their movie-star sister, Masha, swoops in with her new boy toy, Spike. Old resentments flare up, eventually leading to threats to sell the house. Also on the scene are sassy maid Cassandra, who can predict the future, and a lovely young aspiring actress named Nina, whose prettiness somewhat worries the imperious Masha. This show contains bits of adult language and situations.

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 5915 SEVERIN DR., LA MESA. 619-303-5092. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

MOVIES

All reviews are by Scott Marks, Matthew Lickona, Ryan Brothers, 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.

Barbie — In the enchanting realm of Barbie Land, every day is the best day. That is, until midway through a dazzling disco-dance when Bar-

bie (Margot Robbie) asks her fellow Mattel-mates, "Do you guys ever think about dying?" What follows is a philosophical voyage that leaves behind a pink-hued Oz as Barbie and her not-boyfriend Ken (Ryan Gosling) embark on a real-world adventure in an attempt to reconcile her identity. It's a fitting twist for a doll that has spent over six decades inspiring young girls (and boys) to look inward and explore their identity, now having to confront her own existential crisis. Yes, Barbie may be a plastic toy, but she also symbolizes the unrealistic standard of feminine beauty and embodies the prescribed roles in a patriarchal society. As Barbie struggles with the problems that women in the real world have to handle daily, director Greta Gerwig uses the opportunity to delve into some weighty themes uncommon in typical summer blockbusters – most notably the lack of autonomy experienced by women in a male-dominated world. The message of womanhood is not discrete nor does it need to be. There's no peeling back the pink-hues to get to the subtext. Gerwig effortlessly unveils the profound truth of patriarchy's harmful impact on both women and men, as if unboxing a cherished Barbie doll. (2023) — R.B. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Oppenheimer — Small men, big bombs. Not for nothing do the three main movers and shakers in writer-director Christopher Nolan's very magnum opus refer to themselves as "a humble physicist," "a humble soldier," and "a humble shoemaker." (The first is Robert Oppenheimer, director of the American effort to beat the Nazis to weaponized

nuclear reactions; the second is Leslie Groves, Oppenheimer's military overseer; and the third is Lewis Strauss, the former chair of the Atomic Energy Commission, whose confirmation hearings for Secretary of Commerce — long after the bomb's invention and use — provide the occasion and framework for the time-hopping narrative.) Naturally, none of them mean it, but it's the truth: here, they're just frail cogs in a mighty historical machine. Robert Oppenheimer may have quoted Shiva when he said, "Now I am become death, the destroyer of worlds," but the film treats him as more of a brilliant organizer and pitchman than as a god or even a genius — a brainy strategist in the mold of Steve Jobs. He may get the title — and the cover of *Time* — but he joins the rest of the characters in the scrum of a story of ordinary men and women caught up in extraordinary times. What they created really did, as the movies like to say, "change the world," but no one here rises to the level of hero, or even tragic hero, and even the villainy on display is more vanity than anything else. Oh, the humanity, indeed. As a result, the three-hour runtime involves an awful lot of talk about impersonal science and highly personal relations, punctuated by one truly spectacular, overwhelming happening. Nolan is a past master at cutting up events and fitting them together to dramatize the former, and also at the kind of grand-scale visuals that do justice to the latter. But the inevitable affect is somber bordering on sour: a well acted, gorgeously shot downer. (2023) (2023) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)



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Heritage and Home State bring a Texas twang to South O

Heritage Barbecue & Beer Co.; 2002 S. Coast Hwy., Oceanside. *HomeState*; 510 Vista Way, Suite 100, Oceanside. Right up to the moment I park, I'm not sure which of South Oceanside's new, Tex-inflected restaurants I'm going to try. But then I spot them, just across from one another on Vista Way, where the 78 peters out at the South Coast Highway. In such convenient proximity, I may as well undo a notch on my belt and try 'em both. It's going to be that kind of day.

Heritage Barbecue & Beer Co. arrived early in the spring, taking over the corner brewpub location originally built by Mason Ale Works, where house beers now pair with Texas BBQ. HomeState opened with the arrival of summer, slinging Tex-Mex. Though both eateries represent out-of-town operations expanding into greater San Diego, curiously, neither arrived directly from Texas. Instead, each comes with a So Cal twist: HomeState started out in Hollywood, Heritage just across the border in Orange County.

That HomeState specializes in tacos makes it easier for it to blend into the local scenery, but there's no mistaking a Texas lilt in the counter shop's offerings of Frito pie (chili and fixins poured into a bag of Frito's) and its liberal use of the pourable cheesestuff known to Tex-Mex fans as queso.

But a more subtle Texas offering made HomeState's reputation: its menu of breakfast tacos.

Capistrano restaurant has made a big impact in the Orange County food world, earning it Michelin "bib gourmand" recognition despite employing the lowbrow Texas BBQ tropes of aluminum trays, butcher paper, and picnic tables.

Heritage has not brought that sort of casual dining experience to Oceanside, however. This location shows up as a full service restaurant, complete with ceramic plates and deliberate pre-



Succulent and savory smoked brisket served at Heritage Barbecue @ Beer Co.

sensation — even when you order something as simple as a half pound of brisket (\$17). You may also order pulled pork, spare ribs, hot links, and chicken, and both the brisket and pulled pork also turn up on sandwiches (\$16-\$18) and tacos (\$8-\$10).

The Heritage brisket proves considerably better than the one topping tacos at HomeState, and the Heritage salsa boasts more heat at well. It likewise serves queso, and both restaurants serve another hallmark of Tex-Mex cooking: charro beans. HomeState adds them to tacos, while Heritage serves the spiced pinto bean dish mixed up with chopped brisket and cotija cheese (\$8).

The charro beans are also a step up at Heritage.

Not that I'm trying too hard to compare the two restaurants. Both are terrific, as advertised, and deliver different personalities. HomeState creates a breezy, casual Southwestern vibe in a casual space where you can line up and gorge on little tacos that come wrapped in foil. And that's certainly an experience that tethers me to Southern California; one I would gleefully revisit every week.

Heritage brings something of an upscale casual experience: nice enough to sit and spend time gorging on smoked meats and drinking beer



The bar and dining room at Heritage Barbecue.

crafted by a former Pizza Port brewer. You might even encounter pickled vegetables, including ginger. Which, come to think of it, also feels pretty Southern California. I guess what I'm saying is, South Oceanside may look a little more Texas-ish than it did this time last year, but only in a way that's compatible with our beach-loving lifestyle.

by Ian Anderson

FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

27th Annual Taste of Gaslamp The 27th Annual Taste of Gaslamp is a self-guided foodie tour of 20+ restaurants across 16 square city blocks. Attendees will have access to explore signature small bites at their leisure throughout the duration of the event. Fifth Ave., between Broadway and Harbor Drive. Saturday, September 9, 1pm; \$45-\$55. Gaslamp Quarter, Fifth Ave., between Broadway and Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

8th Anniversary Beer & Wine Pairing Dinner Enjoy a 3-course meal featuring selections from O'Brien's Pub Executive Chef Tyson Blake, wine from Mia Marie Vineyards, and beer from the "Seize a Pint, Save a Pup" brewery. Part of the proceeds benefit local dog rescues like The Animal Pad. Saturday, September 9, 6pm; \$55-\$65. Second Chance Beer Co., 15378 Avenue of Science #222. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

BBQ, Blues & Brews Local artists performing live. Sunday, September 10, 1pm; **free**. Pure Project Vista, 1305 Hot Spring Way. (VISTA)

Del Mar Wine & Food Festival Enjoy six days of culinary experiences featuring an all-star lineup of culinary talent, curated wine experiences, walkaround tasting adventures, immersive lifestyle events, and more. Thursday, September 7, 12pm; Friday, September 8, 12pm; Saturday, September 9, 12pm; Sunday, September 10, 12pm; Monday, September 11, 2pm; Del Mar Surf Cup Sports Park, 14989 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

Dos Hombres Mezcal Dinner A one-of-a-kind, five course, mezcal-infused menu crafted by culinary stars around the country, including San Diego's own Jeff Jackson and Food Network star Beau MacMillan. Friday, September 8, 6pm; \$495. 21 and up. Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

Emilio Nares Foundation Harvest for Hope Fundraiser This year, we are excited to celebrate our 20th annual signature food, wine, spirits, and craft beer event Harvest for Hope, bringing people together since 2003. Sunday, September 10, 2pm; \$190-\$20000. Coastera, 880 Harbor Island Drive. (HARBOR ISLAND)

Hatch Chile Summer Celebration Visitors can savor the enticing aroma of chiles and sample while seeking their preferred spice level during live Hatch Chile roasting. Thursday, September 7, 7am; **free**-\$40. Gelson's Market, 2707 Via De La Valle. (DEL MAR)

Playing with Fire Dinner Series Featuring Eric Gallerstein & Harland Brewing Co. Monday, September 11, 5:30pm; \$145. 21 and up. Grill at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

Reader Tacotopia 2023 The *San Diego Reader* is pleased to invite you to the largest unlimited taco event in San Diego. At the end of the day, attendees will ultimately decide who will win the Best Taco Award. The unlimited taco tasting, full-sized pours and margaritas available at the bar, live music and lawn games. Saturday, September 9, 1pm; \$35-\$55. Golden Hill Community Park, 2590 Golden Hill Drive. (GOLDEN HILL)



A brisket taco on corn tortilla, and breakfast taco on flour tortilla.

Beginning with the "Trinity" taco of eggs, bacon, and cheddar cheese, they do not disappoint, thanks in large part to fresh, made-in-house tortillas. I chose flour for my breakfast tacos and corn for my "anytime tacos" (\$3.50-\$5, both are served all day). In addition, I realize I have to try the chopped brisket taco, because there's nothing more Texas than smoked brisket.

Which brings me back to Heritage. It's San Juan

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Marcelo Radulovich: man of many lands — and bands.

The rambling Radulovich Marcelo Radulovich, who is back with a new studio project called Western West, has had homes in Chile, Costa Rica, Fresno, San Diego, Los Angeles, and Holland, more or less in that order. Asked about his musical projects over the years, the list get even longer and stranger. “The Playground Slap, Merry Go Down, Trummerflora Collective, Ultra 7, Wormhole Effect, This Way Out, The League of Assholes, Gunther’s Grass, Nicely Nice World, Son of Radul, The Royal Orchestra of Titicaca. I think that is it, though I feel I’m forgetting one or two. The common denominator has always been new music. Whether structured or improvised, I have been pretty consistent — the approach being [to] make it fresh, make it interesting, take chances.”

He describes Western West’s new album *City by the Sea* as “four rock/noise/prog tunes full of twists and turns,” released on his own Titicacaman label. (The word is obviously dear to his heart. For the record, “Titicaca” refers to a lake in Bolivia, and/or the peoples living near it.) It features Jim Call (locally famed from the Penetrators) on organ, theremin, and spoken word, guitarist Jeff Mattsson (late of the epochal Crash Worship), and drummer Bill Ray, who miraculously survived playing with Ike Turner. Radulovich himself takes

the vocals, bass, synths, percussion, melodica, and xylophone, plus that unluckiest of prog (or rock) axes, the hurdy-gurdy.

Western West was formed through good old-fashioned networking — Radulovich-style, of course. “Nicely Nice World had a gig at the Black Cat Bar, and Jim [Call’s] friend Jeff Mattsson was in town. Jim and Jeff have a project called The Purple Hand of Kareem Abdul Jabbar, so they opened, Jim on organ and theremin, Jeff on guitar. I liked the drones and spaces they created, and thought myself on hurdy-gurdy would be a good addition, so I invited them to my place. It was the first time Jeff and I played together, though it felt like we had been doing so for years. We recorded over an hour’s worth of improvised music — a bit tedious at times, a bit of aimless wandering at times — but still, a session that flowed smoothly; all simpatico.”

That was in 2015 at Titicacaman Studio, Cardiff. Other bands and shows kept Radulovich busy over the following years, but he reviewed and revised those sessions little by little, using Bill Ray drum tracks left over from an upcoming project with former Frank Zappa band member Mike Keneally. “It was inspiring and challenging to turn the original improvisations into songs, and since I’ve been working this way for years — piecing things together, sampling, *et*

cetera — I enjoyed making it all sound like a band playing in the same room at the same time.” While “prog” marks only one of the new music’s several signifiers, the album is certainly structured like prog, with the shortest of the four tracks, “Patricians and Beauticians” running more than nine minutes. The “City by the Sea” title track runs more than sixteen.

“No major themes or concerns,” reports Radulovich regarding his voluminous lyrics, delivered in two languages. “Just writing. I like rich, surreal imagery, so I responded to whatever I was experiencing at the moment through metaphors and rhymes. I grew up with a Chilean bent for words and poetry. We all have a penchant for the abstract, for dark things, so I followed that path. I enjoyed how sometimes songs wanted to be in Spanish, like ‘Carajillo’ in the Western West album. I’m always happy to oblige when that happens. Also, this album is in large part about my wife and me, in this city by the sea.”

The contrast between Radulovich’s sung lyrics and Jim Call’s spoken word also proves crucial. “Jim and I always work with a common purpose. We share a lot of the same influences, so what we aim to be pungent poetry flows on its own.”

Asked about post-Western West work, Radulovich mentions “a couple of upcoming releases with my old friend Mike Keneally. One [album of] short atmospheric instrumental pieces titled *Monday* [released September 1]. The other is an album titled *Bask*, which is more song-based, and also features Bill Ray on drums, releasing on October 6. Then, after that, I’ll see if I can finish another instrumental album by The Royal Orchestra of Titicaca, me and a bunch of friends collaborating long distance. I’m also working on *To Lilliput and Back Volume Three*, a solo work under my name. *Volume One* was released in 1996, *Volume Two* in 2014, and hopefully, *Volume Three* will come out in 2024.”

— Andrew Hamlin

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Aquarius Bar & Grille:

Friday, 4pm — Novocaine. **Free.**

Beach House Grill:

Sunday, 7:30pm — Mochakk.

Bellamy's Restaurant:

Saturday, 6:30pm — Andrew Peña.

Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Nancarrow and Ash Easton. \$12-\$21.

Friday, 8pm — The Spazmatics.

Saturday, 8pm — Super Diamond.

Sunday, 8pm — Don McLean.

Monday, 7:30pm — Iam Tongi.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Samantha Fish.

Wednesday, 7pm — Whitney Shay's Birthday Celebration.

Brick by Brick:

Friday, 7:30pm — Decayer, Saltwound, Inferious. \$12-\$15.

Monday, 7:30pm — Disimperium and Seraphic Disgust. \$15-\$20.

Wednesday, 8pm — Firebreather. \$10-\$14.

Cannonball:

Thursday, 5pm — David Shyde.

Friday, 5pm — Andrew Peña.

Casbah:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Pony Bradshaw. \$17.

Friday, 8pm — Bit Brigade. \$16.

Saturday, 7:30pm — White Denim.

Sunday, 7:30pm — Nuovo Testamento.

Monday, 7:30pm — Manganista and Marujah.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Islands.

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Sun, 9/10 @ Soda

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Sun, 9/10 @ SOMA

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Wednesday, 6pm — Blaise Guld.

Duck Foot Brewing Company:

Thursday, 6pm — Dead Heads Night.

Saturday, 7pm — The B Sections.

Monday, 6:30pm — Bluegrass Jam.

Tuesday, 7pm — SD Jazz Collective.

Duke's La Jolla:

Friday, 3pm — Farrah Camu.

Sunday, 4pm — Russell Paihinui.

Tuesday, 4pm — Casey Turner.

Epstein Family

Amphitheater:

Saturday, 7pm — Doors of Change Concert of Hope. \$65-\$350.

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:

Friday, 6pm — Gabriele Dagrezio.

Wednesday, 6pm — Keni Yarbrow.

Farmer & the Seahorse:

Friday, 4:30pm — Sean McCole.

Saturday, 11am — TJ Moss.

Sunday, 11am — Gabriele Dagrezio.

First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego:

Friday, 7:30pm — Zane Alexander S.B. & the Holy Ghost Ensemble Album Release. **Free.**

Golden Hill Community Park:

Saturday, 1pm — Reader Tacotopia 2023. \$35-\$55.

Golden Island:

Friday, 6pm — Gerard Nolan Quartet. **Free.**

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Tuesday, 7:30pm — Pub Choir.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Daisy Guttridge.

Humphreys by the Bay:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Aly & AJ. \$45-\$595.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — The Temptations and the Four Tops. \$75-\$225.

JAI at the Conrad:

Sunday, 5pm — McPherson House Concert. \$250.

Kraken:

Sunday, 3pm — The Water Spots. **Free.**

L'Auberge Del Mar:

Thursday, 5pm — Jemille Violet.

Friday, 7pm — Rachel Jay.

Saturday, 7pm — Jarred Matthew.

Sunday, 11am — Farrah Camu.

Wednesday, 5pm — Kai Kalama.

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Sunday, 2pm — Garza Quintet. **Free.**

La Valencia Hotel:

Thursday, 5:30pm — Brian Pierini.

Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbrow.

Sunday, 6pm — Jonny Tarr.

Loews Coronado Bay Resort:

Saturday, 7pm — Casey Turner.

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Saturday, 6pm — Jonny Tarr.

Sunday, 6pm — Helena Holleran.

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Tuesday, 6pm — Whitney Shay.

Mission Bay Resort:

Friday, 6pm — Casey Turner.

Saturday, 6pm — Jonny Tarr.

Sunday, 6pm — Helena Holleran.

Monday, 6pm — Jemille Violet.

Tuesday, 6pm — Whitney Shay.

Mission Cellars Winery:

Sunday, 2:30pm — The Younger Cole Band. **Free.**

Moonshine Beach:

Tuesday, 7pm — KSON Music for Maui Benefit Concert. \$10.

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:

Friday, 9pm — 2li2late.

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Thursday, 8pm — Tessa Violet and Frances Forever. \$27-\$32.

Friday, 9pm — Emancipator and DGT.L CLR.

Saturday, 8pm — Easy Star All-Stars: Ziggy Stardub.

Sunday, 7:30pm — Blair Gun and Cope.

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Friday, 8:30pm — Daring Greatly. \$12.

Nick & G's:

Friday, 7pm — Durell Anthony.

Observatory North Park:

Thursday, 7pm — Ocean Alley. \$77.

Friday, 7:30pm — City and Colour.

Open Air Theatre:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Arcangel.

Petco Park:

Saturday, 7pm — The Revivalists and Band of Horses.

Pine Valley House:

Saturday, 7pm — Java Joe's Presents Gregory Page. \$25.

Poway Center for the Performing Arts:

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NANCARROW at the Belly Up

SEPT 7



Country rock band Nancarrow is fronted by Graham Nancarrow, whose father was a well-known local newscaster/ecologist, the late Loren Nancarrow. Graham formed a punk band while at La Costa Canyon High, Mised Citizen, and later played with Big.50 and Grass. The Solana Beach bill includes Americana blues rocker Ash Easton, whose third studio album *Rough & Tough* was released last year.

GREGORY PAGE at Pine Valley House

SEPT 9



Java Joe's presents Gregory Page, who has performed everywhere from London's O2 Arena to multiple international music festivals, and has opened for the likes of Bob Dylan, Leon Russell, Judy Collins, Chris Isaak, and Jason Mraz. He's released over 20 solo albums since 1990, recorded eight albums as a member of the Rugburns and the Hatchet Brothers, and produced music for artists including Jason Mraz and Tom Brosseau.

CHARLES MCPHERSON at JAI at the Conrad

SEPT 10



Award-winning saxophonist Charles McPherson, guest curator of the 2023/24 Jazz Series, will perform a career-spanning set. Enjoy appetizers, wine, and intimate conversation with McPherson and other like-minded jazz enthusiasts. An in-depth Q&A session rounds out the La Jolla evening.

MARUJAH at the Casbah

SEPT 11



Originally based in Nashville, Marujah melds street music and political commentary, sung in English and Spanish. They took home San Diego Music Awards for Best World Music Album twice in four years. Their new album *Hollywood Kids* was produced by the band with Charles Colletti and is so far preceded by a single for "Creature of the Carnival." They'll debut it on a Little Italy bill that includes Manganista and Beta 7.

MIKE PINTO at Winstons Beach Club

SEPT 14



"My shows have a big energy, with the organ and horns blaring at all times," says Mike Pinto, who grew up in a suburb of Philadelphia called Fairless Hills. His music blends reggae, ska, dub, and Latin rhythms, while keeping true to his roots with the acoustic guitar. The OB concert will be opened by Aaron Wolf and B-Foundation.

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Thursday, 7pm — Buddy Guy.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Bebop & Beyond: Music of Charlie Parker & Dizzy Gillespie. \$20-\$65.

Rancho Bernardo Library:
Saturday, 3pm — Around the World with Accordion. **Free.**

Rustic Root:
Tuesday, 6pm — Johnny Martin.

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Monday, 7pm — Pacific Coast Harmony Guest Night. **Free.**

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Saturday, 6pm — Seaside Sounds.

Side Yard:
Saturday, 6pm — TJ Moss.
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Soda Bar:
Saturday, 7:30pm — Veni Sun. \$15.
Friday, 7:30pm — Gavin Turek and Val Fleury.
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Sunday, 7:30pm — Home View and Marble.
Monday, 7:30pm — Katie Alice Greer.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Dead On A Sunday and Fieldrush.

Soma:
Friday, 6pm — JAMM.
Saturday, 7pm — Kip Moore.
Sunday, 7pm — Hockey Dad.

South Coast Winery Resort & Spa:
Sunday, 6pm — Michael Paulo. \$65-\$130.

Studio West:
Friday, 7pm — Astra Kelly Vinyl Release Concert. \$20-\$25.

Sunshine Brooks Theatre:
Saturday, 8pm — Clapton Hook.

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Saturday, 8pm — Crystal Gayle. \$69-\$79.

Thornton Winery:
Saturday, 7pm — Rick Braun & Richard Elliot.

Til-Two Club:
Thursday, 8pm — It's OK and Eventide.

Tower Bar:
Saturday, 8pm — Roselit Bone.

University Club Atop Symphony Towers:
Wednesday, 5:30pm — David Shyde.

Viejas Arena:
Friday, 7:30pm — Los Angeles Azules.

Waterbar:
Thursday, 6pm — Ryan Hiller.

Waterfront Park:
Saturday, 7:30pm — Boots In The Park.

Westfield University Towne Centre:
Friday, 12pm — Jesse Johnson.

Winstons Beach Club:
Friday, 8pm — Easy Wind. \$12-\$15.
Saturday, 9pm — The Runaway Grooms. \$15.
Sunday, 4pm — SunDazed at the Beach Hip-Hop Show. \$7-\$10.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Aquarius Bar & Grille:
September 17, September 24 — Mark Fisher's High Noon Dead Set

Baba Coffee:
September 15, September 22, September 29 — The Soto Six

Balboa Theatre:
September 17 — Kansas
September 19 — Theatre Organ Concert & Film Screening

Barefoot Bar and Grill:
September 15 — Freddie Walton
September 22 — Andrew Peña
September 23 — Christian Taylor
September 29 — Casey Turner

Beach House Grill:
September 20 — Gondwana
September 21 — Rodney Atkins

Bellamy's Restaurant:
September 14 — Jake Taylor Smith
September 16 — Helena Holleran

Belly Up Tavern:
September 14 — Krooked Kings
September 15 — Fan Halen
September 16 — Ozomati
September 17 — Five for Fighting
September 18 — The Monkees Celebrated by Micky Dolenz
September 19 — Bebel Gilberto
September 20 — The Brook & The Bluff
September 21 — Ambar Lucid
September 22 — Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers
September 23 — Groundation
September 24 — Al Stewart & The Empty Pockets
September 25 — Stephen Marley
September 26 — Tim Flannery & The Lunatic Fringe
September 28 — Bahamas
September 29 — The Pharcyde and Tha Alkaholiks
September 30 — Jerry's Middle Finger

Bloom Nightclub:
September 30 — Drezo

Brew Coffee Spot:
September 22 — Garza Quintet

Brick by Brick:
September 14 — Haunt and Hell Fire
September 15 — Jungle Rot, Enforced, Phobophilic, Molder
September 16 — Bulldozer, Deceased, Demiser
September 17 — Angelmaker and Vulvodynia
September 19 — The Body, Troller, Dead Times
September 20 — Cryptopsy and Abysmal Dawn
September 23 — Vola
September 25 — Metal Church and The Bites
September 29 — Earshot and Thousand Years Wide
September 30 — Uada and Ghost Bath

Cannonball:
September 14 — Ben Benavente
September 19 — Andrew Peña
September 21 — Jemille Violet
September 28 — Ben Benavente

Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens:
September 15 — Coffee Concerts with High Tide Coffee

The Casbah:
September 14 — Mrs. Magician and Los Shadows
September 15 — Emo Nite
September 18 — Planetarius and Sophia Sugarman
September 19 — Cut Worms
September 21 — Whatever and Remedices
September 22 — Sweeping Promises
September 23 — Ron Gallo
September 24 — Gayle Skidmore and Pip Lewis
September 25 — Dengue Fever
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September 17 — The Waymores

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September 17 — She Says So

Diamond Palace:
September 14 — The Zzymzzy
Quartet
September 21 — Anthony Cullins
September 28 — The Garners

**Duck Foot Brewing
Company:**
September 16 — Anthony Cullins
September 19 — Blues Organ Jam
September 21 — Dead Heads
Night
September 23 — Gregory Page
September 24 — Bluegrass Jam
September 26 — SD Jazz
Collective

Duke's La Jolla:
September 15 — Joanna Gerolaga
September 17 — Kekoa
September 22 — Russell Paihinui
September 24 — Kekoa
September 26 — Casey Turner
September 29 — Russell Paihinui

El Camino Memorial Park:
September 16 — Country Concert
in the Park

Encinitas Elks Lodge:
September 17, September 24 —
Marty Conley's Big Band Express

**Epstein Family
Amphitheater:**
September 19 — Love in Exile

**Estancia La Jolla Hotel and
Spa:**
September 14 — Blaise Guld

September 15 — Rebecca Jade
September 16 — Farrah Camu
September 20 — Whitney Shay
September 23 — ZB Savoy
September 27 — Natalie Alely
September 29 — David Rosales
September 30 — Johnny Martin

F6ix Niteclub:
September 14, September 21,
September 28 — TakeOver
Thursdays

Fairmont Grand Del Mar:
October 7 — Jonathan Karrant

Farmer & the Seahorse:
September 14 — Sean McCole
September 15 — Alex Elisabeth
September 17 — Danielle
Angeloni
September 21 — Sean McCole
September 23 — David Shyde
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September 28 — David Shyde
September 29 — Sean McCole

First Presbyterian Church:
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**First Unitarian Universalist
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September 22 — Nishi
La Tremenda: Opera
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Golden Island:
September 15 — Gypsy Sally
September 22 — Jonathan Cohen
September 29 — Cobby Brzeski

**Harrah's Resort Southern
California:**
September 16 — Eden Munoz
September 22 — Babyface
October 1 — Foreigner

House of Blues:
September 14 — W.A.S.P.
September 15 — Little Image

September 15 — Nirvanish and
Faux Fighters
September 16 — Todrick Hall
September 17 — Hannah Jadagu
September 20 — Phum Viphurit,
Mild Orange, Brandon
September 20 — The Criticals
September 21 — Proxima Parada
September 21 — Inspector and
Haragan
September 22 — Dylan Matthew
September 22 — Miya Folick
September 23 — Diners and
Chris Farren
September 24 — The Wide Eyed
Kids
September 26 — Jessie Murph
September 27 — Little Dragon
September 28 — AJ Rafael and
Nieman
September 29 — Emblem3
September 29 — AJ Rafael and
Nieman
September 30 — Estevie
September 30 — The Dan Band

**Humphreys Backstage Music
Club:**
September 14 — Popa Chubby

Humphreys by the Bay:
September 15, September 16 —
Yacht Rock Revue
September 21 — Blackberry
Smoke
September 22 — Dave Koz
Summer Horns
September 23 — Croce Plays
Croce
September 24 — Three Dog Night
September 25 — Styx
September 26 — Jason Bonham's
Led Zeppelin Evening
September 27 — The Concert: A
Tribute to ABBA
September 29 — Natalie
Merchant

JAI at the Conrad:
September 16 — Ballet Collective
San Diego
October 7 — Isata Kanneh-
Mason

Josie's Hideout:
September 16, September 17,
September 23, September 24,
September 30 — Backcountry
Music

L'Auberge Del Mar:
September 14 — David Shyde
September 15 — Orion Song
September 16, September 17 —
Gabriele Dagrezio
September 21 — Helena Holleran
September 22 — Kristi Krause
September 23 — Jesse Johnson
September 27 — Christian Taylor
September 28 — Marelle
September 29 — Jemille Violet

La Jolla Community Center:
September 20, September 27 —
Opera Wednesdays

**La Mesa First United
Methodist Church:**
September 18, September 25 —
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Night

La Valencia Hotel:
September 14 — Christian Taylor
September 15 — Keni Yarbro
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September 23 — ZB Savoy
September 24 — Calli Grace
September 28 — Kai Kalama
September 29 — Keni Yarbro
September 30 — Jesse Johnson

The Landings at Carlsbad:
October 7 — West of 5

Loews Coronado Bay Resort:
September 16 — Shea Givens
September 22 — Dalton Gazette
September 29 — Jesse Johnson

Madam Bonnie's:
September 29 — Liquid Bricks
Jazz Trio

Madison:
September 17 — Latin Jazz
Sunday
September 19 — Jazz Night
September 24 — Latin Jazz
Sunday
September 26 — Jazz Night

**The Magnolia Performing
Arts Center:**
September 16 — Danna Paola
September 18 — Tangerine
Dream

**Meze Greek Fusion
Downtown:**
September 17 — Liquid Bricks
Jazz Trio

Mikami Revolving Sushi:
September 15, September 22,
September 29 — Sake & Karaoke
Fridays

Mission Bay Park:
September 29, September 30 —
Mission Bayfest

Mission Bay Resort:
September 14 — Keni Yarbro
September 15 — Rachel Jay
September 17 — Michael LeClerc
September 18 — Kristi Krause
September 19 — Farrah Camu
September 20 — David Shyde
September 21 — Marelle
September 22 — Casey Turner
September 23 — Gabriele
Dagrezio
September 24 — Jehua Evans
September 25 — Brian Pierini
September 26 — Puro Feeling

September 27 — Johnny Martin
September 28 — Christian Taylor
September 30 — Israel
Maldonado

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THE GONZO REPORT

Punk of ages

A multi-generational mosh pit at My Town Fest

I should probably have picked up a pack of smokes for this one, because I could hear the echoes of San Diego's punk past as it enthusiastically got the band back together for My Town Fest. Local acts from the '70s, '80s, and '90s through today coming together over the last weekend of August, some to relive their days of being young punk degenerates for one more moment of glory. (Although, to be fair, not all of the groups on the bill were full-blood punk.)

Whenever I think of the Soda Bar, I shoot back to a memory from about seven years ago, when local band Dexter Riley Xperiment rocked its stage. I recall good energy, heavy drinking, and long hair on most people. This fond recollection gave me the inclination to dial DRX's drummer Jeff, to see if he was down for a show that might be up his alley. He told me he couldn't make it because he had front row tickets to Bowie that night. Not that Bowie (obviously), but the grandson he was babysitting, whose name is Bowie. "I might be able to make it out for the second night," he said. "I'll text you tomorrow afternoon." But everybody who's friends with that dude knows he'll likely be at Black's Beach with a bottle of Sangria for his day of Sabbath, so I didn't count on it, or hold him accountable. He's a product of a more free-spirited generation.

I rolled up to the Soda Bar after a short walk from a friend's place a few blocks away. Outside on the sidewalk, show-goers decked out in the usual black attire and skater shoes



Social Spit (and inflatable fan).

sucked on cigarettes (I didn't see a single vape) and compared tattoos. Much of the ink shared a distinct style: bright colors and stained glass window imagery. "Where do you get your tattoos?" they asked each other. Apparently, many of these punks had been inked by an artist named Sergio.

After comparing body art, we headed inside to catch the groups, who had been preparing months for this moment. Many of the bands hadn't played together for years, promoter Zak Prescott told me. But it's a way to get acts back together, and for younger players to mesh with the ones who have paved the way. Prescott said he intends to make it an annual event. "In the future, I want it to be an all-ages show. I think if we start at Queen Bee's, then migrate here to Soda Bar after nine o'clock, it'll work." He was yelling this over the ska tones of the group Beta 7, while a saxophone was blasting right next to us.

Later in the evening, I stepped outside with some of the other sweaty show-goers for a nicotine fix and heard the sounds of a siren getting closer and more obnoxious. It was El Cajon Boulevard, so — not uncommon. As the sounds got closer, we saw a fire truck booking ass our way from the west. Sirens



Beta 7: old-school ska.

howling and red and white lights flashing, it pulled right up, and a firefighter jumped out and ran into the venue. *What the fuck is going on? Is this place in flames? Did somebody croak out?* No, none of that. The firefighter's pal was playing a set, and apparently, the emergency worker wasn't going to miss it. Now that's brotherhood. And one hell of a way to make an entrance.

At that point in the night, the booze, smoke,

and loud music had the crowd lit up. Mosh pits were going up and down, filled with people young and old, and I decided to join in. It had been a while since I lost myself in a sweaty pit. But even though it was a fast-moving and wet encounter, it wasn't as reckless as a pit filled with teenage angst and swinging fists — the kind I remember. These moshers were a little more seasoned, and knew their limitations. Not bumping around too violently, just enough to assure themselves that they still had it.

You could feel a sense of relief and joy in many of the bands as they exited the stage. Relief that they didn't fuck up too badly, and joy that they were able to come together for at least one more performance. Now, if only I could get Dexter Riley Xperiment drummer Jeff to put some clothes on, find Bowie a babysitter, and bring DRX to play next year's My Town Fest, I'd be happy. ■

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IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Is Hollywood following opera's bad example?

Something strange is happening in Hollywood this year. There have been two hit movies, *Barbie* and *Oppenheimer*, and a slew of flops. It's been so bad that this year has coined the term flop-buster. One of the biggest flops of them all, based on the cost of the production versus the box office revenue, was *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny*.

Indiana Jones was once an unassailable intellectual property. There was a trilogy of successful movies that fans were happy to watch time and time again. In *The Dial of Destiny*, Indiana Jones is reimagined for modern audiences, and, as it turns out, modern audiences aren't interested. *The Dial of Destiny* is set to lose about \$100 million.

This year, Disney has released remakes of several classic animated movies such as *Peter Pan*, *The Little*

Mermaid, and the upcoming *Snow White*. None of the remakes have been good, and *Snow White* is poised to be a disaster. The actress portraying Snow White has made it clear that the original is out of date and features a creepy prince who stalks Snow White. Her Snow White isn't interested in finding true love, but rather in finding her power and becoming a leader. The response has been so severe that the release has been pushed back by several months, and some have begun to wonder if it will be released at all.

For whatever reason, Hollywood is failing to understand that audiences like what they like and will watch the same movie on repeat. In this regard, Hollywood is about 50 years behind opera. Opera companies have been reimagining operas — to their

own demise — for decades. They've tried to refresh "tired old war horses" with modern settings in order to attract a new audience. It hasn't worked. What it has done is alienate the audience that opera already had.

I thought about going up to LA Opera to see *Aida* a few seasons ago, but then I learned the set was designed by a street artist. I passed. What the hell does a street artist have to do with Ancient Egypt? It makes the story being told on the stage into complete nonsense.

Opera has failed to realize that audiences will watch the same opera over and over again. If I go to see *Carmen*, I want to see 18th Century Spain. If I go to see *Lohengrin*, I want to see Antwerp in the 10th Century. I want to see and hear the opera that the



Snow White: maybe, just maybe, it doesn't need reimagining?

composer created.

Operas will make sense to new audiences when they are produced in their appropriate setting. This will help new audiences understand and maybe even love opera. Opera composers created theatrical experiences that audiences have been connecting with for hundreds

of years. This means a new audience was created in each generation, with no reimagining required.

Reimagining opera is a soulless exercise in hubris. Pride goes before the fall, and opera companies that have prided themselves on modern sentiments are falling — fast.

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BY AMANDA
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ANTHONY SCHMIDT

The Lafayette Lobby Bar
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‘All the drinks from the Lobby Bar are a slight twist on classic New Orleans,’ says Anthony Schmidt, Beverage Director for The Lafayette. And the

Brandy Crusta is a no-brainer for this particularly warm day. “Whereas typically a Brandy Crusta would be served shaken and up with an elongated orange twist, this one is a little bit different. We serve it over shaved ice, so it kind of turns into this unique new texture, like a slushie made almost *à la minute*.”

According to Schmidt, the original recipe calls for a sugar rim to balance the dryness, but his version has a more luscious, decadent finish. “Essentially, a traditional Brandy Crusta uses just a single curaçao. Here, we’re blending a couple of different styles to create this signature flavor, between the kumquat and our house curaçao. It’s actually a curaçao that we manipulate a little bit — we add a little touch of calamansi extract.”

The drink has a blend of brandy as well, “so instead of it just being a single version of brandy, we’re doing cognac and apple brandy.” He likes Clear Creek’s two-year aged apple brandy for this drink. “A little bit of age on the brandy is important. It kind of rounds it, makes it a little more soft, approachable, easy drinking.”

“When you combine those ideas,” Schmidt continues, “it’s gonna lend itself toward a more tropical presentation. We’re gonna drive that even farther when we use our passion fruit syrup in addition to this. Really, what we wanted it to be is one foot in ‘traditional’ and another foot in ‘tropical’ — and also inherently new, by way of the granita service.”

That’s where the shaved ice came into play. “We hadn’t used the machine before, and we were imagining ourselves in this hot box atrium, and this felt more festive, appropriate, and exciting, because we hadn’t done something like it before,” Schmidt recalls. “When it’s served, you’ll get a glass of shaved ice and the bartender will pour a blended cocktail over the top of it, and it immediately melts into a texture that’s somewhere between pebble ice and shaved ice. Ice that you can chew on, but it’s kind of like snow.”

Time is somewhat of the essence, but only somewhat. “You kind of want to enjoy it relatively soon... but it still holds that slush, that granita texture, quite stable. You don’t have to rush to enjoy it. It drinks like a drink.”

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- .75 oz lemon
- .5 oz passion fruit syrup
- .75 oz Cointreau
- .25 oz kumquat liqueur
- .75 oz Clear Creek Apple Brandy
- 1 oz Park Cognac VSOP
- .25 oz simple syrup
- .75 oz shaved ice

Add all ingredients except ice to a shaking tin and set aside. Then follow the directions on your shaver to make .75 - 1 oz of shaved ice and place into your favorite coupe. Quickly shake the ingredients in your tin, and slowly pour over the shaved ice. You will notice the ice start to melt down and dilute your cocktail. Garnish with your favorite edible flower — cheers!

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ACORN NATURAL DYE SHIBORI! Saturday, Sept 23, 2-5pm, join in the fun and learn to dye with locally foraged acorns & oak galls. Explore natural dye & create gorgeous patterns with mordants & shibori. Beginners welcome. Military & sibling discounts. Visit sandiegocraft.org! (619) 273-3235 / make@sandiegocraft.org

AFTERNOON LITTLES CRAFT CLASS! Is your child (3-6yrs) ready to explore craft in a safe, fun, welcoming environment? At San Diego Craft Collective, we offer Craft Studio for Littles, where kids begin the journey of creating with their hands & imaginations! Visit sandiegocraft.org (619) 273-3235 / make@sandiegocraft.org

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LEARN THE ART OF PERFUMERY! This Sept 24, 1 - 4pm, learn to formulate your own signature fragrance with a French Perfume Designer. You'll use essential oils & fragrance notes to learn formulation. Beginners welcome, 14+. Visit sandiegocraft.org! Military & sibling discounts. (619) 273-3235 / make@sandiegocraft.org

MAKE A MUSICAL CLAY OCARINA! Saturday, Sept. 16, 1-3:30pm, learn to craft your own personalized musical Ocarina from clay. Like a flute, Ocarinas are traditional wind instruments. Beginners welcome, 12+ or 8+ with adult. Military & sibling discounts. Visit sandiegocraft.org! (619) 273-3235 / make@sandiegocraft.org



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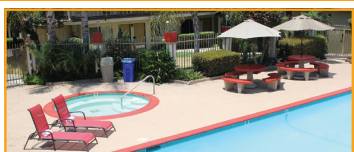
Pre-applications for the waitlist will be made available and also accepted starting Mon. November 21, 2022 at 9:00AM via 1) https://bridgehousing.com/properties/dove-canyon/ or 2) Contactless pick-up at the property.

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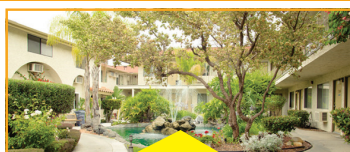


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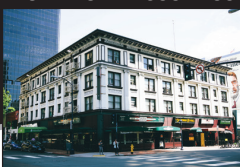
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Adjust for success – spotted bay bass for the win!

Dock Totals 8/27 – 9/2:

4614 anglers aboard 206 half-day to 3-day trips out of San Diego landings over the past week caught 1 barracuda, 1061 bluefin tuna (up to 180 pounds), 53 bocaccio, 91 bonito, 734 calico bass, 6942 dorado, 3 halibut, 7 lingcod, 4046 rockfish, 1 rock sole, 117 sand bass, 53 sanddab, 93 sculpin, 191 sheephead, 3 skipjack tuna, 50 spotted sand bass, 95 whitefish, 1 white seabass, 668 yellowfin tuna, and 876 yellowtail.



“Some shots at nighttime bluefin to go along with great yellowtail fishing and some Dorado.” - *Tribute Sportfishing*

Saltwater: During a once-in-a-blue-moon week, the angler count jumped back up to near the seasonal weekly average after Hilary caused a lull in boat traffic for a day or two in her wake. Full moon weeks can be iffy, or outrageous. Some things are somewhat predictable, such as the number of dorado caught rising drastically while bluefin tuna numbers wane. Full moon fishing for bluefin can often favor boats fishing in the dark hours, while dorado, which are fast-growing voracious feeders, tend to light up any time you find them. So fewer daytime bluefin tuna caught equals fewer in the overall count. That gave boats working between sunrise and sunset more time to focus on dorado, and with plenty of them outside of Mexican waters where the limit is two fish per angler, lots of ten-fish limits hit the decks on full-day to three-day trips.

With close to 7000 caught, the past week was reminiscent of some of the outstanding fishing we had this time last year, when a previously unheard of 30,054 dorado were caught in just four weeks by sportboats out of San Diego. Still, variables come into play for captains' planning about when and where to target what. Every trip can be a new adventure, whether a boat is searching for biters during a slow spell, or staying put when a bite continues to be excellent in a specific area.

The *Jig Strike*, for example, ran south on an overnight run into Mexican waters for mixed-bag tuna, yellowtail, and dorado possibilities on Friday, September 1, and had a slow go on all but dorado, of which they caught the Mexican limit of 2 per the 15 anglers aboard, and returned to the dock with just the 30 dorado. So, on the next trip out, with another load of 15 anglers, they fished outside of Mexican waters and came home with US limits of 150 dorado and 1 bluefin tuna. Not that catching Mexican limits of dorado is “unsuccessful” — just that successful fishing is always about adjustments to conditions and the fishery.

Adjusting to the fishery often means following known patterns of targeted species through the season. You saw that with the boats heading west toward San Clemente Island and further to the Tanner/Cortez area for bluefin tuna. In other cases, it's a matter of the fishery's regulations. The new allowance, begun in April of this year, of deeper rockfish access to 600' is also taken into account, as will be the closure of rockfish from 300-feet in depth and shoreward coming on September 16. Coupled, the species' movements and new regulations have given us counts we used to see pretty rarely; varied pelagic and endemic species that you might think would be caught on different trips, such as the *Poseidon*, returning on September 3 with a catch of 480 dorado, 50 rockfish, 8 bluefin tuna, 4 yellowtail, and 2 yellowfin tuna for 24 anglers aboard a 2.5-day run.

I thought I'd try my own “once-in-a-blue-moon” thing. I normally do not launch from a spot that will be hard to either get to or out of, considering the day's tides. The launch point here at the Boca in San Quintin Bay can be such a spot on big tide swings. On a high tide of over six feet above mean tide, the road through the sloughs fills up so much that once, while I was heading back home, baitfish were skipping through the water to escape my tires as I rolled along. So I prefer to take the beach route on the hardpacked



Avid Angler Tracy Hartman with a solid spotted bay bass caught by float tube.

sand during a lower tide, given that I have rusted out four Jeeps before the one I drive now. Not to mention that the fish bite better going into slack tides in a bay mouth that can roll like a river current when tides are big and fast. But, on hearing of a lot of bonito on the high tide feeding in the Boca, I decided to time a trip out and back on the beach when the tide was around 3 feet, and fish the seven hours of rise, high slack, and fall. If I needed to leave much sooner, I would have to either burn a lot more fuel chewing through soft sand or take the slough road and drive through a mile or so of saltwater.

Still, the thought that there might be yellowtail or white seabass in with the bonito feeding on the plethora of bait during the high tide drove me to drive out and launch at the point on a tide I would normally avoid. The last yellowtail I caught from the bay mouth on the kayak was just such a day, as was the day I caught a 55-pound white seabass. And as long as I would be there during the midday slack, I might just have some decent halibut fishing when the current slowed and changed direction. But no: no yellowtail, no white seabass, no halibut caught. And as I was committed for a seven-hour outing, it was a long one. I caught plenty of bonito early, but casting at surface feeders was tough as the water was weedy.

After a bit of up-and down fishing on the drift for halibut and not a bite, I paddled over to the eelgrass at the west edge of the channel, picked my way through the floating weeds, and caught another grip of impressive spotted bay bass. It's all about adjustment, and though I didn't find what I was originally seeking, I love catching spotted bay bass, especially when they're a good size. They do not get very big, and often in San Diego or Mission Bays, my average spotted bay bass is well under a pound. But even small, they are hard fighters. Here in San Quintin Bay, I don't know if it is the massive amount of varied prey for them — from shrimp and crabs to finfish — or that there is so much natural structure in the channels and eelgrass edges, but my average spotted bay bass caught here is around two to three pounds. As the world-record spotted bay bass is just 4 pounds, 15 ounces, I am sure there is a record fish in San Quintin Bay. (Though there are lots of smaller spotties in San Diego and Mission Bays, there are some larger ones lurking in those bays, too.)

Spotted bay bass, in my opinion, fight the hardest of the three common basses in our area. Sand bass tend to twist their way up and will leave your line a mess, and while their early pull is heavy, they tend to go into pirouette mode after a few feet. Calico bass are more aggressive upright fighters, and tussle all the way back to the kayak. But spotted bay bass, they pull very hard with little give, and if you're fishing for sand bass or calicos and you get a three-pound spotty, you might think it's a six-pound calico, but in no way would you confuse the fight with that put up by a sand bass. Spotties for the win! And their meat reflects their strength - more firm and suitable table fare, also in my opinion, than the other two basses.

DANIEL POWELL

Bright Idea

— Officials in New Delhi, India, are preparing for the G20 summit next week, and no detail has been left unaddressed, Reuters reported. For example: Rhesus monkeys are a menace on many of the city's streets, often attacking pedestrians. The monkeys cannot be harmed or removed by law, so the government has installed life-size cutouts of langurs – bigger primates with black faces – around the city to scare the monkeys away. The New Delhi Municipal Council has also employed "30 to 40" people who mock the langurs' sounds so that the monkeys will believe they are real. "We ... are already seeing a positive impact," said Satish Upadhyay, the vice-chairman of the NDMC.

It's Come to This

— New Yorkers have become accustomed (some grudgingly) to the ubiquitous odor of cannabis on city streets and in parks, the Associated Press reported. In fact, as spectator Diane Patrizio of Southampton, New York, stood in line at Court 17 at the U.S. Open, she remarked, "It's everywhere. But what are you going to do?" Court 17, which is situated on the periphery of the Flushing Meadows complex, lies right next to Corona Park, and on Aug. 29, the court "definitely (smelled) like Snoop Dogg's living room," said player Alexander Zverev. "The whole court smells like weed." In fact, eighth-seeded Maria Sakkari complained to the chair umpire. However, the USTA found no evidence that anyone inside the facility was smoking, and

Sakkari said the odor didn't affect her loss to Rebeka Masarova. "I mean, it's something we cannot control because we're in an open space," Sakkari said.

News That Sounds Like a Joke

— Barbara Haverly, 62, of Mount Dora, Florida, was running a routine errand this summer when things suddenly got out of hand, *The Washington Post* reported on Aug. 23. Haverly had stopped at the city library to return a book, but the line was rather long, so she dropped it into a drop box as she'd done many times before. But as she pulled out her hand, she felt a sharp pain in her left middle finger. The top of the finger, starting just below her fingernail, had been torn off. "I was in shock," she said. Library staff called 911, and one employee got into the book box to retrieve the top of her finger. Doctors performed surgery but were unable to reattach the fingertip. Haverly is still dealing with the aftermath of the incident; she said she is depressed and can no longer do yoga or play the ukulele. Meanwhile, the library has placed a sign over the box that reads, "Please do not place your hand inside this book drop."

Irony

— Two employees of television outlet Univision Chicago who were filming a piece about armed robberies in the Windy City were robbed at gunpoint around 5 am on Aug. 28, *The Washington Post* reported. The reporter and photographer were in the Wicker Park neighborhood

when an SUV and a sedan pulled up and three suspects "wearing ski masks and displaying firearms" jumped out. They took the photography equipment and personal items, returned to their cars, and fled. The suspects are still at large; no injuries were reported.

Build the Wall!

— No, not that wall. In Norway's Arctic region, workers are rebuilding a reindeer fence along the country's border with Russia because the animals keep wandering over the line to find better pastures for grazing. The barrier is 93 miles long; only about 4 miles require repair, the Associated Press reported. But the work is challenging because workers cannot step into Russian territory lest they be charged with illegal entry. Russia has also charged Norway huge fines for the days the reindeer grazed in a natural reserve. The work is expected to be completed by Oct. 1.

Don't Mind Them

— In Fairfax County, Virginia, on Aug. 22, a man entered a 7-Eleven store and displayed a knife, which was the least interesting part of the robbery, Fox5DC-TV reported. The man, who was described as Hispanic, was wearing a black cowboy hat upon which perched two parrots. Another parrot was riding on the man's shoulder. The suspect escaped in a blue SUV with an undisclosed amount of money, police said. — And in northern England, an unnamed driver was issued a traffic offense report by police after he was observed motoring along the

M62 with an African gray parrot on his shoulder, *The Guardian* reported on Aug. 30. "Animals should be in suitable carriers/restraints so that they don't interfere with your ability to drive safely," police posted on X.

News You Can Use

— Back off that accelerator if you're driving through Coffee City, Texas, about three hours north of Houston. Why? The town, with about 250 residents, has 50 full- and part-time police officers, KHOU-TV reported on Aug. 30. The town's budget reveals that it collected more than \$1 million in court fines in 2022, which were the result of more than 5100 citations the officers wrote. And there's a tantalizing twist: Most of Coffee City's officers had been suspended, demoted, terminated or discharged from previous law enforcement jobs, for reasons including excessive force, public drunkenness and association with known criminals. "I've never seen anything like that in my professional career, and I've seen a lot," said Greg Fremin, a retired Houston Police Department captain. But Coffee City's police chief, JohnJay Portillo, disagrees: "There's more to just what's on paper," he said. "I try to look at the good in everybody and I believe everybody deserves an opportunity." Even so, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement has an open investigation into the tiny community's big law presence.

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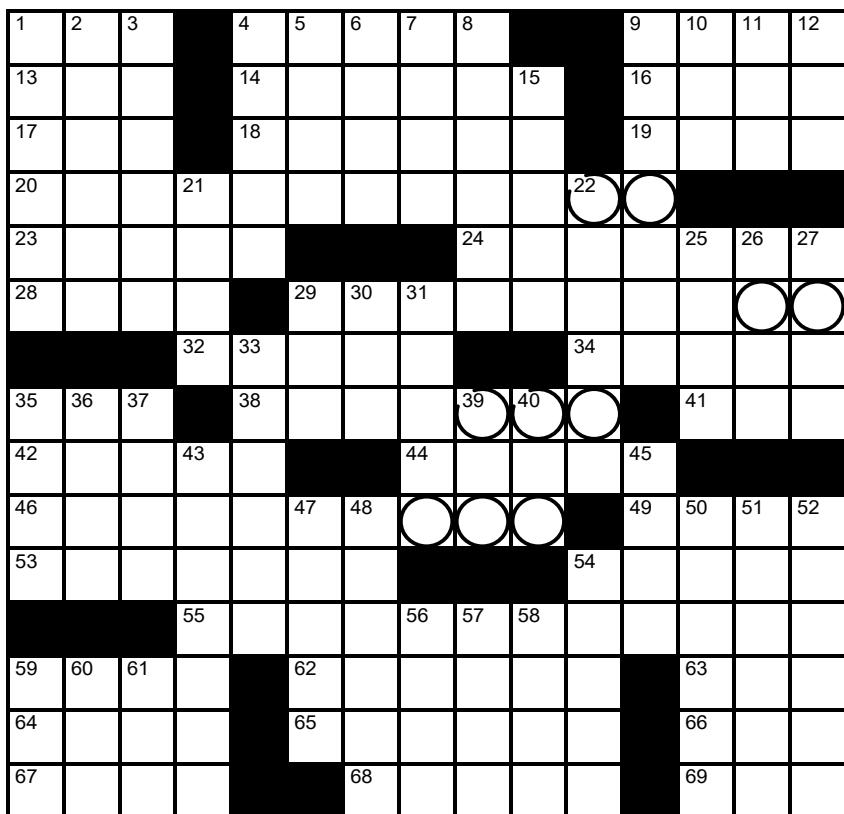
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Across

- 1.** "That ship ____ sailed"
4. Mend, as a torn seam
9. It's often turned on after dark
13. 100%
14. Warmed up the crowd
16. Leave the stage
17. Oxfam or CARE, e.g.
18. Like the bikini in a 1960 #1 hit
19. Contents of some small bags
20. Words after an interruption
23. Regions
24. Washing process, in chemistry

- 28.** Mister, in Münster
29. Mobile game since 2010
32. Old PC platform
34. Discontinued iPods
35. Pennies: Abbr.
38. Noodle dish served with bean sprouts and crushed peanuts
41. Agcy. that issues nine-digit IDs
42. "You ____ Beautiful" (Joe Cocker classic)
44. "Clumsy me!"
46. Highest peak in Central African Republic
49. Functions
53. Power failures
54. Optimal athletic

performance

- 55.** Classic 1981 best-seller about effective negotiating ... or this puzzle's theme
59. Obi-Wan Kenobi, e.g.
62. "Gran ____" (2008 Clint Eastwood film)
63. Mexican Mrs.
64. Place to use a mitt
65. Country singer Dwight
66. "The Wizard of Oz" film studio
67. Fireworks noise
68. ____ Coffee (chain that opened its first store in Berkeley, CA in 1966)
69. Broad shoe spec

Down

- 1.** Comedian Gadsby
2. Climate Reality Project founder
3. Ritardando, in music
4. Novelists Henry and Philip
5. Fencing sword
6. Oracle
7. Alternative to -ess or -ette
8. Chinese artist and political activist Ai
9. Wright of "Black Panther"
10. Prop in "The Shining"
11. "Mamma ____!"
12. Scoreboard tally: Abbr.
15. Gave a hand?
21. Like shorts weather

- 22.** Some Muslims
25. Cozy retreats
26. Spanish eyes
27. Org. with an Astronomy Picture of the Day site
29. Org. that oversees medical trials
30. Towel site
31. "We agree!"
33. One soaking things up
35. Fatigues, familiarly
36. Pants, slangily
37. Mailed
39. The Astros, on scoreboards
40. Bee: Prefix
43. Job for a play director

- 45.** "Worst car of the millennium," per "Car Talk"
47. Estelle of "The Golden Girls"
48. Bent over
50. "I'm telling you, that's who!"
51. Come to light
52. Kind of bagel or oil
54. Makeup for everyone?
56. "Dies ____" (hymn)
57. "Just Do It" company
58. Irritating buzzer
59. Word with snow or day
60. Actress Longoria
61. TV room

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