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Will miss nude weekends

I read your article, ("Naked Hostilities", Cover Story, Oct. 26), with great interest. We used to travel to De Anza Springs Resort often from the time that the Landmans first opened the resort. It was our primary destination, especially after the Cedar Fire devastated the Swallows Sun Island Resort twenty years ago. The closing of another clothingoptional location comes with great sorrow. Your article was very insightful, but I must clarify one thing. It was mentioned that it was an adult resort. The Landmans always followed American Association for Nude Recreation policies that were family inclusive. There were often families with their young children there when we visited the resort.

When I first heard that the resort had been sold, I desperately wanted to believe that it would continue as a nude destination. Unfortunately, my fears became a reality. The remote location led me to believe that the drawing power was the freedom from clothing. I never thought that it could sustain as a textile location because there are countless clothed destinations that are much more convenient. I will miss all those nude weekend getaways to Jacumba.

> Bob Foster Clairemont

Nakednesss as health tonic

It was with great sadness that I read of nudity being banned at the De Anza Resort, ("Naked Hostilities", Cover Story, Oct. 26). Nudity is a health tonic, a natural and healthy adjunct to the immune system and more. I am a former Ironman triathlete and current endurance competitor. I have been running naked at the resort for the past five years. At seventy years old, taking no medication and no drugs, I attribute my stellar health on nudity. As for Covid, I rarely wore a mask, never got vaccinated and never once got sick. Americans unlike the Germans see nakedness as a perversion except those going au natural get the last laugh.

My friends and neighbors are repulsed by the showing of skin. I'm sorry to say those same ignorant people are all dead, many have passed of prostate cancer which according to the Mayo Clinic can be prevented by sunshine and vitamin D. It's all a very sad and tragic tale on American culture, perhaps the most hypocritical culture on earth. The article failed to mention the nude 5k run a staple at the resort for years. I am truly sad but will continue to be devoted to health and fitness in a natural God given way.

Daniel Smiechowski Bay Ho

Gloria can get away with it

REGARDING: ("Why would Todd Gloria stoop to the Democratic Central Committee?", News Under the Radar, Oct. 4, 2023) Because he can get away with it and be re-elected. Mr. Gloria has the best milliondollar political consultant money can buy, and the voters buy it.

Daniel Smiechowski Bay Ho

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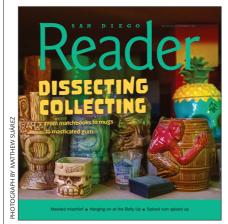
Mess of a North Park four-way stop gets worse

Neighborhood News, Oct. 2, 2023 This actually makes a lot of sense because during rush hour, the light that would be green allowing people off the freeway

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

CRIMELAND **Targeted** Chain chains up products, scraps Downtown plans in response to thievery

On September 26, Target issued a press release stating that they had closed nine stores in the Bay Area, New York City, Seattle, and Portland. It read in part, "We cannot continue operating these stores because theft and organized retail crime are threatening the safety of our team and guests and contributing to unsustainable business performance." And on October 5, when news broke that Target had decided to discontinue its plan to open a 36,000-square-foot store in the Radian Apartment complex at 9th and G Downtown, many San Diegans online agreed with the company's decision. "I think it was smart for them not to open the location Downtown," Delaina Brungardt told me, "considering what is going on with locations currently open. Most violent crimes, except murder, are no longer jailable. People are given a free pass on crimes they may feel like committing."

Will, who requested to be referred to only by his first name, has seen that "free pass" policy in effect. Last month, while shopping at the North Park Target on University Avenue, Will "witnessed four Hispanic males approxi-



A March *Reader* story reported on a solo thief who helped herself to a bag of beauty merch at @UltaBeauty — on video.



mately 25 to 30 years of age set down a large Costco blue plastic shopping bag and begin to fill it with the most expensive 750 ml bottles of tequila from the shelves, plus vodka." As Will watched, a Target employee stood next Diego are not shutting down. But many locations, including the one in Grossmont Center, are locking up products. "I was in the household essentials area and saw that the laundry detergent is now in locked cabinets,"

"We cannot continue operating these stores because theft and organized retail crime are threatening the safety of our team and guests and contributing to unsustainable business performance."

to the thieves while they bagged the liquor, and did nothing to intervene. Another Target employee walked alongside the thieves as they made their exit. When he spoke with "a gentleman with 'security' on the back of his shirt," Will learned that "the four guys came and did the same thing earlier in the day. Like all of the stores in San Diego, the store policy is to not interfere with the theft and allow them to leave peacefully."

Will is a part of the Report Crimes page on the NextDoor app. The group has 6000+ subscribers; it "connects neighbor to neighbor and keeps you informed of local crimes and events." Because of the group, Will says he knows that "thievery is occurring every day all across San Diego at every type of store, and all of the thieves know that they will not be stopped when walking out."

Jen V., a digital marketer from Santee, corroborated Will's theory. Recently, she watched folks loading up shopping carts at Lowe's and taking off without paying. "I have previously consulted with employees at Lowe's and Bed Bath & Beyond to gain insight into their perspective on the situation," she told me. "It appears thieves target merchandise valued at less than \$950, as that is typically treated as a misdemeanor offense. It seems more cost-effective for the large retail stores to allow such thefts rather than risk legal repercussions stemming from injuries that may occur during intervention."

The Target stores currently open in San

San Carlos local Shari M. posted on Next-Door. "I asked a sales associate why, and he said there have been too many thefts. I tend to be a quick shopper, and having to wait for someone to unlock the cabinet so I can buy nothing of it." The six-second video garnered 1.4 million likes. She added that Target was "compiling a whole case against me over the years and letting me steal \$3000, so they can actually send me to jail." In June, *DaygoTV* posted a video on its Instagram account depicting two people haphazardly emptying two shopping carts of clothing and accessories and loading them in the trunk of a vehicle. An alarm was blaring in the background. The person filming the video said, "Bro, they just hit a lick on Burlington [on Clairemont Boulevard] — that shit's so funny."

MIKE MADRIAGA

CRIMEWORLD No face, no case Rise in covid brings rise in masked action

As the number of Covid-related hospitalization rises in San Diego, local criminals have once again taken advantage of the normalcy of wearing masks outdoors. On September 18, TikToker ziadalyadago posted a clip of a man wearing a mask attempting to steal his Ring camera. "Welcome to San Diego," reads the caption. "California has the best law in the world." Also on September 18, on the NextDoor app, Darlene Y. posted a set of photos on the Report Crimes sub-page, and wrote, "A Honda van was stolen from a garage on September 3 by three guys in long shorts, SD sweatshirts, and wearing fake Covid masks to cover faces. They keep coming back to our property and trying to break in."

A little after 4 am on September 11, Matthew D. saw two individuals on the footage captured by his surveillance cameras. He



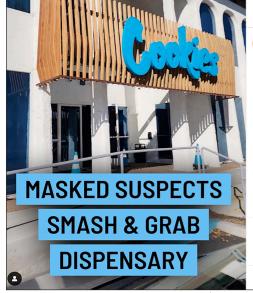
laundry supplies is going to slow me down." Baby formula canisters are another popular target for thieves, so the baby food is under lock and key. Other Targets have alarm sensors attached to the baby food packaging.

Some TikTokers take video when doing their stealing, then post footage of the loot or experience afterward. As user AshleyHerrnandezz admitted in December, of 2021: "Stealing from Target for years and thinking Who was that masked woman?

posted the video footage on NextDoor later that day, and wrote that the getaway driver was wearing a mask, as was the perp who ran up to his SUV, which was parked in the driveway. He jiggled the driver's side door handles, realized the car it was locked, then bolted back to the getaway car. "I was not able to identify the car they were driving," Matthew continued.



"That's one reason masks need to go away," commented Sammie Clark. "Covid is over, and masks only hide a thief's identity." Joanne B. from Mission Gorge agreed, saying the mask-wearing has nothing to



do with Covid. "People doing suspicious/ criminal things have been wearing masks for over 1000 years."

Nic Marckstadt, an administrator of the Pacific Beach Bike Theft Return Program Facebook page, photographed a man walking his neighborhood wearing a full facemask and gloves, and carrying a backpack. Marckstadt posted the photo on August 7 and captioned it, "Prowler heading west on Turquoise." Commenter Trisha G. asked, "How do you know he is prowling?" Marckstadt responded: "It's abnormal to cover your entire face when it's 79 [degrees] outside. [And] looking into every vehicle as you pass by and checking some door handles." Others on the platform agreed.

Even a marijuana dispensary, packed with security cameras and watched by a security guard, was targeted by the masked men. 619newsmedia reported on Instagram that at about 1:10 am on August 27, San Diego Police pulled up to the Cookies Dispensary at 7850 Mission Center Court to assess a robbery. A security guard told the police officers that two men used a rock to break a window, and the perps - who naturally wore masks to cover their faces - had taken off with an undisclosed amount of cannabis products.

The Escondido Police Scanners Facebook page monitors crimes and emergencies in the Escondido area. Some members have posted about crimes committed by mask-wearing people. "I have thought that could be a problem," Gregory Blomberg,

the founder of the Escondido scanner page, told me. "I remember during the height of Covid, banks wouldn't let you in if you wore a hat or sunglasses, because the rest of the face was covered with a mask."

On the Ring app, locals have posted about porch pirates stealing their packages. One Linda Vista neighbor captured an image of a woman wearing a Covid-style mask in late July and stealing her Amazon package



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and a mail-in ballot. The thief returned to her blue Nissan sedan and took off.

North Parker Ricky Jones, after viewing some of the videos mentioned in this article, commented, "TBH, even in the malls, kids wearing Covid-19 [style] masks are video'd looting and yelling 'No face, no case.""

MIKE MADRIAGA

THE FURRY FRIEND ZONE Someone to sit while you stay

El Cajon looks into watching pets while homeless use services

One reason that homeless people stay on the street is that they don't want to give up their pets. El Cajon is looking to remove that barrier, city officials said in a meeting two weeks ago. "A lot of times, the pets are the only ones left that love them unconditionally," said councilman Gary Kendrick, who wants to make it easier for people to accept services by offering shelter for their pets. If the city takes care of them, Kendrick said, their owners won't have to worry; they'll know the animals will be there when they get out of the program. "I think this is a situation where we can actually save lives." Chief of police Mike Moulton agreed: "I would think a majority of the population we deal with is like that; they're not going to part with their animal."

While it is till in the analysis phase, the idea picks up from a previous discussion about using the city's animal shelter to house continued on page 33

UNDER THE RADAR

Toni's Sempra connection

The biggest donor to California state legislators during the first half of this year was none other than San Diego-based utility giant Sempra Energy. So reports the Sacramento Bee in a September 28 analysis. Sempra, parent of San Diego Gas & Electric, "contributed more than a quarter of a million dollars to candidates, including half of all sitting California lawmakers, in the first two quarters of 2023," says the Bee report, based on a recent

study by the non-profit California Climate Accountability Project.

"Climate experts connect Sempra's campaign spending to a legislative push to support expensive technologies that would help its subsidiaries stay in business and prolong dependence on fossil fuels, particularly hydrogen and carbon capture and storage," says the Bee. Per the paper's account, "In the final

days of this year's legislative session, Sempra asked lawmakers to introduce a bill that would allow gas companies to charge ratepayers for company investments in those technologies.

"The company also helped propose legislation to speed up the approval process for hydrogen production and transportation. Neither of the bills gained traction. That's after a final push for more state funding toward hydrogen car fueling stations ended with middling success."

Sempra isn't the only big energy outfit to open its pocketbook to legislators. Termed out San Diego state Senate Democrat Toni Atkins,

collecting cash to run for Lieutenant Governor in 2026, raked in \$5000 from Sempra Energy on October 24. She got the same amount the same day from Houston-based Calpine Corp., another big power generator in the state. Calpine's carbon capture scheme for the Sutter Energy Center, a natural gas-fired generating plant it owns in Yuba City, has stirred fierce controversy. "It takes so much energy to compress the

gas and move it through the pipeline to inject it in a storage facility, which is fueled by an onsite power plant, so it just contributes to the same problem," Victoria Bogdan Tejeda, a climate law attorney, was quoted as saying by the Sacramento News & Review in an August 23 dispatch.

Boozy U UCSD's Department of Theatre and Dance, known for partying and being financially underwater, has now drawn scru-

tiny by the school's internal auditors. "Our review included an event (Wagner New Play Festival Closing) with the most attendees and expenses that was held on May 14, 2022," per a recently released June audit. "It featured beverage service by an outside contractor and food by UCSD catering. However, we noted that the business purpose was not documented. Though no state funds paid for the event, compliance with UC policy on documenting the business purpose is still required."

A raft of other events fared

no better at the hands of audi-

tors. "Five of the nine events

we reviewed were missing

attendee lists," says the doc-

ument, going on to warn

that boozing was too loosely

tracked. "Alcohol was not sep-

arated in one instance, though

the event was not charged to

state funds. On another event,

Climat law lawyer Victoria Boodan *Tejeda, smiling through it* only the total charges are doc-

umented, so it is not possible to determine if alcohol was involved, which is a consideration as the event was paid from state funds. University policy prohibits using state funds to pay for alcohol."

By way of background, the report says, "Unlike most academic departments, Theatre & Dance does not have a faculty chair. The Dean's office has funded the costs of an Executive Advisor who has been in place as of October 26, 2020. Also, since the last internal audit, there has been turnover in the administrative office, including of the Chief Administrative Officer and the support staff." Money woes have been chronic. "Theatre and Dance has faced a substantial deficit

throughout FY 2021-22."

However, "the Department's Chief Administrative Officer has been collaborating with the Arts & Humanities Dean's Office to address the deficit. For FY 2021-22, the Department had approximately \$11.5 million in expenditures, of which approximately \$10.9 million (95%) went to compensation, and \$0.55 million went to non-compensation expen-

ditures." As a result of the audit's findings "Theatre and Dance will include the required documentation and seek approval for the Wagner New Play Festival Closing event as per University policy and guidelines."

Seven miles of money Chula Vista mayor John McCann, noted for tapping his business benefactors to pay for city events in which he has a role, has most continued on page 4



private cooperation.

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LETTERS

continued from page 4 could let a greater amount of cars through reducing the backup on the freeway.

Four-way stops are actually some of the worst traffic flow solutions. With a four-way stop, all directions move slowly one car at a time. This would at least give a green light to the feed with the most vehicles and red lights to the ones with the least vehicles.

-Stop four-ways

Flailing SDSU chases Prime shine, hires former star

SD on the QT, Oct. 6, 2023 Wonderfully tasteless bit of satire. SDSU's problems lie with its leadership, who are more interested in keeping the construction firms happy than running a former Normal School. -Faulking around

NPR station refuses to air Metropolitan Opera

Classical Music, Oct. 6, 2023 Thank you, Garrett for pointing out the obvious... what everyone knows, but doesn't want to say because someone might get butt hurt. And in one of your columns from September as well. These modern operas are scheisse. I had high hopes for Florencia, but listened to it on Youtube before I spent my money. I'm glad I did. It was a disappointment. And don't get me started on Great Scott. That's an old Warner Brothers movie pitch, not an opera.

Has there been a decent opera since maybe Amal and the Night Visitors? Now I don't love every song in every opera. Or every opera. But the lack of artistic talent today is sad. Is it like rock and roll, neglected and forgotten? We only have our memories? Close doesn't count except in horseshoes and hand grenades. I love your columns, keep holding the torch. But lol, can you please show local concert listings at least a week (or more) before they play? Some of us can't make plans without more notice. Thank vou

-This Is Tosca's Kiss!

Oh, you might be able to cuss in your operas, but how about writing good music first. I don't think Garrett should should have described it as post modern. I think brutalist is the word you're looking for here, hahahahaha. It's not racism if old Italians and Germans write better music. They knew their shit. Do better. -Lovely Memories

New scooter rules in San **Diego cut rides sharply** Neighborhood News, Oct. 9, 2023

Apparently the city wants more CO2 emissions from autos so they are discouraging the use of the scooters? In the meantime pedicabs act like they have the right of way over any auto anytime, anywhere, and are are a hazard to drive around while down town. You sure the real problem is that the right palms aren't being greased with enough green?

-Follow the money

San Diego thieves brazen in taking laptops, iPhones, headphones

Neighborhood News, Oct. 10, 2023 Why do sheeple pay twice or three times more for a phone than they have to? Brand positioning. Take note, for those wanting to extract dollars from the sheep.

-Android user "More than they have to?" Why do people buy Cadillacs and Porsches when a Yugo will get them where they need to go? Flagship phones do things that entry level phones do not. If you just need a basic phone then you do you. If others want top of the line hardware and you don't understand why, that doesn't make them sheeple, but it might mean you need to get a better job.

-Embracing the herd Life isn't about having just barely what you need to subside. If you work hard enough or are lucky enough, one can live the way they choose and deserve having some of the finer things and experiences of life. The fact that you don't get that says volumes about you. You can get out of life what you put into it. -Work hard, enjoy life

Reap what u sow. Thieves love wokesters ... -Anti-woke

Not sure what a wokester is, but to be accurate, thieves love anyone who has something they want. Common thieves are generally not politically partisan. On the other hand, the thieves in the Republican Party don't like wokesters, because they prefer their well-conned misinformed supporters instead of someone that understands their lies and catches them and holds then accountable when they cheat and steal.

-Work hard, enjoy life I get it. You've provided a Jeopardy answer. The question is: What would some inbred backwoods uninformed delusional cult member say to this article. -Anti-woke

Time to take matters and set up traps and hit them hard. You know it's the usual suspects -Going rogue

Well, this is what Californians want. Keep voting Democrat and you will get more of this. -Vote blue no matter who?

Lenovo T480 was a 10vo laptop lol -Tech bro

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recently gotten into the pockets of Seven Mile Casino, the gambling emporium run by San Diego-based Elevation Entertainment. At McCann's behest, the casino gave \$5000 to the City of Chula Vista on September 21 to sponsor McCann's 2023 State of the City speech, according to an October 3 disclosure filing. Also at McCann's behest, Seven Mile kicked in \$3000 on September 21 for the 2023 Celebration of El Grito Mexican Independence Day, and \$1000 on August 9 for the 2023 Boards and Commissions Recognition Event, per another October 3 disclosure. Then on September 21, Seven Mile gave \$20,000 to the city's 2023 Starlight Parade and Festival, says an October 5 behest filing by McCann.

In addition, developer HomeFed Corp. came up with \$5000 on September 15 for the same event, as revealed in a separate October 5 McCann filing. This past summer, according to a June 17 Union-Tribune account, Democratic Governor Gavin New**som** signed special legislation exempting Chula Vista from the state's Surplus Land Act, which mandates public land sales must first be offered for so-called affordable housing.

"With state approval, city officials said they can now focus on resuming negotiations with HomeFed Corp., the master developer Chula Vista wants to implement its university and innovation district. The corporation also owns property adjacent to the university land," per the U-T story. In a statement cited by the paper, McCann declared: "After decades of planning and work to secure 383 acres, we are now able to continue negotiations that will advance the University-Innovation District."

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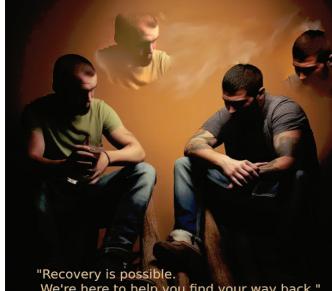
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Hammers in the Morning

The piano had certainly led a life, if the ivory tops of the keys were any indication. Some of them were chipped, others cracked, still others bore the stains of ink and crayons that no amount of bleaching could ever remove; one top had been burned by a cigarette. Thile was removing the aged tops, but instead of using more ivory to replace them, he used a simulated ivory made of molded plastic. – *David Steinman* **JULY 21. 1983**

Another Night at the Opera

The big problem during the run-through was Nagy, but not because he couldn't sing. He had a dark, dry, metallic voice that sounded secure enough on the top notes, even though he seemed unable to shade it or to spin out a long melodic phrase. The immediate problem was one of communication. He spoke only Hungarian. Gregson was forced to walk him through and pantomime every movement, gesture, or bit of business. – *William Murray* **APR. 14, 1988**

The Ex-Mrs. Symphony

My new husband and I settled, after spending the first few months of our marriage in a North Park cottage that was above our means, costing \$350 per month when his symphony salary was roughly \$360 every other week. We had one car between us, foraged in thrift shops for cool clothes, did laundry at the laundromat on 30th Street right up the alley, bought groceries at the farmers' market downtown between K and L Streets.



Diamanda Galás. The snarls ascend slowly, half-octave by half-octave glissandos, each broken by the breathy outbursts. She's screeching now.

- Cris Mazza SEPT. 24, 1998

Tenor under Construction

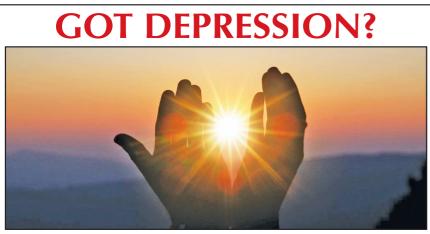
In 1997, Mary and I, married for two years, bought a house in Rolando, and we bought a spinet piano so Mary could practice. I photocopied tenor arias from the Downtown library and brought them home for Mary to play and me to sing. I learned "*Vesti la giubba*" from *Pagliacci* — think of a crying clown and a Circuit City commercial. I tried to learn "*La donna é mobile*" from Verdi's *Rigoletto*. — *Ernie Grimm* JUN. 28, 2001

San Diego Grand

There are several grand pianos in San Diego County that are more than 100 years old. I visited Mrs. Paul Ringler to examine and play her 1883 Steinway "B." Mrs. Ringler, now in her eighties, was a skilled accompanist for many decades. She explained that she had always wanted a seven-foot "B" because she felt it blended best with other instruments, not overpowering as the nine-foot "D" might do but giving full support, nevertheless.

— *David Burge* **APR. 27, 1995**

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Shortage, Meet Shoreline

Coronado turns to the past to meet future housing goals

Last week, the city of Coronado avoided a showdown with the state of California, and agreed to build the 912 housing units demanded by the Regional Housing Needs Allocation program. (If it hadn't, it might have been fined, or worse, obliged to take in the poors.) Commented state attorney general Rob Bonta, "If we could get it done in Coronado, an island city where a military base and a port sits on more than half of it,

we can get it done elsewhere, too." But not every city has what Coronado has: a stretch of beach so large and flat that it once hosted an entire "tent city" for vacationers, complete with electricity, trolley service, and primitive kitchens. (Amazing to think that we once had to try to convince people to visit, isn't it?) And this same stretch of beach will soon host what Coronado Housing Commission head Jack Nimby

calls "new tents, er, house-style dwellings for alien, er, foreign, um, new residents." At first, says Nimby, there was pushback from locals against the prospect of filling its famous beaches with "permanent visitors." "But then I reminded them that nobody goes to the beach any more, ever since Mexico poisoned the water with raw sewage and gave everybody diarrhea. And just like that, we had our solution: a filthy place for filthy outsiders. Always remember: Coronado cares."



Nimby: "Long ago, New York City urban planner Robert Moses wrote that beaches 'lend themselves to...shacks built without reference to health, sanitation, safety, and decent living.' But what did he know, really? Isn't that just another way to describe low-income housing?



The dangers of urban camping, illustrated

Unsafe Space

County to ban public camping to help protect precious homeless population

Last week, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to draft an Unsafe Camping Ban that would prevent homeless encampments from being set up on public land. The ban would "remove improperly stored items on public property, and protect vacant property from fire and pollution," according to the Board's agenda. "But really, it's not just about keeping our vacant lots free of meth and stolen bike frames," says homeless advocate Linda Carrington. "It's about keeping people safe." Carrington Diego shared the above encounter in La Jolla to illustrate her point. "First, **o** as you can see here, the person

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experiencing homelessness is accosted by another man while he attempts to cross the street toward his campsite. He struggles, but his assailants perform a coordinated attack, and eventually pin him to the ground. Then they begin punching him, even though he is under their control. Even after he is subdued, another member of the attacking gang runs up to join in the violence. By the end, no less than four of these 'Boyz in Blue' are assaulting this man, just because he pissed on their turf. We have to protect innocent members of the homeless community from this kind of violence. That's why we need this ban."

Shooting Guard Not On Point?

NBA scouts express concern over San Diego phenom's long-range game

San Ysidro basketball standout Mikey Williams has been a top prospect since his freshman year of high school. He already has an endorsement contract worth millions with Puma, millions of followers on Instagram, and a scholarship to play for the University of Memphis. But all that could be in jeopardy following a March incident at Williams' home when he allegedly fired a gun at a departing vehicle. If convicted of all six felony charges against him, he could face up to 30 years in

prison. But we all know that's not happening. The real problem, says NBA Scout Nate Spottesgoode, is that he missed.

Explains Spottesgoode, "We've got witness testimony that he told a guest in his home, 'You need to leave now if you don't want a bullet through your car and through your head,' and that he then fetched a gun with a freaking laser sight. Six people piled into a Tesla, and then someone, allegedly Williams, took a bunch of shots at the car as it fled. And you're telling me not one of those passengers took a bullet? I get that Williams may have been upset, and that a moving Tesla is not the same as a stationary hoop. But part of making it in the NBA is

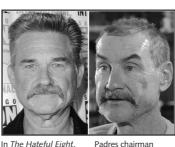


Part of what makes a player great is know ing when to pull the trigger.

being able to perform under pressure. The man said, 'Through your head,' and had the help of a laser sight, and yet, no bullets went through any heads. Take the shot, make the shot, you know? All I'm saying is, we're concerned. Oh, and he probably shouldn't have tried to shoot anybody, either. Or whatever."



PADRES MANAGEMENT EDITION



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In The Hateful Eight, Kurt Russell plays an authority figure who must contend with antagonistic parties trapped together in disastrous circumstances during a seasonal storm



Actor William Hurt starred in The Big Chill, a movie about a group of people who come together, realize that not all of their dreams will come true, and go their separate ways.



Padres Manage Bob Melvin has departed for the San Francisco Giants after a disappointing run in San Diego



On Mad Men **Patrick Fischler** played Jimmy Barrett, a man whose difficult personality puts him on a collision course with the show's star Don Draper, despite his protestations

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Padres General Manager A.J. Preller had said that Melvin would be staying, despite the personality clashes that made their working relationship difficult.

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DISSECTING COLLECTING

From matchbooks to mugs to masticated gum

've been going to the San Diego County fair for decades, and in that time, I've seen so many things. But one of my standout memories remains the time I was walking through the hobby show and spotted a collection of used oil rags. This was back in the '80s, when the Fair still had freak shows and fat ladies. The oil rag collection stuck in my brain, probably because it was surrounded by much more common collections, things like thimbles and spoons, baseball cards and quilts, rare coins, and Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls. I recall that the collector ran an auto repair shop, and one day, after wiping a dipstick with a square white cloth, found himself fascinated by the pattern left by the dirty oil. To him, it resembled a Rorschach inkblot test. Was it a butterfly? A bat? A male sex organ? He went through the shop's old oil drum, the place where the used oil rags went to die, and gave them a new life.

Adam Meyer's collection of Lucite napkin holders originated with his mother, who was walking through a flea market in Pittsburgh in the late '90s when she saw one in the shape of a Christmas tree. "She bought it because she liked it," he says.

> Fast-forward to June of this year, when John Valencia, a 40-year-old consultant, showed off a collection of "things my dog has found." Born and raised in San Diego, Valencia, who now lives in the Bay Park neighborhood across from Mission Bay, said he was always drawn to the collections in the hobby show, which he found "so silly and fun." In 2019, the last year before Covid put the fair on hiatus, he submitted a collection of chewed bubblegum. "I chewed 500 pieces of gum and then stuck them on a board," he recalls. "I submitted

my collection to the Fair, and won Most Unique. So I thought, 'If that's the case, what if one day my collection was, literally, a set of Most Unique ribbons?' So I decided to collect Most Unique ribbons and then submit *that* in ten years."

And so it was that Valencia returned to the fair this year with a collection of several dozen items that his dog Trixie, a nine-year-old pug- chihuahua-poodle mix, happened to pick up or dig up over the last year. "She's a spunky little thing that loves to go on walks and is always finding things, even in my backyard," Valencia says. "I used to run the San Diego Oceans Foundation, so conservation is rooted in what I do - I pick up trash all the time when I'm out for walk. I just started throwing some of the things that she found and brought back home into a bin, and then I had this 'aha' moment. I was building a collection without even realizing it."

Valencia says one of his favorite items in the collection is a used pregnancy test — "It was negative." Trixie also found a



One room in Meyer's house is dedicated to all things tiki. "When we bought our home, one small bedroom came with wood paneling and shelves, so that became our tiki room," he says.

Origins, interior

set of fake teeth, various toys and kitchen utensils, and a Jimmy Buffett CD. "I tried playing it," Valencia says, "but it was too scratched up." Alas, he didn't win the Most Unique ribbon this year, but he's already coming up with ideas for next year. "I'm always thinking of something cool for the sake of being unique," he says. "You always see matchbooks or quilts or Mickey Mouse ears or comics. I think if you're going to collect things, it should be fun."

Katie Mueller, chief operating officer for the Del Mar Fairgrounds, offers this overview: "The tradition of displaying hobbies and collections at the San Diego County Fair goes back several generations, and the collections we receive are as diverse as the San Diego community itself. Collections range from nostalgic and traditional to somewhat shocking, strange, and almost inexplicable. That's what makes the exhibit so interesting

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collectors — and according to some studies, that's at least 40 percent of us — are motivated by other factors.

Dave Tweedy, a clinical psychologist from Carlsbad, says that overall, collecting is healthy, because it can stimulate the mind. "Look at Jay Leno and cars," Tweedy says. "People collect because they're super passionate about something — it turns them on, it keeps them fulfilled and interested. So there's a real, healthy aspect of being interested in something and collecting something. It keeps you engaged, it keeps you motivated." The danger, he says, comes in not knowing when to stop, something he often sees in book collecting. "Sometimes it becomes too obsessive, and people spend more money than they have, or collect more books

than they could possibly keep or store in a safe way. And there's a point where collecting becomes hoarding. The intersection is vague and gray, but usually, if you can't walk through someone's house, it's a problem." In addition, Tweedy adds that some older people collect because they're at a point in life where "it's the only way they have control over their world. Sometimes they have little control over other parts of their life, so they build collections."

According to the *Life Storage* blog, the 10 most common items to collect are antique furniture, vinyl records, comic books, coins and currency, classic cars, trading cars, dolls and toys, stamps, wine, and fine art and jewelry. In an October 2020 article posted on the *Psychology Today* website, Shirley M.



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Call or visit our website to learn more! 619-826-8884 www.ExaltResearch.com Mueller, a neuroscientist and avid collector herself, says an intrinsic "urge" drives people to surround themselves with things they love, or which evoke a particular feeling or memory. "There also are reinforcing contributors that make the activity worthwhile and pleasurable for which we now know the scientific basis," she writes. "For example, the rarity of a piece can not only make it valuable, but it can also stimulate certain parts of the brain that register this uniqueness."

In her article, Mueller cites scientific research called the Oddball experiment. "It registers activity in the brain using a functional magnetic resonance machine when the participant sees a string of ordinary objects punctuated by the extraordinary," she writes. "Specific areas of their brains light up when the unusual [items] are presented." Another contributing factor, Mueller maintains, is pride "in acquiring exquisite objects. This is heightened by gathering like items together for the first time. During the search, excitement is further sharpened by identifying a rare piece that sets us apart from our peers and may provide recognition and admiration by associates." Another motive: collectors tend to like bargains: "It's the possession for comparatively little money that excites them," Mueller writes. Then, there's the nostalgic angle. "There are collectors who feel a sense of history when they assemble precious items," Mueller writes. "By owning antiquities, they feel closer to the past or perhaps even dead ancestors, important people, or circumstances of long ago."

According to Mueller, some collectors are motivated by "the enjoyment of arranging and rearranging a collection. Though this may serve as a means of control, it could also simply be the demonstration of organizational skills applied to collecting as taste and knowledge accumulate. Last, and certainly not least, is that all reinforcers to collect involve anticipation," Mueller concludes. "The collector's craving allows her to imagine anything she



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returns the object will bring. We know that it is in this phase that the pleasure center burns most brightly. Once the prize is obtained, the pleasure center quiets. In other words, the anticipation of the reward is more exciting to our pleasure center than possessing it. This explains, in part, why collecting frequently transcends a mere pastime and often becomes a passion. It gives sufficient pleasure that the participant wants to continue it more and



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Origins, exterior Adam Meyer is a 40-year-

old resident of the Dictionary Hill neighborhood of Spring Valley, in East County. He works at the Port of San Diego as assistant director of real estate, leading the team that manages redevelopment programs, including those for Seaport Village and the Chula Vista Bayfront. He's married to a UCSD biology professor; they both have a passion for collecting.

One room in their house is dedicated to all things tiki. "When we bought our home, one small bedroom came with wood paneling and shelves, so that became our tiki room," Meyer says. He's got hundreds of tiki mugs, both new and vintage, and assorted other tiki memorabilia. The rest of the house is furnished in a sleek, clean mid-century style, with furniture, lamps, and barware he and his wife picked up at thrift stores and estate sales. "The house was built in the '70s," Meyer says, "with a sunken living room. So it goes along with our style."

In addition, Meyer says

he has a modest collection of vinyl LPs and quite a bit of memorabilia associated with San Diego Bay. "I've got 30 or 40 matchbooks for restaurants and other businesses that used to be on the Bay," he says, "along with menus and ashtrays." Meyer says he's been a collector all of his life, a habit he picked up from his mother. "But I don't have any specific collection where I have to have every single item," he says. "It's more things I like and find at a really great price."

Meyer came to my attention through his collection of old Lucite napkin holders, which he exhibited at this year's Fair. Lucite is a form of acrylic resin, semi-transparent and available in many colors. It was used mostly for jewelry in the Forties, but during the post-war housing boom Lucite became a popular material for decorative items, including napkin holders. "Just picture the one in the center of your grandmother's table," Meyer says. "Maybe that table was made of atomic pattern Formica and a chrome edge, as we invoked in our display this year at the fair."

Meyer's collection consists of more than 30 napkin holders, a colorful assemblage of owls, mushrooms and daisies, and one with a yellow smiley face in the center. It originated with his mother, who was walking through a flea market in Pittsburgh in the late '90s when she saw one in the shape of a Christmas tree. "She bought it because she liked it," he says. "Then we got another because we thought it was funky and kitschy. My dad hated it. He grew up in a working-class neighborhood in Pittsburgh, where most homes would have been decorated with items such as this from the local five-and-dime store. He felt they were tacky and that my mother had better taste. But we kept buying them. One would catch our eye at a thrift store, and then another and another and another. They would sit out for awhile, and then end up in an empty toaster oven box in the basement. It was more about the hunt than displaying them."

In 2019, Meyer's visit to his childhood home in Pittsburgh coincided with his mother's decision to clean out her basement. "I hauled the collection out here with the plan to sell them. We purchased most of the napkin holders for \$1 and maybe a few for \$2, and they seem to be selling for as much as \$25 now — some more, some less. To honor the collection, I thought I would put them on display at the Fair."

After that, he brought them to October's East County Junk Trail to see what he could get. The "trail" is an annual event, now in its eighth year, at which several East County antique stores and pop-up vendors have a sale on the same day. Meyer went to buy as well as sell. "I stop at the thrift store weekly, and the swap meet on as many Sundays as possible," he says. "I also go to estate sales. I like the hunt, and I love a great deal. I am willing to sell stuff and get as much joy from that. Searching is very stress-relieving for me."

Finders keepers

Jan Tonnesen, 73, is a veteran local musician — he's still revered by music fans for his days as the "Troy Dante Quintet (later, Inferno)," backing Jose Sinatra — and resident of La Mesa. For years, he managed Wahrenbrock's Book House, once the biggest used bookstore in San Diego County prior to its closing due to fire in 2009. So of course, he has an impressive collection of books, including upwards of 100 on tattoos and tattooing and a similar number on beer and brewing. "For a while, I wanted to build the best bibliography of books on tattooing, but nobody cared, so I gave up," he says. "And I stopped collecting beer books when I stopped drinking." Tonnesen's present pas-

sion? Bookmarks. He's got maybe 200 of them, some dating back to his Wahrenbrock's days and others picked up over the years at thrift stores. "I have metal ones, cloth ones, all kinds of ones," he says. His oldest is a paper bookmark from the early 1900s, shaped like a parrot with the phrase, "Tis a wise bird that knows its place." His rarest? "Probably this World War II bookmark" urging people to collect kitchen fat and donate it to the war effort. It's a hobby unlikely to break the bank: Tonnesen will browse through books at bookstores and thrift stores, and if he happens to come across a bookmark, the store owner generally lets him have it for free.

Tonnesen's bookmark hobby has also led to another collection: Joker cards. "A lot of people used them for bookmarks," he says. "So when I'd find one in a book I was buying for the store, I'd stick it in this drawer, and all of a sudden I had

a whole stack of them." His favorites include one shaped like a heart and another featuring the Cheshire Cat and the slogan, "We're all mad here."

Tonnesen says he built his book collection because he likes to have them around. "I want to have them in case I want to read them again, or show them to someone, or loan them out," he says. His bookmark and Joker collections, on the other hand, "are just for fun."

Some collections cost even less to build than Jan Tonnesen's pile of bookmarks. Another exhibitor at this year's hobby show at the Fair was Nicole Harris, a 55-yearold school teacher whose favorite pastime is spending time in the great outdoors. Her collection: heart-shaped rocks, of which she presently has upwards of 150. "I'm not even sure this is a hobby," Harris says. "I love to be outdoors, and I like to leave places better than I found them. My motto, when hiking, biking or walking on the beach, is to leave no trace. Unfortunately, I spend quite a bit of time picking up trash from others. I always think that if every-



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one just picked up one piece of trash, it would make a huge impact and a huge difference. No one wants to see trash when they are in the great outdoors!

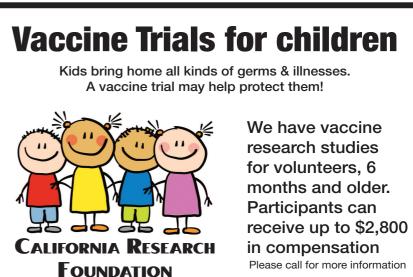
"One day when I was picking up trash, I found a rock in the shape of a heart. I was actually pretty tickled with my discovery. That was over 20 years ago, and I was instantly addicted. The heart-shaped rocks bring such joy. Each heart rock is so unique and special. It feels like finding a needle in a haystack. It's always a reminder that love is all around! I am always surprised on every hike, every mountain bike ride, every beach walk, when I spot a heart-shaped rock."

Like most collectors, Harris has her favorites. In her case, it's a rock she picked up at a particular location that evokes fond memories. "Some of my favorite heart-shaped rock that I have found have been on a hike out to Cape Flattery, which is the most northwestern point in the United States," she says. "Others are from Pike's Peak in Colorado, which is the highest road in the continental United States; Homer, Alaska, on a beach hike; and the Oregon Trail in Wyoming."

When enough is enough

Some collections are finite. I'm speaking from experience here: about 20 years ago, I started collecting first editions and early printings of early 20th Century American authors, including Ernest Hemingway, William Faulkner, John Dos Passos, and John Steinbeck. Once I had gathered all of their published books, and various other works of classic as well as modern literature that I enjoy, I stopped. My collection topped out at about 400 books, and I keep them in three lawyer's bookcases I bought years ago at the fair. I haven't added to it





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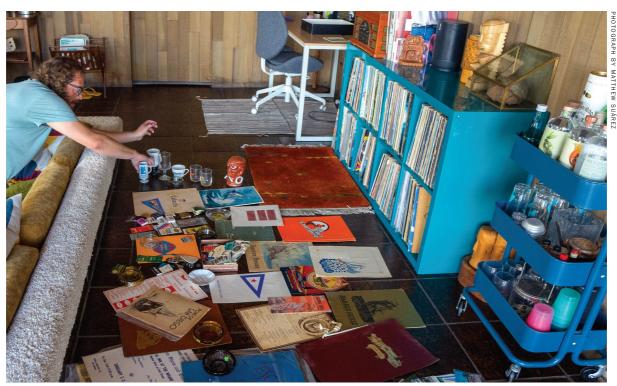
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in at least 15 years, but I certainly like having my books around me.

Other collections have no natural limits. If Meyers finds a cool tiki mug or vintage San Diego Bay item, he'll pick it up, even though he's not spending every waking hour on eBay or driving around to antique stores in a quest to build the biggest and most comprehensive collection in the world. "I think it's really just the thrill of the hunt," he says.

Then there's the flip side to collecting - getting rid of what you've accumulated, regardless of how long it took you to gather all those precious items, or how much you spent, or how far you traveled. Dave Kusumoto, a 65-year-old public relations consultant, recently ditched his impressive collection of movie posters, which took him nearly 50 years and an estimated \$150,000 to build. He'd buy at fan fests during the early years of San Diego Comic-Con, hit live auctions in New York and Los Angeles, and buy from dealers both in person and online. At its peak, his collection included nearly 1000 post-



Adam Meyer arranges items from his San Diego Bay collection. "I've got 30 or 40 matchbooks for restaurants and other businesses that used to be on the Bay," he says, "along with menus and ashtrays."

ers, lobby cards, stills and press books, including such valuable rarities as original theatrical posters for *Casablanca* (estimated value, \$10,000-\$15,000); Alfred Hitchcock's *Notorious* (estimated value, \$3000), *It's A Wonderful Life* (\$18,000), *Gilda* (\$25,000-40,000), *City Lights* (\$4000) and *Pinocchio* (\$10,000).

Getting rid of prized collections is actually

quite common, Kusumoto maintains, "and related to advancing age or lack of insurance or never wanting to leave money on the table — or fearing that what you own will wind up in estate sales, fetching pennies on the dollar." In his case, Kusumoto said, he decided to liquidate after major countywide wildfire evacuations in 2003 and 2007. He lives in Rancho San Diego, just a few miles from the edge of the fires, which also coincided with his 50th birthday. That led to a lot of personal reflection about people who downsize, in part to minimize the clutter they leave behind for their spouses or heirs to handle.

"After that second evacuation to Qualcomm Stadium, I said, 'Enough! I'm not going to prioritize non-portable stuff with 15 minutes left while everything else gets left behind to burn.' During that first evacuation in 2003, I owned a truck,

which made things a little easier to carry things out. But large framed posters are bulky, so the seed to unload my collection was planted then. During the second evacuation in 2007, I had no truck, and was forced to get more picky about what to save. The exercise of choosing what to save is the same as choosing what gets destroyed. The whole thing was madness. But my nostalgia isn't yours. My stuff should be saved for younger people who have a genuine interest in classic movies."

Kusumoto said he began selling everything piecemeal, some of it online, but "the bulk I consigned to a fellow named Bruce Hershenson, who runs a global movie memorabilia auction house in the Midwest" — *eMoviePoster* in West Plains, Missouri. "But I did everything slowly, over 20 years, dumping things 'from the bottom up' — that is, selling or giving away titles I could live without — and saving the most sentimental things, which isn't the same as the most valuable, for last. As recently as 2019, I was still letting 'lower value,' but more sentimental to me, posters out the door. Some of the last vintage pieces I let go were a British 30x40 from the 1964 release of A Hard Day's Night and two posters from 1967's The Graduate. I think they fetched only \$4000 altogether. What I have left today are a few lowvalue items linked to sentimental titles — and some, get this, are reproductions which are, ironically, displayed in some of the same frames which once housed my originals. They can burn and be bought again at Walmart if I want. Peace of mind, and only I know the difference."

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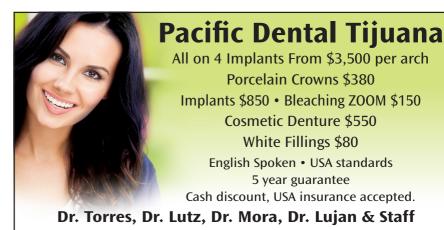
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San Diego Mesa College is hosting "Taste of Mesa," a cooking show-style fundraiser featuring internationally inspired cuisine and two cook-off competitions. Alumni and current students will compete against each other in either cooking or cake decorating. VIP tickets include a private reception, a meet and greet with students and chefs, a chance to judge the contests, and a culinary gift bag. Proceeds will be used to purchase ingredients that will help train students for the farm-totable restaurants.

WHEN: Thursday, November 2, 5:30 pm WHERE: Mesa College, 7250

Mesa College Drive, Kearny Mesa. sdmesa.edu/tasteofmesa

Saturday | 4

CALIFORNIA SEAWEED FESTIVAL

Check out this free family friendly event celebrating California's seaweed diversity. The festival will showcase the uses and applications of seaweed in art, cooking, farming, science, sustainable technology, and conservation. The booths, exhibits, workshops, galleries, and hands-on activities will immerse you and your family in seaweed knowledge.

WHEN: Saturday, November 4, 10 am to 6 pm WHERE: Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier,

1000 N. Harbor Drive, Downtown. californiaseaweedfestival.org

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS AT SEAPORT VILLAGE

Live it up to honor the dead! Entry ticket includes endless sampling of tequila, vodka, and gin from 6 Spirits, Big Shot, Six Soles Wine, Prestige Wine,



The Green Wine Co., Koo Koo Liquor, Mixed Up Cocktails, PRP WINE, KoKo Mo Spirits, Plant Botanical, Casa Azul, and Bragabilia. Enjoy banda, mariachi,





bachata, merengue, and salsa dancing, and munch on tamales, tacos, and ceviche.

> WHEN: Saturday, November 4, 1 pm to 6 pm WHERE: Ruocco Park, 585 Harbor Lane, Downtown. *calientemusicfest.com*

Sunday | 5 FALL BACK FESTIVAL

At tihs historical street faire, you can learn about San Diego's cultural his-

tory by participating in an assortment of activities and demonstrations. Observe a blacksmith displaying his trade, enter yourself in a pie eating contest, and experience a Kumeyaay Drum Circle.

WHEN: Sunday, November 5, 12 pm to 4 pm WHERE: Gaslamp Museum at the Davis-Horton House, 410 Island Avenue, Downtown. gaslampfoundation.org

Tuesday | 7

LIZ PHAIR AND BLONDSHELL Born in Connecticut and SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5: FALL BACK FESTIVAL

raised in Chicago, alt-rock icon Liz Phair began her music career selfrecording cassettes under the name Girly-Sound, which led to her signing with Matador Records. Since her hit-filled 1993 debut *Exile in Guyville*, she's released around a half dozen fulllengths, most recently 2021's *Soberish*. The bill includes Blondshell, *aka* L.A. indie rocker Sabrina Teitelbaum.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 7, 7:30 pm

WHERE: The Magnolia Performing Arts Center, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. *magnoliasandiego.com*



SHEEP AND GOATS I ANSWERED THE CALL

New Song Community Church

Contact: 3985 Mission Ave., Oceanside 760-560and what isn't. Our solution 5000 (Carlsbad Campus: 3780 Pio Pico Dr., Carlsis to help one life at a time, to help individual people conbad) www.newsongchurch.com Membership: 800 nect with God, who then Pastor: Hal Seed becomes their shepherd Age: 66 and guides their paths and Born: Santa Barbara helps them to become positive contributing members Formation: Wheaton College, Denver Seminary, Littleton, CO; Fuller Seminary, Pasadena of society. Years Ordained: 38 **SDR**: Why Southern Baptist?

San Diego Reader: What's your main concern as a member of the clergy?

Pastor Hal Seed: The lostness of our culture. Jesus wept over Jerusalem...because he saw the people were, as he said, harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd. You

HOW TO SEND US YOUR

LISTING: Have an event? We want it! Festivals, lectures, sporting events (including surfing, kayaking, and sailing), Meetups, conventions, book signings, art gallery openings, conferences, dance performances, expos, poetry readings, classes & workshops - all are welcome. You can submit an event at sdreader.com/events/submit.

ART

Art San Diego Programming provides opportunities to view and interact with works by international, national, and local artists, and enjoy exhibitions that showcase the thriving art and design landscape of San Diego and beyond. Friday, November 3, 12pm; Saturday, November 4, 11am; Sunday, November 5, 11am; \$10-\$35. San Diego Convention Center, 111 W. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Art Walk in November Enjoy savings on original art pieces, drinks, snacks and live music. 20 percent of income from art sales will be donated to the victims of recent terrorist attacks in Israel. Friday, November 3, 4pm; free. Yiddishland California, 1128 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

see that in the polarization

of our country these days.

There's a lack of a sense

of what's right and what's

wrong-there's so much dis-

agreement about what is true

PS: The Southern Baptists

are the best church-planting

organization in the world,

and they have an unsur-

passed direct-relief minis-

try all over the world. Right

Ceres Madoo: Longenecker-Roth Artist in Residence Lecture Ceres Madoo is a Los Angeles based mixed media artist, whose primary focus has been in working in ceramics and painting with a re-imagination of what it means to be a human creature. Thursday, November 2, 6:30pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive, (LA JOLLA)

Ving Simpson: Folded/ **Unfolded** Ving Simpson's intent in creating art is to unfold the inherent nature of something, an idea, a rule, a notion, a person, or a thing, and uncover an artistic understanding of the essence of its existence. Thursday, November 2, 10am; Friday, November 3, 10am; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive, (OCEANSIDE)

Vira Ustianska: 1000 Sunflowers Exhibit Join Vira Ustianska, Ukrainian refugee oil painter during the Liberty Station First Friday

now, they've got hundreds Art Walk. She is showing more than 20 paintings of sunflowers as part of her ambitious project to paint 1000 Sunflower paintings. Started before the war, Vira now looks at sunflowers in a different light. Friday, November 3, 6pm; free. Inspirations Gallery, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd., Barracks 16 #204. (LIBERTY STATION)

BEER

Keep the MiiR Camp Cup Enjoy a special that includes a limitededition MiiR Camp Cup and 12oz pour of any non-barrel-aged beer under 8% ABV. Tuesday, November 7, 3pm; \$29. 21 and up. Pure Project Vista, 1305 Hot Spring Way. (VISTA)

Sour Sunday The San Diego Beer Week celebrations continue. Score five tasters for the price of four, plus enjoy 20% off sour bottles to go all day. Sunday, November 5, 11am; 21 and up. Pure Project Vista, 1305 Hot Spring Way. (VISTA)

of people in Maui and Gaza and Israel. Every place there is a disaster, when you turn on the news and see someone in a yellow T-shirt, it's a Southern Baptist helping out. I was raised Episcopalian, so I thought the Southern Baptists were of another stripe. It surprised me when God called me to lead my church into the Southern Baptist movement. But I'm glad he did, because they're a wonderful people who do quality things in everything they do. **SDR**: What is the mission of your church? **PS**: To help as many people

as possible who don't know God to come into relationship with him. The formal way we say it is that we want

to help unchurched people become fully devoted followers of Christ... As for the name of our church, New Song, Psalm 40:3 says, "He put a new song in my heart, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord." When we started the church, we wanted to do things that were new and relevant to the culture, and to stay relevant and sing new songs. But the name also reflects that we're Biblical and that we want to see people have God's new song in their hearts, so they will see and hear and fear and put their trust in God-and by "fear," we mean the Biblical term for reverent awe.



An Evening with Author Michael Connelly Coronado Public Library, in partnership with Warwick's bookstore, presents author Michael Connelly in-person discussing his new book, Resurrection Walk. Wednesday, November 8, 7pm; free-\$40. Coronado School of the Arts, 650 D Avenue. (CORONADO)

Angie Kim: Happiness Falls Warwick's and La Jolla Riford Library will host Angie Kim as she discusses and signs her new book, Happiness Falls, in conversation with with Janelle Brown and Otto Lana from Autism Tree. Thursday, November 2, 6:30pm; free. La Jolla Riford Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Antwan Eady & Gracey Zhang: Nigel & the Moon Meet Antwan Eady and Gracey Zhang, author and illustrator of the 2023 One Book, One San Diego kids selection, Nigel and the Moon, a glowing tale about the young dreaming big. Friday, November 3, 3pm; free. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza, (BALBOA PARK)

Weekends with Locals: Kara Stevens Weekends with Locals will be hosting Kara Stevens, author of Pinky Swear. Monday, November 6, 2:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Weekends with Locals: Milton B. Willis Weekends with Locals will be hosting Milton B. Willis, author of 100 Foot Wave. Sunday, November 5, 12pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)



SDR: Where do you go when vou die?

PS: The Bible is clear that everyone lives somewhere forever. The question is whether you're going to live with God, which is by choice. You choose him and he makes provisions for you. But if you choose to go your own way, he allows the consequences

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

A Mindful MOMent: Meditation & Breathing To reduce anxiety and soothe the soul. Monday, November 6, 10am; \$40. Lullabar, 7750 El Camino Real, Suite #5145-5150. (CARLSBAD)

Art Smarts Class for Homeschoolers Homeschoolers ages 6 and up will engage in various artforms including drawing and painting. Registration is required. For children under the age of 8, a responsible adult must remain inside the library for the duration of the program. This program is recommended for children ages 6+ Friday, November 3, 11:30am; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Complimentary Water & Irrigation Workshop This free workshop providing residents strategies to use water resources wisely. Monday, November 6, 5pm; free. 18 and up. Encinitas Community and Senior Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Drive, (ENCINITAS)

Compost, Mulch & Wood Chips Workshop Miramar Greenery to You Saturday, November 4, 10:30am; free. Tecolote Canyon Natural Park & Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Crochet, Create, Connect This crochet workshop is for ages 10 to adult and fees include all supplies needed to create your own crochet project. Registration required to attend @ letsblossomandbloom. com/workshops-events. Saturday, November 4, 1pm; \$25. Blossom & Bloom, 7400 El Cajon Boulevard Suite 101. (LA MESA)

Farm & Nursery Expo Meet Southern California farmers, ranchers, nursery operators and industry professionals. Learn from of your own choice, which, by definition, is hell. God is beautifully in community with himself. He is the Trinity-Father, Son and Holy Spiritso if you remove beauty and all sense of community, you're isolated, by yourself, with nothing to do and no reason to do it, and only your regrets to live with-that sounds a lot like hell, doesn't it? God made provisions for all of us through Jesus so that all we need to do is believe and receive and if we do, we will be with him forever. If we choose to reject him, then he sadly allows us to have the fruits of our choice. – Joseph O'Brien

Find more Sheep and Goats columns at SDReader.com/worship/

the experts on what to expect in SoCal agriculture and what the future holds. Thursday, November 2, 9am; free. California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Girls Gotta Eat Podcast A hilarious and uncensored podcast from comedic duo Ashlev Hesseltine and Rayna Greenberg. GGE is a top comedy podcast on iTunes, has been reviewed as "life-changing" by thousands of listeners, and the live shows have had record-breaking sellouts in cities all across the US. Wednesday, November 8, 7:30pm; \$39-\$45. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Make Your Own Ramen Learn to make your own ramen. Sunday, November 5, 5pm; Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

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, November 8, 4pm; \$20. Lullabar, 7750 El Camino Real, Suite #5145-5150. (CARLSBAD)

NaNoWriMo Weekly Write-In Workshops Fulfill your authorial aspirations during National Novel Writing Month with in-person and virtual writing workshops to support your creative journey. Materials provided, whether you prefer a computer or pen and paper. Tuesday, November 7, 6pm; free. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

SD Fixit Clinic Registration required for item repair with the Fixit Clinic Coaches. Learn how to fix broken appliances and gadgets, repair road and mountain bikes, mend your favorite outfit. Saturday, November 4, 10am; free. Rancho Santa Fe Library, 17040 Avenida de Acacias. (RANCHO SANTA FE)



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 **Thanksgiving** Brunch

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

a day at the track with designated Grandstand seating. A holiday tradition - Thanksgiving in the Turf Club at Del Mar. Feast on a

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All college students get in free, and up until 3 pm, the first \$2 bet is on us!

delicious three-course meal along with bottomless mimosas until 1:30 pm - all while enjoying an exciting day at the races in Del Mar's ultimate venue. *Turf Club dress code applies.

A fun trackside event for all racetrack attendees where you can purchase tastings from a selection of over 50 beers, ciders, seltzers and seasonal drinks.

Celebrate the season with holiday shopping from over 25 retail pop-up vendors, complimentary spa and beauty treatments, a raffle with over \$5,000 in prizes, live music and more.

Every Sunday, Diamond Club members receive FREE admission and a FREE seat. Also, get 40% off 16 oz. Coors Lights and Brandt Beef hot dogs at select concessions.



EVERY SUNDAY

FREE & FUN Sundays



Enjoy a creative, locally-inspired menu with a million-dollar view. Ticket includes Turf Club admission, table seat, a three-course brunch and bottomless mimosas until Race 6. Tickets are limited. *Turf Club dress code applies

For event information and tickets, visit DelMarRacing.com/events

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COMEDY

Comedy Benefit for Shelter To Soldier American Me Comedy Tour presents a Comedy Benefit for local Nonprofit Shelter to Soldier. Comedians include James P. Connolly, Ben Smith, Madison Bakich and Sam Swank. Wednesday, November 8, 8pm; \$20. 21 and up. Comedy Store, 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

Comedy Night: Chris Clobber - Friday, November 3, 7pm; \$20, 21 and up. Blue Door Urban Winery, 4060 Morena Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Dave Smith Seen and heard on *The Joe Rogan Experience, Legion of Skanks, Part of the Problem,* and Fox's *Greg Gutfeld* show. Thursday, November 2, 8pm; Friday, November 3, 7:30pm; Saturday, November 4, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$25. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Laugh A Latte Local comedians Rand, Simon Blackthorn, Carol Johnson, Mike McCalla, Pamela Wardrip, Jennifer Mason, and headliner Josh Lanzet Friday, November 3, 5:30pm; free. Brew Coffee Spot, 6101 Lake Murray Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Truth in Comedy Truth in Comedy, or TiC for short, is a storytelling, stand-up comedy, and art show where humanity is the muse. Featuring Tina Hoang, Marshall Cotta, J. Carroll StarLit-Writer. Comedians: Byron Stamps, Jesse Egan, Kane Holloway. Artist: Miranda Squillace. Friday & Saturdy, November 3 & 4, 8pm; \$20-\$25.21 and up. Tenth Avenue Arts Center, 930 Tenth Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

DANCE

Balanchine Extravaganza The program celebrates that marriage of music and dance with three of George Balanchine's finest works at the Balboa Theatre. Saturday, November 4, 8pm; Sunday, November 5, 2pm; \$39-\$99. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWN-TOWN SAN DIEGO)

OUTDOORS

Where to spot fall foliage, time to stop saving daylight

Autumn Color In San Diego County's Mountains reaches its greatest intensity in late October and early November. The forested heights of Palomar Mountain are especially colorful right now. Black oaks on Palomar's rolling uplands will be exhibiting bright yellow hues for the next few weeks. Cuyamaca reservoir also remains a worthwhile leaf-peeping destination. The shimmering leaves of



A BEAUTIFUL AUTUMN SUNRISE OVER THE TREETOPS IN PALOMAR MOUNTAIN

Peter and the Wolf The perfect introduction to the world of classical ballet and music for young children and their families. The lobby opens at 1:30 pm with special activities for children. Saturday, November 4, 2pm; \$25. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWN-TOWN SAN DIEGO)

Port: Disco Riot & Fact/SF A shared evening of work, alongside other opportunities for creative exchange. Thursday, November 2, 7pm; Friday, November 3, 7pm; Saturday, November 4, 7pm; \$15-\$25. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Director Discussion: J'Accuse! Enjoy a conversation between J'Accuse's two main subjects - Silvia Foti, author of Storm in the Land of Rain: A Mother's Dying Wish Becomes Her Daughter's Nightmare, and Grant Gochin, an American philanthropist, journalist, politician, and activist of Jewish South African descent - together with the film's director, Michael Kretzmer. Sunday, November 5, 10am; 88-\$10. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA) 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)

Tapping Into the Wild Woman

Embark on a transformative journey to rediscover your intuition and embody the powerful Wild Woman archetype. Thursday, November 2, 7pm; \$5. Divine Bubble Metaphysical Boutique and Healing Center, 4639 30th Street. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

FOOD & DRINK

Autumn Pick-Up Party Taste a selection of wines from the Fall release, complemented by light bites and live music. Sunday, November 5, 12pm; 21 and up. Pali Wine Co., 2130 India Street. (UITLE ITALY)

Beeside Balcony Wine Dinner Enjoy a Duckhorn Vineyards taste testing menu. Wednesday, November 8, 7pm; 21 and up. Beeside Balcony, 1201 Camino Del Mar #200. (DEL MAR)

Cider Pairing Dinner 4 course pairing dinner with Newtopia Ciders. Menu designed to compliment the ciders being served. Sunday, November 5, 6pm; \$50. 21 and up. Coal Bunker, 232 South Main Avenue. (FALLBROOK)



SANTEE'S MAST PARK SHOWS THAT SAN DIEGO DOES HAVE SEASONS

the Lombardy poplar, an Italian import that has taken root at the south end of the lake, delight the eye with their golden radiance.

Remember To Set Your Clocks Back Sunday Morning at 2 am, when Daylight Saving Time ends. On March 15, 2022, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed the Sunshine Protection Act of 2023. It must now be approved by the House of Representatives and signed into law by the President. If the bill becomes law, it will allow states to observe Daylight Saving Time year-round. Arizona, Hawaii, and U.S. territories are on standard time year-round and would remain that way if the Sunshine Protection Act becomes law. San Diego's latest sunrise this year will be Saturday, November 6, at 7:11 am. If Standard Time were observed year-round, the latest possible sunrise in San Diego (6:52 am PST) would always take place near January 8.

> Dia De Los Muertos Fiesta URBANA Mexican Gastronomy & Mixology Will Celebrate Dia De Los Muertos with a Big Fiesta Thursday, November 2, 4pm; free. Sky Deck, 12841 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Giving Thanks Chocolate & Wine Pairing "Giving Thanks" wine and chocolate pairing event showcasing Fall flavors paired with a complimentary wine tasting with independent wine consultant Kim Knouse. Friday, November 3, 6pm; \$65. 21 and up. Sweet Petite Confections, 3582 Mt. Acadia Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Vista Vegan Food Popup Over 30 vendors including pizza, burgers, donuts, noodles, tacos, sushi, wings, dumplings, nachos and more. Friday, November 3, 5pm; free. Local Roots Kombucha, 1430 Vantage Court Suite 101. (VISTA)

FOR KIDS

AMAL: Amal & Sueños This immersive performance event will bring Amal through a dream world, manifesting her hopes and dreams, as well as those of children of all ages. Over the course of an hour, audiences will experience short pop-up performances representing a montage of music, magic, memories, and community connection. Saturday, November 4, 4:45pm; free. Chicano Park, Between National and Logan Avenues under the Coronado Bridge. (BARRIO LOGAN)

AMAL: Step Into My World At this family friendly event, Little Amal steps into a world of mesmerizing wonder when she is treated to a performance by the puppetry troupe Animal Cracker Conspiracy. Friday, November 3, 6:30pm; Rady Shell at Jacobs Park, 222 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Community Music Day: Instrument Petting Zoo Adults, families, and kids alike are invited to explore and learn about instruments up close, from brass and percussion to woodwinds and strings. Discover instruments you may have never experienced before. Saturday, November 4, 11am; free. Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Disney's The Little Mermaid

Jr Journey "under the sea" with Ariel and her aquatic friends, adapted from Disney's Broadway production and the motion picture. Friday, November 3, 7pm; Saturday, November 4, 2pm; Sunday, November 5, 2pm; \$15. Theatre for Young Professionals, 7960 University Avenue Suite 240. (LA MESA)

Nutcracker: The Mousical Just because Nutcracker is in the title, don't expect the same sweet spectacle you see yearly. Presented by Temecula Performing Arts Company. Saturday, November 4, 2pm; \$30-\$40. Old Town Temecula Community Theater, 42051 Main Street. (TEMECULA)



FB: @HARMONYGROVESPIRITUAL.OF IG: @HGSASPIRITUAL IG: @HGSASPIRIT Open House LJCDS is an independent school that serves young scholars aged 3 to Grade 12 on a single campus and prepares students for a lifetime of intellectual exploration, personal growth and social responsibility. Saturday, November 4, 11am; free. La Jolla Country Day School, 9490 Genesee Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Opera4Kids: Message in a Bottle This production features com-

posers, such as Mozart, Puccini, Strass, Wagner, Vivaldi, Verdi, and more. No charge admission (free and open to the public, with first come, first served on-stage seating). Sunday, November 5, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 1549 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

Spongebob Squarepants: The Musical All-singing, all-dancing

stage show: When the citizens of Bikini Bottom discover that a volcano will soon erupt and destroy their humble home, SpongeBob and his friends must come together to save the fate of their undersea world. Saturday, November 4, 8pm; Sunday, November 5, 2:30pm; \$20-\$27. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA

Staump Music School Fall **Concert** Young musicians from KidzRock, Jr Rock, and Rock 12+ programs will perform. Saturday, November 4, 4pm; \$15. Greenfield Middle School, 1495 Greenfield Drive, (EL CAJON)

FUNDRAISERS

San Diego Walk with Us to Cure Lupus The Lupus Research Alliance's signature national fundraising program devoted to finding a cure for lupus will include inspiring speakers, light grab & go refreshments during the walk, a t-shirt contest, and a variety of activity booths. Saturday, November 4, 10am; free. Tidelands Park, 2000 Mullinix Drive. (CORONADO)

LECTURES

Comparative Anthropogeny & Other Approaches to Human Origins Free public symposium hosted by the CARTA: UC San Diego/Salk Center for Academic Research & Training in Anthropogeny at the Salk Institute Conrad T. Prebys Auditorium, co-chaired by Pascal Gagneux and Carol Marchetto. Friday, November 3, 1pm; free. Salk Institute for Biological Studies, 10010 North Torrey Pines Road (LA JOLLA)

Seven Decades of Contemporary Art Trends Art historian Cornelia Feve presents an art historical overview of the most important art movements from 1945 to the present, recognizing geopolitical events reflected in the artwork. Single lectures: \$15/20; series: \$72/90. Thursday, November 2, 7:30pm; \$15-\$90. Athenaeum

Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

NATURE

Fall Garden Celebration At this free event, the community can learn about native plants and gardening, compost Halloween pumpkins, participate in children's activities, and help fundraise through a raffle. Saturday, November 4, 9am; free. Mosaic Community Garden, 960 5th Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park along a scenic trail. Walks start from the Visitor Center, are free and open to the public, with no reservations required. The trails used are easy, but have uneven surfaces and some involve steps, so be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Walks are canceled if raining. Saturday, November 4, 9:30am, Sunday, November 5, 9:30am; & Wednesday, November 8, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Hawk Talk with Huxley the Harris Hawk Stop by the Visitor Center Lobby to meet local falconer, Bob Gordon, and his feathered friend, "Huxley" the Harris' hawk. Get up close and personal with this majestic bird of

prey. Sunday, November 5, 9am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Nature Walk Join a Park Ranger for a nature walk at Chollas Lake Park. Learn about botany, wildlife and history with Ranger Herrera on this intermediate, 2-mile hike. For more information: gherrera@ sandiego.gov. No strollers. Saturday, November 4, 1pm; free. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

Wildlife Tracking Walk Join experienced MTRP Tracking Team members for an adventure in wildlife tracking on the Oak Grove Loop Trail. Walks start from the front of the Visitor Center on the first Saturday of every month at 8:30am Walks are free and open to the public, with no reservations required. Don't forget to wear long pants for kneeling on the ground. Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Walks are canceled if raining. Saturday, November 4, 8:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Día de los Muertos Celebration The Day of the Dead celebration honors our dearly departed loved ones and embrace the rich traditions of this beautiful Mexican holiday. Indulge in delicious Mexican treats, including tamales, pan de muerto, and sweet conchas. Thursday, November 2, 3pm; \$10-\$20. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Dia De Los Muertos Latin Music, Food & Spirits Fest Enjoy Latin Music, spirits, food, dance, DJs and performers. Saturday, November 4, 1pm; \$30-\$45.21 and up. Ruocco Park, 585 Harbor Lane. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Fashion Week San Diego: Topo Chico Take Over Enjoy one more runway with Fashion Week San Diego and a chance to mingle amongst other business persons and creatives. Thursday, November 2, 6pm; free-\$250. 18 and up. Hotel Republic San Diego, 421 W. B Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Multicultural Festival The event will include multicultural food, cultural dance, a show of traditional costumes, story-telling, games and raffle drawings. The entertainment is provided by local musicians, school bands, dancers and poets. Saturday, November 4, 9am; free. Eje Elementary Academy Charter, 851 South Johnson Avenue. (EL CAJON)

SPOKEN WORD

Poetry Takeover The Poetry Takeover features free poetry workshops for children or adults

by the Kids! San Diego Poetry and Awaken the Poet Within, self-publishing 101, and a local authors' book fair. Open mic for all ages. Saturday, November 4, 10:30am; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Short Tales from the Mothership Short Tales from the Mothership invited participants to submit short stories inspired by the Geisel Library, designed by architect William Pereira. Hear the original short stories read aloud at this sci-fi micro-fiction event. Contact: Scott Paulson spaulson@ ucsd.edu Wednesday, November 8, 6pm; free. UC San Diego Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Rod Laver Junior Challenge Finals This tennis competition will feature junior tennis talent from around the world. The tournament will feature spirited team matches, including boys' and girls' singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. Utilizing a round-robin format, each team will play five matches, with the team boasting the best overall record crowned as the champion. Admission is free and open to all who want to cheer on the rising tennis stars, \$20 charge for on-site parking. Tuesday, November 7, 9pm; free. La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club, 2000 Spindrift Drive, (LA JOLLA)





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 lastminute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

The 39 Steps

Combine a film masterpiece by Alfred Hitchcock with a juicy spy novel and add a large splash of Monty Python humor. The result? A fast paced whodunit with four versatile actors portraying more than 50 roles! London, 1935. The rather dull Richard Hannay encounters a woman who claims to be a spy. When she is suddenly murdered, Richard finds himself the focus of a nationwide manhunt led by a mysterious organization. Director, Phil Johnson. The cast includes Marley Bauer as Richard Hannay, Melanie Mino as Annabela /Margaret & Pamela, Chris Braden as Clown #1 and Katelyn Slater as Clown #2

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Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

An elegant, somehow unfusty presentation of a sincere, old-style dramatic investigation into moral and philosophical territory that ought to be uncomfortably familiar in an age that is



The Little Fellow: The pen is mightier than the...well, you know.

sold on better living through chemistry. (A great many of us, it seems, attempt to medicate the mind by drugging the brain...) Early on, decent Doctor Jekyll wonders if a murderer's cry of "What have I done?" might not be rhetorical, but sincere: what if it really was as if someone else was wielding the blade? And what if that someone else could be isolated, contained, restrained via chemical intervention? Jekvll may be decent, but he's also distressed - by his indecent colleague Sir Danvers Carew, for starters - and envies those tribal mystics who can obtain serenity by puffing on a pipe. So he's mocked up

a medicine, and severed himself from his beastly other half, the monstrous Dr. Hyde. Hyde is not simply man's animal nature before morality slaps on the shackles; he's properly monstrous — which means he's still human, and therefore, still desperate for life...and love. But medicines have side effects, don't you know, and this one may include prolonged blackouts, during which terrible things start to take place.

Shana Wride's presentation of Jeffrey Hatcher's adaptation of the Robert Louis Stevenson novella smartly dresses everyone in the same costume, so that any of them can serve as Jekyll's warped reflection as the story demands. In one particularly chilling moment, several of them gather to whisper Hyde's dark desires just out of the hearing of the one character who is always herself: the lovely Elizabeth, the Beauty to Hyde's Beast. Why does she fall for him? Who can say? Love isn't simply chemistry or animal desire; it's a force that has little to do with Jekyll's mindbending tincture. He would have done well to attend to it's immaterial workings.

The adaptation of Stevenson's work isn't perfect — there is at least one inexplicable dramatic decision near the climax of the action — but it is consistently clever, and while the expert cast is utterly serious about its work, the show remains an entertainment and not a lesson.

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The Little Fellow, or, The Queen of Tarts Tells All

A more apt alternative might have been The Queen of Tarts Threatens to Tell All — it doesn't flow as trippingly off the tongue, but it does have the advantage of describing the plays actual drama: will she or won't she? The "all" in question has to do with the paid dalliances between the Iron Duke of Wellington and one Harriet Wilson, aka The Little Fellow, aka, the Queen of Tarts, aka The Top of the Bottom.

It's that last title that gets her in trouble; at one point, Wilson has the chutzpah to declare, "I am not like other women," and the conflict here really does stem from the wounded pride of a whore who feels she's been wronged. (Who also feels the passage of time: brought into the trade at 13,

she's already had a good long run, and sagely notes that "there are no old whores.") That her gentleman clients think it impossible to wrong a whore is made deliciously clear from the outset, when one of them advises against publishing, saying, "To make money off a man's private little pleasures would be rather low," as if that isn't what she's been doing all her life. That's in the early going, when everyone is already enjoying the frank honesty that's possible when all social niceties about morality have been cast aside like so many satin undergarments — "all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil," as the poet puts it - but before things get desperate enough for all concerned that the conversation (and action) turns nasty. (One of my favorite things about Kate Hamill's very smart - and very blue - script is the way everyone keeps punching, without ever quite scoring a final KO.)

Keiko Green has the thankless task of starring, while the show's other three actors take on the sundry other roles. It's not that she's not a commanding enough presence to hold the center; she is. (It's no small thing to plead your dignity in your underwear.) It's just that everyone else is left free to rack, rue, and rage about her with abandon, particularly MJ Sieber, who ranges from the ridiculous to the sublime to the downright sinister with almost alarming aplomb.

OLD TOWN THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7PM MONDAY, NOV. 6.

Man & Moon By Siena Marilyn Ledger

Aaron is a transitioning man and Luna is a 12-year-old girl with a deep passion for outer space. Together in the lobby of an Oncology Unit, they learn how to wait as they navigate their changing bodies and circumstances within the expanse; this is a story of friendship. Produced in partnership with Help Texts. By Siena Marilyn Ledger, directed by Desireé Clarke Miller. MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, ROLANDO. 858-598-7620. 2PM SINDAYS

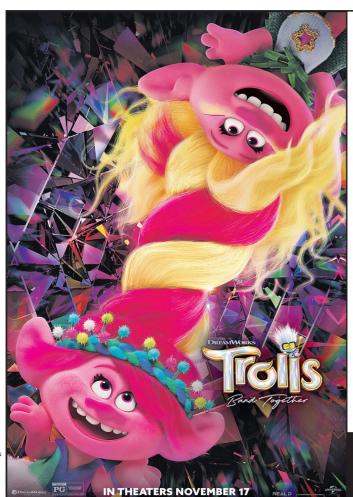
The Two Gentlemen of Verona

Set in a modern-day Italy, we meet two young men in search of identity and Julia, the first Shakespearean female character to disguise herself as a young man. This company of 14 M.F.A. actors, now in training at The Old Globe and University of San Diego, brings a wild cast of characters to life in a bold staging of this timely, classy comedy that highlights themes of betrayal, loyalty, and friendship. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 7PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAY.

Xanadu

Xanadu follows Clio, the lovely and precocious Greek muse who puts on roller skates. legwarmers, and an Australian accent in order to help Sonny Malone, a chalk artist with half a brain and a heart of gold, rediscover his own creativity. With both help and hindrance from the other muses Sonny and Clio work to rebuild a roller disco. Book by Douglas Carter Beane. Music and Lyrics by Jeff Lynne and John Farrar. Based on the Universal Pictures film Screenplay by Richard Danus & Marc Rubel.

CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.



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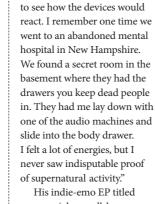
shared The new video from San Diego's Embers, "scratch my name," features an eyepopping pink Mercedes G-Wagon (a rental, no less) getting jacked, scratched, cruised all over creation, and danced on, with dog shit

and half-masticated cheeseburgers thrown into the back seat. Not to mention the artiste himself pissing in the gas tank. He assures us, however, that all scenes appearing to place the Benz in jeopardy were simulated. "We may have left some footprints on the roof, but luckily, that was it. Chris [Torres] from Topanga Hills Mafia directed the video. He's done a lot of work for Tyga, and Steve Aoki, and has been a good friend and collaborator of mine for many years."

The video is also notable for one strange exchange, not available on the audio single, featuring an older lady shouting both inspiration and insults while the pink ride is parked. "We shot the video mostly around my neighborhood, and then over in Coronado, which is where we ran into the 'Karen' you hear complaining in the video. She would go from telling us she loved us to calling us liars and cursing at us. She didn't seem to want to call the police, but more just to yell, so we had some fun banter back and forth."

Embers declines to provide his given name, explaining, "I enjoy the privacy that comes with that separation." He loves San Diego for feeling "like comfort," but grew up north of Boston before his move to North Park five years ago. "I think when you stay in one place too long, you become comfortable. Discomfort always brings growth. I think everyone should try moving away from their hometown and experiencing a new place."

His early musical diet consisted of Nirvana, then branched out into similar sounds. "My older brother passed when I was eight. I only have a few memories of him.



emo szn (always all-lowercase, from his love of emo rap), focused on Covid. A new

Embers: no pink G-Wagons were harmed in the making of this video.

He always loved the guitar, so when my Mom handed his guitar down to me, I felt I had an obligation to experience the things he never had the chance to. Pop-punk really made me feel I had potential, because the guitar riffs were easy to learn, but the lyrics hit so hard. [Blink-182's] Tom DeLonge and Kurt Cobain didn't give a fuck about how many solos they could play or how high a note they could hit, so why should I? It was about the emotion, and that in itself inspired me to continue."

He learned music skills on the fly while running a business furnishing visuals for Steve Aoki, plus other DJs and touring artists. As part of his day (well, night) gig side, he recalls "working with a ghosthunting group. My job was to take different devices and tour 'haunted' locations at 3 am five-song set called to the moon finds him stretching back towards the world. "For 'scratch my name,' I lean into the upbeat vibes of the pop-punk I grew up on, while also exploring the serious topic of toxic relationships. From there, we have the Kellin Quinn [of Sleeping With Sirens] collab 'eating me alive,' which leans more into my screaming hard rock influences. 'inside my chest' was an outlet to express how social anxiety makes me feel. 'love like violence' is a melting pot of an emo ballad. Lastly is 'hard to

believe,' an acoustic duet about self-doubt and learning how to cope with abuse and betrayal, from both points of view in a relationship."

Embers plays instruments, but prefers to "stick to singing and screaming, so I can really concentrate on connecting with the audience. I think the aggression in my music stems through years of different traumatic experiences. I often go into the crowd at my shows and jump around with people. I can feel the aggression, but it's never been malicious. I think people enjoy sharing the outlet with me, when they've been through similar situations." - Andrew Hamlin

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MANGANISTA at Humble Heart



Manganista makes rock music with an island vibe. They have a new EP called Hillbilly Bomb Shelter that they'll be showcasing in Ocean Beach. The all-ages bill includes Proctor Valley Monsters (named after a Bigfoot-type creature said to roam near Proctor Valley Road near Otay Lakes) and local pop-punk band The Calvins.

SAN DIEGO MUSIC HALL OF FAME **INDUCTION CEREMONY** at Vision Center



NOV 3



Performers/inductees include jazz pianist Mike Wofford. classical guitarist and teacher Fred Benedetti, world percussionist Monette Marino, violinist Jamie Shadowlight, and 2023 San Diego Music Award Artist of the Year Jeff Berkley. Tribute will be paid to singersongwriter Mary Dolan, who passed away in 2022. Also performing will be singer Lisa Sanders and hip-hop humorist Rob Deez.

BERKLEY HART 25TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW at Sunshine Brooks Theatre



Storytelling duo Berkley Hart features Jeff Berkley, who also runs a local recording studio, and longtime musical partner Calman Hart. They've opened for everyone from Bob Dylan and Ramblin' Jack Elliott to Paul Simon and David Wilcox. They'll celebrate a quarter century together with a matinee 25th Anniversary Show in Oceanside

SM FAMILIA at The Holding Company



SM Familia is a Latin reggae, funk and cumbia band with a full horn section who were nominated in 2014 by the San Diego Music Awards for Best World Album. They've opened for major reggae acts such as Cultura Profetica and Residente, as well as being the backing band for Sister Nancy, Michael Palmer, Eek A Mouse. The bill includes Jah Ollin and Lavne.

DEAP VALLY at the Casbah

NOV 10



LA duo Deap Vally, featuring San Diegan Lindsay Troy, has released four albums and three EPs, as well as working on collaboration like their team-up with The Flaming Lips, Deap Lips, which debuted with a single for "Home Thru Hell." Currently on what they're billing as a farewell tour, their OB set will feature them playing their 2013 debut album Sistrionix in its entirety. Also appearing will be LA rock band Death Valley Girls.

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Thursday, 6pm — Farrah Camu, **Balboa Park Hall of Nations:** Friday, 8pm — Scotland's Tannahill Weavers Concert. \$25-\$30

Barefoot Bar and Grill: Saturday, 6pm — Christian Taylor.

Bellamy's Restaurant: Thursday, 6pm — Shea Givens.

Belly Up Tavern: Thursday, 8pm - Monophonics and Reverend Baron. Friday & Saturday, 8pm - The English Beat. Sunday, 7:30pm — Bi-2. Monday, 7:30pm -MarchFourth. Tuesday, 7:30pm - Drive-By Truckers. Wednesday, 7:30pm - John Craigie and Bella White.

Brick by Brick:

Thursday, 7:30pm - Party Cannon and Unidad Trauma. \$12-\$15 Friday, 7:30pm - Full Of Hell and End. \$20-\$25. Saturday, 7:30pm N8NOFACE. \$15-\$20. Sunday, 7:30pm - Maggot Heart and Messa. \$20-\$23. Monday, 7:30pm - Rottenness and Saintbreaker. \$12. Tuesday, 7:30pm - Armed for Apocalypse and War Curse. \$10-\$14. Cannonball:

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Fri. November 10 HEADSTONE Rat King Bluntsplitter · Scourge

Sat November 11 BRADLEY PALERMO Ciaran O'Reilly · Dead Ven Vesper Lake

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Capri Blu: Friday, 6:30pm — Sara Jade

Acoustic Duo. Free.

Casbah:

Thursday, 7:30pm - Palehound and Alexalone. \$18. Friday, 7:30pm — Chicosci & Tanva Markova, \$78-\$98. Saturday, 7:30pm — Delicate Steve, \$16-\$18. Sunday, 7:30pm — A Wilhelm Scream, \$20. Monday, 7:30pm — Black Joe Lewis and Emily Wolfe. \$22-\$25. Tuesday, 7:30pm - Durry and Roe Kapara. \$18-\$20. Wednesday, 7:30pm - Helena Deland. \$18-\$20. **Congregational Church of**

La Jolla: Friday, 7pm — A Sea Lion Symphony. \$40.

Crafted Culture: Friday, 6pm — Johnny Martin.

Crafted Culture at Monsaraz: Friday, 6pm - Jemille Vialet.

Duck Foot Brewing

Company: Thursday, 6pm — Dead Head's Night, Free. Saturday, 7pm — Whiskey & Burlap. Free.

Duke's La Jolla: Sunday, 4pm — Joanna Gerolaga. Tuesday, 4pm - Kekoa.

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:

Friday, 6pm - Puro Feeling. Saturday, 6pm — Jesse Johnson. F6ix Niteclub:

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, 9pm — Revamp. Free.

Farmer & the Seahorse: Friday, 4:30pm - Gabriele Dagrezio. Saturday, 11am - Jonny Tarr. Sunday, 11am - Freddie Walton.

First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego: Saturday, 7:30pm - 150th Anniversary Concert: Emma's Revolution. Free.

Garten: Sunday, 4:20pm — The Ingredients. Free.

Greenfield Middle School: Saturday, 4pm — Staump Music School Fall Concert, \$15.

Hello Betty Fish House: Saturday, 6pm — Blame Betty.

Holding Company: Thursday, 8pm — Blü Egyptian Jamm and The Diz. Free. Friday, 7:30pm — Light Grenades. Free. Saturday, 8pm — SM Familia. Free.



Wednesday, 7:30pm - Devorah and Echolocation, \$10.

House of Blues:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Yam Haus and Sawyer. \$40. Friday, 7pm — Sugar: The Nu-Metal Party. Friday, 7:30pm — The Crane Wives. \$20-\$115. Saturday, 7:30pm - Peter McPoland. \$27-\$75. Sunday, 7:30pm — Charlotte Cardin. \$23. Sunday, 7:30pm - Polaris, Current, Varials. \$25-\$92. Monday, 7:30pm — Kari Faux. \$20. Tuesday, 7:30pm - Jacquees and Nick LaVelle. \$27-\$152. Wednesday, 7:30pm - Between Friends and Blacktheman1000. \$53 Wednesday, 7:30pm - We Came As Romans and Emmure. \$27-\$75

Humble Heart:

Friday, 6:30pm — The Calvins, Manganista, Proctor Valley Monsters.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:

Thursday, 6pm - New Catillacs. \$5. Monday, 7pm — The Nick Moss Band. \$15-\$25.

JAI at the Conrad: Friday, 4:30pm — Mariachi Juvenil. Free.

L'Auberge Del Mar:

Thursday, 5pm — Jemille Vialet. Friday, 7pm — Jonny Tarr. Saturday, 7pm - David Shyde. Sunday, 11am - Joanna Gerolaga. Wednesday, 5pm - Rachel Jay.

La Valencia Hotel: Thursday, 5:30pm - David Shyde. Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro.

Loft: Saturday, 7:30pm — Girl Ray.

Magnolia Performing Arts Center: Friday, 7:30pm — Yes. \$55-\$223. Saturday, 7:30pm - Stayin Alive. \$24-\$125.

Sunday, 7:30pm — Bachman Turner Overdrive. \$49-\$265. Tuesday, 7:30pm — Liz Phair and Blondshell. Wednesday, 7:30pm - St. Paul & The Broken Bones and Maggie Rose.

Mission Bay Resort: Thursday, 6pm — Joanna Gerolaga. Friday, 6pm — Israel Maldonado. Saturday, 6pm — Gabriele Dagrezio. Wednesday, 6pm - Sam Cary.





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Exhilarating and strange

Relishing The Mountain Goats' relatable content at The Belly Up

The Mountain Goats are an intensely personal band. Last year, I had the chance to spend a couple of days in Palm Desert with my wife. We set out in the evening at the end of a long, long week; I drove. She had a canned cocktail to celebrate. Then she reached for another. I made a comment about not getting smashed before we even got started. She was hurt; what was worse, she felt unfree. I was mad that she was hurt. And because people do perverse things when they're mad, I pulled up The Mountain Goats' Tallahassee on Spotify - an album that includes this lyric:

And I handed you a drink of the lovely little thing On which our survival depends People say friends don't destroy one another What do they know about friends?

At some point, my wife of 25 years asked me, "Are you playing this album because you don't want to be married to me any more?" I think she was serious. As I say, The Mountain Goats are an intensely personal band. That made it both

exhilarating and strange to see them at The Belly Up on October 2nd. Exhilarating, because here was a band whose songs get so far up into my headspace that they feel like an interior monologue set to music, and there they were, right

up there on that little stage. What I scribbled on the back of the menu: "Explains your own life to you, saying what you wish you could." Strange, because the place was packed with a whole bunch of other people who

probably felt the exact same

way. What I scribbled on the menu: "Something so personal so many people share." What was being sung when I wrote that:

Our mother has been absent, ever since we founded Rome But there's gonna be a party when the wolf

comes home.

At some point, lead singer John Darnielle made a joke about needing to produce "relatable content," if only to "be respectful of our robot overlords." It was a good joke, because yeah, he sings about weirdos, like genuine weirdos, the kind of people you might go out of your way to avoid in social settings, the kind who like H.P. Lovecraft a little too much and maybe have more guns and ammunition in their homes than is necessary for anything less than withstanding a siege from the Department of Homeland Security. But there was the crowd,



"Something so personal so many people share."

packed into a cool venue in an affluent beach town in Southern California, relating like hell to the content the band had been producing for quite some time now. Content about the God who disappoints, for one thing.

The acrid smell of burning branches/ The relics all in ruin

Broken blades atop the altar/ Cheap substitutions

Talking of which: my daughter did not have a great college experience out there in the great Midwest, in part because God disappointed her. By the end, our phone conversations involved joking, in deadly serious fashion, about how she would find places where she could be alone and cry without being discovered. One of them was the crypt below the campus chapel, but eventually, one of the monks discovered her, and she had to resume her search. It should go without saying that I had her listen to "This Year," the

Mountain Goats song that includes the lyric "I am gonna make it through this year if it kills me." It's their big triumphant show-closer, its verses telling a story of awful youthful disaster even as the chorus grits its teeth and presses on.

I told her that if she made it through and started a life, she could buy a motorcycle — a little flirtation with death, procured in the name of slipping through stalled traffic. Existential yet practical, that's her all over. In the meantime, I bought her a lovely yellow sweatshirt from the merch table, one that featured the Kawasaki bike from the band's song "Jenny." Last week, it finally got cold enough for her to wear it.

And you pointed your headlamp toward the horizon We were the one thing in the galaxy God didn't have his eyes on

900 ccs of raw, whining power...

I also bought a baseball cap, black with yellow block letters spelling simply, "Bleed Out." That was the title of their last record, which told the story of a failed effort to resist the powers that be, and which I probably listened to enough times to get placed on a government watch list. I wore the hat home from the show like it was mine, but deep down, I knew it had to go to my brother. After it arrived in his mail, he texted me, "I'm sure I already told you that they kind of saved my life/sanity with 'No Children"" — the breakup song that ends with the transcendently painful

I am drowning, there is no sign of land You are coming down with me, hand in

- unlovable hand
- And I hope you die, I hope we both die

His text's conclusion: "In a word: seen."

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November 18, November 19 – CA Festival of New Music: Chamber Works by Laure Hiendl

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November 9 - Coven & Lucifer and Early Moods November 10 - Harm's Way and Fleshwater November 11 — Alesana and Limbs November 12 — The Red

Moonshine Beach:

Thursday, 7pm - Chase Wright. \$15-\$20 Wednesday, 8pm - Shaylen.

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill: Saturday, 9pm - Custard Pie.

Music Box:

Thursday, 8pm — Puma Blue. \$25. Friday, 7:30pm — Phillip Phillips. \$35-\$85. Saturday, 7:30pm - Spafford. Sunday, 7pm - Falamansa and Veesh Maria. Tuesday, 7:30pm — The New Pornographers and Finom. \$37-\$77 Wednesday, 7:30pm - Altin Gun.

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Sanchez. \$95. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Nessa Barrett \$35

Open Air Theatre: Friday, 7:30pm - OV7. \$30-\$275 Sunday, 7:30pm - Kim Petras. \$49-\$399.

Pal Joev's: Saturday, 9pm — West of 5. Free.

Petco Park: Saturday, 3pm — Dia De Los Deftones. \$84-\$434

Poway Center for the Performing Arts: Saturday, 7:30pm — The Rat Pack: One More Time.

Pure Project Vista: Saturday, 7pm — Saturday Sessions: Sierra Marin. Free.

Quartyard: Friday, 6pm — Sonido Gallo Negro. \$25.

Ruocco Park:

Saturday, 1pm — Dia De Los Muertos Latin Music, Food & Spirits Fest. \$30-\$45

Rustic Root:

Tuesday, 6pm - David Shyde.

Saddle Bar: Thursday, 9pm — Into The Void. Free

San Diego Civic Theatre: Friday, 8pm — Una Noche De Amor. \$49-\$99.

Seabird: Sunday, 5pm — Keni Yarbro.

Side Yard: Saturday, 6pm — Jonny Tarr.

Soda Bar: Thursday, 7:30pm - Two Lanes. \$19.

Friday, 7:30pm - Moon Walker. \$19.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Chase Petra and Carpool Tunnel. \$22. Sunday, 7:30pm - La Doña. \$24. Wednesday, 7:30pm - Be Your Own Pet. \$26.

Soma:

Thursday, 7:30pm - This Wild Life and Broadside. \$24. Friday, 7pm - Beach Fossils and Turnover. \$35-\$105. Saturday, 7:30pm - Creature Canyon. \$20.

Sound: Friday, 7:30pm - Greensky Bluegrass and the Infamous Stringdusters. \$39.

Saturday, 7pm — Andrew

McMahon in the Wilderness. \$37-\$66 Sunshine Brooks Theatre:

Saturday, 8pm — Berkley Hart 25 Year Anniversary Show. Tidal:

Saturday, 5pm - David Rosales. Viejas Arena:

Doechii. Village Presbyterian Church:

Saturday, 4pm - Where All Are Welcome. Free. Waterbar:

Thursday, 6pm — Ryan Hiller. Westfield University Towne

Centre: Thursday, 12pm - Ben Benavente. Sunday, 12pm — Blu Gruv.

Winstons Beach Club: *Thursday*, 9pm — Midnight North. \$18-\$20. Friday, 9pm — Phish Tribute: Marcus Rezak's Gumbo. \$15-\$20. Sunday, 1pm - Formula 400 and Black Star Sinners. \$8-\$10. Tuesday, 8pm — Loitering, Rose Haze, Moon Talk. \$10. Wednesday, 8pm — Marujah Musica. Free.

Wong's Dragon Room: Saturday, 8pm - 8 East Band. Free

UPCOMING SHOWS

Aquarius Bar & Grille: November 12, November 19 -

Library:

Baba Coffee: November 10, November 17 -

Balboa Theatre:

November 10 - Rhiannon Giddens November 11, November 11 -World Ballet Series: Cinderella November 12 - Nathaniel Rateliff and Kevin Morby November 16 - Steve Hackett Genesis Revisited November 18 - Edith Márquez

Beach House Grill: November 17 - AC Slater

Sunday, 7:30pm - Doja Cat and

Mark Fisher's High Noon Dead

Athenaeum Music and Arts

November 10 — Acoustic Evenings with Jefferson Jay

The Soto Six

Jumpsuit Apparatus November 17 — Mac Sabbath and The Cybertronic Spree November 18 — Acid King and Mondo Drag November 19 — Devil Master and Fuming Mouth

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: *November 12* — Paul Tseng & Dan Yu

Cannonball: *November 9* — Jemille Vialet

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The Casbah:

November 9 – Noah Gundersen and Zander Hawley November 10 - Deap Vally and Death Valley Girls November 11 — Becca Mancari November 11 — Swami & The Bed of Nails November 12 — Mudhoney and Hooveriii November 13 — Mary Lambert and Maiah Manser November 14, November 15 -Laszewo November 16 — The Ocean Blue *November 17* — Emo Nite November 18 — Dan Deacon November 19 — GA-20 and Duane Betts & Palmetto Motel

Central Library: *November 19* — Duo AYA

Conrad Prebys Performing

Arts Center:

November 12 — USD Wind Ensemble: We Found a Time Machine! November 14 — Mainly Mozart Genius Week: Anne-Marie McDermott November 16 — Alisa Weilerstein: Fragments 2 November 17 — Mainly Mozart Genius Award Dinner November 18 — Mainly Mozart Genius Week: Clarice Assad

Coomber Craft Wines: November 14 — The Nick Moss Band

Dizzy's/Musicians Union Hall:

November 19 — 15th Annual Brasil Jazz Festa

Duck Foot Brewing

Company: November 11 — Coastal Trio November 13 — Bluegrass Jam November 14 — SD Jazz Collective November 16 — Dead Head's Night

Duke's La Jolla:

November 10 — Kekoa November 12 — Anthony Kauka Stanley November 14 — Orion Song November 17 — Russell Paihinui November 19 — Keni Yarbro

Encinitas Elks Lodge: November 12 — Marty Conley's Big Band Express November 17 — West of 5 November 19 — Marty Conley's Big Band Express

Epstein Family Amphitheater:

November 10 — Son Rompe Pera

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa: November 10 — Christian Taylor November 17 — David Shyde November 18 — Tyler F. Simmons

Farmer & the Seahorse:

November 9 — David Shyde November 10 — Alex Elisabeth November 11 — Danielle Angeloni November 12 — Jonny Tarr November 17 — Andrew Pena November 18 — Sean McCole November 19 — Freddie Walton

Golden Island: November 12 — Lizzy &

The Triggermen & Mad Hat Hucksters The Grand-Ritz Theater:

November 18 — Billy Nation and Fleetwood Max

Harrah's Resort Southern California:

November 18 — John Fogerty

The Holding Company: November 9 — Ras Kass

November 9 — Kas Kass November 10 — Metalachi and NineFinger November 14 — Karaoke November 15 — Zach Nugents Dead Set November 16 — Xzibit November 17 — BetaMaxx November 18 — Quel Bordel, Safety Orange, Slaw

House of Blues:

November 9 — Whitehall November 10 — The Maine November 10 — Mato Wayuhi & Xiuhtezcatl November 11 — Sun Kil Moon November 12 — Essenger and Puppet November 16 — Corey Feldman November 16 — David Morris November 17 — Justin Quiles November 17 — Addison Grace and Madilyn Mei November 18 — Matthew Phillips November 19 — AQUA: Barbie World Tour

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:

November 10 — West of 5 JAI at the Conrad: November 14 — Joshua White

Trio Josie's Hideout: November 11, November 12,

November 18, November 19 — Backcountry Music



The Kensington Club:

November 9 — The Slashes and Donzii

L'Auberge Del Mar:

November 9 — Farrah Camu November 10 — Kristi Krause November 11 — Marelle November 16 — David Shyde November 17 — Marelle November 18 — Johnny Martin November 19 — Jesse Johnson

La Jolla Community Center: *November 15* — Opera Wednesdays

La Mesa Wine Works: *November 19* — Garza Sextet

La Valencia Hotel:

November 9 — Brian Pierini
November 10 — Keni Yarbro
November 11 — Jesse Johnson
<i>November</i> 11 — Jarred Matthew
November 16 — Johnny Martin
November 17 — Keni Yarbro
November 18 — Tyler F.
Simmons
November 18 — Helena Holleran
November 19 — Rachel Jay

Madison:

November 12 — Latin Jazz Sunday November 14 — Jazz Night November 19 — Latin Jazz Sunday

The Magnolia Performing

Arts Center: November 10 — Blue October November 12 — Let's Sing Taylor: A Live Band Experience November 14 — Tina Turner Tribute November 15 — Laufey and Adam Melchor November 17 — The Mavericks

MiraCosta College: November 9 — MOJO & Jazz Collective

Mission Bay Resort:

November 9 — Christian Taylor November 10 — Jesse Johnson November 12 — Marcela Mendez November 13 — Brian Pierini November 16 — Mike Myrdal November 18 — Puro Feeling



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Club: November 10 — David Shyde

November 17 — Johnny Martin Museum of Making Music: November 18 — Daneen Wilburn & Friends: Together & Thankful

Music Box: November 9 — Rakim and DJ

Symphony November 10 — Fleetmac Wood Silver Storms Ball November 11 — Rawayana November 12 — LaRussell November 16 — Durand Jones November 17 — Rising Appalachia and Derek Richard Thomas November 18 — Pussy Riot Days November 18 — Maddy O'Neal and Kaipora November 19 — Jenny & The Mexicats

Nate's Garden Grill: November 11 — Tinkersmith

Native West Nursery: November 11 - Gregory Page Concert

Navajo Live: November 10 — Daring Greatly

Nick & G's: November 10 - Matt Heinecke

November 18 — Farrah Camu North Island Credit Union

Amphitheatre: November 12 — Joe Walsh & Friends: Vets Aid

Observatory North Park:

November 10 — Mareux November 12 — Slayyyter November 15 — Algernon Cadwallader & AJJ November 16 — Atmosphere November 17 — The Japanese House November 18 — Pigeons Playing Ping Pong November 19 — The Linda Lindas

Oceanside High School: *November 12* — Ukrainian Mosaic Orchestra Concert

Open Air Theatre: November 11 — The National November 12 — Ivan Cornejo

Panama 66: November 9 — Uptown Rhythm Makers November 15 - Castellanos Jam Session

Poway Center for the Performing Arts: November 19 - Poway Symphony Orchestra 20th Anniversary

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November 11 - Saturday Sessions: Emma Sullivan

The Quartvard: November 11 — Frenship November 17 — Wild Nothing and Zzzahara

The Rady Shell at Jacobs

Reader Park: November 10, November 11 -The Ring Without Words

Diego November 17, November 18 — SD Symphony Jacobs Masterworks: San

Stravinsky's Rite of Spring

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

Nothing hits harder than opera done well

Opera is the single greatest art form that you can possibly experience in this world in which we live. When it is done well, nothing hits harder. When it is done at an elite level, the portals align and transcendence follows. There is one catch. It isn't

free. The bar to participate. even as an audience member, is high. Opera is not an Instagram Reel or one of those Ticky Tockies.

As an audience member, vou need to have taken the time to cultivate a working knowledge of opera and operatic singing to get the full experience. You need to know how the human voice is put together and what it takes to produce what soprano Latonia Moore and mezzo-soprano J'Nai Bridges delivered at the

Classical Music this week Le Salon De Musiques

California Festival Family & Community Day Performances by the San Diego Youth Symphony, San Diego Master Chorale and Art of Elan.

Sunday, November 5, 12pm; free. Rady Shell at Jacobs Park, 222 Marina Park Way.

La Jolla Symphony & Chorus: This Soil Music

Director and Chorus Conductor Arian Khaefi presents the vibrant compositions of Kristen Kuster, Samuel Barber, and Gabriela Lena Frank. Immerse yourself in Florence Price's Piano Concerto in One Movement, followed by Leonard Bernstein's "Symphonic Dances" from West Side Story. Gala Flagello's Bravado will be making its return in the second performance ever. Saturday, November 4, 7:30pm; Sunday, November 5, 2pm; \$20-\$43. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room:

November 16 — JiveChops Ensemble

Roxy Encinitas: November 18 — Blame Betty

San Diego Maritime Museum:

November 19 — Hausmann Quartet: Haydn Voyages -Patterns of Americana

San Diego Marriott Del Mar: November 10 — Jonny Tarr

San Diego Mission Bay Boat

and Ski Club: November 11 — Amanda Cogan Album Release

Seabird:

November 12 — Keni Yarbro

Balboa Theatre on Wednesday, October 25, in a concert that marked the beginning of the 2023-2024 San Diego Opera Season.

Even if you haven't done your homework, it is still possible to have a great experience when the singing is great. However, if you have put in the effort to immerse yourself in the great traditions of opera, then a night like Wednesday becomes an existential affirmation of the omnipotence of The Muse when she is summoned, in all her glory, by the stentorian tones of operatic excellence.

Suffice it to say, I enjoyed the concert. For starters, I must mention the conductor of the concert, Bruce Stasyna. Not only did maestro Stasyna conduct, near the end of the concert, he sat down at an

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upright piano and accompanied first Moore and then Bridges. One of the pieces was a piano reduction of a 21st-century orchestral score. That achievement needs to be acknowledged.

The concert started off with some Mozart by the orchestra and then an aria from Don Giovanni sung by Moore. Following that was J'Nai Bridges singing "Mon coeur s'ouvre a ta voix" from Samson et Dalila by Camille Saint-Saëns. Bridges' performance brought a tear to my eye. It wasn't just the way she performed the piece, it was her ability to sing the aria as it should be sung. The money notes in this piece are the low notes, and they were lush and full. I am moved by the dedication and respect it takes for a singer to develop



Mezzo-Soprano J'Nai Bridges hit the hard lows

most. There is a difference

and singing it operatically. I

prefer the full operatic send,

and that's what Moore gave

ated with the muffled sobs

A friend of mine in the

audience summed the night

up well. He simply said, "I

needed this." As did I. As

us — her singing punctu-

of a grieving and devas-

tated mother.

did I.

between singing an aria

those notes. Too often, I have heard singers simply disappear on the bottom — singers at The Met, at LA Opera, at San Francisco Opera, and yes, at San Diego Opera. It was not so on this evening.

The other teary-eyed moment of the evening was Moore singing "L'atra notte in fondo al mare" from Mephistofele by Arrigo Boito. The sheer operatic style was what moved me

November 4, 2pm; \$25. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue,

Rising Young Stars Program: Symphonie Espagnole, I. Allegro non troppo, by Edouard Lalo; Suite No. 2 in D minor, I. Prelude, by J.S. Bach; Cello Concerto No. 1, I. Allegro, by Camille Saint-Saens: and Sonata for 2 Cellos in G Major, III. Allegro prestissimo, by Jean-Baptiste Barriere. Saturday, November 4, 3pm; free. Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive.

Season Opening Under **the Stars** Texu KIM: Zzan!!MOZART: Exsultate jubilate, K. 165 (158a)Billy CHILDS: Saxophone Concerto (West Coast Premiere, SDS Co-commission)Juan COLOMER: A Casual Walk to Extinction (World Premiere) R. STRAUSS: Also sprach Zarathustra (Thus Spake

Zarathustra), Op. 30 Saturday, November 4, 7:30pm; \$25-\$90. 18 and up. Rady Shell at Jacobs Park, 222 Marina Park Way.

The Magic of Mendelssohn The MiraCosta Symphony

Orchestra will feature Sympohony No. 5 by Felix Mendelssohn in a concert of classical and romantic music. Directed by Branden Muresan. This concert will be held in the Concert Hall, Building 2400. Saturday, November 4, 7:30pm; Sunday, November 5, 3pm; \$8-\$10. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive.

The Metropolitan Opera

Competition The Metropolitan Opera Competition is designed to discover promising young opera singers and assist in the development of their careers. Saturday, November 4, 10am; free-\$20. JAI at the Conrad, 7600 Fay Avenue.

Side Yard: November 11 — Jemille Vialet November 15 — Alex Elisabeth

Soda Bar:

November 9 — Sydney Sprague November 10 — Small Black November 11 — 15 Year Anniversary November 12 — Stop Light Observations November 13 — Gift and Peel Dream Magazine *November* 14 — A Giant Dog November 15 - Hate Drugs and The Havds November 16 — SadGirl and Sleepy Pearls November 17 — Mating Ritual and Loviet November 19 - Nick Pagan & Nicky Egan

Soma:

November 10 — Vacations and The Last Dinosaurs November 11 — Juelz November 14 — Eric Nam November 15 — Grentperez November 17 — Flatbush Zombies November 18 — The Ghost Inside

The Sound: November 10 — Wheeler Walker

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November 18 — Yachtley Crew

Sycuan Live & Up Close Theatre: November 19 — Ruben & Clay:

Twenty Years, One Night

The Temecula Stampede: November 12 — Creed Fisher

Templar's Hall at Old Poway

Park: November 10 — Tom Paxton & the Don Juans

Til-Two Club: *November 12* — Friendship Commanders

Tio Leo's:

November 12, November 19 -Holly Hofmann Presents Sunday Jazz

Unknown Showroom:

November 11 - Indulge II - A One Night Mini Festival

Urban Mo's Bar and Grill: November 10 - Taylor Swift Dance Party

Viejas Arena: November 11 — Kirk Franklin

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Reunion Tour Waterbar:

November 16 — Jemille Vialet Whistle Stop Bar:

November 13 — Woods

Winstons Beach Club: November 10 — Inna Vision & Gonzo of Tribal Seeds November 13 — Electric Waste Band *November 16* — Ryan Barber & the Riches Record Release November 18 — Rafa Pondé & The Brazilian Reggae Experience November 19 — Midnight Track Live Album Taping November 19 - OB-Oke Karaoke

to 'A Midsummer Night's Dream," and a new composition, "Cadence Everlasting," by Rossano Galante. Friday, November 3, 7:30pm; free. All Souls' Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Boulevard.

Opera4Kids: Message in a Bottle This production features composers, such as Mozart, Puccini, Strass, Wagner, Vivaldi, Verdi, and more. Free and open to the public, with first come, first served on-stage seating. Sunday, November 5, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 1549 El Prado.

Peter and the Wolf The perfect introduction to the world of classical ballet and music for young children and their families. The lobby opens at 1:30 pm with special activities for child dren. Crafts, coloring, and photo opportunities with the City Ballet dance artists. Saturday,

Mountain munchies

Yes, we had to do apple pie. This is Julian in the fall.

ometimes, you're thankful to just sit down somewhere. You don't care about the food, the cushions, or the view. This is one of those moments. I collapse onto this bench seat among the ancient native pines — or are they cedar? — in the garden of the

oldest house in Julian, among a zillion ravenous eaters. What a difference an hour makes!

Diane and I, together with our friends Kim and Pam, have just come off Volcan Mountain in the Cuyamacas. Me, only

just; some vital part of me may still be up there. Not sure if it was altitude, attitude, sunstroke, sheer unfitness, the fact I hadn't eaten or, more importantly, drunk any liquids all morning, but I am beat.

At first, it was a grueling but delicious climb. Up an ancient bulldozed track that cut through



Can't say they didn't warn you: a sign tells you how to handle a mountain lion

the trees, passing signs warning of rattlesnakes and mountain lions, then veering right to climb around the shoulder so that we got these incredible views out through red-barked Manzanitas to the valley below. The only sounds: our heavy breathing, and those ever-singing cicadas, sounding so danged happy.

By the time we did get up to the top, we were hot, and, speaking for myself, dehydrated. "Downhill from here," said Kim. "Then lunch, and the best beers in Julian." He'd done this climb before. And Lawdie, he was right. It was downhill - with a vengeance. Problem: that can of beer he handed me. A victory slug. I sipped, and before I knew it, I was suddenly dizzy. Should never have drunk it. They say alcohol does that to you when you're dehydrated. My legs started getting wobbly. I started leaning backward like a drunkard. I had to sit down again and again. I'd been the fastest climber uphill, but on the way down, I ended up holding on to Kim's arm. It took the two of us what felt like hours to catch up with the girls at the trail's carved wooden gateway.

I glugged the water we had left in Kim's car, kinda swooned a bit, and then suddenly, there



smoke wafting out that drew us in, across a deck to these redfronted old barn-like buildings. And it turns out they are really old: one is called Bailey House. Drew Bailey, turns out, started work on this structure in 1869. His cousin, Mike Julian, helped

discover gold. Got the whole settlement named after himself.

we were among these huge old trees on Julian's

Now, the four of us have dropped into a

Main Street. And I was feeling, yes, hongry.

line with dozens of other lowlanders outside

A century and a half later, like, today, Saturday, the old place is rockin'. Nice long line, so plenty of time to look at the wall menus. They have starters like cheesy bites (\$9) and smoked wings (\$14), salads like the Caesar (\$8) or The

> Wedge (\$9.25), pizzas (\$18-25), or, what Kim's looking at, BBQ. The Kielbasa sausage is the cheapest at \$8.50 and a pulled pork sandwich is the next-best deal at \$10, but you can go as high as the \$28 Flintstone, "an extra-large beef short rib smoked low and slow."

"Oh yeah. Ribs," Kim is saying, "I've had 'em here before. And I'll need them, specially after carrying my buddy's sorry carcass halfway down the mountain." "Only because of that

cerveza you forced on me at the top," I say.

"Sir?"

The counter guy needs us to get on with it. "D'uh," I begin.

"Pam and I know what we want," says Kim. He goes for a brisket sandwich for Pam (\$13) and a \$19 half rack of pork ribs for himself. The half-rack is six pretty big ribs, which makes me half-decide on rib tips (\$13.50 for smoked pork rib cut-offs with a sauce choice of Buffalo, habanero, BBQ, or honey mustard), but Diane pipes in. "Too messy. Get a sandwich."

"Which sandwich?" I ask.

"You choose," Diane says. "And, darling, sweetheart, no beer, please? You just about fainted up there." So hey, I order us pulled pork on toasted brioche sandwiches. It mentions addons like cheese sauce, onions, grilled onions, or dill pickles. Nice. 'Course now I see we coulda gotten a la carte meats: Half a pound of brisket for \$10, or pulled pork or chicken for \$8.

It turns that Diane's warning against beer goes unheeded, but it's not my fault. Kim appears with a Howl Stout (5.5 percent, \$7), brewed right here on the spot, in this ancient building. Diane lifts her eyes in an "I give up" expression. "To history," I say, lamely, raising



Maybe the hottest weekend spot in Julian: BBQ keeps the lines long

my pint. But it is delish, have to say. My eyes catch a little sign: "Buy the kitchen a beer, \$3." Huh. Might just do that, cuz those guys are definitely sweating it out back there.

Is the pulled pork sando delish as well? You betcha. Along, natch, with the Howl Stout. Kim slides me a little pot of BBQ sauce he doesn't need. That clinches it. Pam's happy with her brisket, Kim's a little disappointed with his ribs. "Maybe it's the memory of that fabulous first time. Nothing beats the first time." He looks at Pam and laughs.

This is my first time. Diane's, too. I love the pulled pork. She's so-so on it. What she's crazy about is the apple pie *a la mode* we have next at Miners Diner, 2134 Main Street. (Yes, we had to

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Our lunch: three sandwiches and a half-rack of ribs

do apple pie. This is Julian in the fall.) Cost, \$8 each. "Super-fresh apples!" she raves.

Out on the street, I feel more than recovered. Maybe it's the mountain air, up where the rattlers and mountain lions play. Whatever, I swear Mike Julian's town is a life-saver. Vuelve a la vida!∎

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Drinks All Aroun

TAYLOR GIANGOLA Cerveza Jack's 322 Fifth Avenue Gaslamp



C haven't got an official name yet," says Cerveza Jack's Bar Lead & Manager Taylor Giangola, giving me an advance tasting of this month's newest cocktail creation. "It'll prob-

ably be 'Chai Spiced and Everything Nice,' to kind of go with all the flavors that are in the cocktail. Everyone loves a good earthy, spicy type of feel for November."

Her seasonal recipe calls for chai tea simple syrup, lemon juice, Captain Morgan Spiced Rum and ginger beer. "Super simple, but a really good, balanced drink. We were going to do it originally with soda water, but we tried it with ginger beer and liked it better." Topo Chico offers a less sweet citrus element if you're into that, she notes, "but I think the ginger beer added the bubbly, with a little more flavor to it. Ginger has more of a bitter spice. Healthy for you, too — ginger is really good for your immune system. I would probably recommend the Gosling's brand if you're making it at home."

She uses Tazo brand tea to make the infused simple syrup. "If I'm going to make a small batch, something that's going to last a couple of days, I would do a cup of hot water, a cup of sugar. And mix the sugar in with the water first to make sure that everything's all melted and combined together," she instructs. "Then put the tea bags in there and let it sit for a couple hours to really get that chai flavor. And then

BY AMANDA

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you go from there." The rich-yet-refreshing drink comes in a tall glass, rimmed with cinnamon sugar and garnished by a smoked cinnamon stick. "It gives it more of an aroma. We torch it just to get the smoke going, and then let it die out before serving," says Giangola. "It has a different type of profile that you wouldn't really expect. It has that sugar content because of the simple syrup, but it's not an overpowering sweetness."

Developing new drink recipes is a monthly ritual for Giangola. "I knew that chai would be something good for fall. The liquor that I was going to use was the harder part, because I usually go for gin or tequila... But the spiced Captain was an inspiration — to get more flavor, add a little bit more depth to the cocktail." She likens it to a sort of chai spiced lemonade, though "some people who have tried it say it tastes like vanilla Coke."

CERVEZA JACK'S CHAI SPICED & EVERYTHING NICE



- 2 oz Captain Morgan Spiced Rum
- ³/₄ oz chai Simple Syrup
- 1/2 oz lemon juice
- Ginger beer

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Tuesday-Friday, 2-5pm: \$2 off all

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Dirk's Niteclub: Daily, 4pm-7pm:

\$3 shot of select liquor with your

beer, 50 cents off cocktails.

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first drink. 4-7pm: \$1 off domestic

Bottlecraft Liberty Station:

40 Tell Me Mo Pale Ale can, \$4

Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 Original

Three Sons amber ale can, \$6 Origi-

nal 40 porter draft, \$7 house white

Cloak & Petal: Monday-Friday.

4-6pm: \$5 sake, \$7 glasses of wine,

Cardellino: Wednesday-Sunday,

3-6pm: Drink specials and discounts

Tommy Bahama Marlin Bar:

Daily, 3-6pm: \$5 select draft beer,

\$7 well drinks, \$7 wines, \$9-\$10

cocktails, \$10-\$11 martinis

\$10 specialty cocktails. \$3-\$6 ap-

petizers, \$10 specialty rolls.

on small bites and pizzas.

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MISSION HILLS

or red, \$8 Boulevardier cocktail.

Eastbound Bar & Grill:

Rim the glass with cinnamon-sugar. Mix ingredients in a shaker and strain over fresh ice. Top with ginger beer (sub soda water for a less sweet option). Garnish with a burnt cinnamon stick.

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Barrio Star: Monday, Wednesday Sunday, 3-5pm: \$6,50 beer and wine. \$8.50 margarita, Sangria, michelada, \$18 margarita flight. \$5 a la carte tacos. Tuesday, 3-close: \$6.50 beer and wine. \$8.50 margarita, Sangria, michelada, \$18 margarita flight. \$5 a la carte tacos

BAY PARK

Off Shore Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: All beer \$1 off, \$4 house wine, \$4.25 well drinks. Saturday, 9pm-close: All beer \$1 off, \$4 house wine, \$4.25 well drinks.

CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA

2023 Tower 13: Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 Tower Blonde, Tower IPA, á Calidad Mexican Lager, \$5 house margaritas and house wines, \$7 La Marca Prosecco Splits and food specials.

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Aleiandra's Fine Mexican Diego Food & Cantina: Daily, 3-6pm; \$10 margaritas, \$7 draft beers, \$7 wine by the glass. \$8 shrimp ceviche, San \$9 half dozen oysters, \$9 two street s tacos.

CARMEL VALLEY Death By Tequila: Monday,

3-6pm: \$9 classic margaritas, \$18 margarita Flights, \$10 cocktail of the month, \$6 Mexican lager, \$9 select wines, \$8 DxT Micheladas. Michelada Monday all day - \$2 oysters, \$6 Micheladas, \$9 Campechana Tues*day*, Tequila Tuesday: Half off most Tequila shots all day *Wednesday*-Friday, 3-6pm: \$9 classic margaritas, \$18 margarita Flights, \$10 cocktail of the month, \$6 Mexican lager, \$9 select wines, \$8 DxT Micheladas

CHULA VISTA

Shake & Muddle: Tuesday-Friday, 4pm-6pm; \$2 off all signature cocktails, \$8 house red & white wine. limited \$5 draft beers

CITY HEIGHTS

Alcove Wine & Beer: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 4-7pm: \$1 off beer, \$2 off wine & appetizers.

CLAIREMONT

Vinva: vino + vinvasa: Daily, 4-6pm: \$6 pints, \$8 house wines, \$10 food items

CORONADO

Brigantine Coronado: Daily, 3-6pm: \$1 off all draft beer, well drinks, and featured wine by the glass, \$4 sparkling wine glass.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: Half off House Chardonnay & Cabernet by

the glass, \$1 off beer or cocktails Village Pizzeria: Daily, 3-6pm:

discounted appetizers, \$3 domestic pints, \$12 domestic pitchers, \$5 craft pints, \$20 craft pitchers, \$5.50 select glasses of

DEL MAR

The Goat: Daily, 7-9 pm \$3 beer, \$2 tacos, \$3 off all menu items

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

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

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

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

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

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

Johnny WAHOO! Golf Bar:

Monday, \$5 house drafts, \$6 all other drafts, \$7 well cocktails. \$2 off appetizers

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

EAST VILLAGE

Bay City Brewing Co East Village: Monday-Tuesday, 3-5pm: Half off drinks. Wednesday, 3-5pm: Half off drinks. All night: Half off wings. Thursday, 3-5pm: Half off drinks. All night: \$15 pizza and a pint. Friday, 3-5pm: Half tab.

ENCINITAS

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$3 well cocktails, house wine, domestic draft

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine Escondido: Daily,

3-6pm: \$1 off drafts, well drinks, fea-

tured wine, \$5.75 house margarita.

HILLCREST

Tacaliente: Daily, 4-8pm: \$3 beers,

\$5 elotes. \$1.79 fish tacos, \$1 off combination plates

KENSINGTON

Kensington Brewing Company: Wednesday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$1 off pints

LA JOLLA

sticks.

and beer

Beaumont's: Tuesday, 4-10pm: Half off tequila and taco specials. Saturday-Sunday, 10am-3pm: Bottomless mimosas.

Sandpiper Wood Fired

Grill & Oysters: Wednesday

Sunday, 4-5:30pm: Buy a bottle of champagne and get a dozen oysters

free, \$4 Baja fish taco, \$8 rosemary parmesan fries, \$8 crispy mozzarella

Spiro's Mediterranean

NORMAL HEIGHTS

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

NORTH PARK

Long Story Short: Wednesday, 4-6pm: \$7 select wines by the glass, \$7 all draft beers, 50% off bottles of wine priced \$90 or more. Thursday-Sunday, 4-6pm: \$7 select wines by the glass, \$7 all draft beers.

OCEAN BEACH

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

OLD TOWN

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

PACIFIC BEACH

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

POINT LOMA

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

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DEAREST M In M's eyes, my heart takes flight,. Together we wander, day and night. Exploring the world, hand in hand,. Our love, like journeys, expands. With every place, a memory's born,. In M's love, I'm forever sworn. Through adventures near and far

LET'S HANG OUT FOR MY BIRTHDAY It's my birthday on Monday. I don't have anything to do or anyone to hang out with. Let's get something to eat, or drink, or go somewhere? I'm open to almost anything. I am in my early 40's. MAYANMUSH-IES@YAHOO.COM

DEAR KEVIN, Time to plan a road trip! You're my all time favorite traveling companion. Remember Ziga zig ah? Can't wait to see all the things and share those moments with you. I love you so much!

HOW DO YOU FAKE BEING SEEN by 500 people after being crucified? First Corinthians 15:3-6

YOU KNOW IF PEOPLE were still able to do what they do but couldn't be house broken no matter what, it would sure level the playing field with the rest of the beings here.

IF WE EVER MEET AGAIN Just close your eyes and we can be what we really are inside; I'm still 36 and still dream up things to do (very ablely too); flabbergasting under a veil too!

ASTOUNDED I am breaking world records and in figuring out stuff I never had time to learn. I saw it but you should see when all 3 of you can dare. Just reverse tunnel and follow the paisley tape.

IF YOU WANT IT TO RAIN Get your car washed!

I WAS SUCH A NEGATIVE HUMAN BEING My apologies to Becky, Marianne, Janice and Michelle. Obviously I over reacted at your expense. Forgive me.

WHY WOULD YOU EVER use the cell phone lot when you can park at Spanish Landing? WISHING YOU a Happy Birthday Leslie. You rock!

YOUR OPINION Strike out the name the Padres, a name with religious identification. Hit a Home Run for a new name. How about the Amigos? The center for applied critical thinking CACT. (619) 428-1274

29YRS LOVE YOU MOM It's been 29 yrs Mom. I think of you every day. Thanks for looking over us. Remember 1 John 5:13. Until we meet again. Love, John sdroofer63@gmail.com

CIGARETTE MOOCHES Please stop asking for cigarettes at bars, saying that you're trying to quit as an excuse. Go buy your own pack already, cheapskates!

DEAR KEVIN Without a Shadow of doubt good things are happening! I love you so much

FRIEND OR FOE My reminder we're all just human and I know you are and it's important. Well I too feel me and me is better giving you deeper recognition beyond stupid crap

GAVIN NEWSOM Just what the heck is he doing in Israel?

I ALWAYS JUST WANTED TO DO THIS That's all. I was very mad at how people just wont follow through to the peace that comes from releasing ire.

I HOPE I hope that's not you whom cant reason. It was never like that ever. I went through mid life hard. Never ever would hurt you. No way!

KATIE D. Happy Birthday... Enjoy your Special Days... Hugs....Gary and Nancy

SAVE TORREY! Kidney Needed!Young local San Diegan in need of a kidney. If you are reasonably healthy, please consider becoming my living donor. For more info on testing, please go to www.torreyneedsakidney. com

HEY, LITTLE CHICKENS! Lil Nos x Norb and Sasha Buttshine, I love you guys more than anything in this world. Being your mom is the greatest thing I've ever gotten to do in my life. No, you cannot get a Prime and a new baby doll!! Awe man! Jinx blackout!

JIMMY L It's always great to see you. Had fun at the Silver Fox and Fasttimes. Romero is planning something. Party time, GMAN Style.

MATT L Love what you have done inside your home. Your Dad and I need you to buy us a round. LOL Peace out. GMAN

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BOO Happy Halloween to the Kiesow's and their families. Peace Love Leslie

HAPPY HALLOWEEN Becky and Rusty, Boo! Peace Love Leslie

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The winding two lane road beckoned me into a narrow valley that slowly opened as I drove deeper into it. After a few miles. I came across a verdant oasis, half-hidden by trees. This was the El Monte County Park. I left my car across the street in a dirt corral, at the center of which was an ancient oak tree. Its trunk, wide and stout, bore the bulk of centuries.

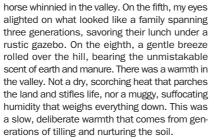
With my hiking boots fastened, I crossed the road and set forth along the El Monte Park Trail, which skirted its edge. The park was well groomed and gnarled oaks with thick, drooping branches stained the grass dark green with shade.

The trail led me to a sign that greeted travelers with the news that the El Monte Flume Trail. where Google had brought me, was closed for construction. Instead. I could continue on the current trail as it climbed up the valley wall. I began my ascent, following a series of switchbacks. Lizards scurried away from me, grasshoppers leaped off the path, and butterflies danced in the wind as it brushed past me.

The switchbacks were partially shaded by toyon, and every turn up the path brought a change in scenery. On the third switchback, a



Looking north east at El Cajon mountain and a quaint home below.



As I climbed, I couldn't help but be struck by the rustic character of the community below. Here was a land that bore witness to the labor of hardworking folks. Their homes had been sculpted to mirror their spirit. And towering above it all, as if granting divine approval, rose El Caion Mountain. It was a stupendous sight.

The afternoon dragged on as my feet traced the winding switchbacks to the summit, where a bench and interpretive sign had been placed. Behind the bench, the trail continued climbing, so I kept walking. After a minute or so, I lifted my sticky face toward the horizon, expecting to see the trail disappear into a thicket of chapar-

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Trail from the parking lot to the proper trailhead.



Gaining elevation with El Cajon mountain in the background.

ral. To my surprise, there, crouching between the mountain's shoulders, stood a stubby yellow house with a low-pitched roof. It seemed so out of place that I nearly expected the structure to retreat into the earth like a groundhog or dive into the brush like a rabbit. Instead, unstirred by my presence, it did nothing. I continued along the meandering trail until another house came

At first glance, it appeared to be a large, stately home. But as I got closer and looked longer, it seemed less dignified. A row of stumpy palm trees separated the chaparral canyon from the property line and a cluster of taller palm trees cast their shadows over gray dirt. The backvard was otherwise sterile and without any signs of life. A concrete walkway extended from either side of the huse and connected in the middle of the backyard. Built into the walkway were two gazebos, each with a table and seats, and at the crown where the walkway met was a firepit with a ring of chairs.

into view.

The trail ran alongside the house, giving me a full profile of the property. Not wanting to be a creep, I kept my eyes on the path ahead of me until it came to an end on the side of a paved road. The trailhead was marked by nothing more than a wooden post sticking out of the ground near a yellow fire hydrant. There was no place to park along the road, nor was there a sidewalk, and I wondered how long it had been since the trailhead had been visited.

Stepping over a guardrail, I crossed the street and saw that I was at the top of an opulent neighborhood that unfolded before me down a gently sloping hill that was bound by one long street. Many of these homes were beautiful and

well-maintained.

Ready to return to the warm valley behind me, I spun around to cross the road again when something caught my eye and I paused. Flapping in the breeze above the home I'd seen on my way in was a blue flag with the name "TRUMP" stamped across it in lifeless letters. Two similar flags fluttered alongside it. An American flag was nowhere to be seen. Sweat stung my eyes and a bitterness welled in my throat as the flags obscured the rugged face of El Cajon Mountain behind them. It felt as if someone had drawn over a Monet with a crayon.

With a sigh, I took one final look at the houses below, bathed in the golden light of the California sun. Long, curling driveways, bleached bone-white, stretched out like the lines in a poor man's palm. But it seemed to me these lines. traced a path to lives etched not with hardship and labor, but grandeur and privilege. I could not imagine that the residents were bound together by shared struggles. To me, the neighborhood looked like a series of walled gardens separated by a wasteland. I felt like a barbarian who had blindly stumbled before the gates of Rome.

Some time later, as I fled down the mountain. my mood softened. Looming before me in the warm sun stood El Cajon Mountain, and as I regarded it, a quiet chuckle escaped my lips. The ancient granite guardian remained unperturbed by both my presence and the shabby flags that waved before it. The mountain had borne witness to the ebb and flow of countless generations, each believing its fleeting moment to be the center of all existence, and it would continue to do so.

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Pending record swordfish caught in local waters San Quintin surf fishing tournament – Trout season begins

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2198 anglers aboard 106 half-day to 3-day trips out of San Diego landings over the past week caught 822 bluefin tuna (up to 210 pounds), 24 bonito, 1 cabezon, 57 calico bass, 1149 dorado, 3 lingcod, 59 lobster (61 released), 37 perch, 160 rock crab, 3065 rockfish, 2 rock sole, 62 sand bass, 99 sanddab, 126 sculpin, 55 sheephead, 72 skipjack tuna, 460 whitefish, 2136 yellowfin tuna, and 92 yellowtail.

Saltwater: A breezy

beginning to the week kept much of the fleet closer to



Yours truly, taking second place in what was an excellent surf fishing event in San Quintin.

home and a few trips cancelled Monday and Tuesday, but as conditions improved, the boats headed out on the grounds in force by midweek. Bluefin numbers eased off a bit, while yellowfin, more often found closer to Point Loma, climbed markedly. Dorado continue to bite well when found along with the yellowfin and skipjack, or off floating debris and kelp paddies. Yellowtail continue to be sluggish, though are biting better along the coast of Baja, and the lower numbers might also be at least partially due to many boats heading more west than south in search of bluefin.

Inshore, calico bass continue to bite well for the local runs heading to the kelp edges off La Jolla and Point Loma, while sand bass are being caught mostly off the Imperial beach sand flats. Sheephead and sculpin are rounding out the meat of the catch in the shallows, while rockfish are either being caught off Mexican high spots at all depths, or beyond the fiftyfathom line in U.S. waters. Surf fishing has been fair to good during the full moon phase, with more yellowfin croaker showing up, while barred surf perch and corbina fishing slows a bit as the water cools.

I was fortunate to attend and compete in a surf fishing tournament in San Quintin this past Sunday. A local fishing club, Pioleros de Valle de San Quintin, held their fourth annual "scales and skin" tournament on Playa Pabellón, with one division, scales, being all species such as surf perch, corbina, croaker, and halibut, and the skin division including all sharks and rays, from guitaras (shovelnose sand shark) to mantarayas (bat ray). The three largest fish in each category earned a cash prize of 2500 pesos for first, 1500 for second, and 1000 for third. The men's category had 99 entrants, and another 40 or so women and children entered in the feminina and infantile categories.

Great food — including fish tacos and seafood soup — raffle prizes, and all-around camaraderie highlighted the event. Entry fee was just 200 pesos, which included food and raffle entries. Another 20 pesos got you entry in a side pot for the person who most closely estimated the weight of the winning fish of the skin division, a large bat ray. Conditions were not great, with moderate surf and wind, but as the morning eased toward noon, the bite improved. Sticking with sand crabs and clams for bait, I had a few bites early, then was blanked for a couple hours until around 11 am, when I caught a nice three-pound corbina.



Marson Karafa with his pending state record 520-pound swordfish.

bad for the only gringo at the event. My luck can be credited to a tough fishing day and a lone fortuitous bite, as the level of angling experience among the competitors was excellent. The Pieleros club holds events throughout the year from Tijuana to El Rosario, with the focus being fishing from shore for most, and their events are meant to include all in a family-oriented, fun, and enjoyable experience. To top it off, I was able to take my winnings and replace some salt-worn parts on my rusty old Jeep, which spends most of its days on the beach.

In other news, on Friday the 27th, Marson Karafa, fishing with Dillon Houston and Ezekiel Cruz of Brothers Sportfishing in local waters, caught a pending California state record swordfish at 520 pounds. That is an amazing fish and one long battle on rod and reel!

Freshwater: 'Tis the season for trout plants and season openers to begin in our lower elevation lakes. On November 4 and 5, Santee Lakes is doing just that, with a plant of 3000 pounds of Mt. Lassen trout, including 500 pounds of lightning trout. All fish are graded between .75 pounds and 2.5 pounds, with 40 random fish tagged for prizes from Phenix Rods. Lakes 2, 3, and 4 will be closed from stocking on the 2nd until opening day on Saturday the 4th. Check details/permits at the Santee Lakes General Store. They're out there, so go get 'em!

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pets while people seek services. The latest plan, about which the council voted unanimously to study options and costs further, branches out to working with the Humane Society or rescue groups. "I think if we partnered with rescue organizations we could probably do it for a small amount, maybe just the cost of food, because we've got a lot of fosters," said councilmember Michelle Metschel. "I'm working with a family right now, and that's one of the problems they have finding shelter, because they have two dogs." But there's still plenty to figure out, said city manager Graham Mitchell. One likely pre-requisite of a program "would be the ability to go visit your animal while you're receiving services. I don't know how many foster parents would be cool with people showing up at their home and spending time with their dog at their house."



El Cajon police chief: "I would think a majority of the population we deal with is like that; they're not going to part with their animal."

Currently, there are 2046 homeless shelters in San Diego, but only PATH San Diego and Father Joe's Village allow pets on-site, according to Feeding Pets of the Homeless, which provides services for pets of the unsheltered. San Diego Humane Society and Pets Without Walls both offer resources to this population, from pet food and veterinary care to fostering. Karina Hernandez, housing program manager at Home Start Inc. agreed that there are a lot of unsheltered people with pets — at least 25 that she knows about — who are reluctant to accept services that would separate them from their animals. "It is a barrier when we try to house them permanently," she says, because often the pet must be deemed a service animal to be accepted into housing, "and it is hard to get them to a clinic Downtown, which is part of getting an animal to be a service animal." If the same pet caretaker was in a shelter, given time and transportation to work things out, Hernandez said, "I think they'd be more open to services." But it would still be "fifty-fifty" when it came to people agreeing to put their pet in the shelter so they could visit while they receive help, she added. "I will

have some that will say no." Home Start covers the motel pet costs when they put someone in emergency shelter, she noted.

High on the city's wish list is getting other cities or the county to partner with them on the venture. The city is part of a Memorandum of Understanding intended to support homeless solutions in East County. "I would like to explore the idea of bringing in another city with this idea," said councilman Phil Ortiz. "I really want to press Lemon Grove, Santee, the county, to step up and partner with this MOU we have, this understanding that we're gonna work together regionally with this."

The easiest way forward is to study what's already being done, said city manager Mitchell, pointing out that the Humane Society has a similar contract in place with Carlsbad, which would indicate the costs involved. But he noted that it would be more complicated to involve rescues, because of the possible visitation issues that might arise.

While El Cajon has never run out of space, animals flow in from both La Mesa and Santee because the city has a direct contract with the Humane Society. "One advantage of the Humane Society is if there's an overflow, we can push some of the dogs to Santee or La Mesa or one of their shelters. I think there's capacity for a program if we went the Humane Society route."

SHEILA PELL



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Halloween Fun

- At Plymouth State University in New Hampshire, a mystery occurs every year at Halloween: two pumpkins become impaled on the twin spires of the clock tower in the middle of campus. United Press International reported that the pumpkins have appeared since the 1970s, but no one seems to know who puts them there or how they do it. "Conjuring the best, if far-fetched, tale on how it happens is a favorite campus pastime," the university's website reads.

- It could only happen in Utah: City officials in Grantsville took to Facebook on Oct. 18 to demand that a Halloween display centered on a street sign be removed, Fox13Now-TV reported. The tableau featured a skeleton pole-dancing while two other skeletons sat in folding chairs with dollar bills in their hands. "Displays like this are not acceptable as it is against city code to attach anything to a street sign," the city wrote. And the pranksters complied: They moved the display to a front yard, with a new lighted pole, lights on the ground to make a "stage," and a tip jar. One commenter on the city's page gushed, "I salute the Halloween Decoration WIZ-ARD that created this MASTERPIECE."

 Hellen Schweizer, 28, of Wooster, Ohio, embraced her vampirism two years ago on Halloween, *The Columbus Dis*patch reported. "Not every vampire is bad," she explained. "I follow a higher path." For instance: "I'm not interested in sucking anyone's blood." But living as a vampire, with fangs, white makeup and a black cloak, "just felt right" for the social media manager. Schweizer said the "sun makes me nauseous" and she gains most of her energy at night. "I came out of the coffin, as it were, and never felt so free in my life."

Saw That Coming

- Two men in Minnesota were shot on Oct. 22 in separate incidents involving child shooters who were participating in youth hunting events, CBS News reported. In the first case, a 45-year-old dad from Becker Township had his 12-year-old daughter in a deer stand, where she had just successfully shot a deer. But then she accidentally shot her father in the leg. Another family member applied a tourniquet until emergency personnel arrived. In the second incident, a 50-year-old boy how to unload a hunting rifle when the child accidentally pulled the trigger, somehow hitting both of the adult's buttocks. No news on the condition of either victim.

Bright Idea

- An unnamed 22-year-old man in Warsaw, Poland, outwitted mall security guards - for a time - after twice posing in a store window as a mannequin, *The New York Times* reported on Oct. 20. The man stood still next to two other mannequins and held a bag until the mall closed, when he stole jewelry from a kiosk. On another occasion, he ate at one of the mall's restaurants, found a new set of clothing and headed back for another meal. Police arrested the suspect, who faces up to 10 years in prison.

I'll Have the Coors Light

- Someone posted a video on Weibo on Oct. 19 that captured a man climbing into a malt container at Pingdu, China, brewery Tsingtao and relieving himself, *Sky News* reported. The company, which identifies itself as the world's sixth-largest beermaker, released a statement, saying: "The batch of malt in question has been completely sealed" and police are investigating. However, the company's stock took a sizable hit, with share prices dropping 7.5% by Oct. 23.

Awesome!

- Members of the Auburn (Massachusetts) Fire Department knew Debbie Virgilio well, the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* reported on Oct. 25. First responders had transported her frequently during her final years, but when she passed last year, they had no idea of the plans she had made for them. Virgilio left the department \$525,000 in her will; they used the money to buy a new ambulance and updated equipment. Fire Chief Stephen Coleman said, "It means a lot to me, as the chief, to know my people made such an impact on somebody, they're willing to donate half

Wait, What?

- Jad K. Shipman, 48, of Longview, Washington, was arrested on Oct. 17 on two counts: soliciting a prostitute and first-degree attempted animal cruelty, *Big Country News* reported. A vice detective who had been monitoring an online forum identified Shipman in August. Allegedly, he offered \$440 for a person to come to Longview and sexually touch him and his miniature horse. Shipman is out on bail and prohibited from being around animals.

Animal Antics

- Since Sept. 20, Alejandro Rios, 25, has become the target of a dive-bombing magpie who follows him as he rides his bike home from work. Fox News reported on Oct. 18 that the Brisbane, Australia, resident first felt something hit his head more than a month ago. "I ... thought a piece of fruit had fallen off a tree or someone had hit me," he said. Rios' helmet and eyewear protect him from injury, but the bird is persistent. Scientists say magpies remember faces and this one is likely protecting his young. "It's a bit of a friend and a bit of a nemesis," Rios said of his attacker. "I want to say it's my friend – but it really, really hates me."

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