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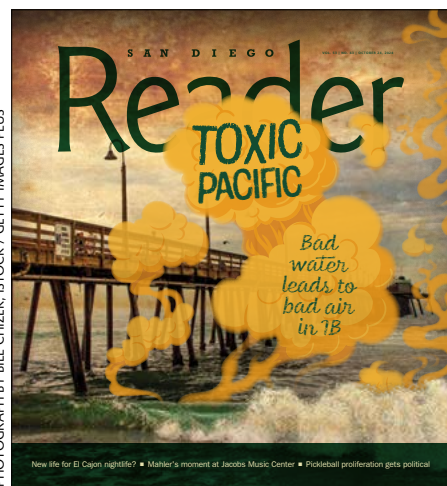




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### Lawson-Remer: true hypocrite

The letter ("Lawson-Remer extreme?", *Letters*, October 10, 2024) alerted me to an earlier article I had missed, titled "Stand with the Banned" (*SD on the QT*, September 20, 2024). The article used satire to show the extremism of County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer.

Isn't it funny that "banned" books can be found for sale in numerous bookstores and elsewhere? Lawson-Remer should begin by being honest in the words she uses. Then she should knock off making nonsense statements such as "Right-wing, conservative extremists and politicians are trying to suppress certain viewpoints..."

Is she simply ignorant about left-wing challenges to books? Liberals have challenged *Huckleberry Finn*, *Of Mice and Men*, *Gone with the Wind*, and multitudes of others. And they don't just go after schools and libraries. Liberals got six Dr. Seuss titles withdrawn from publication. They got the publisher of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* to change the parts that liberals don't like. (Later, complaints got the publisher to offer both versions.) Liberals got at least one streaming service to no longer offer *To Kill a Mockingbird*. They have gone after Amazon and other book stores to stop selling books they don't like.

Lawson-Remer joins many of her fellow liberal politicians in deceiving the public about who wants to limit what we can read.

Richard Robertson  
San Carlos

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### Codename Stasis found its format at SDSU

**Golden Dreams, Oct. 11, 2024**  
This is an awesome little story that I have had the pleasure of following for a while now.

I strongly recommend to anyone who finds a piece of Codename: Stasis to enjoy it, hold on to it, share it, and keep their eyes open for more pieces of it throughout the city, the state, and even in other states.

I've found them in highway rest areas, in diners, in gas stations, and tucked away like little treasures in bookshops from San Diego to Seattle.

—Morgan W Sullivan

### Sea Hive Station - not a Victorian antique store

**Special Issues, Oct. 2, 2024**

I am familiar with The Hive. Very cool, eclectic place, but the best part of all and in my opinion, a big part of its success, is the tons of free parking. Free and easy parking is gold when it comes to shopping.

—Hive mind

### Scott Peters aide gets free travel and hotel from Big Pharma

**News Under the Radar, Oct. 2, 2024**

You do know that 30+ congressional staff went on the trip sponsored by Center Forward, as part of normally sponsored Congressional staff delegations. House ethics has to approve such trips and expenses, which is why all this information is public.

If the *Reader* is so desperate to find a story, maybe you should try to present the truth before you try to slander people. The hotel doesn't have gold-plated toilets, just a location in downtown SF. No wonder no one reads the *Reader*.

—Peters supporter

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

VISTA

## Feet street

### City considers barring cars on Indiana

As part of an effort to draw more visitors to downtown Vista, city council members are considering closing certain streets to cars and letting bikes, pedestrians, and even skateboards can take over the asphalt. A proposed pilot program, planned around events like the city's strawberry festival, which drew 80,000 visitors in May, is being touted as a post-pandemic way to spur the local economy and support more multimodal uses.

Following the lead of Encinitas, which holds an annual Cyclovía (Spanish for "Cycleway") event, Vista held its first Cyclovía on September 29. The global movement, allied with the Open Streets Project, temporarily reclaims city streets for walking and biking. (A similar event called CicloSDias will be held this November in Pacific Beach. The one-day event, sponsored by the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, will close off nearly three miles of city streets to cars.) And if those



When the bike lanes just aren't enough in Hillcrest.

plan goes through, it would devastate the business, which would have to move.

Councilmembers noted that Rylan apartments, located about 300 feet from Dede's business on Main Street, has 55 parking spaces that are free to the public. Further, Main Street is expected to remain a pass-through. The streets that will be studied as possibilities for closure include the area around Indiana Street. Shutting down Indiana heading west from east Broadway and capping all the streets would still give access to every parking lot in that zone, Mayor Dan O'Donnell said. Only the Main Street parking spaces would not be available. Councilmember Green thought that parking might be

across the county, finding an open court can still prove challenging.

The U.S. Tennis Association recently announced that "at least 10 percent of tennis courts in America have been taken over and re-purposed for pickleball," according to the *Wall Street Journal*. "The land grab should come as no surprise, considering pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in America." But according to Stefan Boyland, president of the Pickle-



PHOTOGRAPH BY STEFAN BOYLAND

Tennis, anyone? Anyone?

"It's a loop to see everything and it gives tons more parking for all of our business owners down there."

temporary events go well, the city might close some streets permanently.

Currently under discussion are five options that were settled on at a meeting in March, when Councilmember Corinna Contreras pointed out the need to activate the downtown. "This is urgent for me," she said, noting that the younger residents of her district "say there's nothing to do in Vista. You have to be over 21 for everything."

It wasn't always that way, councilmember Joe Green said. He recalled that while growing up in Vista, a weekly street fair was held — jam-packed with vendors and people dancing. "We would literally shut down the whole street." He urged the city to bring it back.

"I am so down with that," Contreras agreed.

But Carly Dede, who owns a chiropractic business at the end of Main Street, opposed the idea, citing the lack of parking downtown. She said that people hobble in on crutches and in wheelchairs, unable to walk any further than they already do. She added that if the

increased by making both Main Street and Broadway one-way, then offering diagonal parking all along Main Street. "It's a loop to see everything and it gives tons more parking for all of our business owners down there."

As part of the study, officials plan to map out every entrance and exit to all potential parking lots. The council will also explore ways to revamp the public space around the gazebo on Main Street to make it a courtyard; ways to better advertise the public parking at the Rylan apartments; and ways to reach out to downtown business owners.

SHEILA PELL

## THE COURTS

### Is tennis the menace?

#### Pickleball populists plead for places to play

Pickleball continues its meteoric rise in popularity around San Diego, with locals enjoying Dinks and Drinks at the Coronado Marriott or playing under blacklights in neon outfits and whacking glow-in-the-dark balls. But despite the proliferation of pickleball venues

ball Association of San Diego, it's not enough. "We need to convert more tennis courts into pickleball courts," he said. "San Diego needs 1000 dedicated pickleball courts; look at the numbers." (According to the Association of Pickleball Professionals, the number of players in the United States has increased by 223 percent since the pandemic.) Online forums are filled with complaints about overcrowded pickleball courts; one user commented, "Your best bet is to reserve a court months in advance, because people cancel."

But it seems that not everyone agrees. "On September 21, 2022, at the San Diego Equality Business Association virtual meeting, three people spoke about the need for more courts," Boyland recalled. "Mayor Gloria rolled his eyes when the first person spoke, even though the proposal required no city funding." The San Diego pickleball community says it's frustrated with the city's lack of dedicated courts and the

frequent conflicts with tennis enthusiasts over space. (For their part, tennis players complain that when pickleball lines are painted onto tennis courts, it makes play more difficult.) Boyland believes the city prioritizes tennis over pickleball, claiming, "Tennis interests have padded the mayor's campaign coffers, while pickleball players have stayed transparent in their efforts to expand access."

Even a longtime tennis player like Gerry Velazquez, who picked up pickleball because it was easier on his knees, agrees with Boyland on the need for more courts. "It's a free-for-all," he said, referencing an altercation in 2022 at Peninsula Tennis Club in Ocean Beach, where Boyland and other pickleball players were confronted by staff for trying to play on tennis courts. (Police were called, but no action was taken.)

Boyland is confident that converting more tennis courts into pickleball courts could generate significant revenue for the city. "With a full-service pickleball facility charging \$2.50 per hour, the city could earn \$26 million annually." He estimated that potential pickleball revenue by calculating that San Diego has about 57,000 core players — 4.1 percent of the 1.4 million population. That 4.1 percent was derived from the estimated 13.6 million core players nationwide, according to *SportsBusinessJournal.com*,

compared to the total national population. "I say 50,000 conservatively, and we have nice weather and more active folks, so you'd think we would have at least the average in the country." If those 50,000 hardcore players played for four hours a week, that would be about 200,000 hours a week at \$2.50 an hour, that would mean \$500,000 a week. Multiply that by 52 weeks in a year, and you get \$26 million, not counting revenue from less dedicated players. (*ThePickleballDinks.com* estimated that 14 percent of the adult population played pickleball in 2022.)

But Jesse, a longtime tennis player at Peninsula Tennis Club, was unsympathetic. Recalling the 2022 clash, he said, "It's disappointing to see pickleball fanatics take over courts. If the sport is as popular as they claim, they should raise funds for dedicated courts like we did for tennis."

MIKE MADRIAGA  
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## LETTERS

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### Air toxins plague Escondido, Imperial Beach, Chula Vista, Tijuana

Neighborhood News, Oct. 1, 2024

You failed to mention that while scientists and doctors are sounding the alarm, politicians such as Nora Vargas are saying that "Air quality in the region are within safe limits and do not pose a public health threat, I want to assure everyone that this is not an imminent threat, and that it is safe to be outside and attend school". Does she really care about

the people? Who is she taking money from?

-gallotrese

### What do they have in common? - WD-40, the coyote vest, neoprene board shorts, banana hat

Cover Stories, Sept. 25, 2024

As an inventor myself I enjoyed the article and felt obligated to point out that another San Diego inventor, Johnny Dumas, created a product called "SpikeBite" that was very similar to the CoyoteVest. Johnny's design had the spikes hidden instead of exposed. He was selling it in 2013 and got media coverage back then

including this which is still viewable.

It's ironic that if Paul Mott had bought one of Johnny's pet vests, his dog Buffy would still be alive but Paul might not have gone on his entrepreneurial journey.

My own business since 2019 is manufacturing and selling a disappearing ink for printers so that the same paper can be used over and over again. If you need to print something but don't need to keep it long (and want to save trees), you can learn more by searching for "Blue Planet Ink".

-Remembering Colin

### Hillbilly Elegy author J.D. Vance forced to use servant's entrance at Rancho Santa Fe fundraiser

SD on the QT: Almost Factual News, Sept. 6, 2024

This is quite the imaginative and humorous story... The Goldwell-Cashgrabs of RSF! Haha!!!

-Humoured

She would have made Jesus use the same entrance! Arrogant much?

-Looking down

How stuck up!

-Looking up

### The poet who washed cars by hand

Feature Stories, Apr. 6, 2024

Wicked sense of humor!

Like driving up to a car crash...you know it's coming with the tension building!

-Wicked tension

### Questions Ashli Babbitt left behind

Cover Stories, Jan. 24, 2024

When presented with a barricaded doors and armed people on the other side of it, on federal property, the MP bodyguard decided to climb through a broken window towards the threat? Sounds like I have a lawsuit against the military for a lack of training in both threat assessment and Codes of Conduct.

-Logically speaking

### Oceanside - finally hip

Cover Stories, June 12, 2024

As a white guy who has lived here for the last 25 years, and neighbored it for the 25 before that... Lemme just say that this article is complete racist garbage and NOBODY actually living in Oceanside sees it this way. We weren't broken. We didn't need to be "fixed" just to make money for developers and a corrupt city council. We don't clutch our pearls here. A lot of good people lost their way of life so that we could have an oyster bar.

-White guy knowledge



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TIJUANA

## Maquiladora malefaction First a disappearance, then a persecution

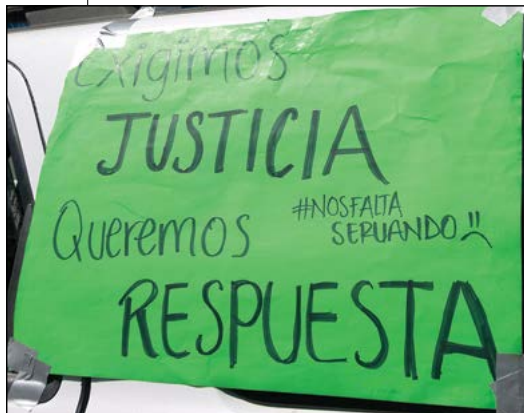
More than a month has passed since Servando Salazar, for 10 years a worker at Prime Wheel factory in Tijuana, disappeared on August 23 within the company's facilities. Security cameras confirm that he entered the factory as usual but never got out. (Prime Wheel, which is located across the border from Otay Mesa, sells road wheels and parts to customers in the United States.)

Servando's wife Wendy Bravo, who is pregnant and already the mother of three daughters, said that she and her sister-in-law went to look for him at the factory the next morning. They got access to much of the company's facilities, but couldn't make it into the area where the industrial furnaces are located.

Wendy then reported her husband's disappearance to the state prosecutor's office, and looked for support from Tijuana collectives dedicated to finding missing persons. She also started searching for Servando in areas surrounding the factory, which is located in a sparsely populated area on the outskirts of town.

While Wendy and the collectives were eliminating the possibility of Servando's

presence outside the maquiladora, the prosecutor's office conducted a search of the company's furnaces. That search led the office to obtain an arrest warrant for the two persons in charge of that area of the factory. But Wendy felt the prosecutor's office wasn't transparent and efficient enough. Encouraged by other maquiladora employees, Wendy and her relatives started a protest, blocking the factory's entrances. "How can be possible they are running the



Prime Wheel: Protest at your peril.

factory as if nothing happened?" she said. "They are supposed to look out for their employees' security. He worked there for 10 years... We held out as much as we could, despite some of us getting harassed by their security staff. We just wanted to be heard. I know anyone would do the same to find their missing loved ones."

The blockade was used by Prime Wheel as an argument to fire those who didn't make it to their job due to the protest — a situation that led to workers turning their backs on

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# UNDER THE RADAR

**Rincon's splashy suicide** Big time gambling interests are playing a major role in the Republican-based Lincoln Club's hit-piece effort to take down Democratic County Supervisor **Terra Lawson-Remer**. On October 12, fresh money rolled into the club's Neighborhood Action Council Against Terra Lawson-Remer for County Supervisor committee in the form of a \$10,000 check from Valley Center's Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation, per an October 14 filing.

The tribe's sprawling casino and resort complex is run by Harrah's Southern California, whose ex-senior vice president and general manager **Darrell Wayne Pilant** killed himself in Georgetown Lake, Montana this past summer following a bruising legal fight with the company over opening the casino too soon after the Covid epidemic. "Being tribally owned on the Rincon Tribe's sovereign land, Harrah's Southern California was not obliged to adhere to state COVID-19 orders," reported *Casino.org* in a June 21 account of the death.

"On May 19, just three days before Harrah's Southern California reopened, California had recorded its deadliest coronavirus day to date with 132 deaths. Gov. **Gavin Newsom** (D) subsequently wrote the Rincon Tribe and other tribal casinos prepping their reopening plans to reconsider. Pilant refused to side with his employer and said his hand was forced to resign. In his obituary, his family, including his wife, Jenna, said he struggled to recover from the pandemic."

The county health department, overseen by supervisors including Lawson-Remer, has long been at center of controversy over withheld reporting of Covid-19 numbers. "Public health officials have confirmed that more than 300 of the county's residents who contracted COVID-19 reported visiting a casino shortly before testing positive," says an October 16, 2020 online post by *INewsSource.com*. "But the county won't disclose whether any community outbreaks occurred at local casinos because they're on tribal lands."

The tribal governments have released little information and aren't subject to federal and state disclosure laws as sovereign entities." Adds the account: "The casinos began reopening in May with new cleaning, social distancing and face covering policies, but some of their employees have raised concerns. In late August, the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration launched an investigation into

Hurrah's Resort Southern California in Valley Center following a complaint. The case remains open and no further public details are available."

**To strike or not to strike** Union workers at 11 newspapers of the Southern California News Group, whose 12th and most recent member is the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, have voted to authorize a strike against the chain and its owner, Alden Global Capital, which is widely accused of being a vulture investing operation.

"Over 90% of the 125 professional reporters, photographers, digital, social media and production staff across 11 newsrooms represented by SCNG Guild, a unit of Media Guild of the West, participated in the strike vote. A landslide 94% voted to authorize union leaders to call for a strike," per a September 24 news release by the union. "This vote should serve as a wakeup call for management who for more than two and a half years of bargaining has failed to offer acceptable wages and benefits," **Sean Emery**, an SCNG reporter and Guild Unit Chair, was quoted as saying.

"The patience of our members is wearing thin. They are tired of struggling to survive on low wages that have remained stagnant for years. They are tired of waiting more than a decade for raises that never come. We are dedicated to covering our communities. But we will not stand by and watch the leaders of our company drag their feet when it comes to offering a fair contract." Added a statement by **Matt Pearce**, President of Media Guild of the West: "Alden Global Capital still thinks paying less than \$20 an hour is an acceptable wage for reporters serving hundreds of thousands of Southern Californians."

Pearce also lashed out at the state's Democratic governor and plans to subsidize jobs at the state's troubled daily newspaper business. "We also don't think Gov. Gavin Newsom and our state lawmakers should give a cent of taxpayer money to large employers like

Alden Global Capital unless these employers have agreed to a fair contract. Public dollars shouldn't support news companies that don't support their own journalists and news workers."

The *U-T*, which was acquired by Alden from Los Angeles billionaire **Patrick Soon-Shiong** in a murky July 2023 deal, is not affected by the Guild action. Back in June, 1998, the then-850

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Rincon Indians spend to defeat Terra Lawson-Remer



SDGE funnels more money to Todd Gloria

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Wendy's cause. She started to get criticism from employees via text messages. After two days, Wendy agreed to leave if those who lost their jobs could get them back. However, she said, "I am not giving up my fight, and I am not being paid off by the company, as they are making it look like. But I never thought they would take it against other employees. I need to get back home, rest, see my kids, and take care of the little person I have inside me."

## Under the radar

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editorial, advertising, and back office workers at the paper voted by a margin of 52% to 48% to toss the union, at the time known as the Newspaper Guild, out of the plant at the urging of management, led by then-editor **Karin Winner**. "The interests of working people have suffered a setback," then-business reporter and union leader Craig Rose was quoted as saying at the time. "People felt it's very difficult to resist a large corporation, and in the short term it's better to submit than stand up for their rights. People felt a sense of futility."

**More Gloria Sempra money** As noted here back on July 3, a political committee calling itself New San Diego shut its doors on June 21, transferring its remaining \$15,717.06 to a newly formed committee called California Progress for All, which had been registered with the California Secretary of State's office just weeks before on June 6. New San Diego, many insiders observed, had apparently become a bad brand in local politics, having failed in its stealthy spring mission to pave the way for the success of **Todd Gloria's** Democratic mayoral re-election bid by backing the primary campaign of neophyte GOP mayoral hopeful **Jane Glasson** over staunch Gloria foe **Larry Turner**. Despite heavy spending for Glasson by New San Diego, Turner ultimately made it into this November's

In the hours after the protest, state prosecutor Maria Andrade explained to the press that their investigation was not considering Servando's disappearance as a work accident, but as a possible intentional crime. "One of the investigation guidelines suggests that criminal activities have been committed," she said.

For now, Wendy has no option but to wait for the DNA results taken from the furnaces. Unfortunately, since the company handles strong solvents and industrial chemicals, evidence may prove difficult to find.

IVAN MOLINA

runoff against Gloria.

Now California Progress for All is going all out for the incumbent mayor, revealing in an October 16 filing with the city clerk's office that it has spent a total of \$84,500 on the mayor's cause, \$15,000 of that for an October 15 "media buy," on Gloria's behalf. Besides the five figure cash rollover from defunct New San Diego, the newly minted California Progress for All's biggest donations include \$10,000 on October 10 from utility giant Sempra Energy, whose SDG&E San Diego city franchise has greatly benefited under Gloria's protection. In addition, on September 21, \$50,000 rolled into California Progress for All from the Asian Business Association Candidate PAC of Encinitas. Recent donors to that group have included **Marco A. Sessa**, senior vice president of Mission Valley developer Sudberry Properties (\$5000, August 14) and the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce PAC (\$10,000, September 3). An apartment investors group, the California Apartment Association — Independent Expenditure PAC, came up with \$35,000 on September 17. Government subsidized housing outfit Affirmed Housing, another beneficiary of Gloria's reign, gave \$10,000 on September 20.

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# Larry Ronald Starbird

JANUARY 6, 1967 - OCTOBER 10, 2024

Larry Ronald Starbird, who entered this world on January 6th, 1967, departed from us peacefully in his home on October 10th, 2024, due to natural causes. Born at the U.S. Naval Base Subic Bay in Olongapo, Philippines, Larry spent the majority of his life in San Diego. He enlisted in the Navy at a young age and later medically retired following his tour in Operation Desert Sabre, the campaign for the liberation of Kuwait. He is survived by his children, Richard L. Starbird and Stephanie M. Starbird, his grandchildren, Ariana M. Diaz, Malaya L. Diaz, Jaxson N. Starbird, Caius M. Geronilla, Alani M. Geronilla, and Cillian M. Geronilla. His sisters Teresa (Menchie) Barr, Karen Otter, Amy Starbird, his stepfather Roy (Kahoy) Wood, and stepmother Wanda Starbird. He was a remarkable father and grandfather (Papa); he will be greatly missed and remembered fondly.

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# Extended family dynamics

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*Many of our neighbors live in the house they grew up in*

Clairemont was created in 1950 by Carlos Tavares and Lou Bergener, and was named after Tavares' wife Claire. San Diego's need for housing at the time was enormous, thanks to massive growth in the military and aerospace, and Clairemont became San Diego's biggest postwar subdivision. At the time, it was the largest development of its kind in the country. My street seems emblematic of what much of Clairemont has become in over following seventy years. And even though I have lived here for more than a decade, I still find it a fascinating place to live.

Our house is a very typical mid-1960's tract home. We love it, and do our best to keep it maintained and looking good. Over the years, it has become my favorite home, completely customized for us and our tastes. We call it our "forever" home.

I know almost all our neighbors, and I like them. We talk on the street, wave at each other, trick or treat each other's houses. We are tucked away, so that the foot canvassers really must work to get to us. Our neighbors are mostly middle-aged or seniors, but about a quarter of are young families. Many Accessory Dwelling Units have popped up all over our street. Formerly known as "Granny Flats," they often look like second homes being added to a property designed for one.

What fascinates me most is how many of our neighbors live in the house they grew up in. Many have had parents pass away, or still live with one or both. So, this street is the only neighborhood many of them have ever known. The benefit of this is that our neighbors know

each other well, and are, in some cases, more like extended family than people that just live down the street. The disadvantage is that, just as in extended families, some of these dynamics are not happy. In the best-case scenarios, neighbors will take part in celebrations and rituals that I grew up thinking were exclusively family related. In the worst-case scenarios, neighbors stew over years of dislike based on fear, mistrust, and ancient history. Either way, when they call to each other in the street, they use each other's full names — perhaps to emphasize the extent of information each know about the other.

This familiarity also causes some boundary issues. Residents have been known to gawk over the fence at night at neighbors enjoying the backyard hot tub. It's rare that anyone addresses these issues face to face. To avoid an unpleasant discussion, the hot tubbers simply install flood lights pointing at the neighbor's fence to discourage further peeping. Problem solved. Some life-long neighbors are so comfortable here that they have no issue with walking up to a house's window and peering in to see if anyone is home while calling out their names. Combining the two, we had a neighbor who would wait for us to go out of town, then help himself to our spa.



**As with most older neighborhoods, residents here put varying levels of effort into yard care.**

After we returned home to a muddy, trashed spa, installed security cameras and started locking our gates.

As with most older neighborhoods, the residents here put varying levels of effort into yard care. There is a property on our street that we lovingly refer to as "The Boo Radley House." One of its residents have lived there his entire life. The house can barely be seen from the street — the grass, bushes and trees are all wildly overgrown, and it all looks very out of place here. But every Christmas, Boo Radley turns on his holiday lights, even if the only way a passerby can see them is to peer through the dense thicket.

Another house of note is lovingly known as "The Hoarder House." My introduction to its lifetime inhabitants included a look at the in-garage art exhibit, which consisted of what seemed like a hundred Barbie bodies hung by a string from the ceiling. I asked for an interpretation, and was told that each body symbolized a different phase in a mental health process.

The people of our street are generous. Over the years, everything from food to half empty wine bottles to backyard fruit has appeared on our porch. Every summer, a block party is held, and neighbors assemble to get a current body count on who is still living (and living here), and to talk about what houses are now selling for. It's a bit ghoulish, but then, I don't have the perspective that comes from being a lifetime resident.

Clairemont is built alongside many canyons,

which brings lots of wildlife onto our street; one normally sees it at night while walking the dog. And given our large older population, it's sad but not surprising to hear the San Diego Police helicopters flying over the streets and canyons, announcing the details of a missing person — often last seen headed into one of the canyons.

A neighborhood wouldn't be complete without some tea to spill. We do have an active, if irregularly scheduled, booty call in progress. Romeo rides a skateboard down the street to Juliet's house, then rides back a little later. We're going to call it romance. We've also had our share of tragedy: since our arrival: our street has seen a suicide, and just a street over, there was a full-blown filicide.

Still, there is more happiness than sorrow here. I love it when the kids come out on weekends or on school break. The sounds of their play and laughter on the street remind me of my own childhood. Both their parents may work, but these latchkey kids seem to have it figured out. They look out for each other. They stay in touch with the neighbors that are home. It makes our street feel like a complete neighborhood. Our street reverberates with kindness, compassion, and a kind of neighborly love that I haven't experienced elsewhere. I like and trust the people on our street, and we are thankful to live here. No matter where we travel, the best part of our trip is always coming back home.



**One of our neighbors has a front-yard art-installation that is always evolving.**



Imperial Beach Mayor Paloma Aguirre (right) showing the build-up of toxic foam in the Tijuana River to National City Mayor Ron Morrison on September 23.

# TOXIC PACIFIC

*Bad water leads to bad air in IB*

The Tijuana River Valley is a large estuary complex that drains the watershed area from the east and the urban runoff of Tijuana from the south, sending both flowing out into the Pacific Ocean to the west. Thanks to cataclysmic infrastructure failures and insufficient government response and regulation south of the border, that Tijuana runoff is famously nasty, rife with raw sewage and other sick-making things. And while the dominant current along most of the San Diego County coastline runs from north to south, this portion of our coast has a predominant current that flows from south to north. As a result, the ocean delivers sew-

age-infused waters to the beach communities south of Point Loma. There's an international border running between the dirty water's source and its destination, but the water doesn't seem to care about borders and the legal limitations they create. And given South County's economic and political status relative to,

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say, La Jolla, there are those who wonder just how much the powers that be care about the water. Or, for that matter, the air.

On June 4, 2024, the mayors of the 18 cities in San Diego County sent a letter to California Governor Gavin Newsom. The letter made a unified and compelling plea to recognize the "urgent and escalating public health emergency" in South San Diego County, and to make a corresponding declaration of emergency in response. As the letter noted, "over one billion gallons of untreated wastewater pour into this region each month, resulting in the closing of Imperial Beach's shoreline for more than 900 consecutive days. Addition-



ally, Coronado beaches have been closed more than 50% of the time over the past two years. The resulting pollution is impacting the air quality of the communities of Imperial Beach, Nestor, San Ysidro, Tijuana River Valley, Egger Highlands, South Chula Vista, and Otay Mesa West. This environmental disaster is causing profound social, economic, public health, and ecological damage.”

As evidence for this claim, the letter cited a white paper published in February of 2024 by the San Diego State University School of Public Health. The paper called the situation “a public health crisis,” and noted “the unusual threats to health from pollutants arising in Mexico, including human and livestock diseases eradicated in California, pathogens carrying antibiotic-resis-

tant genes, and industrial and municipal chemicals not permitted to be discharged into the environment in California.” It noted that Hurricane Hilary and other rainfall events “have caused further damage to aging infrastructure...exacerbating concerns.” It noted a recent study that found 175 compounds in border water that “appeared in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agencies Toxic Substance Control Act,” and that found “a substantial number of contaminants of emerging concern” for the first time.

But beyond the toxic stuff that was keeping people out of the water, the white paper noted that “community concerns about strong odors and pollution within San Ysidro from the Tijuana River have been frequently reported,” and



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that “a recent study...documented airborne microbes and chemicals related to the sewage and runoff over the ocean.” (That study, published in the journal *Environmental Science & Technology* in 2023, found that 40 tracer bacteria, used to research coastal water pollution released as sea

spray aerosol by breaking waves and bursting bubbles, “comprised up to 76% of the bacteria community in IB air.” One of its lead researchers was Dr. Kimberly Prather, co-director of the recently founded Meta-Institute for Airborne Disease in a Changing Climate at UCSD, as well as found-

ing director of the Center for Aerosol Impacts on Chemistry of the Environment.) The white paper therefore claimed that “inhalation is also a pathway of exposure, as these dangerous contaminants can also be airborne... Poorly understood pathways of exposure should be carefully and explicitly

studied, such as exposures through breathing community air.” The paper concluded, “Investments by Congress and federal and state agencies are desperately needed to not only slow and prevent the ongoing and egregious contamination but also assess the health and environmental harm that has occurred as a result.”

The mayors’ letter laid out the region’s many needs, and then renewed their request for Newsom to declare a state of emergency, defined by the Emergency Services Act as “conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state...which are likely to be beyond the control of...any single county, city and county, or city.” They also acknowledged that Newsom’s office had already declined to make such a declaration in an

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October 10, 2023 letter to the California Coastal Commission, “because it would not actually aid the ongoing response to this crisis.” That letter argued that “a state proclamation of emergency cannot accelerate federal work needed on this federal facility that is in a federally-controlled area on an international border,” highlighted what the governor had done already, and explained that “the Governor’s emergency powers extend to waiving only state statutes and regulations...No one has identified or proposed any specific relief from state statutes or regulations necessary to facilitate emergency response and recovery.”

The mayors were not mollified. Their June letter argued that, beyond suspending state law, “the Governor could ‘use and employ [the State’s] property, services and resources’” to deal with the crisis, and also “ascertain the requirements’ of our communities to avoid preventable disease and property damage stemming from this pollution...The pollution crisis in the Tijuana River violates both state and

federal environmental laws, and it is incumbent upon the state to implement and enforce these laws vigorously.”

In just ten calendar days (which included a two-day weekend), a response, dated June 14, 2024, was rapidly generated by the governor’s Office of Emergency Services. The letter, signed by director Nancy Ward, outlined in three pages why a state declaration was neither appropriate nor necessary. Notably, Ward wrote that “an emergency declaration is not necessary for the deployment of state resources. For instance, [the California Department of Public Health] has actively engaged with San Diego’s County Public Health to review data and concurs with that local agency’s conclusion that there is no evidence of increased infectious diseases, including gastrointestinal illness, in connection with the pollution crisis...We will continue to monitor the situation in collaboration with San Diego County.”

That was June. By September, Imperial Beach’s beach closure broke

1000 consecutive days. Soon after, they were re-opened. Soon after that, they were re-closed. Some 40-60 million gallons of untreated sewage continued their daily invasion of coastal waters. On September 9, researchers from SDSU and UCSD (including Dr. Prather) claimed that hydrogen sulfide and hydrogen cyanide were spreading from the Tijuana River through the air. Hydrogen cyanide is toxic; schools were closed in response. But the county argued that the researchers had it wrong about the concentration of those chemicals and the danger they represented. And it seems the county may have been at last partly right: later claims by the researchers stopped mentioning hydrogen cyanide and focused on hydrogen sulfide.

Hydrogen sulfide smells terrible. But it’s worse than that. On September 8, the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District posted on X that “inspectors have been documenting strong odors impacting South Bay communities. The current extreme heat is exacerbating ongoing

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odor issues in the Tijuana River Valley and surrounding communities. Compounds associated with these odors may cause adverse health effects. Residents near the affected areas who notice strong odors are advised to limit outdoor physical activity. Whenever possible, remain indoors, especially if you have respiratory or heart conditions, are elderly, or have young children in your household. We continue to assess the situation and we'll continue to keep the public informed."

There it was: "Compounds associated with these odors may cause adverse health effects." But then there was that caveat: "may cause." Under what circumstances? Part of the problem is that noxious hydrogen sulfide can be smelled long before it is considered dangerous. The California Air Resources Board has a standard of .03 parts per million per hour, which is the level at which the gas becomes detectable by people; that standard gives air regulators the go-ahead to start investigations. But according to a recent *Voice of San Diego* story, regu-



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lators set the safety level for exposure at 20 parts per million per hour. The readings for the South Bay? Just three parts per million at their peak, and a more sustained level of .958 parts per million per hour. Well below the threshold — for an hour, at least.

The issue in South County is prolonged exposure. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration says that 2-5 parts per million, over time, "may cause nausea, tearing of the eyes, headaches or loss of sleep." Plus "airway

problems (bronchial constriction) in some asthma patients." It sets a 10 parts per million limit on people working just eight-hour shifts. When you have coastal winds blowing hydrogen sulfide in from the ocean during the afternoon, and then air flowing out to sea during the wee hours, you get a day-and-night, back-and-forth wash of bad air over your South County neighborhood. And if people can't sleep, their health is compromised in other ways as well. While collecting data in the region, some members of Prather's team found *they* couldn't sleep; it seemed a clear confirmation of the problem.

And yet: no emergency. When Covid was floating in the air, that was an emergency. When forest fires choke the sky with smoke and ash, that's an emergency. Storms, yes. Droughts, yes. Even tree mortality. But not sewer gas.

"Emergency," according to Public Resources Code Section 30624, means "a sudden, unexpected occurrence demanding immediate action to prevent or mit-

igate loss or damage to life, health, property, or essential public services." It's true that by this point, the flow of sewage can be seen as neither sudden nor unexpected. But then, is California's annual fire season sudden or unexpected? We get fires every fall like clockwork, and yet the emergency declarations keep coming. The same could be said for winter storms and the resultant floods.

On September 3, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for the accelerated impacts of coastal landslides in Rancho Palos Verdes. There have been landslides in that area for decades: I know, because I grew up near there. I remember going to Marineland (now Teranea Resort) and experiencing the roller-coaster feel of the undulating roadway, which was always undergoing repair and maintenance. It's true that recent winter storms have proved a catalyst for an acceleration of landslide movement — one that affects the mostly affluent coastal enclave of Portuguese Bend on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. But as the SDSU

white paper noted, it's also true that Hurricane Hilary exacerbated the problem in the waters off Imperial Beach. And something relatively sudden and unexpected has resulted. *It didn't used to smell this way.*

On September 24, Imperial Beach Mayor Paloma Aguirre sent a letter to President Biden's chief of staff Jeff Zients, pleading for immediate federal emergency relief. As of this writing, she has not received a response. But that's not to suggest that no one is paying attention. Whether or not all politics is local, local politicians have taken note — and not just those 18 mayors. The county board of supervisors has been renewing its proclamation of a local emergency regarding cross-border sewage every 60 days since it first issued it in June of 2023. In addition, it allocated \$100,000 to provide air purifiers to homes impacted by the odors. In October of 2023, the Air Pollution Control District set up an air sensor in South County to investigate odors. It added four more in August of this year. The district also

set up a website and hotline to investigate odor complaints. Research continues: The Tijuana River Project at SDSU now has a website documenting its efforts and offering an ongoing community health survey at [tjriver.sdsu.edu](http://tjriver.sdsu.edu). And last week, the CDC conducted 210 interviews over a 30-block region in an effort to understand better the public's experience of the sewage crisis.

And happily, there is positive precedent for a situation like this. In late September of 2021, a warehouse caught fire in the city of Carson, and the resultant release of chemicals in to the Dominguez Channel brought about the release of a massive cloud of hydrogen sulfide. Residents of Carson, Gardena, Long Beach, and other cities were sickened and eventually evacuated. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works paid for hotel rooms for more than 3000 people, and distributed 27,000 air purifiers to homes. Grassroots residential activism resulted in agency responses. So there is reason for hope.

— Eric Munoz

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# A brief history of Tijuana sewage

Very few people know this history. And almost no one in his right mind would want to hear the whole interminable chronicle. At the same time, it is a saga that exemplifies the chaos and paralysis and absurdity that can erupt when the First and Third Worlds intersect, when Manaland Meets the Culture of Mr. Clean.

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1935 — Tijuana builds a new community septic tank designed to accommodate the wastes of 5000 people. Interestingly, this project comes five years after Mexican federal census figures have revealed the Tijuana population to be 11,271. Consequently...almost Immediately — The new septic tank becomes grossly overloaded. Relatively untreated sewage once again contaminates

American crops and ground waters. 1938-39 — Mexican and American officials decide it would be better to dump septic tank effluent from Tijuana directly into the ocean (rather than letting it first flow through the Tijuana River estuary). So they build pipes lead-

ing to a point seven-tenths of a mile north of the border, where an outfall extends 140 feet beyond the mean lower low tide line. The County of San Diego agrees to operate the U.S. facilities as long as the Mexicans promise not to send untreated sewage into the outfall.

and recreational use of the beach is threatened.

June 1954 — A bond issue for construction of the San Diego Metropolitan Sewage System (including a Tijuana connection) fails because of controversy over the proposed location.



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Cleaning and maintenance work on the Tijuana River gates that divide Mexico and the United States in September 2020.

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July 1954 — The governor of California asks the U.S. State Department to file a formal protest with the Mexican government over the sewage issue.

1954 — The county's public health department starts chlorinating the discharge at the outfall.

May 1955 — The IBWC and its Mexican counterpart are authorized to investigate the problem.

September 1956 — Both American and Mexican sections of the IBWC say they're still investigating.

Summer 1957 — Chlorination at the outfall isn't sufficient to stop contaminated waters from reaching the beaches north of Imperial Beach.

Early 1958 — Tijuana agrees to remove solid wastes and scum from the septic tank, while the San Diego County Health Department plans an intensified chlorination program. It functions from May 29 through September 14, when the county runs out of money. One week later, water quality along the beaches has reached unsatisfactory levels again.

March 1958 - The California governor again asks the State Department for emergency action. The State Department talks to the Mexicans, who say they're studying the problem.

November 1958 — A design for the San Diego metro sewer system (including a Tijuana connection) is presented to the San Diego City Council and wins swift approval.

April 1959 — The California legislature asks the U.S. government for help in correcting the pollution problem.

August 20, 1959 — The county health department finds that the Mexicans are not removing sludge

and scum from the septic tank, per their promise. The county closes all beaches from the border to the north end of Imperial Beach.

September 1959 — The Mexicans announce they don't want to be connected to San Diego's new sewer system. They say instead they will build oxidation ponds and reclamation facilities in Tijuana. They say this project will cost only half a million dollars and can be completed in nine months.

October 1959 — The Mexican federal government assumes responsibility for operating Tijuana's septic tank, at the same time cleaning it and installing new sludge pumps. Mexico also informs U.S. officials that it has begun work on a pump station and a force main (a big pipe through which the sewage is moved under pressure). These will be used to pump Tijuana's sewage west to the top of the mesa overlooking the river basin. From the mesa, the sewage will flow by gravity seven miles south; where the water will be processed in oxidation ponds. The Mexicans say this will cost \$1.2 million and will take no longer than their original plan.

December 1959 — Mexico starts talking about revising its sewage treatment plans.

February 1960 — The Mexicans further revise their plans. Among the revisions is talk of a twelve-mile open canal that will terminate near Rosarito Beach. There the sewage is to be treated and used for irrigation.

December 1, 1961 — Mexican officials begin running their new pump station, which transports sewage to the

partially finished southbound canal.

December 3, 1961 — Minor rains wash out part of the open canal.

January 1962 — The Mexicans run out of money to complete the open canal. Work on the canal stops at a point about 5.5 miles south of the border. Here the raw sewage flows down an arroyo, across the beach, and into the ocean.

Spring 1962 — The Tijuana pump station fails, and all of the city's raw sewage flows across the border. Talk of an "emergency connection" to the San Diego metropolitan system begins.

Late 1963 — The San Diego Metropolitan Sewerage system is completed. But there's not enough money left to build the San Ysidro/Tijuana connection.

April 1965 — Storm run-off severs Tijuana's force main, and raw sewage flows north again.

December 1965 — San Diego and the Mexican federal government reach agreement to build an emergency bypass system, to divert Mexican sewage to Point Loma for treatment and disposal when the Mexican pump station foils. Each country agrees to build, operate, and maintain all the necessary facilities on its side. San Diego promises to let Tijuana use excess capacity in its Point Loma plant for twenty years on an as-needed, emergency basis. Mexico agrees to pay for this on a fixed-rate basis.

#### **THE DECEPTIVE MIDDLE AGES: 1966-1980**

Early October 1966 — Work on the emergency bypass is completed.

October 10, 1966 — Heavy rains cause a rupture in the Mexican force main that carries Tijuana

sewage toward the coast. The emergency bypass to Point Loma is used. It continues to be used, twice a month on average, through the end of the Sixties.

1971 — The emergency bypass is being used several times a day. (Tijuana's sewage flows have increased, fueled by the new water supply from the Rosarito Beach desalination plant, and the city's disposal facilities consequently break more often.) Throughout 1971, roughly eight percent of Tijuana's sewage is being treated in San Diego.

March 1972 — The Mexicans install new pumps at their pumping stations and announce plans for improving the open canal. They also talk about building new treatment facilities three miles south of the international boundary, but because of a shortage of money, no work on these plans begins.

January 1973 — The Mexicans announce plans for an elaborate treatment plant to be located fifteen miles southeast of Tijuana, at a cost of between four and eight million dollars. Construction is scheduled to begin later that year, but lack of funding causes an indefinite postponement.

April 30, 1975 — The Mexican press reports that a new sewage treatment plant is under construction a few miles south of Tijuana. But once again, lack of funding causes this plan to be abandoned, and the septic tank built in 1935 remains the city's only sewage treatment facility.

February 1978 — Failure of a pipeline causes raw sewage to spill into Smuggler's Gulch.

May 1979 — Tijuana's main pumping station experiences a major fail-

ure, and the open canal washes out 3.2 miles south of the border. From this time on, 70 percent of Tijuana's sewage is routed to the emergency bypass and the remainder flows across the border in a number of places.

#### **RECENT CONFUSION: 1980-1988**

Looking back on the events of the '70s, Pete Siltfa, a former IBWC engineer who now works on sewage issues for the City of San Diego, notes, "The emergency connection was sort of hiding the problem. It was taking all the load from Tijuana so the problems were minor." An act of nature was to shake up that complacency rather abruptly.

Late January 1980 — Storms bring heavy runoff and water from Rodriguez Dam coursing through the Tijuana River, and the force of that tide breaks the thirty-inch pipe that has been transporting the majority of Tijuana's sewage to Point Loma. More than 15 million gallons a day of Mexican sewage stream through the Tijuana estuary and out to sea, where unusually strong northbound currents created by the El Nino condition sweep the contaminants up the coast.

The San Diego county health department quarantines four miles of beach, from the border up to the naval amphibious base. Because of possible contamination to farm crops in the area, those crops cannot be sold, prompting a group of farmers to sue the city. (A jury eventually awards about \$600,000 to about a half-dozen of them.) Flows in the river water are so heavy that the emergency connection cannot be repaired

until March. And excess raw sewage from Tijuana continues spilling into the U.S. until midsummer of 1980, requiring the continued closure of nearby beaches.

1981-1983 — Unusually rainy winters persist bringing many more sewage spills and quarantines. Dead farm animals washed up from Mexico are among the refuse found on beaches just south of Coronado.

April 14, 1982 — A "blue ribbon committee" is formed, consisting of representatives from a half-dozen American government agencies. They vow to abandon short-range thinking and come up with a permanent answer to the problem of Tijuana sewage spills. This leads to the commissioning of a major study in which the Lowry and Associates engineering firm is told to devise the ultimate solution to the problem.

November 1983 — The Lowry group's report is released. It concludes that the ultimate solution is for someone to build a treatment plant near the border that will process up to 130 million gallons a day of sewage — and cost some three-quarters of a billion dollars. Officials on both sides of the border are stunned by this figure. The Americans hastily revise their thinking about "long-term, permanent" solutions and order the Lowry engineers to come up with another report on short-term, interim alternatives.

July 1984 — The report on short-term and interim measures is completed. From among its offerings, the San Diego City Council endorses the idea of a 60-million-gallon-a-day, "bare bones" plant near the border that



would cost an estimated \$55 million.

Summer 1984 — The California legislature approves more than five million dollars to go toward construction of the bare-bones plant. But the federal government grants only five million dollars with the promise of only \$27 million more to come. Talk in San Diego shifts to building an even smaller facility, one that would process some 30 million gallons a day.

Late 1984 — As Mexico's application for the \$46.4 million IDB loan approaches fruition, various American officials see this as a great opportunity to pressure the Mexicans into doing something about sewage treatment. EPA officials lobby the IDB against granting Mexico any loan that doesn't have sewage-cleaning strings attached to it. At the same time, American officials present Mexico with plans for a \$30 million, 30-million-gallon-a-day international plant (to be built on the U.S. side). The Americans announce that the Mexicans will have to contribute half the money for this project in cash, up front.

February 4, 1985 — The Mexicans say thanks, but no thanks to the proposed binational plant. Instead, they formally announce they will build their own sewage treatment facilities in Tijuana, which they say will meet their needs at least up to the year 2000. The Americans don't like very much about any part of the Mexican *plans*. They also don't believe that the Mexican coastal plant will work very well. So the Americans immediately begin talking about building "defensive" measures to protect South Bay

residents against sewage spills that may occur in spite of the optimistic Mexican plans.

April 1985 — Lowry and Associates releases yet another study, this one of possible defensive measures, from which San Diego officials approve two ideas. The first \$3.8 million project would rig a system to catch the renegade flows that come through the five border basins and canyons and then pump this sewage to Point Loma for treatment, until the second \$31.6 million phase could be completed. This latter project would place a 66-inch pipeline extending from the San Ysidro border west to the ocean near Border Field State Park. Any and all runaway Mexican sewage would be captured by this pipe and then pumped up and over the border to the Mexicans' southbound open canal, for treatment and disposal at the coastal treatment plant. This latter idea comes to be known as "the Big Pipe."

August 1985 - The IBWC goes ahead and builds some scaled-down "surface interceptors." For about \$350,000, the boundary commission concocts a way to catch renegade sewage streams at the Stewart's and Silva drains and Canyon del Sol. (Instead of sending the stuff to Point Loma, the commission project simply pumps it the short distance across the border to the Tijuana pumping station that stands next to the highway leading to Las Playas.)

January 28, 1987 — With enormous fanfare, the Mexicans finally "inaugurate" the first phase of the coastal treatment plant at Punta Bandera. Mexican Presi-

dent Miguel de la Madrid arrives by helicopter to preside over the ceremony, and his secretary of ecology, Manuel Camacho Solis, promises American reporters that San Diego beaches will never be closed again because of Mexican sewage.

October 26, 1987 — The Punta Bandera plant breaks down, as two of three large holding ponds develop leaks. While the ponds are relined with clay and asphalt, the entire facility must be shut down, and raw sewage is dumped directly into the ocean at the discharge point five and a half miles south of the border.

March 8, 1988 — The San Diego City Council gives "conceptual approval" to revised plans for the so-called Big Pipe. The concept for the pipe has now ballooned to a twelve-foot-wide conduit that could carry more than 600 million gallons per day.

May 1988 — The Mexican sewage treatment plant at Punta Bandera returns to full operations. The Mexicans also have quietly announced that they will not build the second phase, which was to have doubled the capacity at Punta Bandera (even though they promised this construction in a 1985 treaty with the United States). According to American officials, the Mexicans have already spent an estimated \$30 million on the first phase alone — five times more than they had initially estimated. Instead of building on the problem-plagued coastal site, the Mexicans indicate they plan to proceed with the proposed plant on the Rio Alamar.

And so it goes...

— Jeannette DeWyze

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# Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

## Friday | 25

### SAN DIEGO ZOMBIE CRAWL

Show up in your best zombie costume for free entry to over 25 Gaslamp's haunts, all within walking distance along 5th Avenue. Opening party at American Junkie; finale parties at Parq Nightclub and Good Night John Boy. Enjoy hosted welcome drinks, dining and drink deals, a keepsake "Zombie Hunting Permit," and a map with escape routes to festivities (follow the suggested routes or crawl at your own pace). Also: live entertainment, live music, DJ, and dancing.

**WHEN:** Friday, October 25, 6 pm.

Through Saturday, November 2.

**WHERE:** Gaslamp Quarter, Fifth Avenue, between Broadway and Harbor Drive, Downtown. [gaslamp.org](http://gaslamp.org)

children's storytime, and crafts.

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 26, 10 am to 5 pm

**WHERE:** Verbatim Books, 3793 30th Street, North Park. [verbatimbooks.com](http://verbatimbooks.com)

### WALE

Rapper Wale first earned notice for his 2006 song "Dig Dug," a hit in his hometown of Washington, D.C. that led to national exposure and



WALE

tour opportunities. He earned a 2013 Grammy Award nomination for "Lotus Flower Bomb" and is known as an actor thanks to his role as Chango on the series *American Gods*. This stop on Wale's *Every Blue Moon* tour includes opening act Foggieraw.

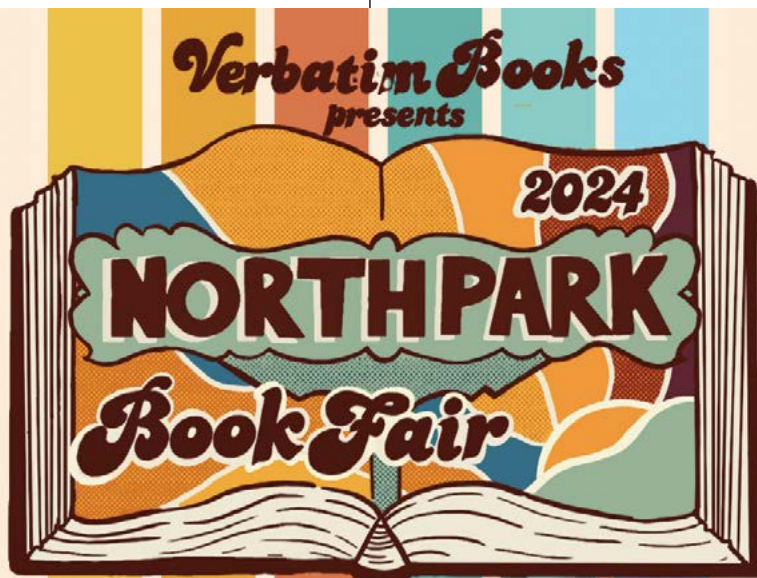
**WHEN:** Saturday, October 26, 7:30 pm

**WHERE:** Observatory North Park, 2891 University Avenue, North Park. [observatorysd.com](http://observatorysd.com)

## Saturday | 26

### NORTH PARK BOOK FAIR

This year's fair features the usual local bookstores, comic book stores, vendor booths, and small presses, plus children's author María Dolores Águila and illustrator Magdalena Mora reading and signing their book *Barrio Rising: The Protest that Built Chicano Park*. Bonus: three costume contests,



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25: SAN DIEGO ZOMBIE CRAWL

## Sunday | 27

### AUTUMN JUBILEE

Enjoy a day in the mountains with hayrides, cider pressing, a pumpkin patch, a hoedown & jug band show, farm



AUTUMN JUBILEE

animals, a reptile show, candle dipping, crafts, archery, a tomahawk throw, a slingshot range, and a treasure hunt.

**WHEN:** Saturdays, 10 am to 5 pm and Sundays 11 am to 5 pm. Through October 27.

**WHERE:** Fort Cross Old Timey Adventures, 4425 Highway 78, Julian. [fortcross.com/autumn-jubilee](http://fortcross.com/autumn-jubilee)

French author Gaston Leroux. Lon Chaney plays the titular character, a talented but deformed virtuoso who haunts the halls of the Paris Opera House as he attempts to make his protégé and love interest, Christine,

into a star. This event is part of San Diego Theatres' Silent Movie Mondays series, which features famous silent films accompanied by the Balboa Theatre's historic theatre organ, played live by acclaimed organists.

**WHEN:** Monday, October 28, 7 pm

**WHERE:** Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue, Downtown. [sandiegotheatres.org](http://sandiegotheatres.org)



SILENT MOVIE MONDAYS: THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

## Monday | 28

### SILENT MOVIE MONDAYS: THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

This version of *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925) marked the first adaptation of the 1910 horror novel by



# SHEEP AND GOATS

## I ANSWERED THE CALL

### WAV College Church

**Contact:** 4875 Viewridge Ave., San Diego 510-917-2093 [www.wavcollege.church](http://www.wavcollege.church)

**Membership:** 110

**Pastor:** John Ko

**Age:** 47

**Born:** Olney, MD

**Formation:** University of California-Berkeley; Biola University, La Mirada

**Years in Full-time Ministry:** 7

**San Diego Reader:** *What is your favorite subject on which to preach?*

**Pastor John Ko:** Time is short. Luke 12 tells the parable about the rich fool. It's a message I preach to many college students, since that's the focus of our ministry. The parable is about a man who hits it big, as if he played all the

stock markets right, got the best job and was so successful in life. But the one thing he didn't realize is that he had a short amount of time.

Instead of thinking about the afterlife or God, he only thought about himself. It's a reminder that we only have a short amount of time on earth and we should invest the time we have properly. This subject is particularly important for students, because college is the most formational time for a person to make decisions about their belief in God, their purpose, who they are and what their life is about.

**SDR:** *What is the mission of your church?*

**PK:** WAV stands for With

a Vision. We're part of a larger network called Acts 2 Network. Our vision is to launch lifelong Kingdom workers — those who will work in our church but can also work anywhere else, serving God in some intentional way — from every college we can. We believe in many kinds of ministries, but the college is where all those ministries start. Our network is called Acts 2, because Acts 2:42-47 is a picture of the early church operating as a close community. We want to build that kind of close community, one in which its members love one another and God, and share the gospel with others on college campuses. We have a lot of

members who have graduated from college but decided to stay to help out. They're volunteer staff, and they have day jobs, but they come to campus at night to mentor college students in life, career and spiritual things. We call it bilocal ministry.

**SDR:** *What one book has had the greatest influence on your ministry?*

**PK:** One book I go back to again and again is *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis. He so plainly and elegantly explains chief spiritual principles with practical examples and explanations. His logic is tight and clear, and that resonates with a lot of college students.

**SDR:** *Where do you when you die?*



John Ko

**PK:** The Bible is clear that there is a heaven and a hell, and we'll all face God in judgment. Ultimately, where we go is not based on what we've done, on how good or bad we've been. None of us can meet God's perfect standard, but if we put our trust in Jesus, since he is the one who paid the price for our sins, then he becomes our

righteousness and we can live with God forever. Still, something is required on our part. We have to admit we're sinners, confess our need for Christ, and receive his forgiveness. But that's freely given to every person to choose. If they choose not to accept that gift, they are separated from God, which is called hell — eternal regret, "gnashing of teeth" is how it's described. Hell is a separation from all that is good and lovely. God doesn't punish us for having the wrong answer. Rather, we choose how we want to live, either with him or apart from him.

— Joseph O'Brien

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## ANIMAL FRIENDS

**Paws & Paints: Pet Portrait Night** Celebrate your furry friend through personalized art. No painting experience is required. Friday, October 25, 7pm; \$55. Pure Pawsh, 4045 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

## ART

**4th Annual Arts & Culture Festival** This free event will feature a variety of live performances, including music from band ensembles, singers, dancers, actors and poets. Saturday, October 26, 12pm; free. USD Camino/Founders Patio, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

**Alejandro Morales Riveron: Colorful Resurrection** "Colorful Resurrection" Workshop by: Alejandro Morales Riveron: By bringing a blank skull back to life with color. "colorful resurrection" conjures up vivid images of transformation and rebirth. Friday, October 25, 5pm; free. Centro Cultural de la Raza, 2004 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

**Artist Talk: Kelsey Brookes** Kelsey Brookes, with a presentation of his career, process, recent projects, and 2014 mural One Pointed Attention for Murals of La Jolla. Tuesday, October 29, 6:30pm;

\$5-\$20. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**San Diego Comic Fest** Whether you're an avid fan of comics, science fiction or film, San Diego Comic Fest offers a welcoming environment to explore your interests and meet like minded people. Friday, October 25, 5pm; Saturday, October 26, 9am; Sunday, October 27, 9am; \$30-\$60. Westin Carlsbad Resort & Spa, 5480 Grand Pacific. (CARLSBAD)

**The Distinct Modernism of San Diego** Art History Lecture Series Presented by Dr. Mark Hargreaves Wednesday, October 30, 7:30pm; \$16-\$76. 18 and up. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

## AUTOMOTIVE

**Motorcycles in the Park** Sponsored by Café Moto and the San Diego Antique Motorcycle Club with coffee, prizes, discount museum entry. Bring your motorcycle, prizes considered for motorcycles 35 years and older. Sunday, October 27, 7:30am; free. San Diego Automotive Museum, 2080 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

## BEER

**Pacific Beach Halloween Bar Crawl** Come in costume and party in and out of over 10+ bars and nightclubs with one all-access pass. Friday, October 25, 7pm; \$15. 21 and up. Pacific Beach along Grand and Garnet

**Spook-Easy Bar Crawl** Eat, drink and be scary! Don your costume for a lively night of bar crawling through the resort. Tickets include themed cocktails, appetizers, and experiences at five (5) locations.

Two start times are available: 6pm and 7pm. Saturday, October 26, 6pm; \$65-\$75. 21 and up. Omni La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa del Mar Road. (CARLSBAD)

## BOOK SIGNINGS

**An Evening with Paula Hawkins** Words Alive welcomes author Paula Hawkins, known for *The Girl on the Train*, to discuss her latest novel, *The Blue Hour*. Moderating the discussion will be KPBS's Julia Dixon Evans, a journalist covering San Diego's arts scene. Wednesday, October 30, 4:30pm; \$25-\$230. Julep Cafe, 1735 Hancock St., Suite C. (MISSION HILLS)

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**Craig Whitlock: Fat Leonard** Warwick's presents Craig Whitlock as he discusses and signs his newest book, *Fat Leonard: How One Man Bribeed, Bilked, and Seduced the U.S. Navy*. Monday, October 28, 7:30pm; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**The Serpent & the Fire** The Serpent and the Fire: Poetries of the Americas from Origins to Present is an experiment in omnipoetics that reaches into the deepest origins of the Americas, north and south, to redefine America and its poetries. It breaks out of deeply entrenched models that limit "American" literature to work written in English within the present boundaries of the United States. Thursday, October 24, 7pm; free. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**2-Week New You Transformation** For Single Successful Business Professionals hosted by Holistic Fitness Coach Chris Capistran. RSVP Text 760.250.3490. Wednesday, October 30, 6:30pm; free. 21 and up. Jake's Del Mar Waterfront Grill, 1660 Coast Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Adult Tap Dancing Workshop** Work on the fundamentals of tap dance in the feet and in the body. Tuesdays, 10am; through Tuesday, October 29, \$160. Sunshine Brooks Theatre, 217 N. Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

**Alzheimer's San Diego: Living With Memory Loss** Learn strategies for adapting to daily challenges, enhancing health and well-being, and planning for the future. For individuals living with early-stage memory loss and their care partners. Monday, October 28, 1pm; San Diego Oasis at Rancho Bernardo, 17170 Bernardo Center Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**Beachfront Sound Bath** Join the Zen Soul Balance team for a beachfront Sound Bath and rejuvenating experience. Sundays, 11am; through Sunday, October 27, \$45. Del Mar Beach Hotel, 1702 Coast Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Community Workshop: Learn to be a Memory Worker** Discover the transformative practice of memory work and join us for an engaging, hands-on workshop that will equip you to become a memory worker! Bring along photos, objects, and other meaningful items that tell the story of your family or community, and learn how to delve into your history to help build the future community you envision. Wednesday, October 30, 6pm; free.

San Diego Made Factory, 2031 Commercial Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

**Cooking Class: Make Your Own Sushi** Learn how to create your own fresh sushi rolls like a pro. Saturday, October 26, 1pm; \$59. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

**Dr. Mahshid Michelle Hamidi Open House** Enjoy refreshments & giveaways, meet the doctor and her team, learn about Cold & Flu Prevention awareness from Regal Medical Group, get your free blood pressure checkup, and enter to win the free raffle. Thursday, October 24, 1pm; free. 18 and up. Doc-

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tor's Weight Loss Clinic - Clairemont, 5222 Balboa Avenue #21. (CLAIREMONT)

**Expanded: A Wellness Event** Reconnect with your true self and step into the rest of 2024 with clarity, confidence, and intention. Saturday, October 26, 10am; \$27-\$77. San Diego Made Factory, 2031 Commercial Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

**Halloween Country Line Dance Party** Workshops with resident instructor. Wednesday, October 30, 6pm; \$15-\$20. Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Halloween Decorating Class for Kids** Children ages 5+ will enjoy an engaging and festive 90-minute session, diving into the world of chocolate they'll get to decorate their own spooky treats. All materials and tools are provided, and kids get to take home their custom-designed chocolates to enjoy. Sunday, October 27, 12pm; \$35. Seabreeze Craft Chocolates, 3840 Valley Centre Dr. Suite 604. (CARMEL VALLEY)

**Halloween Decorations in Plain Air** Join Halloween-obsessive Kevin Inman for a pumpkin-spiced painting session in the streets of San Diego. Saturday, October 26, 9am; \$90-\$110. 18 and up. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Halloween Fixit Clinic** Fixit Coaches are ready to help repair your stuff. Bring your Costume for swapping and mending. We have family-friendly activities such as crafting Halloween headbands with upcycled fabric. Saturday, October 26, 10am; free. Georgina Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

**Lunch & Learn: Fall Prevention** Falls are a leading cause of injury, especially among older adults, but with the right knowledge and techniques, many falls can be prevented. Thursday, October 24, 12pm; free-\$15. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

**Macrame Fall Plant Wall Hanging Workshop** Dive into the art of macramé. Friday, October 25, 6pm; \$45. Kensington Brewing Company, 4067 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON)

**Make Your Own Ravioli Cooking Class** Learn the secret of creat-

# OUTDOORS

## Floss silk tree blooms, Waxwings arrive, Black oaks go gold for fall

The **Floss Silk Tree**, a conspicuous "autumn bloomer" here and there around San Diego, has been showing off its pinkish (or purplish) hibiscus-like flowers for at least a month now. The broad, heavy trunks of this South American import, which are studded with fat, cone-shaped spines, makes it easy to identify.

**Cedar Waxwings Are Making Their Way** to Southern California. Arriving as early as September and hanging out through April,



THE CEDAR WAXWING IS NAMED FOR ITS WAX-LIKE WING TIPS.



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THE FLOSS SILK TREE HAS FLOWERS THAT LOOK SIMILAR TO HIBISCUS FLOWERS AND ARE ATTRACTIVE TO POLLINATORS.

they almost look like they are made of porcelain, with their perfectly crafted feathers. Waxy red droplets may dot the ends of their flight feathers, formed by the wax of the small fruits they consume. Keep an ear open for their high-pitched trills as they flock around the highest branches of trees. Balboa Park is a favorite hangout.

The **Tawny Autumnal Hues of the Black Oak Tree** are just beginning to highlight the slopes of San Diego County's higher mountains. Named for the dark coloring of its bark, especially when wet, the black oak is the only deciduous oak native to the county. Often seen in association with pines, firs, cedars, various evergreen oaks, and occasionally chaparral, the black oak lends its true autumn coloring to the Cuyamaca, Laguna, and Palomar mountains.

ing ravioli from scratch. Sunday, October 27, 5pm; \$59. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

**Mama Village** Meditation and sound bowls session for moms presented by Hatch Gatherings & Yoga Jawn. Wednesdays, 9am; through Wednesday, October 30, \$30-\$150. Fox Point Farms, 1150 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**Meditation, Awareness & Awakening** Hosted by Turiya Dhara Saturday, October 26, 10:45am; free-\$20. 18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Meditation: Expanding Consciousness with Sound** Meditation class hosted by Teresa. Thursday, October 24, 6:45pm; free-\$20.

18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Stand Up Comedy Class** Join our six week stand up comedy workshop, and develop a 5 minute set that you can perform at open mics and live shows! Every week will be an interactive workshop that will cover different topics. For more details please email Jesse Egan @jesseegancomedy@gmail.com Saturday, October 26, 12pm; Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**Sugar Skull Paint & Sip** You will be guided step by step by local artists on how to create this cute and colorful image on a 12x6 1/2 canvas. Thursday, October 24, 6pm; \$45. Nova Easy Kombucha, 4845 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

## COMEDY

**4th Friday Comedy** Hosts Gene and Carol with Eddie Willis, Dr Mo, Elwin Warsh and Headliner Chris Clobber. Chris has been seen on ABC, CBS, NBC, A&E, Showtime and Comedy Central as well as numerous commercials. Friday, October 25, 7:30pm; free. Spacebar Cafe, 7454 University Ave., Suite A. (LA MESA)

**A Comedy of Horrors** With Dad Skeleton and Kid Goblin Improv. Thursday, October 24, 8:50pm; Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Adrift: Aquatica 2035** In the future, a mega submarine full of passengers becomes trapped and loses contact with the surface. The characters must come to grips with reality and how to get out. An over-the-top drama played for laughs. Friday, October 25, 8:30pm; \$15-\$30. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

**Brian Posehn** AS SEEN ON: Netflix, HBO, Comedy Central & FX! Thursday, October 24, 8pm; Friday, October 25, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, October 26, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$26. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Cackles for Brunch** Are you ready to cackle and be in stitches? Our ghouls will make you laugh and haunt you with killer comedy sets and Halloween inspired performances! Bring your best costume

and you too will be getting a prize or stage time. Saturday, October 26, 1pm; \$25. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**Comedy Bootcamp** The Armed Service Arts Partnership presents Comedy Bootcamp. The first-ever stand up comedy class exclusively for the veteran and military community. These military veterans have spent six weeks learning the ins and outs of stand-up comedy, and now they're ready to make you laugh your ASAP off. Wednesday, October 30, 7pm; \$20. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**Daytime at Mic Drop** The perfect place for all levels of comedians to work on their clean material. Whether you're a seasoned comedian getting ready for TV, or just want to work on some good clean fun, on down come and get those puns out when the sun's out. Also this is a brunch time event so bring your friends and your appetite to enjoy some of our amazing food. Sunday, October 27, 12:30pm; \$15. 18 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**Deray Davis** Born and raised in Chicago Illinois, DeRay has transformed his rough upbringing, street-mentality and status as a working actor into a live tour that stays fresh and ever changing. Friday, October 25, 8pm; Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Fabulous Sweetie and Tom Hearn & Anna Roisman** - Sun-

day, October 27, 7:30pm; \$20-\$25. 18 and up. House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Hilariously Discharged** Hilariously Discharged is the ultimate stand-up comedy show that brings together the funniest veterans from different branches of the military. Produced by Joshua Higuera, an Army veteran, this show aims to create a community of veterans who can bond over their unique experiences while enjoying some good old-fashioned humor. Friday, October 25, 10pm; \$25. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**Improv Comedy Halloween Spooktacular** North County Improv Squad will give you a night full of high-energy laughs as they perform games, plus a special improvised spooky story. Saturday, October 26, 7:30pm; \$20. Twilight Stage, 219 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

**Justin Willman** Illusionati Tour Saturday, October 26, 8pm; Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway. (TEMECULA)

**Nasser Al-Rayess** Arab-American comedian Nasser Al-Rayess, widely known as @naw\_sir (or "the Shawarma King"), has emerged as an exciting new figure in the comedy world through his comedic prowess and exploration of his Arab-American identity. Sunday, October 27, 6pm; \$31-\$46. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

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**Pretty Funny Women** Created by veteran comedian, Lisa Sundstedt in 1995, Pretty, Funny Women is the longest running all female stand up show in the world. Wednesday, October 30, 8pm; \$28. 21 and up. Comedy Store, 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Sketch Night** Mockingbird's sketch comedy team brings you homegrown laughs in its all-sketch comedy show. Thursday, October 24, 8:30pm; \$15. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

**The Mic @ Mic Drop** Saturdays at 3:00 pm in the Gold Room at Mic Drop Comedy, signups for The Mic begin at 2:30 pm and are drawn bucket style at 3:00 pm. This open mic offers a fantastic opportunity for comedians to test out their material and fine-tune their sets before performing for weekend audiences. Guests are welcome, and we've got chips and salsa, beer, and wine to keep you fueled and refreshed throughout the afternoon. Saturday, October 26, 3pm; \$10. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**Tuesday Night Potluck** Tuesday Night Potluck is the show where anyone can go up and try their hand at stand up comedy. Tuesday, October 29, 7pm; 21 and up. Comedy Store, 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Witches Who Brunch** Hop on your BROOMSTICKS and join us for a BEWITCHING brunch experience! Our comics will have you cackling as you enjoy a spellbinding lip sync battle, and test your witchy knowledge with themed trivia. We encourage you to dress in your most enchanting witch attire for a chance to win a witchy prize! Sunday, October 27, 1pm; \$25-\$225. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

## DANCE

**Ghost Light Masquerade** The Rosin Box Project ballet company invites you to Ghost Light Masquerade, an immersive ballet experience that has become a holiday favorite. In this immersive performance, the audience is not just a spectator but a part of the narrative. Thursday, October 24, 7pm; Friday, October 25, 7:30pm; Saturday, October 26, 7:30pm; Sunday, October 27, 7pm; Tuesday, October 29, 7pm; Wednesday, October 30, 7:30pm; \$60. Soap Factory, 2995 Commercial Street. (GRANT HILL)

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

**Community Halloween Party & Vendor Expo** The entire So CA Life Science Community is invited to attend a Biotech Community Event sponsored by scientific suppliers in the industry along with it being a way for everyone to network in a relaxed evening venue. The event will be a combination

of vendor exhibits, food, beer & wine, and networking. Tuesday, October 29, 4:30pm; free-\$100. Aquilius, 10918 Technology Place. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**Rise and Evolve: A Panel Discussion** Founded by Charlene Lingham, Rise Up Circle is a thriving social community committed to fostering authentic connections and collective growth among women. This inaugural event will feature a panel discussion with influential women from various fields, sharing their journeys, expertise, and insights. Thursday, October 24, 5pm; \$28. 21 and up. Studio Casually, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**South Region Communities Ideas Exchange** Join the South Region Communities Ideas Exchange with guest speaker Derin Horton, a sports journalist and mental health advocate. Monday, October 28, 1pm; National City Library, 1401 National City Boulevard. (NATIONAL CITY)

**Statewide Disparity Study: Department of General Services** The State of California Department of General Services is meeting with businesses regarding this statewide disparity study. All small and diverse businesses are welcome to attend. Tuesday, October 29, 10am; free. 18 and up. War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

## FILM

**Coco: Free Outdoor Movie Screening** The festivities begin with games, family activities, and movie character meet-and-greets, followed by the movie screening at 6:30pm. The event will feature a Mariachi Band, Dia de los Muertos decor with an ofrenda, a festive straw bale and pumpkin display, and special appearances by Coco's beloved characters, Miguel and Héctor. Friday, October 25, 5pm; free. North City, 251 North City Drive. (SAN MARCOS)

## FOOD & DRINK

**Ardbeg Masters of Smoke Tour** The custom-designed Ardbeg Airstream immerses you in a sensory experience where you simultaneously learn and interact with the core smoke profiles that make up Ardbeg whisky. Friday, October 25, 12:30pm; free. 21 and up. Navy Exchange Package, 2260 Callagan Highway. (BARRIO LOGAN)

**La Sala Wine Dinner with Bodegas de Santo Tomas** Baja's oldest winery, Bodegas De Santo Tomás presents a curated menu with four distinctive varietals from the historic winery, offering guests a culinary journey through the flavors of Mexico's most celebrated wine region. The four-course dinner menu was developed by Rumorosa's Executive Chef Marcos Seville. Friday, October 25, 6:30pm; \$95. Rumorosa, 1380 Harbor Island Drive. (HARBOR ISLAND)

**October Whiskey Club Event** October Whiskey Club event with Pinhook Kentucky Straight Bourbon and Whiskey. The price includes a welcome cocktail, 0.5-oz. tastings of four whiskeys (2024 Flagship Bourbon, 2024 Flagship Rye, 2024 Cask Strength Bourbon Five-Year, 2024 Vertical Series Bourbon Nine-Year), and a food menu of wings, steak sliders, and charcuterie. Tuesday, October 29, 6pm; \$65. 21 and up. Whiskey House, 420 3rd Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

## FOR KIDS

**25th Annual Spooktacular** This family friendly Halloween celebration is free and will include costume contests for children and adults with guest judges, carnival games, festive photo station, live music, Super Dentists characters, local vendors, prizes and giveaways. Saturday, October 26, 11am; free. Super Dentists Eastlake, 2226 Otay Lakes Road. (CHULA VISTA)

**Family Fall Festival** From pony rides and a petting zoo to hayrides and games, this event is perfect for families looking to celebrate the season. Whether you're looking for a fun outing or just a way to enjoy the fall atmosphere, the festival promises a day of laughter, memories, and community spirit. Saturday, October 26, 10am; \$10-\$15. La Jolla United Methodist Church, 6063 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

**Halloween Aglow** Halloween Aglow celebrates the wonders and mysteries of the ocean after dark in a fun family-friendly atmosphere. After the sun goes down, the aquarium will transform into a glowing nightscape featuring live music, a costume contest and trick-or-treat stations. Friday, October 25, 6pm; Saturday, October 26, 6pm; \$35-\$40. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

**Harvest Festival** The Friends of La Jolla Elementary present free, fun activities to celebrate the season including pumpkin decorating, trick or treating, music, dancing, crafts, a costume parade, face painting and more. Sunday, October 27, 9am; free. La Jolla Elementary School, 1111 Marine Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Haunted Ghost Town** Ovation Theatre and The Heritage Ranch present their annual haunted town, an immersive, family-friendly experience set among restored historical buildings. Family-friendly "trick-or-treat" tours suitable for young children will be offered from 5 - 6:30pm each night, with spookier tours later into the evening. Fridays, 5pm; Saturdays, 5pm; Sundays, 5pm; through Sunday, October 27, \$16-\$28. San Dieguito Heritage Museum, 450 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**National Charity League Halloween Carnival** Celebrate Halloween with carnival games and a haunted hallway. Kids age 10 and younger are encouraged to come in costume. Saturday, October



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26, 10:30am; free. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**Spooktacular Halloween Toddler Bash** Your toddlers will enjoy a not-too-spooky scavenger hunt, a lively dance party with their favorite tunes, a creative costume contest, Halloween crafts, and more. Costumes are encouraged. Sunday, October 27, 2pm; \$20. Toucan Play, 1750 East Palomar St., Suite 7. (CHULA VISTA)

**The Addams Family** The Addams Family is a comical feast that embraces the kooky elements in every family. Recommended for all ages. ASL-Interpreted performance on Saturday, November 9. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, November 10, \$18-\$20. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1600 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

**Trail Tykes** Created for children 2 to 5 years of age, the free Trail Tykes program includes a read-aloud story, and a craft/activity or a short walk with MTRP Foundation staff and volunteers. Please register @ mtrp.org/trailtykes/ to reserve your space. Sunday, October 27, 10am; Monday, October 28, 10am & Wednesday, October 30, 3:30pm; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Trick-or-Treat on India Street** Little goblins and ghouls of all ages are welcome to dress up in their favorite costumes and enjoy a spook-tacular evening trick-or-treating along India St., picking up goodies from local businesses and neighbors along the way while enjoying Halloween tunes throughout the event. Sunday, October 27, 3pm; free. Piazza della Famiglia, 523 West Date Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

**Trunk-or-Treat** Enjoy a fun, safe, and family-friendly way to dress up and get candy. Instead of going door to door, trick-or-treaters will go trunk-to-trunk of decorated cars, resulting in lots of candy and smiles. Sunday, October 27, 5pm; free. Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church, 2128 Chatsworth Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

## HALLOWEEN

**BOO! By The Bay Halloween Carnival** A free spooktacular celebration with live entertainment, food, games and a costume contest. Saturday, October 26, 12pm; free. Ski Beach, Ingraham Street and Vacation Island Road. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Exploring the Paranormal in San Diego** Paranormal investigators Dave Hanson, Tim Mountain, and Karl Sherlock of Pacific Paranormal Investigations will lead a discussion about ghosts and paranormal activity in San Diego including the city's most scary haunts. Monday, October 28, 6:30pm; free. 18 and up. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

## LECTURES

**Cities & Cultural Production in the Developing World** Dr. Kiran Shinde will offer insights on public spaces and public art in Pune – a bustling metro in India, to illustrate how artists, designers, architects and built-environment professionals can contribute to the production of visual culture in a city. Monday, October 28, 6pm; free-\$5. CSU San Marcos, 333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

**Nature As Neighbor: Expanding Our Sense of Sacred Community** San Diego School of Christian Studies presents Professor Peter Bolland, Philosophy and Humanities Department Chair at Southwestern College. Saturday, October 26, 9:30am; \$10. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

## NATURE

**Birding Basics Class.** Join MTRP Trail Guide and experienced birder Winona Sollock for an educational bird identification class. Increase your enjoyment of Nature by learning 5 simple techniques to identify birds at a glance. You will also learn how to use a field guide, so bring one along if you have it. Classes meet at the Visitor Center in Classroom A. The class is free and open to the public. However, seating is limited to the first 15 people. Saturday, October 26, 1pm; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Nature Walk** Kumeyaay Lake Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk. Walks are free and open to the public, with no camping or reservations required. Learn about the lush riparian habitat of the Kumeyaay Lake shoreline, home to many birds, animals, and unique plants. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Walks are canceled if raining. Walks start from the Kumeyaay Lake Campground Entry Station. Saturday, October 26, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTÉE)

**Weekly Guided Nature Walks** Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park. Be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Cooler temperatures make for a great experience. Walks are canceled if raining. Wednesday, October 30, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**11th Annual Encinitas Día de los Muertos** The festival is geared toward families offering great per-



**The Fall:** See it before it falls off the cinematic radar again!

formances by Mariachi bands and exciting Ballet Folklórico groups on stage. Plus, art-making workshops, artist demonstrations, a Day of the Dead art exhibit by local students, food trucks and a low-rider car show! Sunday, October 27, 12pm; free. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

**Carpport Sale** Dozens of families selling furniture, toys, clothing, tools, misc. Saturday, October 26, 8am; free. Linda Vista Village, 2750 Wheatstone Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**Day of the Dead Celebration & Fun Events** Day of the Dead Commemoration and celebration with free fun events and food for the entire family. A memorial event will be followed by a picnic, including tacos, a bounce house, and music. Sunset celebration from 6:00pm to 8:30pm with a mariachi band, Mexican punch, pan de muerto, and coffee. Sunday, October 27, 9:30am; free. First Presbyterian Church of El Cajon, 500 Farragut Circle. (EL CAJON)

**Filipino Heritage Festival** Celebrate Filipino Heritage with cultural performances, crafts, and more. Sunday, October 27, 2pm; free. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**Fleet After Dark** This is your night to experience the Fleet with an evening just for the 18+ crowd. Get ready for a spooktacular October Halloween date at Fleet After Dark! We'll have a live DJ, so be sure to wear your Halloween costume and dance the night away while checking out our interactive exhibits. Thursday, October 24, 6pm; \$19-\$24. 18 and up. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Free Vaccine Clinic** The expected vaccines are: Flu, COVID, Hep-A, and Hep-B. The following pediatric vaccines (18 years or younger) will also be available: Tdap, Dtap, and PCV-20. Sunday, October 27, 10am; free. Richardson Hall, 551 Farragut Circle. (EL CAJON)

**Haunted Trail of Balboa Park** Located in Balboa Park and featuring TWO haunts, The Haunted Trail is a stroll through the park you will never forget. The eXperiment Maze will have you screaming your way through 3500 square feet

of Horror only to be sent through the mile long Trail next. Watch your back as you make your way through the twisted grove of pines and gnarled oaks, terror is lurking in the dark! Parking is FREE in Balboa Park. Thursday, October 24, 7pm and 11pm; Friday, October 25, 6:30pm and 11pm; Saturday, October 26, 6:30pm and 11pm; Sunday, October 27, 6:30pm and 11pm; Monday, October 28, 7pm and 10:30pm; Tuesday, October 29, 7pm and 10:30pm; Wednesday, October 30, 7pm and 11pm; \$32-\$47. Balboa Drive & Juniper, Balboa Park

**Heartland Coin Club Show** Immerse yourselves in the world of coin collecting. Saturday, October 26, 10am; free-\$3. Guardian Angels Church, 9310 Dalehurst Road. (SANTÉE)

**Wheel of Fortune Live** One of the greatest game shows of all time has been adapted into a stage show to give more fans access and more chances to win at "Wheel of Fortune LIVE!" Guests are randomly selected to go on stage and feel like they stepped into the game show itself. Have the chance to spin a full-sized replica of the iconic Wheel. Contestants are selected from the audience to go on stage for the chance to call consonants, buy vowels, and maybe even solve puzzles to win fantastic prizes. Thursday, October 24, 8pm; Sycuan Casino Resort, 5469 Casino Way. (EL CAJON)

**Yes Dating App Event** The event will feature a cocktail-filled happy hour and Starbucks gift cards. Friday, October 25, 9pm; free. 21 and up. Lionfish, 435 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

## SPOKEN WORD

**Haunted Julian: Stories from the Shadow of the Mountain** This concert is the culminating event of the Haunted Julian workshop series, and will feature original ghost stories crafted by workshop participants from Julian and the East County, as well as spooky tales told by the Storytellers of San Diego. Tuesday, October 29, 5pm; free. Julian Library, 1850 Highway 78. (JULIAN)

## SPORTS & FITNESS

**International Indoor Soccer** This exciting showdown between Team USA and Mexico has become an annual tradition, celebrated around the globe. This matchup is the first to be played at the newly built Frontwave Arena. Sunday, October 27, 6pm; Frontwave Arena, 3475 Hero Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**SDSU vs Washington State** Homecoming Saturday, October 26, 7:30pm; Snapdragon Stadium, 2101 Stadium Way. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Twosdays** \$2 off Specialty Cocktails, \$2 off Drafts, and \$2 off Shoes. Walk-in bowling lanes are \$20 per hour. Tuesdays, 3pm; through Wednesday, October 30, free. East Village Tavern and Bowl, 930 Market Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

## THEATER LISTINGS

*Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.*

**The Addams Family** The Addams Family is a comical feast that embraces the kooky elements in every family. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family– a man her parents have never met. If that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before– keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a "very normal" dinner for Wednesday's "very normal" boyfriend and his parents. Recommended for all ages. ASL-Interpreted performance on Saturday,

November 9. CASA DEL PRADO THEATRE, 1600 VILLAGE PL., BALBOA PARK. 7PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS.

### Dinner Detective Comedy Mystery Dinner Show

Solve a hilarious mystery while you feast on dinner. The culprit is hiding in plain sight somewhere in the room, and you may find yourself as a Prime Suspect before you know it. Each ticket includes mystery dinner theatre show, a full plated dinner, waitstaff gratuity, and surprises during the show. COURTYARD SAN DIEGO DOWNTOWN, 530 BROADWAY, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-446-3000. 6PM SATURDAY.

### Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Set against the backdrop of the 1970s, Katie Forrette's comedy unfolds within the confines of a working-class home. The quirky O'Shea clan navigates the tumultuous and sometimes awkward realities of this rapidly changing decade. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### Midnight at the Never Get

It's 1965 in Greenwich Village. In an illegal backroom cabaret called The Never Get, lovers Trevor and Arthur perform an act that unabashedly celebrates gay romance for like-minded audiences. As they croon their way toward the end of a revolutionary decade, facing the conflicting promises of professional success and personal liberation—will their relationship survive? Featuring a score inspired by the Great American Songbook. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-728-7820. 7PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### The Rocky Horror Show

The most extraordinary thing about Cygnet's production of Richard O'Brien's sex-soaked sci-fi sendup *The Rocky Horror Show* is its casting of the huge and handsome Nathan Madden as the sweet transvestite from Transsexual, Transylvania, Dr. Frank 'n Furter. Frank has been "making a man with blond hair and a tan" up in his lab, the sort of fellow who doesn't need dynamic tension to look good in a Speedo. But while it's true that Josh Bradford's Rocky is a marvel of definition, the good (bad) doctor dwarfs and outshines him — especially in heels and drag makeup. It's a bold move, one that works as well as it does mostly due to Madden's manner: how can someone so substantial seem so...mercurial? But it lends a more sinister cast to the act of Rocky's creation: this is not the work of a tortured little alien from an androgynous



planet who is seeking to create a masculine ideal, a god whom he might worship even as it serves him. No, this is a pretty plaything made for a monster of control — much prettier than the previous one, who gets carved up with a chainsaw when he breaks out of cold storage. And that brings me to the *second* most extraordinary thing about the show: for all its famed on-stage naughtiness (the raciest bits are done in silhouette), it's wildly straight about its morality. Rock and roll really does lead to sexual excess and ultimate destruction (poor Eddie). Alien dudes who dress in women's clothing really are out to corrupt and destroy decent Americans (poor Brad and Janet). Using surgery to pursue perfection really does lead to a crisis of identity (poor Rocky). And you really can't get by with the living-my-truth mantra of "Don't dream it, be it" (poor Frank). But at least you can have campy comedy, catchy tunes and a killer floor show! Oh, and also the cheerful incorporation of the audience responses — though not the props — created for the musical's film version. There are no telephones in castles!

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

### Spooky Shakespeare

Join San Diego Shakespeare Society actors as they share Halloween-inspired performances combining art and spooky selections from William Shakespeare's works.

SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART, 1450 EL PRADO, BALBOA PARK. 619-232-7931. 1PM SATURDAY.

### Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street

he infamous Sweeney Todd, an unjustly exiled barber, returns to nineteenth century London, seeking vengeance against the lecherous judge who framed him and ravaged his young wife. The road to revenge leads Todd to Mrs. Lovett, a resourceful proprietress of a failing pie shop, above which he opens a new barber practice. Mrs. Lovett's luck sharply shifts when Todd's lust for blood inspires the integration of a secret ingredient into her meat pies that has the people of London lining up. And the carnage has only just begun. Directed by Leah Osterman

CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

### The Thanksgiving Play

Four (very) well-intentioned theatre people walk into an elementary school. The work at hand: a Thanksgiving pageant that won't ruffle any feathers. What could possibly go wrong?

NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 1AM SATURDAYS.

## MOVIES

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

**The Fall** — The second film by the one-name Tarsem (unused surname, Singh) differs by two letters from his first film, *The Cell*. It differs by little in other ways as well, a gagging phantasmagoria of debased and diluted surrealism. (Suggested title for his next opus: *The Pill*.) The story, a fiction-within-fiction wherein a suicidal stuntman of the silent era whiles away the hours in a hospital ward by spinning an "epic" revenge tale for a broken-armed little girl, has hints of substance and dabs of invention; but the visual style of the "epic," a sort of fashion-shoot fotonovela, is ineluctably eye-glazing. The slow movement of Beethoven's Seventh behind the opening credits, perhaps the most oft-used classical piece in movies, or perhaps second or third to Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and Pachelbel's Canon, bodes ill for originality. With Lee Pace and Catinca Untaru. 2006. — D.S. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**The Substance** — Writer-director Coralie Fargeat's long and lurid cautionary tale — anything so laden with body horror must surely be cautionary, right? — very much wants to have its cheesecake and eat it, too. Which is to say, the film treats the Awful Truth that Showbiz (the people who make it) and the people who consume it) worships youth, and is mildly horrified by aging, while at the same time slaving over that selfsame youth and jabbing that mild horror with a needle full of nightmare juice. The story concerns Elisabeth Sparkle (Demi Moore, who seems to have watched Gloria Swanson in *Sunset Boulevard* and declared, "Hold my beer"), an actress who won

an Oscar in her youth, grew famous enough to rate a star on the Walk of Fame, and then aged gracefully into a gig doing a fitness show on TV. (Paging Miss Fonda?) Now she's turning 50, and surprise, surprise, the network brass wants someone younger. Somehow, our heroine is shocked — she never thought it would happen to her, even though that's been the story since forever. Live by the body, die by the body. But hey now, here's an underground lab that's offering — free of charge, for some reason — a solution: a substance that will allow Sparkle to shine again: seven days as herself, seven days as ingenue Sue (Margaret Qualley, in a turn

that screams "star" much louder than "actress"). She cheerfully sets out to replace herself, but even though both parties are constantly reminded that "You are One," it gets hard for them not to resent each other. The story feels like it's headed somewhere harrowing and haunting, but then it takes a hard left into insane violence. It's not that it doesn't make sense, it's just that it turns a tragedy into a spectacle. All the wince-inducing stuff that came before — the merciless close-ups on aging flesh, the needles plunging into thinning skin, the accelerating moral and physical decay — gets drowned in a sea of arterial spray. (2024) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)



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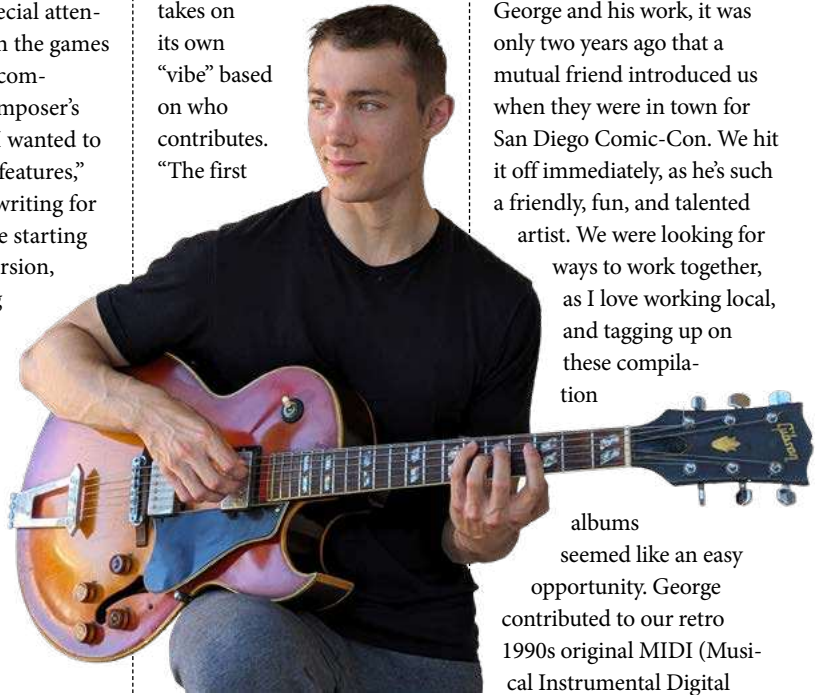
the inside track

**From reviews to records** Scarlet Moon Promotions founder Jayson Napolitano started out as a writer, doing reviews of games to get into industry events. He gave special attention to the music in the games he was reviewing, commenting on the composer's previous credits. "I wanted to do interviews and features," he says. "I started writing for other outlets before starting Original Sound Version, a nerdy music blog that isn't updated anymore, but is still around. I started Scarlet Moon in 2013 to provide PR services to composers, release game music soundtracks, and arrangement albums."

As a lover of game music, Napolitano says that while growing up, he would drive his friends nuts humming the melodies from his favorite games. "It's literally the sound of my childhood, which is why retro game music sounds from the 1980s [Nintendo Entertainment System] and 1990s [Super Nintendo] are things I still seek out. There's a genre of chiptune that includes these retro sounds that were often called upon to provide this sound to game projects. My family thought I'd attempt becoming a game composer myself. I tried to do that, and am a bit of a hobbyist musician myself, but I didn't have the patience for perfecting my sound. Instead, I thought I would go into sound engineering to keep involved in that way. The most rewarding thing about this work is partnering with composers I've been a fan of since childhood and facilitating them creating even more music — while getting to hear it before anybody else."

Just in time for the season

of spooks, Scarlet Moon released the album *Halloween Volume III* on October 1. The Scarlet Moon *Halloween* series began in 2022; Napolitano says each album takes on its own "vibe" based on who contributes. "The first



For Napolitano, video games are "the sound of my childhood."

album was electronic music-heavy. The second was diverse and featured a large number of game arrangements. The third album is probably the most diverse in styles, offering electronic, rock, and orchestral, and features mostly original songs. It's also the most 'San Diego' of the series. I didn't realize it as we were putting it together, since you never know who's going to ultimately submit a track to the album. It wasn't until I had the final masters in hand and started writing up our album copy that it occurred to me how special and San Diego this volume was."

According to Napolitano, the game and game music communities in San Diego aren't very cohesive. "As we all know, San Diego is the eighth biggest city in the country. But it is extremely vast. So, even though a lot of people are making games and game music, there isn't anywhere for everyone to come together

and learn what everyone is working on. In that way, I'm always very excited when I come across an indie game developer based out of San Diego."

The six-song Halloween album includes music from local artists Tim "VECTOR-DRIVE" Sheehy, Vladymir "Rogov," and Coronado based George "The Fat Man" Sanger. Says Napolitano of Sanger, "While I've always known George and his work, it was only two years ago that a mutual friend introduced us when they were in town for San Diego Comic-Con. We hit it off immediately, as he's such a friendly, fun, and talented artist. We were looking for ways to work together, as I love working local, and tagging up on these compilation

albums seemed like an easy opportunity. George contributed to our retro 1990s original MIDI (Musical Instrumental Digital Interface) music album titled *Canvas City* earlier this year, and it was a slam dunk to have him on as our celebrity guest, given that he made a name for himself in games using the Roland Sound Canvas synthesizer throughout the 1990s. His contribution to *Halloween Volume III* is his second collaboration with us, and features his band, Los Coronados."

Sanger's song "The Game" also features keyboardist Adam Holzman, who has performed with many jazz legends, including Miles Davis. In addition, it marked the recording debut of talent from the San Diego Mid-City Community Music group. "He worked them into the album," Napolitano says. "He asked me what I'd think about including them. I support their mission and their artists one hundred percent."

— Jake Peterso

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## MORRICONE YOUTH: NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD

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at San Diego Museum of Art



Former San Diego guitarist Devon Goldberg, aka Devon E. Levins (Creedle, Rust) founded the soundtrack-inspired Morricone Youth in 1999, a year after moving to New York from SD. He's returning to town with his band to perform the live soundtrack to a film screening of *Night Of the Living Dead*, on a bill that includes The Montalban Quintet.

## JAVA JOE BIRTHDAY/HALLOWEEN CONCERT

OCT 26

at Vision: A Center For Spiritual Living



Folk duo Berkley Hart headlines a combination birthday and Halloween concert celebrating the longrunning Java Joe's concert series, which has spanned numerous venues and helped launch the career of Jewel and others. Halloween costumes are encouraged at this musical celebration, with surprises in store for attendees.

## MONSTERS OF HIP-HOP at Frontwave Arena

OCT 26



Jam'n 95.7 presents Bay Area rapper Too Short. The bill includes MC Magic and Baby Bash, as well as Southeast San Diego rapper Jayo Felony, a former member of the Crip gang Rollin 40s Neighborhood who has collaborated with Snoop Dogg, Daz Dillinger, and Kurupt. Also appearing will be Lil Rob, a Mexican-American (Chicano) rapper born and raised in the La Colonia area of Eden Gardens, a Hispanic neighborhood near Solana Beach.

## SINISTER SIPS & SOUNDS: DARK ENTITIES at False Idol

OCT 27



Dark Entities is a new act that features Jason Lee (of the R.I.P.tides) and vibraphonist Marty Lush. Lee has also composed scores for TV networks, including A&E, Discovery, and Spike, with credits on programs such as *Shark Week* and *Duck Dynasty*. The band will preview their upcoming vinyl release, which can be ordered at the event, by performing two separate sets.

## THE BLACK HEART PROCESSION at the Casbah

OCT 28



The Black Heart Procession was co-founded in the late 1990s by Pall Jenkins and Tobias Nathaniel, and became known for ambitious concept albums exploring existential themes. Although its members have gone on to separate projects, they occasionally reunite for short tours and one-off shows such as this one at their former home-base in Little Italy. The bill includes Nanobel and Infinite Infinities.

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Sunday, 7pm — Legacy of Wayne Shorter. \$58-\$93.

### Barefoot Bar and Grill:

Friday, 6pm — Christian Taylor.

### Beach House Grill:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Hayden James.

Sunday, 7:30pm — Kyle Watson, Sam Divine, Muto.

### Bellamy's Restaurant:

Saturday, 6pm — Gabriele D'Agreio.

### Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Lupe Fiasco. \$49-\$87.

Friday, 7:30pm — Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Billy Nation: Billy Joel Tribute. \$22-\$39.

Sunday, 7:30pm — Stryper. \$35-

\$62.

Monday & Tuesday, 7:30pm — Aimee Mann and Jonathan Coulton. \$145-\$147.  
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Y La Bamba & Kiltro.

### Brick Hotel:

Saturday, 8pm — Red & Ted. Free.

### Brick by Brick:

Friday, 9pm — The Eras Party. \$25.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Damage Inc. and Cowgirls From Hell. \$18-\$20.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Makari, Origami Button, Scro. \$18-\$23.

### California English:

Thursday, 4pm — Jenny & the Tramps.

### Cannonball:

Thursday, 5pm — Kai Kalama.

### Casbah:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Clem Snide. \$25.

Friday, 7:30pm — Kontravoid and Body of Light. \$25.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Nuovo Testamento and Geneva Jacuzzi. \$27.

Monday, 7:30pm — The Black Heart Procession. \$25.

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### Coronado Library:

Friday, 1pm — Autumn Concert Series: Adrienne Nims. Free.

### Duck Foot Brewing Company:

Sunday, 1pm — Sunday Bluegrass Jam. Free.

### Duke's La Jolla:

Sunday, 4pm — Keni Yarbro. Tuesday, 4pm — Kekoa.

### Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:

Friday, 6pm — Johnny Martin. Saturday, 6pm — Tyler F. Simmons.

### Eve:

Saturday, 5:30pm — Voices of Our City Choir: Music Brings Us Home. \$100-\$250.

### F6ix Niteclub:

Saturday, 9pm — Haunted Hospital. Free.

### False Idol:

Sunday, 5pm & 7:30pm — Sinister Sips & Sounds: Dark Entities. \$30.

### Farmer & the Seahorse:

Saturday, 11am — Alex Elisabeth. Sunday, 11am — Gabriele D'Agreio.

### Frontwave Arena:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Monsters of Hip-Hop.

### Guggenheim Theatre:

Saturday, 7pm — Vadim Koplakov & Nicolas Adams: Roma Duo. \$25-\$35.

### Harrah's Resort Southern California:

Saturday, 7pm — Dear Heart.

### House of Blues:

Thursday, 7:30pm — DB.Boutabag, Lou Deezi, K. Flex. \$25-\$75.

Saturday, 9pm — Levels House Party.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Rocket From The Crypt. \$36-\$85.

Sunday, 7:30pm — Yngwie Malmsteen.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Sleepy Hollow & Sheff G. \$67-\$77.

### Humphreys by the Bay:

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Croce Plays Croce.

### Jacumba Hot Springs Hotel:

Saturday, 7pm — Graveyard Boogie and Josh Jove. \$30-\$45.

### L'Auberge Del Mar:

Thursday, 5pm — David Shyde. Friday, 7pm — Jemille Violet.

Saturday, 7pm — Helena Holleran.

Sunday, 11am — Rachel Jay. Tuesday, 5pm — Ben Benavente.

### La Jolla Community Center:

Friday, 8pm — Fourth Friday Jazz Series. \$25-\$30.

### La Valencia Hotel:

Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro. Saturday, 6pm — Rachel Jay.

Saturday, 11am — Tyler F. Simmons.

Sunday, 11am — David Shyde.

### Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows:

Saturday, 7:30pm — The Hot 8 Brass Band.

### Loft:

Wednesday, 8:30pm — Kassa Overall. Free.



# THE GONZO REPORT

## Unswayed by the sway

Jam band fans turn out for Goose at SDSU

Goose had been kicking around for five years by the time they played the jam-band heavy 2019 Peach Music Festival in Scranton, Pennsylvania. But that was the performance that paved the way for them to land on the bill at Dead & Company's 2020 *Playing in the Sand* event in Mexico. Their next tour was cancelled due to Covid, but since 2021, they have been playing sizable venues — such as our very own Cal Coast Credit Union Open Air Theatre, a venue with a storied concert history. That gig was in April 2023. I caught them at the same venue for their second go-around a year and change later.

About 15 minutes before showtime, I mistakenly plopped down in the correct row and seat — but the wrong section. I chatted for a bit with the guys next to me, who were

obviously big Goose fans. They informed me that singer/guitarist Rick Mitarotonda, and specifically his lead playing, was the beating heart of the band. This would prove to be correct. After becoming the subject of some upper-class ribbing due to my superior seating, I bid farewell to my friends in the nose-bleeds with a sarcastic “So long peasants!” that

got some laughs. I then headed down to hang with the aristocrats closer to the stage. Once I landed in my actual seat, I took note that the theatre was very close to, if not completely, sold out. I will always give it up for jam band fans; they roll out to see the acts they love in force. I don't think there's a fanbase out there that is more dedicated to the live music experience.

As for myself, jam bands have always been an egg I've yet to truly crack...and it's not for lack of trying. I have seen many, many jam bands over the years. I have also been cornered by numerous randoms at bars and parties who then spent way too much of their time and mine trying to convince me that their favorite jam band was the greatest group on Earth and that I just had to “REALLY listen to them,” at which point I



Goose: a lot of jam in that verse-chorus-verse sandwich.

would “see the light.” This assurance was usually followed by anywhere from 10 to 90 minutes of recruitment propaganda.

What caught my attention with Goose was that they've been portrayed by the press as being a jam band with a bit of an indie rock vibe. I figured that could be an interesting mix, but what sort of squashed it for me once they hit the stage — and I should have known this was coming — was that Goose is, first and foremost, a jam band. And the lengthy, expansive jams that jam band fans absolutely live for are the same long, drawn-out jams that make me appreciate Elliot Easton solos on Cars albums. So, even if the verse-and-chorus appetizer sections of Goose songs may share musical DNA with a band such as Wilco, the far-longer jam portions

are without a doubt the main course.

Still, once those jams kick in, watching thousands of fans lock into the music and dance in a hypnotic fashion is truly amazing. Hypnotic, even. Whenever I witness this live, I feel excluded, sadly incapable of being entranced by a magic spell that delivers pure euphoria. And when you throw in an epic light show like the one Goose served up, a person can become downright infuriated by the brain's failure to link up with everybody else's. I found myself envying the woman in front of me who was dancing furiously and waving her Japanese folding hand fan while losing her marbles to the music.

So, I was present at this show, but I wasn't present on the same wavelength as the majority of those in attendance. The tell that I was a square: I revealed to the couple sitting next to me in the aristocrats' section that I generally preferred the Grateful Dead's studio albums, especially *American Beauty*, to their live recordings. I could see their faces fall and feel their hearts sink as I told them this, as they had just revealed to me that they were huge Deadheads who still traveled to see Dead & Company concerts.

By the time Goose started their second set, that couple's seats were empty — and they stayed that way. I hoped that they had simply found better seats, and that they hadn't been scared off by my utterance of such nonsensical opinions whilst in the midst of so many true believers. ■

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**Mesa College:**  
Monday, 7pm — Music Dept. Showcase. Free.

**Metl Bar & Restaurant:**  
Thursday, 8pm — SHORTS88. Free.  
Saturday, 8pm — DJ Yellow Light. Free.

**MiraCosta College:**  
Thursday, 7:30pm — Frequency Sneak Peek. \$8-\$10.

**Mission Bay Resort:**  
Thursday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro.  
Friday, 6pm — Joanna Gerolaga.  
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Wednesday, 6pm — Christian Taylor.

**Moonshine Beach:**  
Friday, 8pm — Raelynn.

**Mt. Carmel High School:**  
Saturday, 8:30am — Tournament of Bands. \$12-\$25.

**Museum of Making Music:**  
Monday, 7pm — Cynthia Sayer Trio. \$35-\$40.

**Music Box:**  
Thursday, 7:30pm — DJ Quik. \$35.

Friday, 7:30pm — Melt and Maris. \$25-\$30.  
Saturday, 7:30pm — The Emo Night Tour. \$31-\$156.  
Sunday, 7:30pm — Matthew Phillips, Lioneer, Silver Bullet. \$12.

**Nick & G's:**  
Friday, 6pm — Matt Heinecke.

**Normal Heights United Methodist Church:**  
Friday, 6:30pm — Songwriter Sanctuary: MC Edition. Free.

**Observatory North Park:**  
Thursday, 7:30pm — Bristol Maroney and Annie DiRusso.  
Friday, 7:30pm — The Crane Wives.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Wale.  
Sunday, 7:30pm — Slenderbodies.  
Monday, 7pm — Aleks Syntek.  
Wednesday, 7pm — Cortex.

**Open Air Theatre:**  
Friday, 7:30pm — Parker McCollum.  
Saturday, 6:30pm — Orville Peck and Nikki Lane.

**Panama 66:**  
Thursday, 5pm — Uptown Rhythm Makers. Free.

**Parq Restaurant:**  
Saturday, 8pm — Dani Flow.

**Pechanga Arena San Diego:**  
Friday, 7:30pm — Marc Anthony.

**Pechanga Resort & Casino:**  
Friday, 8pm — Oingo Boingo Former Members.

**Petco Park:**  
Thursday, 7:30pm — Kaytranada and Channel Tres.  
Sunday, 7:30pm — Mägo de Oz.

**Quartyard:**  
Thursday, 6pm — Michigander and Cece Coakley. \$18.

**Rady Shell at Jacobs Park:**  
Saturday, 7:30pm — Mariachi Los Camperos.

**San Dieguito United Methodist Church:**  
Saturday, 2:30pm — North Coast Symphony: Suite Dreams. \$18-\$15.

**Senses Human Bistro:**  
Tuesday, 7pm — Doug Walker Quintet. \$12.

**Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina:**  
Sunday, 3:30pm — Sea Sessions: Rick Brantley. \$165-\$185.

**Soda Bar:**  
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## A new standard for choral masterpieces

It was with a sense of anticipation that I arrived at the Jacobs Music Center on Friday, October 4. Gustav Mahler's *Symphony No. 2* was my favorite piece of music once upon a time, but I had never heard it performed in person. In addition, I was amped up to hear the San Diego Symphony Festival Chorus sing at the conclusion of this masterpiece. To my knowledge, this was the first professionally auditioned chorus that the San Diego Symphony Orchestra has presented with at a Masterworks Concert.

Before the Mahler, there was Thomas Larcher and his composition *Time*. Modern music and all of its elements continue to exist on a plane beyond my comprehension. Perhaps it makes sense on the astral plane, but in the here and now, I continue to be perplexed.

The piece is an exploration of time, but I didn't get how it accomplished that. However, about a third of the way through, there was some rather lovely music that developed in a way I could understand. During the intermission, I eavesdropped on some of the conversations

around me. For the most part, my neighbors didn't get it, either.

I think the inclusion of this piece was unnecessary. With the addition of an intermission, the evening stretched to almost two and a half hours. Mahler's Second could have been presented effectively as the only piece on the concert.

Some 30 years ago, I was all about Mahler's Second. I proselytized friends and family. I made my dad listen to the entire thing, at volume 11, in the confines of my cramped dorm room. I tracked down composition majors and forced them

to listen to the conclusion, also at volume 11. I had the thing memorized from start to finish. But it was never scheduled in San Diego. I finally had my chance to hear it performed, and it did not disappoint.

In the past, this piece was all about the outer movements. The inner three movements were side dishes of boiled vegetables that Mahler forced me to eat before giving me the flaming entre at the conclusion. But on this night, the inner movements delighted my aging soul. The second movement was a welcome respite after



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The final six minutes were as glorious as any I've experienced in San Diego.

the tortured sufferings of the first. The third movement was all rambunctious fun, while the fourth movement was a calm and deep reflecting pool.

Contralto Anna Larsson floated onstage near the conclusion of the third movement to sing to the "Urlicht" text of the fourth movement. Ms. Larsson's comportment and bearing were regal, and her singing followed suit.

The final six minutes of the performance were as glorious as any I've ever experienced

in San Diego. The chorus was spectacular. The sound was full yet balanced. There was both a height and depth to the tone of the singing, something that all great choruses have. I found my eyes getting a bit moist as they opened it up and matched the sonic outpouring of the orchestra in the concluding bars of the piece.

This performance set a new standard of excellence for choral masterpieces at The San Diego Symphony Orchestra.

## Classical Music this week

**Bach Collegium San Diego** performs Bach cantata arias with Tenor Nicholas Phan, alongside the music of Bach contemporary Christoph Graupner. Saturday, October 26, 7pm; \$30-\$60. Saints Constantine and Helen Greek

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The Greater San Diego Chamber Orchestra, directed by Dr. Angela Yeung and joined by soprano Emily Ortlieb, presents a concert honoring

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# Peruvian pleasures

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## Mama G brings saucy Peruvian flavors—and geography—to Mission Valley

Mama G's Kitchen & Sauces, 407 Camino del Rio S., San Diego. There was a Peruvian flag planted in the middle of my pasta, which had been tossed with large pieces of red onion, tomato, and sirloin. And just like that, I could reliably identify the flag of Peru. Few things teach geography better than steak.

I had to learn about Mama G's Kitchen & Sauces online. I would never have driven past it on my way anywhere, because it's in a little dead-end corner of Mission Valley, cut off by the 163 and 8 freeways and the busy corresponding onramps. Fortunately, I found this Peruvian restaurant to be worth the couple of curse words it took me to get there, and not only for the soy sauce and peppery steak in my fettucini. That would be the *tallarín saltado*, a pastafied version of the classic Peruvian stir fry, *lomo saltado*. Both are served here for \$17 (the *lomo* features french fries instead of noodles).

As much as I enjoy french fries, I had my eyes on Mama G's yucca fries. They were thick, and crispy on the outside — perfect examples of the french fry alternative. You could even get them

loaded (*a la carne asada* fries), likely a holdover from Mama G's time as a farmers market vendor. Just like the *soltado* dishes, loaded fries were served with a choice of sirloin, chicken, or portobello mushroom (\$16).

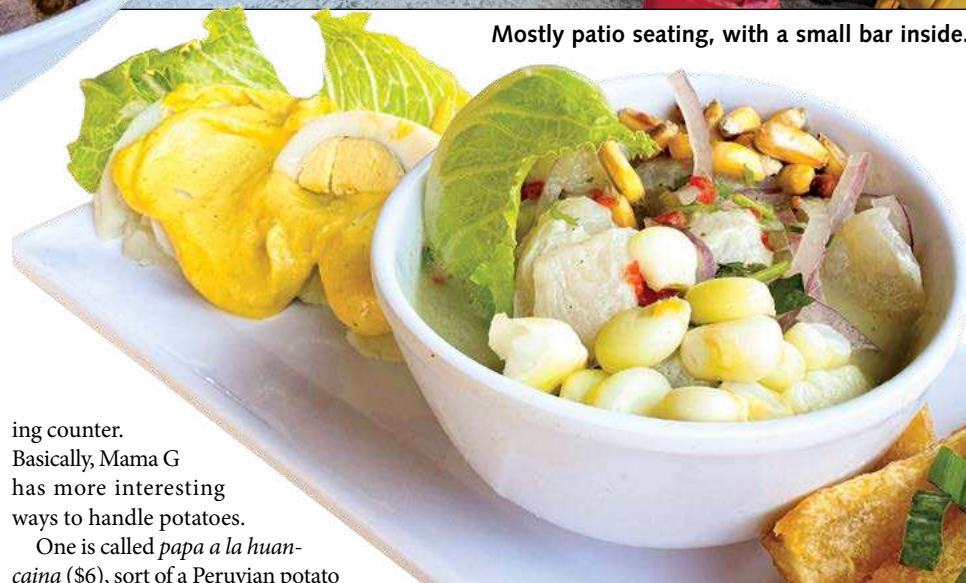


Tallarín saltado: fettucini topped with soy sauce and sirloin steak stir fry.

I tried my yucca fries as part of Mama G's Peruvian sampler (\$19). Now, if it strikes you ironic that a sampler representing Peru, where potatoes originally came from, would feature yucca fries, be assured that this sampler offers an convinc-



Mostly patio seating, with a small bar inside.



Papa a la huancaína (left) and fish (swap) ceviche, part of the Peruvian Sampler.

ing counter.

Basically, Mama G has more interesting ways to handle potatoes.

One is called *papa a la huancaína* (\$6), sort of a Peruvian potato salad, with slices of boiled potato, hard-boiled egg, and lettuce smothered in a cheesy sauce mildly spiced with Peru's beloved aji (pronounced ah-hee) chili pepper.

A more interesting dish is called *causa rellena* (\$10). This is a pressed cake of cold, lime-flavored mashed potatoes, stuffed with a layer of either chicken or tuna salad. (My photo shows a smaller portion, or *causita*—served with the sampler) Unusual as it sounds. I enjoyed this more than the other star of the Peruvian sampler, a *swai* ceviche, dressed with hominy and corn nuts.

Most of the sampler provided an opportunity to explore the "sauces" side of Mama G's Kitchen & Sauces. Look in a cooler in the shop's small dining room, and you'll see bottles for sale of four variations of a spicy, mayonnaise-based sauce that are marketed online and around Southern California as Mama G's Special Sauce (<https://www.mamags-specialsauce.com>). Spiced with jalapeños, aji peppers, or another chili native to Peru, the spicier rocoto pepper.

Mama G herself is Gloria Tietjen, who on a video posted to Instagram says she started making these sauces when she moved to San Diego 25 years ago because they're one of the flavors she missed most while living far away from her native Lima. Which kind of makes me want to check out Lima, and also glad I only need to brave the fringes of Mission Valley to experience them.

-Ian Anderson

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Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**a. Event Wave Productions**

Located at: **10746 Kenney St Unit 303, Santee, CA 92071, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 1427 29th Street, San Diego, CA 92102

Registered Owners Name(s):  
**Sound Surgeon LLC**

This business is conducted by:  
**A Limited Liability Company. The first day of business was 11/01/1997.**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (1,000).)

Registrant Name /s/  
**Geof Gibson, Member**  
Corporation/LLC Name  
**Sound Surgeon LLC**  
10/24/24, 10/31/24,  
11/7/24, 11/14/24

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.:  
2024-9019674

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego:  
09/30/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**a. All Star Aerial Imagery**

Located at: **2236 Lone Oak Lane, Vista, CA 92084, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 235 Vista Village Dr. #1029, Vista, CA 92083

Registered Owners Name(s):  
**Robin Ann Nicholson**

This business is conducted by:  
**An Individual. The first day of business was 09/30/2024.**

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Registrant Name /s/  
**Robin Ann Nicholson**  
10/10/24, 10/17/24,  
10/24/24, 10/31/2024

## SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER (Numero del Caso): 37-2022-00047223-CU-PO-CTL

The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es):  
San Diego County Superior Court, 330 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

VILLA CHARDONNAY-HORSES WITH WINGS; MONIKA KEBER; MERCEDES FLORES; and DOES 1-100, Inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

(LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

BRUNO SOTO GONZALEZ, an individual

**NOTICE!** You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below,

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

*¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.*

*Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, puede pedirle al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de extension de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.*

*Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision de abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar esos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.*

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado de/ demandante, o def demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Christopher B. Adamson, Esq., 1150 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035. 310 888.0024.

Date (fecha): 11/23/2022, Clerk (Secretario), by B. Ramirez, Deputy (Adjunto)

## STATEMENT OF DAMAGES (PERSONAL INJURY OR WRONGFUL DEATH) CASE NUMBER: 37-2022-00047223-CU-PO-CTL

To (name of one defendant only): Mercedes Flores

Plaintiff (name of one plaintiff only): Bruno Soto Gonzalez

seeks damages in the above-entitled action, as follows:

### 1. General damages

- Pain, suffering, and inconvenience \$200,000.00
- Emotional distress \$100,000.00

### 2. Special damages

- Medical expenses (to date) \$46,471.68
- Future medical expenses (present value) \$200,000.00

Date: 05/28/2024

Charles R. Windon, Esq., Attorney for Bruno Soto Gonzalez

PUBLISHED: 10/24/24, 10/31/24, 11/7/24, 11/14/24



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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9018331

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Fictitious Business Name(s): a. **Sly Media** b. **Sly Media Management** c. **Sly Media Group**

Located at: **1666 Chatham Pl, Brentwood, CA 94513, Contra Costa County**

Mailing Address: 1666 Chatham Pl, Brentwood, CA 94513

Registered Owners Name(s): **Sylvester Starr Littlejohn III**

This business is conducted by: **An Individual. The first day of business was 09/01/2024.**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (1,000).)

Registrant Name /s/ **Sylvester Starr Littlejohn III** 10/10/24, 10/17/24, 10/24/24, 10/31/2024

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9019134

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 09/20/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. **Rancho Hills Apartments** Located at: **856 Heatherwood Lane, Vista, CA 92081, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 11726 San Vincent Blvd Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90049

Registered Owners Name(s): **Gelt Shadowridge Fee Owner LLC**

This business is conducted by: **A Limited Liability Company. The first day of business was 07/11/2024.**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (1,000).)

Registrant Name /s/ **Terrence Brennan** Corporation/LLC Name **Gelt Shadowridge Fee Owner LLC** 10/10/24, 10/17/24, 10/24/24, 10/31/24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9019742

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 10/01/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. **Westminster Presbyterian Preschool** b. **Westminster Preschool** c. **Westminster Church** d. **Westminster Vanguard** e. **Westminster Vanguard Theater** f. **Westminster Park** g. **WPC** h. **WPC** i. **WPP**

Located at: **3598 Talbot St, San Diego, CA 92106, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 3598 Talbot St, San Diego, CA 92106

Registered Owners Name(s): **Westminster Presbyterian Church, San Diego**

This business is conducted by: **A Corporation. The first day of business was N/A.**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (1,000).)

Registrant Name /s/ **Paula C. Hodgkiss** Corporation/LLC Name **Westminster Presbyterian Church, San Diego** 10/10/24, 10/17/24, 10/24/24, 10/31/24



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### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE-CHANGE OF NAME Case No.: 24CU017770C SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF San Diego 330 W. BROADWAY, San Diego 92101

Petition Of: **Tara Marie Graviss** FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all Interested Persons: Petitioner: **Tara Marie Graviss** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. **Tara Marie Graviss to Tara Amisha Blanca**

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: **12/09/2024**

Time: **8:30 am**, Dept: **C-61**

The address of the court is the same as noted above.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: **San Diego Reader**

**NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE ABOVE DATE, SEE ATTACHMENT.**

Dated: **10/18/2024** **Maureen F. Hallahan** Judge of the Superior Court.

ATTACHMENT TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME (JC FORM #NC-120). NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE. The court will review the documents filed as of the date specified on the Order to Show Cause for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-120). If all requirements for a name change have been met as of the date specified, and no timely written objection has been received (required at least two court days before the date specified), the Petition for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-100) will be granted without a hearing. One copy of the Order Granting the Petition will be mailed to the petitioner. To change a name on a legal document, including a birth certificate, social security card, driver license, passport, and other identification, a certified copy of Decree Changing Name (JC Form #NC-130) or Decree Changing Name and Order Recognizing Change of Gender and for Issuance of New Birth Certificate (JC Form #NC-230) may be required. Contact the agency(ies) who issues the legal document that needs to be changed, to determine if a certified copy is required. A certified copy of Decree Changing Name (JC Form #NC-130) or Decree Changing Name and Order Recognizing Change of Gender and for Issuance of New Birth Certificate (JC Form #NC-230) may be obtained from the Civil Business Office for a fee. Petitioners who are seeking a change of name under the Safe at Home program may contact the assigned department for information on obtaining certified copies. If all the requirements have not been met as of the date specified, the court will mail the petitioner a written order with further directions. If a timely objection is filed, the court will set a hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions. A RESPONSE OBJECTING TO THE NAME CHANGE MUST FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION AT LEAST TWO COURT DAYS (excluding weekends and holidays) BEFORE THE DATE SPECIFIED. Do not come to court on the specified date. The court will notify the parties by mail of a future hearing date. Any Petition for the name change of a minor that is signed by only one parent must have this Attachment served along with the Petition and Order to Show Cause, on the other non-signing parent, and proof of service must be filed with the court.

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### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE-CHANGE OF NAME Case No.: 24CU017564C SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF San Diego 330 W. BROADWAY, San Diego 92101

Petition Of: **Damian Ramirez** FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all Interested Persons: Petitioner: **Damian Ramirez** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. **Damian Ramirez to Damian Ramirez Encarnacion**

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: **12/10/2024**

Time: **8:30 am**, Dept: **61**

The address of the court is the same as noted above.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: **San Diego Reader**

**NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE ABOVE DATE, SEE ATTACHMENT.**

Dated: **10/17/2024** **Maureen F. Hallahan** Judge of the Superior Court.

ATTACHMENT TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME (JC FORM #NC-120). NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE. The court will review the documents filed as of the date specified on the Order to Show Cause for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-120). If all requirements for a name change have been met as of the date specified, and no timely written objection has been received (required at least two court days before the date specified), the Petition for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-100) will be granted without a hearing. One copy of the Order Granting the Petition will be mailed to the petitioner. To change a name on a legal document, including a birth certificate, social security card, driver license, passport, and other identification, a certified copy of Decree Changing Name (JC Form #NC-130) or Decree Changing Name and Order Recognizing Change of Gender and for Issuance of New Birth Certificate (JC Form #NC-230) may be required. Contact the agency(ies) who issues the legal document that needs to be changed, to determine if a certified copy is required. A certified copy of Decree Changing Name (JC Form #NC-130) or Decree Changing Name and Order Recognizing Change of Gender and for Issuance of New Birth Certificate (JC Form #NC-230) may be obtained from the Civil Business Office for a fee. Petitioners who are seeking a change of name under the Safe at Home program may contact the assigned department for information on obtaining certified copies. If all the requirements have not been met as of the date specified, the court will mail the petitioner a written order with further directions. If a timely objection is filed, the court will set a hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions. A RESPONSE OBJECTING TO THE NAME CHANGE MUST FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION AT LEAST TWO COURT DAYS (excluding weekends and holidays) BEFORE THE DATE SPECIFIED. Do not come to court on the specified date. The court will notify the parties by mail of a future hearing date. Any Petition for the name change of a minor that is signed by only one parent must have this Attachment served along with the Petition and Order to Show Cause, on the other non-signing parent, and proof of service must be filed with the court.

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### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE-CHANGE OF NAME Case No.: 24CU017381C SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF San Diego 330 W. BROADWAY, San Diego 92101

Petition Of: **Rebecca Rae Murillo** FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all Interested Persons: Petitioner: **Rebecca Rae Murillo** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. **Rebecca Rae Murillo to Pepper Rae Murillo**

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: **12/5/2024**

Time: **8:30 am**, Dept: **C-61**

The address of the court is the same as noted above.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: **San Diego Reader**

**NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE ABOVE DATE, SEE ATTACHMENT.**

Dated: **10/16/2024** **Maureen F. Hallahan** Judge of the Superior Court.

ATTACHMENT TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME (JC FORM #NC-120). NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE. The court will review the documents filed as of the date specified on the Order to Show Cause for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-120). If all requirements for a name change have been met as of the date specified, and no timely written objection has been received (required at least two court days before the date specified), the Petition for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-100) will be granted without a hearing. One copy of the Order Granting the Petition will be mailed to the petitioner. To change a name on a legal document, including a birth certificate, social security card, driver license, passport, and other identification, a certified copy of Decree Changing Name (JC Form #NC-130) or Decree Changing Name and Order Recognizing Change of Gender and for Issuance of New Birth Certificate (JC Form #NC-230) may be required. Contact the agency(ies) who issues the legal document that needs to be changed, to determine if a certified copy is required. A certified copy of Decree Changing Name (JC Form #NC-130) or Decree Changing Name and Order Recognizing Change of Gender and for Issuance of New Birth Certificate (JC Form #NC-230) may be obtained from the Civil Business Office for a fee. Petitioners who are seeking a change of name under the Safe at Home program may contact the assigned department for information on obtaining certified copies. If all the requirements have not been met as of the date specified, the court will mail the petitioner a written order with further directions. If a timely objection is filed, the court will set a hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions. A RESPONSE OBJECTING TO THE NAME CHANGE MUST FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION AT LEAST TWO COURT DAYS (excluding weekends and holidays) BEFORE THE DATE SPECIFIED. Do not come to court on the specified date. The court will notify the parties by mail of a future hearing date. Any Petition for the name change of a minor that is signed by only one parent must have this Attachment served along with the Petition and Order to Show Cause, on the other non-signing parent, and proof of service must be filed with the court.

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# Sudden late season yellowfin bite yields solid grade fish close to home – Massive tuna caught during the Los Cabos Open

**Dock Totals 10/13 – 10/19:** 2241 anglers aboard 111 half-day to 3-day trips out of San Diego landings over the past week caught 951 bluefin tuna (up to 150 pounds), 9 bocaccio, 30 calico bass, 5 halibut, 19 lingcod, 10 perch, 16 rock crab, 7935 rockfish, 70 sand bass, 350 sculpin, 24 sheephead, 66 spiny lobster (147 released), 956 whitefish, 270 yellowfin tuna (up to 80-pounds), and 126 yellowtail.

**Saltwater:** Go figure. After reporting last week on a lackluster year to date for yellowfin tuna within 3-day range of Point Loma, they showed up in force off the northern Baja coast within 1.5-day range. These aren't the football-sized units we often see up north; they are catching quite a few to 80 pounds in an area centering on 20 miles off Punta Colonet and south. Last week, reports of good-sized yellowfin tuna started coming out of Bahia Asuncion along the southern edge of the Vizcaino Peninsula, but to that point, we had seen very few north of Cedros Island but for one small flurry off Ensenada a month ago.

Normally, during season, we would see lots of them within a one-day boat ride of Point Loma in the 15- to 30-pound range with a few pushing 50 pounds, but these fish have mostly been on the beefy side of 40 pounds. This isn't a small spot of fish, as one boat reported; they are thick offshore from just south of Ensenada and south. After a very slow start on yellowfin this year, the *Tribute*, *Oceanside 95*, and other boats running short to mid-range trips have been getting good numbers of yellowfin over the past few days, using all sorts of tactics — from trolling to deep-drop lures and fly-lined sardines. Even so, it has been a cooler than normal year, and we have yet to see any dorado mixed in with the yellowfin off northern Baja, which we usually do see in late summer and fall. There have been no storms pushing a south swell north, which usually pushes warmer water and semi-tropical species north of Isla Cedros and the mid-peninsula area.

An example of just how different it is this year: H&M Landing total year-to-date catch of yellowfin, including today's (Sunday, Oct 20) count of 153 caught, is 483 fish. Last year, H&M reported 7163 yellowfin caught. Dorado counts are 160 caught to date in 2024 for H&M boats, when last year's total was 13,602. That is a huge difference, especially since prime season is normally winding down by mid-October for the 3-day and shorter trips.

Trip to areas from Cedros south along the coast of the Vizcaino to the Ridge and other areas



The whopper 330-pound yellowfin tuna caught by angler John Duffy of Team Broad Vision during the Bisbee's Los Cabos Open.



Solid yellowfin tuna caught aboard the *Tribute* 2-day run just off Punta Colonet between Ensenada and San Quintin.

off Bahia Magdalena are usually 5- to 8-day runs, and those boats have been doing very well on good-sized yellowfin, wahoo, and dorado this season. To emphasize the quality of yellowfin down south: a 330-pounder just won the tuna division of the Bisbee's Los Cabos Open this weekend. That is now the largest yellowfin tuna caught in the long Bisbee's tournament history. Angler John Duffy of Team Broad Vision landed the brute yellowfin while fishing aboard Pisces Sportfishing's 62-foot Viking, *Chasin' Tail*. With 137 teams in the tournament, that is quite a feat. The fish netted \$109,090 dollars for the team in jackpot money.

The Captain of *Chasin' Tail* during the tournament was Pepe de la Peña. Fittingly, Captain Pepe was the mate aboard *El Suertado* when they landed the IGFA World Record Yellowfin weighing 427 pounds in September of 2012. Angler Guy Yocom caught that fish, and he truly was the "lucky one" on the boat with the same name. Once the IGFA certified his catch, Yocom was awarded one million dollars from Mustad Hooks in their 'Hook a Million' competition that year. Yocom's prize from Mustad was \$20,000 per year for fifty years, so he will still be getting paid for 38 more years for that one fortunate day of fishing back in 2012.

San Diego Anglers Open Bay Bass tournament also took place this last weekend, and though the official results have yet to be posted, I was informed that the winner of the boat division was 90-inches total for five fish.

That is impressive 18-inch average for five bass out of San Diego Bay. Species targeted were all three saltwater bass found in our waters; calico bass, spotted bay bass, and barred sand bass. Most of the fish caught and measured in the catch and release only tournament were barred sand bass.

Anglers in the two divisions, boat and kayak, had to take a photo on an official Ketch or Hog Trough measuring device, then release the fish unharmed. Gotta give the San Diego Anglers club some props for their format: by utilizing these measuring devices, weigh-inn, which can cause undue stress to fish that are to be released, are no longer necessary. There was also a jackpot for largest halibut caught in the tournament, which was reported unofficially to be 32-pounds. The official results for both the boat and kayak divisions should be posted by early in the week. Whether the beach, bay, lake, or offshore, they're out there so go out and get 'em!

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**Field Report**

— At the annual World Conker Championship in Southwick, England, on Oct. 13, veteran player Dave Jakins, 82, won the men's tournament, the Associated Press reported. (Conkers is a traditional game played using the seeds of horse chestnut trees threaded on string; players try to strike and break each other's conkers.) But controversy followed when Jakins was found to have a steel conker in his pocket. His opponent, Alastair Johnson-Ferguson, said his own conker "disintegrated in one hit" after Jakins struck it. "He was very closely watched by four judges," said St. John Burkett, chair of the event's organizing committee. "It looks like it was absolutely impossible for him to cheat." Jakins has denied cheating.

**Saw That Coming**

— An unnamed woman in Kitsap County, Washington, admitted to authorities that she'd been feeding about "a dozen" raccoons in her yard over the past 35 years, *The New York Times* reported. Several weeks ago, more raccoons started showing up, and on Oct. 3, the homeowner had to call 911 when about 100 animals arrived and became more aggressive. "Anytime she comes out of her house," said sheriff's department spokesperson Kevin McCarty, "they swarm her until she throws them food. ... The new ones showing up scare her." The woman fled her home, and local trappers were going to charge \$500 per animal to remove the raccoons. So the state department

of fish and wildlife stepped in, suggesting that she simply stop feeding them. "The raccoons appear to have started dispersing now that they are no longer being fed," the department said.

**Ironies**

— When cops in Portland, Oregon, pulled over a 1994 Ford Taurus that had been stolen on Oct. 9, they met Reginald Reynolds, 35, and Mia Baggenstos, 37, along with their toys: a loaded .357 Magnum, a bag of methamphetamine, \$1360 in cash, three white pills that Baggenstos said were OxyContin, and a meth pipe. *The Smoking Gun* reported that a vehicle search yielded more meth, two scales, and a "brown bag that said on it, 'Definitely not a bag full of drugs.'" Inside, they found more meth — a total of about a half-pound. Both were charged with multiple felonies.

— In Stadtallendorf, Germany, on Oct. 16, a state-of-the-art fire station that had been open less than a year ... burned to the ground, *The Guardian* reported. The fire started in a vehicle and quickly spread, destroying 10 fire engines and causing between 20 and 24 million Euros' worth of damage. "It is a nightmare for a firefighter," said district fire inspector Lars Schafer. He went on to say that the station was not required to have fire alarms because it was classified as a building holding equipment. Schafer said the building would be reconstructed quickly, for safety and for local morale.

**Oops!**

— In early October, *The New York Times* reported, passengers aboard a Qantas flight from Sydney, Australia, to Tokyo were treated (or not) to an R-rated film with "sexual material and brief graphic nudity" on their seat screens — and it couldn't be turned off. Because of technological problems, passengers weren't able to choose their entertainment, so the crew queued up *Daddio*, starring Dakota Johnson and Sean Penn, and let it run for about an hour before switching to something more family-friendly. "It was super uncomfortable for everyone," one Reddit user wrote. "We apologize to customers for this experience," a Qantas spokesperson said.

— The BBC apologized on Oct. 10 after releasing a weather forecast predicting winds in London of 20,000 kilometers (13,000 miles) per hour, *Yahoo! News* reported. Matt Taylor, a meteorologist for the network, soothed concerns: "Hurricane Milton hasn't made it to us here in the U.K.!" He added that a data glitch had caused the extreme forecast, also warning of overnight temperatures of 759 degrees Fahrenheit in Nottingham. "Folk are working to solve the issue," Taylor assured Brits.

**Animal Antics**

— Paraglider Marshall Mosher of Atlanta, Georgia, was drifting over the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt on Oct. 14 when he noticed something unexpected walking around the top of the structure, the

*New York Post* reported. Mosher posted a zoomed-in photo of a dog on Instagram with the caption, "A dog climbed all the way up the Great Pyramid of Giza!" Viewers worried about the dog's safety, but back on the ground, Mosher posted again standing next to the adventurous dog and explained that dogs in the area often climb up and down the 454-foot-tall pyramid. People have nicknamed the pooch Anubis Pup after the Egyptian god of the underworld, who is often portrayed with a canine head.

**Wait, What?**

— *The Journal of Medical Case Reports* published on Oct. 9 the highly unusual case of a cadaver of a 78-year-old man that was revealed to have three penises — only the second recorded case of triphallia, a condition just discovered for the first time four years ago in a 3-month-old Iraqi child. From the outside, the man's genitalia seemed normal, but as the body was dissected, researchers found two smaller penises situated behind and below the primary one. Such occurrences are thought to result from genetic mutations.

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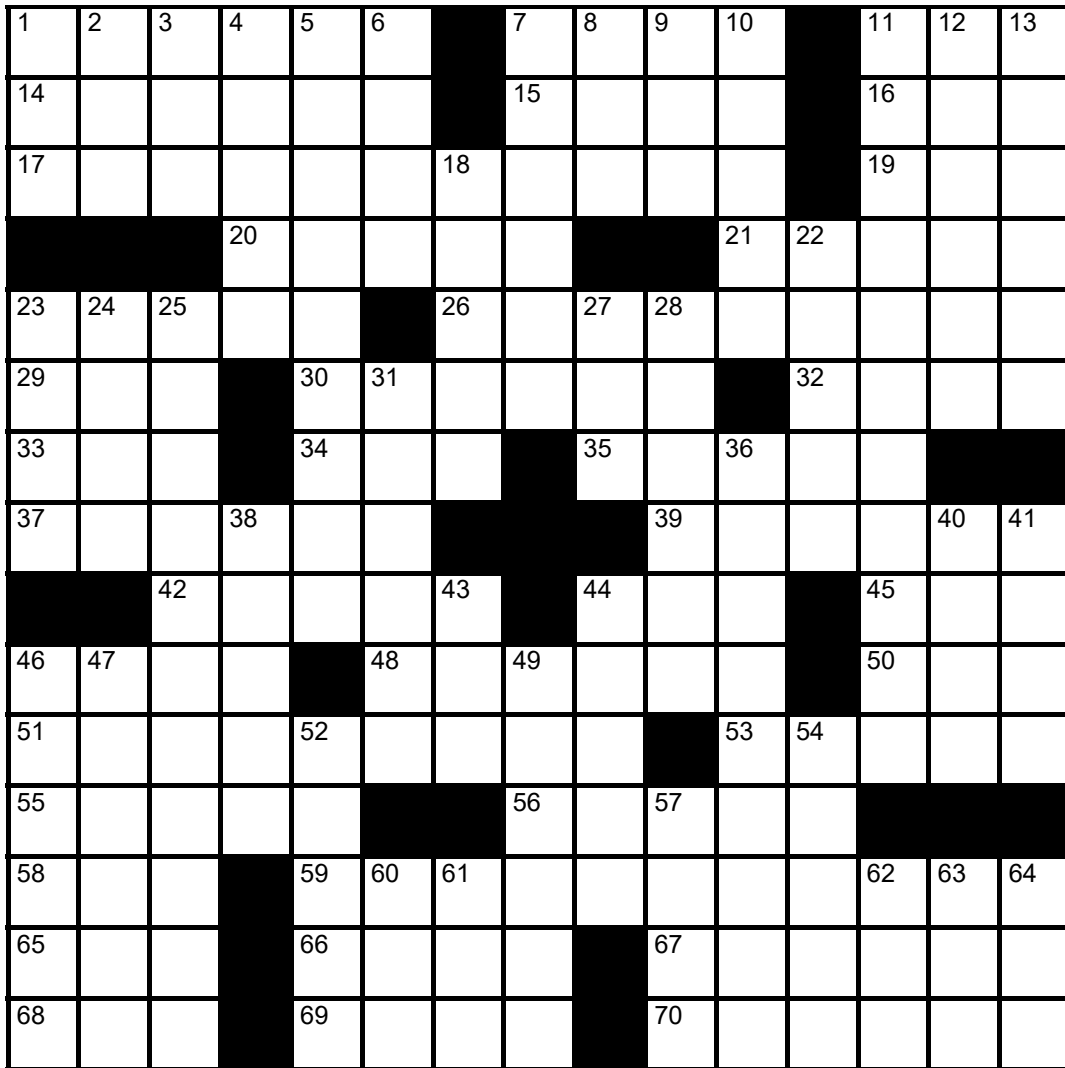
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## Across

1. Nearly boils, as water  
 7. "Drugs are badz \_\_\_?" ("South Park" line)  
 11. Sea-\_\_\_ Airport  
 14. Bruce Springsteen's "Greetings from \_\_\_ Park, N.J."  
 15. "Arrested Development" star Michael  
 16. Unexpected  
 17. The most fortunate member of the Scooby Gang?  
 19. Rank under cpl.  
 20. Last part of "Aida," e.g.  
 21. Broadway star McDonald  
 23. \_\_\_ apso (small terrier)  
 26. Footwear with spikes

## Down

29. Meal component?  
 30. Half a Robert Louis Stevenson title character?  
 32. "I'll just pop out for \_\_\_ bit ..."  
 33. What a flag made up of green, white, grey, and black stripes represents  
 34. Battery terminal, for short  
 35. Old sitcom's new chance?  
 37. Bite-sized Chinese dishes  
 39. \_\_\_-Lytton Fiction Contest  
 42. Map section  
 44. Birthplace of Albert Einstein  
 45. "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"  
 46. "Free Willy" creature

## Down

1. "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria owner  
 2. Fort Collins sch.  
 3. "Doctor Odyssey" network  
 4. Haas of "Inception"  
 5. University that doesn't allow alcohol  
 6. Pt. of DOS  
 7. James of "X-Men" movies  
 8. Ale container  
 9. Braz. neighbor  
 10. "Get Yer \_\_\_ Out" (Rolling Stones album)  
 11. Direction to put in laundry, in some machines?  
 12. Like most paid streaming accounts  
 13. Music holder in a tower, once  
 18. Stock market peaks  
 22. Rental truck brand  
 23. Mutual fund charge  
 24. Comedian Kondabolu  
 25. Super-spicy pepper?  
 27. CEO, for instance  
 28. Lacking force  
 31. Joker portrayer Cesar  
 36. Scrapyard scourers  
 38. Chinese zodiac animal  
 40. Nurse Jackie portrayer Falco  
 41. "Hot To Go" singer Chappell  
 43. No. on a business card  
 44. Bovine milk source  
 46. "High School Musical" director Kenny  
 47. Ebert's partner after Siskel  
 49. Trying (for)  
 52. Back-to-school mos.  
 54. Slacken  
 57. Daytime TV host Kelly  
 60. Sudoku section  
 61. Old Notre Dame coach Parseghian  
 62. Number \_\_\_ Observatory Circle (current residence of Kamala Harris)  
 63. Boggy land  
 64. Letters on some battleships

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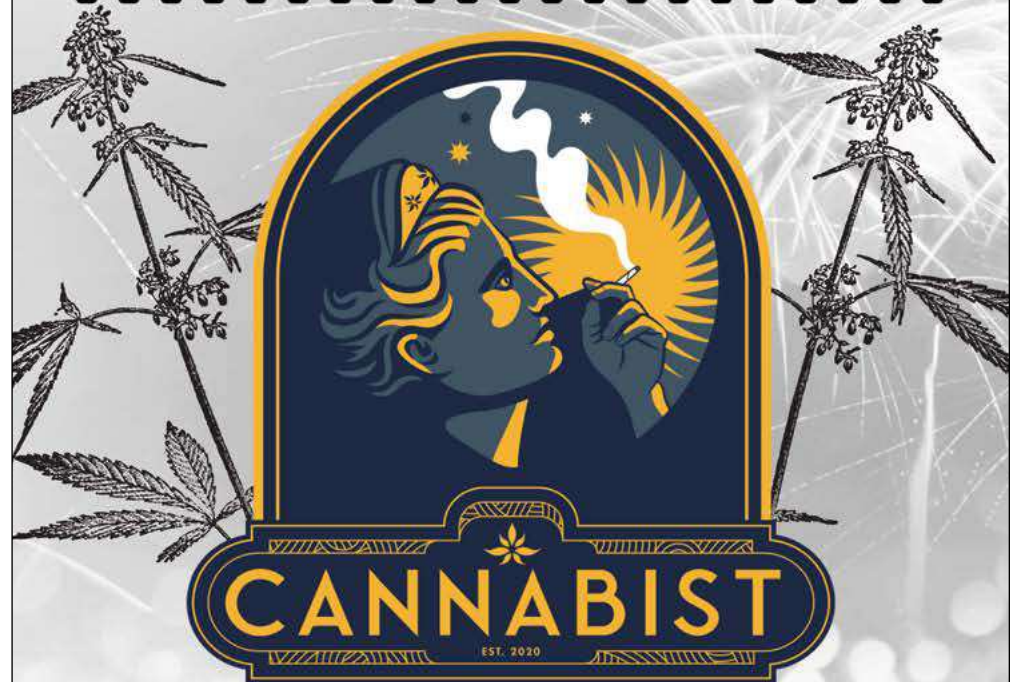
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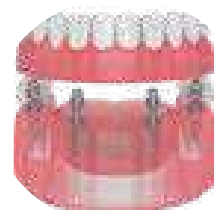


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