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### The Visiting Bear

By Jim McDevitt

I live in a mountain rural area surrounded by forest which contains mountain lions, bears, coyotes, deer, rabbits, squirrels, possums, raccoons, wild turkeys, and ground moles. I am sure there are more, but my memory is only so good.

I have seen all these animals more than once, although I have never had a visit to my home by any of these creatures. Some of them have landed or passed on my property on their way to other locations. The reason they don't stay is probably that I have a large German shepherd who takes no prisoners. However,

just recently I found out from my close friends who I will call Dick and Jane, not their real names to protect their privacy, that they had a visit in their house from a bear. I am just going to give you the bear facts.

It was about 5 a.m. when Jane heard a bang which woke her up from a sound sleep. She opened her eyes and listened but heard nothing else. She thought to herself some animal must have turned over some neighbor's garbage can.

Morning came and Jane was first up. It was 7 a.m. and she got up and slowly made her way down the hall to the kitchen. When she turned the corner

and entered the kitchen, she was stunned by what she saw. On the floor of the kitchen was the 5-pound container with white flour and it was spread over the floor.

Footprints which she believed to be a bear showed he walked through it and out the front door. 'DICK, DICK! she yelled.

And as all husbands are trained to do, he woke up, jumped up, and ran down the hall. Dick had forgotten to lock the front door when he went to bed. The bear had looked in the kitchen window, saw the refrigerator and walked to the door, and

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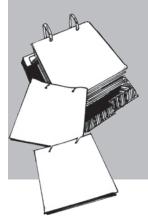
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# SEPTEMBER SEPTEMBER Calendar of Events



As summer draws to a close be sure to take in all the wonderful events in and around the area from festivals to car shows and more.

### Huntington Beach Civil War Days Huntington Beach Sept. 3-4 Opens at 10 a.m.

The Huntington Beach Historical Society is hosting its annual Civil War Days Living History event in Huntington Beach Central Park. Living history events like Civil War Days let people experience vivid recreations of life in the past. This event is facilitated by hundreds of dedicated volunteers and remains free to the public. At, HB Central Park, Gothard between Slater, and Talbert.

#### **Original Lobster Festival**

Fountain Valley

Sept. 9-11

Fri. 5 to 11 p.m., Sat. noon to 11 p.m., and Sun. noon to 9 p.m. Fresh live Maine lobsters are flown in daily and prepared in the world's largest steamers, which steam up to 1,000 pounds of lobster at a time. For 26 years the original Lobster Festival has become a tradition for thousands of festival goers annually. You can find all things lobster from lobster

rolls to lobster mac and lobster fries, lobster bisque, and even lobster surf 'n turf! Fresh live Maine Lobster, live music, a dance floor, and a food court serving up other foods. Exclusive VIP lounge, private VIP cabanas, free souvenir e-photo, and much more to explore. At, Fountain Valley Sports Park, 16400 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley. Free parking.

### Farmakis Farms Craft Market San Juan Capistrano

Sept. 10
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Family-owned Christmas tree farm and certified farmers' market located in San Juan Capistrano now has a monthly craft market. Here you will find crafts, arts, handmade goods, and one-of-a-kind items, Free to attend. Held on the second Saturday of every month. At, 29932 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano. Call, (949) 364-1270.

### San Clemente Annual Car Show San Clemente Sept. 10 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

What began as a few classic car enthusiasts meeting at the San Clemente Community Center, has grown into an annual car show drawing thousands of spectators to view around 300 cars on historic Avenida

Del Mar. From classics, rods, muscle to exotic cars, and vintage trailers, the San Clemente Car Show has something for all. Bring the entire family as there will be a live band, dancing, and slot car racing game for kids of all ages. At, the 100 and 200 blocks of Avenida Del Mar in historic downtown San Clemente

### **Annual Crab Feast and Auction Under the Stars Fullerton**

Sept. 10

6 to 10 p.m.

Money raised from the annual Crab Feast and Auction Under the Stars is used to support YMCA programming for under-served children and families in the community. One example is the fully subsidized afterschool care program at the Richman Neighborhood Center in Fullerton. At, Fullerton Family YMCA, 2000 Youth Way, Fullerton.

### Orange County Craft Beer Festival

Silverado

Sept. 10

This year there will be 160+ craft beers, ciders, and seltzers plus food and live entertainment in a park setting with shaded seating. This year's OC Brew Ha will feature music from an all-star lineup of tributes to some of the best music from the 1990s. At, Oak Canyon Park, 5305 E Santiago Canyon Road, Silverado.

### Maritime Festival Dana Point Sept. 10-11

The festival features an array of fun activities including live music, mermaid swim shows and breakfast, cannon battles, and Sails N'Ales where you can enjoy craft beer tasting from eight different local brewers as well as music by "American Idol" contestant Casey Abrams, mermaid encounters, food vendors, and a prime viewing location of the visiting Tall Ships. At, Dana Point Harbor/Ocean Institute Shuttle service from Salt Creek Beach Park at Pacific Coast Highway and Selva Road and Dana Hills High School). Call, (949) 496-2274.

### Anaheim Craft and Vintage Fair Anaheim Sept. 17

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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### J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center Annual BBQ and Family Faire San Juan Capistrano

Sept. 17

4 to 10 p.m.

Limited tickets are available, and reservations are required. The event is fun for the entire family: Rider/client demonstrations, barn tours, carnival games, petting zoo, BBQ dinner, rider parade of stars, and music to enjoy and dance to by Swingshift. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time and will not be available at the door, so be sure to purchase your tickets soon. All proceeds benefit the programs of the J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center dedicated to improving the lives of persons with disabilities through horsemanship. At, The J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center, 26284 Oso Road, San Juan Capistrano. Call, (949) 240-8441.

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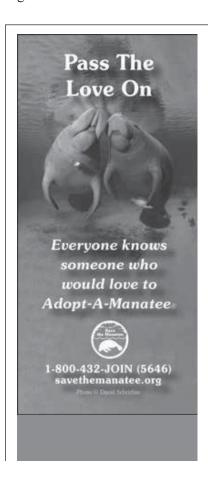
Dick was stunned by what he saw. The couple went to work cleaning up the mess. The bear had eaten all the cheddar cheese among other items and had left the refrigerator doors open. The good news is that the refrigerator wasn't damaged or burnt out from having the doors left open after the bear visit.

Broken eggs were all over the floor, soup, and a broken bottle of jelly. It wasn't until later in the morning that they saw what was left of what must be called a bear picnic on the outside of the front of the house.

There was the wrapper from a loaf of bread on the ground, the wrapper from 2 pounds of bacon, an empty feta cheese container, and the remains of what once had been an orange. When the couple visited us later that day and told us their story, I equipped them with a gallon of ammonia to leave in dishes outside their doors to turn away the bear that was sure to return for a second meal.

We have learned from old timers on the mountain the secret to keeping bears at bay without hurting them.

The next day Dick reported to me via phone that the ammonia worked. The bear was reported on Facebook as being in the neighborhood but did not return to Dick and Jane's kitchen or try to enter the locked door. I'm originally from NYC and we always locked our doors with several locks not because of bears but because of burglars. So that's the bear facts.



### It's a Car! It's a Boat! It's ... Both?

By Randal C. Hill

The burly Texan was known to be a practical joker, and one favorite trick of his was to startle first-time visitors to his ranch. During a high-speed tour of the vast grounds in his sporty (but odd-looking) convertible, he would sometimes end up zooming toward his private lake, suddenly shouting that his brakes weren't working. The prankster then hurtled down a ramp and splashed into the lake. But instead of sinking, the car slowed and - huh? - became a leisurely moving boat!

The aghast visitors had been riding in an Amphicar.

It was conceived during World War II as a Nazi military vessel called the Volkswagen Schwimmwagen. Later, the Amphicar (a blending of "amphibious" and "car") became a civilian novelty as a vehicle that saw use on the highway and in the water.

It featured a body length of 15.5 feet and a weight of 1,738 pounds. Manufactured in West Germany from 1961 to 1968, it cost the equivalent of a new Jaguar E-Type with its price tag of \$2,800.

Fewer than 4,000 rear-engine Amphicars rolled off the assembly line, and to this day they remain the only amphibious passenger conveyances to be mass-produced. Each 43-horse-

power machine was a convertible and was available in four basic colors — white, red, blue, or green. Ninety percent of the buyers were American.

Initially, there was a rush of interest and excitement for it. Newly established dealers proclaimed the Amphicar a musthave pleasure item. "Modern Mechanix" magazine enthused that "it does everything but fly!"

"The New Yorker" and "Newsday" ran photos and features on it. The Amphicar was even offered as a specialty vehicle for Red Cross emergency rescue services.

As the 1960s ended, the novelty of the craft began to wear thin. For one thing, the marketing concept had always been unclear. (Was it a car or was it a boat?) But other issues also muddied the sales waters. The craft proved to be a high-maintenance item; after every five hours in the water, the Amphicar's engine needed to be greased — a laborious task that involved lifting the entire vehicle and removing the rear seats. Also, each ocean use required cleansing with fresh water afterward.

The American government drove the final nail into the Amphicar coffin. In 1968, the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency brought emissions and safety

regulations that the little oddball auto/boat simply couldn't

But not all Amphicars ended up on the scrap heap. About 600 still exist, and some of those -now restored and brought up to required standards — can be rented at such vacation destinations as Disney Springs in Orlando, Fla., and Branson Landing in Missouri.

In Ohio, there's an International Amphicar Owners Club, which boasts about 400 members.

Today, to own a restored one will set you back about \$100,000.

That Texas prankster who got a chuckle out of frightening his unsuspecting visitors? That was none other than Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th President of the United States.

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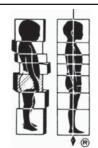
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"I've been wanting to do this for a long time, but didn't know how to start. I'm not a writer and so time seems to just keep slipping away."

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It was more — much more than just another Rock 'n Roll

While "Black and White" became the third single by Three Dog Night to reach the top of the "Billboard" charts, the tune itself had been created in 1955 to honor the landmark 1954 Supreme Court decision to end segregation in America's public schools.

"Our idea was to celebrate the event," said Earl Robinson, the co-writer of the classic along with David Arkin, the father of actor Alan Arkin. "We had no idea that it would reach out as it did eventually."

"Black and White" had been recorded by Pete Seeger in 1956 and Sammy Davis, Jr., a year later. But the song languished in the public consciousness until a Jamaican quintet called Greyhound cut a Reggae version (a hit only in the UK) in 1971.

During a European concert tour, members of America's Three Dog Night heard the Greyhound offering on a Dutch radio station. Immediately they declared that this could be their next hit 45 on Dunhill Records.

Most Pop-music fans were unaware that "Black and White" had been created originally from a different point of view. Both the Three Dog Night and Greyhound versions opened with the lines

"The ink is black, the page is

"Together we learn to read and write ..."

The tune was centered on racial equality, yes, but not as much as the original, which featured a different set of lyrics early in the song:

"Their robes were black, their heads were white

"The schoolhouse doors were closed so tight

"Nine judges all set down their names

"To end the years and years of shame ..."

Was Robinson discouraged about TDN's leaving out key lyric elements of his work? Not really. "They condensed the most communicable parts into a single song number," he answered. "You might call it a more unified whole."

During their hitmaking years, Three Dog Night placed 21 Top 40 singles on the charts, with "Black and White" being the band's third No. 1 disc, after "Mama Told Me (Not to Come)" in 1970 and "Joy to the World" the next year.

Three Dog Night had taken its name from an Australian expression for the coldest possible night for sheepherders who snuggled with their dogs to keep warm in the chilly nighttime.

The California-based aggregation featured a trio of lead singers — Danny Hutton (who sang lead on "Black and White,") Chuck Negron, and Cory Wells. The group gave exposure to such on-the-rise songwriters as Randy Newman, Laura Nyro, Nilsson, and Hoyt Axton.

TDN's "Black and White" arrived near the end of America's Civil Rights era, and while some of the all-important original lyrics had been excised, the overall message of the later recording remained strong and clear:

"The world is black, the world is white

"It turns by day and then by

"A child is black, a child is

"The whole world looks upon the sight

"A beautiful sight."

Yes. A beautiful sight indeed!

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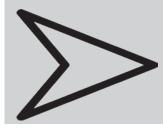
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### In The Spotlight

### Carlos Pianelli: Fighting the Monster and Winning

Carlos Pianelli of Mission Viejo was on a mission with his campaign "Stop the Monster" earlier this year to fight the construction of an 83-foot high building in Mission Viejo.

In May Pianelli won when the Mission Viejo City Council voted unanimously 4-0 against the construction, a final decision.

"When Paul Revere rode his horse through Lexington and woke up everybody in the middle of the night warning that the British were coming. Well, those citizens could easily have said: 'it's not a big deal Paul, I am going back to sleep.' Well, they didn't and like all of you acted when it was needed most," he wrote after the council made its decision and sent out an email to those who helped.

A retired teacher, and besides stopping a major building from being constructed Pianelli is also a proud first-generation Cuban/Italian American.

"My parents left Cuba Just in time to avoid Fidel Castro taking power in Cuba," he said. "Migrating to Pennsylvania I saw firsthand, my dad working two jobs to take care of the family. While he lost some of his hearing from the lack of proper safety equipment, he



inspired me to work hard and attend college."

Here's more about his plight "Stop the Monster" and Pianelli.

SR: What is the Stop the Monster campaign and how did it start?

A: We found out that Value Rock Reality, the owner of the Garden Plaza (corner of La Paz and Marguerite Parkway) was forcing small businesses out by giving them a month-to-month lease. They wanted to build an 83-foot high rise up against residential neighborhoods bringing traffic, noise, and bad air quality, those would have been just a few of many issues.

Q: How did you bring to light the campaign?

A: The StopTheMonster.org group canvassed over 1,000 homes and passed out over 3,000 flyers while meeting many residents face-to-face who were unaware of what was going on with the Garden Plaza Project led by Value Rock Reality. Better yet 5,600 people signed Ben Martella's

petition at savemssionv.org to inform and stop the Garden Plaza Project.

Q: What is your involvement? A: Both my wife and I started it.

Q: What is your education?

A: Cal State Fullerton, Class of 1982. I graduate from Downy HS in 1976 and went on to play College Volleyball before transferring to Cal State Fullerton and getting my diploma in 1982.

Q: How long have you lived in MV and what brought you there to settle?

A: Five years, we moved from Irvine to retire.

Q: Where were you born and raised?

A: Born in Reading, PA.

Q: You're a retired teacher, right?

A: Yes, 35 years as a US History teacher at Los Angeles Unified School District.

Q: Your ultimate accomplishment in life thus far?

A: In 2010 I was nominated for and won the 'Outstanding Teacher Award' ECCLA (Education Consortium of Central Los Angeles) sponsored by USC and the Natural History Museum.

Q: How did you decide on teaching?

A: In 1971, I visited relatives in California and fell in love with the state. In 1972 after 8th grade, we moved to California permanently.

In 1983 I started teaching in the inner city of South Central Los Angeles. One of the most difficult things I had to deal with was the environment. While I have seen drive-by shootings, it was hearing of my students who died over the weekend due to gang violence that hit home.

Q: What was one of the best things about teaching?

A: I stayed for 35 years because young students are the same everywhere, rich, or poor. But teaching at John Muir and Edison middle schools was special and they simply appreciated you for coming back each year.

Q: What was your teaching style?

A: I have always tried to inspire, use interactive lessons, and use humor as part of my teaching strategies. In part who wants to hear a teacher lecture for 45 minutes after lunch? Because of my heritage and my story, I felt I could also relate to 8th and 9th-grade Hispanic kids and

their families. While my first language as a child was Spanish, I spoke Spanish, and even though I didn't look like a person of Spanish descent. I felt I could relate to students and their hard-working immigrant Spanish families.

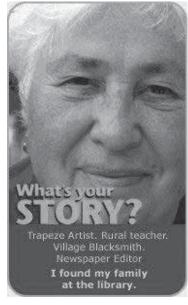
Q: Spare time? Kids? Pets? Hobbies?

A: Today I am happily married for the last 18 years to Anita Goldin. We enjoy traveling and seeing my son Alberto and spending time with our 3-year-old grandson Luciano. I play and manage a baseball team, and garden. We have an Australian Shepard named Madison.

Q: What keeps you young at heart?

A: Playing baseball and enjoying life with family and friends.





### September Crossword Puzzle

### Across

- 1. Rica
- 6. Style hair
- 10. Standardized HS exam
- 14. Re. vision
- **15.** Spiritual leader
- **16.** Spartan queen
- 17. Volunteer org. established
- by JFK in 1961
- 19. Word of closing
- **20.** Indefinite amount
- **21.** Fling
- 22. Stressful
- **24.** Biore target
- **25.** Jai
- **26.** Mysterious; secret
- 29. Winter wear
- 33. Glistened
- **34.** Algerian port
- 35. Small weight
- **36.** Said 3 times, a film about

#### Pearl Harbor

- **37.** Roofing material
- 38. Concluding passage
- 39. Dutch export
- 40. News magazine
- **41.** Star Wars character
- **42.** Family reunion attendee
- 44. Caregiver
- **45.** Sugar source
- 46. Sharp curve
- 47. Comment
- **50.** Indian garment
- 51. Flower-to-be
- **54.** Range feature
- **55.** Music, art, etc., embraced
- by the mainstream
- **58.** Bristle
- **59.** Miscellany
- **60.** Sizeable
- **61.** Sea near Uzbekistan
- **62.** Grand Ole Opry's state
- **63.** Fury

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### Down

- **1.** NYC nightclub, shortly
- **2.** Ready for business
- **3.** Stopover
- 4. Twitch
- **5.** Common solvent
- **6.** In the vicinity
- **7.** Crew members
- 8. Mischief-maker
- **9.** Eagles: "Life in the **10.** One in a pack, perhaps

- **11.** Big rig
- **12.** Mideast port
- **13.** Zest
- **18.** Nucleus
- **23.** Operated
- **24.** Waterway project completed in 1914
- 25. Winged
- **26.** Fall bloomer
- 27. Island
- 28. Pink shade

- **29.** Art shop purchase
- **30.** Wear away
- **31.** Burdened
- **32.** Chic
- **34.** Shade of green
- **37.** Musk turtle
- **41.** Popular flavor
- 43. Pavement
- 44. Lima's land
- **46.** Breakfast favorite
- **47.** Parks of civil rights far

- 48. At any time
- **49.** I \_\_\_ man with sever
- **50.** Washer cycle
- **51.** Town
- **52.** Compulsion
- 53. Forest dweller
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- 57. Bronzed

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### Laura Linney: A Star 'Under the Radar'

This month, "Senior Reporter" is honoring the latest recipient of the coveted star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame – Laura Linney.

Despite her fame resulting from her three-decade career as a successful actress on screen and stage, Linney remains humble and admits that she carries a perception among fans and Hollywood insiders of "just who is Laura Linney?"

"People can't really place me," she once told the media. "They're not really sure who I am. Sometimes they think I'm



Helen Hunt. Sometimes they think I'm Laura Dern."

Well, we know who she is. She is the award-winning actress in such blockbuster movies as "You Can Count on Me," "The House of Mirth," "Mystic River," "Kinsey," "Dave" and so many more.

By Les Goldberg

Linney was destined to be an actress from birth. Born on Feb. 5, 1964, her father was prominent playwright Romulus Linney. When her parents divorced, she was an infant, but her young life revolved around her father's profession.

Two decades later, she graduated from Brown University in Providence, R.I., and studied acting at Juilliard and the Arts Theatre School in Moscow. From there, she embarked on a career on the Broadway stage, receiving favorable notices for her work in plays such as "Hedda Gabler." In fact, for



her role in the play, she won the Joe E. Callaway Award for Best Performance in a Classic Drama.

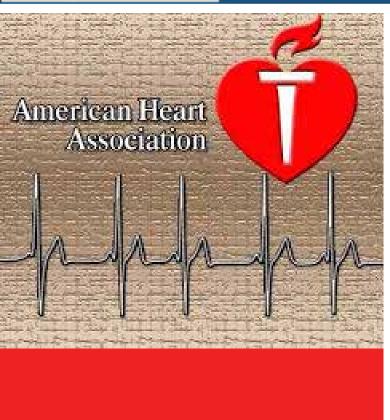
Linney's film career began in the early 1990s with small roles in "Lorenzo's Oil" (1992) and "Dave" (1993). She landed the role of Mary Anne Singleton in the PBS film adaptations of Armistead Maupin's "Tales of the City" series, playing her in "Tales of the City" (1993), "More Tales of the City" (1998), and "Further Tales of the City" (2001).

Her first substantial big-screen role was as the ex-girlfriend of Richard Gere's character in "Primal Fear" (1996). Her superb performance brought her praise and a better selection of roles. It was that performance that prompted Clint Eastwood

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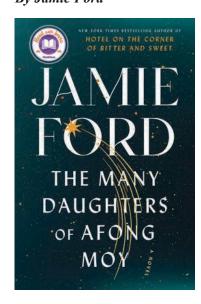
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### September Book Club

Grab a nice read and finish off the summer season with a great book like one or several of the books below new this month.

### The Many Daughters of Afong Moy A Novel By Jamie Ford



"As Washington's former poet laureate, that's how she describes channeling her dissociative episodes and mental health struggles into her art. But when her five-year-old daughter exhibits similar behavior and begins remembering things from the lives of their ancestors, Dorothy believes the past has truly come to haunt her. Fearing that her child is predestined to endure the same debilitating depression that has marked her own life, Dorothy seeks radical help.

"Through an experimental treatment designed to mitigate inherited trauma, Dorothy intimately con-

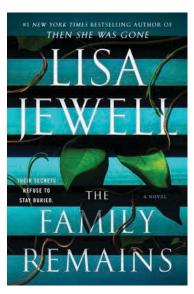
nects with past generations of women in her family: Faye Moy, a nurse in China serving with the Flying Tigers; Zoe Moy, a student in England at a famous school with no rules; Lai King Moy, a girl quarantined in San Francisco during a plague epidemic; Greta Moy, a tech executive with a unique dating app; and Afong Moy, the first Chinese woman to set foot in America.

"As painful recollections affect her present life, Dorothy discovers that trauma isn't the only thing she's inherited. A stranger is searching for her in each period. A stranger who's loved her through all of her genetic memories. Dorothy endeavors to break the cycle of pain and abandonment, to finally find peace for her daughter, and gain the love that has long been waiting, knowing she may pay the ultimate price," according to Publisher Atria Books.

### The Family Remains A Novel

By Lisa Jewell

"Early one morning on the shore of the Thames, DCI Samuel Owusu is called to the scene of a gruesome discovery. When Owusu sends the evidence for examination, he learns the



bones are connected to a cold case that left three people dead on the kitchen floor in a Chelsea mansion 30 years ago.

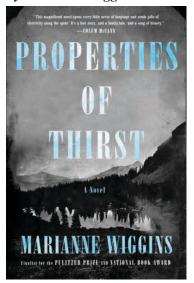
"Rachel Rimmer has also received a shock — news that her husband, Michael, has been found dead in the cellar of his house in France. All signs point to an intruder, and the French police need her to come urgently to answer questions about Michael and his past that she very much doesn't want to answer.

"After fleeing London 30 years ago in the wake of a horrific tragedy, Lucy Lamb is finally coming home. While she settles in with her children and is just about to purchase their first-ever house, her brother takes off to find the boy from their shared past whose memory haunts their present.

"As they all race to discover answers to these convoluted mysteries, they will come to find that they're connected in ways they could have never imagined.

"In this masterful standalone sequel to her haunting 'New York Times' bestseller, 'The Family Upstairs,' Lisa Jewell proves she is writing at the height of her powers with another jaw-dropping, intricate, and affecting novel about the lengths we will go to protect the ones we love and uncover the truth," according to Publisher Atria Books.

#### Properties of Thirst By Marianne Wiggins



"Fifteen years after the publication of 'Evidence of Things Unseen,' National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize finalist Marianne Wiggins returns with a novel destined to be an American classic: a sweeping masterwork set during World War II about the meaning of family and the limitations of the American Dream.

"Rockwell 'Rocky' Rhodes has spent years fiercely protecting his California ranch from the LA Water Corp. It is here where he and his beloved wife Lou raised their twins, Sunny, and Stryker, and it is here where Rocky has mourned Lou in the years since her death.

"As Sunny and Stryker reach the cusp of adulthood, the country teeters on the brink of war. Stryker decides to join the fight, deploying to Pearl Harbor not long before the bombs strike. Soon, Rocky and his family find themselves facing yet another incomprehensible tragedy.

"Rocky is determined to protect his remaining family and the land where they've loved and lost so much. But when the government decides to build a Japanese-American internment camp next to the ranch, Rocky realizes that the land faces even bigger threats than the LA watermen he's battled for years. Complicating matters is the fact that the idealistic Department of the Interior man assigned to build the camp, who only begins to understand the horror of his task after it may be too late, becomes infatuated with Sunny and entangled with the Rhodes family.

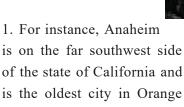
"Properties of Thirst' is a novel that is both universal and intimate. It is the story of a changing American landscape and an examination of one of the darkest periods in this country's past told through the stories of the individual loves and loss-

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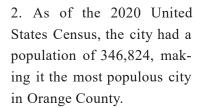


### **Anaheim: Much More Than Home to Disneyland**

Besides being known as the long-time home of Disneyland, Anaheim in Southern California has a lot of history that you might not have known.



County, Calif.



- 3. Before Disneyland opened in 1955, the city was one large rural community.
- 4. Way back in 1924 KKK members were hired to reform the politics of Anaheim.
- 5. If you like history and older architecture, there are all sorts of historic homes that you can drive by and even visit in Anaheim.
- 6. Several historic buildings in Anaheim from the 1950s are still intact and remain unchanged offering a return to yesteryear when visiting.



- 7. In 1924 Anaheim had its first Halloween parade an event that continues to this day and one that is considered the largest parade in the U.S.
- 6. The city is home to the largest and most impressive convention centers on the West Coast according to many.
- 7. Anaheim was founded in 1857 and incorporated on March 18, 1876.
- 8. Anaheim is still home to the Anaheim Ducks and Angels Baseball.

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### On The Road Again

### Casinos: Adult Playgrounds Abound

By Shana McCann

When my mom and dad were alive, they yearned for their annual journey to Las Vegas, specifically to the Circus Circus, in the 50s, 60s, and 70s one of the most affordable casino resorts on The Strip. I remember each time my father had a payday, mom stashed a few dollars away in an old tin box.

Any extra change that resulted from shopping went into that box hidden in her bedroom closet. As the trip got closer, they counted their loot which, at that time, would pay for filling the gas tank, booking a room for a week, and spending every waking hour at the slots or dining in the casino's restaurants.



I can only imagine what their reaction would be if they had lived longer when casinos are no longer confined to Nevada but located within a few miles of their Los Angeles home. Today, their stash would have to be larger as the Southern California landscape is now dotted with gambling palaces with billion-dollar revenues and operated by Native American tribes.

If you are willing to wager a



few bucks and have some fun, win, or lose, then you have a virtual smorgasbord of choices in your backyard. The following list is based on the 10 largest casinos with the highest number of slot machines, table games, hotel rooms, and other amenities. For a full list of all casinos in Southern California, you can visit www.casino.500nations.com.

- 1. Yaamava' Resort Casino, San Manuel, is located in Highland, in San Bernardino County. It features 6,400 slots and includes five restaurants, four bars, a food court, and an event center.
- **2. Pechanga Resort & Casino,** in Temecula, Riverside County, has 5,000 slots, 11 restaurants, three bars, a food court, 13 pools and spas, and a public golf course.
- **3. Morongo Casino Resort** & Spa, located in Cabazon, 20 miles west of Palm Springs, has 4,000 slots, a 24-lane bowling alley, and a golf course. It is also next to the popular Cabazon Outlet Mall.
- **4. Viejas Casino & Resort,** in Alpine, 35 miles east of San Diego, boasts 2,500 slots, seven restaurants, a theater, a

bowling alley, and factory outlet stores.

- **5. Sycuan Casino & Resort,** El Cajon, Calif., has 2,300 slots, 56 table games, 11 poker tables, seven restaurants, a food court, a golf course, and a theater.
- 6. Chumash Casino Resort is located north of Santa Barbara in Santa Ynez, Calif., and near Solvang, unique for its Danish heritage and unmatched pastries. It also has 2,300 slots, several restaurants, an entertainment center, and a food court.
- 7. Barona Resort & Casino. Just 30 minutes from downtown San Diego, Barona features 2,200 slots, a day spa, a golf course, and 12 restaurants. 8. Pala Casino Resort and Spa, also in San Diego County in the city of Pala, features 2,250 slots, 12 restaurants and bars, an event center, and 425 hotel rooms.
- **9. Soboba Casino Resort** is located in San Jacinto, Calif., and includes 2,000 slots, 35 table games, a 200-room hotel, entertainment, and convention centers, and a golf course.
- 10. Spotlight 29 Casino, in the Coachella Valley near Palm Springs and Indio, offers visitors six restaurants, a theater and nightclub, 2,000 slots, 22 table games, and a poker room.



If you are planning to stay overnight, the casino hotel rates range from \$124 to more than \$300 per night, depending on season and venue size.

The seniors and slots attraction

Why is it that seniors gravitate to slot machines like horses to water? Researchers have found that there are several valid reasons.



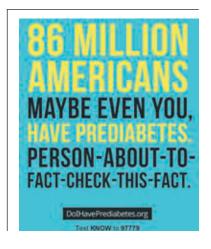
- 1. Nostalgia Slots are like a trip down memory lane. While today's slot machines require less manual exertion, they're still reminiscent of seeing whether your lucky day starts with those much-wanted matching symbols.
- **2. Escapism** For many older people, loneliness can be crushing, and slots provide a fun way out into a different world.
- **3. Low Bets** Some games, like penny slot machines, let you make bets for as little as a cent, making it a cheap and easy way to have a bit of harmless fun.

- **4. Easy Playing** Table games can be intimidating, whereas with slots nobody's watching you and there's no skill or concentration required.
- **5. Free Drinks** For not much money and a lot of fun you have drinks brought over to you by a friendly server.
- **6. They're User Friendly** As you get older your eyes, ears and reflexes aren't quite what they used to be. The best thing about slots is that none of that matters!



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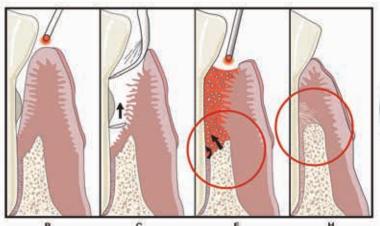
Whether you play the slots or any other game, the casino resort offers a unique opportunity to relax, meet new people, eat fine food, and in a word, play. Oh, and should you indulge yourself in the games of chance, be sure to bring enough money that you can afford to lose.



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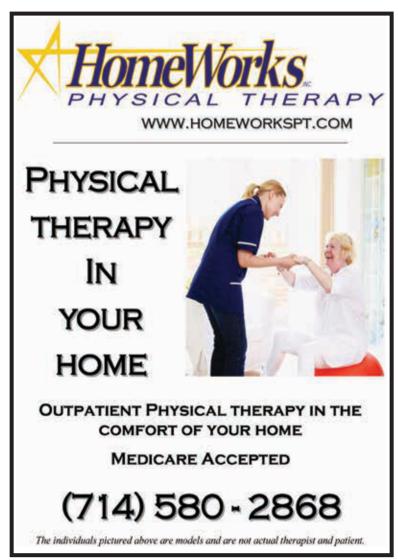
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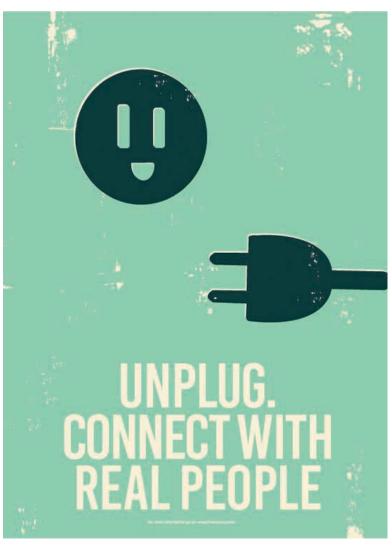
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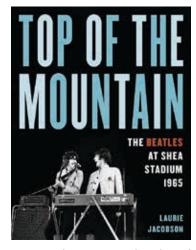
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### Laurie Jacobson Compiles New Beatles Book – With a Little Help from Her Friends

By Nick Thomas

Producing a book showcasing her favorite band was a dream come true for life-long Beatles fan Laurie Jacobson. A celebrated author of five previous Hollywood books, her latest effort did require the assistance of others.

In "Top of the Mountain: The Beatles at Shea Stadium 1965," released on Aug. 1, Jacobson meticulously weaves first-person interviews and quotes from dozens of writers, agents, producers, photographers, fans, friends, and celebrities such



as Meryl Streep and Whoopi Goldberg who have come together to convey the compelling story behind the historic New York Beatles concert.

Jacobson didn't merely recount a day in the life of the Fab

Four's milestone 30-minute show that featured a 12-song set before some 56,000 screaming fans from the twist and shout generation.

She describes the long and winding road leading up to the Aug. 15 event and, in the end, its influence on music history as the first pop concert performed in a major American sports stadium – shattering attendance records.

"I spent close to 7 years gathering information and amazing photos – hundreds never seen before," said Jacobson from her

home in Northern California (see www.lauriejacobson.com).

Laurie was just 10 when the Beatles began consuming her adolescent world.



Photo of Laurie: credit Jon Provost

"Like so many others, I saw them on 'Ed Sullivan' and was immediately hooked," she recalled. "Those smiles, that hair! I ran right out to buy their 45 of 'I Want to Hold Your Hand' and went bonkers with posters and magazines – anything Beatles!"

Although unable to attend the famous Shea event because she lived in St. Louis, exactly one year later her parents provided a ticket to ride the wave of Beatlemania still sweeping the country when the group came to town on their final U.S. tour.

"It was threatening rain," she remembered. "So, they dispensed with the opening acts and straight away introduced the Beatles. I watched in silent

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### Life After Mother

By Lyn Jensen

'Exploring probate and estate issues from personal experience.'

### Will Holds Off Circling Sharks

Shortly before my father died, he suddenly made an appointment with a paralegal to come to his apartment and prepare a more formal will, more substantial than the self-composed printout with his signature that he'd made previously. I don't know why, except I did observe some of the women in his life were beginning to resemble circling sharks, and maybe he was beginning to understand the wisdom of keeping them at bay.



On the morning of the appointment, some of his neighbors, some with cranky kids in tow, came to witness the will, along with my father's most trustworthy girlfriend and me. An hour later we were still waiting, the neighbors were complaining they couldn't wait much longer, so I made my excuses and left.

Later my father's girlfriend told me the rest of the story. The paralegal arrived nearly two hours late, then started explaining to my father about what 'had to be' in the will. My father thundered that was a bunch of — I don't think I



need to repeat what he thundered it was a bunch of. The paralegal suddenly announced his machine wasn't working and he'd come back later. He never did.

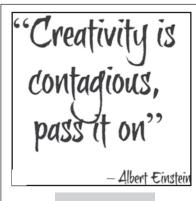
I think about this incident as I ponder my own will, coinciding with the month of August being National Make a Will Month, reminding us of all to stop procrastinating. I'd like to get by with a simple handwritten (holographic) document, legal in California, but I need to be certain of what language 'has' to be in there.

I do have a copy of a California Statutory Will, Probate Code Section 6240, which is intended as a form to fill out, but the instructions insist on two witnesses — a notary is not an option. I don't relish the prospect of recreating the scene at my father's apartment, impatient neighbors only acting out of begrudging courtesy. I can copy the wording of the form in my own handwriting, though.

I ponder this while knowing that we can't predict what cri-



ses may befall us, so the time to make a will is before you need one. Once you suffer a life-threatening episode, it's too late. Take COVID, which may be less of a concern now that vaccines have become so widely available, but it's one of many health issues that can progress quickly, too quickly to call a paralegal, or handwrite something likely to stand up in court. Whether you use a paralegal, lawyer, law library, statutory form, or your own handwriting, prepare your will now. It's the best way you and your designated beneficiary can fend off circling sharks.





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### September Calendar

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beverage fare, sample food, wine, beer, spirits, and cigars from 30 local vendors all evening, prizes and auction items, member patron valet parking, ample seating, and white glove service. At, Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens, 415 Avenida Granada, San Clemente.

### Huntington Beach Symphony Orchestra Huntington Beach Sunday, Sept. 18th 3:30 p.m.

"Faust" - Ch. Gounod, "Carmen" - G. Bizet, Claude Debussy - Prelude a l'apres-midi d'un Faune. Tickets: \$25 (\$30 at the door), seniors/student \$22 (\$25 at the door), online promo: 4 tickets for \$75 Academy For Performing Arts Theater, 1905 Main St. HBSymphony.org info@hbsymphony.org

#### Dozynki Harvest Festival Yorba Linda Sont 17 18

**Sept. 17-18** 

Celebrating Polish culture with food, music dancing, and exhibits. Dozynki is a celebration of thanksgiving after a bountiful harvest that dates to 16th century Poland. It remains a long-standing tradition in Polish communities throughout the world, including in the United States and Canada.

The Dozynki will feature Polish folk dancers in traditional costumes plus polish food like freshly prepared stuffed cabbage, traditional pierogi, authentic Polska kielbasa, and Polish beer. At, Pope John Paul II Polish Center, 3999 Rose Dr., Yorba Linda. Call, (714) 996-8161.

### Oktoberfest Huntington Beach Sept. 18 through Nov. 6 Wednesday through Sunday

Enjoy authentic German food, imported German beers, German bands, and other festivities, competitions, games, and more. At, Old World Festival Hall, 7561 Center Ave., Huntington Beach.

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### South OC Cars and Coffee and Cruisin' for A Cure Car Show

Costa Mesa Sept. 24

9 a.m. to noon

Many hypercars, supercars, exotics, vintage, classic, muscle and sports cars, hot rods, rat rods, pickups, 4×4, and motorcycles are expected to be on display. Cruisin' For a Cure will be offering prostate cancer screening. At, OC Fair & Events Center, Costa Mesa.

### Surf City 10 Miler/10K/5K Huntington Beach Sept. 24

The classic 10 miler is a good training run for your fall or winter marathon. The 10K is long enough to challenge endurance yet a perfect distance for achieving a PR. The Flat Fast course along California's famous Pacific Coast Highway is also good for a leisurely 5K jog. At, 21100 Pacific Coast

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### Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Gap

This is the time of year that I get phone calls regarding prescription drug costs. By this time of year some people have reached the "Coverage Gap" or more commonly known as the "Donut Hole".

#### Coverage Gap Facts.

- 1. Not everyone reaches the Coverage Gap. However, if you have a lot of prescription drugs or have "Brand Name" drugs you might reach the gap phase.
- 2. The drug Coverage Gap happens when you and your insurance drug plan have spent \$4,430.00 on covered drugs in 2022. Each month you should receive an accounting of your drug costs from your insurance company. Pay close attention to it and you will see if you enter the Coverage Gap.
- 3. Once you have spent \$4,430.00 for the year, then you will pay 25% for all your prescriptions until you reach the "Catastrophic" phase. The 25% discounted price will come off of the price that your plan has set with the pharmacy for that specific drug. Good news is that although you will pay no more than 25% of the drug costs, most of the FULL price of the drug will be counted to help you reach the Catastrophic phase.
- 4. The Catastrophic phase begins when your drug coverage costs reach \$7,050.00. Once

you reach this phase, your drug coverage will be the greater of either 5% or \$3.95 for generics or \$9.85 for all other drugs.

- 5. Items that don't count towards the coverage gap are:
- A. Any yearly drug plan premium if you have one.
- B. Pharmacy dispensing fee C. What you pay for drugs that aren't covered by the plan

If you think you've reached the coverage gap and you don't get a discount when you pay for your brand- name prescription, review your next "Explanation of Benefits" (EOB). If the discount doesn't appear on the EOB, contact your drug plan to make sure that your prescription records are correct and up-to-date.

If your drug plan doesn't agree that you're owed a discount, you can file an appeal.

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### Tinseltown Talks

By Nick Thomas

### Turning 80, 'Adam-12's' Kent McCord Still on Duty for Fans

Not even a pandemic could slow down Kent McCord's desire to interact with admirers, even if only through virtual fan conventions.

"I've done several of these online over the last two years and always enjoy talking with fans," said McCord, who turns 80 in September, from his Los Angeles home.

Best known as one half of the crime-fighting police duo on "Adam-12," McCord's Hollywood career can be traced to his college days in early 1961 when a fellow student invited him to participate in a friendly game of touch football. Ricky Nelson and Elvis Presley captained the two teams!

The informal match led to a friendship with Nelson that sparked McCord's five-decadelong film and television career including a recurring role in "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet" and most notably co-starring alongside Martin Milner (1931-2015) in "Adam-12" (see www.kentmccord.com).

"I got a 5-year role-playing Rick's fraternity brother in 'Ozzie and Harriet,'" noted McCord, who still recalls his only line – 'Rick who?' - during a 1962 episode ('Rick, the Host'). It was his first on-screen speaking part.



The popular series was produced by patriarch Ozzie Nelson, who also wrote and directed many episodes. "Ozzie could have picked anyone for the role and I'm sure he chose me because I was Rick's friend," he said. "But those two little words I first spoke changed my life."

Initially, that included uncredited roles in five Elvis Presley movies, followed by more substantial parts in film and television, and eventually meeting "Dragnet" creator Jack Webb who brought McCord in to play Officer Jim Reed in several episodes of the revival series "Dragnet 1967" and subsequently "Adam-12."

"The charm of 'Adam-12' was its simplicity," McCord said. "Just two cops in a black-and-white patrolling the streets of Los Angeles. The moral of the stories was simply - crime doesn't pay."

McCord recalls meeting Milner, some 10 years his senior and already a seasoned actor, in the Universal parking lot as the pair waited for a ride to shoot the pilot on location.

"Marty was yawning and told me how he couldn't sleep the night before beginning a new show," McCord said. "I'd had a restless evening too, so hearing that from a veteran actor was very reassuring. From that moment on our relationship was cemented."



While his "Adam-12" role brought recognition from audiences around the world, he and Milner also inspired young viewers as well as police organizations that used episodes as training videos.

"To this day I get police officers telling me they became cops because of 'Adam-12," McCord said. "Others remember how kids approached them differently before and after the show aired. Its positive impact meant a lot to Marty and me."

Nick Thomas teaches at Auburn University at Montgomery, in Alabama, and has written features, columns, and interviews for numerous magazines and newspapers. See www.getnickt. org.



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### San Juan Capistrano Greek Festival San Juan Capistrano

San Juan Capistrano Sept. 24-25

Enjoy authentic Greek food and pastries, live Greek music and dancing, shopping at the Greek bazaar, kid-friendly activities, and exhibits featuring Byzantine icons and traditional Greek costumes. \$3 admission. At, San Juan Capistrano Community Center, 25925 Camino Del Avion, San Juan Capistrano. Call, (949) 542-3445.

### **Cypress Community Festival**

### Cypress Sept. 30 to Oct. 1

One of the largest one-day festivals in Orange County attracts more than 20,000 people annually. This event includes an early morning 5K/10K run, a pancake breakfast, car show, chili cook-off, family games, food booths, the Chamber of Commerce business expo, children's rides, arts, and crafts booths, and four stages with continuous entertainment. Admission is free. At, Cypress Community Center, Oak Knoll Park, 5700 Orange Ave., Cypress. Call, (714) 827-2430.

### Tiller Days Tustin

Sept. 30 to Oct. 2

Tustin Tiller Days has been a regular event in Tustin since 1957. The event is an opportunity for Tustin to celebrate Orange County's agricultural heritage. Features parade (on Saturday at 10 a.m.), carnival, rides, food, and entertainment. No admission fees. At, Columbus Tustin Middle School and Recreation Center, 17952 Beneta Way, Tustin. Call, (714) 573-3326.

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### The Gadget Geezer

By Les Goldberg

### **Newest Scooters Equal New Freedom**

Typically, when we think about technology our minds turn to computers, cellphones and microchips, and everything from home security systems to kitchen counter appliances. I also realize that for many of you, the high-tech world is spinning too fast, so fast that it is hard to keep up with all of the innovations.

In this column, I try to focus on the latest consumer electronic products that are best suited to you, products that are designed to make life easier and less complicated for seniors.

Take electric mobility scooters, for instance.

For elderly individuals struggling with day-to-day activities, the latest battery-operated scooters are a great way for people with disabilities and mobility limitations to regain their independence.



But, with so many of these moving marvels on the market, how do you know which one is right for you or a loved one?

My research found five different mobility scooter options:

- Portable Travel Scooters If you are a frequent traveler or just enjoy being on the go, this type is typically foldable for ease of transport, compact, and lightweight. It is also the least expensive but not necessarily suitable for everyday use.
- Indoor Three-Wheel Scooters

   This type is ideal for home or office use. With a tight turning radius and narrow base, it maneuvers well in tight spaces but

is not recommended for riding on rugged outdoor terrain.

- Indoor Four-Wheel Scooters This option is designed for comfort. With adequate leg room and seat size on a larger frame, it also offers better durability, stability, battery life, and speed.
- Outdoor Four-Wheel Scooters These vehicles are ideal for the sidewalks and unpaved paths, offering large motors with heavy-duty tires. You can find them equipped with headlights and backlit displays for safety.
- The Heavy Duty Scooters This type of scooter is designed to withstand weight up to 550 pounds, and features a bigger motor, wider base, and larger tires. It can manage any type of terrain, including grass.

According to the manufacturers of the mobility scooters, there are several considerations to



ponder when selecting which model to buy:

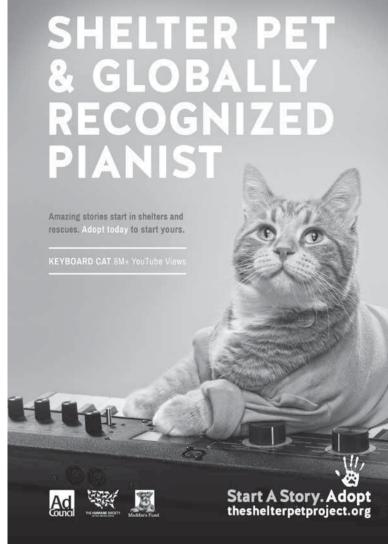
For the best maneuverability, you'll want to check the tires. Are they air-filled, solid, or foam filled? How much does it weigh? What is the turning radius? How much space is between the bottom of the scooter and the ground? Finally, can the scooter safely climb up inclines, like ramps and small hills?

As far as performance goes, it is important to know how much weight the scooter can safely manage, what is the fastest speed it can ride (typically 4 to 5.5 miles per hour), how far can the scooter travel on a single charge, and how long does it take to charge the battery.

Buying a mobility scooter, the experts say, is not similar to a car purchase. It is an investment in the physical and mental health of the user. Depending on the type of scooter you need, you can expect to pay between \$800 and \$4,500.











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After taking eight long years to develop and film the story, Disney's "Hocus Pocus" appeared in theaters as a 1993 fantasy/comedy/horror offering. In the story, three villainous Massachusetts sister witches from Salem (of course) feed off the energy of young children to retain their youth. All three are eventually hanged for their deeds. However, three centuries later, they inadvertently become resurrected one Halloween night by a naïve teenage boy who's a newcomer to Salem.

And that's when the fun starts.

With "Hocus Pocus," all the boxes looked to be checked to provide Disney with yet another runaway theater hit. Surprisingly, it didn't happen, and Disney's release inexplicably fizzled at the box office. But, over the years, and especially around Halloween with repeated showings on the Disney Channel and Freeform, "Hocus Pocus" gradually involved into somewhat of a cult classic.

Now Disney + is bringing out a highly anticipated sequel. "Hocus Pocus 2" features the same wonderous (and seemingly ageless) cast as it did nearly three decades ago — Bette Midler as Winifred Sanderson, Sarah Jessica Parker as Sarah Sanderson, and Kathy Najimy as Mary Sanderson. Appearing again also are Omri Katz as Max Dennison, back then the bumbling adolescent who gives

the evil ones renewed life, and Doug Jones, now a fan favorite since his portrayal of Billy the Zombie in the original release.

Of course, there are several fresh young faces here not seen previously, including Whitney Peak ("Gossip Girl"), Belissa Escobedo ("Blue Beetle"), and newcomer Lilia Buckingham as three teenage pals who become the unfortunate targets of the repugnant Sanderson sisters. Tony Hale ("Arrested Development") and Sam Richardson ("Veep") come on board as well to round out the new younger cast.

Jen D'Angelo ("Young Rock," "Workaholics") wrote the screenplay — which doesn't stray far from the original — and directing chores went to Anne Fletcher ("Dumplin," "The Proposal.")

Fletcher is particularly enthusiastic about the forthcoming movie: "I am beyond thrilled to be involved in the sequel to a film that is as beloved as 'Hocus Pocus.' Fans around the world have embraced these characters and have made the film a Halloween tradition whose popularity continues to grow. How lucky am I to be back at Disney with these three extraordinarily talented ladies in the iconic roles they created, as well as our fabulous new additions to the cast!"

While this is a family-oriented Disney release rated PG, be aware that there is a smattering of crude language and magical violence scattered throughout the story. "Hocus Pocus 2" premieres on Disney + on Sept. 30.





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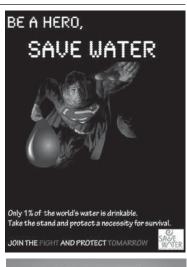


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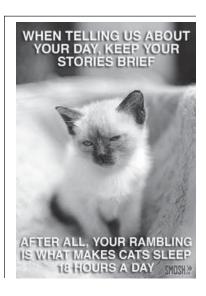
A dental savings plan functions a lot like a membership at a warehouse club. You pay an annual fee and choose among dozens of different plans offered by major healthcare companies. Family plans and individual plans are available. Then you go to any of 140,000 participat-

ing dentists, show your membership card and pay a reduced fee. While dental insurance has annual maximums, waiting periods, deductibles, forms to file, health restrictions and annual limits, dental savings plans do not. Dental savings plans are typically priced at about half of what dental insurance policies cost.

According to a blog post on DentalPlans.com, personal finance expert Suze Orman said: "Dental savings plans are not only far more affordable to purchase than dental insurance—they can also save you more money in the long run especially if you need extensive dental work or braces."

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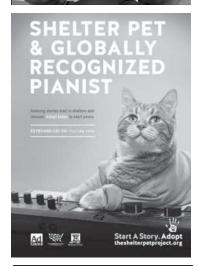


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### Busy Boomers

By Les Goldberg

### A 'Gold Rush' to Retirement

Lyle Winston, 68, of San Clemente recently retired from a 30-year career as a tax assessor and was seeking a new hobby to occupy his newfound free time. While sitting on the beach early one morning, he noticed a man about his same age walk by a few feet away waving a metal detector across the sand.

His curiosity peaked. Like fishermen on a pier, he approached the man and asked: "Find anything?" "No, not yet" the man answered with a smile, "but the day's still young."



Following his brief encounter with the optimistic beachcomber, Winston decided at once that he was going to join the league of senior treasure hunters. Now in his sixth year of enjoying the adventure of anticipation, he's proud of his haul of "loot" that includes gold watches, wedding rings, necklaces, dog collars, old coins, and, as he quips, "a whole bunch of other worthless stuff."

Treasure hunting with metal detectors has become a very popular and serious hobby for seniors who want to keep their minds sharp while having fun,



exercising, and enjoying the outdoors, alone or with their significant other, children, or grandkids.

While local ocean beaches are the most familiar and convenient destinations for the "hunters," some of the best places to search for "gold" are parks, old home sites, and, with permission from the owners, construction, and excavation sites. Make sure your metal detector is with you wherever you go because you never know what you'll find.

#### **The Detectors**

A huge advantage associated with metal detecting is it can be enjoyed by anyone, regardless of their mobility level. However, experts advise hobbyists to carry along with the metal detector itself, a small shovel to dig up the "treasure" and a retractable grabber.

Lightweight metal detectors are the best option for seniors, but your purchasing decision must also consider the frequency levels and the ease of looking at the gauges. Many current models weigh less than three pounds.

If relics are of primary interest, a metal detector with a lower frequency is best. Most relics are made from metals like iron, brass, and steel, which are picked up more easily by lower frequency detectors. Higher frequency detectors are best for gold and coin prospecting.



Newer models have the technology to provide metered readings of ground balance, pinpoint object discovery, object identification, and depth measurements. The more expensive detectors feature a water control box and Pulse Induction to help avoid false chatter from salt water and other "hot rocks" on the beach.

You can expect to invest from \$250 to more than \$5,000 for a metal detector, not including accessories, batteries, digging tools, knee pads, etc. If you are a beginner, it is recommended you go with the least expensive detector until you decide if this is the hobby you want to pursue long-term.

Another suggestion: get involved with a metal detecting club where you can "talk the talk and walk the walk" with other hobbyists, share information, make new friends, and find new and out-of-the-way places to find whatever lurks underneath the Earth's surface.

Good hunting!



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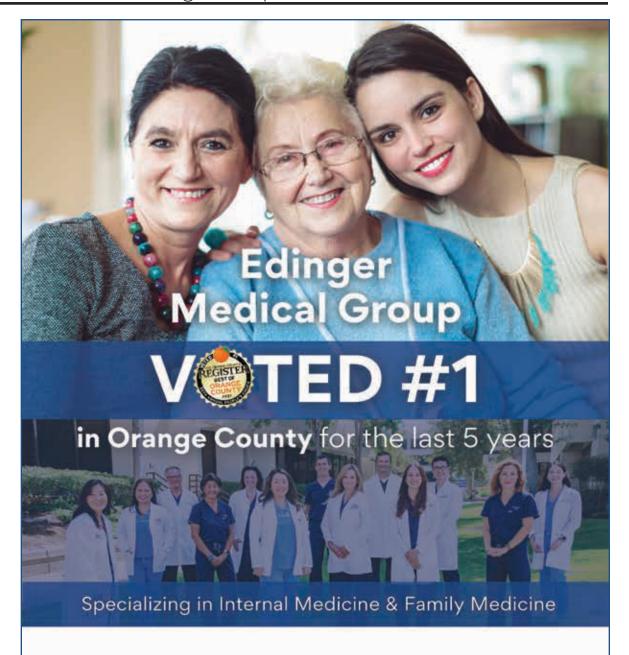
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### Fabulous Find

Yay, summer is finally winding down even though it's still hot and humid.

As you get ready to say goodbye to the heat in the next few weeks here are some fun Fab Finds to check out for your beauty routine and embrace autumn.

#### **LUXIE Brushes**



Like the trees slowly shifting their colors, the best part about fall is the chance to reinvent yourself. LUXIE is the brand makeup artists turn to for the sustainably crafted pro tools to create any fall look.

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#### **Hot Diggity Dog**



Rowan, a clean beauty brand for dogs, has a new collection of clean color products called The Rowan Color Kit that includes three washable, non-staining color sticks and Rowan's luminous Coat Shimmer providing endless options for creative fun.

Everything in the kit is made with non-toxic ingredients and formulated according to clean beauty standards using the Credo Clean Standard as their guide.

The Rowan Color Collection consists of three bright candy colors including Heavy Petting Pink, Tailwag Teal, and Pawsitively Purple. These complementary hues were made to flatter every type of dog coat. And since everything's better with sparkles, the kit includes the brand's signature coat shimmer, a coat creme made with dog-friendly Mica.

The Rowan Color Kit is available via its Direct-to-Dog website for \$50. For more information about Rowan visit www. rowanfordogs.com.

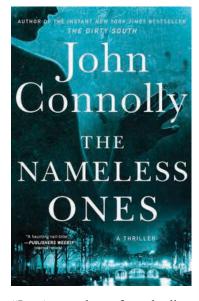


### September Book Club

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es that weave together to form the fabric of our shared history. Ultimately, it is an unflinching distillation of our nation's essence — and a celebration of the bonds of love and family that persist against all odds," according to Publisher Simon and Schuster

The Nameless Ones
A Thriller
Book No. 19 of Charlie
Parker
By John Connolly



"In Amsterdam, four bodies, violently butchered, are discovered in a canal house, the remains of friends and confidantes of the assassin known only as Louis.

"The men responsible for the murders are Serbian war criminals. They believe they can escape retribution by retreating to their homeland.

"They are wrong.

"For Louis has come to Europe to hunt them down: five killers

to be found and punished before they can vanish into thin air.

"There is just one problem.

"The sixth.

"With John Connolly's trademark 'dark, haunting, and beautifully told' ('Booklist') prose and breathless twists and turns, 'The Nameless Ones' is an unputdownable thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat," according to Publisher Atria/Emily Bestler Books.

### Laura Linney

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Back on Broadway in 2005, her role in the play, "Sight Unseen," earned her a Tony Award for Best Performance by a Leading Actress, and the The-



On the heels of this success came her marvelous turn as Bertha Dorset in "The House of Mirth." Since then, Linney rose to the top of her game in challenging dramatic roles, such as in "Mystic River" and "Kinsey," for which she received another Academy Award nomination.

Linney also appeared in Ta-



mara Jenkins' "The Savages" with Philip Seymour Hoffman. She received a third Academy Award nomination for her performance.



In 2008, Linney starred as Abigail Adams in the prestigious HBO miniseries "John Adams" played by Paul Giamatti. The series was a critical and awards season hit and won 13 Primetime Emmy Awards, including her third Primetime Emmy Award. she starred as La Marquise de Merteuil in the Broadway revival of Christopher Hampton's play "Les Liaisons Dangereuses."



Since 2009, Linney has served as host of the PBS television series "Masterpiece Classic." She became a popular meme

### **New Beetles Book**

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wonder, teary-eyed, knowing this was my moment with them. I wanted to soak in every detail and memorize every move. I honestly don't remember a thing about the crowd, just them. Nine 3-minute songs and it was over. The rain was falling, and my parents whisked me away."

Barely a teen, Laurie let it be known to all that this girl had joined the ranks of devoted Beatles collectors while embracing their musical revolution that sparked the so-called 60s British invasion. Sure, some disapproving parents across the country were declaring it's all too much - cringing at the group's mop-top hairstyles, their raucous music inciting its liberating social influence, and the near-hypnotic effect on their adoring teenage fans – but hers were understanding.

"They supported it 100 percent and often surprised me with Beatles items which I cherished and still have," said Jacobson, who maintains a collection that includes dolls, models, T-shirts, a yellow submarine, rare albums and books, posters, buttons, ticket stubs, and several decades worth of scrapbook clippings.

With the Beatles touring days waning in '66, the previous year's sellout Shea Stadium concert remained the most memorable, not only for fans but for the band as well.

"Biggest crowd they ever

played and biggest paycheck, too," Jacobson noted. "You can see on their faces when they step onto the field – the moment they became aware of their power."

For her book's title, the author even paraphrased something John Lennon later remarked in 1971 about the Shea concert: "I saw the top of the mountain on that unforgettable night."

For those who lived through the 60s, the Beatles provided musical diversion to help survive the ever-tightening social, cultural, and political chains crushing the country. Today, in a post-Beatles world also inundated with disturbing national and global issues, Baby Boomers can still, if only briefly, get back that uplifting spirit their music provoked.

"It was so much more than their music for us – they changed the way we looked, the way we thought, and for many, the paths we chose," Jacobson said. "Our memories are full of love and emotion, and we have passed that on to our children and their children. I'd like readers to experience the pure joy at the peak of Beatlemania when optimism ruled, and anything was possible."

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