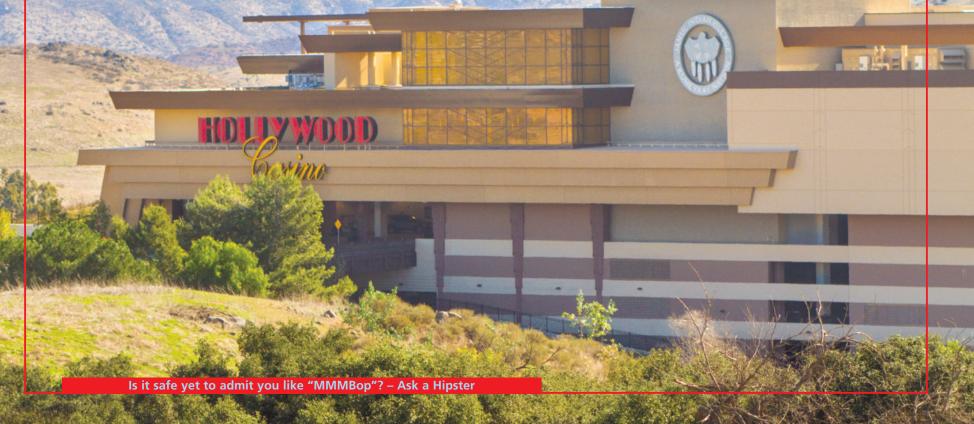
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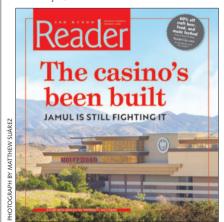
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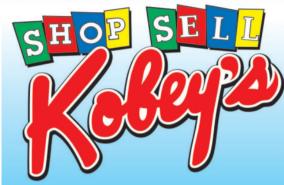
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By Reader staff writers

Monster manse for SDSU's new prez

Four-car garage, pool, Zen garden

Eighteen years ago, Point Loma real estate mogul Malin Burnham, along with some other benefactors, including then–Padres owner John Moores, scraped together sufficient funds to buy San Diego State University's first presidential house.



A grander, walled abode on Yerba Santa

Though there had been consideration of acquiring a waterfront mansion in Coronado for then-president Steve Weber, the school settled on a mid-century house at 4545 Yerba Santa Drive in gated Alvarado Estates near the SDSU campus.

Weber was domiciled there, as was his successor Elliot Hirshman, who weathered a 2011 controversy over a \$148,000 makeover of the house, including \$43,000 for a posh new kitchen.

Then, as Hirshman departed last summer to become president of Stevenson University in Maryland, officials took the opportunity to acquire a grander, walled abode to house SDSU's as-yet-unnamed new leader.

The real estate was purchased by Aztec Shops, a nonprofit university auxiliary. County records show that on September 5, Aztec Shops paid \$2.3 million in cash for a sprawling mansion at 4811 Yerba Santa Drive, down the street from the former presidential residence. The seller was attorney Jerome R. Moe, who bought the one-acre estate in May 2015 for \$1.36 million, records show.

"Expansive Patios, Courtyards, Lap Pool, Atrium/Zen Garden, 4-car Garage+RV Garage total over 2000 sq. ft. Property is walled, fenced & gated w/ Beautiful Lush Landscaping," per an online listing for the 6335-square-foot complex.

Meanwhile, SDSU's former presidential home is on the block with an asking price of \$1.75 million. "Mid-Century meets modern updates in this single-story ranch," says the listing on *Zillow.com*.

Matt Potter

PG&E funds Atkins golf blowout

State Senate leader drives money through loophole

San Diego Democrat Toni Atkins, the freshly

named state Senate leader, has just filed a financial disclosure statement showing she's maintained her position as one of California's busiest special-interest fundraisers.

California Works, a so-called ballot-measure committee run by Atkins, reports in a January 19 campaign statement that it raised \$71,658 last year, ending 2017 with \$325,385 of cash in the bank.

The San Jose Mercury-News reported in August 2016 that Atkins was even then a standout in using the ballot-committee loophole of state campaign law to recruit big money without limit from corporations with business before the legislature.

"Candidates are increasingly using these committees as slush funds for unlimited contributions from special interests," Kathay Feng, executive director of California Common Cause, told the paper. "They're paying off lawmakers without technically violating the law. It's disgusting."

Atkins and her ballot committee have been particularly popular with Pacific Gas & Electric, the Northern California utility giant under investigation for its liability in last year's devastating Wine Country wildfires.

The company, which was successfully prosecuted by the federal government for the September 9, 2010, San Bruno pipeline disaster, is currently battling a pending state Senate bill that would prevent the firm from passing the costs of its negligence on to ratepayers.

This month's disclosure by the Atkins committee shows PG&E gave \$10,000 on November 14. The utility company made an August 7 non-monetary contribution of \$2258 worth of fundraising services.



Toni Atkins. Paying off lawmakers without violating the law.

The Atkins fund spent \$38,384, the bulk on fundraising costs and commissions, including \$10,000 paid to the Lodge at Torrey Pines on October 19 for "Lodging 27 Guests; Food/Beverage; Spa Appts for

Golf Event." Additionally, Sacramento's The Kitchen restaurant received a \$1250 deposit.

"The four lawmakers who have collected the most money are Atkins, D-San Diego; [assemblyman Adam] Gray, chairman of the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee; [Sen. Ed] Hernandez, chairman of the Senate Health Committee; and Senate leader [Kevin] de León, D-Los Angeles," the Mercury-News reported in 2016.

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Sandag causes my property to flood

Not our fault, says association of local governments

By Dorian Hargrove

ohn Smith picks up his secretary Cindy to drive her to work. It's a short drive, about 20 feet from the gate off of Anna Avenue to the front door of Smith's office. But it's a slog. An 18-inch-deep

day after the rain stopped. "They've cut us off from any drainage. And even now that the rain is gone we can't clean the place up because of the mud and standing water. I have to drive my secretary into the yard and

an easy task, considering Smith's company, Earthworks, specializes in grading and earth moving.

In July 2015 Sandag submitted their initial offer to acquire a portion of Smith's property and use other land as a staging area for construction. Sandag agreed to pay Smith \$100,000 to temporarily relocate some of his equipment as well as remove four palm trees.

In response, Smith delayed laying the drainage pipe to see the impacts of Sandag's project.



Smith's business property was dammed up and now collects water from minimal rains.

pond full of rainwater makes it impassable for anyone without a large truck.

Thick mud borders the sides of the 30-foot-wide pool of muck. The pond forms with each rain. San Diego's first winter storm of 2018, on January 8, was no different.

The flooding began shortly after San Diego Association of Governments (Sandag) temporarily acquired a portion of Smith's property in 2015 to use as a staging area for the Mid-Coast Trolley Extension into La Jolla.

"We can't really do anything about it," Smith says a

she can't leave the building all day unless someone ferries her to higher ground. Everything is just a complete pain in the ass."

Smith purchased the property near the intersection of Friars Road and Pacific Coast Highway, a block north of the San Diego River and east of Interstate 5, in 2002. He then purchased two adjacent parcels in 2007 from the City of San Diego. As part of the purchase agreement, Smith would grade the land and install a drainage pipe leading out to the railroad easement that runs along the east side of his lot. It was Smith looked at the plans and noticed that the drainage pipe he had planned to put in was cut off by a large concrete wall.

"I was dumbfounded. They had completely ignored drainage from [Pacific Coast Highway] as well as the grade on my property. It was totally unbelievable. They didn't seem to know what they were doing from one day to the next."

Smith says he told them about the pipe but Sandag wasn't listening. "They care more about the ribboncutting than they do anything else," he says. "They didn't listen to me. Why should they?"

Shortly after taking over the property, Sandag began moving large amounts of dirt, forming a mound along Smith's property line that he shared with the railroad tracks.

Sandag then poured a large concrete wall — what Smith calls a concrete dam — that blocks water from flowing into the old trench in between the two properties. Now, as each storm arrives, crews watch the water flow down, into the city's right-of-way, and onto Smith's driveway, into his maintenance shop, and up to the front doorstep of his office.

"This was just a small rain," he adds. "But, we're all still out here walking around in rubber boots, tracking mud and muck everywhere."

Smith estimates that he's spent hundreds of thousands of dollars between hiring attorneys and consultants to try and force Sandag to act.

In December of last year, Smith filed a lawsuit against Sandag and the city.

Reads the lawsuit, "... SANDAG's water study was defective because it failed to consider any of the drainage west of the railroad track. As such, the drainage facilities planned were inadequate to handle all of the water that needed to be drained, including the storm-water flow and broken pipe flow from Anna Avenue. While SANDAG represented that it was going to help solve the drainage problem, it in fact intended to make it far worse."

Smith's frustration about having to sue and spend more money can be heard in the tone of his voice when he says, "There's absolutely nothing to show for all that money, except for this pond on my property and the lawsuit in court."

Jim Linthicum is Sandag's director of mobility and in charge of program imple-



Sandag says they didn't create the pond on Smith's property.

mentation. He says taxpayers should not be held responsible for Smith's problem.

Linthicum says that the property is lower than the surrounding streets and water has never had anywhere to go. "It ponds where it ponds and has done so as long as anyone can remember," says Linthicum.

"Smith wants the public to fix his property for him. Sandag's position is that the flooding is not a result of the project. And, nothing that we've done, or, will do prohibits him from solving this."

The program manager says that before Sandag took the property he had asked Smith for solutions, which he would have carried out if they could do so at no cost. "We never received anything."

Michael Pallamary is a land-use consultant who has worked for Smith on the drainage issue.

He says Sandag set aside \$13 million to move utilities at the property in order to make room for the new trolley line. Pallamary says drainage and sewage is a utility and should be included.

Smith made a number of submittals, as did Sandag, says Pallamary in a January 14 interview. "They put the offer on the table and then removed it. This is what they did repeatedly. These were calculated delay tactics."

As for Linthicum's contention that the flooding is Smith's problem and not the taxpayers', Pallamary disagrees. "The problem is a city problem. The flooding occurs in a publicly dedicated street. John was willing to fix the problem working with the city. It was understood that the drain would be installed in the railroad right-of-way. Everything was going fine until Sandag changed the design."

But more problems over the flooding and Sandag's response to it have occurred at the site.

On Wednesday, January 10th, investigators from the state water board submitted a complaint to the city and Sandag after they discovered crews were pumping continued on page 27 UNDER THE RADAR

Gander-goosed More than a decade of campaign moneygiving to San Diego city council members — including Republicans
Lorie Zapf,
Chris Cate,

Mark Kersey, and Scott Sherman, along with Democrats Bar-

bara Bry, Chris Ward, and **Myrtle Cole** — appear to have guaranteed
the city's putative chief operating
officer **Kris Michell** quick council

confirmation. Campaign disclosure records show that, since 2007, Michell

has personally kicked in a total of \$24,260 to city campaigns, with nearly 30 percent of the cash ending up in the coffers of GOP mayor **Kevin Faulconer**, who named Michell to her new executive post two weeks ago. A long-time Republican operative, Michell oversaw much political activity as chief of the Downtown Partnership and its San Diego Jobs PAC, which went all out for GOP ex-city attorney **Jan Goldsmith** and Superior Court judge **David Berry**. Over the years, Michell tapped an array of big-money special interests to finance her political causes, including the Sycuan Tribe, owner of downtown's

Grant Hotel, and city paramedic contractor Rural/Metro, many of which still have dealings with city hall.

Staffer and confidante to Republican mayors **Susan Golding** and **Jerry Sanders**, Michell jumped back to city hall this past summer when politically besieged Faulconer tapped her as deputy chief operating officer for special proj-

ects, ostensibly to ride herd on downtown's burgeoning homeless problem. Per an engagement letter for that job released by Faulconer after a request under the public records act, Michell received a \$195,000 yearly salary, a monthly car allowance of \$475, and a raft of generously grandfathered pension benefits due to her previous city employment. Such rich retirement packages were abolished for new hires by 2012's Proposition B, championed by both Sanders and Faulconer, who claimed the city couldn't afford them. "Michell noted that she left the city nearly a year and a half before the pension-reform vote and played no

Myrtle Cole's 100% political

juice blend (Erbin B. Keith,

Cole, Nicole Capretz)

role favoring or opposing the ballot measure," the Union-Tribune reported in November. But a May 2012 campaign filing by Michell's San Diego Jobs PAC shows the group spent \$29,000 on a slate mailer touting the proposition. The size of Michell's latest salary and benefits deal has yet to be made public.

Myrtle's electric juicer Fourth
District city council

Democrat **Myrtle Cole** has been collecting major money from some strange political bed-fellows for her reelection campaign, getting \$250 from **Nicole Capretz**, executive director of Climate Action Plan on November 21, and the same amount on September 11 from **Erbin**

Kris Michell's campaign generosity

seems to have yielded government gold.

B. Keith of Encinitas. He is general counsel of SDG&E, Capreta's arch enemy in Climate Action's effort to break the utility's hold on electricity distribution. Also,

\$125 for Cole came from SDG&E supply management director **Michael Kelsey** of Poway; \$200 from Carlsbad's **Eugene Mitchell**, SDG&E vice president of state

government and external affairs; and \$250 from **Emily Shults** of San Marcos, the utility's energy supply vice president. **Denita Willoughby**, Los Angeles-based vice president of procurement for SDG&E parent Sempra Energy, gave \$200. ... The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Lincoln Club, two bulwarks of the local Republican establishment, have already come up with six-figure financial support

for **Chris Cate** and for **Lorie Zapf**, the party's two San Diego councilmembers up for reelection this year. The chamber gave \$200,000 to an independent pro-Cate committee on December 13. The Lincoln Club contributed \$100,000 the same day. A Zapf-backing committee got the same.

Immigration policy, Vegasstyle Immediately after Republican House member **Darrell Issa** announced on January 10 he was finally hanging up his congressional spurs, he and top aide **Robert M. Rische**

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"It's the wrecking ball for Point Loma's Dolphin Motel," Neighborhood News, January 26

I remember when the Dolphin Motel had quite a reputation in the seventies and eighties. Rooms rented by the hour, if you get my meaning. But that was a different time, and we had two very active military training bases nearby. Weekends were wild! **Just Wondering**

Yep, they rented by the hour. Mirrors on the ceiling too. Some famous locals used to frequent the place. There's a lot around San Diego that are remnants of a different time. The strip clubs in the Midway District are one.

Julie Stalmer

Filner hangout? MURPHYJUNK

No doubt it was one of the more notorious No-Tell Motels.

AlexClarke

And so-called "palm readers" tend to hang out in these seedy areas. Those businesses house sleazy con artists who take advantage of gullible people. They should be shut down.

dwbat

"Bone-dry Broadway Fountain will be wet again," Neighborhood News, January 25

Criminal behavior dominates the Gaslamp downtown area. Don't know why anybody thinks it's safe.

shirleyberan

One wonders if the tourists who go there know that.

I think the idea still lingers in local's minds, because Mayor Golding had the reputation for having cleaned up downtown. A lot of hotspots went in and people did feel safe walking around downtown where they hadn't before. In my experience, criminals thrive where homeless populations are high. They hide behind them in plain sight. Iulie Stalmer

In 1955, my dad considered taking a job in San Diego. We came down from central Cali and stayed at the Horton Grand while we visited the zoo and other attractions. Horton Plaza Park is right across the street, and the grassy space was covered in bums. I'd never seen bums before. 55 years later, I've seen enough.

dagobarbz

My mom said back in the 1950s when she was a teenager. The bus let out right there. That's where her and her friends would go shopping. She always saw homeless men there. Right there is where the military picked up their uniforms, that's probably why the peep shows, etc.

Julie Stalmer

"Mountain-bikers don't want illegal trails either," Neighborhood News, January 23

Come on, this is nonsense. Hyper-environmental purists want to close the reserve completely and are not looking to compromise.

There is no reason a few miles of hiking trails and bike trails could be established in the preserve so this ecological reserve can be enjoyed by the very taxpayers funding it.

TJ Applegate

Can't you walk? Then nothing is preventing you from "enjoying" the park. Why can't mountain bikers ever tell the truth?

Mike Vandeman

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ENCINITAS

Enclave resists hole in wall "Siri and Google Maps still takes them down our streets."

Cardiff by the Sea residents to Mayor Blakespear: "Don't tear down this wall!"

That's the battle cry from 40 neighbors on the private streets of Caretta Way and Starlight



"They make U-turns in our driveways."

Drive, and a public street, Warwick Avenue. Separating their homes from the south side of the 44-acre Encinitas Community Park is a long, six-foot-high concrete block wall. The City of Encinitas plans to punch through the wall for pedestrian access to the park.

Construction of the park was initially held up for years over concerns of traffic, drainage, and lighting affecting the narrow street of single-family homes just north of Birmingham Drive. As part of a settlement ten years ago, there was to be no park access into the neighborhood.

The neighbors want to keep it that way. And to get the city's attention, a 15-page lawsuit was filed on January 8 to stop the city's plans.

"When there are big events [at the park], even with signs posted reading 'No Park Access,' Siri and Google Maps still takes them down our streets," said neighborhood leader Greg Hagen. "And they make U-turns in our driveways."

Early last year, the Cardiff School District came up with the idea of cutting a pedestrian walkway through the wall. The goal was to have an alternative route to better link the district's two elementary-school campuses via pedestrian access through the south side of the park; this would allow students and parents in other neighborhoods to walk through the park and down the hill to Cardiff School.

"With only five days' notice, I found out the item was on the October 11th city-council agenda," said Hagen; it was a proposed \$66,000 cut in the concrete wall, right in front of his house, on a private gravel street. "The school district apologized, saying they were not involved in proceeding with the project." Hagen found out then that city officials were driving the project.

At the October city-council meeting, only councilman Mark Muir spoke up for the residents. Muir was fire chief for the city when the park plans were finalized and the only one on the council who had direct knowledge of the city's 2004 park plan. He said the city made an agreement with the neighbors back then to not have an access point. "I value park access, but I also value an agreement," stated Muir.

KEN HARRISON

OCEANSIDE

Contenders list is long for Rocky's seat

New blood for North County's

Assembly seat

Election season is heating up in coastal North County with incumbent Rocky Chávez (R-Oceanside) *not* running for reelection in the 76th Assembly District. He was elected to the seat in 2012.

The district runs from Camp Pendleton, south to Cardiff by the Sea, and east to Vista. Nine candidates, many holding a current elected office, are throwing their hats into the ring. As of January 19th, the county registrar of voters reports that seven candidates have pulled election papers.

Declaring first, early last April, Elizabeth Warren describes herself as a "true-blue progressive" and wants to work on a lot of justice issues. According to her campaign statement, the Democrat will work for "Climate Justice, Infrastructure Justice, Paycheck Justice, Immigrant and Minority Justice, Animal Justice, and Criminal Justice." Warren has not held elective office before.

Former Encinitas mayor Jerome Stocks formally announced his Republican candidacy on January 22nd. The three-term councilperson has already received the endorsements of former congressman Brian Bilbray and Oceanside councilman Jerry Kern, along with several current and former mayors and councilpersons in North County cities. The former mayor was not reelected in his fourth bid for city council in 2014.

In the 2016 76th District election, Thomas Krouse was the only candidate who stayed in the race to run against Chávez. Both were Republicans. Originally a write-in candidate in the June primary, he received 40 percent of the vote in the November general election. He is described as a spending conservative, stating he will hold "our state representatives accountable for every dollar they consider spending of taxpayers' hard-earned income."

Phil Graham is the stepson of former governor Pete Wilson. Boosted by old Republican money in the previous 76th District race, and more recently for Encinitas City Council, Gra-



Rocky Chávez's departure brings out nine candidates.

ham has yet to serve in public office.

Self-described as a "pragmatic progressive," Michelle Cassel Gomez has also not held public office but appears to have a lot of grassroots Democratic support with her plan to "Preserving Prosperity Through People Power!"

Michael Hadland is the current chief of staff for Assemblyman Chávez and a former director of the San Diego Young Republicans Club. An internet search showed his campaign has yet to formalize.

Vista's deputy mayor Amanda Rigby is ready to run but has yet to formalize her campaign as well. The second-term councilwoman was reelected in 2016 and will run as a Republican.

Two others have announced their intention to run: Encinitas councilwoman Tasha Boerner Horvath was elected to the city council in 2016. Her Democratic profile has risen in recent months, receiving the endorsement of assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher, assemblyman Todd Gloria, and San Diego city councilmembers Barbara Bry, Chris Ward, and David Alvarez.

San Dieguito High School District trustee Mo Muir is a Republican who seems to end up on the minority side of school-board votes. She favors maintaining a balanced budget and reducing expenditures. Her husband, Mark Muir, is an Encinitas councilman and former city fire chief.

KEN HARRISON

CARLSBAD

Mountain-bikers don't want illegal trails either Compromise points to Oceanside

The future of public access to the Carlsbad Highlands Ecological Reserve for the recreational set appears to be up in the air once again. After trails were closed last summer, an unofficial truce seemed to have been struck between the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the San Diego Mountain Biking Association regarding bike access to the area.

In a letter dated August 24, 2017, that was posted on *mtbr.com*, mountain-biking association vice-president Ben Stone wrote: "Many of you are asking what is the status of enforcement on the property and although I cannot answer that question for you definitively, [California Department of Fish and Wildlife] has not enjoyed the increased scrutiny that was brought on them recently and has taken

little action on the property since. The City of Carlsbad is wary of stepping into the bees nest at [Carlsbad Highlands Ecological Reserve] by using their new ranger program to provide enforcement for the State."

More trails have recently been closed, though, and the fight to completely shut down access to all of the illegal trails appears to be picking up steam. Diane Nygaard was one of the founders of the Preserve Calavera organization. She has fought to protect the open-space at Carlsbad Highlands since 2000.

"Go back on Google Earth and look at what it looked like ten years ago to what it looks like today: 50 miles of illegal trails have been cut through that sensitive habitat. We're not talking about a little bit of impact, we're really talking about tremendous impact. You look at those aerial maps and you can see the vegetation might be 20 percent left of what was there. The extent of ground cover is dramatically reduced, so all of the biological resources have been greatly impacted," she said.

Nygaard and Tim Dillingham (land program supervisor for California Department of Fish and Wildlife) both believe the compromise for the bikers who use the reserve is relocation. Their concept is to develop a nearby park or open-space area with bike-friendly trails. Some of the trails in Carlsbad Highlands recently shut down had features such as jumps, and Dillingham feels that the issues with the bikers now resembles the issues that skateboarders had in California before the second wave of skateparks hit the state.

"Skateboarders used to go out and they recreated on all the public areas and they damaged the stone benches and they damaged railings until we started doing the planning," he explained. "Now the skateboarders go to the skateparks because it's really what they wanted. It's got all the features they want, and everyone



"Go back on Google Earth and look."

lets them do it there because that's what it was intended for."

During our discussion, Nygaard proposed the El Corazon region of Oceanside as a prime spot for new mountain-biking trails. The land there was heavily degraded by sand mining for decades, so there would likely be no environmental issues to contend with at that location. Dillingham stated that there was some privately owned open space adjacent to the ecological reserve that could potentially work, and Black

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Mountain Ranch Park, which is north of Highway 56 near I-15.

DRYW KELTZ

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Save old Adams Avenue cop shop?

New one to be built on same block

John Hartley wants the San Diego Police Department to return to the Adams Avenue storefront that he helped create in 1993. On January 22nd, he received a letter from the office of councilmember Chris Ward stating that the 3905 Adams Avenue "Mock building" — which houses the former police storefront — is slated to be demolished. A new one will be built down the block.

Because the building is scheduled for demolition, Neighborhood Watch activities will be based out of residents' homes.

"It appears that he's taken a point of opposition," Hartley said. "I'm one of the [250] signers [of a submitted petition], so I imagine everyone's gotten this letter."

Hartley is a 75-year-old real estate broker from Normal Heights. In late 2017, he started a petition to attempt to bring back the police to the same building they shared for many years when he ran Citizens' Patrol – Beat 811, which he helped create during the last year of his four serving on the city council. At the same time, he also lobbied to get the police storefront officially known as the SDPD Community Relations Office Mid City Division.

The Mock building, named after the previous owner, is located between 39th Street and Ward Canyon Neighborhood Park. "[At the time], the closest police storefront was over there on College Avenue," he said, "and we'd much rather have the officers here in Normal Heights."

Ward's letter stated, "The City's Real Estate Assets Department, which oversees the building, has expressed to our office that the Mock Building is in a severe state of disrepair and not suitable for operation."

MIKE MADRIAGA

TOMMY THEHER

Besides Las Americas, three other border malls

have seen an uptick in thefts.

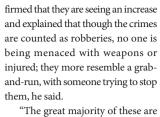
SAN YSIDRO

Border outlet store robberies up

"Thieves are coming from Mexico and returning there."

Robberies are up 38 percent at the outlet malls in San Ysidro, police say, and the new pedestrian crossing to Tijuana seems to be playing an unintended role.

Officer Carlos Lacarra, a community relations officer



for SDPD's Southern Division, con-

"The great majority of these are counted as robberies because a store

employee caught them on the way out and they shove the employee's hand off their arms or struggle to get away with the stolen property," he said.

"Some of the thieves are coming from Mexico and returning there," he said, describing the thefts as crimes of opportunity. Another officer said some appeared to be organized groups while others appeared unplanned, where the thieves just grabbed things near the store entrance on the way out. Lacarra said he wasn't aware of any incidents where people were injured and sought emergency care.

"If I walk in with the intent to steal that hat, and I walk out [with it], that's a burglary," Robertson said. "If I walk in and just take that hat, that's a petty theft. If I walk into a store, take something, and you grab me and I push you down and I fight with you, that's a robbery. What's gone up is robberies."

Las Americas Premium Outlets general manager Andrea Hartley declined to confirm that robberies had increased or to discuss whether or not changes in security were occurring. She said the mall takes every precaution to preserve the safety of employees and shoppers.

Las Americas is one of four shopping malls crowded into the area immediately west of the I-5. All four are experiencing increases in thefts, Lacarra said.

MARTY GRAHAM

OCEAN BEACH

New pie shop to take place of old Nati's

More than a remodel

In December it was announced that Nati's Mexican Restaurant in Ocean Beach was sold and would close for renovations and remodeling.

On December 13th, Nati's co-owner Dennis Kerr issued a press release, saying, "It is our understanding that the business will closed for about a month for some much-needed renovation and updating. Thereafter the refreshed Nati's will reopen with the original staff and serve the consistent, Sinaloan Style Mexican

food that has made it a local's favorite for the past nearly 60 years."

"Would love to know who bought it, as my business is in one of the buildings," said Amber Hazewski of SAANS Lena Studio, one of the three businesses



Plans are for Pop Pie Co. to take over Nati's kitchen

at 5032 Niagara Avenue included in the Nati's property sale.

"So far Nati's hasn't told us anything," said Hazewski. "There are three businesses in the building and we're all just hanging out, waiting to find out what's happening to us." The Current Collective and the Nest Coffee & Tea are the other two businesses on a month-tomonth lease.

Besides news that Nati's ownership is being granted to a developer who frustrated Mission Hills residents, the restaurant's days as a Mexi-

can comfort-food haven are numbered. Following a tip from a reliable source, I confirmed that Pop Pie Co. will occupy the restaurant space, pending the signing of a lease.

The eatery's first location in University Heights opened on October 8th, 2016, serving sweet and savory pies (including breakfast pies).

DELINDA LOMBARDO

POWAY

Public records purgeOlder than two years, and that's enough by law

The City of Poway passed a resolution to destroy 87 boxes of public city records that are more than two years old. The list of documents proposed for destruction at the January 23rd city-council meeting includes paperwork



"Duplicates, drafts, or unimportant"

on ambulance receipts, HR personnel incident reports, and political campaign statements. Poway says many of the documents are duplicates, drafts, or unimportant to city business.

Each department follows common criteria for what kinds of documents can be destroyed. The rules exempt records involved in ongoing city matters, along with documents involving deaths, crimes, and property titles. The department director is also allowed to withdraw documents from destruction that are deemed of lasting administrative, legal, fiscal, historical,

or research value. A detailed records retention schedule dictates the differing time periods for when each public record can be destroyed.

The January 23rd vote raises the question of whether the destruction of public records could have negative consequences for the public.

When asked about Poway's resolution, Kelly Aviles, a lawyer who specializes in the California Public Records Act for Californians Aware, said, "The main concern with public records destruction is that the city properly trains each department on which documents are allowed to be destroyed. If there isn't proper training, then that's when mistakes can be made and documents that should stay on record could potentially be destroyed."

MEGAN EDWARDS

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

Bone-dry Broadway Fountain will be wet again

No, hepatitis scare did not shut it down



A large rock was thrown into the fountain.

Gregory May was at Horton Plaza a couple weeks ago when he noticed the historic Broadway Fountain was drained. He asked the mayor and councilmember Chris Ward via social media why it wasn't operating and "wasn't this thing just restored?"

Both Horton Plaza Park and the fountain (next to the shopping mall) reopened in 2016 after years of restoration.

Lucas O'Connor from Ward's office said, "The fountain was vandalized in December and had to be shut off until repairs are complete. Westfield is working with city staff and a vendor that is familiar with the historical restoration and significance of the fountain, and repairs are expected to be complete within the next few weeks."

I asked Tim Graham, a city public information officer, if he knew details of the vandalism and needed repairs. Graham said,

"A large rock was thrown into the fountain, breaking a glass panel inside. With the specialized glass that needed repair, the timeline for completion is approximately early February. There may be additional delays as a result of the availability of needed materials, but the contractor is looking for alternative options in an effort to keep to the early February timeline. The fountain will remain off until the damage is repaired."

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Dear Hipster:

Why did cars become enormous sometime during the past ten years?

— ANN L

If you listen to the think pieces, the reasons are various: building larger cars lets manufacturers skip out on more rigorous emissions standards, safety regulations dictate the size of cars, or maybe everybody just wants an SUV.

But I think there's a different reason. I think it's a statement. But not a good statement. An anti-hipster statement.

Back in the mid-2000s, the whole hipster thing was taking the world by

storm, and younger people throughout the country were getting socially conscious in record numbers. All of a sudden it was cool, or at least cooler, to ride a bicycle as your main means of transportation, or ride the bus and subway.

So the Man fought back.

Corporate America, and its many devoted servants, didn't like being told to eat more kale and pedal fixed-gear bicycles, so it sent a message writ loud and clear in the form of cars so big they barely fit in normal parking spaces. It's like a big middle finger to hipsters everywhere, which, naturally, people love.

Dear Hipster:

Is it finally safe to admit that I really like the song "MMMBop," or can people make fun of me for that?

— Dave

Can you believe it? Hanson's *Middle of Nowhere* can officially buy itself a beer

this year! They get old so fast, and in an MMMbop they're gone.

I may be incorrect about this, but I think that makes the late-'90s pop album and its catchy hit sufficiently retro that hipsters like you and I can appreciate it as a historical work that truly captured the spirit of its era. Sure, it was a cheesy spirit that liked to wear baggy overalls with one strap undone, but it was a spirit nonetheless.

Congratulations, closet Hanson fans. Say it loud, and say it proud, "MMMBop" was one

heck of a song. It turns out your best friend's little sister was right all along.

Dear Hipster:

What is the deal with hipsters and expensive sneakers?

— SAM

Can't fault the hipsters on this one, bruh. I'll give you a pass, because the average 21st-century hypebeast, for whom exorbitantly priced streetwear is the *sine qua non* of existence, displays some superficial similarities to hipsters. However, when you

compare the two subcultures side-by-side, you'll notice a sharp divergence.

The thing that tricks people in your position into mistaking sneaker-heads for hipsters is that the former often displays disproportionate affection for the styles and colorways of the 1980s and early 1990s. In the eyes of the sneakerhead, fashion,

indeed life itself, peaked with the advent of the Air Jordan, and therefore "chunky basketball shoes and distressed jeans" will forever be The Look. Ironically, Michael Jordan has proven himself one of the most oddly attired people on the planet.

But the similarity ends there. While the hipster may attire himself in a day-glo tanktop and camo hoodie, he would get them at Goodwill rather than paying \$700 for a designer model. You might even say that the fashion-forward sportswear hypebeast in the overpriced sneakers is the very thing the hipster parodies through his very existence.

— DJ Stevens

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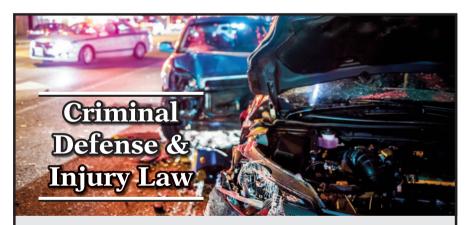
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I want a percentage of the company

Shea Marie is happy being herself and posting on Instagram about it. But she wouldn't mind being a bit more like Emily

Weiss. "She was a beauty editor at a magazine, and she started a blog called Into the Gloss, and it got really popular. Then she started her own brand of makeup called Glossier, and she just raised millions in funding. It's a hard business to break into because you have brands like Clinique and Lancome that have been around forever. But she is this cute 32-year-old who understood how to build a brand in the social media era."



Shea Marie, whose Instagram bio used to read "I'm so many things," was shortened to "Doing it all."

Shea is 30. Ten years ago, the Valley Center native graduated UCSD and headed to Hollywood. Languishing in L.A., she started a blog as a sort of visual résumé. "I had no connections or experience in fashion," she explains, "but I posted pictures of what I was wearing, and people started sharing the photos. This was before Instagram; my friends thought I was crazy."

About five years ago, "Forever 21 reached out to me and said, 'We love what you're doing. We'd love you to be in our new campaign; it's going to be on a billboard in Times Square." She didn't get paid, but she did get a manager, who saw the ad and contacted her.

Today, the manager makes sure she gets paid. But while "there

are always brands that will pay you to post on Instagram, and that's been really beneficial, I'm trying not to take sponsored jobs as much. Instagram and social media as we know it won't

> last forever. So I'm trying to build brands that will last longer than the current trends. If a new company is starting, I can invest what I have to offer in terms of social media promotion. And instead of getting paid, I want a percentage of the company."

She mentions a beauty-product collaboration with a lab in Riverside — hair and skin care. "They do some of the biggest brands in the world, and they want to start an in-house brand.

They brought me in to be a creative art director."

Besides that, "I try to focus on my own brand, Same Los Angeles," which started as luxury swimwear but is expanding to resort wear as well. "It's for a young generation that is obsessed with traveling and a 24/7 vacation lifestyle. I design it all. When I started, I designed it for Instagram: something that would look beautiful and recognizable in a photograph. It's in Bergdorf Goodman and Saks and Nieman Marcus. It's not easy to get into those stores, but I had relationships with them. Some of them had paid me for projects in the past. I came to them and said, 'If you put my brand in your store, I'll promote it.' It's a win-win for them: they're getting promotion from me and not having to pay me. And if it does well, they make money from it. Of course, the stuff has to be good, but I was never worried about that."

From construction worker to fashion photographer

Shea Marie's mother didn't plan for her daughter to become a fashion icon any more than she planned for her son Matt Petranovic to become a fashion photographer. It definitely isn't



Photographer Matt Petranovic is grateful for the women in his life, starting with his mom and his sister.

what they studied at UCSD. "She's always stressed," says Shea, "because nothing is guaranteed for us. She wanted me to be a doctor. She says, 'You didn't choose a very stable career path."

Their mother should know. "She was a model in L.A. when

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Despite the level of opposition this sign claims, Jamul now hosts a gambling casino on the six-acre Jamul Indian Village.

The casino's been built

JAMUL IS STILL FIGHTING IT

riving down a Jamul backroad, I spot a personal aircraft haphazardly parked in a field of tall grass, a man in chaps riding a horse down the road, and a makeshift target-practice range. The lack of a homeowners' association is evident in many sections of town. It's a hodge-podge of manufactured homes, palatial mansions, and do-it-yourself home-improvement projects and add-ons. It's a town made up, mostly, of the solidly middle class with a handful of eccentrically wealthy. It's the kind of town you move to when you want to escape the hustle and bustle. Perhaps that's why when members of the Jamul Indian Village, in the 1990s, announced their plans to build a casino in town, locals lost their minds.

Even now, with the casino reaching its one-year anniversary, anti-casino signs are prominently displayed in Jamul. One reads, in blood-red letters, "97.5% say no casino!" Another quixotically demands, "No casino in Jamul! Save our community!"

Tribal members of the Jamul Indian Village trace are one of 13 local bands belonging to the Kumeyaay nation. Ancestors of the now-61-person Jamul Indian band settled on a parcel of land adjacent to a graveyard maintained by a Roman Catholic church early last century. In 1978 the Daly family, who owned 4.5 acres of land the Jamul Village Indians settled on, entrusted it - along with 1.8 acres donated by the Catholic Church — to the United States government to be used as the Jamul Indian Village reservation. Because of the transfer of ownership of this land, the Indians were able to apply for federal recognition to become a designated tribe. With that recognition they were entitled to federal funding. The funding brought electricity and running water to the homes on the reservation. Prior to 1981, the Jamul band's housing, most of which

was dirt-floored and made with scrap plywood and metal, had neither electricity nor running water. With this federal recognition, to the dismay of many Jamul residents, came the prospect of future gaming and an eventual casino for the Jamul Indian Village.

"There is the casino"

...Marcia Spurgeon says in disgust while peering up at the massive building from out the window of her SUV. "This is not like anything they told us they were going to build when we went to their meetings. This building is bigger than any Walmart in the United States."

It's early Friday afternoon and Spurgeon has offered to take me on a tour of Jamul. She is a real estate agent in town and an active member of the Jamul Action Committee, a group of locals that

advocates for the community, all of whom are vehemently against the casino. This group is responsible for the anti-casino signs hung around Jamul. After driving past some of the nicer homes in Jamul and down backroads, Spurgeon has saved the casino for last. She wants it to sink in how out of place the glitzy casino looks among Jamul's dusty hiking trails, grassy fields, and mountainous backdrops. The large red lettering on the face of the casino stands out boldly against the rugged and serene open space that surrounds the casino. Its sixlevel parking garage and two-story gaming complex next to Highway 94 look oversized and out of place from all angles. Spurgeon and other members of the Jamul Action Committee, along with the Jamul Planning committee, are the Hollywood Casino's most vocal dissenters. The groups have filed over 40 lawsuits in protest of the casino. Even with the structure already built and up and running, they are still heavily protesting its existence.

"Have you been inside the casino?" I ask Spurgeon who is still grimacing at the structure.

She shakes her head, adding firmly, "I have never been in the casino. I have no desire to put my foot in it. I am not a gambler, and they use facial recognition." Spurgeon lets out a gleeful chuckle before adding, "You should read their Yelp reviews. Overall they are pretty negative."

Over on Yelp, the Hollywood Casino has garnered 2.5 stars out of 5. Some are from disgruntled visitors while many others are from annoved community members who, like Spurgeon, view the casino as a threat to keeping Jamul rural.

Spurgeon outlines three solid reasons she is against the casino: road safety, its environmental impact, and the need to keep Jamul rural.

"When I am showing houses, people will say, 'I am tired of having close neighbors. I just want a little space.' That seems to be the theme. People enjoy the quiet and peacefulness Jamul offers."

On our drive around town I am taken aback by the beauty of Jamul. It's a hazy day, but from the a viewpoint along Lyons Valley Road, San Diego sprawls out before me. The Otay River sparkles, and parts of Coronado are visible. For Spurgeon, the casino is an assault on the beauty of the community she has called home for over 40 years.

"You know," she says

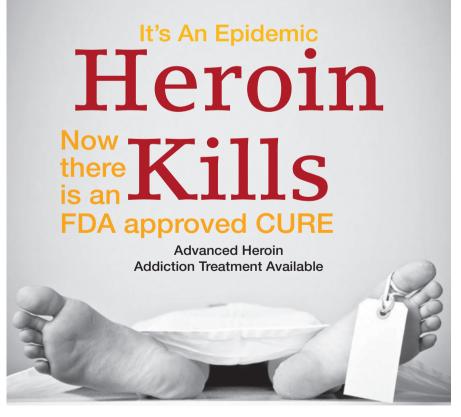
as we look out over Jamul Valley, "half of [the Jamul Village Indians] have never even set foot out here. They don't even live in Jamul."

Spurgeon is correct. Very few Jamul Village Indians live in Jamul. The reason for that is their entire reservation, all six acres, are used to house the Hollywood Casino, parking structure, community center, tribal meeting building, and the cemetery where their elders are buried. Other San Diego County bands with casinos boast far larger acreage. Viejas sits on 1572 acres, Pala has a whopping 12,333 acres, and Barona's acreage is 5664. The Jamul Indian Village doesn't have enough acreage to create their own community around their casino. The modest homes that once sat on their reservation were bulldozed in order to accommodate their supersized casino. The Hollywood Casino has been dropped in a sleepy community whose residents are not tribe members and therefore don't see the benefit to its existence the way those surrounding other tribal casinos do. And that is where most of the drama stems from.

Drama levels drop

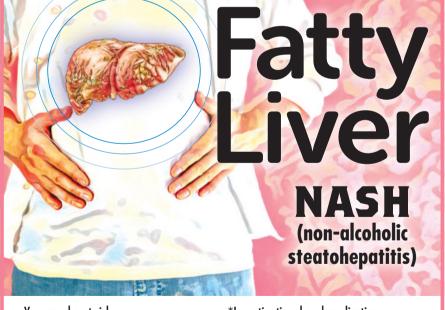
Erica Pinto is pint-sized, keeps her jet-black hair cropped short in a pixie cut. When she meets me at the Jamul Indian Village Tribal Office she is dressed in jeans and a red-and-black flannel shirt. She is warm and welcoming. The office is located behind the casino beyond a heavy metal gate. It is situated next to a church and graveyard where many of the Jamul Indian tribe's elders are buried. Pinto is excessively polite with a humble demeanor. She

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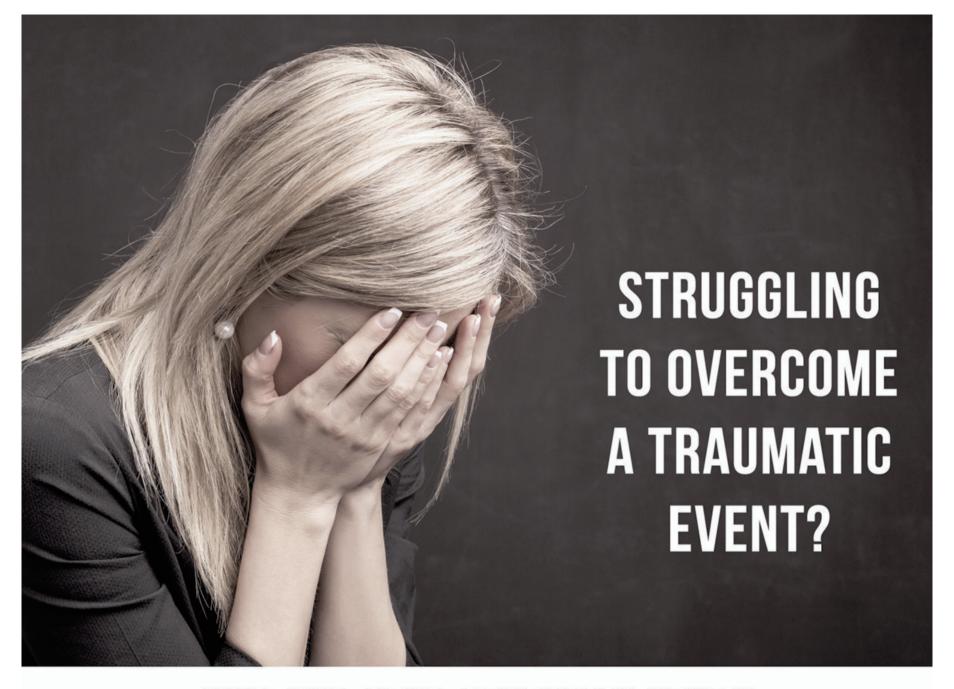
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immediately brews a fresh pot of coffee for the two of us as we sit at a table in the tribe's boardroom. She wants to know if I take cream and sugar, if the coffee is hot enough, how my drive out was, and so on. Despite being my age, she dotes over me like a mother. I imagine that it is this overwhelming attention to the needs of others that allowed her, in 2015, to unseat her uncle, an elder, as tribal chair. She admits it's caused some serious family drama but would rather not discuss that on record. Pinto, young (40ish), a lesbian, and a female, was an unconventional choice for the traditional tribe that had previously been led solely by men.

"We are a young tribe," Pinto explains. "Our elders are 55 and above and we only have about seven or eight elders in the tribe. That is it. The tribal council right now, seven of us, we are all young. My dad is the only elder."

Pinto and her family moved onto the Jamul Indian reservation when she was a child. She has fond memories of playing on the six-acre piece of land surrounded by moun-





Marcia Spurgeon and Michael Casinelli claim they have proof that the casino was built illegally.

tains and the Otay River.

"Three of my brothers and I grew up here in Jamul," Pinto says.

She points outside in the direction of where she and her family once lived, and says, "This building was not here. That community center down there, was not here. It was just one building and 17 trailers, luxurious trailers," she says with a laugh, adding, "[and the] church. I remember my brother put me on a Big Wheel and pushed me down a hill up there. I ran into the back of an old truck. I have a scar to prove it. She lifts her hair to reveal a silvery scar.

Pinto and her brothers attended school in Jamul among non-Indians. "We went to Elk Grove and the middle school here. I was six at the time our tribe earned federal recognition, but our people have been here for thousands of years. When I take you to the casino later you can look out from Loft 94 [the casino barl and look out over Rancho Jamul Estates. That was our original site, years ago — I don't even know how many years, thousands. When they built the homes over there, they uncovered our village. I don't think most people know that."

The tribe wasn't able to hold on to any of the artifacts uncovered when the Rancho Jamul Estates were built. Pinto explains, "When people do construction, there is a process where tribes can be part of the construction. Tribes get involved to see if there are any cultural items of significance, stones, or remains. Back at that time, when they built that, that



Tribal chairwoman Erica Pinto says a man at a planning meeting "actually suggested, 'Instead of doing a casino why don't you do something else for money. Why don't vou make baskets?""

wasn't a thing."

Pinto has fond and some not-so-fond memories growing of up on the small reservation.

"Growing up here in Jamul, kids could be cruel and bully a bit. Our homes weren't the nicest. The [kids that lived in] Rancho Jamul Estates were picked up first by the bus and then we would be picked up. I didn't even know we were poor until I heard those kids talking about our homes and trailers."

She says that tension grew when the tribe announced their plan to open the casino. Pinto's family members who reside in Jamul bore the brunt of that tension.

"I have nieces and nephews who grew up here. They did have to contend with comments [about the casino], even from teachers and bus drivers. Now I would have to say, that it's not like it was prior to opening. We have a small vocal group of people in the community against the casino, not very many. My brother who lives here sees it on a daily basis, but the drama isn't like what it was prior to opening."

When I press Pinto as to whether or not community members make her feel unwelcome, she pauses long before asking, "Did you see the signs when you drove in?"

The signs she is mentioning are the two Jamul Action Committee anticasino messages placed on Highway 94 when you near the casino. Pinto goes on to explain that in the planning phase of the casino, tribe members and community members butt heads at town meetings. There have been a couple of occasions where Pinto has felt unwelcome.

"One time we had an environmental hearing [for the casino] at the El Cajon Library. It was like when you see things about Trump on TV. It was just like that. They were banging on the [library] doors, yelling and screaming and they held signs up. That was intimidating. Another time at one of their [Jamul Action Committee] functions...mv uncle who was the former chair was giving an interview with one of the TV stations and a lady walks by and she goes, 'Oh, God! Another sob story.' It's just little comments like that where you think, Why even say anything at all?"

Pinto also brings up issues they ran into during construction.

"During construction we had people — I don't know if they were community members or where they came from, who knows, I don't want to put the blame on these people around here, but during construction, people would throw stuff at our construction people, they would cuss, they would honk their horns, and flip them off. It was crazy. I'm laughing now, but at the time I was, like, what is going on? We have always taken the high road. We can't really react to all of

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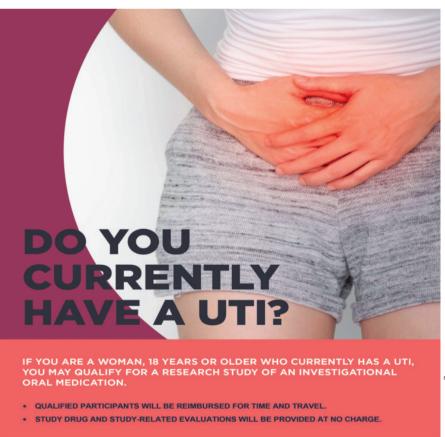
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that, because it has gone on for so long and they continue to do it. It's a small group of people, and it's not like it was."

Safety first

After Marcia Spurgeon gives me the full tour of Jamul we head back to her real estate office on Lyons Valley Road, a mile and a half from the casino. It's a small gray-blue trailer with white trim decorated with American-flag bunting. The office has a quaint country feel brimming with knick-knacks and decorated in soft pastels. There are two desks, one belonging to Marcia and the other for her business partner Vicki Beers. She has invited her friend and fellow Iamul Action Committee member Michael Casinelli to meet us. He is the chairman of the Jamul planning group and anxious to speak with me about his feelings on the



Loft 94 is Hollywood Casino's beer garden/cocktail lounge. Unlike other county tribal casinos, the Jamul Indian Village acquired a liquor license before opening.

Hollywood Casino. We chat a bit before his arrival.

I ask Spurgeon if her involvement protesting the casino has ever made her fear for her safety. She answers, "In the past, Vicki and I were both very concerned about our visibility. Someone egged our office doors and they threw eggs across the front of the building one time. There were concerns. [The Jamul Village Indians] are pretty volatile. They came to some of our meetings and were pretty nasty out in the back. But, as they have hired handlers that help them publicly, I am not as fearful. I think they would be foolish to do something at this time. Besides, in their mind they have won."

Before she can elaborate more, Casinelli arrives. He's in his late 50s or early 60s, trim and fit with tan skin. He was on his way to the YMCA in Rancho San Diego, as evidenced by his faded T-shirt with a large Superman emblem on the chest paired with 1980s sweatpants featuring elastic at the waist and ankles.

"I have lived in Iamul since 1999. The casino has been in the works since before I moved here. I didn't really know about it at that time. I don't remember, nor did the realtor tell me." He grins at Spurgeon and the two chuckle before he continues, "My concerns with the casino, in no particular order, are: safety issues, the fact that they are not legally a recognized tribe so it is illegal for them to have a casino, and environmental concerns."

For the next hour and a half, he will describe in great detail his reasoning for being adamantly against the casino, but before we dive into all of that I ask why the Jamul Planning Committee continues to push the subject when the casino is already built and up and running. I also ask if they are willing to accept that the casino is now part of their community. Spurgeon is quick to answer, "No. I won't accept it, because we know the truth. I don't believe they are legal under the arms of the United States. Under the National Indian Gaming Law, it is a requirement that you had to legally be a tribe in 1934 in order to operate a casino. They weren't. That is the bottom line. Mainly they want money. It comes down to that, and it is at the risk of everyone else. I think that is what made everyone in Iamul so mad."

Casinelli adds, "We have one way in and out of this community the 94. There are a lot of T-bones right here on this road. This entire community was evacuated back in 2007 during the Harris Fire for seven days. The point I want to make is that we only have this one road. If for some reason it is blocked, even one lane, people would have no escape route and you want to add casino traffic on top of that? And this ten-mile stretch through here, the average fatality per mile is five-and-a-half times greater than any other county road."

Adds Spurgeon, "There are bumper stickers that say, 'Pray for me, I drive Highway 94.' It's a dangerous road. Unfortunately, with the increase of traffic, it has gotten worse. The original compact that [Jamul Band of Indians] did with [California governor] Gray Davis was that they would have the roads fixed prior to ever having a casino. Governor Brown has looked the other way. We had a Jamul 94 Safety Commit-



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tee. We have documents where it is written that [Caltrans] would never allow them or give them an encroachment permit until they fixed the road. We fought this for years. It goes back to 1992. Basically, what united everybody [against the casino] was a concern for safety, and that is still there today. We still have a lawsuit in the state court with Caltrans over this issue."

Yes, safety first. Agreed.

Erica Pinto is tired of hearing about the road issues and takes offense at the idea that the tribe is not following through on making road improvements.

"There are road improvements out in front [of the casino]. It's wide. There is a stoplight. I can't tell you how many accidents we have seen before there was anything out there. We saw a couple of fatalities. The benefit

is far-reaching not just within our reservation. We are going to do more road improvements down the line. If you go to our website you can see the series of road improvements we are doing. Our improvements will go all the way down to TGIFriday's [6.4 miles] in Rancho San Diego. We have to pay for over 20 million dollars in road improvements. All the improvements haven't started. There are slivers of land along the 94 that the tribe needs to acquire. Some of these slivers of land, the owners are asking outrageous amounts of money for. Some of the other owners are going radio-silent and not talking to us. Without those, it's hard to start the improvements. It would take the help of people like [District 2 county supervisor] Dianne Jacobs to step in. If we work together with Caltrans and the county we



Its six-level parking garage and two-story gaming complex next to Highway 94 look oversized and out of place from all angles.

can all get it done."

Pinto is frustrated over the idea that the Jamul Action Committee thinks they are ignoring their safety commitment.

"[Road improvements are] to the benefit of everyone. We want to do them because this is our project. We have customers coming out here. I drive out here every day. I want a safe route, too. We are going to start the ones that we can do that don't need those right-of-way slivers, like a stoplight at Lyons Valley Road, and widenings in other areas and some restriping. Those aren't very costly. They can be done because we don't need to acquire those little slivers of land."

And as for fire concerns, Pinto says the tribe tackled that.

"We bought and donated two fire trucks: a ladder truck, and a pumper truck. There is more staff, more fire personnel, and a paramedic on each truck."

"They aren't a real tribe"

... says Marcia Spurgeon, and she is adamant on this point. So is Michael Casinelli. They spend nearly an hour explaining why the Jamul Indian Village should not be a federally recognized tribe and therefore is illegally operating a casino in Jamul. The gist of their argument stems from the rules and regulations of the National Gaming Act.

Spurgeon explains, "The Bureau of Indian Affairs carries the registry of all villages and tribes in the country. A true tribe with a reservation has to be approved by Congress or a congressional act. The [bureau] can approve others for the registry but does not give them the same designation. The Jamul Indian Village was not approved through Congress," she explains.

Spurgeon smiles over





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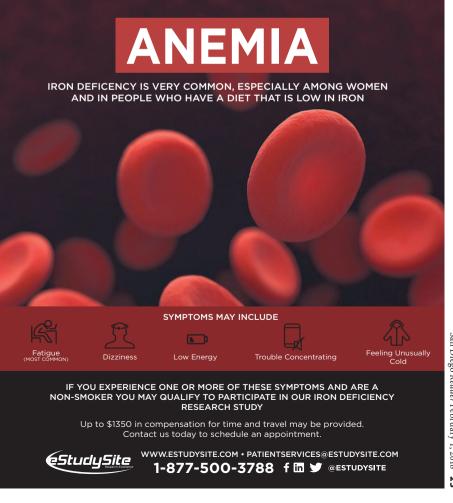
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the excitement of it all. It is obvious that she revels in this battle. She admits that a large portion of her free time goes into fighting the casino. She continues on another lengthy explanation, during which she says, "There is a real shift going on in [the United States]. This isn't about political parties. This is about the taking of land and taking of tax-rolled moneys and putting them in the hands of the tribes.... Take Santa Ysabel, for instance, whose casino bankrupted and they didn't pay their fees and walked away from their debt to this county. [They] are now growing pot in their village. There are a lot of other things that are happening. The dynamics of sovereignty is raising a lot of issues. Tribes have a drawbridge. You can't go on their reservations if they don't want you to; even for law enforcement! They have a free zone, yet they are right in the middle of the rest of the country," Spurgeon shakes her head in frustration.

Casinelli nods in agreement. "The issue for me, information that I have examined, proves that the [Jamul Village Indians]



Like Don Quixote tilting at windmills, the Jamul Action Committee still fights against a casino that has already been built.

never should have been allowed to have a gambling facility on that particular piece of land. But because there are a lot of misconceptions and a lack of factual knowledge, people apply emotion: 'Those poor native Americans. Look what our country did to them. Here they can have gambling and be self-sufficient' and on and on. But see, that is not all entirely true. The federal government has an act that set the rules for Indian sovereignty. It set the rules on who is entitled to have a casino and not..."

Spurgeon interrupts to clarify, "That's called the National Gaming Act."

Casinelli nods and continues, "There is a tribe across the street from Viejas that aren't allowed to have a casino. Just because you are an Indian does not mean you get to have a casino! And," he says, raising his voice an octave, "they don't need it. They have had all these

years to prove that they are a legitimate tribe, but the information that we have received, including letters from the Department of the Interior, say they are not. I have read letters from the governor's office, from the Department of Transportation, from the state, that no one wanted them to develop that land.... I have, probably, a dozen letters over an eightyear span that say, 'You can't do that, no, no, no. We will stop you. We will block it.' There were three previous financial backers that spent tens of millions of dollars and then gave up, walked away. For a lot of reasons. One was that Caltrans was saying you cannot have direct access to the highway. The people across the street — a major housing development and a fire station couldn't even have it. The stated reason — poor line of sight, dangerous; you can't even use this entrance for construc-

tion — it's too dangerous."
"So, what changed?"
I ask.

The two exchange knowing glances. A smug smile spreads across Casinelli's lips.

"Penn National Gaming entered the scene!"

Spurgeon nods, clucking her tongue and adds, "The big change came when Penn came in from Pennsylvania, and Jerry Brown gave it its blessing. A sequence of events occurred to get the ball rolling. Penn National is one of the largest gaming organizations in the United States. This is their first run at an Indian casino. They have casinos back East and in the Midwest in combination with horseracing and greyhounds."

Casinelli continues, "All of a sudden Penn announces that they are building. We are all going, 'Wait a minute. You don't have an encroachment permit. You are going to gamble on building a \$360 million casino without knowing if you can enter the highway?' They were real arrogant. Sure enough, a year later they were getting permission. That was the first red flag that something wasn't right."

Casinelli fumes, "After permission from Caltrans, they needed easements. They only had four acres and they had excavated all the way to the perimeter of the property — eight stories deep! Well when you have something that

deep, you have to figure out a way to hold it up so it does not collapse or cave in. Well," Casinelli purses his lips in disgust before continuing, "the walls are held up by running what they call 'soil nails.' They are maybe 30 feet long, thousands of them, into the reserve! They need an easement to do that but they built all the way out, so they had no choice, knowing they were going to get that permit. Sure enough, after all of that they get it. Fish and Wildlife were reluctant to give it to them. This reserve is their crown jewel. They wanted to see the environmental impact before deciding. They wanted to see what potential damage this could have on our property — which by the way they were supposed to have. That was waived. They got the encroachment permit, they didn't have to do the environmental.

"Now, here comes the alcohol and beverage commission, another state agency. Do you know that the Hollywood Casino is the only casino in the state ever to get even a temporary license to serve alcohol prior to opening? It took Barona and Viejas

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about ten years. I mean, even when they did get their license there were restrictions, but here they gave the [Hollywood Casino] this before they opened with fewer restrictions not only than the other casinos but for your average [business] getting a liquor license."

Casinelli lets his rant set in before continuing, "This has to come from the top, it just has to. Governor Brown was in office, this was two years into his first term when this happened, so he had two years in office when he didn't have that stance. At that time, Lakes Gaming was invested, they had 60 million invested, and they couldn't get this thing going. It changed when Penn National came in; like dominoes, all these obstacles that had been there for decades, one by one, went away."

Spurgeon says, "It raises the question of why [Governor Brown] would be supporting this entity, especially with the public opposition. We have never had support through public agencies — they all agreed it was unsafe and ridiculous. It just doesn't pass the test."

Casinelli shakes his head in agreement before reiterating, "Meanwhile, they still aren't proving that they are a recognized tribe entitled to have gaming!"

Why don't you make baskets?

Erica Pinto shrugs off most of the criticism aimed at the casino and her tribe directed from the Jamul Action Committee, but she takes offense to the contention that the Jamul Indian Village is not a real tribe. She stresses time and again that they signed a tribal state compact with



Before the casino, the Jamul Indian Village held little but a graveyard (top right) and a few mobile homes.

the California government in 1999. This compact allowed construction of the Hollywood Casino. However, committee members won't budge on their beliefs.

"It is a bit offensive the things that they say, like challenging that we are not a reservation and saying, 'You should not be legally recognized. You're not a tribe. How can you do this?' Well, we have a contract with the state. The state is not going to do a compact with anybody. You have to be a federally recognized tribe. So, all these lawsuits that were filed from the [Jamul Action Committee] have all been won. All the things they challenged us on, they have all been won, over 40 lawsuits. They still continue to come, there are a couple more pending from the [Jamul Action Committee]."

Pinto shrugs in an attempt to convey her lack of concern, but it is obvious that these lawsuits are a sore subject. "I am not worried, because all of those claims have

been won. They all get filed and appealed. I am not concerned about it. It costs a lot of money, unfortunately. They have challenged our status and lost every time. We are a tribe! We have our status and we have a compact. And, I am going to be here for many terms, I hope. The lawsuits are not something that make me lose sleep at night. In the early days of planning, I attended one of the [Jamul Action Committee] meetings and a man there actually suggested, 'Instead of doing a casino, why don't you do something else for money? Why don't you make baskets?""

She shakes her head over the memory before continuing, "Some of the things they say sting a little bit." However, the Jamul Indian Village's website features a tab under the heading "Our Culture" bearing the photo of a basket and a description of traditional Kumeyaay basketry.

Pinto has just given me a tour of the casino. "We wanted it to be a representation of old-world Hollywood," she says, pointing out the intricate details of cascading chandeliers overhead along with the red, black, and silver themes. Pinto ends our tour in Loft 94, the casino's beer garden and cocktail lounge. Its open patio faces the oversized homes in Rancho Jamul Estates. From this vantage point, looking out over Jamul, one gets the feeling of floating among its peaks and planes. While taking in the view, Pinto turns to me and says, "There is so much more than this I want for my tribe!" There is a glint of optimism in her eyes. She has big plans for the Jamul Village Indian's future. She does not want to discuss them on record. Instead she adds, "Our hope is that eventually the Jamul Action Committee will stop throwing their sticks and stones. They don't have to accept the casino, but just stop with the lawsuits already. We have been here for 12,000 years. We will remain here. We are not going away." ■

— Siobhan Braun

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Linthicum said he was notified of the illegal pumping.

"Our contractor had a new foreman on the job, and that foreman pumped the water in the wrong direction and as soon as anyone found out we stopped it immediately," Linthicum said. ■

(@DorianHargrove)

Under the radar

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III took off for one more glitzy free junket to Las Vegas, courtesy of the Consumer Technology Association. "I have been invited to participate in a [Consumer Electronics Show] 2018 panel, a partnership with CES Government called the "Legislative Outlook for Tech in 2018," Issa wrote on the disclosure of his \$848.96 two-night stay at the Encore at Wynn Las Vegas. The congressman, who became a billionaire as father of the Viper car alarm, was not compensated for his transportation costs. Rische, Issa's in-house counsel, got the same room rate, along with \$272 worth of coach airfare. "The purpose of my attendance is to learn about emerging technology issues," Rische wrote. One seminar likely to have caught the attention of the embattled Issa, a staunch proponent of get-tough border policies favored by the Trump administration, was entitled "How Immigrants are Driving Success." "Immigrants have founded many of today's leading tech companies and continue to prove to be a critical component in the American Workforce despite an out of date immigration system. Discover solutions in modernizing immigration to attract and retain world-class talent in the American workforce," per the program. ... Apartment, office, and retail

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dent of Davlyn Investments, has given \$50,000 to Friends of SDSU, the political committee backing a November ballot measure to turn what used to be known as Qualcomm Stadium over to university control.

> - Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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NEWS TICKER

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McMahon's XFL could put hurts on L.A. Chargers

No criminals allowed in reborn league

The XFL was a professional football league financed by **NBC** and the World Wrestling Federation (now World Wrestling Entertainment). It lasted one year, 2001, because of poor TV ratings and attendance. Now it intends to come back in 2020, and some are saying it could hurt the Los Angeles Chargers, or perhaps play in San Diego (doubtful).

The league stressed violence. The teams had elegant names: Chicago Enforcers. New York/New Jersey Hitmen, Orlando

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Vince McMahon. No penalties for roughness

Rage, Las Vegas Outlaws, Los Angeles Xtreme, Memphis Maniax, San Francisco **Demons, and Birmingham** Thunderbolts. The league admitted that it picked up some of its gimmicks from professional wrestling. There were no penalties for roughness and, in general, fewer rules. The public announcers talked trash and instead of a coin toss to determine who would receive the kickoff. the official put the ball on the ground and a player from each team scrambled for it. This was called "The Human Coin Toss."

Vincent McMahon, founder of World Wrestling **Entertainment. announced** January 25th that he will bring the league back. This time, insists McMahon, the league will be civilized. Players with criminal records can't play. Players can't protest on social issues on the field. Potential players will CITY LIGHTS

be judged on "the quality of human being they are," according to ESPN.com.

The publication Bolts from the Blue, which appeals to Chargers followers, says that with the XFL returning, "The Chargers should expect even more competition for the LA media market."

Don Bauder

A horsepox on La Jolla

Biotech flaunting deadly disease recipe

A high-flying biotech outfit with a low-profile La Jolla research outpost has been besieged by critics who say the company's sponsorship of a Canadian horsepox genome project could ultimately lead terrorists to unleash a deadly worldwide smallpox pandemic.

"The synthesis of horsepox virus takes the world one step closer to the reemergence of smallpox as a threat to global health security," Gregory D. Koblentz, a bio-defense scholar at George Mason University, wrote last spring.

The controversy began last March when Tonix Pharmaceuticals announced that researchers led by professor **David Evans at the University** of Alberta had perfected its

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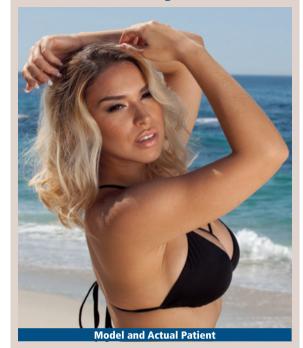
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HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH FILM FESTIVAL

The festival offers a program of six films that address a range of human-rights issues around the world.

Filmmakers and Human Rights Watch experts will be present at each screening to discuss the issues raised in each film. Documentaries highlight the morality of capital punishment, social media as a tool for activism, environmental activism, domestic violence, workers' rights, and police violence.

\$10 per movie; \$35 festival pass. The opening-night screening is *Lindy Lou:***Luren Number True: "20 years."

Juror Number Two: "20 years ago, Lindy Lou sat on a jury that sentenced a man convicted in a double homicide to death...Lindy decides to cross political and religious divides in the rural South to explore the impact this decision had on her fellow jurors." Q&A follows with Lindy Lou Isonhood.

WHEN: Thursday, February 1, 7 p.m. Runs through Sunday.
WHERE: Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park.
mopa.org

Friday | 2

REMARKABLE JEWISH WOMEN OF SAN DIEGO

Research into the archives of the Jewish Historical Society at SDSU has revealed the largely untold stories of several women who made a significant contribution to Jewish life in San Diego from the 1800s to the present. They include Rose Neumann, who published the first Jewish newspaper in San Diego, and Deborah Szekely, named the "Godmother of Wellness" by the *Huffington Post*. The lecture is by Dr. Gloria Harris, who has devoted over

30 years to studying and documenting women's experiences. She received her doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Washington and was inducted into the San Diego Women's Hall of Fame in 2010. \$13.

WHEN: Friday, February 2, 10:30 a.m. **WHERE:** Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla. *sdcjc.org*

BY THE BARREL: SCOTCH & BEER

This is the kickoff to the 2018 "By the Barrel" series at Estancia La Jolla. Sample unlimited single-malt whiskey from Macallan and barrel-aged beer



BY THE BARREL: SCOTCH & BEER

from Ballast Point and speak with chief ambassadors during the welcome reception: James Murray, Ballast Point VP of brewing, Steve Anderson,

Ballast Point director of barrel-aging, and Kieron Elliot of Macallan. A multicourse meal is paired with the scotch and beer, which includes coffee-chipotle seared buffalo carpaccio, juniper berry-crusted venison loin, smokeroasted Muscovy duck breast, and wild boar shoulder & three-bean casserole. Music by Highland Way. \$125.



WHEN: Friday, February 2, 7 p.m.
WHERE: Estancia La Jolla Hotel and
Spa, 9700 N. Torrey Pines Road,
La Jolla. bit.ly/2DFb6Hu

Saturday | 3

CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL IN BALBOA PARK

A celebration of the Chinese New Year at the International Cottages in Balboa Park with kung-fu performances, a Lion Dance, a youth fashion show, calligraphy demos, and

dumplings, milk tea, and steamed buns. Be sure to get a red envelope (a symbol of good luck).

WHEN: Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also on Sunday.

WHERE: House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park. *bit.ly/2F7A12I*

VIENNESE NIGHTS: A GRAND VICTORIAN BALL

Celebrate the music, dances, and romance of the Strauss era. The Grand Pacific Waltz Orchestra will play authentic period music for waltzes, polkas, set dances, and mazurkas. "Dance mistress" Joan Walton of San Jose will preside. Joe Dyke will direct the orchestra. The historic Balboa Park Club has a 12,000-square-foot dance floor, one of the largest in California. Elegant evening wear required; vintage-style mid- to late-19th Century encouraged. If you need to work on your skills, there's a two-



hour "survival waltz" class at 11:30 a.m. \$35.

WHEN: Saturday, February 3, 7 p.m. WHERE: Balboa Park Club & Ballroom, 2144 Pan American Road West, Balboa Park. waltznsuch.org

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH: HALIMA HAGI-MOHAMED

Halima Hagi-Mohamed was born in Nairobi, Kenya, to Somali parents. She was raised in Fresno and is the second youngest of nine children. Hagi-Mohamed has been writing since the age of 12 and got her start on the story-sharing website Wattpad, later venturing into writing fictional stories about life in the Somali diaspora. *Amilah* is her first book. In Arabic, *amilah* means finding hope in dark times. The author will discuss her book.

WHEN: Saturday, February 3, 1 p.m. **WHERE:** Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard, East Village. *friendsofsandiegocentrallibrary.org*



Sunday | 4

STONE SUPER SUNDAY CELLARBRATION

Stone says they sent their "global beer curator" Padraic Lenehan to the depths

of their cellar to pull out some of their oldest, rarest, last-remaining kegs to pair with dishes by executive chef Tausha Lopez. Ticket includes 15 tasters of craft-beer pours (additional tasters available for purchase), 5 paired dishes, one 32-oz. can growler of Stone IPA of Passion Fruit & Bullet Hops, and "noshing stations with unlimited bites." Designated driver tickets \$30; with beer, \$55.

February 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. WHERE: Stone Brewing Co., 1999 Citracado Parkway, Escondido. stonebrewing.com

WHEN: Sunday,

Monday | 5

BERMUDA TRIANGLE. It hasn't

been long since singer-guitarist
Brittany Howard came out of nowhere
with her fiery blues-rock band Alabama
Shakes, yet she's already launched two
side projects — a power-trio called
Thunderbitch and Bermuda Triangle,

an acoustic rootsrock and folk trio
embarking on its
first full tour. For
this outing at Little
Italy's Music Box on
Monday, Howard
will play string guitar and standup bass
and share vocals
with Nashville singer-songwriters Becca
Mancari and Jesse

Lafser. Music, page 46.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING

EARNEST. Oscar Wilde said, "We should treat all the trivial things of life seriously, and all the serious things of life with sincere and studied triviality." As proof, he said his *Earnest* was "a drama in three acts." Oh, come on, Oscar. It's one of the funniest plays

ever written. Through March 4 at the Old Globe in Balboa Park.
Theater, page 54.

THE BLOOD IS AT THE

DOORSTEP. The film comes to us from SDSU graduate Erik Ljung. In clear-headed, cinematically concise terms, Ljung documents the police-



THE BLOOD IS AT THE DOORSTEP

shooting death of Dontre Hamilton and how his family mobilized Milwaukee. If the film doesn't go into wide release, the Human Rights Watch Film Festival may be your only chance to see it. Scott Marks has the review in Movies, page 50.

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WATER'S END RAIL TRAIL — CARLSBAD

This segment of the Coastal Rail Trail features vernal pools

Distance from downtown San Diego: 31 miles (allow about 35 minutes). Follow CA-163N to I-805N, and then to I-5N. Take exit 45 on I-5N at Poinsettia Lane and head west, toward the ocean. Almost immediately, make a right turn on Avenida Encinas and continue for about 0.75 mile to the Poinsettia Coaster Train Station on the left. Enter the station and park in an available space. Start walking south from your parked car toward the trailhead at the southwest corner of the station. Hiking length: About 1.5 miles round trip. Allow up to 1 hour. Difficulty: Easy. Bicycles and leashed dogs allowed on the trail. Wheelchair accessible.



The trail follows the old railbed.

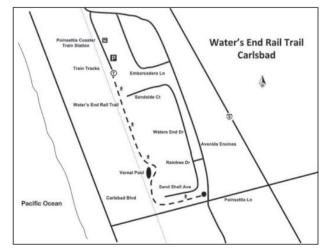
he Coastal Rail Trail is projected to become a continuous path following the Coaster commuter train line from Oceanside to San Diego. As of 2017, only discontinuous segments exist. The Water's End Trail in Carlsbad is one of these Coastal Rail Trail segments. In addition to being a good place for a short walk, it is of considerable interest as one of the few remaining areas of vernal pools in San Diego County, most of which have been bulldozed for developments. Vernal pools are unique biological habitats typically containing rare and endangered plants and animals. Organisms living here must be able to tolerate extended periods of drought as well as periodic flooding. These shallow pools fill with water after heavy rains in the spring, but they only contain standing water for one to two months. In this brief time, San Diego fairy shrimp (Branchinecta sandiegoensis) hatch and flourish, providing

food for the San Diego spadefoot toads (Spea harmondii) that have been hibernating in the clay beneath the pond for a minimum of months, and possibly years

As the pools dry up, they will become barren areas of cracked adobe clay. But, before this occurs, there is a brief period in which shortcycling plants such as San Diego mesa mint (Pogogyne abramsii) and button celery (Eryngium aristulatum) can germinate, flower, and complete their life cycle, utilizing the remaining soil moisture before it, too, is gone as the long drought of the summer and fall progresses. Before beginning your hike from your parked car toward the trailhead, walk over to the train station and look south from the southern-most path to the train platform From this path, you will have a clear view of the vernal pool area to the south. Once you are on the trail itself, the vernal pools will largely be obscured

> by the dense growth of native vegetation along the trail

The trailhead at the southwestern end of the parking area will appear almost as a tunnel through sycamore trees and large toyon and other shrubs that mark the path and have grown profusely along the eastern side of the trail. Most of these were planted when the trail was constructed. The western side of the trail contains a wild profusion of native shrubs. including goldenbush.



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Veterinarian Camp Vet Camp offers a rare opportunity for kids to practice veterinary skills (like performing a health check on a mini horse), interact with animals, and gain experience with equipment they might use in the future. Age 9-16. Saturday, February 3, 8:45am; \$70. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

ART

Age of the Baroque The story of the Age of Baroque is a tale of today. To examine the 17th Century is to reveal the 21st. Two centuries united by tribalism, sectarianism, and acquiescence to unreasoning power. We shall explore this dynamic period through the lens of its greatest artists. Art has always been the handmaiden of power, a truism magnified in this era, which was all about power — its uses and abuses. The power of grand monarchs, whether Philip IV of Spain or France's Sun King, Louis XIV; the power of a monolithic Church confronting the existential threat of Martin Luther's Reformation; the power of belief and of ideas and, ultimately, the power of great art. The February 1 lecture covers Velazquez. The February 5 and 8 lectures cover Peter Paul Rubens. The February 12 and 13 lectures cover Rembrandt Thursday, February 1, 7:30pm: \$14-\$19 Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

California Women's Clubs Explore the history of the Women's Clubs Movement. What started off as social gatherings and book clubs grew during the Progressive Era into a fully grown social movement. Women's clubs, formed by middle-class white women and African Americans, focused on social reform for issues concerning the country in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries such as child labour, prison reform, suffrage, education, public health, and temperance. The clubs served multiple functions. Runs through April 1. Friday, February 2, 12pm; \$3-\$5. Women's Museum of California. 2730 Historic Decatur Rd., Barracks 16, #103. (LIBERTY STATION)

Conception Arts Show See around 30 of San Diego's best emerging artists display and sell their latest works. We will have painters, photographers, sculptors, and more, including live music from

The Heart. Conception Exhibits are now taking place across the U.S. and have been featured in the Dallas Patron Magazine, Wall Street Journal, and ABC news. Saturday, February 3, 6pm; \$20. Mission Brewery, 1441 L Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Crow Show: Reception Fourth annual exhibition, one of our most requested exhibits includes artwork that represents the many faces of the crow in reality and fantasy. Having taken on mythological importance, crows appear in all parts of the world. In folklore, they may foreshadow tragedy or usher in good news. The reality is a highly intelligent bird capable of social interactions. In recent years, the crow has become a muse to many artists. Saturday, February 3, 6pm; free. Studio Door, 3750 30th Street.

Doodles and Abstractions San Diego-based artist June Rubin invites you and your family to meet the artist while enjoying her mixed-

media artwork. Friday, February 2, 5pm; free. June Rubin Studio/ Gallery, 2690 Historic Decatur Road #214. (LIBERTY STATION)

Lessons from a Master Printmaker Join Lenore Simon as she reveals lessons learned throughout her artistic career and shares her printmaking stories and techniques. Complimentary refreshments will be served at 6 pm with the artist demo beginning promptly at 6:30 pm. Thursday, February 1, 6pm; free. Sparks Gallery, 530 Sixth Avenue.

Porfirio Gutierrez: Trunk Show & Lecture Join us for an immersive weekend with master dyer and weaver Porfirio Gutiérrez, and learn about the rich history of the craft in its cultural context. Recently featured in The New York Times, Gutiérrez is committed to keeping his family's traditional Zapotec practices and knowledge alive. He and his family are masters of Zapotec weaving and come from a long line of weavers from Teotitlán del Valle in Oaxaca, Mexico. They are among a small group of textile artisans working to preserve the use of plant and insect dyes — techniques that stretch back more than 1000 years in the indigenous Zapotec tradition. Friday, February 2, 10am; Saturday, February 3, 10am; free-\$10. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

Relentless Values The San Diego Watercolor Society presents an art exhibition juried by artist Robin St. Louis. The exhibit runs 1/28 to 2/24. The opening reception has 95-100 original ready-to-hang paintings for sale plus wine and food. Friday, February 2, 5pm; free. San Diego Watercolor Society, 2825 Dewey Road #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

Shadows in Crisis: Opening Reception Our first all-photography exhibition. F-M is proud to partner with photographers Jason Altaan, Karina Campos, Ingrid Hernandez, Stacy Keck, Eduardo Moragrega, and Guillermo Olguin, Join for the opportunity to view the spectrum of diverse ideas and moments captured through the lenses of this collective group and F-M's perma-

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A Soviet propaganda film that has been rediscovered by American filmmakers due to the startling lyricism of its cinematography.



(Cuba. 1964) Not rated

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nent art collection. Cocktail dress code. RSVP: info@francomoragrega. com Friday, February 2, 6pm; \$15. Franco Moragrega, 102 S. 21st Street (SHEPMAN HEIGHTS)

Sticks vs. Stones: Opening Reception The Hill Street Country Club and Linksoul Lab are proud to present new works by Joachim Castaneda, a multidisciplinary artist that makes mixed media assemblage works and paints applied expressionist canvases. Taking a cue from amateur sign paintings, ignorant (naïve) graffiti, and pre-Colombian textiles found throughout Latin America, Joachim Castaneda creates a peculiar visual language to parallel a general visual language. Saturday, February 3, 7pm; free. Linksoul Lab, 530 S. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

Vision of Global Unity Art Battle To raise money and awareness for two local charities, Free to Thrive and Generate Hope. Both of these organizations aim to empower the thousands of local victims of the San Diego sex trafficking industry. See five locally recognized artists engaging in a collaborative Art Battle, each creating a unique 6'x4' art piece all with an end goal of spreading awareness, generating unity, and giving rise to change for a better tomorrow. Attendees will have an opportunity to bid on the final art piece at the event. In addition to the Art Battle, there will be various other creative forms of art including spoken word, interpretive dancing, body painting, house music DJs, and a variety of local vendors. Saturday, February 3, 5pm; \$10-\$20. Bread & Salt, 1955 Julian Avenue. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

BEER

BYO Boot Camp Brew Your Own magazine is having their annual BYO Boot Camp. Join us for a small-class full-day hands-on brewing educational day. As part of that BYO Boot Camp, there is an evening reception in which we have different breweries in the area pouring small samples to the attendees, 5–6pm Friday, February 2, 10am; \$275–\$475. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Duck Foot Game Day Party \$1 off all full pours all day long, whether you're a die-hard fan or you're just here for the beer. The Crafty Butchers is preparing a special Game Day menu for us complete with wings, waffle fries, coleslaw, and massive sandwiches served on Bread & Cie pretzel rolls. Plus we'll have some side entertainment (cornhole!) for anyone who's just waiting for half-time. Game day hours: noon to 8 pm. Sunday, February 4, 12pm; free. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMARI)

Hikyoga & Beer San Diego Hikyoga leads vinyasa-style yoga classes at Bitter Brothers Brewery on the first Sunday of each month. Get your flow on and then sample Bitter Brother's newest release. Sunday, February 4, 10:30am; \$15. Bitter Brothers Brewing Co., 4170 Morena Boulevard. (BAY HO)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Crafting Your Personal Story

Everybody has a story to tell, but the difficult part is getting it out of your head and on to the page. In this workshop we'll explore the elements of crafting a personal story, how to zero in on the story you want to share, and the steps for pulling it out of your mind and on to the page. Special emphasis will be placed on exploring the aspects of vulnerability and honest self-reflection it will take to make your story resonate. Sunday, February 4, 10am; \$45-\$54. Ink Spot, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd., Barracks 16 #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

Date Night: Succulents and Sips Join us for wine and succulents to make a heart-shaped wreath for Valentine's Day. Friday, February 2, 6pm; \$45-\$55. Mint Studio, 5965 Village Way. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Fear of the Fish Uncertain how to prepare fish? At San Diego Rod & Reel Club's next meeting, let Yanni Hassir take the fear out of fish. He has easy tips and tricks for cooking every kind of seafood in all kinds of dishes. An avid fisherman himself, and taught by his mother who was a sous chef at the king's palace in Greece, his seafood-centric Greek heritage shows — his styles are not limited to Mediterranean dishes, though. Thursday, February 1, 7pm; free. Silver Gate Yacht Club, 2091 Shelter Island Drive. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Gourd Art In the Joan Phoenix Library. Artist O'Jay Vanegas will teach the class using beginner art techniques. Vanegas, who is of Diné descent, was raised in Desert Hot Springs, CA. His mission is to teach Native American Culture and has a true passion for art and his Native American background. He has a degree in Fine Art and has been teaching gourd art for over 20 years. Artists use the gourd to create functional and decorative containers, masks, jewelry, figures, musical instruments, and sculptural items. Info: 619-443-7003, x219. Saturday, February 3, 10:30am; \$25. Barona Cultural Center and Museum, 1095 Barona Road. (LAKESIDE)

Sketching at the Gallery Every First Thursday of the month, dropin and sketch from live clothed models to objects in our gallery. All ranges of drawing experience are welcome, including visitors who are picking up a sketchbook for the first time. Peer-to-peer advice and guidance on drawing techniques is always encouraged. Drawing materials are provided as well as music and drinks, all within the gallery showroom surrounded by talented artists to inspire you. Info: info@monarchfineart.com. Thursday, February 1, 6pm; free. Monarch Arredon Contemporary, 862 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Wine & Canvas Painting Class: Tropical Night Follow an art instructor step-by-step as you recreate the featured painting. Saturday, February 3, 6pm; \$35. Mimi Cafe, 5180 Mission Center Road. (MISSION

Rhyme & Verse

Two poems by Cecilia Woloch

Whose River

And then one day, so many have gone to wherever they go, and the river shines —

a slurring of green between the trees; a faint gold light on the other side.

The breeze here, a soft breeze, but dark — one spirit flies in as another flies out —

as if someone's hands you can't quite see but remember exactly pass near your face.

A kind man whose memory slips, whose *mind keeps slipping*, he says — toward what? —

tells you, The hardest thing is stepping across; to let go, and go, to be let go of.

And those you've loved who've disappeared — more rain sometimes than the ground can absorb —

want your tears no more than they want to turn back in their leaving, the clothes they wore.

My Mother Is the Poem I'll Never Write

When I hated myself, when I sulked and bled and had no god to call, she loved me; she called me back. Her strength was the wren's plain strength but my mother was beautiful, more beautiful than I saw, more delicate. Really, I don't want to tell you or anyone — what's to tell?

Her crooked hands. When I was hungry, I was fed. When I was sad, I just lay down beside her in her bed, or when I was glad, exhausted from joy from working beside her in the garden or in the kitchen she swept and swept. When I had wrecked my life, she told me, "You don't have to fall apart." When I was wrong she taught me how to forgive myself. When she died I took the flowers from her grave and scattered them. When I want her voice her face again, I have only to look in the mirror. Gone like the sparrow, gone like the wren. Gone like the blossoms blown into drifts from which her name was gathered once.



Cecilia Woloch is the author of six collections of poems, most recently *Carpathia* (BOA Editions 2009) and *Earth* (Two Sylvias Press 2015), as well as a novel, *Sur la Route* (Quale Press 2015). Her awards include a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, a Pushcart Prize, and prizes from the *Indiana Review* and the *New Ohio Review*, among others. Based in

Los Angeles, she spends half of each year on the road and teaches throughout the U.S. and around the world.

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Winemaking Demonstration at Curds and Wine See just how easy it is to make your own wine, at home or on site. We will go through all of the basic steps of making wine from kits, from start to bottle. This will be an interactive demonstration; you will have an opportunity to take part in winemaking steps hands-on. This demonstration will take about two hours, and then you can start your own wine. Saturday, February 3, 1pm; free. Curds and Wine, 7194 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

COMEDY

Demetri Martin His first stand-up comedy special, *Demetri Martin*, *Person*, is considered by many to be his longest and only hour-long stand-up comedy special. Friday, February 2, 7:30pm; Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Joe Posa in The Bitch Is Back Joe Posa, actor and female celebrity impersonator, joins forces with Fashion Police Executive Producer and Joan Rivers' former comedy writer, Tony Tripoli, for a 90-minute tribute show. The show begins with Tony Tripoli sharing some memories of working with and for Ms. Rivers, and then Mr. Tripoli passes the baton to Joe Posa, Joan's favorite impersonator, who recreates the comic legends, look, mannerisms, and comic energy. Thursday, February 1, 8pm; \$20-\$25. Martinis Above Fourth | Table + Stage, 3940 Fourth Avenue #200. (HILLCREST)

Lewis Black Lewis Black executes a trifecta as a stand-up comedian, actor, and author. Saturday, February 3, 8pm; Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN

Noah Gardenswartz When Noah isn't touring he performs several nights a week in NYC and co-hosts a monthly show called "Comedy Freaknik." Thursday, February 1, 8pm; Friday, February 2, 8pm; \$18. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Steven Wright Academy Award winner Steven Wright is a prototype comedian that many others continually try to follow. He's a regular guest with Conan O'Brien, Jimmy Kimmel, and Seth Meyers and continues touring the U.S., Canada, and overseas. Don't miss this comedy legend's performance at the historic Balboa Theatre. Thursday, February 1, 7:30pm; Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

FOOD & DRINK

Monthly Tequila Tasting at Galaxy Join us the first Friday of each month from 5-8 pm for a complimentary tasting. We partner with a different tequila or mezcal brand to educate our guests about how the chosen spirit is harvested to pairing recommendations. February 2, join us for free samples of Ilegal Mezcal and enjoy cocktail specials highlighting the spirit available for purchase. Cocktail of the month: Viva el Tamarind: mescal, tamarind, grapefruit, piloncillo, chipotle, and lime. Friday, February 2, 5pm; free. Galaxy Taco, 2259 Avenida de La Playa. (LA JOLLA)

Taste San Diego Flavor Loews Coronado Bay Resort will be featuring tastes from each of its local partners. Guests will enjoy seafood from Catalina Offshore, craft beer from Mike Hess Brewing, sweets from Sweet Cheeks Baking Co. (winner of Food Network's *Cupcake Wars*), and cocktails from You & Yours Distilling Co. Friday, February 2, 3pm; free. Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road. (CORONADO)

FOR KIDS

All Girls STEM Society Circuitry Workshop In collaboration with the All Girls STEM Society, Mission Valley Library presents an exciting circuitry workshop. How does electricity work? What is the relationship between voltage, current, and resistance? Answer these questions with a series of handson experiments. This workshop is recommended for girls in Grades 7-8. Register online. Sunday, February 4, 1:45pm; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Be an Earth Hero Become a Ms. Smarty-Plants Earth Hero to save our most precious resource, water! Take a fun and active journey with magic and music through the water cycle, conservation, plant adaptations, and more. Learn, laugh, and lend a hand to the planet by taking the Ms. Smarty-Plants Earth Hero Pledge, and remember, we can change the world with our own two hands. Saturday, February 3, 10am; free. Birdwing Open Air Classroom at the San Dieguito Lagoon, 2775 Via De La Valle. (DEL MAR)

Robolink CoDrone Competition Welcome to Robolink's first

CoDrone competition. Your mission, should you choose to accept, will be to use your engineering, creativity, and technique to solve spy-themed drone challenges. Good luck, pilot! Students in 6th through 12th grade are invited to participate in teams of 1-5. Saturday, February 3, 10am; \$20. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Behind the Brands 2018 San Diego Magazine and HATCH's newest event will engage the community in conversation about the future of San Diego's ever-evolving business landscape over Q&As, workshops, art, food and drinks, and live music. Speakers from Taylor Guitars, ViaSat, Illumina, Product Etc., and ESET will take part in 15-minute moderated Q&As to talk about their roles and what they see in the future for their respective companies and San Diego. Thursday, February 1, 5:30pm; \$45-\$55. WeWork B St., 600 B St., Third Floor. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Easy Composting with Bokashi The Bokashi method uses specially treated bran added to kitchen waste,

eliminating odors and quickly creating fermented compost. Using a simple air-tight container, anyone - from a single person to a large family or even a restaurant or bakery - can turn their food waste into rich compost for the garden. Saturday, February 3, 9:30am; \$25\$30. San Marcos Historical Society. 1952 Sycamore Drive. (SAN MARCOS)

Sierra Talks Sierra Club: Afoot and Afield Join Afoot and Afield in San Diego County for a presentation detailing the making of the 5th edition of San Diego's "hiking Bible," new information and hikes contained within the volume, and a discussion on some of the best new and old hiking routes in the county. It also touches on some of the ongoing and emerging issues affecting



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SHEEP AND GOATS

I ANSWERED THE CALL

New Life Church of the Nazarene

Contact: 1123 North Mollison Ave., El Cajon; 619-444-9054; elcajonnazarene.org

Membership: 300 Pastor: David Hazel

Age: 47 Born: Los Angeles

Formation: Point Loma Nazarene University, Point Loma; Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City

Years Ordained: 22

San Diego Reader: What's your favorite subject on which to preach?

Pastor David Hazel: Holiness. We have a holy God who wants to transform us from the inside out to be like him and to be holy. He communicates that in so many different ways, directly, and teaches so much of it as Jesus taught about it when he came to Earth.

SDR: What's your main concern as a member of the clergy?

PH: Given how our world and culture are now, we want to engage so much in the political banter that goes on in our world that we see, especially on Twitter and other types of social media outlets. Everyone is going to have an opinion, clergy included; but I don't think it's the role of the pastor to be political. Rather, we have the role to be Godly and biblical. We can have our opinions, of course, but how we engage on a political level is concerning to me. I think that should stay out

of our pulpits. I have no problem teaching principles that are biblical that apply to the political world we live in and what's happening to our country. I think we should teach these things, but we're on dangerous ground when we engage at the level of politics that the rest of the world engages in, because we're not set apart as Christians in that way.

SDR: What is the mission of your church?

PH: Together helping people take their next step to new life in Christ. We want people to experience God. We want people to grow together. We want people to discover and live out their calling. I believe everyone

has gifts and talents, which is scriptural, and a calling that God is calling us to. We want to learn to live out that calling and we want people to serve God and neighbor on purpose. Much of that is done through discipleship, which is happening at the church and how you experience church. We have worship services that are alive and full of energy but also relevant and biblical, meeting people where they are. SDR: Where do you go when

vou die? PH: I have a more traditional view of heaven and hell. The Bible talks about

this and that's where my

frame of reference is regard-

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die. There is a judgment and every one of us is going to face that judgment. As the Book of Revelation says, we have an opportunity to have our names written in the lamb's book of life. We're going to face God one of these days and we're

question: "Why should I let you into heaven?" Each of us is going to have to have an answer to that question. The good news is that God makes a way for every person to be without excuse. I don't know exactly how he does that with every person around the world, but he says that everyone will be without excuse. There will be a way we will have a choice to spend eternity with God, which is heaven, or eternity away from God, which is hell.

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— Joseph O'Brien

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San Diego County's open spaces, as well as various ways in which hikers of all stripes can engage in contributing to the health and vitality of the county's vast trail network. Friday, February 2, 6:30pm; free. Joyce Beers Uptown Community Center, 3900 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Yoga in Medicine: Women's Health This three-day conference is for health professionals seeking to learn about the healing power of yoga for women's health. By the end of the conference, participants will be able to incorporate the principles of yoga and ayurveda, such as breathing techniques and mindbody tools, into their practice. Each day provides experiential workshops taught by experts in their field. Friday, February 2, 12pm; \$600-\$800. Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive. (MISSION BEACH)

NATURE

Nature's Spectacle Mission Trails Regional Park's dramatic and inspiring scenery and its plant and animal diversity offer treasured moments in nature. This fun and informative trail guide walk is an unparalleled opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of sage and chaparral. Meet inside the Visitor Center. Saturday, February 3, 9:30am; Sunday, February 4, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Sweetwater Sweep Meet at Open Space Preserve, 5102 Sweetwater Road to clean up trash and recycling and prevent waste from traveling through the Sweetwater Reservoir to our coast. We will have cleanup supplies, snacks, and water. We also provide community service hours and Letters of Appreciation

for volunteers. Saturday, February 3, 10am; free. Sweetwater Regional Park, 3218 Summit Meadow Road.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Miniatures Show & Sale 44thannual miniatures show with exhibits, classes, and workshops. Up in Smoke Food Truck with special show lunch. Saturday, February 3, 10am; Sunday, February 4, 10am; \$2-\$8. Marriott San Diego Mission Valley, 8757 Rio San Diego Drive. (MISSION VALLEY)

Monster Truck Jam This year's lineup includes super-truck icons Grave Digger and Max-D along with World Final Champions El Toro Loco and Avenger. Nine trucks will make their San Diego debut, including the newest member of the Monster Jam beasts family - the menacing giant shark Megalodon. Come to the stadium early for the Monster Jam Pit Party pre-show for a close-up view of the trucks and autographs and photos with the drivers. New for 2018, a Pit Party Early Access Pass gets you in one hour before the general public. Saturday, February 3, 2:30pm; \$24-\$80. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Psychic Fair Wander through the meditation garden, relax under an ancient oak tree, browse the vendors, or purchase lunch as you await a reader. "All readers are an established professional medium with the highest of ethics and accuracy." A reading is \$25 for 15 minutes. Saturday, February 3, 10am; \$25. Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association, 2975 Washington Circle. (ESCONDIDO)

Shen Yun Chinese Music and Dance Shen Yun returns with an all-new program for Chinese New Year with a 5000-year journev through ancient dynasties and faraway lands including 100 dancers and singers, 1000 hand-made costumes, 20 sets, and animated backdrops accompanied by a concert orchestra blending Western and Chinese instruments. Part of 30-country world tour. Also performs at the San Diego Civic Theatre on February 2, 3, and 4. Thursday, February 1, 2pm; \$80-\$180. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

SPOKEN WORD

Lisa Albright Ratnavira Fallbrook poet Lisa Albright Ratnavira reads from her new Garden Oak Press collection entitled Grief's Labvrinth, written in stages after the sudden death of her child. Fellow Garden Oak Press poet Suzanne O'Connell drives from L.A. to share the podium with Lisa this afternoon, followed by an hour-long open mic for all attendees on the sign-up board. Sunday, February 4, 1pm; free, Escondido Arts Partnership Escondido Municipal Gallery. 262 E. Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Burn Run 5K Join Us for the 4th Annual Burn Run 5K benefiting the Burn Institute. Safety tips and information will be available to all participants at the Burn Run, With your help we prevent burns and save lives. The Burn Run 5K will showcase local community partners including our local fire service. Info: twong@burninstitute.org. Saturday, February 3, 8am; free-\$50. De Anza Cove, 3000 N. Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Cardiff Kook 5K, 10K, and Costume Contest Annual fun run on Super Bowl Sunday. The course starts under the famous "Encinitas" sign on N. Coast Hwy. 101. This scenic loop passes by the "Cardiff Kook" statue (The Magic Carpet Ride), rises above some of the most popular surf breaks in the world, and heads down to Cardiff State Beach. Sunday, February 4, 8am; N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas

Hungry Dog Dash 5K Whether you're a serious distance runner or a casual weekend warrior, come join us for the 8th Annual Hungry Dog Dash 5K Fun Run and Walk Proceeds benefit the Point Loma High School Cross country team. Sunday, February 4, 8am; \$25-\$35. Liberty Station NTC Park, 2455 Cushing Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Mitchell Thorp Foundation 5K Run/Walk 9th annual event features separate walking and running course, chip timed race, runners/ walkers starts at same time, kids zone, prizes for top three runners. participant medals, free food, face painting, a fire truck, vendor expo, musical performances, and an aerial entry to Thorp Field by three former Navy Seals. All proceeds go to supporting families whose children suffer from life-threatening illnesses, diseases, and disorders. Saturday, February 3, 8:30am; \$15-\$40. Poinsettia Park, 6600 Hidden Valley Road. (CARLSBAD)

Save a Heart Save a Life 5K The Eric Paredes Save a Life Foundation presents their first Save a Heart Save a Life 5K run/walk. All participants receive a Save a Heart Save a Life 5K T-shirt, unique finisher medal, and post-race food and drink. The mission of the Eric Paredes Save a Life Foundation is to influence families, educators, elected officials, and the medical community to recognize the incidence of youth SCA/D. Saturday, February 3, 8am; \$20-\$55. Liberty Station NTC Park, 2455 Cushing Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Super Run 10K Run & 5K Run/ Walk Flat and fast courses, both begin and finish in South Shores Park. 10K runs along Sea World Drive and bike path to Ingrahm Street to Crown Point Park and returns. 5K will share part of 10K course along Sea World drive and on sidewalks along the bay and returns to the park. This event benefits Water for Children Africa. \$10 discount code: SDREADER. Saturday, February 3, 7:30am; \$48-\$50. Rose Marie Starns South Shores Park, 500 Sea World Drive. (MISSION BEACH)

XTERRA Mission Gorge Trail Run The XTERRA Trail Run Series at Mission Trails Regional Park 15K course features the "thousand steps," and the 5K has some great trails around the old dam. Sunday, February 4, 8am: Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

WORSHIP

El Cantare Belief: On the Laws of Faith In this seminar, at an individual level, you will learn that faith has actual power to change the course of your life, future, health, wealth, and human relationships. Sunday, February 4, 1pm; free. Happy Science San Diego, 7841 Balboa Avenue #202. (KEARNY MESA)

For Babylon, Sermon Series An inspiring worship series from the Book of Daniel. Sundays, 10:30am; through Sunday, March 25, free. GC2 Church, 16150 4S Ranch Parkway. (4S RANCH)

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black sage, lemonadeberry, California buckwheat and California sagebrush, among others. The vernal pools are on the other side of this narrow but

After walking about half a mile on this well-maintained decomposed granite path, make a left turn as the trail continues for another quarter of a mile to the intersection of Poinsettia Lane and Avenida Encinas where the trail ends. Return to your vehicle the way you came.

Canyoneers are San Diego Natural History Museum volunteers trained to lead interpretive nature walks that teach appreciation for the great outdoors. For a schedule of free public hikes, refer to the San Diego Natural History Museum website.

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Speculation on social media as to why the fountain was inoperable went straight to blaming homeless people for bathing in the fountain and the hepatitis outbreak. One person blamed Westfield for letting things go.

The city owns the fountain, not Westfield. Westfield owned the Horton Plaza shopping mall until recently, when they sold it to a French real estate company.

No word on the new owner's plans, but locals are hoping history will repeat itself. Back in 1985, the pastel-colored Horton Plaza shopping center reinvigorated the area known mostly for peep shows, flop houses, and X-rated bookstores.

For some, the area has come full circle and is as seedy as ever. The not-so-affectionate nickname for Horton Plaza Park, where the historic fountain calls home, is "Homeless Plaza." According to Save Our Heritage Organisation (Soho), the plaza has had problems with vagrancy since its inception. One old-timer I talked to said the plaza is ground zero for homeless camps in San Diego. "Before you really saw it anywhere else, it was here. They were called bums back then, you know. After the war [WWII], it was mostly vets. You never saw young kids like you do today."

Originally designed by local architect Irving J. Gill more than 100 years ago, the fountain was modeled after the Caragic Monument of Sysicrates in Athens.

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VISTA

His best friend and a good girl accused of murder

Body was found on side of the road

A man and woman were held equally liable in the death of their friend and ordered to face murder charges at the end of a hearing on January 24th.

Shyrehl Joseph Wesley, 21, and Sheffah Shaddai Chevis, 19, were both ordered to face trial for the murder of D'Angelo Maurice Charon, 21, whose body was found on the side of a road in San Diego's North County early the morning of July 12, 2017. The shirtless, bloody man was found in the 29000 block of Twin Oaks Valley Road, in a rural part of Vista, about a mile from the 15 freeway.

Charon suffered gunshot wounds to his left thigh, his chest, and the back of his head, according to Dr. Steven Campman, who performed the autopsy. The doctor said he found lacerations to the deceased man's face and head, and he confirmed the prosecutor's speculation that the injuries could have been from "pistol whipping."

Charon was described as "the best friend of"



Wesley and Chevis. Blood found in mother's car.

and "like a brother" to defendant Wesley, and the two young men both lived in Wesley's family home, in the 3700 block of Alabama Street in San Diego, according to testimony. The victim was said to be considered "like an adopted son" of the family, according to testimony.

Wesley was recently paroled from a California prison, after he was convicted for armed robbery in 2014 when he was 18, the prosecutor has alleged.

The attorney for Chevis presented her as a young woman who was dominated by her criminal boyfriend Wesley. Attorney Matthew Mohun described Chevis as a "good girl" who was 18 years old at the time of the incident last summer, and Mohun wondered aloud how anyone can explain the behavior of a teenager.

Chevis reputedly had a loving, supportive family and was a cheerleader and high-school graduate who had been accepted to university, her attorney told the court. Her family was unaware she had been dating Wesley, a man who already had a wife plus a "baby momma," according to attorney Mohun. He said Chevis's family believed she was working an overnight babysitting job the night of the murder.

But Chevis borrowed her mom's car and drove herself, Wesley, and Charon all around San Diego County that night, according to the prosecutor, who referred

to cell-phone records and receipts collected from the dead man's pockets.

Prosecutor Keith Watanabe suggested it was Chevis who had possession of the murder weapon, a .40 caliber Hi-Point semiautomatic, and she kept the gun inside a red bag seen in surveillance video at different stops the trio made. The prosecutor alleges the handgun was recovered from the Clairemont home where Chevis lived with her parents and family.

Watanabe speculated that the assault on Charon began in the backseat of Chevis's mother's car, where investigators found blood. After the body was found at about 5 a.m. July 12th, investigators found more blood near the deceased man, and one broken fingernail later matched to the manicured left hand of Chevis — photographed during her arrest.

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SAT, FEB 3	4:47	1.1'	5:28	-0.6'	10:48	5.9'	11:56	4.9'			
SUN, FEB 4	5:43	1.3'	6:08	0.1'	11:37	5'					

Waves (CARDIFF REEF)

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2'-3'	WNW	9 seconds
1'-2'	W	8 seconds
1'-2'	SSW	15 seconds
2'-3'	W	16 seconds

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EVENTS

Famosa Slough Nature and Bird Walk Monthly nature and bird walks are hosted by the Friends of Famosa Slough and are held on the third Saturday of each month at 1 pm. The main goals of Friends of Famosa Slough are to help restore the slough and to promote public awareness of the importance of wetlands. Meet at the kiosk by the corner of Famosa Blvd. and W. Pt. Loma Blvd. Saturday, February 3, 1pm; free. Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (OCEAN BEACH)

Harbor Seal Talk and Walk It's Pupping Season for La Jolla Harbor Seals. The Seal Society of Sierra Club San Diego Chapter docents presents an educational talk followed by a short walk to Casa Beach (aka Children's Pool) to view the newborn pups and nursing mothers in their nearshore habitat every other Saturday during pupping season. Free but donations accepted. Info: 858-551-9553. Saturday, February 3, 2pm; free. Mangelsen Images of Nature Gallery, 7916 Girard Avenue. (Acceptable)

La Jolla Kayak Cave Tour Kayak La Jolla and the 7 Caves during this guided tour. Explore sea cliffs and caves as you glide through the La Jolla Ecological Reserve filled with marine life. Paddle to Sunny Jim's Cave, the Arch Cave, the Clams' Cave and other sea caves for close-ups of sandstone formations. Witness sea lions, garibaldi, leopard sharks, shovelnose guitarfish, and the occasional dolphin. Thursdays, 9am; Fridays, 9am; Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; Mondays, 9am; Tuesdays, 9am; Wednesdays, 9am; through Monday, December 31, \$39-\$99. Bike and Kayak Tours La Jolla, 2158 Avenida de la Playa. (LA JOLLA)

Lake Poway Youth Fishing Derby 23rd annual event with fishing, prizes, entertainment, games, bounce houses, and a free barbecue lunch. Join the City of Poway, Mike Long, and Captain Ron Baker. Freshly stocked with 1500 pounds of rainbow trout, the lake will be open only to youth ages 15 and younger. Winners must be present to claim prizes at the awards ceremony at 1 pm. Info: 858-668-4772. Saturday, February 3, 6am; free. Lake Poway Recreation Area, 14644 Lake Poway Road. (POWAY)

Ocean Beach Pier Surf Classic The third-annual Ocean Beach Pier Surf Classic competition will have a variety of longboard and shortboard divisions for young and old, as well as a Family Division. This is a local surf contest for all the local rippers and families in the Ocean Beach community. Over 20 sponsor-vendors and food and street fair atmosphere including raffles throughout the day. Spectators free. Saturday, February 3, 7am; free. Ocean Beach Pier, 5091 Niagara Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Shelter Island Walk and Talk Join Sandra, Sally, and friends for a casual walk from the Bali Hai Restaurant to the Friendship Bell and back on flat sidewalks (about 2.5 miles round trip; 60-70 minutes including pit stop). Breathe ocean air and enjoy bay and city views from ships to sea lions. Meet new friends at east end of the island to the right of the Bali Hai by the lamp post and hand rails, where we will stretch for a few minutes. Ample free parking. If you're late, drive down the island and join us along the way. Take the #28 bus and walk approximately three blocks to the Bali Hai. Optional eats afterward. Info: 619-222-3800. Thursdays, 10am; free. Bali Hai, 2230 Shelter Island Drive. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Tall Ship Adventure Join the crew in sailing a traditionally rigged tall ship. Passengers will be invited to haul a line, man the helm, and end their day with a cannon salute. Watch the crew as they scamper up and down the rigging to set and furl the sails. Listen as the Californian's crew relates the history of sailing and exploration in San Diego, tales of whaling and sea otter trade, local sea battles, the art of ship's gunnery, life at sea, and more. Sundays, 11:30am; through Sunday, March 25, \$44-\$62. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Yoga on the Marsh Release tension, stretch, and strengthen your core muscles while enjoying the views of San Diego bay. The class is one hour long, and it will be taught by a local yoga instructor. What about the kids? We will have on-site childcare. \$15 per child, and it includes admission to the center all day. After yoga, you and your little one can witness a shark and ray feeding, spend time on the trails, interact with sea turtles, and more. Arrive by 8:45am for the shuttle and check-in. Saturdays, 8:15am; through Saturday, March 24, \$15-\$20. Living Coast Discovery Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

Youth Fishing Clinic at Chollas Lake This kids-only fishing clinic is open to children 15 years and under, Saturday and Sunday year-round. No experience or equipment necessary. Fishing lessons, bait, and fun provided. Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through Monday, December 31, free. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)



Kali: "My legs got all cut up."

Rusty perfect for Coronado

NAME: KALI RECKER

AGE: 17

FROM: CORONADO SHORES AND PHOENIX

LOCATION: CORONADO BEACH

OCCUPATION: JUNIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL

On New Year's Day, there were hundreds of people out in the water behind the Hotel Del and the high-rise condos to the south. There were only a few surfers out, though. I saw Kali and her mom getting ready to go back in for the 1.5-foot waves during high tide.

"We come out almost once a month and every time we surf," she said. They live in Phoenix and have a pad at Coronado Shores.

Kali said she was stoked to try out her new 5'4'' Rusty.

"It's customized for her style, ability, and for the surf that you get in Coronado," because Coronado can be pretty small, said Kali's mom. "You can almost catch anything on the Happy Shovel board."

Kali's been surfing for about four years and this afternoon she was barely getting used to the board in the 62-degree water. She wasn't trying anything fancy.

Kali learned to surf with her Girl Scout troop at the Camp Surf program Imperial Beach YMCA. She recalled one incident when she was surfing with a bunch of kids there.

"There was, like, a 100 people in the water at a time," Kali said, "and there's the little kids trying to boogie board in front of us. I was surfing and had to turn my board so I could miss the little kid and the kid pushed my board and I fell over sideways. My legs got all cut up from the rocks underneath, but the kid was fine."

— Mike Madriaga

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HARBOR POLICE REPORT

From San Diego city lifeguards Dec 16

- Harbor Patrol were dispatched to investigate a theft of a bilge pump from a vessel at the Marina Cortez. The investigation led them to not only documenting the crime but also a domestic violence incident with the suspect.

Dec 15

- Harbor Patrol responded to a subject who was observed jumping into the water and swimming around the Cruise Ship terminal. Harbor Patrol quickly located the subject and warned him regarding the offense.

Dec 14

- Harbor Patrol located an adrift

kayak near the Midway museum. The kayak was stored at the Harbor Patrol impound dock and was later returned to the owner.

Dec 13

- Harbor Patrol contacted a subject who was illegally moored at the Harbor Police guest slips. The subject was arrested for having an outstanding warrant and their vessel was impounded.

Dec 12

- Harbor Patrol issued a citation to a subject who was in a slip at the Harbor Police guest slips without a permit.
- Harbor Patrol investigated a sewage spill that was located at the Southwest Yacht club.

Dec 11

- Harbor Patrol responded to a call for assistance in the A-9 Cruisers Anchorage. Upon arrival, a female was

located with several injuries to her face and neck area. A male subject was then located and was arrested for the battery. The female was transported to a hospital.

- Harbor Patrol were dispatched to investigate a theft of some items and some damage done to one of the cranes used for rebuilding the Shelter Island Launch ramp.

Water Conditions

SURFACE TEMPERATURE: LOW HIGH

58° 62

VISIBILITY **10'-20'**

Not much joy for the surfers this week, and though Thursday looks fun with clean waist-high surf out of the WNW, the week is mostly setting up for paddle-boarding and kayaking. For the folks peering under the surface, the large tide swing will stir it up during peak flow times mid-week, though as the week progresses into the weekend and early next week, small surf, a lessening tide swing, and a slack mid-morning to midday high tide should provide good visibility. Lobster season is open now, so boaters should especially keep an extra eye out for divers near the reefs and channel edges and divers always mark yourselves and area appropriately.

Visibility based on existing conditions and NOAA predicted swell and weather conditions at press time. Check up-to-date daily visibility/ conditions at the San Diego County Lifeguard info line: 619-221-8824

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SUNSET	17:21	17:23	17:25	17:27
LENGTH OF DAY	10H 37M	10H 41M	10H 44M	10H 48M



"It's a total damn mess over there."



"Any day now the elusive fish might disappear"

Dumpster overflow at Robb Field

Twice last month, two city dumpsters at Robb Field in Ocean Beach were filled to overflowing with trash and recyclable materials, including stuff piled up next to the dumpsters.

The first incident happened on or about January 8th, when someone dumped numerous glass doors. Eric Jackson, who originally reported the incident via social media, told me, "It was spotless two days after" but he's not sure who cleaned the area. On January 20th, Jackson posted images to social media showing the dumpsters were used again for disposal of what appeared to be empty wine-bottle shipping boxes. "They did it again...only this time it came from a restaurant or store. Huge mess, bottles and styrofoam everywhere."

Another resident went over to Robb Field to investigate. "I went over to Robb Field to hopefully break down those boxes and get the styrofoam in the trash. It's a total damn mess over there," Sam told me. "I called the number of the addressee on most of the boxes; apparently they hired a moving company to clear out an old storage unit. They claimed most of the items I mentioned belonged to them... so whatever moving company they hired is illegally dumping."

Sam also tracked the items to the contractor: "Keller Construction is the company they contracted to clear out their space and take items to the dump." I called Joseph Keller, from Keller Construction, who told me he doesn't do junk removal but said he has a guy who does it.

"I'm a general contractor and use Bill — he's got a truck — to haul junk away. I've gotten a couple calls this morning about his dumping, and I'll talk to him about it, but I didn't know he was doing that."

—Delinda Lombardo

Confetti for Gino

The following comes from a September 7, 2000, cover story in the Reader. The story

was the beginning of serialized excerpts from Confetti for Gino (1959), written by local author Lorenzo Madalena. Next week will include an excerpt from Lorenzo's brother that appeared in that same issue.

It was Nino's first trip, and already, in three weeks, the wells of the *Stella del Mare* were two-thirds full. A scant two tons were yellowtail, but the rest was fat, silvery albacore, the prized mem-

ber of the tuna family that ran the fishing banks off Southern and Baja California each summer.

At the current market price of \$460 a ton, Gino figured the crew would split about \$1400 a share after expenses and the boat's

share were taken out. Albacore, because of its rarity and choice white meat, brought a higher price than the yellowfin and bluefin

tuna caught during the rest of the year. It was late September. The albacore were having an unusually long run this season; any day now the elusive fish might suddenly plunge in unison deep below the Pacific waters and disappear until the following year.

For that reason, although the trip was already successful as far as the crew was concerned, Gino as captain and skipper

was anxious for one more day of good fishing. Another strike and with luck the *Stella* could pull into San Diego and Gino would proudly brag of how he had again brought in a full load in less than a month.



TUNA FISHING STILL HOT IN US WATERS BEHIND COLD FRONT

Dock Totals Jan 21 – Jan 27: 594 anglers aboard 31 boats out of San Diego landings this past week caught 131 yellowtail, 37 calico bass, 293 sand bass, 175 rockfish, 2 bonito, 10 halibut, 4 halfmoon, 242 sculpin, 39 sanddab, 35 lizardfish, 10 white croaker, 30 bocaccio, 1 sheephead, and 27 spiny lobster.

Saltwater: With offshore conditions being tough most of last week, angler attendance was the lowest I can remember in years for the local to mid-range fleet. As for the long range

boats fishing off Baja Sur and the mainland of Mexico, they have been doing very good on cow yellowfin tuna and wahoo on the offshore high spots, while inshore, yellowtail and grouper have been the main targets. The Intrepid, on a fifteen day run to the Hurricane Bank, reported 24 cow tuna with some anglers getting multiple fish over 150 pounds. Most the big fish were caught on fly-lined 'chunk bait' - or larger cuts of bonito, mackerel or squid drifted out into the chum line.

Back north within three day range, and behind the cold front that blew through California and Baja California, the pelagic fishing is already firing back up; in American waters, bluefin tuna are still biting well off San Clemente Island for the 1.5 day boats that got out on Saturday – though they didn't make the count, the Mustang reported limits of 25 – 50 pound fish along with 45 yellowtail, and the Pacific Queen scored well on yellowtail, rockfish and a few lingcod during a 1.5 day run while fishing off Colonet

Pork belly here

"I'm working tonight," I say, "so, coffee. But Nick, you go ahead. Pimm's Number One?"

"Buona sera, signore," I say.

"Buona sera, buona sera," says

Nick Pecoraro from his gold-

encrusted porch. I've stopped by to pay my respects to Little Italy's unofficial ambassador. This is the time of night when he's sitting in his easy chair with his after-dinner glass of wine, watching the world go by, chatting with people he knows and plenty he doesn't.

There's something comforting about Mr. Pecoraro being there. He and his house are part of the real, working Little Italy from the time when tuna fishing was king. He started a business right here as a house painter. Now his sons do the painting, and he has time for this glass of wine.

I leave him and go sit at a sidewalk table at Caffe Italia nearby, to mull food options for the night. Now I see he's talking to a young gent wearing, huh, a top hat and tails. I check my watch. Going on 8:30. Way beyond most happy hours. I ask the Caffe Italia barista if anything in the area still has a happy hour. "Oh, yes," he says. "King and Queen. I used to work there. It's kind of new. Was Romesco and then Bracero. They have a late-night happy hour every night. Nine till close. They're the best for happy hour around here."

Great, but first, gotta place this time-travel guy:...oh, yes! I remember him. Another Nick. Nicholas. Always dresses like the gents of yesteryear. Catches the bus like me.

So I get up, go join them, and have to ask about the top hat. It's tall, shiny black, has sharp edges, and a big concave curve to it.

"It's covered in long-haired beaver hairs," says Nicholas. "And the secret to keeping it black and plush is I polish it with a sponge that I've dipped in white wine."

He says he got the advice from a famous butler who wrote a book on sartorial trade secrets back in 1827. "Yes," Nicholas says, "I am a perfectionist. I like to express myself, my ideals, through the way I dress. I believe in civility, etiquette, the

classical philosophers, and the values of balance and order that produce prolonged happiness."

So, natch, I have to ask him to join me at the King and Queen.

K&Q is down on Kettner, at West Beech. "Happy hour?" I

ask. "Absolutely," says the barkeep. He looks at Nicholas. Guess he's surprised that a fella in a topper would even consider happy hour.

You have to go up to the second level to get it. The building's tall, modern, but with lots of skulls and Day of the Dead paraphernalia, done light-touch, not heavy. Barkeep named Heather asks what we want to drink. "I'm working tonight," I say, "so, coffee. But Nick, you go ahead. Pimm's Number One?"

I've read the toffs drink that at Royal Ascot, in the UK, where Nicholas would fit right in.
"Lemonade," he says.

The HH menu (topped with smiling "his" and "her" crowned skulls) has a lot of oh-so-standard offerings. And not that cheap. Like guac and chips, for \$9. That's HH price? Bean-and-cheese tacos ("de la Sierra") are \$8; house fries are \$5.

But things do get more interesting. They have three Korean tacos with roasted pork belly, chili soy sauce, serrano sauce slaw, mango, and lime *crema*, for \$9; three oysters or a fish *ceviche* for \$5; a shrimp *ceviche* for \$8. "Los 3 Animales" (after the famous Tucanes de Tijuana song about coke, heroin, and marijuana), which are tacos of *cochinita* (slow-roasted pork), short rib, and *tinga* (shredded chicken).

Nicholas asks for the shrimp ceviche. Me, crazy as this sounds, I go for a plate of nachos (\$9) with a pork belly add for 2 bucks more. And I can't resist testing the "pressed cheeseburger," whatever that is. Tonight, it's going for \$7.



It's hard to be original with burgers these days, but these guys have nailed it.



Nicholas in his morning suit and Canadian top hat

Plus, Heather says the nachos are really filling and that they're loaded with tomatillo cream and avo purée and pinto beans; *pico de gallo* and jalapeños supply the burn.

Have to say, the nachos are delicious with that pork belly. Mr. Ignacio ("Nacho") Anaya, who created the dish in 1943, doesn't get enough respect for his invention. Especially these ones tonight. They're lush and strong-flavored.

And, wow, when the pressed cheeseburger arrives on a wooden plank, it — they — look great. Because it's two halves, standing vertically, with arty squirts of aioli and a sweet tomato-based sauce tracking across them. It's love at first bite. This compressed burger seems to compress the flavors, too. I swear I can detect some pork belly here, and it helps the sweetish flavor, along with the cheese and the onions.

So Nicholas and I talk top hats. I think he says he had his made in Ottawa, Canada. How much for? "I got a good deal, \$1000. On the open market, you might pay \$3500."

He says the only U.S. officials who are required to wear top hats now are the solicitor



The pork belly nachos

general and attorneys at the Supreme Court.

He says what he's wearing is a "morning suit."

"This cutaway jacket is the identifier."
And what would he wear to, say, the beach?

"Oh, a morning suit, of course, but with a bright yellow waistcoat."

Time to go. Good meal. Will definitely come back for the pressed burger. And, must say, it's refreshing to talk with Nicholas. He thinks through his eccentricity. Would I dare wear his duds? Guess I don't have to answer that question till I can at least afford the thousand bucks for the hat.

The Place: King & Queen Cantina, 1490 Kettner Boulevard (at W. Beech), Little Italy, 619-756-7864 Happy Hours: 3–6 p.m.; 9 p.m.-close, daily; Monday, happy hour all day

Happy Hour Prices: Guacamole and chips, \$9; cucarachas crispy shrimp, \$9; fish ceviche, \$5; tacos de la sierra (bean and cheese), \$8; house fries, \$5; Korean tacos (3) with roasted pork belly, \$9; fresh oysters (3), \$3; fish ceviche, \$5; shrimp ceviche, \$8; "Los 3 Animales" tacos (cochinita, short rib, tinga), \$8; nachos, \$9; add chicken, asada, or pork belly, \$2; pressed cheeseburger, \$8

Buses: 83, 280, 290

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Cavalcade of spices

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A spicy jerk offers tenderness

One Love Island Cuisine, 4225 K Oceanside Boulevard, Oceanside. As I sat in my booth at One Love Island Cuisine in Oceanside, I watched as fellow

customers entered the shop and approached the counter to order. Most of them had a story to share

with the owner on how they came to be there.

"I live in Carlsbad," said one man, "but I never knew this place was here 'til I went on a Caribbean cruise...someone onboard told me I had try it when I got back!"

Another couple told her they'd moved to North County from Florida. "We had so many great Jamaican restaurants out there." the man said, "but out here we haven't been able to find anything. I wish we knew about this place sooner!"

I came upon the small shopping-center eatery in less-interesting fashion: I was in the neighborhood and looked for something interesting to eat on Yelp. Indeed, according to Yelp, this sevenor eight-year-old restaurant, about six miles from the coast, serves the only Jamaican cuisine between Orange County and highway 56. One Love also serves food

Thursday nights, at Oceanside's Sunset farmers' market.

The first thing I noticed when I walked in wasn't the bamboo trim or the familiar colors of the Jamaican flag. It was a flame grill behind the counter, and the aroma of boneless chicken thighs acquiring a crispy char. I knew right then jerk chicken would be a part of my order.

The menu confirmed this, although it presented plenty of tantalizing alternatives: jerk BBQ beef, coconut curry chicken, and curry goat, each available with one side over rice in a bowl for 8 or 9 bucks; or rice and two sides on a plate for \$12-\$14.

Making the decision easier were two- and threeitem combos. For \$10.50, I got an order of oxtail alongside my jerk chicken, served over rice with

red beans and butter beans and a side of mango salsa.

First off, salsa makes it sound saucy, but really it was a healthy serving of goodsized mango chunks. Other side options include plantains, steamed cabbage, and potato salad, but I was glad to have the combined brightness

> and sweetness of the mango in refreshing contrast to the meat.

> Especially the jerk chicken, which was about as spicy a take I've ever tried. That's because One Love's Jamaican owners stay true to jerk form, using scotch bonnet peppers. These preferred chilies of the Caribbean are closely related to habaneros and said to be, like, a thousand percent spicier than jalapeños on the Scoville scale. Along with the heat came a cavalcade of holiday spices and salty sweetness, confirming what all those chatty customers

tastes pretty right on. I'd go so far as to say the chicken was

had to say: this place

tender, but then I dug into the slow-cooked oxtail. Though not as fragrant as many oxtail dishes I've tried, the meat was impossibly tender, pulling away from the bone without even the hint of a fight, and all but melting in my mouth.

I was right to go for the two-item combo, but where I went wrong was ordering the bowl instead of the larger serving of the \$15.50 plate. It's not as though the lunchtime meal didn't fill me up; I just wanted more, for more's sake.

by Ian Anderson

Not about the bun

Thai Burger Company, 3520 Ashford Street, Kearny Mesa. We'd gone to Clairemont Mesa looking for Vietnamese sandwiches and wound up finding Thai burgers.

We stopped first at K Sandwiches, which has reopened two years after being destroyed by fire. I'm not sure whether

class had just let out at nearby Mesa College or whether people have been seriously jonesing for that bánh mì, but either way we found every seat taken, and a line out the door.

So we started poking around for a plan B and found Thai Burger Company only a couple blocks away. It's a tiny spot, merely a counter and small patio — a permanent location built up from a food truck and market stand. Like many a food truck business, this one operates with a streetfood twist: its ground meat burgers are inspired by classic Thai dishes; and instead of a bun, the patties are served between two slabs of sticky rice.

As a banner strung up in front of the restaurant points out, these Thai-inspired burgers were a hit at the Reader Burgers & Beer fest. Seeing as I'd missed out on that one, I was happy enough to embrace the "most innovative" burger now.

At \$7 apiece, most of these burger choices feature pork: either with Thai BBQ sauce, panang curry, or a fairly spicy ka prao — based on a dish made with basil and chili peppers, which recommends adding a fried egg for an extra buck. I tried my friend's order of the latter, and for myself checked out the chicken-satay burger, which sounded delicious in a mildly spicy coconut curry and peanut sauce.

The rice is sticky enough to hold itself together, and for the most part it did. However, these burgers are served wrapped in a foil paper, like old fastfood burgers, and some of the rice wants to stick to the wrapper, which threatens the whole "burger bun" cohesion. A bigger problem I had with mine was that the sauces flavoring my chicken burger seeped into the rice, both threatening its integrity and making it a sloppy mess to eat.



A Reader festival favorite

To be fair, some of my favorite burgers are sloppy messes, so I can cope. But then, the burger experience can't be adequately replicated with a fork and knife. Here, each bite of Thai burger tasted the same as it would out of a rice bowl or plate. The flavors were good, but I'd enjoy them just as well served in a bowl with some veggies, so I don't get the point in making a handheld version, without even lettuce for texture. For seven dollars, sticky rice packed around a few ounces of grilled ground meat doesn't seem like a value-added proposition. Especially when people are lining up down the block for \$4 bánh mì topped with pickles and served on fresh-fromthe-oven baguettes.

by Ian Anderson

Hops and avocados meet ice cream

Salt & Straw, 1670 India Street, Little Italy. Portland's hippest ice cream shop has made its way to San Diego. Salt & Straw recently opened in Little Italy, and as it's done in previous expansions to San Francisco and Los Angeles, the business has wasted no time in collaborating with popular local brands to add to its collection of creative ice cream offerings.

Even before it opened, Salt & Straw teamed up with Modern Times Beer to concoct a hoppy orange sherbet infused with the brewery's Belgianstyle beers, a cara cara and blood orange sour saison (to be clear, the alcohol doesn't make it to the ice cream).

I've been to a Salt & Straw location in Portland and enjoyed the creaminess of its signature flavor:



bean on top), with mangos.



An island-inspired interior within a shopping center shop

















sea-salt ice cream with caramel ribbons. I found it at the top of the Little Italy menu, but there were over a dozen other intriguing flavors. I wanted to try them all, but for \$11.50, settled for a four-scoop taster flight instead.

I started with the Modern Times flavor. True to the brewery's ethos, Hopped Orange Creamsicle is a vegan ice cream — one of several on the menu. I'm not typically a fan of orange sherbet, or creamsicles, so I was counting on the hops to delight me. They did not. Their bitter, floral presence was intriguing, but I'm happy to keep hops in their place: beer. But that's okay. This may have been the first Modern Timesbranded product I haven't enjoyed immensely.

It's also important to note, my problems with it had nothing to do with the ice cream being vegan. Indeed, for my second scoop I tried the vegan roasted strawberry, made with coconut cream. This Portland favorite was fantastic, with caramelized fruit flavors and a creaminess to rival anything else on the board.

Almost anything. Next up was the Avocado & Oaxacan Chocolate Fudge. If any flavor speaks to Salt & Straw's presence in Southern California, it may be this one. The avocado

worked with the cream to yield exquisite texture. It's lightly grassy flavor found balance with a ribbon of Mexican hotchocolate-style fudge spiced with the likes of cinnamon and cardamom, made with chocolate provided by L.A.'s esteemed Oaxacan restaurant. Guelaguetza.

Salt & Straw has a kitchen in Los Angeles where it makes this and other local flavors. That also includes my fourth scoop: James Coffee & Bourbon. The whiskey component comes from L.A.'s Greenbar Distillery, but the coffee comes from Little Italy roaster James Coffee Co. It's without doubt a winning combination, and while this flavor couldn't match the special creaminess of the avocado, it proved my all-around favorite.

Nevertheless, it will be no less easy to choose on my next visit. Flavors rotate continuously, and I didn't even get to potential winners, such as the peanut butter, bacon, and banana vegan ice cream, Happy Birthday Elvis! Or the Peanut Butter Stout with Chocolate Chiccharon (with Belching Beaver Brewery).

Might be time to get a bigger belt.

by Ian Anderson





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CLAIREMONT

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Brody's Burgers & Beer: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 off select drafts.

KEARNY MESA

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KENSINGTON

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LA JOLLA

Beaumont's: Monday-Saturday. 11:30am-6:30pm: \$1-off micro craft drafts, \$4.50 bottled beer, \$6 margaritas, mojitos, mules, \$6.50 house wine. Sunday, 11:30am-6:30pm; \$1-off micro craft drafts, \$4.50 bottled beer, \$5.50

BEER NEWS

Singin' the brews

From Irish pubs to German beer halls, European cultures have a deep history of breaking into song when they drink beer. That hasn't been the case within the American craft-beer movement, but one very loose national organization is trying to change that, and it's made its way to San Diego.

Composer Michael Engelhardt launched the first Beer Choir in St. Louis, Missouri, with a simple concept: people getting together to drink beer and sing. Since its inception in 2015, the concept has gone national so fast, he's reportedly stopped keeping up with new chapters. Currently, dozens and likely over a hundred chapters exist in cities across the country, from Seattle to New

York to Flagstaff, Arizona.

San Diego's Beer Choir launched in October with a sing-along event at the ChuckAlek Biergarten in North Park (3139 University Avenue). After a November meeting at AleSmith Brewing (9990 Alesmith Court, Miramar) in November, it returns to North Park for a third session on January 31st at Mike Hess Brewing (3812 Grim Avenue).

The local chapter was started by the Choral Consortium of San Diego, an organization that unites more than 50 choir groups around the county to facilitate the scheduling and promotion of choral events.

Consortium president Carol Manifold says Beer Choir sounded like a fun way to promote local singing events to beer fans - though the opposite may also be true. "Personally, I was not a beer drinker," she concedes, "but as I've gotten to visit these places and learn about craft beer, now I get it."

While she estimates most of the 50 people who attended the first two meetings came for the songs, the breweries hosting have enjoyed a boost in sales. "They were absolutely thirsty and it was a great boost for our business," confirms ChuckAlek cofounder Marta Jankowska. "They were a really fun group and it was such a festive occasion."

Each meeting, a designated director leads renditions of songs taken from the "Beer Hym-



Beer Choir chapters meet under the tagline, "Sing responsibly."

nal" Engelhardt compiled for Beer Choir, which includes ageless drinking classics such as "(What Would You Do with a) Drunken Sailor." The 15-song booklet also includes a version of the Sound of Music tune "Do-Re-Mi," with the altered lyrics referring to beer.

Beer Choir attendees get a beer ticket and

"hymnal" for \$12, and may also download a copy from the Beer Choir website.

Manifold says some pretty accomplished singers in attendance help keep the group sing-alongs in key, but no one should be deterred by a lack of choral experience. "If they don't have any singing background, that's okay," she stresses, "there's no singing talent required."

Magie Brennan agrees. The beer enthusiast enjoyed singing in choirs growing up in Minneapolis but hadn't had an opportunity since college She became one of the first to get involved when the local chapter launched, and now manages it.

"Drinking and singing have gone hand-in-hand for centuries, and San Diego is the perfect city for it," Brennan says. "It's such a casual, low-key kind of event. It's meant to be fun and silly."

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well cocktails, \$6.50 margaritas, mojitos, mules, \$6.50 house wine

I A MESA

Hoffer's Cigar Bar: Monday-Saturday, 11am-7pm: \$1 off all draft beers, house wine. Sunday, 1-7pm: \$1 off all draft beers, house wine

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: Daily, 10am-4pm: \$2 shot of select liquor with your first drink. 4-7pm: \$.50 off domestic beer, well drinks, mid-shelf liquor, \$1 off domestic beer.

LITTLE ITALY

Puerto la Boca: Monday-Saturday, 4:30-7:30pm: \$4 house wine, \$4.50 wells, drafts, \$8 house martinis. 30% off appetizers. Bar only.. Sunday, All day: \$4 house wine, \$4.50 wells, drafts, \$8 house martinis. 30% off appetizers.

LOGAN HEIGHTS

Border X Brewing: Tuesday-Wednesday, 4-6pm: \$5 pints. Thursday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$5 pints.

MIRAMAR

Legacy Brewing Co. Tap and Kitchen: Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm: \$5 pints. Sunday, All day: \$5 pints.

MISSION BEACH

Cannonball: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$6 Sapporo, sake, wells, house wine. \$5 edamame or 2-piece nigiri, \$7 California or Philadelphia roll, \$12 shrimp ceviche.

MISSION HILLS

Starlite: Daily, 5-7pm: \$5 select drafts and well drinks, \$2 off specialty cocktails, \$5.50 food specials (chickpea battered greens, mini kale Caesar, pulled pork toast).

NORMAL HEIGHTS

The Ould Sod: Monday-Friday, 2-7pm: \$3.50 Fireball shots, \$4.50 all 16-oz drafts.

The Rabbit Hole: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$5 select local drafts, glass of wine, specialty cocktails. \$5 small plates

NORTH PARK

The Air Conditioned Lounge: Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 4-9pm: \$2 off all liquor, draft beer, and wine. Wednesday, 4-9pm: \$2 off all liquor, draft beer, and wine, 9-10pm: 1/2-off all mixed drinks. 10pm-2am: \$5 wells.

OCEAN BEACH

The Arizona Cafe: Daily, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3 for 20oz domestic beers. wells, house wine. 1/2 price pitchers, \$3 sliders and bar bites.

OCEANSIDE

Arvana at Holiday Inn: Monday Friday, 5-8pm: With the purchase of two alcoholic beverages, enjoy specials on nachos (Monday), ribs (Tuesday), wings (Wednesday), and sliders (Thursday)

OLD TOWN

Barra Barra: Monday-Friday. 4-6pm: \$4 drafts, house wine, \$5 house margaritas, \$6 premium liquors. \$3 flatbread tacos

Sushi Tadokoro: Monday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: \$2.50-\$3 draft beers, \$5

ROFFER'S

wine, \$2 edamame, \$3 Garrick edamame, \$4 seaweed salad, \$6 spicy tuna roll

PACIFIC BEACH

Ambrogio15: Daily, 4:30-6pm: \$4 local craft beer or house wine, biodynamic (organic) wine flight \$15. Mini house salad \$5, margherita pizza \$9.

POINT LOMA

Banzai Bar: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$4 drafts, wells, wine.

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$1 off wells, beers, and wine by the glass. \$6 cocktails. \$10 baby back sampler.

ROLANDO

Effin's Pub & Grill: Daily, 4-5pm: Half off drinks and appetizers.

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Flying Pig Pub & Kitchen: Monday-Friday, 4:30-6pm: \$6 wells, \$1 off wines by the glass and 16-oz. pints.





































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"Jungle Love"? Racist?

Aw, man... "Jim Cooper appears to be a nasty sexist pig who, if what his accusers are saying about him is true, should be driven out of office on the next livestock car," says onetime Steve Miller Band guitarist Greg Douglass of allegations that Cooper, a Democratic assemblyman,

the song anything, use Steve Miller's term for it. [He said], 'I love that song; it's so goofy!' Goofy, it is, indeed. I recently described the lyrics as 'Dr. Seuss on LSD."

As for the demand to have "Jungle Love" removed from all music media (including, presumably, from the Everybody Loves Raymond



The "everything's better when wet" lyric wasn't Greg Douglass's either

once derogatorily used a phrase that Douglass frequently sings as the title of one of the most lucrative songs he cowrote, "Jungle Love." "If he is proven guilty of using a term that is both racist and sexist, get rid of him."

The 2005 allegation against Cooper is again in the news, as protests arise over his party's support of him. Cooper, an African-American, allegedly approached a woman he worked with, grabbed his crotch, and said "You have to go for a little jungle love before you get married."

"Jungle love" is a racially charged phrase for many, including someone who recently emailed Douglass to complain about how "That song is blatantly racist and need [sic] to be taken off all those ablums [sic], cds, and websites."

"I wrote none of the lyrics," says Douglass of the tune built around his guitar riff. "The guy who penned them, Lonnie Turner, died a few years ago. He was a lovely guy who smoked a lot of pot. If you're going to call TV theme), "When you're done with that Sisyphean task, start getting rid of every trace of Morris Day & the Time's 'Jungle Love'...they must be a bunch of self-hating black people....

"Will I stop playing 'Jungle Love' because listeners have not actually listened to the lyrics? Respectfully, no. Should I be penalized because of one swinish politician's ugly verbal come-on to a subordinate? Should Steve Miller have stopped playing 'Jet Airliner' after 9/11?"

Douglass says the song doesn't refer to race at all. "The tune is a silly abstract paean to the delirious joys of being in love with anyone, regardless of race, creed, or political beliefs. I've been playing it for 42 years and this is the first time that anyone has taken offense....

"I can only surmise that [the email author] got ahold of a vinyl copy of Steve Miller's Greatest Hits and played 'Jungle Love' backwards, and heard racist remarks as the cough syrup kicked in."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Reviving the meatier soul. When he works the MTS late shift, Henry Wallace takes on different routes until he gets off at 3 a.m.

"I'll pick up domestic workers who are getting off work at the Hotel Del who are going back to Tijuana. I'll take homeless people down to the border at two or three in the morning where they'll sleep at the McDonald's or Jack in the Box. Some will cross over the border because they found a place to sleep there. I'll pick up inmates at 1:30 in the morning where they just got out of jail."

Wallace, 65, admits he

time behind bars. "I was on drugs for quite a while.... I finally snapped out of it and got myself together." That was in 2007, and he's still charging hard, including his

spent some

drive to bring soul music to San Diego.

"Captain Morgan Lee was created to bring back soul, R&B, and funk," he says of his onstage soulman alter-ego. "We don't see much of that out here." The singer put together Village K.O.R.E to back him up. "They are four white guys. It stands for Kings of Rhythm



Captain Morgan Lee was created to bring back soul, R&B, and funk (Henry Wallace)

Gang hits, Wallace wants to revive meatier soul tunes by James Brown, Barry White, and Aretha Franklin.

"San Diego is known more as a blues town," says Wallace. "We want people to know soul and R&B can get it done..... Lady Dottie is timeless," he says of the namesake soul belter of Lady Dottie and the Diamonds. "She's older than me. She's over 70 and she's got every one of every age and every race crashing the door to come see her."

While he frequently adds black anthems by Curtis Mayfield or Marvin Gaye to

that became one of the first Black Panther cars. My job as transportation officer was helping people like Eldridge Cleaver and Stokley Carmichael get where they needed to go.... San Diego State College and the Black Student Union was the heart of the Black Panthers."

He says while he was often stopped and harassed by the cops, he never was arrested for subversive activity because it didn't happen. "The Panthers were about serving breakfasts to needy children at Christ the King church at 32nd and Imperial." He says the violence

said Martin Luther King had a mistress. J. Edgar Hoover was all about that. Come to find out he was an undercover girl."

Captain Morgan Lee appears February 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Artist BBQ Lounge in Playas de Tijuana (Paseo Pedregal, # 130), noted for its Southern-style soul food. Free admission.

— Ken Leighton

Rock and roll will find a way. When Jeff Clark was hit by a train in Little Italy last June, the 20 employees at his Thrift Trader stores in PB and North Park immediately lost their jobs. The used records and retro clothing from his

PB and North Park stores

were put in storage.

"He worked his whole life, then all of a sudden it was just gone," says Davit Buck, who knew Clark back when he owned some 16 Music Trader used-CD stores (which predated Thrift Trader). "I heard he recently went to see his stuff in storage and he was happy it was still there. I heard the security guard was selling some of his stuff and giving the money to Jeff."

(A former employee says Clark continues to undergo physical therapy. "He's learned to walk again. He has his sense of humor back.")

Buck kept Clark's Thrift Trader model going with his own Full Contact Rock 'n' Roll pop-culture storefront in North Park — about half records, half rock 'n' roll collectibles.

"Kwame Badu is a rapper who came into the shop," says Buck. "He never used a record player before. He thought the needle went from the back to the front. Once he figured it out he stayed for hours listening to classic rock. Lots of younger people never used a record player before — some put the needle on the rubber matt thinking it's the record....

"Cassettes have come back really big but I didn't see it coming. I sold 300 tapes for 50 cents. Then I saw some of them reselling for, like, \$5 on the internet. A lot of cassettes by old punk bands like Agnostic Front, the Misfits,

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Wallace's Panther roots go back to the '60s. In 2016 he was on TV protesting the police killing of

and Blues Entertainment."

As opposed to some other "pop vinyl" cover bands that he says specialize in dance hits by Lionel Richie or Kool & the his live set, Wallace doesn't mention his days (1967-'75) he was an active member of the local Black Panthers.

"I had a 1960 Corvair

was due to "Misinformation and counterintelligence they sent out against black and Hispanic groups. Just like they

associated with the Panthers



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and Minor Threat have really gone up in value."

Buck gives tours. "One teacher brought in 20 kids for a field trip. They picked up guitars and wanted to hear Beatles records. Kids still want to hear rock."

But he admits there is a new normal his 15-year-old band, the Homeless Sexuals must now face: "Most of the clubs in North Park and downtown switched to hiphop and '80s dance music.

jazz and U31 has reggae and hip-hop.... It used to be DJs would play before the bands. When we play at Bar Pink, the DJ will follow us. It used to be the other way around. We used to go on at 11. Now the younger crowd who Uber in from the beach or Chula Vista wants to dance. DJs are where the money is."

The Homeless Sexuals and Dead on the Wire appear 8 p.m. Sunday at Bar Pink, followed by soul/rock DJ Ratty. — Ken Leighton

It's easy to steal from a pianoman. Lots of San Diego musicians struggle

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more offers than he entertains.

"In 2015, I actually did 347 performances," says Parker. "That was way too many — sometimes four gigs in a single day. I just started collecting Social Security this year, and I'm trying to whittle the shows down to around 200 per year."

This ascending career came about by accident.

"I wandered into a place called Carlsbad

home] and noticed they had a nice piano. I asked if I could play, and the next thing I know, they were offering me a job. It turns out there are thousands of those places."

That epiphany was only a

part of Parker's success.

"I started canvassing, making phone calls and reaching out. I have a thick skin and I actually rejoice in rejections - profile and more lucrative opportunities.

"Being successful in that area gave me the freedom to land high-end corporate

> of flexibility in terms of being where I need to be - but most of the gigs are during daylight hours and it turns out I have a spiritual connection with my audience."

Not everyone in the audience reciprocates, though. "I was doing a farmers'

market, and this kid walked up, maybe he was in junior high school — he looked me right in the eye, smiled, then reached into my tip jar, pulled out a wad of cash — and took off running! I probably would have given it to him."

Robert Bush

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Headline the Homeless Sexuals — they play instruments (Davit Buck, right)

Live rock doesn't pull in the crowds it used to.

"There used to be [live rock] at True North, Buster Dalys, and Scolari's Office. There's still the Soda Bar and Til Two, but Seven Grand has to stay busy enough to pay the rent, and having a reliable day-job has become a reality for many of them. Pianist Robert Parker is an exception — he has extrapolated skills he picked up as

by the Sea [retirement because the law of numbers is on my side — I don't get that many 'wins' but I've got a serious hustle." Parker transformed his

popularity in retirement communities into higher parties in my target demographic — places like Scripps Ranch, Del Mar, and Rancho Santa Fe — what they used to call "society gigs" - all of to people who own com-

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DAVID BYRNE AT SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE ON APRIL 17

A lot of people will tell you that Stop Making Sense, featuring the Talking Heads, is the greatest concert film ever made. But that would seem to presuppose that one is already a fan of the band's music, no? Not necessarily. I watched my VHS copy of SMS so often that the label was already worn off long before I found it on DVD, and yet I've never once felt compelled to buy a Talking Heads album. For some, bands like the Heads and Oingo Boingo only matter onstage, it's all about the show. The music is a soundtrack that, bereft of the visual element, is far less than one half of the whole. Onetime Talking Head frontman **David Byrne** seems fully aware of that fact, and thus promises elaborate theatrics for his first solo tour since 2009 when it pulls into San Diego Civic Theatre on April 17. Though he hasn't revealed his backing band, Byrne did mention an upcoming album in a statement he released to the press announcing the tour. "I had an idea that everyone in the band might be mobile, so there would be no risers, drum platforms, or any of that stuff," he says of the stage design. "The band and I will be testing all of this in front of a live audience during a small number of shows, beginning in March. We'll be doing some new songs, and many others that will, I assume, be familiar...this is the most ambitious show I've done since the



shows that were filmed for *Stop Making Sense*, so fingers crossed."

It's easy to mock a lot of music that came out of the 1980s, but one genre that held up surprisingly well is the mildly psychedelic Paisley Underground of Beatlesque pop aspirants like World Party, XTC, the Bangles, Tears for

Fears, and L.A.'s **Dream Syndicate**, which melded the prototypal punk of Velvet Underground with "Strawberry Fields Forever" style Britpop. Though not exactly chart-toppers, the '80s were good to Steve Wynn and company, with four well-

received albums to their credit before they called it quits right around the dawn of the '90s. Wynn resurfaced with a new Syndicate in 2012, mostly as a touring entity intended for the aging alt crowd. In 2017, they surprised many by releasing their first new studio album in 29 years, the aptly named How Did I Find Myself Here? It's a surprisingly energetic and ambitious



THE DREAM SYNDICATE AT CASBAH ON APRIL 21

record, highlighted by a 35-year-old song from band practices that was resurrected for the release — "Like Mary," a melancholy, gently strummed number that does indeed harken back to their earliest efforts. Though now minus two founding members, the support tour that hits the Casbah on April 21 will include Wynn backed by cofounding drummer Dennis "Duck" Mehaffey and longtime (since 1984)

bassist Mark Walton, alongside Wynn's guitarist from his band Miracle 3, Jason Victor.

As long as we've been talking about great concert films, honorable mention must surely go to *The Last Waltz*, featuring the all-star farewell performance of Bob Dylan's onetime backing group, the Band. It turned out to not be farewell after all, as several players later regrouped sans Robertson, but now the only

members remaining from The Last Waltz who haven't passed away are Garth Hudson and Robbie Robertson. Several players from latter-day incarnations of the Band have joined with musicians from various Band solo projects to form the Weight, which'll play the Belly Up on April 29. Neither Hudson nor Robertson will be participating in the performance, mostly paying tribute to the Band's back-catalog, but Robertson's post-Waltz replacement Jim Weider (who played on three of the final Band albums) will be manning the guitar, alongside someone KENDRICK LAMAR AT MATTRESS FIRM AMPHITHEATRE ON MAY 13 who often played with the late Band drummer Levon

Helm in a dual-drum format, Randy Ciarlante. The Weight is rounded out by members of solo

groups once fronted by Helm, Hudson, and late Band bassist Rick Danko: Brian Mitchell, Marty Grebb, Michael Bram, and Albert Rogers. Their debut album as the Weight, World Gone Mad, drops later this month.

Back when he first came straight outta Compton, **Kendrick Lamar** Duckworth originally wanted to be known as K-Dot, a teen rapper whose

self-released mixtape got him signed with Top Dawg records, a big-deal indie label in the early aughts. As Kendrick Lamar, he entered the U.S. Top 40 in 2012 with hit records such as "Swimming Pools (Drank)," "Poetic Justice," and "Bitch, Don't Kill My Vibe." He'll be leaning heavily on his fourth studio album from last April, Damn, when he arrives at Mattress Firm

Amphitheatre on May 13, which is welcome news, given that record's wide array of sound explorations delving into funk, jazz, and soul, evincing even more confidence and clarity than on his somewhat more acclaimed previous release, *To Pimp a Butterfly*. The *Damn* album has been somewhat eclipsed over the past few weeks by a

soundtrack record he just curated for Marvel's Black Panther movie. and so it was probably as much an artistic instant replay as it was a blatant cash-grab a few weeks ago when, hoping to keep the record on people's tongues and minds, he released a "Collector's Edition" of Damn featuring the tracks in reverse order. The Chula Vista bill includes SZA (currently featured on a single from the Black Panther soundtrack, "All the Stars"). ScHoolboy Q, Jay Rock, Ab-Soul, SiR, and Lance Skiiiwalker.

> For a little over 20 years, Scottish indie band **Belle & Sebastian** has been racking up

acclaim, if not album sales, thanks to touring and grassroots social networking that pretty much bypasses the usual starmaking machinery. That's begun to change since signing to major labels in the U.K. and U.S., Rough Trade and Matador Records, which is probably why they're headlining their first local appearance in three years at Observatory North Park on June 22. At this writing, they've released two of a three-EP series that began in December and wraps later this month, with the final installment of How to Solve Our Human Problems. It's kind of a Radiohead-meets-Stevie-Nicks affair that offers lilting acoustic POVS as seen through the eyes of children who, over the course of the EPs, then become teens, who then become par-



BELLE & SEBASTIAN AT OBSERVATORY NORTH PARK ON JUNE 22

an end that inevitably recalls where it all began. Ambitious stuff for a band once written off as Cranberries-lite.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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THIS WEEK'S **SHOWS**

Air Conditioned Lounge:

Thursday, 9pm — Eliasar Gordillo.

Aztec Brewing Company: Friday, 6pm — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. Free.

BNS Brewing & Distilling: Friday, 6:30pm — Farm Truck.

Balboa Theatre:

Wednesday, 8pm - A Night with Janis Joplin.

Bancroft:

Friday, 8pm — Jerk. Saturday, 8pm — Smomid and

Bassmnt:

Friday, 9pm — QUIX. Saturday, 8pm — Bassmnt Saturdays

Bella Vista Social Club and

Thursday, 5:30pm - The Princeton Footnotes. \$20.

Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday, 8pm — Ladysmith Black Mambazo. Friday, 8pm — Wild Child. Saturday, 8pm - ALO and John Craigie. \$22-\$39. Monday, 7:30pm — Howard Jones and Rachel Sage. \$40-\$70. Tuesday, 8pm — Kathryn Cloward and Lee Coulter. \$10-Wednesday, 8pm — Daring

Greatly. \$18-\$20.

Bernardo Winery: Sunday, 2pm — Whitney Shay.

Bluefoot Bar and Lounge:

Thursday, 8pm — Black Rhino. Tuesday, 8pm — JayCee.

Bodega Studios and Gallery:

Tuesday, 7pm — Descarga Cubana. Free.

Border X Brewing:

Wednesday, 7pm — Kultura Wednesday. Free.

Brick by Brick:

Friday, 8pm — Core 10 and Squirrelly Arts. \$10-\$14. Saturday, 7pm — Joe Lynn

Cafe 21:

Thursday, 7pm — Flamenco

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

San Diego Symphony gave its best concert of the season

And no one saw it coming. When I say "no one saw it coming," I mean that I didn't see it coming.

When looking at the program I saw three pieces that I knew well and two that I didn't. The two pieces I didn't know were Notturno, by Giuseppe Martucci, and Ottorino Respighi's La boutique fantasque.

The program was part of the It's About Time festival the symphony is putting on during the month of January. The focus is on percussion and rhythm. While all the pieces in the concert had rhythmic qualities, the composers in play were complete orchestrational wizards.

Giuseppe Martucci was born in 1856 in Capua, Italy. Reading that fact, my mind immediately jumped to images of Marcus Crassus crucifying the army of

Spartacus along the 120 miles of the Via Appia between Roma and Capua. Notturno was something completely not that. The piece was subdued in tone and similar in scale to The Siegfried Idyll, by Wagner, or The Valse Triste, by Sibelius.

I know and admire Respighi, but I had never heard his concise homage to Rossini in the form of La boutique fantasque. Rossini's William Tell Overture was the first piece performed, so that was a nice connection

The William Tell Overture is so famous that it has become cliché, but that doesn't mean it isn't fantastic music. Here's the thing about William Tell, I'm guessing you think you know it, but the part you know doesn't happen until the very end. I will point out the sforzando in the brass during the

famous section, because it

The next piece I was familiar with was Rimsky-Korsakov's Capriccio Espagnol. Why is a Russian composing a piece about Spain? Because he can. No one works an orchestra better than Rimsky. The San Diego Symphony's performance showed that it is more than capable of expressing the many colors of this Russian Spain.

I have listened to Respighi's Pines of Rome, off and on, for decades but have never heard it live. There's a difference

The third section of the music includes a recording of a nightingale. So far as I know this was the first time an orchestral piece included mixed media. The original performances used a gramophone to broadcast a recording of the nightin-

was phenomenal.

gale's song. Now we use a digital version.

> of Rome brought me right back to the Via Appia as Respighi used the pines along the famous road to return to the glory of the is where the live performance asserted its virtues over anything a recording can accomplish.

> and two horns positioned at the foot of the mezzanine. These additional brass pieces combined with

Jader Bignamini: Elegant, precise, emotive.

The final section of Pines Roman Republic. This section

There were four trumpets

the organ and orchestra to create a formidable legion of sound trampling its way through the confines of symphony hall.

The general at the head of the troops was Italian conductor Jader Bignamini. I thought his conducting was an ideal balance of elegance, precision, and emotion. It was, in the best sense of the word Italian

I've created a Google alert for "Pines of Rome." Should it be performed in Orange County, Los Angeles, or even San Francisco, I'm going.

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Saturday, 7pm — Bossa Nova with Stephanie & Marcus. Sunday, 7pm — Rhumba with Bruno Serrano.

Wednesday, 7pm — Sister Speak.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido:

Thursday, 2pm — Shen Yun Chinese Music and Dance. \$80-\$180

Wednesday, 4pm & 7pm — Jessica Fichot. Free. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Pink Martini. \$30-\$85.

Carvers Steak & Chops: Saturday, 7:30pm — Lemon

Squeezers.

Casbah:

Thursday, 8pm — The Stone Foxes, \$16-\$18. Saturday, 11am — Vinyl Junkies Record Swap. \$5.

Monday, 8pm — Western Scene and State to State. \$6. Tuesday, 8pm - Polux and Ariel Levine. \$6. Wednesday, 8pm — The Wind and the Wave, \$15.

Cheers:

Saturday, 9pm — Miss Demeanor.

Club M:

Saturday, 8pm — Dueling

Congregational Church of La Jolla:

Sunday, 4pm — The Brad Dutz Quartet. \$12-\$25.

Covote Bar & Grill:

Thursday, 6pm — The Terribles. Friday, 6pm — The Brokers

Saturday, 6pm — Groove Squad. Sunday, 5pm — High Minded.

Wednesday, 6pm — It's Never 2L8.

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Thursday, 8pm — Ghost Town Gamblers. Friday, 8pm — Sonic Tonic and Kes O'Hara.

 $Saturday, 8 \mathrm{pm} - Koda Sounds.$ Monday, 7pm — Johnny Martin. Free

Dirk's Niteclub:

Friday, 8pm — Teaser.

Dizzy's/Musicians Union Hall:

Friday, 8pm — Chris Vitas: Wayne Shorter Tribute. \$20. Saturday, 8pm — Christopher Hollyday Quartet. \$15-\$20. Wednesday, 8pm — Brad Steinwehe Jazz Orchestra Plays Woody Herman. \$15-\$20.

El Cajon Library:

Saturday, 1:30pm — Gregory Page. Free.

Grassroots Oasis:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Dave Howard.

Handlery Hotel's 950 Lounge:

Friday, 5:30pm — Mike Wofford Trio with Curtis Taylor. Free.

Hotel Indigo Del Mar:

Tuesday, 7pm — Kathleen Murray. Free.

House of Blues:

Thursday, 7pm — Badfish: a Tribute to Sublime. \$20-\$80. Thursday, 8pm — Wallows. \$14-\$22

Friday, 7pm — Pardi Gras. \$12-

Saturday, 7pm — Fetty Wap. \$35-\$65

Java Joe's:

Friday, 8pm — Frank Lee Drennen. \$15. Saturday, 7:30pm — Billy Galewood. \$15. Tuesday, 6:30pm — Open Mic Nights. Free.

Larry's Beach Club: Saturday, 5pm — Gone Blonde.

Mandeville Auditorium at

UCSD: Friday, 7:30pm — Michael

Pisaro. Free

Martinis Above Fourth | Table + Stage:

Wednesday, 8pm — Tammie Brown. \$25

Mission Hills United Church

Saturday, 7pm — Eric Bernhard & the San Diego Nite Band. \$25.

Molly Malone's Waypoint Saloon:

Friday, 9pm — Turned Up.

Saturday, 9pm — Steelehorse.

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:

Saturday, 4pm — Sonic Tonic and Kes O'Hara.

Museum of Making Music:

Thursday, 7pm — International Women of Guitar. \$25-\$30. Thursday, 7pm — Muriel Anderson. \$25-\$30.

Music Box:

Thursday, 7pm — Maiz, Layne Tadesse, SM Familia. \$10-\$12. Friday, 7pm — Kristin Chenoweth. \$100-\$1500. Saturday, 8pm — Rebel Souljahz. \$20-\$22. Monday, 7pm — Bermuda Triangle. \$25.

Observatory North Park:

Thursday, 7pm — Passion Pit and Courtship. – STRFKR and Friday, 7pm -Reptaliens. Tuesday, 8pm — Majid Jordan. Wednesday, 8pm - Lights and Chase Atlantic.

Oceanside Museum of Art: Wednesday, 6pm - Fuzzy & the

Blues Band. \$35-\$45. Omnia San Diego:

Friday, 9pm — Nghtmre.

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Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room:

Thursday, 7pm — Liz Grace & the Swing Thing. Saturday, 9pm — Baja Bugs.

Salty Frog:

Saturday, 9pm — The Touchies and Sending Signals.

San Diego Civic Theatre:

Friday, 7:30pm, Saturday, 2pm & 7:30pm, Sunday, 1:30pm — Shen Yun Chinese Music and

San Diego Museum of Art: Friday, 7pm — Art of Élan Pop-

Up Concert.

Soda Bar:

Thursday, 8pm — Bad History Month and Longface. \$10. Friday, 8pm - Birdy Bardot and the Heavy Guilt. \$10. Saturday, 8pm — Belle Game.

Monday, 8pm — Phoebe Bridgers. \$12. Tuesday, 8pm Dent and Twin Ponies. \$6-\$8. Wednesday, 8pm — Joey Cape

Thursday, 8pm — Banditos. \$10-\$12

and Brian Wahlstrom, \$15.

Spin Nightclub:

Saturday, 8pm — Destructo. \$10-\$25

Studio Arts Building:

Thursday, 8pm — Easy Wind.

Summit Unitarian Universalist Fellowship:

Friday, 7pm — Mean Mary. \$10.

Sycuan Live & Up Close Theatre:

Saturday, 5pm & 8pm — The Oak Ridge Boys. \$59-\$69.

Templar's Hall at Old Poway Park:

Friday, 7:30pm — Happy Traum and Sarah Rogo. \$20.

Temple Adat Shalom:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Steve Dorff. \$15-\$50.

Temple Emanu-El:

Saturday, 6:30pm — The Danny Green Trio. \$36-\$40.

Til-Two:

Friday, 9pm — Batlords and Dum Cumpsters. Saturday, 9pm — Women and

Tio Leo's:

Thursday, 8pm — Gino & the Lone Gunmen. \$10. Friday, 8pm — Graceland Elvis Tribute. Saturday, 8pm — Full Strength Funk Band. \$7.

Valley View Casino Center: Friday, 7:30pm — Tyler, the

Creator. West Coast Tavern:

Friday, 8pm — Kyle Flesch. Saturday, 8pm — Brett Bodley Sunday, 8pm — DJ Billy the Kid.

Whistle Stop Bar:

Saturday, 9pm — '80s vs '90s.

Winstons Beach Club:

Monday, 9pm — Electric Waste Band. \$5.



BY DAVE GOOD

Your basic acoustic piano is a bunch of wires strung at varying degrees of tension across an iron frame sandwiched inside of a

wooden box for resonation. One controls said machine via 88 keys laid out in a graduating series of octaves, tidy and machine-like. You press a key, white or black, and a hammer smacks one of the tension wires. Uniform, But. no two people will sound alike when they play the exact same notes on the exact same piano. Consider Art Tatum, vs McCov Tyner, vs Fats Domino. Three pianists, one instrument, vet three individual sounds.

It took a friend with a baby grand piano at the center of his living room to break it down for me one night. The force with which

one hits (or caresses) a key makes a huge difference. Bill Evans, for example, seemed able to coax a note out of the 88. Fats Waller pounded on a keyboard: Oscar Peterson was somewhere in hetween And then, my friend said, there's the issue of voicing. Chords are all built on the same tones, he explained, but how an individual arranges (or voices) those tones is huge in defining a pianist's personal sound. This is where Mike Wofford comes in: how he voices each chord is as delicate as a prayer.

Wofford, from Texas, grew up in San Diego. His is an astonishing background that includes stints with the Jackson Five, John Lennon, Donna Summer, and more. But his gig for the past many years has been straight-ahead iazz, and as one of the leading forces of that music on the West Coast, he's recorded or been staged with the best.

Now approaching 80. Wofford was outed as one of this town's best kept secrets when

MIKE WOFFORD

the San Diego Music Awards laid a Lifetime Achievement Award on him in 2012. Bassist Dean Hulett, drummer Richard Sellers, and the trumpet of Curtis Taylor will accompany

MIKE WOFFORD: Friday, February 2, Handlery 950 Lounge, 619-298-0511, 5:30 p.m.,

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Wofford in this performance.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Art of Élan Pop-Up Concert

The pop-up performance will be in conjunction with the screening of the classic 1943 film Doña Barbara, starring actress (and muse of Diego Rivera) María Félix. Screenings take place in James S. Copley Auditorium. Friday, February 2, 7pm; San

Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado.

The Brad Dutz Quartet

The Brad Dutz Quartet blends 20th century acoustic classical chamber music with elements of improvisation and jazz. Comprised of Brian Walsh on clarinet, bass clarinet, and contra bass clarinet, Dr. Paul Sherman on oboe and English horn, cellist Chris Votek, and Dutz on marimba, vibes, and

hand percussion. The combination of marimba and cello mixed with bass clarinet and oboe treat the listener to an unusual palette of instruments rarely heard in new music. The concert will feature compositions by Dutz and "A Circle in The Sky" by San Diego guest composer Chikako Iversen. Ticket includes reception with band to follow concert. Sunday, February 4, 4pm; \$12\$25. Congregational Church of La Jolla, 1216 Cave Street.

David Rubinstein Classical pianist David Rubinstein will perform. Saturday, February 3, 7:30pm; Olive Peirce Middle School, 1521 Hanson Lane,

Jacobs Masterworks: Zukerman Plays Tchaikovsky

Zukerman Plays Tchaikovsky features Pinchas Zukerman (conductor/violin) performing Tchaikovsky's "Melodie" from Souvenir d'un lieu cher. Sérénade mélancolique, and Serenade for Strings, and well as Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4: Italian. Friday, February 2, 7pm; Saturday, February 3, 7pm; Jacobs Music Center, 750 B Street

Leonard Bernstein

Centennial Concert Ms. Réaux has forged her own unique path that fits no conventional mold and commands a repertoire from Strauss to Sondheim. Join Angelina Réaux along with Michael Sokol and Ines Irawati for an evening of the music of Leonard Bernstein. This concert will benefit the work of the Alliance for African Assistance, both locally and globally, Saturday, February 3, 7pm; \$25. Auditorium at the Scripps Research Institute. 10620 John Jay Hopkins Drive.

Luis Urrea The San Diego Symphony will hold its third annual festival and will explore the world of rhythm, sound and place through percussion in a month-long celebration entitled "It's About Time," which is curated by percussionist, conductor, author and University of California San Diego professor Steven Schick. Working with several of San Diego's performing arts organizations, the festival is about the myriad of ways percussion music connects us to the world and to nature. Hailed by NPR as a "master storyteller with a rock and roll heart," Thursday, February 1, 7pm; free. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard.





UPCOMING SHOWS

























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San Diego Youth Symphony Winter Ovation Concert Join advanced string, woodwind, brass, and percussion musicians for an evening of performances, including Gershwin's timeless An American in Paris. Sunday, February 4, 1pm; \$10-\$35. Jacobs Music Center, 750 B

Stravinsky's L'Histoire du Soldat The San Diego Symphony will hold its third annual festival and will explore the world of rhythm, sound and place through percussion in a month-long celebration entitled "It's About Time," which is curated by percussionist, conductor, author and University of California San Diego professor Steven Schick. Working with several of San Diego's performing arts organizations, the festival is about the myriad of ways percussion music connects us to the world and to nature. Saturday, February 3,

7:30pm; free-\$15. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive

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AMSDconcerts:

Friday, Feb. 9 — Front Country. \$20-\$30.

Athenaeum Music and Arts **Library:** Friday, Feb. 9 — Ralph Moore

Quartet. \$21-\$96. Thursday, Feb. 15 — The Dave King Trio. \$21-\$26.

Auditorium at the Scripps Research Institute:

Tuesday, Feb. 13 — Wu Man

Balboa Theatre:

Thursday, Feb. 8 — A Night with Janis Joplin. Saturday, Feb. 10 — Miranda Sings.

Bar Pink:

Thursday, Feb. 8 — The Amandas and Goldettes. \$5. Friday, Feb. 9 — Rio Peligroso. Saturday, Feb. 10 — Spice Pistols

Bassmnt:

Friday, Feb. 9 — Bassmnt Fridays Saturday, Feb. 10 — Bassmnt Saturdays.

Saturday, Feb. 24 — Krane.

Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday, Feb. 8 — Allah-Las. \$22-\$39. Saturday, Feb. 10 — The Wayward Sons and Way Cool Jr. \$13-\$23.

Black Cat Bar:

Thursday, Feb. 8 — Uptown Rhythm Makers. Free.

Brick by Brick:

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Friday, Feb. 9 - Richard Thompson Sextet. \$15-\$20. Saturday, Feb. 10 — Agent 22.

House of Blues:

Thursday, Feb. 8 - Walk the Moon. \$40-\$60. Friday, Feb. 9 - Judah & the Lion. \$26-\$50. Saturday, Feb. 10 - Dua Lipa.

Java Joe's:

Friday, Feb. 9 — Cindy Lee Berryhill. \$15. Saturday, Feb. 10 — Billy Galewood. \$15.

Kraken:

Thursday, Feb. 8 - Rat Motor.

Lucy's Tavern:

Friday, Feb. 9 — Shadows in the Streets.

Molly Malone's Waypoint Saloon:

Friday, Feb. 9 - Rock Steady. Free Saturday, Feb. 10 — United Country. Free.

Moonlight Amphitheatre in **Brengle Terrace Park:**

Saturday, Feb. 10 — Lucie Arnaz, \$85.

Moonshine Beach:

Friday, Feb. 9 — Brandon Lay. Free. Friday, Feb. 16 — Redwood Black. Free. Saturday, Feb. 17 — Redwood Black. Free.

Mount Soledad Presbyterian Church:

Saturday, Feb. 17 - Fred Benedetti, \$5-\$10.

Museum of Making Music:

Wednesday, Feb. 14 -Valentine's Day Benefit Concert. \$30-\$40. Saturday, Feb. 17 - Jack Tempchin. \$25-\$30. Thursday, Mar. 1 — Chris Smither. \$25-\$30. Sunday, Mar. 4 — Velvet Caravan. \$25-\$30.

Museum of Photographic Arts:

Friday, Feb. 23 — Sacra/Profana: Building Bridges Between Nations.

Music Box:

Thursday, Feb. 8 — Shadowplay. Friday, Feb. 9 - Ooklah the Moc. \$27-\$32. Saturday, Feb. 10 - Typhoon and Mimicking Birds. \$20-\$23.

Nate's Garden Grill: Saturday, Feb. 10 -

Tinkersmith. Free.

Observatory North Park: Thursday, Feb. 8 — Don Diablo.

Friday, Feb. 9 - Ja Rule and Ashanti. Saturday, Feb. 10 — The Green and Barrington Levy. \$29-\$75. Sunday, Feb. 11 — Caifanes. \$75.

Omnia San Diego:

Friday, Feb. 9 — Slander. Saturday, Feb. 10 — Borgeous.

Proud Mary's Southern Bar & Grill at the Ramada:

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Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room:

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Soda Bar:

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Til-Two:

Friday, Feb. 9 — Throwaway and the Heart Beat Trail.

Tin Roof San Diego:

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Tio Leo's:

Thursday, Feb. 8 — The Stilettos. Friday, Feb. 9 — Siers Brothers. Saturday, Feb. 10 — Detroit Underground.

Tower Bar:

Saturday, Feb. 10 - OC45 and Sculpins. Wednesday, Feb. 21 — Tiger Sex. Thursday, Feb. 22 — Jon Cougar Concentration Camp and the Raging Nathans. Friday, Feb. 23 — United Defiance and Skipjack.

UCSD Calit2 Auditorium at Atkinson Hall:

Thursday, Feb. 8 — Jacob Sundstrom & Anthony Vine:

Valley View Casino Center:

Thursday, Feb. 15 - Lana Del Rev. \$39-\$125. Monday, Feb. 19 - Boomshaka Music Festival. \$25-\$95.

Vieias Arena:

Thursday, Feb. 8 - tobyMac and Danny Gokey. \$32-\$70. Thursday, Feb. 15 — Miranda Lambert. Monday, Feb. 26 — Demi Lovato. \$29-\$149.

Waterfront Park:

Saturday, Mar. 3 — CRSSD Festival. Sunday, Mar. 4 — CRSSD Festival.

West Coast Tavern:

Friday, Feb. 9 — DJ Grimm. Saturday, Feb. 10 — Wet Hand Sunday, Feb. 11 — DJ Billy the

Kid Friday, Feb. 16 — Eddie Cutlass.

Saturday, Feb. 17 — Brett Bodley. Sunday, Feb. 18 — DJ Billy the

Friday, Feb. 23 — Dom King.

Saturday, Feb. 24 — DJ Schoeny. Sunday, Feb. 25 — DJ Billy the Kid

Friday, Mar. 2 — Kyle Flesch. Saturday, Mar. 3 - Brett Bodley.

Sunday, Mar. 4 — DJ Billy the

Winstons Beach Club: Saturday, Feb. 10 — OB Mardi

Gras Party.





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horsepox-making process for the company.

"Under their research and development agreement, Tonix wholly owns the synthesized [horsepox] virus stock and related sequences," said the company's March 2 news release touting the efficacy of a



Horsepox firm has offices in La Jolla.

horsepox-based vaccine it ultimately plans to market for use against smallpox.

Critics say the threat to global health has been made worse by the January 19 publication in the scientific journal Plos One of the step-by-step infectious horsepox recipe developed by the Canadians.

Based in New York, Tonix has research and development offices in La Jolla, as well as Dublin, Ireland, and Montreal, Canada, according to federal disclosure records. In addition to synthetic horsepox, the company has

been testing TNX-102 SL, a drug to treat post-traumatic stress disorder.

Mark Edgar, senior vice president of product development at Tonix, previously held a similar position at La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company.

Matt Potter

CITYLIGHTS

Remember the **Wobblies** New film recalls local

persecution of workers Spellbinding orator and labor leader Eugene Victor Debs became a socialist while jailed in the late 19th Century. He went on

to become a presidential candidate five times in the 20th Century — the last time in 1920.

San Diego State University professor and artist-inresidence Yale Strom has directed a new documentary. **American Socialist: The Life** and Times of Eugene Victor Debs. The documentary has photos of Debs orating in San Diego and leaders of the Wobblies (Industrial Workers of the World) speaking for free speech at a rally. Debs had been a founder of the Wobblies, whose brutal treatment by

to go all over the place to find

cool locations for her blog stuff.

Today" — three years was long

enough for him to make shut-

terbugging the day-job — "I just

do her brand stuff. We shoot it

together, and I do the editing

- which is, like, 50 percent" of

photography in the age of the

digital tweak. "Most of the time,



Wobblies treated brutally in San Diego

the San Diego establishment in the early 20th Century is one of the disgraces of the city's history.

The documentary will have its Southern California premiere at the San Diego Jewish Film Festival: February 11, 11 a.m., at the **Edwards San Marcos Sta**dium 18; and February 13 at 5 p.m. at the Edwards Mira Mesa Stadium 18.

Don Bauder

University of Saint Katherine coming to Chula Vista

San Marcos school wasn't on the city's short list

Chula Vista will soon have the four-year university that it hoped to lure to the city, though, it wasn't likely the first choice.

This week, the city council was expected to approve an agreement with the University of Saint Katherine. The Orthodox Christian college was founded in 2010 and is currently located in

With models, "my approach is to make sure they're super comfortable," which can require some finesse when you're a guy and she's a pretty girl in a bit of lace. "A lot of photographers won't show the models the unedited photos during a shoot because they might get self-conscious about stuff. But I explain exactly how I'm going to edit everything, what I'm going to sift. I think it's helpful if they can see how they look, maybe see an awkward position they might want to change. Once they're comfortable, we can maybe get those crazy or coollooking shots."

He especially admires Doyenne of Dishabille Ellen von Unwerth, "the way she gets her models to do crazy stuff they wouldn't do with another photographer. Because of the way she handles it." ■

San Marcos, According to city documents, 262 students attend the college.

Reads the operating agreement, "[University of Saint Katherine] aims to become a nationally and internationally recog-

nized residential institution of approximately 5,000 students."

The university will move into a portion of the 375acre city-owned land in **Eastern Chula Vista called** University Park.

According to the terms, the university will pay one dollar per year for the duration of the lease, the length of which will be decided after development plans are finalized.

Dorian Hargrove

El Cajon's ban on homeless feeding reconsidered

As hep A epidemic wanes A city councilmember in El Cajon has proposed rescinding the controversial ordinance that prohibits people from giving food to the homeless in city parks.

In a January 18 memo, councilmember Ben Kalasho said that as the hepatitis A outbreak nears the end. so. too, should the ordinance.

The city council approved the ordinance in October of last year, at the height of the local enidemic. At the time, councilmembers said the ordinance was needed to stop the spread of the deadly virus.

But the ordinance gained national attention on January 14 when El Cajon police officers handed out criminal citations to 13 people who were passing out food to homeless people as part of a "Break the Ban" event at Wells Park on East Madison Avenue.

Dorian Hargrove

Damaged sidewalks cost city big bucks

Settlements of 35 claims amounted to \$5.3 million



El Cajon police gave criminal citations to 13 people passing out food.

The City of San Diego paid out more than \$5.3 million last year for injuries and property damage caused by broken sidewalks.

Public records indicate

there were 35 claims submitted to the city from January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2017; of those, 20 were litigated. The remainder were settled.

The majority of the money was paid to Clifford Brown, a cyclist who suffered severe injuries after hitting a broken sidewalk in Del Cerro and getting thrown to the pavement. The city paid Brown \$4.85 million.

Other large payments included a \$98,000 payment to a woman who fell on a raised sidewalk in

Bankers Hill. \$80.000. and a number of \$50,000 settlements. one of which went to the wife of former mayor Roger Hedgecock who ruptured her breast implant after tripping on a Little Italy sidewalk.

Those who chose to accept payments without filing lawsuits received far less payments. The 15 claims paid by Risk Management totaled \$37,840.



Sidewalk hazards like these cost the city millions last year.

In recent years, city officials have hoped to address San Diego's broken and dangerous sidewalks and streets. During the past two years, the city has spent nearly \$9 million to fix crumbling sidewalks, but apparenty the repairs aren't happening fast enough.

Dorian Hargrove

Golden Dreams

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she was young," says Matt. And later, she ran a senior portrait business in Valley Center. When Shea started posting photos to her blog showcasing her personal style, "I would wear my mom's old cowboy boots or a crochet dress that she had, mixed with my own newer stuff — things I found at the Rose Bowl Flea Market and vintage stores. The look was 24/7 Coachella boho festival chick, and it was the right style at the right time." And at first, it was Mom behind the camera. "But we're mother and daughter. We'd bicker too much. Matt was still living in San Diego, working construction, and I would tell him, 'I can't work with Mom anymore. I need you to practice your photography and move up here full time."

He did just that. "We used

we get along." And that's the real trick. "A lot of the business is word-of-mouth. There are a lot of great photographers in L.A. who are just as good or better than me. But I'm easy to work with, and I still go the extra mile for everyone." Done right, over time, a community forms. "There are some other photographers I know on Instagram — Alex Rosenkreuz, Victor Valencia - and we always comment on each others' photos,

because that makes the photos

show up more and get more likes.

I get jobs for makeup artists I like

working with, and even models."

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Mentally ill man in question

MOVIES

■ he Blood Is at the Doorstep opens, as so many documentaries on the subject of police shootings do, with the sights and sounds of a city - in this case Milwaukee - under siege. It isn't until we flash back two years and progressively work our way to the present that we

come to discover these violent images are not taken from the story

that's about to unfold. If anything, they are in direct response to it.

The reason police were called to the scene in the first place? A Starbucks employee determined the (presumably homeless) black guy stretched out on the ground not far from the front door was bad for business. After speaking with Dontre Hamilton, the black man in question, the officers determined that he posed no threat. But that decision wasn't good enough for the persistent barista. When another pair of officers returned, they bypassed Dontre, choosing instead to address the employee directly. No laws had been broken, and with no crime to enforce, the officers were on their way.

Perhaps astonishingly, a third officer arrived on the scene, and a struggle ensued. Dontre grabbed the officer's nightstick, and in no time the bulletriddled corpse of the 31-year-old man lay face-down on the pavement.

The shooting might have been just another newspaper headline were it not for the dogged efforts on the parts of Dontre's mother, Maria, and his older brother Junior to unite a community through action. Police chief Ed Flynn describes the incident - an unarmed schizophrenic taking 14 shots from a lone police officer's pistol — as "a tragedy arising out of untreated mental illness in a public space that resulted in violence." Talk such as this initially places Flynn on somewhat sympathetic footing. It takes a few reels - and comments like, "There's not a social problem in America that apparently can't be solved by more training for the police" — before his resistive nature may be fully surmised.

Erik Ljung is a Milwaukee-based filmmaker and a former SDSU student who worked as a photojournalist at the Daily Aztec from about 2005-2008. Acting as his own publicist, director/ producer/cinematographer Ljung contacted me with news that his debut feature will be playing as part of this year's Human Rights Watch Film Festival at the Museum of Photographic Arts. (Don't worry. I exercised my right as a San Diegan to give the Northern California native a little good-natured needling for moving from paradise to Milwaukee.)

Ljung devoted three years of his

life to filming Dontre's story, and it's his close personal relationship

with the Hamilton family and the honesty that pours from it that at times makes the film difficult to watch.

Dontre's shooting took place in April 2014. Ljung's story of a man suffering from a condition that he did not deserve to take 14 bullets for changed four months later. After the Ferguson riots, Dontre's story became one of race, not mental illness. (It didn't help that the family was forced to sweat out every second of the months it took after the shooting before a charging decision against the officer was reached.) According to Junior, 60 percent of the people placed under arrest have mental health issues, while our police departments are staffed by officers who have no idea how to deal with the mentally ill. The motto of his family's non-militant struggle to unify the city is, "Damage won't bring justice."

Allow me to stray from the subject of criticism for a couple of paragraphs to briefly address the problem as it affects us at home. The homeless who once inhabited the Gaslamp have slowly migrated north to Hillcrest where it's virtually impossible to make a move without being panhandled, sometimes with extreme prejudice. On an average evening, the parking lot of the Jack in the Box on University and Eighth looks like a shooting gallery (Needles, not guns).

More and more homeless attacks on Hillcrest residents and businesses are being reported. At the risk of igniting the wrath of firefighters, how much space does one need to sleep comfortably in and cook chili?

Might not the \$9.2 million price tag attached to Hillcrest's new fire house have been better spent on a center to house and rehabilitate our city's homeless population? Or does someone have to be killed in order to resolve the problem?

The film ends on a note of recursive anguish as Junior sits before a screen watching another victim trying to make sense of his brother's



The Blood is at the Doorstep: The Hamilton family and their efforts to inspire the citizens of Milwaukee in light of a senseless shooting take center stage in Erik Ljung's compelling documentary.

death at the hands of a cop. With a little image manipulation, the picture within the picture could be interpreted as a Droste-effect copy of itself.

There is no reason why The Blood Is at the Doorstep shouldn't find a distribution deal.

Here's hoping it does. But just in case this turns out to be your only chance to see it, the film plays at MoPA at 7 p.m. on Sunday, February 4. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with Ljung and Dameion Perkins, Dontre's eldest brother. For more information, visit: ff.hrw.org/film/ blood-doorstep.

- Scott Marks

MOVIE LISTINGS

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

12 Strong — In the aftermath of 9/11. the United States sent a Spec Ops team into Afghanistan to assist with the country's resistance to the Taliban. In 2012, Alex Quade made a short documentary about it called Horse Soldiers of 9/11 — so named because the operation marked the first time in decades that U.S. soldiers rode horses into battle(!) In 2017, Greg Barker made a longer documentary about it called Legion of Brothers - so named because of the camaraderie that held among the team even as everything else fell apart. Those were movies about war. 12 Strong is a war movie, complete with men promising their women that they'll come home, leaders insisting they won't lose a single man, a bad guy executing schoolgirls (as if that has anything to do with the mission against him), oracular pronouncements from the wise native ("Your mission will fail because you fear death," "I don't have soldiers, only warriors," etc.), and oh yes, Chris Hemsworth picking off enemies with an assault rifle from atop a charging horse at full gallop. But even if all that sounds grand, the film fails in other, more intrinsic ways: combat scenes seem more interested in the faces than the fracas, missions are undertaken with no apparent outcome, and great difficulties loom and then dissolve like mist Still: it was a helluva mission, there are at least nods in the direction of complexity. and the bomb strikes convey something of what must have been meant by "shock and awe." Directed by Nicolai Fuglsig. 2018. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

All the Money in the World — The most sensational celebrity kidnapping this side of Patty Hearst become this year's most controversial movie. I. Paul Getty (Christopher Plummer) was the richest man that ever lived. What shocked the world more than the actual kidnapping and subsequent unharboring of his grandson's (Charlie Plummer) ear was gramp's famously unfavorable response to the ransom demand of \$17 million. Even with Christopher Plummer's superb job of bottom-of-the-ninth. out-of-the-park pinch-hitting as John Paul Getty, Ridley Scott needed more than just a Kevin Spacev substitute to keep it from drifting off into the land of poor relations. As Fletcher Chance, the ex-CIA operativeturned-paid-fixer who had Getty's ear, Mark Wahlberg's performance is a wooden diving board off which Michelle Williams and Plummer execute faultless gainers. What it packs in performances it lacks in vision. After about an hour, the film begins its flagrant fictionalization of facts for dramatic purposes followed by a slow and steady deceleration into formula and all the money in the world can't save it. 2017. — S.M. ★★ (AMC FASHION VALLEY; ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA)

Barbarella — Chintzy-looking Italian reproduction of the French erotic comic strip, starring the doll-like Jane Fonda under her then-husband Roger Vadim's direction. There are colors and costumes galore in an attempt to look space-y; but this movie, for all its frantic stabs at zaniness, is just barely wittier than the average American astronaut. 1968. — D.S. ★ (LANDMARK KEN)

Bhaagamathie (Telugu) — What's

more frightening? Imprisonment in a haunted house or being interrogated by law enforcement agents investigating a politician they suspect of corruption. This Indian horror film has the answer. 2018. (EDWARDS MIRA MESA)

Bilal — The United Arab Emirates finally got around to discovering CG animation, and three years after it got made, the rest of the world may be ready to take notice. On the plus side, the background layouts are exquisite, as are the strikingly detailed long shots and sleek editing composed for movement. It's only when we get to character close-ups, with their soulless, hollowedout eyes and PVC complexions, that the visuals begin to resemble an open-casket video game. The story of a young slave who grows to be a mighty warrior (oh, and also the BFF of the Prophet Muhammad) has been told ad infinitum, so far be it from animator Khurram H. Alavi's narrative to stray from the formula. Those looking for a religious picture will probably find one. Per usual, I was on the hunt for animation storytelling techniques. With the exception of a rare anthropomorphic blast, there's not much in the film that couldn't have been achieved with flesh and blood performers. 2015 —S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Call Me By Your Name — Director Luca Guadagnino's sunnily seductive ode to eros tells the story of a summer romance between 17-year-old Elio (Timothée Chalamet, looking 15) and 24-year-old Oliver (Armie Hammer, looking 30). Or rather, it explores the dynamics between them, operating at a cool remove from its own frank depiction of desperate teenage longing and volcanic sexual passion among brilliant Jewish outsiders in gorgeous Catholic Italy. There are people involved, sure, but the main thing you need to know about them is their wanting and being wanted, so that you may consider what that might mean. (The title is telling on this score.) Elio's dad (Michael Stuhlbarg) is an archaeology professor who swoons over the sensuality of Greek statuary even as his son swoons over Pop's statuesque grad student/ houseguest. Mom serves up fresh-squeezed apricot juice, which Oliver guzzles before explaining how we got "apricot" from the Latin praecocia — "early ripen." Everyone is terribly sophisticated and sensitive, so the drama surrounding the romance must be

Coco — Pixar has dealt in the themes of memory and/or family for so long that it's a wonder it took them this long to hit upon The Day of the Dead as a setting. A whole holiday dedicated to honoring and remembering your ancestors, complete with the visual splendor of ofrendas covered in flaming orange marigold petals and skeletal Calaveras just waiting to be animated. For narrative drive, they've taken a page out of Ratatouille and given us a frustrated artist whose family just doesn't understand: 12-year-old Miguel, who longs to play guitar like his hero (and also his hometown's favorite son), Ernesto De La Cruz. Trouble is, he comes from the only family in Mexico that doesn't like music, due to a rascal four generations back who set out to play for the world and never came home. (Thanks for nothing, ancestors.) When Miguel sets out to follow his hero's lead and seize his moment, he winds up further from home than he could have imagined: the realm of the dead. And getting back will mean growing up. Not entirely original, but almost entirely delightful, from the fantastical glowing afterlife to the street-dog sidekick to the surprisingly sharp critique of celebrity culture. Lee Unkrich directs. 2017. — M.L. ★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The Commuter — The opening may have you wondering if you've walked into the wrong theater as it presents the same household morning scenario again and again with minimal variation: is this some kind of arty drama about the perils of middle-class existence? Nah, it's just director Jaume Collet-Serra playing around with a pretext of context before he puts Liam Neeson through his violent paces for a fourth time, swapping out Non-Stop's plane for a commuter train and tossing in some financial anxiety for motivation. It's fun for a while, as Neeson's ex-cop starts to shake off 10 years of insurance work and get back to his real self: observant, resourceful, and inhumanly tough. (Go ahead, knock him silly as many times as you like. He'll be right as rain in two ticks.) The mystery is less a whodunit than a whogotit, the "it" being a bag containing something stolen that the owner is desperate to recover. If you don't think too hard about why Neeson gets brought in or how the baddies operate or what the point is, you may be able to enjoy yourself. At least until the final act, when the film goes off the rails. Like a train might do. 2018. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Darkest Hour — A cup of weak tea indeed from director Joe Wright, one that sorely needs a shot of something stronger to brace it for the unenviable task of manufacturing drama out of the question of whether Prime Minister Winston Churchill will take Britain into war with Germany or sit down for peace talks with Adolf Hitler. Gary Oldman, visually unrecognizable but vocally present, plays the British Lion as mostly toothless: doddering, doubtful, and deeply dependent on his adoring wife, his sympathetic sovereign, and (oh, the hilarity) his plucky public. Because how else will you know to cheer at the end if the butterfly doesn't emerge from its sarcophagal chrysalis, waving its newfound wings in the morning air? But it's the script that is the real stinker here, laden with insipid humor ("We're broke." "I'll economize; only four cigars a day."), ginned-up drama (can we possibly sacrifice 4000 soldiers to save 300,000?), and gobs and gobs of painful exposition. Personal exposition, philosophical exposition, political exposition. And yet for all that telling about how it was, the film feels much more like





The Intruder

BRYAN TESSITORE

Film fanatic and political junkie

Here are two films that put the viewer in the hot seat. The Intruder stars Star Trek's William Shatner (before he took the captain's seat) as a transplant coming to the South to rouse whites against school integration. His performance is slimy and manipulative as he pushes a town too far.

In Mother Night we find Nick Nolte is passing code to the Allies as he pretends to be a famed Nazi radio propagandist. With his postwar life dismal, he learns to be careful what you pretend to be, for ultimately that's what you are! Both films present an individual influencing others to do unspeakable acts, and they offer a lot to the viewer in light of our current political situations.

THE INTRUDER (USA) 1962, Roger Corman Productions Available on YouTube and DVD

MOTHER NIGHT (USA) 1996, New Line Available on iTunes and Google Play



Darkwing Duck

MARYELIZABETH YTURRALDE

Events coordinator, Mysterious Galaxy

Darkwing Duck gave viewers mild-mannered father Drake Mallard, who transforms into the superhero Darkwing Duck, the terror that flaps in the night. Infused with a Silver Age-era comics' sensibility as well as a nod to golden-era merrily maniacal cartoons, Darkwing Duck teams the title character with his adopted daughter, Gosalyn, and happy-go-lucky pilot Launchpad McQuack to not only protect the citizens of St. Canard but also to form a family of choice and heart.

Atomic Blonde, the Cold War story of MI6 spy Lorraine Broughton, falls into the category of a good film where the story is elevated by a fantastic soundtrack, remarkable cinematography, stellar costuming, and solid keep-viewersguessing-while-playing-fair script (with a small detraction for violence).

DARKWING DUCK (USA)

1991–'92, Disney Available on Disney Channel and DVD

ATOMIC BLONDE (USA) 2017, Focus Features Available on YouTube and Google Play



The End of the F***ing World

DAFNE ALCARAZ

Freelance journalist

The End of the F***ing World is a British TV show with eight episodes. It's based on the graphic novel by the same name. It's witty and fresh, plus it comes with a little bit of dark humor. So embark on the life of two teenagers that accomplish so much in so little time. It will definitely give you something to think about.

What Happened to Monday is an action-packed movie that will keep you on your toes as you watch seven siblings fight for the right to live. It's set in a regime where only one child per family is allowed because of overpopulation. It has great performances by Noomi Rapace (of the original The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo), Glenn Close, and Willem Dafoe. It will leave you wanting more. This twohour movie will keep you guessing about what comes next. So, sit back and enjoy the show.

THE END OF THE F***ING WORLD (UK) 2017, Netflix Available on Netflix

WHAT HAPPENED TO MONDAY (UK) 2017, Netflix Available on Netflix

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happy fantasy than detailed history, a fond look back on the lead-up to a moment of moral righteousness. 2017. — M.L. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Den of Thieves — Gerard Butler may have found the perfect late-middle age role in director and co-writer Christian Gudegast's quasi-stylish, both-sides-of-the-law crime drama. He tears into his performance as nasty cop (well, sheriff) and lousy husband Nick Flanagan the way Flanagan tears into a crime-scene donut, and crams the screen with a combination of Russell Crowe's burly menace and Mel Gibson's manic rage. He needs both to go up against a team of ex-military outlaws

that's planning something big, even if he does have an informant in their midst (O'Shea Jackson, charismatic as ever). Why "quasi-stylish"? Because for every interesting choice - the utterly empty LA streets in the opening scene, the frequent elimination of anything resembling background noise when there is dialogue or gunfire to be listened to - there is another that just feels dumb and indulgent — the unstripped stripper on a mission, cops instigating a firefight mid-gridlock. The story isn't as clever as it would like to be, and would have been stronger if it spent more time on heist mechanics and less on escalating tension between the good bad guys and the bad good guys, but Gudegast's direction is mostly clean and clear. And he's thoughtful in his depiction of unglamorous Los Angeles. 2018. — M.L. $\bigstar \bigstar$ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The Disaster Artist — Director and star James Franco's ode to artistic ambition and invention — two things which, it should go without saying, have no necessary connection to artistic excellence or triumph. Indeed, if you really want to examine them in their purest form, you're probably better off focusing on a failure — and if that failure has already become famous precisely because it's a failure, so much the better. So Franco astutely assumes the role and persona of producer-director-writer-

star Tommy Wiseau, the man behind the midnight screening staple *The Room*. That film has been dubbed the Citizen Kane of bad movies, and Wiseau makes a fine funhouse mirror version of Orson Welles: a mischievous boy who seems weirdly old, an outsider auteur who doesn't know what he doesn't know, an egotist who can't see past the vision of his own genius, etc. Wiseau also makes a pretty good avatar for Franco himself: a mercurial, relentless performer whose ambition encompasses a thrilling willingness to crash and burn. And it's that identification that makes the comedy work here, even at its broadest: Franco kids because he loves. Maybe even admires. James's brother Dave co-stars as the slightly more knowing would-be actor who joins Wiseau on his quest to make a great movie and win the love that all artists crave. 2017. — M.L. ★★★ (AMC MISSION VALLEY; ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA)

Dunkirk — A happy match of style and subject: Christopher Nolan's genius for treating movies like chess matches - the careful, methodical combination and orchestration of events and characters to produce an inescapable conclusion — is brilliantly employed in this account of the British (and French) attempt to retreat across the English Channel from the coastal city of Dunkirk in the early years of World War II. He begins with a pawn foot soldier concerned with the animal need to find sustenance, relieve himself. and escape to safety by any means possible. He then ascends through a knight (Tom Hardy) — a Spitfire pilot sent to stave off the ravaging Enemy — and a bishop (Kenneth Branagh) — an officer who must shepherd his troops to greener pastures — before arriving at the unlikeliest of kings: an ordinary (well, not ordinary) Englishman (Mark Rylance), doing what he can for his country and never counting the cost. And Nolan's penchant for fluid time-juggling helps solidify the connections between disparate players. Finally, he makes a thrilling case for the film's 70mm release, stuffing the eye with vista after sumptuous vista, on land, air, and sea. 2017. — M.L. ★★★★ (AMC LA JOLLA; AMC MISSION VALLEY; REGAL SAN MARCOS)

Ferdinand — Author Munro Leaf's beloved children's book is a pacifist primer intended to advise kids on how not to follow in the kamikaze footsteps of jingoistic bovines eager to lay down their lives on the field of honor. Disney's 1938 short will forever remain the definitive adaptation, but that wasn't enough to stop the gluttons at 20th Century Fox Animation from blowing it up into a 107 minute holiday blockbuster. If one must expose children to fables in which testosterone-fueled picadors gets their jollies by stabbing animals to death in the name of sport as thousands look on, there isn't a better starting and stopping point than Ferdinand. The film is rife with anachronistic pop-culture throwaways. Changing our hero's nickname from "Ferdinand the Fierce" to simply "F-Bomb" bombed, but I did have to chuckle when a decumbent nag whinnied, "I've fallen and I can't giddyap!" 2017. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The Florida Project — Director and co-writer Sean Baker's lavender-tinted, tragedy-tinged followup to Tangerine trades Southern California for Florida but keeps its focus fixed on the margin and the sustaining dreams of its denizens. Moonee (Brooklynn Prince) is a six-year-old spitfire spending her summer vacation at The Magic Castle motel outside of Disney World — the sort of place where an unemployed stripper like Moonee's mom Halley can struggle through with a little help (and free waffles) from her friends. (Baker loves his characters and knows

his business, so it's easy to excuse the sometimes indulgent depiction of Magic Castle living.) The kid's days are spent in moseying and mischief, a feral Alice amid the wonderland of fantastical souvenir shops and food stands. It's a sad old world. but she gets by on pluck and positivity: the belief that she'll get away with things, that Mom will provide, that everything will be all right in the end. And she's almost mostly right: her charm is undeniable, her Mom will do whatever it takes to pay the rent, and hotel manager Bobby (a weary but warm Willem Dafoe) keeps watch like a benevolent but overwhelmed god. But fantasy has its limits, at least outside the realm of Disney... 2017. — M.L. ★★★ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA)

Forever My Girl — The trailer is a two-minute music video. That sould tell you something about this C romantic drama. 2018. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Get Out — Cultural appropriation shifts from "problematic" to "horrific" in writer-director Jordan Peele's sharp take on the scary world of stuff white people like — starting with the "total privacy" of isolated country estates, like the one black photographer Chris Washington (Daniel Kaluuya) visits with his white girlfriend Rose (Allison Williams) on a meet-the-parents weekend. (On the drive up from the city, the car hits a deer, and when Washington goes to check the body, there's a telling shot of his foot leaving the asphalt and stepping into wilderness.) The

jigsaw-tight structure is that of conventional horror done right — mercifully light on jump scares (instead opting for a number of disturbing reveals via moving camera) and mostly smart about mechanics. (Why go walking through a dark house in the middle of the night? Because vou're trying to sneak a cigarette, away from your disapproving girlfriend and her even more disapproving family.) And layered atop that structure is a squirmingly funny portrayal of tortured race relations, even among people of ostensibly good will. It's not subtle, but it is clever, and besides, this is a horror movie - one in which the black guy is determined not to die. 2017. - M.L. ★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The Greatest Showman — DirectorMichael Gracey sprinkles age-defying pixie dust all over song-and-dance man Hugh Jackman to produce a modern musical version of the PT Barnum story that transforms the Great American Flimflammer into Saint Circus, patron of the outcast and unwanted (but also profitable). It turns out that rounding up freaks and putting them on a stage for the rubes to gawk at isn't exploitation, it's empowerment! (It helps that his freaks here don't seem all that freakish; the Bearded Lady glows with charisma, and everybody's fit enough to dance in the numerous Yes We Can anthems.) Maybe PT goes astray along the way, but that's only because his high-class father-inlaw was mean to his dad. Historians now agree that Barnum wasn't the one who said "There's a sucker born every minute." but it's hard to escape the feeling that you're being sold a poptimist bill of goods here. Michelle Williams co-stars as Barnum's angelic bride and mother to his moppets, while Zac Efron revels in the role of slumming, starstruck lover. 2017. - M.L. ★

(IN WIDE RELEASE)

Harold and Maude — The fake-suicide jokes are predictable and the zany-old-lady jokes are typical, but this unimaginable romance between adolescent Bud Cort and septuagenarian Ruth Gordon has a sick-sweet tolerance for private perversity that is quite beguiling. And the many Cat Stevens songs at intervals give things a lift. Directed by Hal Ashby. 1971. — D.S. ★★★ (I.ANDMARK KEN)

Hostiles — Director and co-writer Scott Cooper re-teams with his Out of the Furnace star Christian Bale to tell the story of Captain Joseph J. Blocker, a man of war facing a violent transition — physically and otherwise — to peacetime living. After a lifetime spent killing people because those were his orders. he is ordered to preserve the life of his bitterest enemy, an ailing Cheyenne who wants to die on his home turf and needs protection for the journey. To complicate matters, the caravan picks up a pioneer woman (Rosamund Pike) who has just endured the slaughter of her family by the natives. Bale nails the portrayal of Blocker's cold hatred, a condition honed by experience, bound by a strict code, and tempered — perhaps in both senses - by a fierce intelligence and a tenacious faith. Throughout, a great deal is communicated even as very little is said, and much of it concerns the possibility of being human in inhuman circumstances. By turns deliberative and chaotic, brutal and merciful, definitely bleak and just maybe hopeful, Hostiles could have ended with its penultimate scene, but it would have been a very different movie, 2017. — M.L. ** (IN WIDE RELEASE)

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Insidious: The Last Key} & - A parapsy-chologist's discovers that her family house \\ \end{tabular}$

is haunted in this fourth installment in the series. 2017. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

In the Fade — Fatih Akin adapted and directed this story of a German woman who loses her husband and son to a terrorist attack and her subsequent quest for justice. Review forthcoming at *sandiegore-ader.com*. 2017 (IN WIDE RELEASE)

I, Tonya — Director Craig Gillespie (*Lars* and the Real Girl) finds his signature image in a cigarette butt bouncing to a halt on the ice before being snuffed in two by a skate blade. The real villain in the piece is screenwriter Steven Rogers who too often deems his audience as dumb as his redneck characters. How many times must the cast stop dead in their tracks to directly address the camera? At one point, we find the appallingly brilliant Allison Janney lamenting, "Well, my story line is disappearing now." Margot Robbie never once resorts to camp, transforming what could easily have been just another grotesquerie in a grand guignol into a fully rounded, albeit unremittingly unsympathetic, character. Given all of the emotional and physical violence these characters heap on each other, it's frequently difficult to find humor in them. The filmmakers spend so much time focusing on the freakshow side of the story that it might be difficult to find room in your heart to laugh. 2017. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle — Star-studded reboot of a movie based on a video game. Look how far we've come from the river. 2017. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Labyrinth — In outline, it sounds like a children's story an adult could endorse and enjoy. But "in detail" is another matter. A

self-absorbed teenager, put out at having to babysit her little brother, invokes the goblins to take him away (she has been rehearsing a play coincidentally called The Labyrinth, about goblins stealing a child). To her chagrin, they do just that, and now she has to exercise some selflessness and fetch him back. The creatures, alas, are under the direction of Iim Henson (the Muppet man), or in other words are about as menacing as Woolworth's toy department; and David Bowie's Goblin King, with a Tina Turner-ish Kabuki haircut, is like an obliging guest star on TV's The Muppets Show. Written by Terry Jones (the Monty Python man); photographed by Alex Thomson; with Jennifer Connelly. 1986. — D.S. ★ (ANGELIKA FILM CENTER)

Lady Bird — There's much to admire in indie darling Greta Gerwig's first solo venture behind the camera, particularly for those willing to overlook colorless screen direction, dialog that thrives on pop culture references, and a pair of running timepadding skits — an anti-abortion pep rally gone wrong and a gym coach assigned to oversee the high school drama club - that play like outtakes from a Christopher Guest satire. Copious critical accolades already abound, but don't let the comparisons to Terms of Endearment keep you from the picture. (No Kleenex needed.) The raves that bear attention are the ones championing the daughter and mother combatants played by her generation's gift to acting, Saoirse Ronan, and the criminally underused Laurie Metcalf. Their precisionengineered salvos of overlapping dialog are the film's highlights and a sure test of the limits of Dolby Atmos. And kudos the the dizzvingly-denominated Beanie Feldstein for her performance as Ronan's brilliant flake of a BFF. 2017. — S.M. ★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Maze Runner: The Death Cure

Director Wes Ball's final installment of this YA dystopia trilogy about a zombie plagueravaged world, the plucky teens lucky enough to be immune, and the desperate scientists who want to harvest that immunity by any means necessary is... not great. But it's better than it has any right to be, given the genre's exhaustion, the lameness of Chapter Two (The Scorch Trials), and the three-year delay between that film and this. Most of the credit goes to Ball, who infuses the rescue-mission plotline with enough verve and momentum to keep the silly bits from sinking in, while avoiding other silly bits altogether. But there's also something to be said for the script, which doles out just enough data to remind us why we should care, mostly manages to convey feeling without getting goopy, and even ekes out some stubborn complexity. And the cast, led by Dylan O'Brien, is gamely sincere. 2018. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Paddington 2 — It may be difficult to find a review of director and co-writer Paul King's followup to his first take on Michael Bond's émigré bear from darkest Peru that does not employ some form of the word "charming." This is right and just, and the achievement is surely harder than the devoted cast makes it look. (How tempting it must be to slum in a kids' movie, thinking that the little blighters either don't care or don't know the difference. But there's none of that here.) But there's something else as well, something more: a sweet but solid decency underlying the charm the way good bread underlies marmalade. It's Paddington's great gift from his Aunt Lucy: personal integrity, good manners, and the grace to persist in faith, hope, and love when all signs indicate otherwise. And it's his desire to make some return for what he's been given that drives the story here, as he sets out to

FILM FESTIVALS

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Film Forum: Goodbye Christopher Robin Step into the magical world of the 100 Acre Wood in this glowing glimpse into improper lost Calabrated with a A. Millings and the control of Calabrated with a A. Millings and the control of Calabrated with a A. Millings and the control of Calabrated with a A. Millings and the control of Calabrated with a A. Millings and the control of Calabrated with a A. Millings and the control of Calabrated with a A. Millings and the control of Calabrated with a Calabra

100 Acre Wood in this glowing glimpse into innocence lost. Celebrated author A.A.Milne (Domhnall Gleason), his wife (Margot Robbie), and their son are swept up in the international fame and fortune of his timeless creation. 2017. 107 minutes, PG. The film is not suitable for children, as it contains several scenes depicting war flashbacks. Sponsored by the Friends of the Chula Vista Library. This program is made possible in part by a grant through the City of Chula Vista Performing and Visual Arts Grant. Wednesday, February 14, 6:00pm

DON POWELL THEATRE AT SDSU 5500 Campanile Dr., SDSU

Best of the Best Film Fest This twoevening program features a variety of fiction and documentary short films by the students of SDSU's Television, Film, and New Media Production program. Each evening features 90-minutes of new work and highlights from past festivals. Wednesday, February 7, 7:30pm, Thursday, February 8, 7:30pm

EVE ENCINITAS

575 S. Coast Highway 101, Encinitas 760-230-2560

Movie Night Join us every first Friday for an independent film from across the world. **Friday**, **February 2, 7:00pm**

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4190 Front St., Hillcrest 619-298-9978

Kirtan Peace Vibrations Popcorn and a Movie Nite features a screening of the music video Kirtan Peace Vibrations With Spirit Soul And Friends" (2017 Global Music Awards Bronze Medal Winner for "Music Video"). This documentary musical feature film has been a 3-year project of love and devotion in the making. Annette, Madhavaya, and Carly will be performing live during the showing and everyone can also engage in song. A special treat as Madhavaya sings "Om Hari Om"

(2017 Global Music Awards winning song for "World Music"). The event includes popcorn, lemonade, homemade cookies and hot tea for refreshments. Seating is limited to 30 people. Saturday, February 10, 6:30pm

HEADQUARTERS

789 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown San Diego 619-696-0025

Valentine's Outdoor Movie: Bonnie & Clyde A Valentine's screening of in the Headquarters outdoor courtyard. The former Police Headquarters makes the perfect venue to watch this 1939 love and crime classic. With free admission, all you need to bring is blankets and chairs, a few friends, or that special someone. Wednesday, February 14, 6:00pm

LAFAYETTE HOTEL, SWIM CLUB & BUNGALOWS

2223 El Cajon Bl., University Heights 619-296-2101

Brian Wahlstrom & Ashley Cutright Dinner and a Movie features a three-course dinner handcrafted by Executive Chef Ryan Gilbert. The evening's entertainment will be provided by Brian Wahlstrom on piano and vocals by opera singer Ashley Cutright. The classic romance film Dirty Dancing will begin poolside at 8pm. Wednesday, February 14, 5:00pm

LANDMARK HILLCREST

3965 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest 619-298-2904



Amplify Her As part of their Purple Carpet Tour, Ecotopiia Presents is proud to bring the Amplify Her documentary film screening, graphic novel, and afterpaty experience to San Diego. Join us for a special one-night-only screening of this independent film celebrating

the rise of the feminine in the electronic music scene. Q&A to follow. Then migrate with us afterward to the Kava Lounge for the official afterparty (9pm-2am) featuring the DJs from the film. Thursday, February 8, 7:00pm

LAWRENCE FAMILY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

4126 Executive Dr., La Jolla

Jewish Film Festival The 28th Annual San Diego Jewish Film Festival runs February 8-18. The 11-day event is the largest Jewish cultural event in San Diego and draws over 17,000 attendees annually to more than 70 screenings. Features San Diego film premieres, international guest filmmakers, and juried and audience choice awards. Screenings shown at five locations. This year the festival will showcase a total of 58 films of the best contemporary Jewishthemed films from around the world celebrating life, human rights, and freedom of expression. Thursday, February 8, 7:00pm

MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park 619-238-7559

Human Rights Watch Film Festival The festival offers a program of six films that address a range of human-rights issues around the world. Filmmakers and Human Rights Watch experts will be present at each screening to discuss the issues raised in the film. Documentaries highlight the morality of capital punishment, social media as a tool for activism, environmental activism, domestic violence, workers' rights, and police violence. \$10 per movie; \$35 festival pass. Thursday, February 1, 7:00pm, Friday, February 2, 7:00pm, Saturday, February 3, 3:00pm, Sunday, February 4, 3:00pm, Sunday, February 4, 3:00pm

PACIFIC BEACH UNITED METHODIST 1561 Thomas Ave., Pacific Beach 858-274-6573

Tony the Movie Learn about how to solve homelessness in San Diego through the eyes of someone who lives on its street every day. Also learn what is currently being done in the Pacific Beach community of San Diego. Welcome by Pastor Bob Rhodes & short introduction of PB programs. Q&A with Dennis Stein and Tony. Tuesday, February 6, 6:30pm

SEACREST VILLAGE AT RANCHO BERNARDO

12730 Monte Vista Rd., Rancho Bernardo 858-485-0700

Film Discussion Class: 12 Angry Men

Sidney Lumet's debut presents a snapshot of 1950s America on the verge of a change. Henry Fonda is the lone dissenting member of an all white jury ready to pass judgment on a Puerto Rican teenager accused of murder. With Lee J. Cobb, E.G. Marshall, and Jack Klugman. 1957. 96 minutes. Film discussion class with instructor Ralph DeLauro, sponsored by the Continuing Education Center of Rancho Bernardo. Residents are free; \$5 for members; \$7 for others. Info: 858-487-0464. Wednesday, February 7, 1:30pm

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

6299 Capri Dr., Del Cerro

Film Discussion Class: I Confess Alfred Hitchcock directed this smoldering, underthe-radar tale of deception and hidden secrets. A priest (Montgomery Clift) finds himself at a moral crossroads when he hears a German refugee's confession of murder. Will he break his sacramental seal or allow himself to become the prime suspect? Co-stars Anne Baxter and Karl Malden. 1953. 95 minutes. Discussion after film. Film discussion class with instructor Ralph DeLauro at College Avenue Center, located at Temple Emanu-El, sponsored by Jewish Family Service. Members free, all others \$2. Monday, February 12, 1:00pm

WESTMONT LIVING AT SAN MIGUEL RANCH, 2325 PROCTOR VALLEY ROAD, CHULA VISTA

Film Discussion Class: The 39 Steps Alfred Hitchcock's rush of excitement set the standard for the master's "wrong-man" thrill-

standard for the master's "wrong-man" thrillers. Richard Hannay (Robert Donat) is hurled into a web of intrigue and espionage when he stumbles upon a conspiracy and into a romance with the cool Pamela (Madeleine Carroll). 1935. 85 minutes. Discussion after the film. This film discussion class with Ralph DeLauro will be held in the "Rolling Hills Theater" of Westmont Living at San Miguel Ranch. Ages 60+. Info: 619-746-7039 Thursday, February 8, 1:30pm

acquire a rare and expensive pop-up book of London so that his aunt may finally see the city of her dreams. But someone else is interested in the book, and for less altruistic reasons: Hugh Grant, magnificent (and magnificently attired) as a washed-up actor seeking funding for a comeback show and conversing with the great roles of his past as he carries out his dastardly plan. He very nearly steals the show as well, but he's thwarted there by Brendan Gleeson's grumpy prison cook. A gentle, genuine delight all 'round. 2018. — M.L. *** \(\psi\$ \(\pi\) (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Padmaavat 3D (Padmavati 3D) — Set in medieval Rajasthan, Queen Padmavati is married to a noble king and they live in a prosperous fortress with their subjects until an ambitious Sultan hears of Padmavati's beauty and forms an obsessive love for the Queen of Mewar. 2018. (AMC FASHION VALLEY; AMC POWAY 10; UNITED ARTISTS HORTON PLAZA)

Paris, Texas — This is a doughy lump of a soap opera pounded out to the specifications of a road movie; its director is an inveterate vagabond asked to do the job of a Mr. Fix-it. The outcome is often beautiful, more often artificial. One does not look to Wim Wenders for much in the way of tearjerking. Sighjerking, at most. A virtual human tuning fork, he knows all there is to know about how to sustain a tone But he does not know how to sustain a tone and sustain tempo, too. And the monotonous hum goes on here for a good two and a half hours. With Harry Dean Stanton, Nastassja Kinski, Dean Stockwell, Aurore Clement, and Hunter Carson; written by Sam Shepard. 1984. — D.S. ★★ (LANDMARK KEN)

Phantom Thread — Actor Daniel Day-Lewis has played any number of difficult, even unpleasant men over the course of his remarkable career. And he is famously exacting and disciplined in his approach to his art. So perhaps it's fitting that his (selfproclaimed) final role is that of Reynolds Woodcock, a difficult, even unpleasant man who is also exacting and disciplined about his art — designing ladies' couture in '50s London. The film opens on the face of his muse and lover Alma (Vicky Krieps), who purrs that he has made her dreams come true before noting, "And I've given him what he desires." Just what exactly that means — some pleasures are decidedly more rarefied, or at the very least less obvious, than others - is writerdirector Paul Thomas Anderson's subject

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here. It's a mystery that doles out its first clue in Woodcock's opening-scene dismissal of his final pre-Alma paramour: he simply doesn't have the time for her. The level of control all 'round — director, actor, script, character — borders on oppressive; if Anderson's *The Master* was a swirling miasma, *Phantom Thread* is an unforgiving dress. It presents an ideal and even inspires wonder, but it does make breathing difficult, and heaven help you if all you want is to have a good time. 2017. — M.L. **

Pitch Perfect 3 — Part 3 of any movie franchise means one thing: F.U. money for

all! This time, the Bellas enter a singing competition at an overseas USO tour. Here's hoping Al Franken doesn't show up. 2017. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The Post — Characters speak across office desks and restaurant dining tables as Janusz Kaminski's camera lackadaisically encircles them in what could be Steve Spielberg's stagiest work to date. And not since 1941 has the director slathered on the comic relief with such a leaden hand. Meryl Streep is superb as usual playing publisher Katharine Graham while the generally reliable Tom Hanks yanks at, but can't quite get a firm grip on Ben Bradlee's

Boston accent. The filmmakers can't resist belaboring the topicality. While the Trump allusions are inevitable, did novice screenwriters/brick-throwers Liz Hannah and Josh Singer have to include the word "collusion"? Why not tag as "fake news" the injunction sought by the Justice Department against "The New York Times"? We end at the Watergate Hotel, which makes this a prequel of sorts to Alan J. Pakula's All the President's Men, a film Spielberg can only aspire to. 2017. — S.M. ** (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Proud Mary — Taraji P. Henson stars as a Boston hitwoman working for for the mob.

It sounded promising until the part where her life is completely turned around when she meets a young boy whose path she crosses when a professional hit goes awry. Beware the pathos! 2018. (AMC MISSION VALLEY; REGAL OCEANSIDE; REGAL SAN MARCOS)

Rebel without a Cause — Nicholas Ray's studious, textbook illustration of adolescent alienation as it was understood in the 1950s. The mixed-up kids (James Dean, Sal Mineo, and Natalie Wood, the last-named turning in a fine, tense, sensual sixteen-year-old performance) are treated with a social worker's tolerance, while their insensitive parents, to be repaid in kind, are treated very insensitively — Jim Backus dressed in a ruffled apron, William Hopper wiping off a lipsticky smooch from his "glamorpuss" daughter, etc. 1955. — D.S.

The Shape of Water — Gather 'round. allegory fans, and behold this fish-outof-water tale of man's inhumanity to what he deems inhuman from director and co-writer Guillermo del Toro. The action is recalled as a sort of adult fairy tale. and concerns a woman (Sally Hawkins, mesmerizing) without a voice and the mysterious creature who captures her heart (among other things). On the one side, you have love, sexual indulgence, science, art, magic, racial harmony, fidelity, kindness, great movies, and lonely but decent gays (Richard Jenkins, transporting). On the other, you have hatred. repressed sexuality (corn flakes!), politics, commerce, religion, racism, betrayal, cruelty, crap television, and married but wretched straights (Michael Shannon, terrifying). It's a testament to the storyteller's skill that he manages to cram all that into his narrative with nary a lump and still keep his characters dancing with only one or two minor missteps. What's it all about? Well, our heroine lives above a movie theater that happens to be showing The Story of Ruth — you know, the Biblical woman who famously declared, "Whither thou goest, there goest I." And Del Toro's religious rascality doesn't stop there: Samson and Delilah help to drive the drama, as does a certain someone drawn from amid the bulrushes. 2017. — M.L. $\star\star\star$ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Winchester —Helen Mirren does horror as a woman haunted by guilt and maybe other things too. Directed by Michael and Peter Spierig. Review forthcoming at sandiegoreader.com. 2018 (IN WIDE RELEASE)

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A Raisin in the Sun

UCSD Department of Theatre & Dance presents Lorraine Hansberry's American classic. Walter Younger and his family in Chicago feel confined by their home and the social roles they've been assigned. When an insurance payout offers an opportunity to improve their lives, priorities come into question. MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS 9500 GILMAN DR UCSD, 858-534-4574, 7PM WEDNES-DAY, FEB. 7.

Around the World in 80 Days

Phileas Fogg has 80 days to circle the globe in Mark Brown's stage adaptation of the Jules Verne novel. Accompanied by his valet, Passepartout, Fogg runs into a host of problems: chased by Detective Fix, saving the orphaned Indian princess Aouda, traveling through a typhoon, and surviving a Native American raid. At North Coast Rep, five actors play dozens of characters on a sparse stage with a world map backdrop. Omri Schein, in the role of Passepartout, is a standout comedian with impeccable timing, facial expressions, and unexpected gymnastic skills. The script is filled with witty writing and poliltical incorrectness, and even a few dropped props are handled with humor. Worth a try. Review by Nikki Katz.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURS-DAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS.

As Bees in Honey Drown

OnStage Playhouse presents Douglas Carter Beane's genuinely funny comedy about Evan Wyler. a writer. Promised fame and fortune by Alexa Vere de Vere ("truth of truth"), he learns it was all a sham and goes on a quest to find the truth about Alexa. Bryant Hernandez directs. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE 291 THIRD AVE CHULA VISTA, 619-422-7787, 8PM THURSDAYS FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS 2PM SUNDAYS

Bliss (or, Emily Post Is Dead)

Moxie Theatre opens its 2018 season with Jami Brandli's comedy about life for women in 1960. "Housewives are dutiful. Husbands are brawny, and Emily Post's guide to etiquette is keeping America 'great.'" Then along comes a stranger with a new way of thinking. Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directs.

MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N. ROLANDO, 858-598-7620, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS,

The Cake

The La Jolla Playhouse presents Bekah Brunstetter's drama about Jen and her wish to have Della, legendary baker, do the honors of making the wedding cake for Jen's ceremony. But "there's not just one bride, but two, forcing Della to reexamine deeply held beliefs." Casey Stangl directs.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD, 858-550-1010. 7:30PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Cardboard Piano

Diversionary Theatre stages the West Coast premiere of Hansol Jung 's drama. Chris, daughter of an American missionary, falls in love with a local teenage girl in Northern Uganda. They meet in a church and exchange vows, but the civil war outside invades their fragile union. Jacole Kitchen directs. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, 619-728-7820, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS,

Cloud Tectonics

New Village Arts presents Jose Rivera's "apocalyptic love story." When Anibal de la Luna meets pregnant Celestina del Sol at a rainy bus stop in L.A., they learn "that time and love don't always behave as they should." Herbert Siguenza directs. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 3PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS

The Color of Light

Vantage Theatre, in association with Talent to a Muse Theatre Company presents Jessie Kornbluth's world premiere drama about Henri Matisse, one of the 20th century's most revered artists. "But his true story, an atheist's romance with a young nun, which culminated in the creation of his final masterpiece, 'The Chapel at Venice,' is practically unknown." 619-940-6813.

TENTH AVENUE ARTS CENTER, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-920-8503. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, &

The Full Monty

San Diego Musical Theatre stages a show based on the cult hit film of the same name "Six down-on-their-luck steelworkers, desperately looking for work to support their families, come up with a hold way to make some quick cash": become strippers. HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-234-9583. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS

I Love You Because

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OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS 7PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS.

Inside the Actor's Process

Grossmont College's Theatre Arts Department will kick off its spring 2018 season with its 12th annual Inside the Actor's Process production, this time focusing on classical theater. Directed by Benjamin Cole, the play gives "audiences a peek at the actors' process of discovering their characters."

GROSSMONT COLLEGE STAGEHOUSE THEATER. 7:30PM FRIDAY, 2PM & 7:30PM SATURDAY.

Julius Caesar: Open Reading

The San Diego Shakespeare Society continues its popular series of free readings ("come read aloud or just listen") with Shakespeare's political drama about the assassination of Julius Caesar. Would he govern for the people or be a dictator? Marcus Brutus and others won't wait to find out.

UPSTART CROW BOOKSHOP AND COFFEE HOUSE, 835 W. HARBOR DR., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-232-4855. 6:30PM TUESDAY, FEB. 6.

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Letters From The Wall

Students from Bayfront Charter High School and Coronado School of Arts come together to perform a series of vignettes based on letters and stories, gathered by Dave Rivas and Richard Griswold del Castillo. of people dealing with immigration, deportation and separation. Kim Strassburger and Linda Libby co-direct.

CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL, 650 D AVE., CORONADO, 619-522-8907, 7PM FRI-DAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

The Mousetrap

Lamplighters Community Theatre presents the longest running mystery in the world. "A terrible snowstorm traps strangers in a quaint boarding house. To everyone's horror, it soon becomes clear that a murderer lurks among them." Keith A. Anderson directs.

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

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POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATUR-DAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

Tuesdays with Morrie

Vista's Broadway Theatre hosts a production of Mitch Albom's autobiographical play about Mitch, an accomplished journalist, and Morrie, his former college professor. Sixteen years after graduation, Mitch learns that Morrie is battling Lou Gehrig's disease. Randall Hickman directed. BROADWAY THEATRE, 340 E. BROAD-WAY, VISTA, 760-806-7905, 7:30PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 1PM & 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS,

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Wrestling Jerusalem

For one evening only, Aaron Davidman performs his solo show about one man's journey to understand the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "Giving voice to over a dozen different characters, the play sheds light on one of the most entrenched conflicts of our time." Michael John Garcés directs. DAVID AND DOROTHEA GARFIELD THE-ATRE, 4126 EXECUTIVE DR., LA JOLLA, 858-362-1348, 8PM THURSDAY

Write Out Loud: American Mosaic

For one evening only, Write Out Loud, the popular group that does "story concerts" ("short stories and literature read by trained actors"), presents works that celebrate America's diversity, among them: Adrianne Harun's "The New Arrival," an excerpt from Isabel Allende's novel, The Japanese Lover, and "Blue Wind Dancing," by Thomas S. Whitecloud. OLD TOWN THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7PM MONDAY, FEB. 5.

UPCOMING SHOWS

A Raisin in the Sun

UCSD Department of Theatre & Dance presents Lorraine Hansberry's American classic. Walter Younger and his family in Chicago feel confined by their home and the social roles they've been assigned. When an insurance payout offers an opportunity to improve their lives, priorities come into question.

MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, 9500 GILMAN DR., UCSD. 858-534-4574. FEB. 9 THROUGH FEB. 17.

Akeelah and the Bee

A spunky 11-year-old girl's razorsharp mind just might take her all the way from the Chicago projects to the finals of the National Spelling Bee. Akeelah has a crazy passion for words: the more abstruse and labyrinthine, the better. But this gift is almost overwhelmed by the challenge of her daily life in a tough, Chicago neighborhood. CASA DEL PRADO THEATRE, 1650 EL

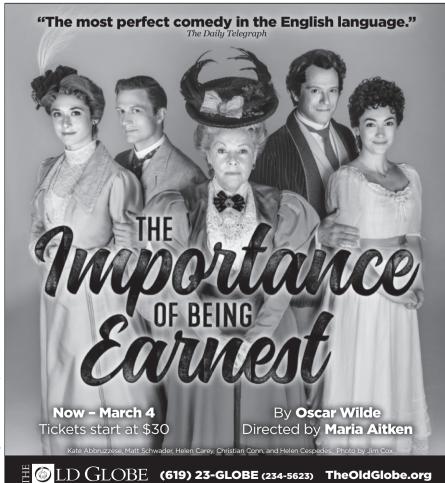
PRADO, SUITE 208, BALBOA PARK. MAR.

2 THROUGH MAR. 11. American Mariachi

The Old Globe Theatre, in association with the Denver Center for the Performing Arts Theater Company, presents the world premiere of Jose Cruz Gonzalez' comedy about Lucha's need to break a monotonous routine. How about an all-girl mariachi band? Come on. These are the 1970s. There's no such thing. But can there be? James Vasquez directs. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. MAR. 29 THROUGH APR. 29.

Anna in the Tropics

SDSU Theatre Department stages Nilo Cruz's 2003 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Passions and ill-fated love ignite when a charismatic new lector comes to the Ybor City cigar factory to Tolstoy's Anna Karenina to the workers." The scan-



DON POWELL THEATRE AT SDSIL 5500 CAMPANILE DR., SDSU, APR. 20 THROUGH APR. 29.

Around the World in 80 Days

Phileas Fogg has 80 days to circle the globe in Mark Brown's stage adaptation of the Jules Verne novel. Accompanied by his valet, Passepartout, Fogg runs into a host of problems: chased by Detective Fix, saving the orphaned Indian princess Aouda, traveling through a typhoon, and surviving a Native American raid. At North Coast Rep, five actors play dozens of characters on a sparse stage with a world map backdrop. Omri Schein, in the role of Passepartout, is a standout comedian with impeccable timing, facial expressions, and unexpected gymnastic skills. The script is filled with witty writing and political incorrectness, and even a few dropped props are handled with humor. Worth a try. Review by Nikki Katz. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THE-ATRE 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR SOLANA BEACH, 858-481-1055, FEB, 8 THROUGH FEB. 11.

As Bees in Honey Drown

OnStage Playhouse presents Douglas Carter Beane's genuinely funny comedy about Evan Wyler. a writer. Promised fame and fortune by Alexa Vere de Vere ("truth of truth"), he learns it was all a sham and goes on a quest to find the truth about Alexa. Bryant Hernandez directs. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE... CHULA VISTA, 619-422-7787, FEB, 8 THROUGH FEB. 10.

Bliss (or, Emily Post Is Dead)

Moxie Theatre opens its 2018 season with Jami Brandli's comedy about life for women in 1960. "Housewives are dutiful. Husbands are brawny, and Emily Post's guide to etiquette is keeping America 'great." Then along comes a stranger with a new way of thinking. Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directs.

MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, ROLANDO. 858-598-7620. FEB. 8 THROUGH FEB. 25.

The Cake

The La Jolla Playhouse presents Bekah Brunstetter's drama about Ien and her wish to have Della. legendary baker, do the honors of making the wedding cake for Jen's ceremony. But "there's not just one bride, but two, forcing Della to reexamine deeply held beliefs." Casey Stangl directs.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. FEB. 8 THROUGH MAR. 4.

Cardboard Piano

Diversionary Theatre stages the West Coast premiere of Hansol Jung 's drama. Chris, daughter of an American missionary, falls in love with a local teenage girl in Northern Uganda. They meet in a church and exchange vows, but the civil war outside invades their fragile union. Jacole Kitchen directs. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK

BI LINIVERSITY HEIGHTS 619-728-7820, FEB. 8 THROUGH FEB. 25.

Cloud Tectonics

New Village Arts presents Jose Rivera's "apocalyptic love story." When Anibal de la Luna meets pregnant Celestina del Sol at a rainy bus stop

ANTI-REVIEW GARRETT HARRIS

Beheading for treason was fashionable

KATHERINE PARR WAS THE ONLY WOMAN TO SURVIVE being married to King Henry VIII.

Parr was married to Henry in July of 1543. Henry died in January of 1547. Katherine died September 7, 1548. Katherine was Henry's sixth wife and Henry was Katherine's third husband. She would collect a fourth husband before all was said and done

The show centers on Parr's relationship with Henry, the soon-to-be queens Mary and Elizabeth, her future husband Thomas Seymour, and poor little Edward -Henry's son who would be dead by the age of 15.

In fact, all these characters, save Elizabeth who ruled for 45 years, would not survive the next 10 years with Mary dying in 1458. Katherine died of complications from childbirth and Thomas Seymour was beheaded for treason. A beheading for treason was fashionable at the time.

The show is about three extraordinary women, Katherine, Mary, and Elizabeth, navigating the tyrannical patriarchy

in L.A., they learn "that time and

love don't always behave as they

should." Herbert Siguenza directs.

NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B

STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245.

SDSU stages Stephen Sondheim

and George Furth's classic musical.

On the night of his 35th birthday,

confirmed bachelor Robert contem-

plates his unmarried state. Over the

course of a series of dinners, drinks,

and even a wedding, his friends

explain the pros and cons of taking

a spouse. Stephen Brotebeck directs.

SDSU'S EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, 5500

FEB. 8 THROUGH FEB. 25.

Company



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of Henry. Never mind that Mary went on to burn nearly 300 people at the stake. However, this is an updated version of the story, so we aren't literally in the England of the Tudors.

In the person of Katherine Parr we have a leader who manages to influence situations with her intelligence, humor, and charm. She had no choice but to keep her wits about her because to displease King Henry after his jousting injury proved to be a fatal situation — #metoo,

The historical Kathown name

we have female leaders who lead with patriarchal tendencies.

In Katherine Parr we have a woman who led as if she were the first of a matriarchy and perhaps she was, considering the reigns of Mary and then Elizabeth. Lest we forget, the reign of Elizabeth is called "The Golden Age."

The king is dead, long live the queen.

The Last Wife is playing at through February 11. ■

Anne Bolevn and Katherine Howard.

erine Parr demonstrated that a leader could be effective using tactics that were other than the threat of beheadings. While Henry was losing a campaign in France, Katherine ruled England as regent and signed five royal proclamations. She also became the first queen of England to publish a book under her

In our current circumstances there is a tendency to want leaders to all lead in the same manner. In other words.

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Love Never Dies

It's 1907, 10 years after his disappearance from the Paris Opera House, the Phantom has escaped to New York. "In this new electrically charged world, he has finally found a place for his music to soar. All that is missing is his love - Christine Daaé." SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO, 619-570-1100, MAR. 27 THROUGH APR. 1.

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Othello

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Revolt. She Said. Revolt Again

UCSD Department of Theatre & Dance presents Alice Birch's "feminist alarm" that "scrutinizes the language, actions, and hidden biases of our society that unfairly favor men over women." The play advocates dismantling or sabotaging "anything that is complicit' in the oppression of women. Sean Granev directs. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO. 9500 GILMAN DR., UCSD, 858-534-2230. MAR. 8 THROUGH MAR. 17.

Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka Jr.

Mission Hills United Church of Christ presents "a scrumdidilyumptious musical" that follows enigmatic candy manufacturer Willy Wonka as he stages a contest by hiding

scrumptious candy bars. Whoever finds these tickets will win a free tour of the Wonka factory as well as a lifetime supply of candy. But four of the five winning children are insufferable brats." MISSION HILLS LINITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 4070 JACKDAW ST., MIS-SION HILLS. 619-296-2169. MAR. 9 THROUGH MAR. 18.

five golden tickets in five of his

The Skriker

UCSD Department of Theatre & Dance stages Caryl Churchill's "fantastical story of love." An ancient fairy transforms itself into objects and people as it pursues two teenage mothers it will manipulate, seduce, and entrap. Jon Reimer directs. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO. 9500 GILMAN DR., UCSD, 858-534-2230, MAR, 14 THROUGH MAR, 17,

Soul Doctor

The San Diego Repertory Theatre hosts a touring production of a "biographical musical," based on the story of legendary Jewish folksinging rabbi, Shlomo Carlebach, including his "unlikely friendship with Nina Simone, "high priestess of soul."

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DI-EGO. 619-544-1000. APR. 10 THROUGH

This Random World

The North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Steven Dietz's drama/comedy about intersecting lives: "A mother determined to maintain her independence, a daughter longing for adventure, two sisters seeking common ground, and an internet prank gone awry." David Ellenstein directs. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SO-LANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. FEB. 21 THROUGH MAR. 18.

Uncle Vanya

The Old Globe Theatre stages the world premiere translation (by Richard Nelson, Richard Pevear, and Larissa Volokhonsky) of Anton Chekhov's great drama. Vanya and niece Sonya care for the estate of Vanya's brother-in-law. But the celebrated professor (maybe only in his mind?) wants to sell. Richard Nelson directs.

SHERYL AND HARVEY WHITE THEATRE 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. FEB. 15 THROUGH MAR. 11.

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LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600.

CAMPANILE DR., SDSU. 619-594-6884. MAR. 9 THROUGH MAR. 17. Daebreon Poiema: The

Actress Daebreon Poiema makes her cabaret debut sharing life stories and songs at ClubM, the Moonlight Amphitheatre's intimate and indoor concert space offering food and beverage service.

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COURTYARD SAN DIEGO DOWNTOWN, 530 BROADWAY, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-446-3000. FEB. 10 THROUGH MAY 5.

Dirty Dancing

Broadway/San Diego hosts the "Hungry Eyes" musical based on the popular movie. Frances and her staid family are summering at Kellerman's in the Catskills. Frances doesn't dance very good. But Johnny will teach her, to the horror of her folks.

SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE 1100 THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-570-1100, FEB, 9 THROUGH FEB, 11,

Disney's Beauty and the Beast

The Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center stages the popular story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, a young prince trapped by the spell of an enchantress. "If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out."

LAWRENCE FAMILY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, 4126 EXECUTIVE DR., LA JOLLA, MAR, 3 THROUGH MAR, 18,

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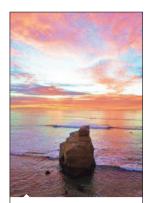
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- 6. Fragrant wood
- **11.** Hiking trail reference _Go Again"(1987 #1 14. " sona)
- 15. African nation renamed in 1997
- **16.** First in a Latin 101 trio
- 17. It lasted from circa 3100-30 BC
- **19.** "Far out!"
- **20.** Vinyl albums, for short
- **21.** Salt, chemically
- 22. Get around
- 24. Latvia neighbor: Abbr.
- **26.** It lasted from 1095-1291
- **29.** Where bombs are bursting, per Francis Scott Key
- **31.** Pantomimes
- **32.** Chick- -A
- **34.** Corp. bigwig
- **35.** Eavesdropping org.
- **36.** It lasted from 1837-1901 **40.** Org. with a "100 Years ...
- 100 Movies" list **42.** Camera named for a aoddess
- **43.** Its govs. have included Mario and Andrew Cuomo
- **44.** Roughen before repainting
- **47.** Odds' opposite
- 51. It lasted from circa 1300-

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55. Ibuprofen target

56. Like a five-star Yelp review

- **57.** Slithery fishes
- **59.** Original "King Kong" studio
- **60.** Co. led by Baryshnikov in the 1980s
- **61.** Apt four-word description of 17-, 26-, 36- or 51-Across
- **65.** Turner of pages in history
- **66.** Language from which "kayak" comes
- **67.** Justice Kagan
- **68.** Sensitive conversation topic
- **69.** Aster relative
- **70.** Razzie Award word

- 1. "Would you like me to?"
- **2.** Tough pickup for some bowlers
- 3. Record label founded by Clive Davis
- 4. Doctor's charge
- **5.** Hero role in "The Force Awakens"
- 6. Brno native
- **7.** Two under par
- **8.** Like some home improvement projects, briefly
- **9.** Sculptor/collagist Jean
- **10.** Examination do-over
- **11.** With Pelé, co-winner of FIFA's Player of the Century award

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- 12. Best Picture of 1984
- **13.** John _____, 1990s White

House Chief of Staff

- **18.** Pec pic, perhaps
- **23.** ____ deferens
- **25.** Player of oldies when they were newies
- 27. Court star Nadal, informally
- 28. NCAÁ women's basketball powerhouse
- **30.** Slowing, in music: Abbr.
- **33.** Fertile soil
- 34. Prefix with gender
- **36.** Brief scene
- **37.** Supreme leader?
- **38.** ____ contact
- **39.** Click "Going" on a Facebook event, e.g.
- 40. Supermodel Lima
- **41.** Item strapped over a horse's head
- 45. Anaheim nine, on scoreboards
- **46.** Like many old lanterns
- 48. Breadwinner
- **49.** Popular cameras
- **50.** Ski resort vehicle
- **52.** Backing
- 53. Like mesh
- **54.** Peyton's QB brother
- 58. Dúck variety
- **62.** Keep ____ short leash
- **63.** Convent inhabitant
- 64. 1970s-'80s band inducted into the Rock and
- Roll Hall of Fame in 2017
- Paula Henderson, La Jolla.
- Cassie Ott, Del Mar.
- Juan Ruiz, Chula Vista. Martin Soblick, Del Mar.
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- Roger Coutinhd, San Diego.
- Jamie Galvez, Chula Vista.
- Elliot Rosenbery, La Jolla. Dennis Taplin, Chula Vista.
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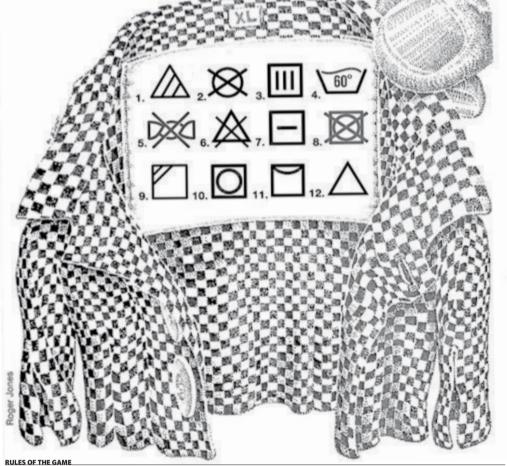
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15 cake

1 go back, retreat

6 breastplate



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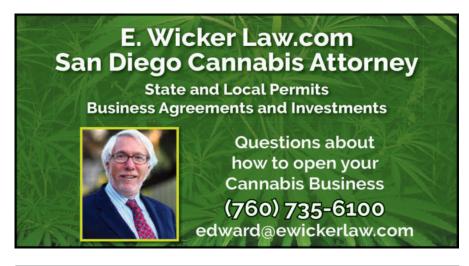
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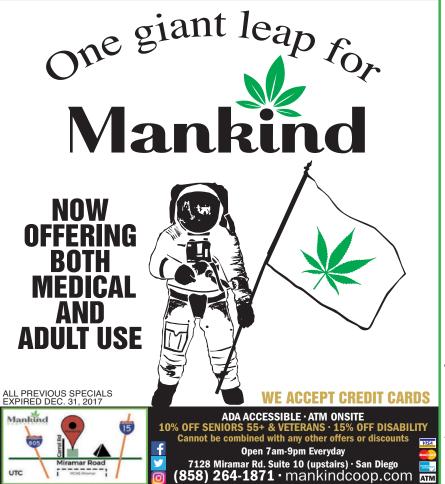
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- A Chicago wiener stand was the scene of a crime gone south on Oct. 31 when Terrion Pouncy, 19, accidentally discharged his gun, which he was trying to conceal in his pants, and shot himself in a most sensitive location. The Chicago Tribune reported police were called to the Original Maxwell Street Polish at about 6 a.m., after a hooded man threatened employees with a small-caliber pistol. One of the employees gave him money from the cash register, according to the complaint

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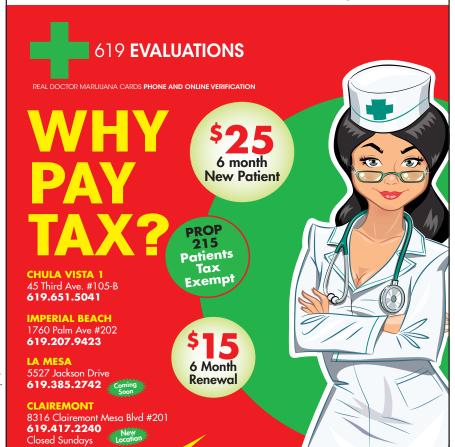
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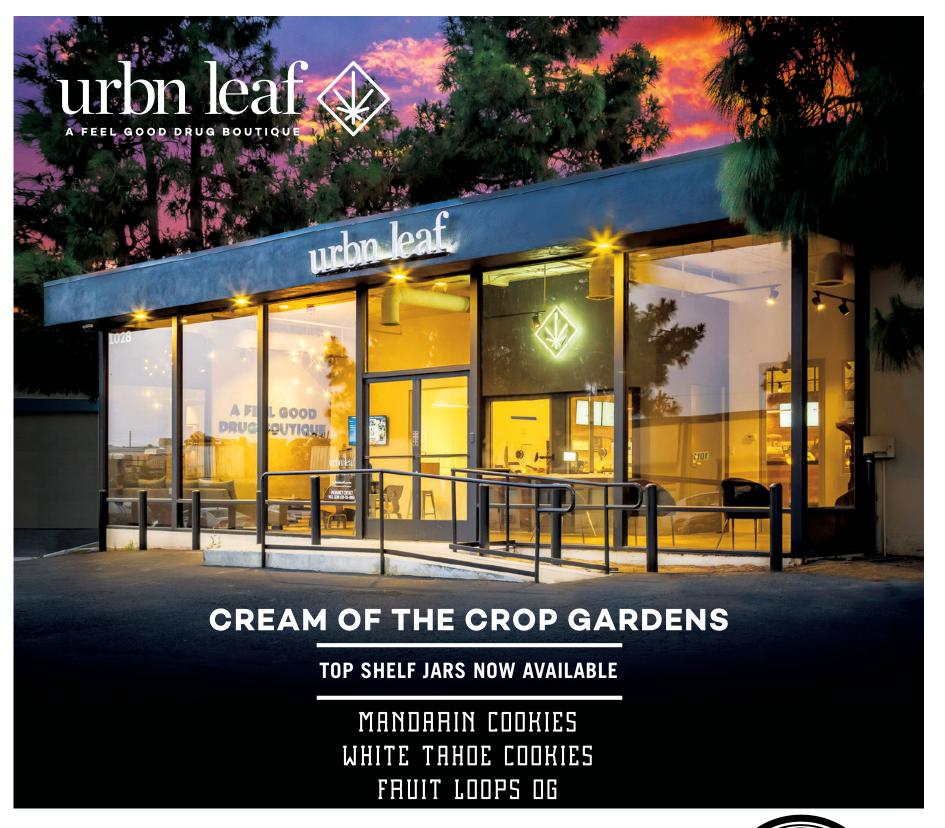
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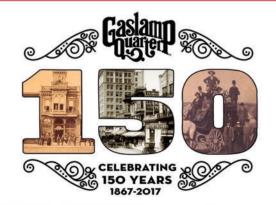
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